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## What's New in the Shawnee Valley

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Shawnee Valley



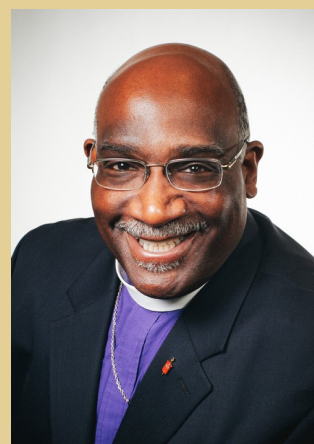
### ***Smaller Church Pastor's Training*** ***Saturday, November 11*** ***9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*** ***Emmanuel UMC, Lucasville***

Join fellow pastors from churches that worship under 100 in a 2 hour training on the topic of "Experiencing the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion". The session will be led by Bill Goodall, pastor of Wesley UMC near Jackson .

### ***SHV Ministry Session*** ***Tuesday, November 28*** ***10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*** ***Grace UMC, Washington Court House***

Join the District Leadership Team in welcoming Bishop Gregory Palmer, who will speak on "The Spiritual Lives of Pastors"

Anyone is welcome to attend this session. A complimentary lunch will be served at noon. **PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE IF YOU PLAN TO STAY FOR LUNCH.**



A short business meeting will begin for Leadership Team members at 9:30 a.m.

### ***2018 West Ohio Conference Health Insurance Meetings***

The Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits has set details for the 2018 Active and Retiree Health Insurance Plans. There are changes from the 2017 plan that you will want and need to know about. Plan to attend one of the meetings listed below so you can learn how the changes will impact you. The agenda for each meeting is the same so attend the one that best fits your schedule. To lessen your travel time and make the meetings more accessible, we are holding one in each of our eight districts and providing a light lunch. The Active portion of the meeting, for those of you enrolled in Aetna, will begin at 10:30 and last an hour or so. Aetna, Credit Union, USI, and Conference staff will be available to answer questions specific to your circumstances after each meeting.



The Retiree meeting, for those of you enrolled in Humana, will begin at 1:00 and conclude about 2:00, depending on questions.

[CLICK HERE FOR SCHEDULES](#)

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### ***Flood Bucket Collection Continues***



*The West Ohio Conference Disaster Response Coordinator has been working diligently to plan this second phase of transporting flood buckets to hurricane survivors in the south.*

*They have been in conversation with the UMCOR Midwest Distribution Center in Chatham, IL. The Distribution Center has graciously agreed to pay for the cost of the truck rental and gas to transport the buckets to IL. The West Ohio Conference Center will be the drop off location for this phase. Drop off times for flood buckets will be Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 13th-15th, 11am to 7pm.*

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### ***Future District & Local Church Events Mark Your Calendars***

*details on these events will be posted in future newsletters and on the website*

#### **DISTRICT EVENTS**

- [Lay Servant Training](#) - November 4
- [Smaller Church Pastor's Training "Experiencing the Sacraments of Baptism & Communion"](#) - November 11
- [SHV Ministry Session with Bishop Palmer speaking on "Personal Prayer Life"](#) - November 28

#### **LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS**

- Honoring & Remembering Our Veterans Community Event at [Trinity UMC](#), Chillicothe - November 10, 10:00 a.m.
- Cirdeville Men's Barbershop Chorus in Concert at [Tyler Memorial UMC](#) - November 12, 6:30 p.m.
- Brothers Forever in Concert at [Jeffersonville UMC](#) - November 26, 9:30 a.m.

- [Maxine's Closet Re-opens in New Location \(A Ministry of Chesapeake UMC\)](#)
- [Jackson Area Ministries Fall Newsletter](#)



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**June 15-16, 2018**  
**Shawnee Valley District Family Retreat**  
**(Open to anyone within our District)**

- Shawnee State Park Lodge
- Stay in the Lodge or Campground
- Friday Evening Singing & S'mores around the Campfire
- Saturday Morning Breakfast
- Hiking, Swimming or Canoeing at your leisure on Saturday
- Come relax and get to know folks from our churches around the District

More details as they develop!



### **Events Around the Conference**

*details on these events will be posted in future newsletters and on the website*


- [United Methodist Rural Advocates Webinar Series](#) - November 7, January 9, April 12
- [Volunteers In Mission \(VIM\) Leaders Training](#) - October 7, 12, February 17
- Early Disaster Response Training - [November 4 at Bowling Green UMC](#)
- [West Ohio Winter Camps 2017](#)

### **Churches to Pray for This Month**

- Week of November 5 - Springbank UMC
  - Pastor Jim Wade
- Week of November 12 - Staunton UMC
  - Pastor Phillip Webb
- Week of November 19 - Stone Chapel UMC
  - Pastor Dan Stiles
- Week of November 26 - Sugar Grove UMC
  - Pastor Todd Wallace

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