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GREETINGS FROM WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT LAKESIDE

Please be in prayer as our pastors and lay members discuss and make decisions on behalf of our churches for our conference. You can watch worship services, the Bishop's episcopal address and other proceedings by going to www.westohioumc.org. We'll try to

keep you updated on [Facebook](#)

OUTDOOR ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

Saturday, June 9, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Great Seal State Park
4908 Marietta Road, Chillicothe



Our next adventure is Saturday, June 9 at Great Seal State Park near Chillicothe. The history of the Shawnee nation and Ohio's early statehood is centered in these rugged hills. Challenging trails through the 1,862-acre park take visitors to scenic vistas of distant ridgetops and the Scioto Valley below. These very hills are depicted on the Great Seal of the State of Ohio, from which the park gets its name. First depicted in 1803, the seal was often reconfigured until the present image was sanctioned by the Ohio General Assembly in 1967 and modified in 1996. In 1803, the law prescribed the sheaf of wheat to represent Ohio's agricultural roots and the bundle of seventeen arrows to symbolize Ohio's place as the seventeenth state in the Union. The range of hills seen in the background of the seal, include Mount Logan, as viewed from Thomas Worthington's estate, Adena, now a state memorial. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the playground. Please pack your lunch or a snack to eat afterwards. Everyone is welcome; we hope to see you there!



AN EVENING AT THE ADENA MANSION AND GARDENS

July 30, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

847 Adena Road, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Adena was the 2000-acre estate of Thomas Worthington (1773-1827), sixth governor of Ohio and one of the state's first United States Senators. The mansion house, completed in 1806-1807, has been restored to look much as it did when the Worthington family lived there, including many original Worthington family furnishings.

The house is one of only three houses designed by Benjamin Henry Latrobe still standing in the country. Situated on the 300 remaining acres of the original home place are five outbuildings and formal gardens. The gardens have undergone major renovation. Visitors may stroll through three terraces of flowers and vegetables, as well as the shrubs and trees in the grove. Looking east from the north lawn of the mansion, one can see across the Scioto River Valley to the Logan Range. This view was the inspiration for the Great Seal of the State of Ohio.

A Museum and Visitor Center features interactive exhibits that use the stories of people connected to Adena to give visitors a picture of life in Ohio in the early 1800s. The address is 847 Adena Rd.

The District will gather the evening of July 30th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. which includes a free meal from the 7 Miles Barbeque Restaurant. There will be a presentation on "Innovation in the life of Thomas Worthington" followed by a Light the Way presentation regarding new, innovative church starts in Ohio. This will be an inspiring evening as we connect our past to our future. All are welcome and we hope you will come join us!

We want to remind you that the Shawnee Valley District as well as our 114 churches are committed to seeing new church starts throughout our state so that new disciples of Jesus Christ can be made.

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ALL IN COMMUNITY - HEALING COMMUNITIES TRAINING

July 7, July 28 or September 22 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Three Locations

Healing Communities is a framework for ministry with men and women returning from - or at risk of - incarceration, their families, and the larger community. Healing Communities training helps congregations, through mobilization of their existing resources, to become "Stations of Hope" for persons affected by the criminal-justice system. Healing Communities is a congregational care framework for ministering with individuals at risk of incarceration, those incarcerated, returning home, or victims of crime, their families and the larger community.



Churches use this training as a foundation for appropriately supporting people within their own congregation and responding to the devastating effects of mass incarceration in their mission field.

Three Training Events will be held in the Shawnee Valley District. Each session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end by 2:00 p.m.

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Cost is \$10 per person for materials. Lunch will be served.

Click on a date and location below to register.

- [July 7 - Mt Nebo UMC](#)
- [July 28 - Waverly Grace UMC](#)
- [September 22 - Wheelersburg UMC](#)

DISTRICT PASTOR AND SPOUSE RETREAT

September 28 & 29

Shawnee State Park

Pastors, please put September 28 (beginning at 5:00 p.m.) and 29 (ending at 1:30 p.m.) on your calendar. If you are married, then your spouse is invited too. The retreat will be hosted at the Shawnee State Park in Friendship, Ohio and the theme will be on "Contentment". We will worship and fellowship together as well as focus on our theme under the teaching of Melissa Spoelstra. More details will be coming!



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CHURCHES TO PRAY FOR THIS MONTH

- **Week of June 3, 2018 - Bethel (Scioto) UMC**
 - Pastor Rick Phillips
- **Week of June 10, 2018 - Bishop Hill UMc**
 - Pastor Haden Davis
- **Week of June 17, 2018 - Bloomingburg UMC**
 - Pastor Phillip Webb
- **Week of June 24, 2018 - Browns Chapel UMC**
 - Pastor Jerry Caddell

ROBERTA EDDY SERVING AS INTERIM COUNTRY DIRECTOR IN VIETNAM

Roberta's passion for the mission in Vietnam has allowed her to become very much more involved in the day to day mission initiative there. She will be living in Vietnam for several months and will work with General Board of Global Ministries, the pastors and the leadership in Vietnam to continue the work that Ut To and Karen Vo-To did so well for many years. (they have chosen to retire from the mission effective July 1 of this year).

Roberta will:

- Work with other Global Ministries missionaries as well as local leaders, providing leadership and supervision.
- Supervise all Vietnam Mission Initiative (VMI) members in church planting and leadership training (for pastors as well as lay leaders).
- Oversee daily operations of VMI.
- Have oversight of the UM staff.
- Support appropriate VMI leaders in interacting with Vietnamese government officials (along with officials in the US Embassy in Vietnam) to advocate and protect the interests of the UMC in Vietnam
- Work closely with the Global Ministries staff relating to Vietnam for development of strategy and budget for the mission.
- Participate in raising financial resources for VMI.

We are grateful for the grace, mercy and love of Christ for VMI and its leaders. Please continue to pray for VMI and its members during this transition.

Roberta's new email address is reddy@umcmision.org

HAVE A WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE OR LIVESTREAM? LET US KNOW!

We trying to compile a list of which churches have websites, Facebook pages and livestreams. If you have a page, we'd like to list them on our district website. It's a good resource for other churches to see ideas from others. We will compile a list as we receive information.

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