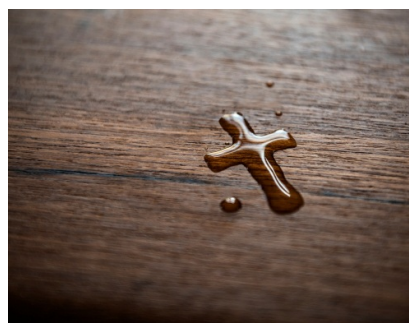




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### INSTALLATION WORSHIP SERVICE FOR REV. CALVIN ALSTON, JR.

Sunday, June 30, 3:30 p.m.  
Walnut Street United Methodist Church  
16 S Walnut Street, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601



All are invited to attend the District Superintendent Installation Worship Service of Reverend Calvin Alston, Jr., who will begin serving the Shawnee Valley District July 1 of this year.

Please come for the worship service, fellowship, refreshments and to welcome Calvin and Sandra to our District. We want to begin this new relationship in prayer so that God will continue to guide us into the future.

Anyone may attend this service which will affirm Rev. Alston's appointment to serve, minister to and supervise the pastors, churches and congregations of The Shawnee Valley District for the next six years.

Bishop Palmer will conduct the service as well as pastors and laity from around the district.

### TO THE GOOD FOLKS OF THE SHAWNEE VALLEY DISTRICT,

Thank you for the wonderful surprise at our Spring Conference/Picnic! Susie and I are very appreciative of your kind words as we retire and the raising of over \$10,000 (in our honor) towards mission projects here in our District. I pray our Disaster Response efforts, Prison Ministry and the creation of a sustainable Food Ministry will be blessed by those additional dollars. We have been blessed by your lives and witness and we carry with us fond memories of our years in the Shawnee Valley District. We pray you will continue to love God and serve Christ faithfully in the future! Thanks again for your generosity!

In Christ's Love,

*Brent & Susie*



### CLERGY CHANGES IN THE SHAWNEE VALLEY DISTRICT

Beginning July 1, the following churches will welcome new pastors and their families:



- Mr. Richard Owens - Stone Chapel UMC
- Rev. Karen Farr - Richmond Dale & Jackson Grace UMCs
- Rev. Vera Welker - Clarksburg Charge
- Mr. Jeff Barnhart - Fruitdale UMC
- Mr. Ralph (Ed) Litteral - South Webster UMC
- Mr. Sam Peters - Ironton First UMC
- Mr. Anthony Thomas - Chesapeake UMC
- Mr. Scott Smith - South Salem Umc
- Rev. Terry Cavanaugh - Portsmouth Christ
- Mr. Josh West - Thurman & Vega UMCs

**We wish the best to the following pastors who have been appointed to new churches:**

- Mr. Charles Case (and Christine) to from Chesapeake UMC to Montpelier St Paul UMC
- Rev. John Richards to from Portsmouth Christ UMC to Eaton UMC
- Rev. Chris Wiseman from Richmond Dale & Jackson Grace UMCs to Marne UMC
- Rev. John Rozewicz from Thurman & Vega UMCs to Nation Chapel UMC
- Mrs. BettyJo Sommerville from Rainsboro & Marshall UMCs to retirement

## SHAWNEE VALLEY CHURCHES COLLECT FUNDS TO SUPPORT SONLIGHT POWER



[SonLight Power](#) transforms lives with love and solar power. They design and build solar energy solutions for community venues - schools, medical clinics, orphanages, community centers, churches, water-pumping stations - in remote locations around the world, bringing clean electricity for the first time to thousands who do not have it. They engage with the communities they serve to improve access to educational opportunities, wellness, clean water, economic development and emergency preparedness - empowering others with a renewed sense of hope. They multiply their impact by "equipping the saints" (Ephesians 4:12). SonLight Power partners with other mission organizations to train, mentor and ultimately empower them to deliver solar solutions to many more people than we could reach on our own.

At the District Annual picnic in May, churches and individuals gave \$1,368 to support this ministry. Thank you to all who contributed!

SonLight Power offers a [Solar Workshop](#) for anyone interested in applying solar power in the mission field, as well as for curiosity-seekers considering solar power for the home, church or other facility.

## MANY HANDS NEEDED ACROSS THE STATE FOR FLOOD AND TORNADO CLEAN UP



If you are interested in putting together a team to assist with clean up, contact Diana Hall for information.

You can also go to the West Ohio Conference [Disaster Response Page](#) for more information on how to donate.

[Early Response Team Training Classes](#) are available in various locations across the conference.

Other resources for out-of-state needs can be found on the [North Central Jurisdiction website](#).

## LAITY DISCERNMENT RETREATS

Do you feel God's call on your life but are uncertain how to discern that call or what to do next? If so, then this is the Retreat for you! At the Laity Discernment Retreats, we will talk about call, discernment and what it means to be "called by our baptism". We will learn ways to intentionally enter into a time of prayer about discernment and we will discover Spiritual Rhythms that can help guide our journey. We will also discuss the variety of ways Laity can serve both in our churches and in our communities.



[Read More](#)

## LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES FALL CLASSES ANNOUNCED



Lay Servant Ministry is our United Methodist system for lay leadership development and includes lay speaking as one of the certifications. The basic and advanced courses are designed to help develop skills in witnessing to the Christian faith through spoken communication, church and community leadership, and care-giving ministries. Specific coursework is required to become a lay speaker, if desired, but anyone may take any course.

### FALL COURSE OFFERINGS

(Click on the title for more information and to register)

September 14, 2019

[Advanced Course - Leading Bible Study](#)

October 12, 2019

[Basic Course](#)

[Advanced Course - United Methodist Connection](#)

November 16, 2019

[Advanced Course - Leading IN Worship](#)

## LOCAL CHURCHES RECEIVE RECOGNITION AT DISTRICT PICNIC AND WEST OHIO CONFERENCE



Six Local Churches were recently recognized by District Superintendent, Brent Watson for increases in various categories on their year end statistical reports. [READ MORE](#)



a food pantry and community dinners.

Kingston UMC was recognized by the West Ohio United Methodist Rural Advocates, receiving the Shawnee Valley District Vital Church Award. Kingston UMC averages 70 persons in worship. They have had 8 baptisms and 2 professions of faith. Beginning in 2017, Kingston church began to focus on their children's ministry by starting 3 new Sunday School Classes, a children's choir and VBS. In reaching out to the community, the support

## KNOW SOMEONE HEADED TO COLUMBUS THIS FALL FOR COLLEGE?



Whether they're a first year, transfer, or coming back ready to graduate, we'd love to connect and welcome them. **Central City Church is a new United Methodist Church in Columbus.** We meet just south of OSU's campus, and we're easy to get to from other schools as well. We'd love to connect with your child or grandchild who's headed to school. In fact, we have a gift that we'd love to get to them. It's a coffee tumbler, filled with gift cards and information about UM Campus ministries in Columbus. If you know someone headed to Columbus, we'd love to connect. You can reach Renee at [renee@centralcity.com](mailto:renee@centralcity.com) or call/text Renee at (614) 323-8262 or Adam at [adamreed@centralcity.com](mailto:adamreed@centralcity.com). They'd love to meet any students around this summer for orientations.

## CONNECTIONS, RESOURCES, MINISTRY & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

[UM Confirmation and Youth Ministries Survey.](#) Help West Ohio Conference better serve youth ministries and congregations. For questions and to connect more fully around youth ministry, contact Rebecca Hug, Special Ministries Engagement Coordinator, [rhug@wocumc.org](mailto:rhug@wocumc.org)



[UMC Cyber Campus](#) is a multilingual learning portal to theological and higher education that aims to enhance global access to free and affordable high-quality digital educational resources. We strive to develop confident and knowledgeable Christian leaders on an ongoing basis. The United Methodist Church (UMC) is a worldwide church. We believe in connecting people through faith and education globally. There are 13 United Methodist seminaries, 119 UMC universities, schools, and colleges in the United States, and we are connected to 750 Methodist related schools around the world. The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) leads and serves The United Methodist Church in educating, nurturing, and preparing leaders for the church and the world. UMC Cyber Campus is a multilingual Christian learning space where you can get these higher educational materials anywhere and anytime.



**Council of Bishops Launches New UM DisAbility Website.** The United Methodist Disability Ministries Committee, now under the umbrella of the Council of Bishops, has launched a new website featuring practical tools and a helpful search engine. The committee also will co-sponsor legislation for General Conference 2020 with the Association of Ministers with Disabilities, Mental Health Ministries, the United Methodist Congress of the Deaf and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Committee. [Check out the new website here.](#)



**Mission U - July 18-21.** Mission U is the United Methodist Women's premier educational event. It is offered in conferences around the country, and attended by more than 20,000 annually. In West Ohio, Mission U is a cooperative undertaking of United Methodist Women and the Conference United Methodist Church. It is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society, with particular attention to the responsibilities of women in fulfilling the mission work of the church, and provides an opportunity for all to grow in faith, hope, and love in action. Both members and non-members of UMW are encouraged to attend. [Click here for more information and to register](#)



**Generosity & Stewardship Conference - August 4-7.** Clergy and laity involved in stewardship and finance, development, foundation leadership and consultancy are invited to participate in a unique learning experience on the beautiful shores of Lake Erie at Lakeside Chautauqua. [Details](#)



**Family Ties: Home, Church, and Community (four-session training). Begins September 14, 2019.** Family Ties teaches churches how to rethink and intentionally change your current approach to reach and disciple new children and families at home, in church and within your local community. Connect anew with the next generation! This four-session Traction Track intentionally focuses on developing leadership skills and teaching best ministry practices while leading churches, pastors, staff and unpaid leaders in the most important and proven strategies in creating a Family-driven/Church-empowering ministry. [Learn more about Family Ties here.](#)



The **Preachers' Relief Society** is a voluntary, non-profit benevolent organization of clergy and their families in the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. ([READ MORE](#))

**SOWER**  
Sharing Our Witness  
Enriching Relationships

The **SOWER VIM Project** is a conference wide construction mission to build new housing in the area served by Henderson Settlement, Frakes, KY. ([BROCHURE](#))



**Drama Programs** available through [Martin Denes Ministries](#). *Lifting Up Jesus / Bringing the Bible to Life*. Click on the link above for more details.

## LOVE PACKAGES

Please continue to donate used and new Christian CDs, DVDs, books, tracts, daily devotionals, magazines, Bibles, and Sunday School materials for any age. The date of the materials does not matter. Love Packages is an endorsed organization of the General Commission on United Methodist Men, Nashville, TN. See [www.lovepackages.org](http://www.lovepackages.org) for more information. Thank you for all donations in 2018. They are shipped overseas to Christians who have none. ([READ MORE](#)) **\*\*Donations may be brought to the Shawnee Valley District Office\*\***



### PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS AND ON OUR WEBSITE

- June 30 - New D.S. Installation - Walnut Street UMC
- July 1 - Pastor Evaluation Forms Due to SHV Office
- July 4 - Independence Day - All Offices in the West Ohio Conference will be closed
- August 1 - Pastor/D.S. One on One Sessions begin
- August 1 - Charge Conference Forms sent to Local Churches; Local Church preparations begin for 2020  
*(approximate date)*
- August 10 - Smaller Church Training - Liberty Chapel at Scrub Ridge
- September 14 - Lay Servant Ministries Class - Leading Bible Study
- October 1 - Strategic Ministries Grant Applications Due
- October 12 - Lay Servant Ministries Classes - Basic & UM Connections
- October 19 - UMW Annual Fall Meeting - Tyler Memorial UMC
- Mid-October - Charge Conferences begin (Required forms to be submitted)
- November 16 - Lay Servant Ministries Class - Leading Worship
- November 28-29 - Thanksgiving Break - All Offices in the West Ohio Conference will be closed
- December 24-25 - Christmas Break - All Office in the West Ohio Conference will be closed

### CHURCHES TO PRAY FOR THIS MONTH

*(We are praying for multiple churches each week so every church will be included within one year)*

- Week of June 30, 2019
  - Valley UMC - Pastor Pete Shaffer
  - Vega UMC - Outgoing Pastor John Rozewicz & Incoming Pastor Josh West
- Week of July 7, 2019
  - Walnut Street UMC - Pastors Joe Ziraldo and Kathleen Kisner
  - Waverly Calvary UMC - Pastors David Burriss and Euggle Robertson
- Week of July 14, 2019

- WCH Grace UMC - Pastors Joe Fox, Tina Fox and Jamie Darling
- Wesley UMC - Pastor Bill Goodall
- Week of July 21, 2019
  - Waverly Grace UMC - Pastor Dan Evory
  - Wellston Hope UMC - Pastor Susan Allison-Keeton
- Week of July 28, 2019
  - West Union UMC - Pastor Al Bolte
  - Wheelersburg UMC - Pastor Perry Prosch
- Week of August 4, 2019
  - Winchester UMC - Pastor Greg Roberts
  - Aberdeen UMC - Pastor Carol Harper

**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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