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### 2019 SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS

- **Bishop Gregory V. Palmer** will host a simulcast on **Saturday, March 2 at 10 a.m.** in response to the actions of the special session of General Conference which will be held in late February. All interested West Ohioans are welcome to participate. A recording of the event will be made available on the West Ohio website at a later time.
  - Shawnee Valley Locations:
    - Trinity UMC, Chillicothe
    - First UMC, Hillsboro
    - Grace UMC, Waverly
  - Click [HERE](#) for locations around the West Ohio Conference
- **District Superintendent Brent Watson** will be hosting a meeting in each of the 9 counties that make up the Shawnee Valley District to discuss the actions of the special session. Locations and dates:
  - Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m. - Peebles UMC
  - Thursday, March 7, 6:30 p.m. - Grace UMC, Washington Court House
  - Sunday, March 10, 3:30 p.m. - Mt Orab UMC
  - Monday, March 11, 6:30 p.m. - First UMC, Hillsboro
  - Sunday, March 17, 3:30 p.m. - South Point UMC
  - Monday, March 18, 6:30 p.m. - Grace UMC, Waverly
  - Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. - Christ UMC, Portsmouth
  - Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. - Christ UMC, Jackson
  - Sunday, March 24, 3:30 p.m. - Trinity UMC, Chillicothe

For more news articles about the 2019 Special General Conference, click [HERE](#)

### Outdoor Enthusiasts Group Winter Hike March 9, 2019, 9:30 a.m. Scioto Trail State Park 144 Lake Road, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

Nestled within the beautiful 9,000-acre Scioto Trail State Forest in Ross County, Scioto Trail State Park's 218-acres are a wooded refuge just south of Chillicothe.

The ridgetops and winding forest roads offer breathtaking

vistas of southern Ohio's Scioto River Valley. The beauty and remoteness of Scioto Trail offers the best of escapes to park visitors. Camping, fishing and paddling are just a few of the adventures awaiting outdoor enthusiasts.



Join District Superintendent Brent Watson and others for a fun morning of exploring the area. All ages are welcome; bring the family or friends. Pack a lunch to share together after the adventure.

### 2019 West Ohio Annual Conference June 2 - 6, 2019 Lakeside, Ohio

Members are not required to register this year but there is an [informational survey](#) to complete so members can receive more information on the Book of Reports, Child Care and Housing Requests.

## YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

**LAY MEMBERS:** Each Pastor received the Lay Member(s) listed in the database and were asked to confirm their attendance this year. Please confer with your pastor.

**LAY MEMBERS AT-LARGE:** Shawnee Valley District Lay Members At-Large that are listed in the West Ohio Conference database received a letter asking if they would like to attend again this year. It's important to respond to that letter so we can fill the available spots. If you are interested in attending as an At-Large Member, contact the District Office and we'll get you on the waiting list.



### JACKSON AREA MINISTRIES GREEN THUMB PROJECT

Since 1972 Jackson Area Ministries has been distributing vegetable seeds to persons and/or families. This ministry enables the growers to increase both the quantity and the quality of their available food. The number of gardeners continues to increase in the 18-county area we serve in southeast Ohio.

Seed collection is underway now. Consider collecting seed packets at your church.

send Contributions of seed or money to:

JAM GARDENING  
Jackson Area Ministries  
119 McKitterick Ave  
P.O. Box 603  
Jackson, Ohio 45640

Deadline for seeds: APRIL 15, 2019

We also schedule volunteers to help sort and count the seeds beginning in early April.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL, 1-888-237-3141 or E-mail: [jamjar@midohio.twcbc.com](mailto:jamjar@midohio.twcbc.com)

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West Ohio Conference  
United Methodist Church  
**Camps & Retreats**

**West Ohio Camps and Retreats**

**47 Camp Sessions to Choose From**

[Summer Camp Guide](#)

[Watch the Promotional Video!](#)

Shawnee Valley District Churches - **Scholarships are available!**

Contact [Todd Wallace, District NextGen Coordinator](#) for more information.

### SHV MINISTRY SESSION

Tuesday, March 19, 10:00 a.m.  
Springbank United Methodist Church  
23888 State Route 104, Chillicothe, OH 45601



Join others from around the Shawnee Valley District for the next SHV Ministry Session which will focus on All In Prison Ministry. Our guest speaker will be Reba Collins, All In Community Consultant for the West Ohio Conference.

Her topic will be: **No More Shame**

"Shame... needs three things to grow exponentially - secrecy, silence, and judgment." - Brene Brown We all have some shame. We all carry it around interjecting it into our relationships in hurtful and harmful ways. Join us in a discussion and deep dive into shame. What it is. Why we need to address it. And how do we get rid of it, so we can live more whole-heartedly and help others live more whole-heartedly, too.

Anyone may attend this event. A complimentary meal will be served at Noon. Please contact the District Office if you plan to attend.

## United Methodist Women Celebrate 150 years in Mission



United Methodist Women continues to build upon the foundation set forth by our founders almost 150 years ago. Yet the difficulties encountered by women, children and youth around the world continue to sustain separation from life affirming compassionate care and support that heals, restores and empowers. Imagine what is achievable, what is possible, if United Methodist Women had the resources to deepen and expand its mission to transform lives and ignite change in places near and far.

In 2014, the Board of Directors launched the Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign, setting a goal to raise \$60 million. The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign is both historic and unprecedented, with the campaign's theme, Together, we are building our legacy, celebrating the legacy of the courageous women who founded this mission movement, as well as the legacy that today's members will leave for future generations of United Methodist women, to create their legacy to carry the mission of faith, hope, love in action forward in the world for years to come. [DONATE TO THE UMW LEGACY FUND](#)

### SPRINGBANK UMC INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM IN CELEBRATING THE 150TH BIRTHDAY OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

"The Legacy of United Methodist Women"

Saturday, March 23

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

23871 State Route 104, Chillicothe

Invite your local UMW groups

RSVP to Sylvia Kempton (740-773-7901) or Kay Large (740-642-3117)

### RIPLEY CENTENARY UMW

150TH BIRTHDAY OF UMW CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 6

9:30 a.m.

(see registration and details in the Newsletter below)

## SHAWNEE SIGNALS UMW FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

### No Man Left Behind Live

Trinity United Methodist Church

24 S Mulberry Street, Chillicothe

March 30, 2019



## MAN IN THE MIRROR

Thousands of leaders have seen their ministries transformed by Man in the Mirror's No Man Left Behind Model, a proven process for discipling men that is customizable to your church. The newest training format, No Man Left Behind Live is coming to Chillicothe.

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## CONNECTIONS, RESOURCES, MINISTRY & TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



All In Community Prison Ministries - Upcoming Seminars (click on the date for more information)

- [March 9 - Creating a Community of Healing, 10am - 2pm](#)
- [March 30 - Creating a Community of Healing, 10am - 2pm](#)
- April 9 - Juvenile Justice Engagement Webinar, 12pm -1pm (registration will open soon)



**West Ohio Camps Registration is Open and Looking for Counselors for this Summer.** West Ohio Camps is looking for leaders to be counselors at our three camps this summer. A great camp counselor is someone who serves as an amazing mentor, big sibling, facilitator, manager, and all-around go-to person for a group of young people. While you serve the Lord and share yourself with the youngsters, you can reap the many benefits as well. You will build leadership skills, enjoy the outdoors, boost your resume, and get paid to have fun!

[Join The Team](#) [Register for A Camp](#)

**Next Generation Leadership Ministry Opportunities**



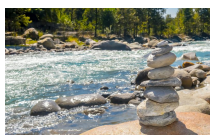
- **Intern Application process.** Since its inception, the Next Generations Leadership Ministry Interns have been able to discern calls to Ministry and Service in a variety of ways. The pay for the Internship is \$4600.00 during the summer, starting May 20 and ending July 29 . Internship placements are with engaging local churches throughout the

West Ohio Conference and include trips to local Ohio Seminaries as well as in the Mid-Western part of the United States. Applicants must be college students who are available for the duration of the Internship. Please encourage students who have expressed a desire to explore a call to ministry and/or service to apply [HERE](#). **The Application Deadline is March 6, 2019.** For questions, please email Rev. Donnetta Peaks, [dpeaks@wocumc.org](mailto:dpeaks@wocumc.org) or call 614-844-6200, 314.

- **Next Generation Leadership Ministry - Mentor and Host Church Application.** The Next Generation Leadership Ministry Program is now taking applications for Mentors/Host Churches for the summer of 2019. For clergy and congregations with a passion for developing young leaders, this is a great opportunity to mentor a young person who has a desire to serve in the church and explore a call to ministry. [Application](#)



**Deacons of the West Ohio Conference for the 2019 Deacon Formation Event and Order of Deacons' Gathering March 29.** All Deacons in any status, Provisional, Ordained, Retired, and Exploring in West Ohio and throughout the Connection are welcomed to participate. This event will meet the Book of Discipline requirement for a Deacon Formation Event. Please note that in order for this event to count as a formation event toward ordination as a full member deacon, participants must attend both Friday night and all day Saturday. Our featured presenters are Bishop Gregory Palmer, Presiding Bishop for West Ohio and Rev. Michelle Foster, a Deacon from the Western North Carolina Conference who specializes in Self Care and Healthy Boundaries Training. Providing leadership to the work of a Deacon and updates on how Deacons will move forward are Rev. Rachel Miller, Chair of the Division of Deacons and Rev. Benji Sayre, Chair of the Order of Deacons. [Register HERE.](#)



**Clergy Wellness Resources Available.** As the first month of the new year ends, are you feeling good about your resolutions, financial goals and healthy lifestyle choices? What would your life look like if you were emotionally healthy? How would your life be different if your debt was gone? How much energy would you have if you were at your ideal weight?

What would your ministry accomplish if you were on fire for God?

The Clergy Wellness Task Force along with the West Ohio Conference Benefits Office and Communications Team joined together to create tools and resources to support you in your life journey toward wellness. These resources, found on the West Ohio Conference website, speak to the four key wellness areas in our lives: Emotional, Financial, Physical and Spiritual. [Read More](#)



RELIGION & RACE

**Online resources available for local Congregations to better engage persons with disabilities.** [\(Click Here\)](#)

- [Church Accessibility Audit](#)
- Disability in Scripture
- Disability Simulation- printable "stations" to experience disability of varying kinds, both visible and invisible
- Understanding Disability- terminology
- Building Your Team- Building a team who will focus on the accessibility for and ministry opportunities by persons with disabilities
- Better Practices- suggestions for Sunday school
- Resources- Theological, Parental, and Church Resources including links to the Annual Accessibility Assessment



**Good Works Seeks Interns.** Good Works has been a Community of HOPE in rural Appalachian Ohio since 1981. They are currently seeking interns who want to grow in their love for God and love for others as they reach out to people struggling with poverty. Good Works' 9-week Summer Service Internship provides participants with room and board and a stipend, and runs from June 9 to August 10, 2019. They are currently accepting applications and inquiries for all of their internships. Click [here](#) to learn more. **(Application Deadline is March 31)**



**Spirit and Truth Conference at United Theological Seminary -** March 7-9, 2019 [\(Press Release\)](#)



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](#))



Youth 2019 is for all United Methodist Youth, grades 6-12, and their leaders. Join thousands for 4 days of discipleship, worship, Bible study, service opportunities, and life-changing fun! Expect inspiration, support, and challenges to grow authentically as a world-changing disciple of Jesus Christ. YOUTH 2019 will provide youth and their leaders with chances to

connect with each other, denominational leaders, and connectional agencies to help them discover the wide variety of ministries of the United Methodist Church. YOUTH 2019 event will be held July 10-14 in Kansas City, MO. [Visit the website](#) Shawnee Valley District may offer scholarships - contact District Youth Coordinator, [Todd Wallace](#) for Information.

## 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 WINTER EVENTS  
DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS AND ON OUR  
WEBSITE**

- March 2, 2019
  - Bishop Palmer's General Conference Follow-up Simulcast
- March 6, 2019
  - Brown County General Conference Follow-up Meeting
- March 7, 2019
  - Fayette County General Conference Follow-up Meeting
- **March 9, 2019**
  - **Outdoor Enthusiasts Hike**
- March 10, 2019
  - Adams County General Conference Follow-up Meeting
- March 11, 2019
  - Highland County General Conference Follow-up Meeting
- **March 16, 2019**
  - **Lay Servant Training**
- March 17, 2019
  - Lawrence County General Conference Follow-up Meeting
- March 18, 2019
  - Pike County General Conference Follow-up Meeting
- **March 19, 2019**
  - **SHV Ministry Session**
- March 20, 2019
  - Scioto County General Conference Follow-up Meeting
- March 21
  - Jackson County General Conference Follow-up Meeting
- March 24
  - Ross County General Conference Follow-up Meeting

## 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 March 3, 2019
  - **New Harmony UMC** - Pastor Tracey Taylor
  - **New Hope UMC** - Pastor Anthony Thomas
  - **Nipgen UMC** - Pastor Haden Davis
- Week of March 10, 2019
  - **Oak Hill Faith UMC** - Pastor Becky Wingo
  - **Oak Hill St Paul UMC** - Pastor Becky Wingo
  - **Oldtown UMC** - Pastor Gary Hopkins
- Week of March 17, 2019
  - **Omega UMC** - Pastor Keith Richardson
  - **Peebles UMC** - Pastor Dave Hilgeman
- Week of March 24, 2019
  - **Pleasant Valley UMC** - Pastor Brett Fisher
  - **Piketon UMC** - Pastor Harley Roston
- Week of March 31, 2019
  - **Portsmouth Christ UMC** - Pastor John Richards
  - **Portsmouth Cornerstone UMC** - Pastors Tim Roth, Tom Charles & Wayne Young
- Week of April 7, 2019
  - **Prospect UMC** - Pastor John Waugh
  - **Rainsboro UMC** - Pastor BettyJo Sommerville

### 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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