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### DISTRICT SPRING PICNIC AND PRE-ANNUAL CONFERENCE BRIEFING

May 20, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

StillWater Event and Conference Center  
454 DeBord Road, Chillicothe OH 45601

Plan to join us again at StillWater Conference Centre near Chillicothe for an afternoon of visiting, worship and information about Annual Conference.

Reservations will be required for a FREE meal.

**Deadline to reserve a meal is May 11**

[REGISTER HERE](#) OR CALL THE DISTRICT OFFICE

Our Spring Mission Call at the Picnic will support [KINDWAY](#), an innovative, Christ-centered reentry program for those recently released from incarceration. There will be items for sale for suggested donations ranging from \$5 to \$20 (jewelry made by incarcerated men and women)

Also available that day will be Drawstring Bags made for our District. Each bag will be sold for \$5, with 1/2 of the proceeds donated to KINDWAY



### ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT-LARGE MEMBERS NEEDED

Each District is allotted a certain number of at-large members to represent the District at Annual Conference. Currently, Shawnee Valley is allowed 35 members. We have openings if you are interested in attending and representing the District at Annual Conference. Contact the office as soon as possible to serve.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

June 3-6 2018

Lakeside, Ohio

**District Ice Cream Social** - Tuesday, June 5, 8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Lakeside Hotel Tent

**Pastor Spouse Luncheon** - Wednesday, June 6 - 12:00 p.m. - Lakeside Hotel Fern Room

[LIGHT THE WAY CAMPAIGN OFFERING - LETTER FROM BISHOP PALMER](#)

[UMCOR KIT COLLECTION](#)

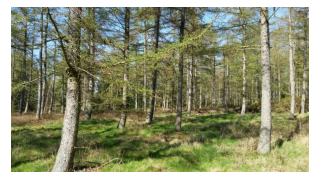
Click on the link below to find details on events and programs  
during Annual Conference

[Annual Conference Web Page](#)

### 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

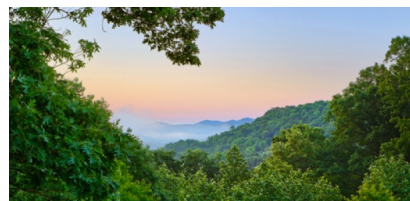
was often reconfigured until the present image was sanctioned by the Ohio General Asseble in 1967 and modified in 1996. In 1803, the law prescribed the sheaf of wheat to represent Ohio's agricultural roots and the bundle of seventeen arrows to symbolize Ohio's place as the seventeenth state in the Union. 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!

### **Family Fun Day**

**June 15-16**

Shawnee State Park

4404 OH-125, West Portsmouth, OH 45663



Last year, we planned a weekend outing for pastors and their families at Great Wolf Lodge at a deeply discounted price. It was ultimately opened to any family in the district. It was a fun time, relaxing, meeting folks from across the district and visiting with new friends. This summer, we have reserved a block of rooms at Shawnee State Park Lodge near Portsmouth for anyone in the district. **Campsites will also be available, but cannot be reserved as a block and must be reserved by each camper.** Check in will be **Friday, June 15** with a campfire, s'mores and singing. Saturday morning there will be a complimentary breakfast and the opportunity to explore the trails and lakes within the park.

There are a limited number of rooms available and they're going fast!

**REGISTER HERE**

Cost is \$75 per Room

**CAMPERS - LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING SO WE CAN INCLUDE YOU IN OUR BREAKFAST COUNT**

### **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.

**PUBLICITY FLIER**

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!



### CHURCHES TO PRAY FOR THIS MONTH

- **Week of May 6, 2018 - Beaver Emmanuel UMC**
  - Pastor Chris Clark
- **Week of May 13, 2018 - Beaver Faith UMC**
  - Pastor Brian Hedden
- **Week of May 20, 2018 - Belfast UMC**
  - Pastor John Waugh
- **Week of May 27, 2018 - Bethel (Lawrence) UMC**
  - Pastor Willie Flannery

### 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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