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West Ohio Conference

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**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2018**

**SHV Ministry Session**

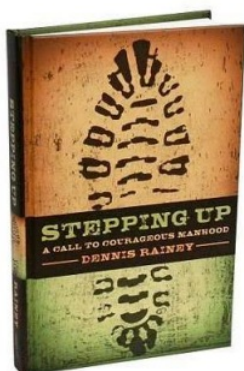
November 13, 10:00 a.m.  
First UMC, Chillicothe



SHV Ministry Session with guest speaker Heather Keesee from the [Foundation of Appalachia](#) as well as a leader from the Governor's Office of the [Ohio Faith-Based Community Initiative](#). Topic is "Creating Partnerships to Impact your Community & County Part II"

All are welcome to attend. Complimentary lunch with RSVP.

**STEPPING UP TO MANHOOD PROGRAM GRADUATES 20**



July 25, 2018 found United Methodist men from the Shawnee Valley District volunteering to lead 30 men incarcerated at the Chillicothe Correctional Institution through the Stepping Up Program.

Six volunteers, Rev. Gary Hopkins, Rev. Tom Knauff, Dr. Larry Schmitt, Danny Hines, Jerry Spahr, and Jeff Daniels, representing the Friendship, Oldtown, Walnut St., and Jeffersonville UM churches began a 10-week

program which consisted of video, printed material, open discussion, and mentoring that helped direct participants to recognize and follow the biblical concepts of manhood.

By teaching and encouraging the participants to grasp the responsibilities of manhood, those graduating will be better prepared to reenter society as fathers, role models, and American citizens. [READ MORE](#)





## All-In Community Webinar Jail Ministry 101

November 13, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

With 12 million county jail admissions each year, local jails are a community's front door to the state prison system. Jail ministry is a call for Christ-followers and a critical shut off valve in the community to prison pipeline.

Join seasoned jail minister UM Pastor David Pennington for an online workshop about effectively ministering to our vulnerable members and neighbors who are detained and incarcerated in our local communities. Pastor Dave walks you through the basics of responding to a person's arrest and detention, getting prepared for jail ministry, after care upon release, providing the right spiritual guidance, and sustaining yourself in ministry.

This Webinar is for anyone who wants to reach out to local jails or is currently walking with a church member, family member, friend, or neighbor residing in their local jail. To register for the Webinar and to receive special Webinar instructions, email Reba Collins at rebakco@gmail.com.

If you've used our ZOOM Webinar platform before, you can simply Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android with this link: <https://zoom.us/j/996957180>

## 2019 HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Don't Miss Informational Meetings on 2019 Conference Health Insurance.



The Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits has set details for the 2019 Active and Retiree Health Insurance Plans. Please attend one of the events listed below so you can learn about any changes to the plan and how the changes might impact you. The agenda for each meeting is the same so attend the one that best fits your schedule. Aetna/Humana, Credit Union and Conference staff will be available to answer questions specific to your circumstances after each meeting.

A light lunch will be provided between the active and retiree sessions.

Active clergy session is 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Retired clergy session is at 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

- **Wednesday, November 14 Jackson Christ UMC**
- Thursday, November 15 Shawnee UMC, Lima
- Friday, November 16 Kettering Christ UMC,
- Monday, November 26 Anderson Hills UMC, Cincinnati
- Tuesday, November 27 Bowling Green First UMC,
- Thursday, November 29 Community UMC, Circleville
- Monday, December 3 Marysville First UMC
- Thursday, December 6 Zanesville Grace UMC
- Tuesday, December 11 West Ohio Conference Office

Questions may be directed to Sandi George at [sgeorge@wocumc.org](mailto:sgeorge@wocumc.org) or at 614.844.6200.

## GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MISSION'S GIVING TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27



On Tuesday, November 27, United Methodists will come together to support vital ministry projects and missionaries around the world on [#GivingTuesday](#) as they generously [#GiveUMC](#). Giving through The Advance empowers hundreds of dedicated project leaders and missionaries to share the love of Christ in meaningful, life-saving ways. As always, 100% of all giving will support the designated Advance ministry! How will you [#GiveUMC](#)? [Find a project](#) you are passionate about and make a donation! Or, discover more about the missionaries and projects supported by The West Ohio Conference [here](#).

## CONNECTIONS, RESOURCES AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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](#))



**Breakthrough Prayer Lab** at Waynesville UMC - November 11 ([More Information](#))



**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.



**Winter camps** at Otterbein, Widewater and Wesley are just a short time away! The theme this year is "Incredible Christmas" Come spend your winter break having fun, making friends, and worshipping God! All of our cabins and restrooms are heated to make sure you stay toasty warm and there is plenty of hot chocolate to go around! [Register now](#)



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

## MISSION TRAINING AND TEAM OPPORTUNITIES



**DISASTER Response**



**Early Response Teams** invited to North and South Carolina.

ERT members are some of the first on site after a disaster, however teams must always wait for an invitation before deployment. Both North Carolina and South Carolina have extended invitations for Early Response Teams to help with disaster clean up, relief and recovery.

If you would like to lead an ERT team or be paired up with an existing team, contact District Disaster Coordinator, Diana Hall ([dhall@wocumc.org](mailto:dhall@wocumc.org)) or Kris Shoaf at the West Ohio Conference Office ([kshoaf@wocumc.org](mailto:kshoaf@wocumc.org)).

Plans are underway for a Shawnee Valley District Team to work in North or South Carolina in January, 2019. If you are interested, please contact the District Office.

**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](#)

## CHURCHES TO PRAY FOR THIS MONTH

- **Week of November 4 - Friendship UMC**
  - Pastor Gary Hopkins
- **Week of November 11 - Fruitdale UMC**
  - Pastor Phillip Malone
- **Week of November 18 - Georgetown UMC**
  - Pastor Dan Pelzel
- **Week of November 25 - Good Hope UMC**
  - Pastor Jon Silveous



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FALL EVENTS

Shawnee Valley District has a busy fall planned and we want to be sure you include these dates in your local church calendars.

Details will be posted in future newsletters and on our website.

- November 1 - Lawrence County Charge Conference at New Hope UMC

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- November 3 - CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR!!
- November 3 - [Smaller Church Pastor Training](#) at Richmond Dale UMC **\*\*CANCELLED\*\***
- November 4 - Pike County Charge Conference at Waverly Grace UMC
- November 7 - Ross County Charge Conference at Chillicothe Trinity UMC
- November 10 - Lay Servant Training ([Leading in Prayer](#))
- November 11 - Scioto County Charge Conference at Cornerstone UMC
- November 13 - District Leadership Team Meeting
- November 13 - [SHV Ministry Session](#) with guest speaker Heather Keesee from the Foundation of Appalachia as well as a leader from the Governor's Office of the Ohio Faith-Based Community Initiative. Topic is "Creating Partnerships to Impact your Community & County Part II"
- November 18 - Extended Staff Meeting



**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THESE WINTER EVENTS**  
*DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS*

- **January 6, 2019**
  - [The Way Forward: Listening, Learning, Loving with Bishop Palmer](#)
- **January 15, 2019**
  - SHV Ministry Session
- **February 2, 2019**
  - Smaller Church Pastor Training
- **February 12, 2019**
  - SHV Ministry Session
- **February 16, 2019**
  - Volunteers in Mission Training
- **March 2, 2019**
  - Leadership Training for Laity & Clergy
- **March 16, 2019**
  - Lay Servant Training
- **March 19, 2019**
  - SHV Ministry Session

**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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