

West Ohio Conference
Shawnee Valley



Vietnam Missionary to Visit District

Quynh-Hoa Nguyen is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as director of leadership development of the United Methodist Mission in Southeast Asia.



Launched in 2002, the Southeast Asia Mission has become one of the fastest-growing parts of the global mission network. To date, the work is concentrated in the central and south regions, with plans to expand into the north. One major need is for trained pastoral and lay leadership, and also for the development of indigenous trainers. Quynh-Hoa has special responsibilities in accomplishing these goals. [\(More on Quynh\)](#)

The Shawnee Valley District will welcome Quynh in October. Plan to visit with her at one of these locations:

- **Sunday October 1** - Trinity UMC, Chillicothe for their 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services
- **Sunday October 1** - Grace UMC, Chillicothe Meet & Greet at 3:00 p.m.
- **Monday October 2** - Friendship UMC Meet & Greet at 7:00 p.m.

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***District Charge Conference
Saturday, October 21
Cornerstone UMC, Portsmouth***

The Shawnee Valley District is excited to host its first ever **Breakthrough Prayer Summit** in conjunction with its annual District Charge Conference.

We believe as a District that prayer is the foundation of discipleship and fruitful ministry. Our goal is to remind and encourage every church in our District to create a prayerful atmosphere in its congregation. What if we prayed before making any plans? What if we depended on the Holy Spirit to direct all our efforts? Our Prayer Summit is designed to impact each church by making prayer the heartbeat of all we do and accomplish. You are invited to a life-giving day in our District. Please see the flow of our day below and the opportunity you will have to be encouraged to make prayer the expression of a trusting relationship with Jesus Christ. We would love for you to come!

[REGISTRATION IS OPEN - CLICK HERE TO REGISTER & SEE THE SCHEDULE](#)

Mission Call at District Charge Conference to Support Vietnam

Vietnam Churches continue to grow and still need our support. For our Fall Mission Call, we will collect donations for the general fund to support many ministries in the country. Bring your donations to the District Charge Conference.



Over 600 Flood Buckets Collected in Shawnee Valley for Hurricane Relief

On a hot, sunny day in late September, District Staff members, Roberta Eddy and Diana Hall embarked on a 400 mile, 9 hour trip to collect clean up kits at the churches in the Shawnee Valley District.



Thanks to the generosity of a local U-Hall Rental business, C&J Auto in Washington Court House, a 20-foot truck was rented at a discount price. The trek began at the District Office, where several churches had brought their completed kits. Then it was on to Waverly Grace, Resurrection Hope in Ironton, Cornerstone in Portsmouth, Winchester, Georgetown and Hillsboro. At those location, over 500 buckets were collected. The following morning, the kits were delivered to Northridge UMC in Springfield where they were loaded onto a semi-trailer for delivery to UMCOR's distribution center in Illinois and then on to hurricane survivors in Texas and Florida.

There is still a huge need for flood buckets. Another collection site is open at Rolling Plains UMC in Zanesville. These buckets will be delivered to UMCOR's distribution site in Pennsylvania. Keep collecting supplies - we can store the buckets at our office for future disasters, both locally and nationally.

PICTURES OF OUR DAY IN THE DISTRICT



Future District & Local Church Events Mark Your Calendars

details on these events will be posted in future newsletters and on the website

DISTRICT EVENTS

- District Retired Pastor's Luncheon - October 2
- [Lay Servant Ministry Training: Basic Course](#) - October 14
- [Lay Servant Ministry Training: Advance Class on "Justice in Every Day Life"](#) - October 14
- [Smaller Church Pastor's Training "Experiencing the Sacraments of Baptism & Communion"](#) - November 11
- [SHV Ministry Session with Bishop Palmer speaking on "Personal Prayer Life"](#) - November 28 ****note date change from earlier publications****

LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS

- [Soul'd Out in Concert at Grace UMC](#), Washington Court House - October 1
- [Dr. Paul Stutzman to Speak at Thurman UMC](#) - October 1
- [New Testament Greek Class in Jackson, Ohio](#) Begins October 2
- [Kira Shcherbakova in Concert at Jeffersonville UMC](#) - October 8
- Haverhill UMC Homecoming Service and Dinner - October 8, 10:00 a.m.
- Hillsboro First UMC to Host [Wesleyan Covenant Association Simulcast](#) - October 14

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

- [Adena Schools & Clarksburg UMC Partner in Grant](#)
- [Winchester UMC Fills Flood Buckets](#)

UMCOR Responds to Hurricane Harvey

UMCOR is currently working with disaster coordinators and early response teams to provide relief to the many survivors of hurricane/tropical storm Harvey.



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Events Around the Conference

details on these events will be posted in future newsletters and on the website

- [United Methodist Rural Advocates Webinar Series](#) - November 7, January 9, April 12
- [In Community Training - Embracing Our Neighbors](#) - October 7
- [Volunteers In Mission \(VIM\) Leaders Training](#) - October 7, 12, February 17
- [Church Safety & Security Workshop](#) - Northwest UMC, Columbus - October 13
- Early Disaster Response Training - [October 21 at Aley UMC](#), [October 21 at Decatur UMC](#), [October 28 at Clifton UMC](#), [November 4 at Bowling Green UMC](#)
- [21st Annual Legal Forum](#) - October 27

Churches to Pray for This Month

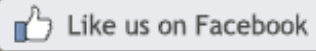
- Week of October 1
 - South Point UMC, Pastor Jamie Mosley
- Week of October 8
 - South Salem UMC, Pastor Phil Malone
- Week of October 15
 - South Webster Christ UMC, Pastor Sam Peters
- Week of October 22
 - South Webster Grace UMC, Pastor Larry Moore
- Week of October 29
 - Spring Grove UMC, Pastor Tom Payton

For Celebration & Healing

- Congratulations to Pastor Bradrick & Megan Jenkins on the birth of their daughter, Sadie Eileen Faith Jenkins on August 22. Brad serves Coal Grove Memorial & rock Camp UMCs

- Congratulations to Rev. Mike & Elise Starkey on the birth of their first grandson, Boone Starkey (Parents are Tim & Katie Starkey). They ask for continued prayers, as Boone was born with a genetic disease and has begun treatments. Doctors are optimistic that this will not deter Boone's future.
- Prayers for Pastor Keith Richardson and his family on the death of Keith's father. Keith serves Alma & Omega UMCs
- Praise and thanks from Pastor Jim Wade (Springbank UMC) on his successful recent surgery.

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