

West Ohio Conference
Shawnee Valley



SHV Ministry Sessions
September 12, 10:00 a.m.
Christ UMC, Jackson

Opportunities to Network with Others and Learn Together - Open to Anyone

This session's topic will be "Sabbath Keeping", led by Bill Hughes, a staff member of SabbathLiving.org.

Everyone is welcome; Leadership Team meets at 9:30 a.m. for a short business meeting. **A complimentary meal is served at noon - Please contact the district office to reserve a meal.**

2017 Festival of Sharing
September 23, Otterbein University

For many years, the Shawnee Valley District has generously participated in the Festival of Sharing Kit Collections. We have assembled school kits, health kits, baby kits, and disaster buckets as well as providing funds for Church World Service blankets. Individuals and congregations of this district have been a significant partner with the Festival and Church World Service.



Once again we will be collecting kits to share with people worldwide. Information is available through the Church World Service website at [Church World Service/Get Involved](http://ChurchWorldService/GetInvolved). You can also visit the [Ohio Festival of Sharing website](http://OhioFestivalofSharingwebsite).

[DISTRICT COLLECTION SITES AND COLLECTION DATES](#)

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.



Future District & Local Church Events

Mark Your Calendars

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

DISTRICT EVENTS

- [Lay Servant Training: Advanced Class on "Leading Missional Small Groups](#) - September 16
- [Smaller Church Pastors' Training on Preaching & Worship Planning in Smaller Churches](#) - September 23
- 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

- [Rainsboro / Marshall UMCs LIVING PROOF SIMULCAST](#) - September 16 (register by September 8)
- [Springbank UMC Annual Harvest Dinner](#) - September 23
- [Kira Shcherbakova in Concert at Jeffersonville UMC](#) - October 8

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.

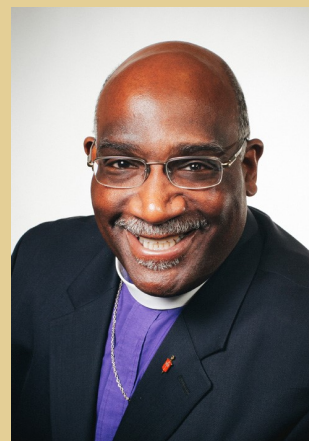


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Bishop Palmer Speaks to Charlottesville & Beyond

"As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.'" (Luke 19:41-42)

On Saturday, August 12, I was on a long 500-mile drive and was unaware of what was going on in Charlottesville, Virginia, until someone reached out to me by text. That text led to a call and the call led me to pull into a rest stop so that I could pull up what information I could on my cell phone. Needless to say that even reading and watching for a few minutes on the small screen of a mobile device, I was horrified, angered, sad, and numb. I felt these emotions, and I still do. ([Continue Reading](#))



Additional Information can be found in the [UnitedMethodistNow special e-newsletter.](#)

Strategic Ministries Grant Application Deadline October 1, 2017

We are so excited in the Shawnee Valley District to invest money in our congregations to partner with you in order to help create meaningful life-changing ministry!!



The Strategic Ministries Grant is offered annually, and any church may apply. Up to \$20,000 is available per church, with a limit of \$70,000 offered by the

District each year.

Applications for 2018 are being accepted now and the deadline is October 1, 2017.

[Details and Application](#)



Events Around the Conference


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- [United Methodist Rural Advocates Webinar Series](#) - September 12, November 7, January 9, April 12
- **West Ohio Traction Tracks:**
 - [Streamline Your Church's Administrative Structure](#) - One Session, 4 Locations beginning September 18
 - [Creating a Social Media Strategy for Your Church](#) - Two sessions beginning September 20
 - [Family Ties: Home, Church, and Community](#) - Four Sessions beginning September 28
- [Festival of Sharing](#) - September 23
- [Professional Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries Fall Conference](#) - September 26
- [Town and Rural Resources Program \(TARRP\) "Revive & Review for Relevant Ministry Retreat](#) - September 30
- [Stewardship 101](#) - September 30
- [All In Community Training - Embracing Our Neighbors](#) - October 7
- [Volunteers In Mission \(VIM\) Leaders Training](#) - October 7, 12, February 17

Churches to Pray for This Month

- Week of September 3
 - Sandy Springs UMC, Pastor Wayne Harper
- Week of September 10
 - Sardinia UMC, Pastor Jaime Wirth
- Week of September 17
 - Slabfork Centenary, Pastor Clyde Pennington
- Week of September 24
 - Sonner Chapel UMC, Pastor Lloyd Shoemaker
- Week of October 1
 - South Point UMC, Pastor Jamie Mosley

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