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### CHARGE CONFERENCE FORMS AVAILABLE

Forms for Local Church Charge Conferences are now available for download

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[CHARGE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AND INSTRUCTIONS](#)

Don't wait to begin the process. If you have any questions, please contact the District Office



Church / Charge Conference Info

### CHARGE CONFERENCE CHALLENGE

Each year, we select a ministry to support during our charge conferences. This year is no exception and we have chosen to support UMCOR through the donation of Cleaning Kits, Hygiene Kits or School Kits (or the monetary equivalents).



We are challenging each church to **assemble at least one kit** and bring it to your county charge conference. We might even have a prize for the county that collects the most (we'll make it fair).

Here's what you can do: *(please follow the specific details on assembling the kits)*

- Assemble a [Cleaning Kit](#) (monetary value: \$75)
- Assemble a [Hygiene Kit](#) (monetary value: \$12)
- Assemble a [School Kit](#) (monetary value: \$11)

If your church chooses to collect monetary donations, please write the check to Shawnee Valley District and we will send one check to UMCOR after all of the donations are collected.

### MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Rev. Derek Russell (First UMC, Hillsboro) is planning on taking a team to Zambia in the Spring of 2019 to minister alongside Brian and Tara Vincent. Brian served as a pastor at Hope UMC in Wellston.



Words from Derek: "Why Zambia and not somewhere closer? I have been hearing for years about the vibrancy and vitality of the United Methodist Church in Africa, and I want to go and become more familiar with some of the United Methodists there. We go not only to give of ourselves, but we also go to learn from them and to receive what God has in store for us. There are West Ohio missionaries in Zambia, Brian and Tara Vinson (along with their children) who are dear friends of mine. I trust making arrangements for a mission trip with them because I have known them for many years."

Are you interested? Anticipated travel dates are Spring of 2019 (April 23 - May 7); Approximate cost is \$2500 (deposit due by October 1, 2018).

Contact Rev. Derek Russell ([pastor@hillsborofirstumc.com](mailto:pastor@hillsborofirstumc.com)) with questions.



JOIN THE VOICES FOR RECOVERY  
invest in health, home, purpose, and community

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH,

and as we know, around 80% of all incarcerated persons and returning neighbors have addiction and/or mental health challenges. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) sponsors September as National Recovery Month to increase awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders, and also to celebrate individuals living in recovery. To assist communities in preparation for National Recovery Month, the federal agency has released a toolkit, which provides tips and resources for planning Recovery Month events and distributing information in communities. The 2018 Recovery Month theme is "Join the Voices for Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Purpose, and Community" and encourages stakeholders and individuals to have dialogue around behavioral health needs and working together to fight the opioid epidemic.

[ONLINE TOOL KIT](#)

## **WORSHIP: PLAN, ENHANCE & ENRICH - DOING A LOT WITH A LITTLE**

**September 15**  
Christ UMC, Baltimore, Ohio



Sometimes we find our worship is more about routine elements each Sunday rather than an outpouring of gratefulness and praise to our Triune God. Sometimes our worship requires enhancement, enrichment, updating, or a tweak. Sometimes we are so used to throwing a service together at the last minute we forget that worshipful planning often leads to worshipful worship services.

Presented by the Town and Rural Resource Program (TARRP) of West and East Ohio, Rev. Robin Knowles-Wallace, seminary professor at MTSO, will teach Theology of Hymns for the 21st Century and Creative Worship Planning. Rev. Jackson Henry, the Director of Music Ministries at UM Discipleship Ministries, will offer and demonstrate detailed worship resources our denomination offers for free or affordable prices. To focus on your church's particular needs, you may choose one of three break-out sessions: Planning for Advent with Rev. Knowles-Wallace; PowerPoint and Media in the Church with Rev. Ryan Grace; or Recruit, Form or Create a Worship Team led by Rev. Barbara Cooper. Brooke Hilliard will demonstrate UM Hymnal resources and offer Music Ministry Enhancements at the Cokesbury table. Join us for a day of worship, learning, sharing, and equipping.

More information is available by contacting:  
Rev. Deb Ketcham at 614-580-2382 or [revdsk@frontier.com](mailto:revdsk@frontier.com).

**Registration deadline is September 9.**

[DETAILS AND REGISTRATION FORM](#)

## **ALL IN COMMUNITY HEALING COMMUNITIES TRAINING**

**September 22**  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Wheelersburg UMC



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.

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## **CONNECTIONS, RESOURCES AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

- [HUNGER RELIEF ADVOCATE FOR SOCIETY OF ST ANDREW](#)
- [PREACHER'S RELIEF SOCIETY](#)
- [UNITED METHODIST MEN'S LOVE PACKAGES](#)
- [SHAWNEE SIGNALS \(SHAWNEE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN\)](#)

## **LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES** Fall Classes Announced

Lay Servant Ministry is our United Methodist system for lay

leadership development and includes lay speaking as one of the certifications. The basic and advanced courses are designed to help develop skills in witnessing to the Christian faith through spoken communication, church and community leadership, and care-giving ministries.

**Anyone may attend any course, but specific coursework is required to become a Certified Lay Speaker, if desired.**



If you are interested, speak to your pastor for details or contact our District Coordinator, Pastor Carol Harper (harperec1@gmail.com)

Classes offered this fall:

- **Teach Adults** (This course is designed to help provide a basic understanding of the ways in which adults learn and grow) **September 22 - Led by Becky Becker**
- **Go Preach!** (This course is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. It is a two part training - both days are required.) **October 13 & 27 - Led by Rev. Al Bolte**
- **Basic Training** (This course is foundational for all courses in lay servant ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.) **October 13 - Led by Lay Servant Ministries Team**
- **Leading in Conflict Resolution** (Every church deals with conflict, both healthy and unhealthy, and lay servants can be equipped and empowered to help lead through those times of conflict as a time of transformation.) **October 27 - Led by Anthony Moseley, Licensed Professional Counselor, MA, LPCC, NCC**
- **Leading in Prayer** (For many people, prayer remains a mystery, and praying in public is a test of faith left to the "professionals" of the church. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in prayer, both public and personal.) **November 10 - Led by Dr. Wayne Young**

[CLICK HERE FOR CLASS SCHEDULE AND TO REGISTER](#)

### STRATEGIC MINISTRY GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE NEARING

Grants Applications due by October 1  
Grants will be awarded for the 2019 Calendar Year

[DETAILS AND FORMS](#)



The No Man Left Behind Model is a step-by-step plan to starting and reviving men's ministry in the local church. It is based on the No Man Left Behind book, by Patrick Morley, David Delk & Brett Clemmer. This conference is sponsored by the Shawnee Valley District UMC, West Ohio Conference United Methodist Men and Man in the Mirror. The facilitators will be Ben Shaeffer, President of the West Ohio Conference UMM, Clark Miller, Regional Director of Man in the Mirror and Bob Hanson, Area Director for Man in the Mirror. This 12-hour leadership training is designed for District & Local Leaders of UMM Groups, Pastors and Men's Ministry Leaders who are interested in developing skill sets for starting, growing and sustaining men as disciples of Jesus Christ.

**GREAT IDEAS! GREAT INTERACTION! GREAT NEW TOOLS!**

Cost (includes breakfast & lunch on Saturday and all materials)  
(Early Bird) \$35 Before September 30  
\$45 After September 30 and up until the Start of the Event

[FLIER & REGISTRATION FORM](#)

OR

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### CHURCHES TO PRAY FOR THIS MONTH

- **Week of September 2, 2018** - Crouse Chapel UMC
  - Pastor Janette Elliott
- **Week of September 9, 2018** - Defender UMC
  - Pastor Bill Flannery
- **Week of September 16, 2018** - Dry Run UMC
  - Pastor Jerry Caddell

- **Week of September 23, 2018** - Dunkinsville UMC
  - Pastor Steve Darby
- **Week of September 30, 2018** - East Monroe UMC
  - Pastor Rich Allen



Bishop Gregory V. Palmer encourages all West Ohio United Methodists to participate daily in Praying Our Way Forward until the conclusion of the Special Session of General Conference which ends February 26, 2019. Below are some suggestions and resources for your use.

- Engage in a weekly Wesleyan 24-hour fast from Thursday after dinner to Friday mid-afternoon. Those who have health situations causing food fasts to be unadvisable might consider fasting from social media, emails or another daily activity.
- Pause and pray for our church's mission and way forward daily for four minutes from 2:23 through 2:26 a.m. or p.m. in their own time zone OR at another time. This is because the Special Session of General Conference will be held February 23 through February 26, 2019.
- Pray using a weekly prayer calendar that will be posted on the UMCPrays.org website from June 2, 2018, through the end of February 2019. The calendar will list a unique cluster of names each week. The names will balance United States bishops and delegates with Central Conference bishops and delegates. It will also include General Secretaries, Commission on a Way Forward members, the Commission of the General Conference and the staff of the General Conference.

[MORE INFORMATION & RESOURCES](#)



**October 17, 2018**  
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Trinity UMC, Chillicothe

Join **Bishop Gregory V. Palmer** for an evening of inspiration, worship, testimony and sharing. All West Ohio United Methodists are encouraged to attend. Each event is FREE however, **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED** for dinner and to receive printed materials. Each person wanting to attend **MUST** complete a registration form. Dinner will start at 6:00 pm and programming will begin promptly at 7:00 pm and end at 8:30 pm.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



**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.

- September 1 - [Outdoor Enthusiasts](#) at Lake Katharine, Jackson County
- September 11 - District Leadership Team Meeting
- September 11 - [SHV Ministry Session](#)
- September 22 - [Lay Servant Training](#) (Teaching Adult Bible Study)
- September 22 - [Healing Communities](#) at Wheelersburg UMC
- September 28-29 - [Pastor/Spouse Retreat](#) at Shawnee State Park

- October 1 - [Strategic Ministries Grant Applications Due](#)
- October 13 - Lay Servant Training ([Basic](#) & [Go Preach, Part 1](#))

- October 17 - Bishop Palmer "[I Believe in the Church](#)" at Chillicothe Trinity
- October 21 - **Adams County Charge Conference** at Peebles UMC
- October 22 - **Brown County Charge Conference** at Mt Nebo UMC
- October 24 - **Fayette County Charge Conference** at WCH Grace UMC
- October 26-27 - District Men's Retreat at Scioto Hills Retreat Center
- October 27 - Lay Servant Training ([Go Preach, part 2](#) and [Conflict Resolution](#))
- October 28 - **Highland County Charge Conference** at Hillsboro First UMC
- October 29 - **Jackson County Charge Conference** at Wesley UMC

- November 1 - **Lawrence County Charge Conference** at New Hope UMC
- November 3 - [Smaller Church Pastor Training](#) at Richmond Dale UMC
- 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"

**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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