



April, 2017

# Shawnee Valley District News



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Local Churches

Week of 04/02/17 - New Faith UMC, Pastor Dan Pelzel

Week of 04/09/17 - New Harmony UMC, Pastor Tracy Taylor

Week of 04/16/17 - New Hope UMC, Pastor Dwayne Shugert

Week of 04/23/17 - Nippen UMC, Pastor Haden Davis

Week of 04/30/17 - Oak Hill Faith UMC, Pastor Becky Wingo



## VIETNAM MISSION TRIP

FOOTHILLS AND SHAWNEE VALLEY DISTRICTS

APRIL 25 - MAY 8

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE TEAM AND THE MISSION

This will be our seventh motorbike mission trip to Vietnam!

This year, we plan to visit new provinces in northeastern Vietnam. We will travel primarily on small motorbikes, although a van will be provided for a few non-riders. Through individual donations, we have already raised money to purchase 5 new motorbikes to ride while we are there.

Please share these names with your prayer partners and continue covering this team and mission in prayer.

- John Alice, Rolling Plains UMC (Zanesville), FTH District
- Emory Clark, New Hope UMC (Logan), FTH District
- Roberta Eddy, Shawnee Valley District Administrative Assistant & Mission Coordinator
- John Feurt, Oldtown UMC, SHV District
- Gary Hopkins, Friendship UMC and Oldtown UMC, SHV District
- Bruce Kurtz, Dresden UMC, FTH District
- Dennis Miller, Foothills District Superintendent
- Richard Purvis, Dresden UMC, FTH District
- Phil Thomas, Chesterhill UMC and Pisgah UMC, FTH District
- Robbie Scott, Hoffman UMC (West Milton), MIV District
- Sam Peters, Christ UMC (South Webster), SHV District



## GUEST WORSHIPERS ARE COMING TO YOUR CHURCH!!

This Spring, 115 lay people from churches within our Shawnee Valley District will each be attending two of our 115 churches as guest worshippers. It is our desire as a District to help every church, both large and small, become better prepared for Sunday morning guests. We want every one of our churches to thrive and welcome

people into the family of God.

Oftentimes, as regular attenders in our own local church, we forget what it must be like for a person to come as a "stranger" to our church and sometimes we fail to intentionally welcome a guest and follow up with them afterwards. We want to help each of our congregations to be reminded again how to be a welcoming and hospitable place. [\(READ MORE\)](#)



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

MAY 21, 3:00 pm- 7:00 pm

STILLWATER EVENT AND CONFERENCE CENTRE  
464 DEBORD ROAD, CHILLICOTHE

Everyone is invited -- Pastors, Laity, Families (Kid Friendly)

We'll play, eat, worship with Bishop Gregory Palmer and for our spring mission, collect donations for [UMCOR Health Kits](#)

**THERE IS NO COST FOR THE DAY, BUT RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE TO GIVE THE CATERER AN IDEA OF HOW MANY WILL BE SERVED  
RSVP TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY MAY 12**

### **MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DAY'S SCHEDULE**



## **COME TO THE RIVER - A RETREAT FOR PASTORS & THEIR FAMILIES**

June 15-16

Great Wolf Lodge, Mason, Ohio

- Bring your family (grandkids, too!)
- Relax, Recharge and Rejoice in the Lord
- Fellowship with others pastors around the District
- Enjoy a Friday morning prayer breakfast

Only \$50 per family (District pays the rest)

Limited Number of Rooms Available - MORE DETAILS [HERE](#)



### **VIETNAM MISSION NEWS**

#### **Health Kits Update - from Quynh-Hoa Nguyen**

*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.*

We distributed more than 200 health kits to churches in the three rural regions during the past two months. Kits were distributed to churches in Camau province, Vietnam's southernmost tip, and the highland Gialai and Kontum provinces. The kits contain general hygiene items, blankets, mosquito nets, first aid items, common medicines, and vitamins. They provide families and churches with necessary essentials to deal with cold weather and mosquitos as well as medicines to control pain, fever, and diarrhea, which is a common problem to the people here. The kits were so special to the people in need. ([Read entire Newsletter](#))

*\*Editor's note - Shawnee Valley sent \$5,000 from local church donations to support this project.*



### **"BLESSING BOX" HELPS COAL GROVE COMMUNITY**

A large white box now sits outside of Memorial United Methodist Church in Coal Grove, Ohio. Inside the box are items that community members can take if they need them. The box thrives off of donations. The "Blessing Box" is home to non-perishable items like canned food, toiletries and even clothes.

"Jesus talks about how we welcome those around us that are in need," said Pastor Brad Jenkins. "It is there for anybody who needs it."

On the top of the box it reads, "Take what you need. Leave what you can."

You don't have to ask the church before exploring the box.

"They can feel free to look in the box and see if there's anything in there that they need," Jenkins said.

A family that goes to the church decided to build the box after being inspired by similar ones in the area. ([Read Entire Article from WSAZ News Channel 3, West Virginia](#))

## **HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT**

### **EVENTS**

- April 2 - [Fresh Spirit Concert](#) at Jeffersonville UMC
- April 2 - [Ball Family Concert](#) at Highland UMC
- April 2 - ["Living Parables"](#) at Hallsville UMC
- April 2 - [Capriccio Columbus in Concert](#) at Grace UMC, Washington Court House
- April 7 & 8 - [Living Last Supper Dramatization](#) at Mt Nebo UMC
- April 9 - [Brent Vernon](#) in Concert at Hallsville UMC
- April 15 - Last day to donate seeds to [Jackson Area Ministries](#)
- April 30 - Deadline for submitting [Local Church Fund Balance Reports](#)

to District Office

## NEWS

- [Shawnee Signals](#) - Shawnee Valley District UMC Newsletter

## CLASSIFIEDS

- [Missionary & Family needs housing at Annual Conference](#)
- [Copier/Scanner/Fax for Sale](#)
- [Hymnals Needed](#)

## OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS AROUND THE WEST OHIO CONFERENCE

### EVENTS

- April 2 - [Breakthrough Prayer Initiative "Traction Tracks"](#)
- April 4 - [Retired Ministers; Association Spring Luncheon](#)
- April 22 - [PAUMCS Spring Conference](#)
- April 22 - [UM Historical Society Convocation & Annual Meeting](#)
- April 29 - [UMW Racial Justice Retreat](#)
- May 13 - [Breakthrough Prayer Initiative 'Traction Tracks'](#)
- June 12-17 - [Ohio Wesleyan Explore](#)
- July 6-9 - [Mission U](#)
- July 7-8 - [United Methodist Men's National Gathering](#)

### NEWS

- [WOC Mission & Justice Newsletter](#)
- [2017 Annual Conference Offering to Support "Light The Way" Campaign](#)



Add us to your newsletter or e-news so we can see what your church is doing!

And with our new website design, it is easier to advertise your local church events. Just send the information via e-mail, post on our Facebook page or call Diana at 740-637-0829. We'll add the event to our [Events Calendar](#)

and provide any details you wish to share. Most formats accepted (MS Word, .pdf, .jpg, etc.)

Also, be sure to "LIKE" our Facebook page, share your Church's Facebook page with [Diana Hughes Hall](#), and add the Shawnee Valley District to your newsletter (e-news to [dhall@wocumc.org](mailto:dhall@wocumc.org) and/or postal copy to 573 E Main, Chillicothe, OH, 45601).

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