

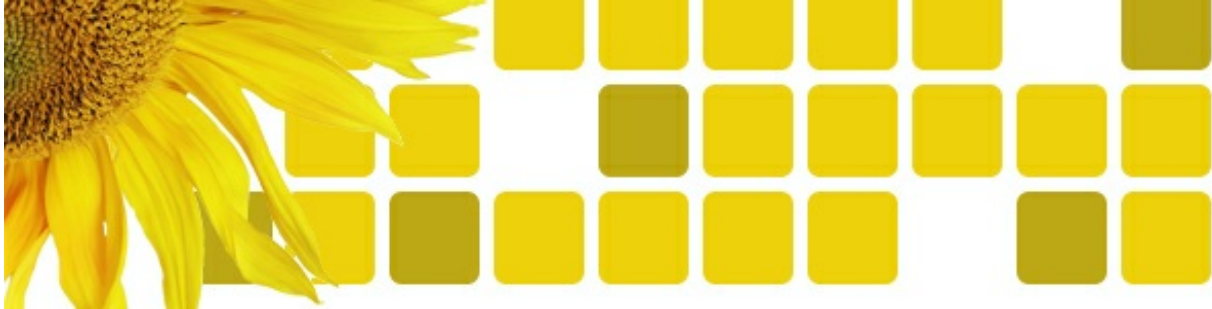


West Ohio Conference
Shawnee Valley



August, 2016

Shawnee Valley District News



PRAYER REQUESTS

Local Churches

Week of 7/31 - Finley Chapel UMC, Pastor Brian Pinkerman

Week of 08/07 - Frankfort UMC, Pastor Neil Foster

Week of 08/14 - Franklin Furnace UMC, Pastor Jim Davis

Week of 08/21 - Friendship UMC, Pastor Gary Hopkins

Week of 08/28 - Fruitdale UMC, Pastor Phil Malone



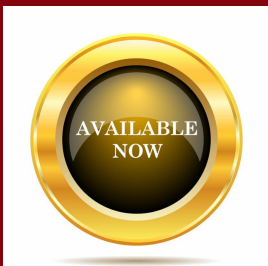
[Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus Community](#)

[L.O.V.E. \(Limestone Ohio Valley Emmaus Community\)](#)

[Hill View Retirement Center, Portsmouth, Ohio](#)

[Shawnee Valley United Methodist Women Website](#)

[Opportunities to Serve in the District](#)



Check out our Classified Ads

[Small Organ](#)



EXCITING NEWS FROM THE SHAWNEE VALLEY DISTRICT CONGREGATIONS!

Click [HERE](#) to read some encouraging statistics gathered from year-end reports.



SHAWNEE VALLEY DISTRICT PRAYER EFFORT

These past couple of years we have challenged our District to be intentional in prayer. We have hosted Symphonies of Prayer as well as set aside a specific Sunday morning for all of our churches to pray together. We want to designate the month of August as another opportunity to challenge ourselves to pray specifically for our school systems as well as particular schools near our churches. [\(READ MORE\)](#)



DISASTER RESPONSE TEAMS PREPARING TO ASSIST IN WEST VIRGINIA FLOOD CLEAN-UP

Flood Clean-up efforts are continuing and teams around the West Ohio Conference are still waiting to receive the go-ahead to respond from the West Virginia volunteer coordinators. UMCOR encourages our response teams to wait until an invitation is extended from the local authorities.

Currently, there is a team planning to go the week of August 21, if the West Virginia volunteer coordinators agree. If you are interested, please e-mail Steve Miller, Miami Valley District Response Team - mvdrt12@gmail.com. You do not need to have credentials (ERT training) to serve.

[Read Bishop Palmer's letter on how you can help in the flood relief effort.](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEED TO HELP BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING



Jackson Area Ministries finally has started the construction of our first "affordable house". It is being built in McArthur. For this to be successful we are dependent upon a significant number of volunteers. [\(READ MORE\)](#)

LOCAL CHURCH & MISSION NEWS & EVENTS

EVENTS

- [BeStrongRossCo Prayer Gathering and Christian Music Concert- 8/11](#)
- [Resurrection Hope to Honor First Responders - 9/11](#)
- [Crouse Chapel UMC 200 Year Celebration - 9/25](#)

- [Bible Land Exploration Tour \(November, 2016\)](#)

NEWS

- [Belfast UMC Celebrates 200 Years of Ministry](#)
- [Local Church Looks to Help the World's Hungry](#)

OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS AROUND THE CONFERENCE

EVENTS

- [Horizons Stewardship Academy of Faith and Money \(8/1-4\)](#)
- [Town & Rural Resource Pastors \(TARRP\) Adapting to Your Town, Country or Rural Setting \(8/27\)](#)
- [Fellowship of Local Pastors & Associate Members Fall Retreat \(10/13-15\)](#)
- [Nurturing Appalachia: Heart and Soul \(10/12-14\)](#)
- [Deacon Formation Event & Order of Deacon Gathering \(11/02\)](#)

CHANGES IN FEDERAL LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FLSA)

In May of this year, the U. S. Department of Labor announced its final changes to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) regulations. The regulation defines rules to be followed in categorizing certain employees as exempt or non-exempt thereby impacting applicability of overtime payment requirements. The regulations, which go into effect December 1, 2016, may impact organizations throughout The United Methodist Church connection. [\(READ PRESS RELEASE FROM GCFA\)](#)

[READ SUMMARY OF FEDERAL LAW CHANGES AFFECTING EXEMPT/NON-EXEMPT WORKER STATUS](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS*

**times, locations and other details will be posted on our website as they become available*

- 08/23 - New Pastor Orientation, 5:30 - District Office
- 09/06 - Leadership Team Meeting and Training Event - Location TBA
- 09/17 - Advanced Lay Servant Training - Living Our UM Beliefs
- 10/01 - Deadline for receiving Strategic Ministries Grant applications
- 10/05 - Clergy Day Apart (Details on WOC website)
- 10/08 - Basic & Advanced Lay Servant Ministries (part 1 of 2)
- 10/11 - Pre-Retirement Seminar (Details on WOC website)
- 10/19 - SHV Retired Pastors Luncheon (Location TBA)
- 10/22 - Basic & Advanced Lay Servant Ministries (part 2 of 2)
- 10/29 - SHV Annual Charge Conference - Cornerstone UMC
- 11/05 - SHV Annual Charge Conference - Grace UMC, Washington Court House
- 11/11 - Basic & Advanced Lay Servant Ministries



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 and/or postal copy to 573 E Main, Chillicothe, OH, 45601).

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