



West Ohio Conference
Shawnee Valley



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Shawnee Valley District News



PRAYER REQUESTS

Local Churches

Week of 12/4/16 - Leesburg UMC, Pastor Rich Allen

Week of 12/11/16 - Liberty Chapel UMC, Pastor Chuck Reeves

Week of 12/18/16 - Liberty Chapel at Scrub Ridge UMC, Pastor Chuck Reeves

Week of 12/25/16 - Londonderry UMC, Pastor Gerald Mershimer

Week of 1/1/17 - Lucasville UMC, Pastor Mike Musser

RESOURCES
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[Greater Scioto Valley
Emmaus Community](#)

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

2017 DISTRICT WINTER WORKSHOP

Mark your calendars to attend the annual winter workshops on Saturday, January 21 (snow day January 28). The event will be held at Trinity UMC in Chillicothe from 9:00 a.m. to NOON. You will have the opportunity to choose 2 workshops. Anyone may attend this event.

Winter Workshop Topics

- *Are You Ready for Guests at Your Church?*
 - Rev. Tim Roth, Cornerstone UMC, Portsmouth
- *Ministry to Our Service Members/Veterans and Their Families*
 - Chaplain Randy Bentley
- *Reaching New People through Alternative Worship Services*
 - Dr. Derek Russell, First UMC, Hillsboro
- *Stewardship 101 - Growing Generous Givers*
 - Rev. Stan Ling, Associate Director, West Ohio Conference Council on Development
- *Volunteers in Mission*
 - Gayle Quigg, Mission Advocate, North Central Jurisdiction UMC
- *Further Up, Firther In: Developing a Cohesive Discipleship Pathway*
 - Todd Richards, Director of Discipleship, Scioto Ridge UMC

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

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You don't think about the issue until it hits close to home.

In light of the recent incident at The Ohio State University, someone mentioned that churches should have training in place for an active shooter scenario. UMCOR has a program that addresses this and many other safety and disaster issues.

Your District Disaster Coordinators have been trained by UMCOR representatives in the **Connecting Neighbors** curriculum. Let us come to your church and help you develop a disaster plan. Contact the office for details.

Also, here are some encouraging words from Bishop Palmer [Rising Above Fear](#)

DISTRICT NEWS

JACKSON CHRIST - FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

Christ United Methodist Church in Jackson, Ohio accepted the challenge to meet a basic need of starving children in the world. The church partnered with Feed My Starving Children and a God-sized goal was set to pack 225,000 mobile meal packs and raise \$50,000 for the cause.

The Mobile Pack event was held in the church's Family Life Center on October 14 and 15, 2016 ([Read More](#))



VIETNAM MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS PURCHASE HEALTH KITS

We are deeply grateful to the Shawnee Valley District for their idea and funding for the project. The project provides basic necessities for personal hygiene and common medicines to people in the central highland and rural areas. It aims to educate and support UM community health improvement as well as community outreach in the regions.

Health Kit Items for a family:

- * 1 bottle of shampoo (320g/11.28oz)
- * 1 tube of toothpaste (200g/7oz)
- * 2 bars of soap (90g/3.2oz)
- * 4 toothbrushes (adult size)
- * 1 blanket (1.7m x 2m/67" x 79")
- * 1 mosquito net (1.6m x 2m/63" x 79")
- * 100 Multivitamin tablets

Additionally, each local church has a medicine cabinet that includes medicines for common pain relief and anti-diarrhea, antibacterial ointment, bandages, and cotton balls. People need medicines and multivitamins to treat common diseases and help reduce common muscle and joint pains that many adults and old people in the areas have suffered due to nutrient deficiencies from their food.

**Editor's Note: The Leadership Team approved sending \$5,000 to support this ministry.*

RICHMOND DALE PUPPET MINISTRY

The youth from Richmond Dale United Methodist Church grew up learning black light puppet ministry. When they were offered the chance to enter the 2016 Southeastern High School talent show, they chose puppets. These talented youth invited a couple of their peers to help. They chose the music,

the props and the choreography. They wanted to use this forum to share the gospel and God blessed their efforts. By way of audience ballot voting they won first place.

[WATCH THE VIDEO ON FACEBOOK](#)



UMCOR REQUESTS HEALTH AND BEDDING KITS FOR TENNESSEE FIRE SURVIVORS

Amy Fuselier, Director of UMCOR Sager Brown, sent the following message, "I would like to thank all of the many churches who responded to our call for cleaning buckets in September after the flooding. The response was overwhelming. Because of your generosity, we at UMCOR Sager Brown, were able to replenish our inventory and prepare ourselves for the next request for assistance. I now come to you with a new request. Sager Brown is in need of [HEALTH KITS](#) and [BEDDING KITS](#). Our inventory is not quite where we would like it be should we be called to respond to another disaster. In light of the on-going fires in Tennessee, Georgia and North Carolina, I expect that requests for kits will soon occur. If you and your congregation are able to assist with this request, that would truly be a blessing."

Click on the highlighted links above on how to assemble the kits. Information for sending the kits to UMCOR is also included on each link.

OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS AROUND THE CONFERENCE

EVENTS

- [Winter Camps 2016 - Wise Camper Still Seek Him](#)
- [Summer Impact 2017 - Activate: Faith in Action Intern Opportunity](#)

NEWS

- [Fair Labor Standards Act Update](#)
- [Clergy Personal Finance Resources](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS*

**times, locations and other details are posted on our website. You may also click on each event to direct you to our website.*

01/13/17 - Last day on which 2016 apportionment payments can be received

01/17/17 - [District Leadership Team & Training Event](#), Jackson Calvary UMC

01/21/17 - [District Winter Training](#), Chillicothe Trinity UMC

02/07/17 - [District Leadership Team & Training Event](#), Nauvoo UMC

02/10/17 - 2016 Annual Statistical Report to be completed and submitted to the West Ohio Conference

03/14/17 - [District Leadership Team & Training Event](#), Wheelersburg UMC

03/18-21/17 - Small Church Clergy Retreat - Scioto Hills Conference Center



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