



West Ohio Conference
Shawnee Valley



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Shawnee Valley District News



PRAYER REQUESTS

Local Churches

Week of 02/05/17 - McCdm Chapel UMC, Pastor Danny Welch

Week of 02/12/17 - McDermott UMC, Pastor Frances Newman

Week of 02/19/17 - Minford UMC, Pastor Dennis Bell

Week of 02/26/17 - Moores Chapel UMC, Pastor Dennis Grooms



[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](#)



DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 5

Did you know that statistics number Americans with disabilities at over 50 million people? This is approximately 1 in every 5 people. Add this number of people whose disability is relational and emotional, and this category may include almost every other person in the pew. Perhaps a few of these people will be willing to help plan it and assist leading worship (personal testimonies are a great way to add awareness).

You may wonder why observe it when there are other observed Sundays throughout the year. Simply, because it's mentioned in the gospel. In Luke 14, Jesus taught a lesson using one of his parables, The Great Banquet, which emphasized the inclusion of individuals with disabilities. He said about the invitation, "...so my (Father's) House may be filled" (Luke 14:23). Jesus' invitation to the gospel is for all people and we should be sure not to overlook anyone. [\(READ MORE\)](#)



LEADERSHIP TEAM AND TRAINING

FEBRUARY 7

NAUVOO UMC, WEST PORTSMOUTH

Leadership Business Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker begins at 10:00 a.m.

Complimentary Lunch at Noon

Chris Backert from [Fresh Expressions](#) will be with us to focus on the topic, "Multiplying Missional Communities through Discipleship"

Anyone may attend this event, please contact the District Office if you plan to stay for a complimentary lunch



ALL IN COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY 25

FIRST UMC, CHILLICOTHE

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

The Shawnee Valley District has taken seriously God's call upon our lives as individuals and congregations to be welcoming



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communities of faith for those who are returning citizens from incarceration. Obviously, we have multiple prison institutions in the bounds of our District and believe God calls us to be actively involved within the walls of those facilities as well as when individuals come home to their families in the neighborhoods in which we live.

The West Ohio Conference's All in Community Initiative stands ready to partner with us and resource us on this journey of loving others as Jesus would have us to do. ([Read More](#))



LEADERSHIP TEAM AND TRAINING

MARCH 14
WHEELERSBURG UMC

Leadership Business Meeting begins at 9:30 a.m.

Guest Speaker begins at 10:00 a.m.

Complimentary Lunch at Noon

John Alice, Pastor of Rolling Plains UMC, will be with us to discuss the topic, "Leading for Discipleship: What Happens when a Church Makes Discipleship an Intentional Focus?"

Anyone may attend this event, please contact the District Office if you plan to stay for a complimentary lunch



SPRING DATES AND COURSES ANNOUNCED MARCH 18 & APRIL 22

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.

[\(CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION\)](#)



CLERGY RETREAT FOR PART TIME PASTORS, LOCAL PASTORS AND LAITY WHO ARE FEELING A CALL TO PASTORAL MINISTRY

MARCH 18-19

SCIOTO HILLS CHRISTIAN CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER, WHEELERSBURG

Brandon O'Brien, author of the "[The Strategically Small Church](#)" will be our keynote speaker.

We want to give you a Sunday away from the pulpit so that God can renew, restore, revitalize and refresh your ministry. ([READ MORE](#))



VIETNAM MISSION TRIP FOOTHILLS AND SHAWNEE VALLEY DISTRICTS APRIL 25 - MAY 8

This will be our seventh motorbike mission trip to Vietnam! This year, we plan to visit new provinces in northeastern Vietnam. Please remember, this is a "riding" tour. 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. At the end of our tour, we plan to fly to Hue to attend Pastor Quang's

STORIES FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

- [Thank you from the Foothills District](#)
- [November Newsletter from Vietnam](#)
- [Flood Buckets in Florida](#)
- [Dry Run UMC has a Class of Women Who Love to Serve!](#)

CHECK THE [CLASSIFIEDS](#) FOR JOB POSTINGS and OTHER ITEMS

****New postings****

[Free Organ](#)

[Lakeside Rental](#)

Disaster Response News



- Schedule a Date for Your Church Leadership to Learn About [Connecting Neighbors](#)
- UMCOR Needs Health and Bedding Kits: Go to www.umcor.org/reliefsupplies for information on how to assemble kits.
- **Tornado / Flood response in Southeast.** For information on taking teams, visit the [North Central Jurisdiction Volunteers in Mission website.](#)

OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS AROUND THE CONFERENCE

EVENTS

- [FEBRUARY 18 - TARRP Workshop](#)
- [MARCH 5 - Stewardship 101 for the Smaller Church](#)
- [Professions Association of United Methodist Church Secretaries \(PAUMCS\) Membership](#)
- [Volunteers in Mission - Nicaragua](#)
- [Sharing Our Witness Enriching Relationships \(SOWER\) - 2017 Mission work at Henderson Settlement](#)

NEWS

- [Clergy Personal Finance Resources](#)
- [New Course of Study Offerings](#)
- [WOC Undergraduate Scholarships Application Deadlines Nearing](#)



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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