

Shawnee Valley District News



PRAYER REQUESTS

Local Churches

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

Week of 05/07/17 - Oak Hill St Paul UMC, Pastor Becky Wingo

week of 05/14/17 - Oldtown UMC, Pastor Gary Hopkins

Week of 05/21/17 - Omega UMC, Pastor Keith Richardson

Week of 05/28/17 - Peebles UMC, Pastor David James

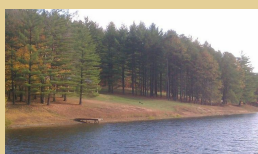


ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE!

At our Annual Spring Picnic, our D.S. Brent Watson has asked for donations to support our Disaster Response Ministry. To narrow down where the funds will go, we have decided to support UMCOR's request to assemble HEALTH KITS - their inventory is low.

Here is the challenge for each local church:

- Assemble at least TWO Health Kits. [Specific instructions](#) can be found [HERE](#) (please follow the instructions carefully)
- Approximate cost of each kit is \$12. Donate \$25 or more and we will purchase the items and assemble the kits.
- Bring your kits or donations to the Picnic and we will deliver them to the drop off site at West Ohio Annual Conference.



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



Be Not Afraid
Facing the Future

The guest speakers and a basic schedule have been set for the 2017 West Ohio Annual Conference session at Lakeside, OH, June 4-7. Guest speakers will be **Bishop Tracy S. Malone**, Bishop of the East Ohio Conference, and **Dr. Elaine A. Heath**, Dean of Duke Divinity School. Leading worship will be **Chuck Bell**, a nationally-known United Methodist worship leader and consultant. More information on 2017 guest speakers and leaders can be found [here](#). Annual Conference will begin on Sunday, June 4, with Laity Session at 5:30 pm and conclude on Wednesday, June 7, with Closing Worship at 4:30 pm. For an outline of the basic schedule, click [here](#).

LAY MEMBER WORKSHOPS NOW AVAILABLE FOR REGISTRATION

During Clergy Session at Annual Conference this year, **four workshops will be offered for Lay Members**: Best Practices in Transformative Missional Engagement for the 21st Century; Go with the Flow (worship planning); Embracing the Future with Impact and Excellence; and Reentry COPE: Experiencing the Effects of Incarceration with Families in the Community. These workshops will be held **Monday, June 5, from 8-10 am, and registration is required by June 1**. Seating is limited, so be sure to register early. For more information or to register online, click [here](#).



UNITED METHODIST NEWS

[COURT HEARS ARGUMENTS OVER GAY BISHOP](#)

[CONSECRATION OF GAY BISHOP AGAINST CHURCH LAW](#)

[BISHOPS SET DATE FOR SPECIAL 2019 GENERAL CONFERENCE](#)

[A MOVE TO PART-TIME CLERGY SPARKS INNOVATION IN CONGREGATIONS](#)



PODCAST SPEAKS TO TRANSITIONS IN LEADERSHIP

Members of Bishop Gregory V. Palmer's cabinet - Rev. Jocelyn Roper, Rev. Brent Watson, and Rev. Dennis Miller - share with Conference Communicator Kay Panovec about how churches can navigate change when welcoming new pastors while at the same time honoring pastors who are moving on to new appointments. Click [HERE](#) to listen to the conversation.



OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION UPDATES

- Many of you are making plans to say good bye to your pastor and to welcome a new pastor. Please make sure your new pastor is covered under workers' compensation. For the clergy leaving your church, a U-117 form needs completed to remove the clergy person from being listed under your church. To get the new clergy listed under your policy, a U-3s form needs to be filled out. Both forms can be completed on-line at www.ohiobwc.com if you have an on-line account. You can also print and complete the forms then mail them to address listed on the form.
- Reminder: each church with a workers' compensation policy will be receiving a "true-up" form sometime in the month of May. This form MUST be completed by every church, regardless of your payroll. In July, you will receive a bill that covers July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018.
- As always, our Third-Party Administrator, Comp Management (800-825-6755), is available to assist with questions or concerns about workers' compensation.



UMCOR KITS TO BE COLLECTED AT WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

If you bring them, they will take them!

Our conference will be collecting relief-supply kits for UMCOR at this year's annual conference. Relief-supply kits help provide care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. The kits collected will be used for global distribution and cleaning buckets for US distribution after storms. Your donated kits will help to sustain everyday life for people who lack ready access to essential supplies. The kits will make a tangible difference in people's lives.

When? Sunday, June 4 - Wednesday, 7

Where? There will be a truck located at the rear of South Auditorium which is where check-in and registration will be held.

Kits? UMCOR is in need of the following kits:

- [Health Kits](#)
- [School Kits](#)
- [Cleaning Bucket](#)
- [Layette Kits](#)

To learn more about a kit, it's contents and specific packing instructions, please click the appropriate kit above.

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT

LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS

- May 13 - [Hallsville UMC Golf Scramble](#)
- May 19 - [Mt Carmel UMC Flea Market & Bake Sale](#)

OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS AROUND THE WEST OHIO CONFERENCE

EVENTS

- May 6 - [Stewardship 101 for the Smaller Church](#)
- 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](#)
- August 4 & 11 - [Congregational Health Promoter Course sponsored by Mt Carmel Hospital](#)

NEWS

- [2017 Annual Conference Offering to Support "Light The Way" Campaign](#)
- [Applications are posted online for the 2018 West Ohio Revitalization/Capacity Building Grant. Deadline to Apply is July 1, 2017](#)
- [Volunteers in Mission Opportunities](#)



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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