



West Ohio Conference  
Shawnee Valley



November, 2016

# Shawnee Valley District News



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Local Churches

Week of 11/6 - Jackson Christ UMC, Pastor Dave Roach, Janie Karl, Diaconal Minister & Matt McKee, Youth Pastor

Week of 11/13 - Jackson Grace UMC, Pastor Chuck Eagle

Week of 11/20 - Jeffersonville UMC, Pastor Tom Knauff

Week of 11/27 - Leesburg UMC, Pastor Rich Allen



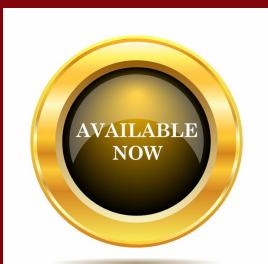
[Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus Community](#)

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

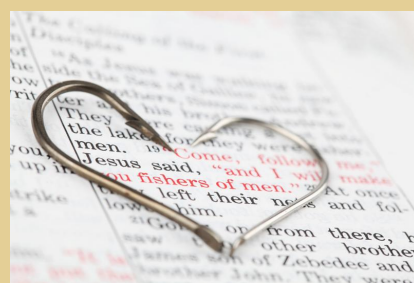
[Hill View Retirement Center, Portsmouth, Ohio](#)

[Shawnee Valley United Methodist Women Website](#)

[Opportunities to Serve in the District](#)



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## THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED OUR FALL MISSION EFFORTS

Hopefully the two charge conferences were enjoyed and some wonderful insight gained to take back to your local churches.

Throughout the District, over 230 shoe boxes were collected for Operation Christmas Child, along with over \$3,100 to support their follow-up program with the children who receive the boxes. And the numbers are still coming in! Several churches didn't bring their shoe boxes because of the large numbers - Prospect UMC boxed 412 this year! We will try to have a complete District tally in future newsletters.

Thank you to all who took time to join us!



## CELEBRATING GOALS

District Superintendent, Brent Watson chose to celebrate the ministries of three churches this fall at our charge conferences. Each church received a framed certificate and the district staff will visit each church in the near future to celebrate in person with the entire congregation. The churches were chosen from three attendance categories - 0-50, 51-100 and over 101. [\(READ MORE\)](#)

## 60 YEARS OF MINISTRY Reverend Gerald Erter



For someone who is 'retired', Rev. Erter is still blessing many families with his ministry. He recently celebrated 60 years of ministry at the church he is currently serving, Concord UMC in

Ross County.

Gerald has served at least 12 churches since the beginning of his career, including: Greater Hardin Circuit 1950; Spencerville Circuit 1953; Marietta Trinity 1956; Portsmouth Valley 1959; Jackson Christ 1965; DPA Athens Dist 1974; Kenton First 1978; Chillicothe Walnut Street (P) 1987; Concord (SHV) 2009.

Congratulations, and thank you, Gerald for spreading the Good News!



## VIETNAM BACKPACKS AND BIBLES

Dear Friends in the Shawnee Valley District:

We are delighted to send you many thanks and happy smiles from the children of Viet Nam. There were more children receiving Bibles and backpacks this year. I would like to update the

program as follow.

262 children received Bibles & backpacks this year thanks to your financial support. [\(READ MORE\)](#)



### 2016 GIVING TUESDAY November 29

As a passionate disciple of Jesus Christ, your participation is vital to living out God's mission through The United Methodist Church. Every day you are

giving light, giving love, and giving to a world in need through your prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

November 29, you are invited to come together with thousands of United Methodists to support the work of Advance projects and missionaries on UMC #GivingTuesday. [\(READ MORE\)](#)

### HOW FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT CHANGES WILL AFFECT YOUR CHURCH

One month from today, a significant change to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) goes into effect. This change highlights how significant this law is to your church employees. Effective December 1, the salary minimum threshold for certain exemptions from minimum wage and overtime pay will be raised to \$47,476 per year. [\(READ MORE\)](#)



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 to attend and registration will open at a later date. 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
- *Alternative Worship Services*
  - Dr. Derek Russell, First UMC, Hillsboro
- *Extravagant Generosity in your Local Church*
  - Rev. Stan Ling, Associate Director, West Ohio Conference Council on Development
- *Volunteers in Mission*
  - Gayle Quigg, Mission Advocate, North Central Jurisdiction UMC
- *Small Group Ministry*
  - Todd Richards, Director of Discipleship, Scioto Ridge UMC



#### DISASTER RESPONSE OPPORTUNITY

Interested in traveling to South Carolina to help with Hurricane Matthew clean-up? Shawnee Valley is planning to go for a week in December.

If you are interested, please contact the District Office. You don't have to be ERT certified to participate - just willing hands and feet and a

loving heart.

### OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS AROUND THE CONFERENCE

#### EVENTS

- [Clergy Day Apart \(11/30\)](#)
- [Winter Camps 2016](#)

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS\*

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



01/17/17 - Leadership Team, Jackson Calvary UMC

01/21/17 - District Winter Training, Chillicothe Trinity UMC

02/07/17 - District Leadership Team & Training, 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, Wheelersburg UMC

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



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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