



West Ohio Conference  
Shawnee Valley



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# Shawnee Valley District News



**Leadership Team & Training Event - January 12, 2016**  
Leadership Team business meeting at 9:30 a.m., Training Event Begins at 10:00 a.m. with complimentary lunch at NOON

Please join us as [Mark Menges](#), President of [Compass Financial Group](#) in Dublin, leads a discussion on how to build wealth with a purpose and make the most of the financial treasures that God has entrusted to you. We will help you build a plan to ensure that your financial house is in order, so that you may lead your congregations in living happier, healthier fiscal lives that will then allow them (and you!) to share even more with others. When you leave this meeting, you will have a blueprint you created that will point you in the right direction to begin or continue your path towards being a better money manager for God.



Special Sunday - Human Relations Day, January 17

### District Calendar Reminders

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 12 - Leadership Team & Training Event - Georgetown UMC

January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Offices Closed

January 23 - District Winter Workshop

February 2 - Leadership Team & Training Event - Piketon UMC



### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Local Churches

Week of 01/03 - Aberdeen UMC, Pastor Carol Harper

### 2016 WINTER LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP



We are once again hosting a Winter Workshop with several learning opportunities for your leadership.

Join us on Saturday, January 23 (snow date is January 30) at First UMC in Chillicothe from 8:30 a.m. - NOON.

You will be able to choose 2 of the following workshops to attend:

- United Methodist 101
- Personal Witness
- Community Outreach
- Children's Ministry
- Resolving Conflict in the Church
- Church Safety
- Re-Entry for Returning Citizens and What Congregations Can Do
- Ministry with Those Who Live with Developmental Disabilities

**Registration is not necessary, but preferred to determine classroom sizes. To register, please e-mail or call the District Office and indicate which two workshops you would like to attend.**

### Important Dates for Year-End 2015

- January 11 - Last day for 2015 Apportionments
- January 29 - Year-end Reports Due



### CIRCLES OF GRACE FOLLOW-UP

At the end of September the West Ohio Conference sponsored Circles of Grace Conversations in four locations throughout the conference. These conversations centered around human sexuality and unity in The United Methodist Church. Thank you to the over 900 laity and clergy who participated in one or more of the four evenings of conversations. ([Read More and see Summary](#))

### 2016 WINTER AND SPRING DISTRICT EVENTS

Please mark your calendar for 2016 Leadership Events. These are open to

Week of 01/10 - Alma UMC, Pastor Keith Richardson

Week of 01/17 - Andersonville UMC, Pastor James Steele

Week of 01/24 - Auburn UMC, Pastor Mary Cyrus

Week of 01/31 - Austin UMC, Pastor Neil Foster



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE FUTURE EVENTS**

February 1 - Staff Meeting

February 2 - Leadership Team & Training Event - Piketon UMC

February 18-25 - Disaster Response Recovery in South Carolina



[Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus Community](#)

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

[Southern Ohio Chrysalis, Portsmouth](#)

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

[Shawnee Valley United Methodist Women Website](#)

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anyone who is interested. Details will be published on the website and in future Newsletters.

[January 12 - Leadership Team & Training Event](#)

[January 23 \(Make-up date January 30\) - District Winter Workshops](#)

[February 2 - Leadership Team & Training Event](#)

[March 5 - Stewardship 101 for Smaller Churches with George Cooper](#)

[April 5 - Leadership Team & Training Event](#)

[April 30 - Legacy Seminar \(Endowments & Estate Planning\)](#)

[May 15 - District Spring Conference at StillWater Conference Center \(Details will be posted later\)](#)



**WOC DECEMBER PRAYER & FASTING: UNITY**

Our focus for January (1-8-16) prayer and fasting is the Unity of the Church. True church is marked by four signs: One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic. This month we focus on the essential oneness and unity of the church. As you pray, pray broadly for the unity of the whole or universal church. Also pray for the unity of The United Methodist Church, the West Ohio Conference and your local church. [\(Read More\)](#)



**Disaster Response Team Opportunity**

Our District Disaster Response Team will be traveling to Georgetown, South Carolina February 18-25, 2016 to assist with flood relief. We will be installing insulation, drywall and flooring. You do not have to be ERT Certified to participate, but we may require a background check to satisfy Safe Sanctuaries policies.

A small fee will be required to assist with food costs; housing and travel costs will be provided.

Contact the District Office if interested.



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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