



West Ohio Conference
Shawnee Valley



March, 2016

Shawnee Valley District News



District Calendar Reminders



Sunday, March 6

March 5 - Stewardship 101 Workshop

March 5 - Basic & Advance Lay Servant Ministry (Registration Closed)

March 6 - One Great Hour of Sharing

March 8 - Staff Meeting

March 25 - Good Friday

March 27 - Easter

March 29-April 11 - Foothills/Shawnee Valley Vietnam Trip



PRAYER REQUESTS

Local Churches

Week of 03/05 - Belfast UMC, Pastor John Waugh

Week of 03/12 - Bethel (Lawrence) UMC, Pastor Willie Flannery

Week of 03/19 - Bethel (Scioto) UMC, Pastor Rick Phillips

Week of 03/26 - Bishop Hill UMC, Pastor Haden Davis



[Greater Scioto Valley Emmaus Community](#)

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



Stewardship 101

Saturday, March 5, 2016

9:30 - 1:30

Wesley UMC, Jackson

Every church has an opportunity to grow generous stewards with their members and attendees. Stewardship is fundamental for a church to have the time, talents and resources to accomplish God's mission and vision. The church must prepare to serve in their location and their culture during these specific times. However it takes an intentional plan. The church must teach basic Biblical principles of generosity, understand why people give and don't give, develop an intentional Discipleship path to grow generous givers, and implement specific strategies for different people at different levels of giving. [\(Read More\)](#)

REGISTRATION FOR WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE OPENS MARCH 1

Registration for Annual conference will begin at 10:00 am on March 1 which also includes requesting on-site housing.

To learn more and begin the registration process, click [HERE](#)



MONTHLY PRAYER & FASTING WITH BISHOP PALMER

March 4: Pray that we will follow Jesus to the cross and embrace a lifestyle of radical forgiveness.

[DETAILS](#)

CONGRATULATIONS SHAWNEE VALLEY CHURCHES, AND THANK YOU!



I would like to applaud the 110 churches out of our 116 churches in the Shawnee Valley District who paid 100% of their District askings in 2015.

Your support of mission and ministry helped the District to do some wonderful things in the name of Christ at home and beyond. In fact, the Shawnee Valley District was tops among the eight Districts in our West Ohio Conference in the percentage of District askings collected. [\(Read Entire Letter from D.S. Brent Watson\)](#)

Editor's Note - Details of how your District and Conference Apportionments support ministries locally and abroad can be seen [HERE](#). This is a great source of information for your church members.



SHAWNEE VALLEY DISTRICT MAKES CONTRIBUTION TO WEST OHIO HISPANIC MINISTRIES

The District Leadership Team approved a donation to the West Ohio Conference Hispanic Ministries. [\(Read Thank You Letter\)](#)

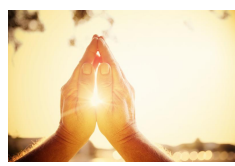


Check out our Classified Ads

[Small Organ](#)

[Chrismons](#)

[West Ohio Conference Classifieds](#)



DISTRICT PRAYER FOCUS Sunday, March 13 During Local Worship Services

We are asking every church within our District to unite together in prayer on the morning of March 13th. We know that every church has a different worship time so it will be an exciting reality to envision a wave of prayer rolling across our District as we intercede for many who are struggling and who need to know that Jesus cares and loves them. We would like you to take 15 minutes during your worship service(s) to unite people around the theme of being a good neighbor to those in need at home and beyond. Here are some ways to help focus that prayer time: [\(READ MORE\)](#)

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

- Trinity UMC, Chillicothe Receives Grant from UMCOM. [Read article.](#)
- Sonners Chapel - [One Matters](#)
- Hillsboro First UMC - [Operation Christmas Child](#)
- Greenfield First UMC - [An Evening with The McKameys](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE IMPORTANT DISTRICT EVENTS



- April 1 - Local Church Fund Balance/Audit Report Due [\(click here to print form\)](#)
- April 5 - [Leadership Team & Teaching Event](#) - Georgetown UMC
- April 16 - [Advance Lay Servant Ministry Training](#) (Registration Deadline April 1)
- April 19 - [Leadership Team & Teaching Event](#) (make-up of January 12 cancelled meeting) - Sugar Grove UMC
- April 20 - Retired Pastors Luncheon
- April 30 - [Planned Giving Seminar](#)
- May 2 - Extended Staff Meeting
- May 15 - District Spring Rally

OPPORTUNITIES AND NEWS AROUND THE CONFERENCE

- West Ohio Camps Registration Is Now Open! Click [HERE](#) for details
- Town and Rural Resource Pastors Event April 9. From Charity to Changing Lives. [BROCHURE](#)
- Trinity UMC, Chillicothe Receives Grant from UMCOM. [Read article.](#)
- UMCOR Disaster Response Training Information. [Read Article](#)
- New ministry for UMM Love Packages Program. [Read Article](#)
- Jackson Area Ministries - Seed Ministry Commences (Deadline for donating seeds is April 15). [JAM Website](#)



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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