



March, 2017

# Shawnee Valley District News



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Local Churches

Week of 03/05/17 - Mt Carmel UMC, Pastor Card Davis

Week of 03/12/17 - Mt Nebo UMC, Pastor Mike Starkey, Associate Elizabeth Reed

Week of 03/19/17 - Mt Orab UMC, Pastor Bruce Dickerson

Week of 03/26/17 - Nauvoo UMC, Pastor Pete Shaffer



[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](#)



Check out our Classified Ads

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[West Ohio Conference Classifieds](#)



## 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*



## COULD YOUR CHURCH INITIATE A HEALTH MINISTRY?

MARCH 21, 6:30 p.m.  
WALNUT STREET UMC, CHILLICOTHE

We are inviting any interested pastors and laity to come hear about the possibilities in your church and community to reach out to others through a Health Ministry. You may work in a health-related field, have an interest in helping your family become healthier or simply want to encourage those in your community to focus on making their health a priority. What a great opportunity to engage others and to get to know those who live near you as well as helping your church reach out to others with the love of Christ. Our District is made up of 9 counties and lots of opportunities to create a healthier region through a ministry of the church in partnerships with others. Please bring an open heart and any questions you might want to ask.

You will have the opportunity to hear about several partnerships:  
Hope Clinic of Ross County (Chillicothe)

Jackson Christ UMC and ECHO (a ministry of the Church Health Center in Memphis)

Mt Carmel Church Partnerships



## WAY TO GO, SHAWNEE VALLEY! CONGRATULATIONS!!!! THANK YOU!!!!

In 2016, we had 69 churches give 100% to their Conference Connectional Giving (aka Apportionments). THANK YOU! There were 11 churches in that list that went from paying less than 100% in 2015 to paying 100% in 2016 and I have marked them with an asterisk\*. [\(List of Churches\)](#)

## GUEST WORSHIPERS ARE COMING TO YOUR CHURCH!!



This Spring, 115 lay people from churches within our Shawnee Valley District will each be attending two of our 115 churches as guest worshippers. It is our desire as a District to help every church, both large and small, become better prepared for Sunday morning guests. We want every one of our churches to thrive and welcome people into the family of God.

Oftentimes, as regular attenders in our own local church, we forget what it must be like for a person to come as a "stranger" to our church and sometimes we fail to intentionally welcome a guest and follow up with them afterwards. We want to help each of our congregations to be reminded again how to be a welcoming and hospitable place. ([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 wedding on May 6th. ([READ MORE](#))

Please share these names with your prayer partners and begin now to cover our team and mission in prayer. Thanks!

- John Alice, Rolling Plains UMC (Zanesville), FTH District
- Emory Clark, New Hope UMC (Logan), FTH District
- Roberta Eddy, Shawnee Valley District Administrative Assistant & Mission Coordinator
- John Feurt, Oldtown UMC, SHV District
- Gary Hopkins, Friendship UMC and Oldtown UMC, SHV District
- Bruce Kurtz, Dresden UMC, FTH District
- Dennis Miller, Foothills District Superintendent
- Richard Purvis, Dresden UMC, FTH District
- Phil Thomas, Chesterhill UMC and Pisgah UMC, FTH District
- Robbie Scott, Hoffman UMC (West Milton), MIV District
- Sam Peters, Christ UMC (South Webster), SHV District

## STORIES AND EVENTS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT



- March 9 - Chillcothe Trinity UMC's [UMM Waffle Day](#)
- March 19 - Jeffersonville UMC to host [Appalachian Christian Hillbilly Band](#)
- April 2 - Jeffersonville UMC to host [Fresh Spirit](#)

## DISASTER RESPONSE NEWS



- April 27-30 - [UMVIM-NCJ Disaster Academy](#)
- May 1-7 - [Disaster Team to assist in WV](#)

- Schedule a Date for Your Church Leadership to Learn About [Connecting Neighbors](#)
- UMCOR Needs Health and Bedding Kits: Go to [www.umcor.org/reliefsupplies](http://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

- MARCH 1 - 2017 West Ohio Annual Conference Registration begins. [Information](#)
- MARCH 4 - [Stewardship 101 for the Smaller Church](#)
- [Sharing Our Witness Enriching Relationships \(SOWER\) - 2017 Mission work at Henderson Settlement](#)
- JULY 7-8 - [United Methodist Men's National Convention](#)

### NEWS

- [Way Forward Commission Meets](#)
- [West Ohio Conversations - Podcast - Episode 3: A Way Forward](#)
- [Registration open for West Ohio UMC Summer Camps](#)
- [Clergy Personal Finance Resources](#)
- [New Course of Study Offerings](#)



## NEW in 2017! West Ohio Conference "Traction Tracks"

....to help your congregation gain traction and begin to move forward towards new vitality!

West Ohio's Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI), a focused training/coaching/resourcing initiative of the Episcopal office and cabinet that has included several dozen congregations and pastors over the last six years, has identified a number of key components that we've seen can provide a congregation of any size and setting with a dose of traction to begin to move ahead in vitality.

These individual components from the MCCI research and learnings are now becoming available across the entire conference to every church that would like to learn and apply a new step forward, including ongoing implementation guidance by a ministry leader "guide" who has already demonstrated that fruitfulness and can bring experience and expertise alongside you.

Here's information about the first foundational Traction Track, a one-day training event that will be offered on four of our West Ohio districts this spring and the other four districts later this year. And look for more information soon on more Traction Tracks to come!

[Breakthrough Prayer Initiative Traction Track](#)



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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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