



Tuscarawas Ties

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FROM THE DS...EASTERTIDE

“He bids me go, through the voice of woe his voice to me is calling.” Katie Z. Dawson in the devotional, *The Sanctuary for Lent 2018*, shares this story:

In an attempt to keep his daughter occupied, a father found a map of the world, tore it into pieces and instructed her to put it back together, which she did in just a few minutes. Dumbfounded, he asked how she was able to manage the complicated task so quickly. “When you tore up the picture, I saw a person on the other side. I knew if the person was right, the world would be too.”

When we see Jesus, embrace the risen one. Even in a broken, pieced-together, suffering world, Christ bids us go, sends us out to make the world a better world.

Where is the voice calling you to bring healing and hope in this season of resurrection?
Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! GO!



Alleluia,

Benita

MARK’S GOSPEL PRESENTATION

Jesus’s commandment to “go and teach the good news throughout the world” was the last one in Mark’s Gospel — and is one of the many reasons actor Geoffrey Darling is determined to perform his one-man presentation of Mark’s Gospel in every Ohio County, all 88 of them, as soon as he can.



It’s preparation for an overseas tour, for the Northern Ireland Bible Society, planned for March next year, and covering that small country’s six counties. The tour is a follow up from a visit in August 2017 when Geoffrey and his wife Rose, music director at Canal Fulton UMC, were invited to join the 200th anniversary celebrations of St Mark’s Newtownards (near Belfast), a church of which his great-great-grandfather was founding rector. That performance was donated to the Northern Ireland Bible Society. Geoffrey began working with the Bible Society in his native New Zealand in 2000 and in 2002 walked the length of the South Island (600 miles) performing at every stop — again with the society.

He began the 88 county project in Stark County on February 18, 2018, at Christ Presbyterian before an enthralled audience. He will return for its Good Friday service for the last three chapters — the story of Jesus’s Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection. Geoffrey has been performing Mark’s Gospel for 18 years in churches, church halls, and several prisons.

The Contemporary English Version is used because it was designed to be spoken. To many audience members, hearing the entire gospel is not only to witness a feat of memory, but to actually experience the Word as many listeners would have done in the first century. For more information, contact Geoffrey and Rose Darling at geoffrose05@yahoo.com.

DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The Tuscarawas District Spring Conference and Leadership Training will be held at Otterbein UMC in Navarre on Saturday, April 21, 2018, beginning at 9:00 AM. The keynote speaker will be Tim VanMeter, Associate Professor in the Alford Chair of Christian Education and Youth Ministry Coordinator, Cross-Cultural Program at Methodist Theological School of Ohio. He will be speaking on the theme, *Who’s at the Table?: Intersection Between Ecological Issues and Evangelism*.

Other presenters include Vera Rebrovich, EOC Director of Finance and Administration, and Rev. Benita Rollins, District Superintendent of the Tuscarawas District. Tim VanMeter will also present a workshop on Ecological Issues.

To register for the Tuscarawas District Spring Conference and Leadership Training visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tuscarawas-district-spring-conference-leadership-event-tickets-43709470202>. The cost is \$5.00 (plus a service fee) per person (\$10.00 at the door).



**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S
TENTATIVE CALENDAR FOR APRIL**



1	Easter
2-5	Office
8	Church visit
9	Office
10-12	Cabinet, EOC Office
14	CCOM meeting, EOC Office, 9:00 AM
15	Church visit
16	Office
17	Faith, Food and Flourishing Workshop, MTSO
18-19	Office
21	Spring Conference/Leadership Training, Navarre Otterbein UMC, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM
22	Church Visit
23	Office
24-26	Cabinet, EOC Office
29	Church visit
30	Office

SPECIAL DATES

- April 1, Easter Day
- April 15, Native American Ministries Sunday
- April 22, Festival of God's Creation
- April 25, World Malaria Day

DISTRICT CAMPERSHIPS

District Campership letters and applications have been sent to all of the district churches. You may also find them on the [district website](#). The applications are due to Stephanie at the district office by May 1, 2018.

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Send items for the Tuscarawas District website to
Stephanie Williams, tuscdistoffice@gmail.com.

CVLI & MOVIE NIGHTS

Each East Ohio Conference United Methodist Church shares one CVLI license. It is this license that determines the list of movies that churches can legally show to the public.

Things to keep in mind: 1) the CVLI license does **NOT** permit any advertising of the movie to the general public and 2) under CVLI licensing, churches **CANNOT** advertise any of the following to the general public: title of the movie, the name of the producer, any artwork for the movie and any character names.

A license to show a movie at church can be purchased from companies other than CVLI, but they can be very expensive.

Guidelines for CCLI and CVLI Licensing can be found on the [conference website](#).

**LAY SERVANT MINISTRY
TRAINING**

April 27-28, 2018

Bolivar UMC, 256 Poplar Street, State Route 212, Bolivar, OH 44612

April 27 – Basic Training

Leaders: Gary and Ann Kreider
6:00-9:00 PM

April 28 – Basic Training

Leader: Susan Haddox
Advanced Prayer
8:00 AM-4:00 PM

For more information contact Nancymae Scheurer (330) 966-4858, e-mail at nbs hymn@yahoo.com or Laurie Peach (330) 868-2616, e-mail at lpeafa@aol.com.

YOUNG ADULT ROUND TABLE

Kaye Wolfinger, Conference Director of Young People's Ministries, will be hosting a round table discussion with pastors to help them better understand how to reach those under 30. Both pastors and young adults are invited. A round table discussion for the Tuscarawas District is scheduled for April 17, 6:30-8:00 PM at the East Ohio Conference Office, 8800 Cleveland Avenue NW, North Canton.

**ANTI-PORNOGRAPHY
WORKSHOP**

What are some of the effects on society and the individual human brain and soul when pornography takes hold? How widespread is the problem? What resources are there that we can share with those who are addicted to viewing porn?

The Tuscarawas District Table will be sponsoring a workshop regarding Anti-Pornography on Saturday, May 5, at Waco Epworth from 10:00-11:30 AM. The event is open to the community. This workshop will answer these questions and more through video testimony, sharing by the presenters, and a resource guide. Come and hear Revs. Bev Wrobel, Harley Wheeler and Doug Beggs discuss one of the greatest epidemics destroying our culture today.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

We will explore what it means to be called and equipped as followers of Jesus Christ when we gather at Lakeside Chautauqua for Annual Conference 2018 on June 11-14. The 49th session of Annual Conference will be the second year of our quadrennial theme Bearing Fruit that Lasts: Called, Committed, Connected.

CALLED: The words of John 15:13-17 (CEB), the concluding verses of our quadrennial Scripture passage, John 15:1-17, will guide our worship services. Rev. Kimberly Arbaugh (Ohio Valley District), the Rev. Chip Freed (North Coast District), and the Rev. Becky Weamer (Mid-Ohio District) are the morning preachers.

Rev. Dr. Joseph W. Daniels, Jr. of the Baltimore-Washington Conference is the keynote speaker for our Shared Learning Session on Thursday morning. Business sessions will reinforce our East Ohio Conference ministry vision to equip and support pastors, congregations and faith communities to grow in their capacity to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 10

6:45 p.m. Prayer and Praise Service, Orchestra Hall

Monday, June 11

10:00 a.m. Service of Commemoration and Holy Communion

11:30 a.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Business Session

5:00 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Celebration of Retirement

Tuesday, June 12

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Business Session

Noon Lunch

2:00 p.m. Business Session

5:00 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. Ministry Fair, Connecting Through Mission and Conversation, Wesley Lodge

Wednesday, June 13

8:00 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Business Session

Noon Lunch

2:00 p.m. Business Session

4:30 p.m. Service of Commissioning and Ordination

Thursday, June 14

8:00 a.m. Worship

8:45 a.m. Business Session

9:30 a.m. Shared Learning Session led by Rev. Dr. Joseph Daniels, Jr.

Noon Adjourn

PART-TIME CHOIR DIRECTOR NEEDED

Fairhope United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time choir director for Sunday worship and special holiday services beginning in August. Send resume to dgarner26@att.net.

CLERGY SPOUSE BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP

The Clergy Spouse Breakfast and Fellowship is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13, 9:00-11:00 AM at Wesley Lodge during Annual Conference at Lakeside. There is no need to RSVP; just show up!

This year's breakfast menu consists of scrambled eggs, meat, waffles, Danish, muffins, whole fruit, dry cereal, yogurt, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea. Visit the Marketplace during breakfast and after a short greeting and singing time, .

For every clergy spouse who loves to craft, sew and bake, you are invited to bring your items to sell during the Clergy Spouse Breakfast and Fellowship. Tables will encircle the venue so don't delay reserving a space. Ten tables/spaces will be available. Contact Elsa Court at elsacourt@twc.com or by calling (234) 401-9454. For those who reserve a table, set-up begins at 8:30 AM. Deadline to reserve a table is June 1. This is not a fundraiser; the proceeds will belong to the seller.

Childcare for children 18 months to 4th grade is available at Lakeside UMC for a donation. All clergy have received a Childcare Registration Form. To guarantee a spot for your child, register by May 15, at <http://tinyurl.com/ChildCare18>.

The Clergy Spouse Breakfast and Fellowship is sponsored by the East Ohio Conference, District Offices and Cabinet Spouses.

DISTRICT YOUTH OUTING TO SKYMAX

Attention District Youth! Let your faith take flight at SkyMax Trampoline Arena on Sunday, May 6, 6:00-8:30 PM. There will be two hours of jumping followed by pizza and devotions. The cost is \$10 per jumper and is to be paid at the door; observers are free. E-mail cfumc1@sssnet.com by April 30, to RSVP with the name of the church, number of jumpers and observers. SkyMax Trampoline Arena is located at 7585 Freedom Avenue in North Canton.



PASSING ON TO LIFE TRIUMPHANT

- **Mary Ann Seith**, spouse of retired elder William A. Seith, on February 26, 2018.
- **Howard E. Fox**, retired elder, on February 27, 2018.
- **Sonia M. Hardman**, spouse of retired elder John D. Hardman, on March 4, 2018.
- **Mary Louise Rogers**, retired local pastor, on March 11, 2018.
- **Budd L. Sprague**, retired elder, on March 18, 2018.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Tracy S. Malone announces the following clergy appointments for the East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church, effective July 1, 2018:

Donald Ackerman (PL) - Canal Fulton/Church of the Lakes
Lawrence Carnes (FL) - Nashville (TR) to Union Hill
Carl Kandel (FL) - Union Hill to Fohl Memorial
Scott Williams (FE) - Bayard/East Rochester to Retirement

CLEVELAND VISION DAY MAY 19

9:30AM - 3:30PM

Fields United Methodist Church
34077 Lorain Road North Ridgeville, OH 44039

REGISTER TODAY

www.FreshExpressionsUS.org/Event/ClevelandVisionDay

**\$40/person for EOCUMC Affiliates
\$50/person General Admission**

ticket includes lunch

A Vision Day is a one-day training event that provides the perfect opportunity to discover what it means to be the Church in new and creative ways, hear from Fresh Expressions practitioners, learn how to renew existing congregations through fresh expressions of church, and discern what this could mean for your region, community, or neighborhood. There is active discussion as well as opportunity to build networks and relationships among those in your area.



EAST OHIO CONFERENCE
of the United Methodist Church

RESISTING RACISM

SATURDAY 8:30-9AM
Registration
APRIL 28 9AM
Event Begins
FAMILY OF FAITH UMC
800 E. MARKET ST, AKRON

An **ENRICHING**
and **CHALLENGING**
event for Lay &
Clergy who seek to
find ways to implement
the totality of Jesus'
message and ministry

RESISTING RACISM workshop seeks to provide opportunities for participants to deepen their own knowledge (mindset), motivation (heart set), and capabilities (skillset) for resisting racism.

THREE FOCUSES:

- Redefining Racism
- Building Relationships to Anti-Racism
- Honorably Building Multi-Racial, Multi-Cultural Anti-Racist Coalitions

REGISTER NOW!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
TUESDAY, APRIL 24

Advance registration is needed but payment can be sent or made at the door. We confirm reservations if we have your Email address, otherwise, "see you at the door!"

Registration Fee: \$15
(Hospitality, Lunch & Materials included)
(Scholarships available)

QUESTIONS?
Contact Kelley Gifford
KGifford@eocumc.com

Workshop Leader:
REV. MICHELLE LEDDER



Michelle Ledder's work as resource writer and workshop facilitator concentrates on helping local churches and connectional groups live into honorable forms of diversity and inclusion. She has sought to create racial justice and equity within academic, community, and ministry settings.

FIND: Detailed Information and Online Registration @ <https://eoc-resisting-racism.eventbrite.com>

RESISTING RACISM Registration Form

Registration Fee: \$15

NAME _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

HOW MANY ARE YOU REGISTERING FOR? (LIST NAMES): _____

ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS? SPECIAL NEEDS? _____

DO YOU NEED CHILDCARE? LIST AGES _____

Checks Payable to: East Ohio Conference (on Memo line write RESISTING RACISM) Send to East Ohio Conference, PO Box 76019, Cleveland OH 44101-4755

Co-Sponsored by East Ohio Commission and Caucus Groups: Church & Society, Methodist Federation for Social Action, Commission on Religion and Race, Black Methodist for Church Renewal, Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Reconciling Ministries Network, Office of Christian Unity & Interreligious Relationships and Native American Committee