

## FROM THE DS...TRANSITION

“Before you tell your life what you intend to do with it, listen for what it intends to do with you.” I believe that this quote from Parker Palmer is a reminder about transitions and shifts. Transitions are difficult and challenging with growth potential. Transitions “push and position” us to live into our divine appointments and assignments.

This first page of the Tuscarawas Ties is about some of the shifts and transitions in our district:

- ◆ Thank you, from Stephanie
- ◆ Hello, from Shawndelle
- ◆ Impact of district initiative to Paraguay from Sue Givens

Throughout the newsletter there will be opportunities to listen, discern what shift, transition God is nudging you into. Remember: God has a plan for your life that involves a good future.



*Blessings,*

*Benita*

## THANK YOU!

I have been very blessed by the pastors and laity of the Tuscarawas District the last six years and I want to say, “Thank you!” It has truly been an honor to work with all of you, the conference office staff and other district offices, on so many wonderful ministries and events.

Thank you also for the fabulous farewell party hosted by Doris Brown and her family at Navarre Otterbein UMC. I was overcome with such joy to have so many of you attend. Kevin, Kaitlyn and I have appreciated your friendship over the years.

Our next journey takes us to Greenville, South Carolina. Kevin has been transferred for work. Kaitlyn has been enrolled in high school and has made the volleyball team. She is very excited!

I have been working with Shawndelle Chester, who has been hired to be the next Administrative Assistant, and you are in good hands. My last day in the office is August 15, but I will be working on behalf of the Tuscarawas District Office, remotely, for the next few months to help Shawndelle and the district with the transition.

Thank you for all of the fond memories. You will always have a special place in my heart!

— Stephanie S. Williams



## UPDATE FROM PARAGUAY

On behalf of all the children and families in Paraguay, we want to thank everyone in the Tuscarawas District of the East Ohio Conference for your generous donation to help Samaritan Hands provide scholarships for Paraguay schools. For eighteen years, we have been involved in education and sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with hundreds of children and youth and their families. First, we built New Horizon Methodist School in 2001 and by 2014, the school was serving over 700 students from pre-school through high school. Over 150 students have graduated from New Horizon over the past five years. Currently we are providing scholarships for over 300 students with limited resources in the Methodist school and almost 80 students in other Christian Schools and other special high schools.

For more information, please contact Sue Givens at [sue@paraguayschools.org](mailto:sue@paraguayschools.org).

## WELCOME SHAWNDELLE!

Shawndelle has 11 years of experience serving Racial-Ethnic Ministries, Multicultural Vitality, Higher Education, and Young People’s Ministries. She will have her undergraduate in Administrative Professional Management in the spring of 2020. Shawndelle has a passion for sharing the love of Christ and feels blessed to experience His love each day. Her favorite Bible verse is, 1 John 4:16 (NIV) “And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”

Shawndelle lives in Canton, OH with her husband, Jeremy, and their three children, Wronnelle (21), Danae (19), and Annalise (6). She spends all of her free time hiking, biking, taking pictures, and enjoying nature with her family. She is excited to be joining the Tuscarawas District Team. Come welcome her on September 9 at North Canton Skate Center!



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



**August**

- 1-2 Office
- 3 Office closed
- 5 Church visit
- 6-9 Office
- 10 Office closed
- 12 Church visit
- 13-16 Office
- 17 Office closed
- 19 Church visit
- 20-23 Office
- 24 Office closed
- 26 Church visit
- 27-30 Office
- 27 Cohort meeting, 1:00-4:00 PM
- 29 Compass Group Facilitators meeting, 9:00 AM, North Canton Faith

**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](#).

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If you would like to be added to our e-mailing list, please send your name and e-mail to [tuscdistoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tuscdistoffice@gmail.com).

**Please send copies of your church newsletter to:**  
**3500 Cleveland Avenue NW, Canton, OH 44709**

Send items for the Tuscarawas District website to Stephanie Williams, [tuscdistoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tuscdistoffice@gmail.com).

**CHARGE CONFERENCES**

Consultation and charge conference forms are now on the [district website](#). A [checklist and schedules](#) are also available.

All forms are due to the District Office one week prior to the scheduled meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Shawndelle at the District Office.

**Clergy Consultations**

- ⇒ CPA - Clergy Profile Annual
- ⇒ CPL - Clergy Long-term Profile (*if it needs updated*)
- ⇒ Clergy Bio Form (*if it needs updated*)

**S/PPR Consultations**

- ⇒ LCPA - Local Church Profile Annual
- ⇒ LCPL - Local Church Long-term Profile

**Church Conference**

- ⇒ Omnibus/Leadership Directory
- ⇒ 2019 Pastor Compensation Form
- ⇒ 2019 Pension/Disability Calculations (*if applicable*)
- ⇒ 2019 Housing Allowance/Exclusion Form
- ⇒ Lay Servant Annual Report (*if applicable*)
- ⇒ Parsonage Inspection Form (*if applicable*)



**Aug. 10th -16th Revive Stark Schedule:**

**Fri. Aug. 10,** 7 pm, Revive Launch @ Louisville Christ, Worship, prayer & vision.

**Sat. Aug. 11,** 8 am Louisville Assembly prayer, breakfast & training, 10–noon Revive mission; Noon-2; host church lunch. 2-5 Mission; 5 pm dinner, testimony; 7 pm worship.

**Sun. Aug 12,** 1 pm Paradise UCC pray & equip; 2–5 Revive Mission. 7–10 pm Revive Stark Celebration @ Civic Center,



**Cavs Chaplain Jerry Birch Music Artist Building 429.**

**Five Prayer goals for Revive Stark!**

1. Equip and Send 72 people each day to love, listen & pray!
2. 100 people each day seek follow up;
3. 3,000 hear the Gospel & Revive witness, Sunday night.
4. 10,000 lives are impacted by the Revive Stark outreach;
5. Revival fire breaks out in Stark County and spreads.

To Be a financial partner, make checks payable to: "Revive Stark," mail to: Revive Stark, 804 Church St. Louisville, OH 44641

**Updates:** [www.revivestark.org](http://www.revivestark.org); Facebook @revivestarkcounty Cheri Miller, Revive Stark communications contact, 330.875.1483

**SUMMER HOURS**

The Tuscarawas District Office will be closed on Fridays through Labor Day. The office will be open Monday through Thursday, 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.

## PASSING ON TO LIFE TRIUMPHANT

- Calvin R. King, retired elder, on May 27, 2018.
- Donna M. McCoy, surviving spouse of Norman E. McCoy, on June 8, 2018.
- Gayle E. Maly, spouse of Rev. David E. Maly, on June 9, 2018.
- Valerie W. Stultz, retired elder, on June 14, 2018.
- Richard H. Parks, Jr., retired elder, on July 27, 2018.

## Tuscarawas District Back-to-School Fellowship



Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship!

**Who:** Tuscarawas District United Methodist Churches  
**Date:** Sunday, September 9, 2018  
**Time:** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
**Where:** North Canton Skate & Entertainment Center  
 5475 Whipple Ave NW, Canton  
**RSVP:** Register by September 3, 2018 for this free event at <https://tuscdistrictback2schoolfellowship.eventbrite.com>  
 For more information contact Shawndelle at (330) 492-7817 or [tuscdistoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tuscdistoffice@gmail.com).

- Roller Skating (\$3 Skate Rental, \$4 In-line Skates)
- Laser Tag
- Rock Wall
- Euro Bungee
- Bumper Cars
- Jump Shot Basketball
- Arcade Games
- Refreshments



## What's Happening

August	Clergy Consultations begin Compass Group Facilitator's Meeting Urban Action Team Meeting Urban Pastors Meeting
September	S/PPRC Consultations begin
September 9	Back-to-School Fellowship, North Canton Skate Center, 5:00-7:00 PM
September 13	Hidden In Plain Sight, Greentown UMC, 6:30 PM
November	Charge Conferences begin

## ASPIRE 2018

It's not too late to get a group together to come to Aspire 2018 in Canton. One night - three hours - just for women, an evening full of laughter, learning, stories, and music. Aspire will be at Church of the Lakes UMC (5944 Fulton Drive NW, Canton) on Saturday, September 29, at 6:00 PM!

Group tickets are only \$20, and have no extra fees attached. We hope you are making plans to join us at Aspire. Gathering a group is super easy since you can add on to your number at any time. All you must do is order 10 or more to be considered a group, then you can add on as needed as ladies pay you their \$20. If you need a group order form or fliers, please call our office at 480-812-1100 or email us at [info@extremefait productions.com](mailto:info@extremefait productions.com).

For more information visit <http://aspirewomensevents.com>.



## LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA

A group of 10 ladies from the Union Hill United Methodist Church in Sugarcreek recently spent 6 weeks sewing dresses for little girls in Africa. Fabric was donated by the ladies, church members and even friends who had heard about the project. Sewing was done by individuals in their homes and a group also met once a week at their church to sew and fellowship. Their goal was to make 200 dresses but when they finished and began packing the dresses they were happy to find that they had made 271 dresses ranging in sizes Small through Extra-Large. These dresses were dedicated during a church service in which some of the dresses were modeled by a few of their younger female members. This project, as any mission project, was a real blessing!



## DINNER & EUCHRE NIGHT AT NEWCOMER'S CHAPEL

Newcomer's Chapel of Pigeon Run United Methodist Church (11789 Sarbaugh Street SW in Massillon) invites the community to its monthly Dinner and Euchre Night on Saturday, August 11th in the church's Fellowship Hall. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM, Euchre to follow. All skill levels are welcome. Prizes awarded to all players. Non-Euchre players are invited to bring their own board and card games to share with others.

There is a \$10 donation at the door for the evening. Proceeds will go towards the church's upgrade of their electronic equipment.

## REQUEST FROM OHIOGUIDESTONE

Here we are, once again in those long, latter days of summer. Where did it all go? VBS is likely in your rear view mirror and other summer activities are winding down. As your Fall activities begin to ramp up, please consider how OhioGuidestone might assist you in reaching your community impact goals. We offer a wide range of behavioral health services, skill building and preventative solutions for families and individuals.

We are looking for safe, nurturing homes for children who need a place to live while their families get help. The foster care team at OhioGuidestone will prepare parents to care for children and teens in desperate need of a temporary home. Nobody does this alone. Our staff walks with our parents throughout the journey by offering training, support groups, respite, and on-call nursing assistance 24 hours a day. We need your help to equip potential parents with the tools needed to provide a refuge for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. I am available to speak to ministry groups or at church functions about what it takes to help a child begin to feel safe and trust again. Help me find people with a heart for this challenging but rewarding work. Invite me to your community celebrations as a resource to families in your area.

For information about our Foster Care Program, contact Jeff Willis at [jeff.willis@ohioguidestone.org](mailto:jeff.willis@ohioguidestone.org) or (440) 260-2908. For information about Behavioral Health and Community Solutions, contact Monica Mlinac at [monica.mlinac@ohioguidestone.org](mailto:monica.mlinac@ohioguidestone.org) or (440) 260-2903. Or, check online at [OhioGuidestone.org](http://OhioGuidestone.org)

## FELLOWSHIP OF ASSOCIATE MEMBERS & LOCAL PASTORS

The Fellowship of Associate Members & Local Pastors will be having a retreat on Sunday, August 19-Wednesday, August 22, 2018, at Lakeside Chautauqua. For more information, see below.

### Retreat Schedule

*Sponsored by the Fellowships from  
East and West Ohio Conferences and  
Lakeside Chautauqua Religious Life Department.*

#### Sunday, August 19

*Arrive any time after 7 a.m.*

**7 p.m.** Gathering on West Pavilion Deck for a Dessert Social

**8 p.m.** Sunset Praise Service, West Deck

#### Monday, August 20

**9:15 a.m.** Faith for Living Hour,

The Rev. Brent Watson, Orchestra Hall

**10:30 a.m.** Spiritual Formation: Session One, Sue Nilson Kibbey, Aigler Room, Fountain Inn

**12 p.m.** Lunch, Aigler Room, Fountain Inn

**4 p.m.** Labyrinth Prayer Walk, Train Station

**6 p.m.** Dinner, Wesley Lodge—North followed by Sunset Devotions

**8:15 p.m.** Movie at Hoover Auditorium, "Wonder"

#### Tuesday, August 21

**9:15 a.m.** Faith for Living Hour,

The Rev. Brent Watson, Orchestra Hall

**12 p.m.** Lunch, Aigler Room, Fountain Inn

**4 p.m.** Spiritual Formation: Session Two, Sue Nilson Kibbey, Chautauqua Hall, Fountain Inn

**6 p.m.** Dinner, Wesley Lodge—North

**7:15 p.m.** Evening Vespers by the Lake,

East Pavilion Deck

**8:15 p.m.** Michael Shirtz Quartet,

Hoover Auditorium

#### Wednesday, August 22

*Passes valid until 7 p.m.*

**9:15 a.m.** Faith for Living Hour, Devotions & Communion, led by The Rev. Brent Watson,

Orchestra Hall

**Spiritual Formation Facilitator:** The Rev. Sue Nilson Kibbey, Director, Office of Missional Church Development West Ohio Conference  
United Methodist Church The Rev. Howard Humphress, Director of East Ohio Office of Pastoral Care.

Spiritual Director: Debbie Baker

*1.0 CEU certificate will be available and distributed by The Rev. Dr. Ned Dewire, Religious Programming, Lakeside Chautauqua.*

### Registration

Registration fee includes a three day Chautauqua Pass and Auto Pass per registration for one person, plus participation in all events scheduled during the retreat. Registration fee is required for those accompanying. There is a \$25 registration fee.

*Participants are encouraged to attend one or all three days.*

### Meals

Lunch and dinner are included Monday and Tuesday for Associate Members and Local Pastors. Additional meal plans can be purchased for \$65 a person. Continental breakfast is included with your hotel stay. Please include any allergies or restrictions with registration.

### Accommodations

\$75.00 per night, per room  
*(reservation includes continental breakfast)*

To book your room, email [hotels@lakesideohio.com](mailto:hotels@lakesideohio.com) or call (419) 798-4461, ext. 230.

Use promo code: RETREAT18

### Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (full) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline:**

**Friday, August 10, 2018**

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method: Credit Card      Check

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks can be made payable to:**

**Lakeside Chautauqua**

Please return completed registration form and payment to Lakeside Chautauqua.

By Fax (419) 798-5033

By Mail Lakeside Chautauqua, ATTN: Religious Life, 236 Walnut Ave., Lakeside, OH 43440

### Parking

Lakeside Chautauqua has various locations available for parking. The largest parking lot is the South Gate Parking Lot, located off Route 163.



## 'Help Build Hope' Weekend Mission Project Dover First United Methodist Church August 17-19, 2018

### Building Hope Together!

On the weekend of August 17-19, 2018 we will partner with CrossRoads Missions and their 'Help Build Hope' Ministry to build the frame of at least one house on our church parking lot. Once completed, the frame will be disassembled and transported by CrossRoads to a family in need thru Habitat For Humanity or The Fuller Center for Housing. The purpose of this ministry is to address the need for safe and affordable housing in our county, and to reach out to a local family in need by building them a home.

For info on volunteering or donating visit our website at [doverfirst.org](http://doverfirst.org) or contact Dover First UMC at: (330) 343-1322 or [doverfirst@gmail.com](mailto:doverfirst@gmail.com)

## EOC DELEGATION OFFERS LISTENING SESSIONS

At its April/May meeting [the Council of Bishops recommended the One Church Plan](#) as a Way Forward for The United Methodist Church. Having received and considered the extensive work of the Commission on a Way Forward, the Council of Bishops will submit a report to the February 23-26, 2019, Special Session of the General Conference that includes:

- All three plans (The Traditionalist Plan, The One Church Plan and the Connectional Conference Plan) for a way forward considered by the Commission and the Council.
- The Council's recommendation of the One Church Plan.
- An historical narrative of the Council's discernment process regarding all three plans.

Delegates to the Special Session are elected by their respective annual conferences. The East Ohio delegation is offering clergy and laity an opportunity to engage the proposed legislation by participating in one of the five Listening Sessions. The Tuscarawas District will be hosting one on Tuesday, October 9, 6:30-9:00 PM, at New Philadelphia First UMC (201 West High Avenue, New Philadelphia).

## LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

The Tuscarawas District is now on Facebook. If you or your church is on Facebook, please like the district's page at [www.facebook.com/TuscarawasDistrict1/](http://www.facebook.com/TuscarawasDistrict1/) to receive current events, news and more!



## 2020 SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

To participate in reviewing the 2020 Draft Social Principles, East Ohio Conference's Board of Church and Society invites all members of the Conference to provide comment on the newest revision of the Social Principles. First articulated over a hundred years ago and endorsed by a wide body of religious denominations, this historic document has been regularly revised to reflect new events and changing circumstances. Still, these statements reflect Wesleyan concepts that translate Christian precepts to the realities of our resources, relationships, and social practices in our local communities and wider world today. Please visit [Social Principles 2020](#) to learn more. For individuals to add their perspective and voice to this newest edition, you can access the draft document online here. After reflecting and prayerfully considering the draft document, you can respond from your home on your own time by visiting Social Principles 2020, scrolling to the bottom of the page, and providing your feedback.

Churches are also welcome and encouraged to host conversations and provide feedback as well. A conversation guide for Sunday School classes or other gatherings can be found here. Individuals can then provide feedback using the link above, or group feedback can be submitted to the General Board of Church and Society through the East Ohio Director of Multicultural Vitality at [Vitality@eocumc.com](mailto:Vitality@eocumc.com).

The East Ohio Conference Board of Church and Society will be hosting a conversation on September 15th. To receive an invitation and details, please contact [Vitality@eocumc.com](mailto:Vitality@eocumc.com).

The document and its online review will be available until August 31. Members of the East Ohio Board of Church and Society thank you for your role in supporting this important work.