



# Tuscarawas Ties

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## FROM THE DS...SELF EXAMINATION

No, it's not Lent, an examined life is appropriate for any season. Plato said, "The life which is unexamined is not worth living." I would add that a life with self-assessment helps us to: review our way in the world, locate the real cause of our individual issues and problems, examine time management, inspect the quality of our prayer life and evaluate how faithful we have been with our spiritual gifts.

May the prayer which follows assist you as you continue to recapture purpose and a holistic look at present reality.



### Self Examination

Excerpt from *This Day: A Wesleyan Way of Prayer*  
by Laurence Hull Stookey

#### *In the month now ended:*

To what extent have I identified God's work in my life:

- in making me more compassionate toward the needs of individuals?
- in giving me resolve to do what I can to remedy the deep ills of society, particularly all forms of abuse and exploitation that demean God's daughters and sons?
- in giving me greater spiritual discernment while at prayer, particularly in the study of the Scriptures?

Have I prayed earnestly for peace, and given thanks for all who seek to bring it about?

How have I worked toward it in my own community? in my own family?

To what extent have I worked to preserve and protect the physical world around me by conserving its resources.

Am I more aware now than before of the extent of the church across the whole earth and of the many problems faced by fellow Christians?

#### *In the longer range:*

Looking beyond the month just ended,  
what growth do I see in my walk with God across the years?  
What threats to committed discipleship have I overcome?  
What threats still challenge me?  
What growth in grace do I wish to achieve in the future?

Have I remembered to give thanks to God for all progress I see and to seek earnestly from God the power to follow more fully?

*Live Well,  
Benita*

### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S TENTATIVE CALENDAR



- |       |   |
|-------|---|
| 1     | Church visit<br>S/PPRC Consultations  |
| 2     | Clergy Consultations  |
| 3     | Clergy Consultations  |
| 4     | District Day Apart, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM,<br>Simpson UMC<br>Urban Action Team meeting, 3:00-4:30 PM,<br>District Office<br>Superintendency Committee meeting, 6:30 PM,<br>District Office |
| 5     | Clergy Consultations<br>Retired Pastors' Luncheon, 12:00 PM, Variety's<br>in North Canton   |
| 7     | District UMW meeting, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM,<br>Greentown UMC<br>S/PPRC Consultations   |
| 8     | Church visit  |
| 9     | Office  |
| 10-12 | Cabinet   |
| 14    | S/PPRC Consultations  |
| 15    | Church visit<br>S/PPRC Consultations  |
| 16    | S/PPRC Consultations  |
| 17    | S/PPRC Consultations  |
| 18-21 | BMCR, Matheson, IL  |
| 22    | Church visit  |
| 23-27 | Out of office   |
| 28    | S/PPRC Consultations  |
| 29    | Church visit  |
| 30-31 | Office  |

## CHARGE CONFERENCES

Charge Conference forms are available online at [ecumc.com/tuscarawas](http://ecumc.com/tuscarawas) under *Forms (Church and Miscellaneous)*. Below is an overview of the forms that need to be completed for S/PPRC consultations, as well as Charge Conference. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Williams at the District Office.

### S/PPR Consultations

- ⇒ CFC (*complete with the pastor*)
- ⇒ LCPA - Local Church Profile Annual
- ⇒ LCPL - Local Church Long-term Profile

### Church Conference

- ⇒ Omnibus (*Leadership Directory is included with the Omnibus*)
- ⇒ 2018 Pastor Compensation Form
- ⇒ 2018 Pension/Disability Calculations (*if applicable*)
- ⇒ 2018 Housing Allowance/Exclusion Form
- ⇒ Lay Servant Annual Report (*if applicable*)
- ⇒ Parsonage Inspection Form (*if applicable*)

*All forms are due to the District Office one week prior to the scheduled meeting.*

## FALL-FOR-ALL CLERGY RETREAT

The 2017 Fall-for-All Clergy Retreat will be held November 13-15 at The Carlisle Inn at Sugarcreek. All clergy are invited from students to retirees (Elders, Deacons, Licensed Local Pastors).

The theme is *The Worship Architect: A Blueprint for Designing Culturally Relevant and Biblically Faithful Services* and will be presented by Rev. Dr. Constance Cherry, Professor of Worship and Pastoral Ministry at Indiana Wesleyan University.

For questions or more information, contact Brian Oglesbee at [brianoglesbee55@gmail.com](mailto:brianoglesbee55@gmail.com) or (330) 968-7360.

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Stephanie Williams, [tuscdistoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tuscdistoffice@gmail.com).

## SPECIAL DATES

- October 1, World Communion Sunday
- October 6-8, Children's Sabbath
- October 15, Laity Sunday
- October 31, Reformation Day

## DISTRICT DAY APART

The Tuscarawas District is hosting a *District Day Apart* on Wednesday, October 4, 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM, at Simpson United Methodist Church (4900 Middlebranch NE, Canton, 44705).

Clergy and laity are encouraged to attend to learn more about the issues facing our society, as well as resources that are available to our churches. Please contact the district office (330) 492-7817 or [tuscdistoffice@gmail.com](mailto:tuscdistoffice@gmail.com) to **RSVP no later than Monday, October 2.**

### AGENDA

**9:30 – 10:00 AM**

**Refreshments**

**10:00 – 11:00 AM**

**A discussion on anti-pornography presented by Bev Wrobel**

*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? This session will answer these questions and more through video testimony, sharing by the presenters, and a resource guide.*

**11:00 – 11:15 AM**

**Break**

**11:15 AM – 12:30 PM**

**The resources of OhioGuidestone**

*OhioGuidestone is a community solutions organization, offering a unique blend of behavioral health treatment, skill building programs, and prevention and recovery services for children and families throughout Ohio. Our continuum of flexible, customized programs address specialized needs to help individuals become self-sufficient, productive members of the community by providing pathways for growth, achievement and lifelong success. Building on the organization's rich 153 year United Methodist heritage, OhioGuidestone has grown to offer more than 30 programs serving more than 32,000 individuals each year. OhioGuidestone leadership will be with us to present information about programs in the Tuscarawas District.*

## UMPIP REMINDER

When setting up or changing enrollment in UMPIP, a *Before-Tax and After-Tax Contributions Agreement* must be completed and sent directly to the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits. The agreement can be found at [ecumc.com/pensions/index.html](http://ecumc.com/pensions/index.html).

## PASTOR APPRECIATION

Pastors are often mentioned when people list the names of those who have had the greatest impact on their life. Take a moment and join in saying "thank you" during Pastor Appreciation Month in October.

## 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



## 2ND ANNUAL DISTRICT YOUTH CANOE TRIP

Sixty members of the Tuscarawas District Youth canoed down the Tuscarawas River on Saturday, September 16. Two by two, the youth picked up a canoe and started their way down the river. There were low spots where some got stuck, but many were able to maneuver around those areas. The six-mile trek was beautiful and a great reminder of how wonderful God's creation truly is.

After canoeing, youth were taken back to the Canal Fulton Canoe Livery for some miniature golf. A cookout and worship followed at Canal Fulton UMC. Youth groups enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, pretzels and cookies for dinner. Many participated in yard games prior to worship.

District Youth Coordinator, Pastor Jon George, led devotions after the singing of three contemporary worship songs. All who participated had a great day of fellowship and are looking forward to next year!



## FALL CELEBRATION & REVIVAL

Winfield UMC will host a Fall Celebration/Revival on October 6-8, 2017.

Their own pastors are coming back to share with them:

**Friday:** Pastor Oliver (Junior) Campbell from Centenary UMC in Akron, OH

**Saturday:** Pastor Kim Vanoster from Newscomers Chapel in Brewster, OH

**Sunday morning and evening:** Pastor Bill Shutt from Missionary Alliance Church in Florence, Kentucky

Evening services begin at 6:00 PM and Sunday worship is at 9:00 AM.

## 2018 MINIMUM SALARIES

Please note the 2018 Minimum Salary Schedule below.

- 100% Full-time Associate Member (AM), Full Elder (FE), Elder from another conference (OE), Provisional Elder (PE), Full Deacon (FD), Deacon from another conference (OD) and Provisional Deacon (PD) - \$35,247.00
- Full-time Local Pastor who has completed Course of Study - \$31,677.00
- Full-time Local Pastor who has NOT completed Course of Study - \$29,893.00

## UPCOMING DATES

**October 4** District Day Apart, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM, Simpson UMC

**October 7** UMW District Fall Meeting, Greentown UMC, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM

**November 13-15** Clergy Fall for All Retreat, Carlisle Inn at Sugarcreek

## BECOMING AN INCLUSIVE CHURCH

Belonging: Becoming an Inclusive Church will be held at Ashland Theological Seminary on October 21, from 9:30 AM-3:00 PM.

This event will provide resources for caregivers, families and congregations about ways in which persons with developmental differences may fully belong to and participate in the Body of Christ.

Keynote speaker, Barbara J. Newman of the Christian Learning Center, has written several books on creating a place of welcome in congregations for persons with disabilities.

Resources will also be provided by Joni and Friends who is committed to help Christians become involved in serving people and families affected by disability.

The cost is \$25.00 per person and includes continental breakfast, a box lunch, beverages and a resource book. Participants have a choice of turkey, beef, ham and vegetable options. Gluten free meals are available if requested in advance.

Teams of 5 persons or more from one church/charge receive a discount of \$5.00 per person. Seminary or theological students may attend for free. The deadline to register at <https://becominginclusive.eventbrite.com> is October 11.

## SAVE THE DATE - UMC #GIVINGTUESDAY IS COMING!

We hope you will join United Methodists around the world to support Global Ministries missionaries and Advance projects on UMC #GivingTuesday November 28.

Frederick Buechner once described "calling" as the place "where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." One of the great things about The Advance is that it allows you to invest your resources where your passion answers specific needs in the world.

The UMC #GivingTuesday theme this year is "Connect Your Passion with God's Mission." **One hundred percent of your gifts made online through [The Advance](#) goes to the missionary or project of your choice.**

In 2016, more than 2,550 people from 19 countries gave gifts of more than \$850,000 toward missionary support and Advance projects. The countries or territories represented included Argentina, Austria, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, Guam, Ireland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, the Philippines, Russia, South Korea, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. This was truly a global effort.

Thank you for your generous gifts through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church.

### Our impact areas this year are:

- Food and Agriculture
- Church Development
- Disaster Response and Relief
- Education
- Health
- Economic Empowerment
- Social Justice
- WASH/Water and Sanitation
- Women and Children
- Mission Personnel

Now is a great time to start thinking about how you want to connect your passion to God's mission on Nov. 28. Visit [umcmision.org/give](http://umcmision.org/give) to learn more about missionaries and projects. Your gift on UMC #GivingTuesday will help bring hope and healing to a world in need.

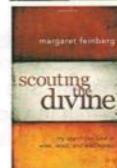
We would like to encourage you to share this information with your friends, family, and church members. We will be sending you more information as the weeks go by.

In mission together,  
Thomas Kemper  
General Secretary  
General Board of Global Ministries

## CLASSIFIEDS

North Industry UMC, 155 Faircrest St. SW, Canton, is looking for a part-time Secretary/Administrative Assistant. The position is approximately 9 hours a week. Please contact the church office for more information. [nindustryumc@att.net](mailto:nindustryumc@att.net) or 330-484-3283.

# New at the Media Center



**What's Your Story? Seeing Your Life Through God's Eyes** explores Joseph's story. He accomplished great things in Egypt, but he didn't really understand his story's significance until he recognized what God was doing through him. Discover how to co-create with God the kind of life that will be a page-turner.

**Forward: A Small Group Study Toward a Full Life in Christ** based on 2 Peter 1:3-11 that shows you and members of your small group how to push one another forward in your shared life together, helping one another grow in faith, knowledge, and actions consistent with a Christian life.

**Scouting the Divine: Searching for God in Wine, Wool, and Wild Honey** explores how ancient livelihoods illuminate meaningful Christian truths that apply to life today.

**Address the Mess** reminds us that avoiding messes and staying out of trouble isn't what the Christian life is all about. Your messes and the messy people you meet along the way may actually be your greatest opportunity to know God.

**Take the Flag: Following God's Signals in the Race of Your Life** demonstrates the parallel between the flags used in auto racing and the signals God sends us in our fast-paced lives.



## Clergy Spouses Fall Fellowship Mini-Retreat

Friday & Saturday  
November 17 & 18, 2017

Carlisle Inn -  
1357 Old Rte 39 NE  
Sugar Creek, OH 44681

**ROOMS GO QUICKLY, SO  
REGISTER EARLY!**

**Friday: Check-in - 3:00 pm** (Carlisle Inn) **and Dinner at 6:00 pm**  
Dutch Valley Restaurant, Family Style Meal, on premises - Meal will be covered by our East Ohio Conference Clergy Spouse reserve funds.

**After dinner** you are invited to gather for games and/or conversation or just relax on your own!

**Saturday:** Complimentary Breakfast from 7 to 10:00 a.m. and Gathering with short worship and fellowship at 10:00 am.

**Saturday after 11:00 am** - you are free to shop and explore the countryside and/or buy tickets to the performance on site - **"Our Christmas Dinner"** at 1 and 7 pm. (See middle section -  how to order tickets.)

### Cost:

\$120 per person for a single room  
\$60 per person with two in a room  
\$40 per person with 3 in a room  
\$30 per person with 4 in a room

Included in this cost is dinner on Friday evening and breakfast on Saturday morning.

For more information contact  
Elsa Court at [ElsaCourt@twc.com](mailto:ElsaCourt@twc.com).

Optional idea for Saturday at 1 or 7 pm.

Show - "Our Christmas Dinner"

Go to:  
<http://dhgroup.com/theater/our-christmas-dinner>  
to order your tickets to the show -  
Tickets must be purchased ahead of time.

Expect the unexpected when strangers and kinfolk show up in the middle of both a snowstorm and a life storm, and no one is left the same. This not-so-traditional, sports-centered, laughter-filled Christmas dinner features favorite Christmas carols and original songs, too.

### Hotel details:

Set in a bright building surrounded by gardens, this cozy hotel is 2.1 miles from downtown Sugar Creek and the Alpine Hills Museum. Warm rooms feature traditional decor schemes that vary in style from mission to country, as well as handmade wood furnishings. All have free Wi-Fi, TVs, coffeemakers and minifridges, plus porches or balconies.

Breakfast and parking are complimentary. Other amenities include a spa, a wood-paneled library and a fitness room, along with an indoor pool, and a playhouse with regular live performances.

Amid the flowerbeds, white fences, and shady trees on the grounds of the long-gone Lorenz family farm, the bank barn still stands. Today, this cleverly reinvented outbuilding is a charming, eclectic gift shop full of places to browse, treasures to own, and delightful surprises.

## Youth Service Fund *Coin Challenge with a New Twist*

Due to the overwhelming response the last couple of years for our Coin Challenge at Youth Annual Conference, (we raised \$3,584.55 in 2017) we are needing to update our procedure. We can no longer find a financial institution that will accept all of the coins and the weight of all the buckets has become a bit overwhelming.



So, we are launching "**Coin-a-Palooza.**" Districts and local churches will now be encouraged to donate coins during any and all their special events throughout the school year. The change will then be given to the District Youth Coordinators. The coordinators will then send checks into the Conference office, and we will keep running tallies through the year on the Conference website. The winning District will be recognized on Saturday of Youth Annual Conference in June.

The "Coin-a-Palooza" logo can be attached to any collection container.

Choose from two container sizes: (4"x11") or (8.5"x11").

When sending checks, use the YSF donation form.

Container logos and YSF donation form may be downloaded here:

<http://www.eocumc.com/youngpeople/ysf.html>

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS FUNDRAISER!**