Tuscarawas Ties

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From the DS…"And So Shall We"

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in a speech on non-violence wrote: "The non-violent resister is not out to humiliate. The goal of non-violence is to practice agape love — a love that is understanding, creative and redemptive for all." In the same speech he also said, "We need to be able to move from the bleak and desolate midnight of inhumanity to a bright and glittering daybreak of freedom."

Our United Methodist Social Creed gives us a blueprint to work for the glittering daybreak of freedom, justice and mercy for all — and so shall we.

Our creed challenges us to remember God's faithfulness and for us not to grow weary in well doing, nor forget to align ourselves with ministries of justice and mercy for all, as well as love of neighbor.

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ, calls us by grace
to be renewed in the image of our Creator,
that we may be one
in divine love for the world.

Today is the day
God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.
And so shall we.

Today is the day
God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference,
favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.
And so shall we.

Today is the day
God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.
And so shall we.

Today is the day
God deplores violence in our homes and streets,
rebukes the world's warring madness,
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.
And so shall we.

Today is the day
God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.
And so shall we.

Today is the day
God brings good news to the poor,
proclaims release to the captives,
gives sight to the blind, and
sets the oppressed free.
And so shall we.

Blessings, Benita

District Superintendent's Tentative Calendar

1	Office closed
3	Church visit
4	Labor Day, office closed
5	Office
6	Clergy Consultations
	Urban Action Team meeting, 3:00 PM
7	Clergy Consultations
9	Local Pastors' Luncheons, 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM
	Clergy Consultations
10	Church visit
11-13	Cabinet
14	Clergy Consultations
16	A Way Forward meeting, Westbrook Park, 9:00 AM
	S/PPRC Consultations, Salem UMC
17	Church visit
18	Clergy Consultations
19	Clergy Consultations
20	Clergy Consultations
	Church Location & Building meeting, 6:30 PM
21	Clergy Consultations
24	Church visit
	S/PPRC Consultations, Crosspoint UMC
25	Clergy Consultations
26	Clergy Consultations
27-29	Black Pastors' Retreat
30	S/PPRC Consultations, Centenary UMC

Special Dates

- September 4, Labor Day
- September 15-October 15, Hispanic Heritage Month

Passing on to Life Triumphant

- **Jacilyn M. Cardosy-Fisher**, spouse of Rev. Van D. Fisher, on May 30, 2017.
- **Ruth Wagner Krueck**, surviving spouse of D. Wagner Krueck, on June 8, 2017.
- **Carl L. Gray**, retired elder, on June 11, 2017.
- **Marshall H. Peterson**, retired elder, on June 13, 2017.
- **Richard P. Doenges**, retired local pastor, on June 18, 2017.
- **Barbara Powell**, surviving spouse of Max Powell, on July 1, 2017.
- **Joan Bolyard Carl**, surviving spouse of John Bolyard, on July 14, 2017.
- **Linda Bragg**, spouse of retired local pastor Wilbur T. Bragg, on July 18, 2017.
- **Joseph E. Sopher**, retired associate, on August 1, 2017.

Upcoming Dates

September 16	Canoeing with Christ, District Youth event A Way Forward, Westbrook Park UMC
September 27-29	Black Pastors' Retreat
October 4	District Day Apart
October 7	UMW District Fall Meeting, Greentown UMC, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM
November 13-15	Clergy Fall for All Retreat

Friendly Reminder

Payments for the first year of the District Mission Project (Paraguay School and Sierra Leone) voted on at last year's District Spring Conference were due June 1, 2017. If you have not submitted the payment to the district office, please do so as soon as possible.

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

News from the Board of Laity

The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016 ¶631 states that the board should:

- foster an awareness of the role of laity both within the local congregation and through their ministries in the home, workplace, community, and world in achieving the mission of the of the Church
- develop and promote programs to cultivate an adequate understanding of the theological and biblical basis for lay life and work among the members of the churches of the annual conference
- develop and promote stewardship of time, talent, and possessions within the annual conference in cooperation with the conference council on ministries or other appropriate conference bodies
- provide for the training of lay members of annual conference
- provide support and direction for the ministry of the laity on the local, district, and annual conference levels and to promote the observance of Laity Sunday
- provide organization, direction, and support for the development of local church leaders

The East Ohio Conference Board of Laity is focusing on preparing and encouraging all people in a life of Christian discipleship by:

- helping churches with vision, Christian formation, and outreach
- partnering in ministry with clergy and supporting vitality and discipleship across the conference and especially in the local church by aligning with the 4 Areas of Focus

The Board of Laity has created three task forces to live into the areas of focus.

- Vision task force with an objective to equip local churches to conduct strategic planning to lean into the mission and vision of the church
- Christian Formation task force with an objective to equip local churches to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ and encourage accountable relationships and missional small groups
- Outreach task force with an objective to assist church's outreach efforts to serve the poor, those who are hungry, and/or those with or recovering from addiction by collecting and disseminating information on the initiatives and models used to serve in these areas

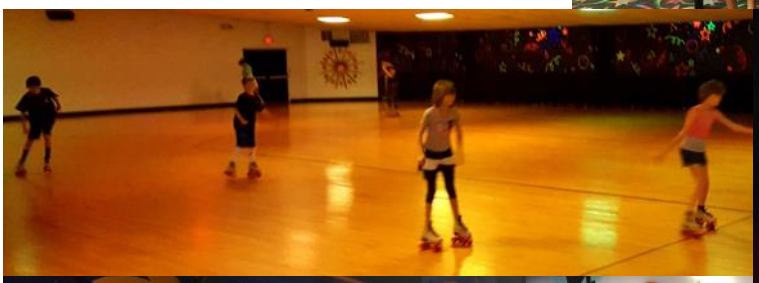
Greg Rentsch
Conference Lay Leader

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/ to receive current events, news and more!

3rd Annual Back-To-School Fellowship Enjoyed by Many

The 3rd Annual Tuscarawas District Back-To-School Fellowship was held on Sunday, August 20, at North Canton Skate and Entertainment Center. Approximately 200 people from over twenty churches enjoyed fellowship, pizza, skating, laser tag, bumper cars and much more. Mark your calendars for next year's event that will take place on Sunday, August 19, 2018!



PAUMCS | PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CONNECTIONAL STRUCTURE

An invitation to attend the 2017 PAUMCS Fall Conference

Tuesday
September 26, 2017

West Ohio
Conference Center
32 Wesley Blvd.
Worthington, Ohio
43085
800-437-0028

8:00 AM
Registration
Continental Breakfast

8:30 AM
Workshop Begins
3:30 PM
Workshop Ends

Scholarships Available: All PAUMCS members and first-time attendees are eligible for scholarships.

Contact:
Ohio PAUMCS
Joy Perry , Treasurer
800-437-0028
jperry@wocumc.org

Why You Need to Know This

Social Media and the Church

Rev Ryan Dunn
UMCommunications, ReThink Church, Nashville, TN

Ryan is convinced that social media is increasingly where people gather and he seeks to help the church meet the world through online relationship building. He currently serves with United Methodist Communications as the chief blogger, editor, and social media minister for the Rethink Church initiative.

Safe Sanctuaries Updated

RaNae Street
Director of Discipleship Resources, WOC

Safe Sanctuaries* is more than implementing a policy with guidelines and procedures. Safe Sanctuaries* creates an environment with boundaries of safe space for children, youth, and vulnerable adults, and the adults who work with them. We will have RaNae Street who serves as the Director of Discipleship Resources at the West Ohio Conference of the UMC with us to explain the revision of the 2016 standards.

Please make a reservation for yourself, and a guest or two who would benefit from our topics, to attend this 2017 PAUMCS FALL CONFERENCE as soon as possible. You will not regret it!

- Ohio PAUMCS Membership is **not required** to attend this workshop. **Registration Fee:** Includes workshop, breakfast/lunch.
- **CEUs:** Approval has been requested for a recertification credit of .5 CEU by the Professional Training and Standards Committee of National PAUMCS.
- **Mission Project:** September is National Recovery Month—Ohio PAUMCS will support the United Methodist partnerships fighting the opioid epidemic.

Lodging Opportunity:
Holiday Inn Columbus-Worthington
7007 North High Street
Worthington OH 43085
614.436.0700 Rooms (2 queen beds) $79; Held until 9/8/17 – Code: UMC
(Does not include breakfast –Continental breakfast items at conference center)

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Church Name _____ District _____
Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell _____
Email Address _____

☐ $20 - Registration Fee OH PAUMCS member
☐ $25 - Registration Fee OH Non-member
☐ $5 - Late Fee after Sept. 16 (No refunds after 09/18)
☐ Certified? What year _____ Advanced? _____

Make checks payable to Ohio PAUMCS and mail to:
West Ohio Conference
Attention: Joy Perry
32 Wesley Blvd., Worthington, OH 43085

To register after Sept 21, 2017 call Joy Perry, 800-437-0028

DivorceCare and GriefShare at Church of the Lakes

DivorceCare
Dates: Wednesdays, September 27 - January 10
(off November 22 & December 27)

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Old Conference Room - September 27; room 214 - remainder

Cost: $20 - scholarships available

Description: We welcome anyone who is dealing with, or who has experienced a divorce, and is still struggling with the emotional and practical issues that come with this change in life. You don't have to go through it alone. You can discover hope and experience healing through sharing your journey with others and God during this study.

GriefShare
Dates: Wednesdays, September 20 - December 20
(off November 22)

Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Room 202

Cost: $20 - scholarships available

Description: If you have lost a loved one (spouse, child, parent, sibling, etc.) you may want to join us for this class. It is a Biblically-based program that delivers hope and support.

Church of the Lakes, 5944 Fulton Dr NW, Canton 44718
Sign up at www.churchofthelakes.org or
call our church office at 330-499-8972

A Crossroads 200th Anniversary Event - Old Time Camp Meeting!

Sunday, October 8 at 7:00 PM
Guest Preacher Rev. Warren "Chip" Freed
Music provided by the Crossroads worship band
Soup and Sandwich fundraiser at 6:00 PM

We invite you and your church to participate in a Revival service in the style of the Old Time Camp Meeting! This worship event is part of Crossroads' 200th anniversary celebration.

When Methodism first came to Ohio in the early 1800s the Camp Meeting was a yearly evangelistic event that brought people together from miles around. It is our hope that this will be an event that will bring people together from all over the Tuscarawas District to historic Crossroads UMC, 120 Cleveland Ave. SW, Canton.

We are excited that Rev. Chip Freed will be the guest preacher! Chip is the Lead Pastor at Garfield Memorial UMC in Pepper Pike, Ohio, where he has guided that church in becoming a model of a disciple-making multicultural congregation. He is a passionate and inspiring speaker that will open hearts and challenge minds with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We hope you will join us on October 8 at 7:00 PM! Please keep this event, and Rev. Freed, in your prayers.

REGISTRATION FORM - *(Registration Deadline: September 29)*

Name _____

Church _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Meal Type: ❑ Regular ❑ Vegetarian

Mail Registration & Check Payable To:
East Ohio Conference FUND #9845
PO BOX 78016; Cleveland, OH 44101-4755

Change of Date for 2018 EOC Annual Conference

The dates for the 2018 East Ohio Annual Conference were announced to be June 17-21, 2018. These dates have been changed to June 10-14, 2018, so there was not a week between West Ohio and East Ohio Conferences. Please mark your calendar. The Tuscarawas District Gathering is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 5:30-7:00 PM, at Lakeside United Methodist Church.

Child Protection: An Old Mission with New Fields

The history of child protection in the United States is marked by great sorrow and great compassion. Children in the early formation of our country were seen as property to be done with whatever one wanted. Those without proper parental care were subjected to all kinds of abuse and maltreatment. In fact, until 1853 there were no laws that prohibited child abuse of any kind. The first convictions of abuse to children were argued under animal protection laws that had long been in place. What we know as foster care in America was the work of Reverend Charles Loring Brace, a Methodist minister.

The problem of caring for children who are victims of circumstance has been around for a long time. However, with the help of Reverend Brace and other like-minded people, America began to address some of the difficult issues in caring for destitute children. Today, the need is great again. We are in a time of uncertainty for children. It seems that tragedy is surrounding them. Schools, neighborhoods, and even playgrounds can be frightening places for children at times. But when their homes become dangerous, they can be overwhelmed. The children need safety and stability to heal from the ravages of abuse and neglect. They *need* a place of refuge.

OhioGuidestone is looking to the Church to assist us in finding those places. Good, solid homes, yes, foster homes, for children in need of refuge. This mission field is not new to the Church. What is newer is the spread of addiction and abuse into every community. If you have not yet noticed, it is at your doorstep. The most vulnerable among us are often the casualties of poor choices from the adults in their lives. We need to reach people who are willing to stand in the gap for primary families while they work to get better. Indeed, "the workers *are* few" but even one can change an entire life.

I am happy to speak with your committees and or ministries about how OhioGuidestone can prepare families for the most awesome mission for which you don't have to leave home. You can reach me at jeff.willis@OhioGuidestone.org, or by phone at (440) 260-2908. Will you be the first one to call and invite me to visit your community?

—Jeff Willis

Jeff Willis is a Foster Care Recruiter and Trainer with OhioGuidestone.

MajesticVoice

The MajesticVoice Scholarship in Memory of Eileen Kendig and Rose Lee Morton

AWARD:

The winner of the MajesticVoice Scholarship will receive $1,000 and the opportunity to perform their selection at a MajesticVoice concert. A $500 scholarship will also be given.

The genre of music that MajesticVoice Chorus performs is as follows: Blues, Country, Easy Listening, Holiday (including Christmas sacred and secular), Inspirational (including Gospel), Jazz, Pop music, Soft rock and Patriotic. We do not perform Alternative, Hip Hop, Rap, Hard Rock, Indie pop, New Age or World Music.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Resident of the state of Ohio
- Pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree at an Ohio institution of higher learning in music
- Submission of a vocal and/or instrumental music performance by the applicant with applicable sheet music
- Scholastic aptitude
- Exhibited leadership skills and integrity
- Community involvement

Immediate family members of the Scholastic Selection Committees and MajesticVoice Board members are not eligible.

DEADLINE:

All application materials for scholarship must be emailed or postmarked by **December 31st** each year. Awards will be presented at a MajesticVoice performance no later than May 30th for the school year of the current fall/spring term submitted. For more information, visit www.majesticvoice.org.