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...The Canal District United Methodist Church Newsletter...

Rev. Angela Lewis, District Superintendent, Canal District

The mission of the Canal District UMC is to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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New Glory Days

The new appointees by now have probably heard some of the stories of the church's glory days. Actually, all of us pastors have been told about the awesome glory days of the church(es) we've served.

One time in a sermon, I remember talking and celebrating where the church was and the powerful things it did in its glory days. As I was preaching, I vividly recall the Holy Spirit saying in the message, "If I did it once, I can do it again." The Holy Spirit said, "I can give you new "glory days." I want to give you NEW GLORY DAYS!"

Please indulge me as I lift up three significant glory days from Scripture.

The first was God leading His people out of the land of Egypt (Ex. 13). The glory of God led the people by a pillar of cloud (glory) by day and pillar of fire (glory) by night. The glory of God kept the enemy of bondage away. When it was all over, the enemies of God's people were all washed up. The Children of Israel would see them no more.

Another glory day was when Solomon dedicated the temple (2 Chronicles 7). On this occasion, there was no "fanfare" or big celebration in a way we would imagine. This glory day was a visit of God into His Holy Temple. It was a day where the glory of God filled the temple. It was so full that the priest and the people couldn't enter. They bowed down and worshipped outside the building. It really is ok, to worship God outside the building.

The last glory day I want to lift up is when the Spirit of God came in like a mighty rushing wind. That day was the day of Pentecost (Acts 2). On Pentecost, new life was breathed into a people that has forever changed the world. As a result, some of its people would be described as "those who turned the world upside down." (Acts 17:6)

This last glory day, Pentecost, was one that so moved the people that they couldn't stop talking and being witnesses for Jesus. Everywhere they went—before political and religious leaders, on the street, on their jobs, they bore witness of their faith. Hence, the church was added to daily.

Naturally, these are just a few "glory days" examples. What we see is that God was not confined to a particular time or place. We see that God moved before and with His people. What's interesting to me is what we see before each glory day happened—PRAYER. God's people cried out, interceded and waited in prayer. Yes, they worked and did other things, but they prayed first. They prayed before God moved, while God moved and after God moved.



Yes, all of the churches in the Canal district have had glory days. Yes, I believe that God can and will give "new glory days" in the future, because it is His glory that manifests these days.

- D.S. Angela Lewis

Resident Bishop,
East Ohio Conference:
Bishop Tracy S. Malone
Conference website:
www.eocumc.com

DS Calendar - August

August 2, Monday - August 5, Thursday: Vacation

August 16, Monday: Zoom consultation

10 a.m. - Tammy Kuntz

August 18, Wednesday: Zoom consultations

10 a.m. - Annette Dimond

11 a.m. - John Finn

August 30, Monday: Zoom consultations

10 a.m. - Ruth Roth

11 a.m. - Amy Shipley

6 p.m. - Carolyn Baker

7 p.m. - David Haydu

8 p.m. - Gregory Hogan

August 31, Tuesday: Zoom consultations

9 a.m. - Brett Bartels

10 a.m. - Norma Bates;

11 a.m. - Ruthann Bosley

12 noon - Claudia Britton

Email Phishing & Spoofing

A spoofing attack is a situation in which a person or program successfully identifies as another by falsifying data, to gain an illegitimate advantage.

ALWAYS check the email address of the sender to make sure it is the correct person emailing you.

Canal District Office and Rev Angela Lewis email addresses:

· cdistumc@gmail.com

· alewis@eocumc.com

If you receive any other email address other than the ones above, please do not open it, most likely it is a SCAM!!!

Fellowship of Associate Members & Local Pastors - Retreat

Sunday, August 22 - Wednesday, August 25, 2021

"Christian Mindfulness

Sponsored by the Fellowships from


East and West Ohio Conferences,

Michigan Conference and

Lakeside Chautauqua Religious Life Department.

For more information or if you have not received a brochure, contact: Jeri Johnson, FAMLPL president at 330-280-3635 or pastorjkj@gmail.com

Voting Results - Canal District At-Large Delegates to Annual Conference for 2022



The Conference Secretary will let us know in January how many District At-Large Delegates the Canal District is entitled to. For 2021 the number was 38. For example if that is the case in 2022, the first 38 people will be our at large delegates and the next 12 alternate delegates.

Annual Conference 2022 will take place at the John S. Knight Center in Akron., Thursday, June 9 through Saturday, June 11 .

If your name is on this list and you won't be able to attend in 2022, please contact Debbie Bryant at the Canal District Office.

1	Frambaugh, Mildred , Sharon Center UMC
2	Herr, Lisa , Medina UMC
3	Emerick, Tom , Kent UMC
4	Winchell, Betty , Rittman UMC
5	Bloom, Linda , Macedonia UMC
6	Feldman, Elizabeth , Oak Chapel UMC
7	Lin-Fisher, Betty , Family of Faith UMC
8	Dyer, Jennifer , Montrose Zion UMC
9	Mitchell, Jonah , Chapel of the Cross UMC
10	Mote, Denise , Kent UMC
11	Yoak, Kim , Cuyahoga Falls First UMC
12	Fisher, Anne , Clearview UMC
13	Herr, Doug , Medina UMC
14	Nedel, Judith , Kent UMC
15	Piatt, Liz , Family of Faith UMC
16	Watts, Joy, Uniontown UMC
17	Watts, Joy , Uniontown UMC
18	Bank, Claire , Kent UMC
19	Cook, Lisa , Manchester UMC
20	Moody, Richard , Manchester UMC
21	Wheeler, Ruth , Akron First UMC
22	Apple, Carol , Johnson UMC
23	Augustine, Marlene , Family of Faith UMC
24	Barth, Kim , Family of Faith UMC
25	Kerr, Earl , Doylestown UMC
26	Milam, Amber , Atwater UMC
27	Groh, Carol , Mogadore UMC
28	Hardman, Charlie , Apple Creek UMC
29	Lane, Lala , Grandview UMC
30	Acord, Michele , Mogadore UMC
31	Butcher, Linda , Family of Faith UMC
32	Friebel, Felicia , Shreve UMC
33	Gregory, Brian , Cuyahoga Falls First UMC
34	Knepp, Sally , Uniontown UMC
35	Koch, Tom , Christ Woodland UMC
36	Campbell, Roger , Hope UMC
37	Hartman-Kuhajda, Ronda , Johnson UMC
38	Heffernan, Tammy , Heart 4 the City UM Mission Church
39	Stiller, Michael , Kent UMC
40	McDonald, Jessica , Family of Faith UMC
41	Buehrle, Bill , Family of Faith UMC
42	Aten, April , Oak Chapel UMC
43	Jermy, Charlotte , Atwater UMC
44	Laux, Don , Rootstown UMC
45	McClain, Karen , Akron First UMC
46	Green, Sheila , Wedgewood UMC
47	Prior, Donna , South Arlington UMC
48	Owens, Lucinda , Family of Faith UMC
49	Prior, Dan , South Arlington UMC
50	Hodgen, Linda , South Arlington UMC

Mosaix Regional Learning Lab Work Smart - Avoid Mistakes - Gain Confidence

Mosaix Regional Learning Lab will take place September 24-26—the theme is - Work Smart- Avoid Mistakes- Gain Confidence. This Regional Learning Lab will take place at Garfield Memorial UMC in Pepper Pike. Designed for all church leadership teams, it's your chance to "get under the hood" of a healthy multiethnic congregation and learn some best practices to help your church reach more diverse groups of people. The Learning Lab will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Friday, September 24 and conclude at 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, September 26. Four meals are included in the registration price of \$189/person or \$149/person for groups of three or more. If cost is a barrier for you or for your leadership team, please e-mail Melanie Thomas (mthomas@eocumc.com) in the Conference Connectional Ministries office or call her at (330) 499-3972 ext. 102. Spots are limited so register today.

To learn more and register go to: <https://garfieldchurch.org/mosaixlab>

Trinity Action Project (TAP) Grants

Application Process for TAP - Any program/project from a Canal District local church that very clearly relates to the mission and vision of the Conference may submit an application. Funds for mission purposes are intended as "Seed Money" to be used as start-up funds to help initiate ministry and mission outreach. Programs/projects will be funded for a maximum of 3 years. Applications will have a specific plan and/or strategy for a program/project, a clearly defined method(s) in which the funds will be used, and a method for decreasing the "seed money" funding over the 3 year period. TAP Grant funding may not be used for capital expenditures or clergy salaries. Churches applying for a multi-year grant will submit a new application each year.

► For an application go to:
<https://www.eocumc.com/canal/grants-scholarships.html>



Lay Servant Ministry Changes

The Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries (LSM) has updated the East Ohio Conference lay servant categories to reflect changes made in The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016. The Discipline no longer uses "Local (Basic) Lay Servant" as an LSM category. This change will take effect July 1, 2021.

Persons are encouraged to take the Basic LSM course as a way to grow as a disciple, as a step toward discerning a call to lay ministry, or as a step in becoming a certified lay servant, certified lay speaker, or certified lay minister. A certificate of completion is issued for Basic training, but persons will not apply to become a lay servant at that point. Persons may apply to become a certified lay servant after completion of both the Basic and any Advanced course. Persons completing the Basic course will no longer need to fill out the Lay Servant Annual Report to charge conference. All Certified Lay Servant categories will continue to fill out the annual report. Read the revised report (<https://www.eocumc.com/laity/lay-servants.html>) and please do not use prior year reports.

Due to the COVID pandemic, the LSM Committee has also extended the deadline requiring that certified lay servants and certified lay speakers must complete an Advanced course every three years. Persons whose last Advanced course was completed in 2017, 2018, or 2019 must take an Advanced course in 2021 or 2022 to be renewed. The LSM Committee will review the format and availability of courses in order to provide multiple alternatives for training in our current environment. BeADisciple (<https://www.beadisciple.com/>) continues to be an excellent resource for online training as well.

► Questions—contact Canal District Lay Servant Director at stahldrla@aol.com.

Advanced Lay Servant Class: Spiritual Gifts

Friday, October 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, October 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday October 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
At Lockwood United Methodist Church, 3680 Manchester Road, Akron, Ohio 44319—Registration Deadline: September 3
Fee \$35.00 for the class and materials—Contact Debbie Sloan at 330-283-6893 or email at dlsloan1@aol.com

Canal District Clergy and Families Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays – August

- 1 Callie Hoverstock
- 8 Daniel Rittgers
- 9 Jim Pfander,
Beth Rittgers
- 13 Pam Monteith
- 14 Colin Ward
- 16 Micah Burkhardt
- 22 Kylie Ward,
Mike Ward



Wedding Anniversaries – August

- 10 Gary & Elizabeth Hadler
- 15 Joe & Jeanette Burkhardt
- 25 Bill & Daryl Sowers

Reminder to Clergy: Birthdays and anniversaries are only listed if you inform me you would like them listed. You can email me at cdistumc@gmail.com or phone 330-252-0299

Items available



Clearview UMC at 1733 Massillon Rd., Akron, OH, has the following items for any church that could use them - Braille UM Hymnals - Glass Communion Cups - If you are in need call Clearview UMC at (330) 733-1693. Leave a message and someone will get back to you.



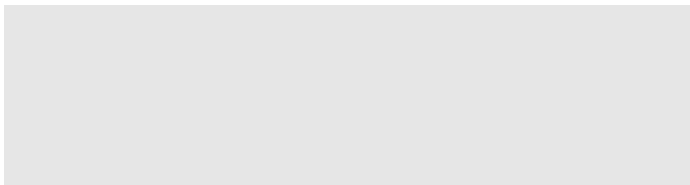
Job Openings

The United Methodist Church in Stow is hiring teachers for the Children's Place Learning Center. The Center is one of the missions of the church. It has both a preschool and daycare. If you love children and enjoy teaching, inquire to the Director of CPLC, Nicki Snodgrass: Childrensplace1@yahoo.com

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Return Service Requested



CLERGY DAY APART

CLERGY DAY APART - Serving side by side - All Local Licensed, Associate Members, Ordained and Commissioned Elders and Deacons and all Retired Clergy are encouraged to attend a day of **Service and Worship - Saturday, October 16, 2021 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Clergy can choose to participate at any one of our 5 East Ohio UMVIM Stations: Blue Rose Mission (Mid-Ohio), Covered Bridge Ministries (Western Reserve), Epworth Center (Southern Hills), Nehemiah Mission of Cleveland (North Coast), Urban Mission (Ohio Valley).

More information and registration details will be coming later this summer.

Sponsored by: East Ohio Board of Ministry, Order of Elders, Order of Deacons, FAML P and East Ohio UMVIM.

Christ Alive in Us! “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” - Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

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