

Mahoning Valley Messenger

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A Mission and Ministry Message from Bishop Tracy S. Malone

“Beloved, God’s Spirit is moving in and through our United Methodist churches in some amazing and transformative ways. I see a measure of the fullness of God as I attend your worship services and share in conversations with clergy and laity. I see a measure of the fullness of God as I witness how local churches are sharing the love, the grace, and the hospitality of Jesus Christ with their neighbors, how you’re feeding the hungry and caring for those who have suffered trauma and pain, and how you are connecting with those who are looking for hope and community,” shares Bishop Tracy S. Malone in [this video message](#).

Later in her message, while directing congregations and clergy to the disaffiliation resources available on the [East Ohio Conference website](#), Bishop Malone reiterates her hope and prayer that no one feels that they have to choose to leave or separate from The United Methodist Church. She also assures clergy and laity of congregations that “no one will be abandoned.”

The bishop’s video message also includes a timeline denoting these three important dates related to matters of disaffiliation:

- April 3 – deadline to notify your superintendent and the bishop’s office in writing,
- May 3 – deadline for district superintendents to schedule church conferences, and
- May 20 – deadline for full disaffiliation cost payments to be received.

WITH THE DS IN APRIL

- 3- ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
- 4- MLK SERVICE
- 7- GOOD FRIDAY- OFFICE CLOSED
- 9- PREACHING AT EP
- 10- OFFICE CLOSED
- 15-TRANSITION TRAINING
- 16- BUILDING CONSECRATION
- 17- STTP READING
- 17-DLB ZOOM
- 18-20- CABINET
- 24- CONFERENCE STAFF MEETING OFFICE CLOSED
- 28- NEW DS TRANSITION DAY
- 28- ACTION BANQUET
- 30- SPRING DISTRICT CONFERENCE @HOWLAND

East Ohio E-News

E-News is the bi-weekly electronic newsletter of the East Ohio Conference. Its purpose is to communicate the many ways that conference clergy and laity are making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The electronic newsletter includes messages from Bishop Malone and other announcements regarding the mission and ministry within The East Ohio Conference. [Click Here:](#) to visit the East Ohio E-News webpage. When you click on the link it will take you to the conference website page, on the right will be a space for you to enter your email address so that you can receive them straight from the Conference Office.

Every Summer Has a Story**Make Camp a part of your story in 2023!**

Want a chance to tour the sites, talk to the staff, and see what is being offered for Summer Camps 2023? Join us on the following dates.

- Camp Asbury: Sunday, April 16th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Camp Wanake: Saturday, April 29th from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
(includes Resurrection Egg Hunt)
- Camp Aldersgate: Saturday, May 7th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Do those dates not work for you? Contact the site directly and set up your own visit.

- Aldersgate – info@campaldersgate.org – 330-627-4369
- Asbury – info@campasbury.org – 330-569-3171
- Wanake – info@campwanake.org – 330-756-2333

Aldersgate, Asbury and Wanake are looking for Summer Staff

Our summer program requires a great number of qualified staff to be successful. We are looking for outstanding Christian women and men for summer staff positions. We are looking for counselors, lifeguards, program staff, food service, administration and maintenance. Go to www.EOCsummercamps.org and click on the “Staff & Volunteer” tab for more information. Or contact the camps directly:

Aldersgate – 330-627-4369

Asbury – 330-569-3171

Wanake – 330-756-2333

The District will be collecting books at the Spring

Conference for

Thrive 10:10's

Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' By World Library

Books needed:

- spiritual well-being
- health
- wellness
- financial wellness

Getting Ahead is a 16 week program for people living in poverty or unstable situations. It allows them to investigate the strengths of themselves and their community in order to leverage a better life for themselves and their families

For more information on Thrive 10:10 and its programs, go to

ThriveNeighbors.Org

Thrive 10:10 is an Advance Special of the EOCUMC



Dear Family and Friends,

March 19, 2023

I'm sure most of you know that Don went to be with Jesus on Dec. 15, 2022. To hopefully avoid snowy weather conditions, we have scheduled his Celebration of Life service on Saturday, April 29th, at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church at 12062 South Ave. (AKA Rt. 164), North Lima, Ohio 44452. Calling hours will precede the Celebration of Life service from 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. We invite you to join us for a fellowship meal immediately following the service at approximately 12:00 noon. Please help us with accurate planning and preparing for the luncheon by reserving a meal for you and anyone who will be arriving with you by April 17, 2023. You can text or phone me at 330-770-1060 or via online messenger. We are suggesting for those wishing to give a memorial gift that you may donate to any of the churches Don served in the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church along with our home church, S. Arlington UMC, Akron, or you may wish to donate to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research online at <https://www.michaeljfox.org>.

Looking forward to seeing you and sharing good memories together of Don.

Martha Booth and Family

A very big thank you from the District Office to ALL the churches that turned in their 2022 Annual Church Audit in on time. For those who have not yet submitted yours, they need to be sent ASAP. Please & Thank you

Western Reserve United Women in Faith would like to invite all ladies to our luncheon and program on Thursday, April 13, at noon in the Western Reserve UMC Fellowship Hall, 4580 Canfield Rd., Canfield. Lunch will be provided, a To RSVP or for more information, contact Diane Price at ddprice@zoominternet.net.

Spring District Conference

Spring district conference will begin at 2:30pm on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at Howland UMC. Breakout sessions planned so far include Upwards Sports and connecting with your preschool families—stay tuned for more!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: June 8-10

Registration starts: April 3

Registration closes May 12

If you will need daycare assistance, please let the District Office know in advance.

The District is sponsoring a table of 8 for the banquet below. Please contact the district office if you are interested in attending.

Clergy Birthdays for April

1— Ken Gifford

6— Ivy Smith

RETIREE BREAKFAST

Wed. April 26, 9:00 a.m. at Eat 'N Park, 5451 Mahoning Ave. Austintown.



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

All those still suffering from COVID-19 in different ways; all pastors and churches during this busy and challenging period of transition.

Please also pray for Elaine Weaver (Retired Local Pastor), Joan Ready (Widow of Rev. Chuck Ready), Rev. Doug Lewis

IT'S DINNER TIME, ETC.

Swiss Steak Dinner - Sat., April 1, 4-6 (Drive thru only) @Vienna UMC, 4265 Warren-Sharon Rd. Vienna, 44473

Thursday, April 6, 4pm until sold out Swiss Steak Drive thru Dinner at **Western Reserve UMC**, 4580 Canfield Rd, Canfield 44406

Breakfast - Sat. April 8, 8:30-11 at Smith Corners UMC., 3000 S. Canfield-Niles Rd., Youngstown. Free/by donation.

Chicken Pie Drive-thru dinner Sat. April 8, @ Fowler UMC. 3426 Youngstown-Kingsville Rd. Fowler, 44418.

“Supper at the Corner” Thurs., April 20 4:30-6pm at Smith Corners UMC., 3000 S. Canfield-Niles Rd., Youngstown.

Damascus UMC, 300 Valley Rd, Salem 44460, **Saturday, April 15 7-10:30am** Community Breakfast

Brookfield UMC 6951 Grove St. Brookfield, 44403, **Drive thru Spaghetti Dinner Sat. April 15, 4-6pm** or SOLD-OUT

Brookfield UMC Food Pantry Sat. April 29, 10-noon 6951 Grove St. Brookfield, 44403

Western Reserve UMC's (4580 Canfield Rd, Canfield, 44406) Annual GAB (Garage, Attic, Basement) Sale is coming up on May 4-6. We will be setting up April 24-May 3 and donations are welcome. We especially need furniture (this brings in the most money) and a lot of volunteers to make this a Super GAB Sale financially. This year all funds will go towards much needed Church Repairs. Contact JoAnn (330-318-7952) for more information or to volunteer.



Alliance for Congregational Transformation Influencing our Neighborhoods

“Serving the Community through our Faith and Values”

Friday April 28, 2023

Social Hour 5-6 pm / Dinner 6 pm

The Byzantine Center at the Grove

3801 Shady Run Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44502

Donation \$40.00

Guest Speaker:

Mrs. Shelia Triplett, CEO MYCAP



Honorees:

Carter House • Guy Burney • Sarah Lowry • Pat Kerrigan

ACTION Office:

435 Gypsy Lane | Youngstown, Ohio 44504
234-232-7292 or 330-941-0475

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Re:New

Imagining New Ministries in
New Ways with New People

Join clergy and laity colleagues and gain insight on new ways your ministries can reach new people in your community.

REGISTER AT:
www.eocumc.com/eventregistration

April 29

FAITH UMC

300 9th St. NW

North Canton, OH 44720

Cost is \$10, includes lunch

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE:

Messy Church

Rev. Carrie Antozak & Liss Richards

Dinner Church

Pastor Keith Brown

Children's Faith Formation

Kathy Schmucker

Camp Read-A-Lot

Sunday Morning Ideas

Theater & Ministry

Tammy Palermo & Rev. Mikayla Doecker

Online Discipleship

Rev. Craig Moock

Portico Online Learning

Rev. Beth Ortiz

All In God's Image Curriculum Resources

Corinne Dunn

RE:NEW SCHEDULE

9:00 - 9:30 a.m.

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Check-in and gather

Keynote Presentation and
Panel Discussion
Workshop 1

10:45 - 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

1:15 p.m.

Workshop 2

Workshop 3

Lunch as a Dinner Church

Closing



East Ohio Conference
The United Methodist Church



**CONNECTIONAL
MINISTRIES**



PERSPECTIVES: CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

*"The earth is the Lord's
and all that is in it."*
- Psalm 24:1a (NRSV)

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 | 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Check-in begins at 9:00 a.m.

Perspectives: Caring for God's Creation is an event designed to inform you, your church, and your community how to respond to our current climate realities. Experts and local organizers will share their perspectives offering insight on how we can live into a more ecologically equitable and sustainable world for all.

The whole Earth is God's good creation and we have been granted stewardship of it. We, as people of faith, have responsibility for how God's creation is used – and need to accept our role in how it has been abused. It's time to rise and meet our stewardship duties through acts of loving care and respect.

BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

Climate and Hunger

Rev. Nick Bates, executive director, Hunger Network in Ohio

Climate and Racism

Bishop Marcia Dinkins, executive director, Ohioans for Sustainable Change

Climate and Refugees

Patrick Kearns, executive director, Refugee Response

Ecotheology 101

Dr. Tim Van Meter, associate professor, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Intergenerational Climate Care

Rev. Crystal Paul-Watson, author, *Harmony Creation Care Curriculum*

United Methodist EarthKeepers

Barb Dawson and Claire Jencson, East Ohio EarthKeepers

UMC OF BEREA

170 Seminary St.
Berea, OH 44017

Cost: \$10, includes lunch
(options available for dietary needs)

REGISTER AT

www.eocumc.com/eventregistration



**Keynote
Speaker**

Dr. Tim Van Meter, associate professor
and coordinator of Ecological Initiatives,
Methodist Theological School in Ohio



YOUTH 2023 EOC OPPORTUNITIES

CHARLOTTE, NC AND DAYTONA BEACH, FL
SATURDAY, JULY 22- FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2023

THE EAST OHIO CONFERENCE OF THE UMC IS TAKING A BUS TO YOUTH 2023! SEATS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AND SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE. TO FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION OR REGISTER FOR THE BUS PLEASE GO TO [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/NGMB9BIP22WHTC5QA](https://forms.gle/NGMB9BIP22WHTC5QA) OR SCAN THE QR CODE..



- EOC IS PAYING FOR ONE BUS. TO RESERVE A SEAT ON THE BUS YOU MUST FIRST FILL OUT THE GOOGLE FORM GIVEN WITH THE QR CODE. A DEPOSIT OF \$100 WILL BE DUE ONCE BUS SEAT IS CONFIRMED. DEPOSITS WILL BE RETURNED ONCE WE RETURN FROM FLORIDA.
- IN ADDITION TO THE BUS, THE EOC IS OFFERING A \$350 PER PERSON SCHOLARSHIP. THIS CAN HELP COVER THE COST OF REGISTRATION OR HOTEL. WE ARE STILL ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EARLY BIRD PRICING.
- YOUTH WILL PARTICIPATE IN MISSION IN CHARLOTTE, NC THROUGH A GRANT PROVIDED BY NORTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION UM VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION (UMVIMNCJ).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUTH 2023 AND TO REGISTER, VISIT [YOUTH2023.ORG](https://youth2023.org) OR SCAN QR CODE BELOW.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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60TH
ANNIVERSARY

*Letter from
Birmingham
Jail*

BEING READ BY MEMBERS OF THE
COMMUNITY

APRIL | MON | 2023
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AT NOON IN THE ROTUNDA OF THE
MAHONING COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Kindly Join Us For A
Mother's Day Tea
Fundraiser for Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
Saturday April 29, 2023
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
49255 Pancake Clarkson Road - Rogers, OH 44455

\$20 Donation per person

Seating is limited
Make your reservations by emailing Events@mtzionumcchurch.org
or call 330-386-2379 and leave a message

Includes:

- Make and Take Mother's Day Card & Gift Bag to go with you Fiesta Mug & Chocolate Bomb Gift
- Tea Luncheon
- Basket Auction