

Mid-Ohio District News



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At East Ohio Camps we are all focused on partnering with families and local congregations so that camp can be a part of the stories of the children, youth, and adults you send our way.

The settings where the stories come alive are all different. **Camp Aldersgate**, **Camp Asbury**, and **Camp Wanake** and the other camp opportunities for youth **CYF**, **ReachOut**, and **Institute**, each provide excellent experiences while offering a variety of programs that celebrate their uniqueness.

Campers, we want your summer to be full of fun, faith formation, adventure, and growth! That's why we are planning a summer that will have you telling your family and friends, "I connected with great friends and great counselors, had fun adventures, learned new things, experienced God, and now my faith is soaring!"

Visit the East Ohio Conference Camps website by clicking the link below to learn about the individual summer programming offered this year at Camp Aldersgate, Camp Asbury, and Camp Wanake.

[Learn more and register for Summer Camp 2023.](#)

Also, don't forget to apply for a district camp scholarship through the link below, asking your pastor for a campership application or contact the district office at 419-522-3881.

[District Camp Scholarship](#)



Lay Servant Ministries is the United Methodist system for lay leadership development. It is the most significant lay leadership development program available within the United Methodist connection. Through this system of equipping and empowering, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples.

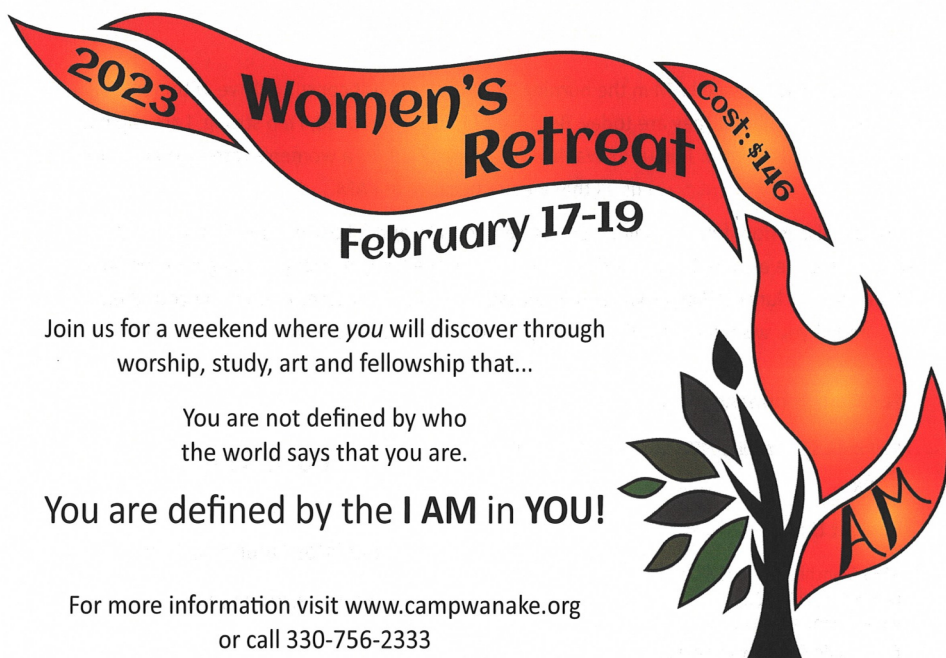
Being called to ministry is a serious endeavor. It takes a disciple to make a disciple. Thus we must do all we can to prepare ourselves to serve others. Are you ready to answer God's calling for you as a lay servant leader? View additional info about [LSM in Mid-Ohio here](#).

The 2016 *Book of Discipline* no longer uses "Local (Basic) Lay Servant." Persons completing the Basic course will not need to complete an annual report for charge conferences. Persons are encouraged to take the Basic course as a step toward discerning a call to ministry that may include becoming a Certified Lay Servant. A certification of completion is issued upon completing the Basic course. Persons may apply to become Certified Lay Servants after completion of both Basic and an Advanced course. Learn more about [EOC Lay Servant Ministries here](#) including a new video resource for CLM.

Mid-Ohio District's 2023 Lay Servant Training will be on February 18, 2023 from 8:30a - 7:30p at Trinity UMC (75 East High St., Mt Gilead, 43338).

More info on the [Brochure](#) or go directly to [Registration](#).

You can also get a brochure/registration through the district office or from your pastor.



2023 Women's Retreat
February 17-19
Cost: \$146

Join us for a weekend where *you* will discover through worship, study, art and fellowship that...

You are not defined by who
the world says that you are.

You are defined by the I AM in YOU!

For more information visit www.campwanake.org
or call 330-756-2333

Study, discussion, fun, worship, meeting new friends, and fellowship are all a part of the weekend as we explore Moses at the burning bush. We'll begin Friday evening and conclude Sunday after lunch. Wanake will supply all the meals and leadership. You bring your Bible, and, if you wish, a friend! Come ready to be challenged and return home renewed.

[Register Online Here](#)



Amplify Media Subscription Replaces former EOC Media Center

Resourcing requires adaptability. Beginning this month, the former Media Center is closed, and East Ohio Conference churches have the opportunity to join Amplify Media to stream thousands of digital study, worship, and devotional videos, each with an emphasis on Wesleyan perspectives and each accessible anywhere from and device. While we celebrate the longtime faithful ministry of the Media Center and those who served in it, conversations about an Amplify Media partnership were born from our commitment to be good stewards of apportioned resources. Last year fewer than one in four churches used the apportionment-supported DVD resources of the Media Center.

An Amplify Media basic membership costs \$29.99/month and provides access for up to 100 members of a member church to access/download resources. For East Ohio Conference churches that join Amplify Media by March 30, 2023, by using the online coupon code EOCUMC there is a special rate during the first year of membership.

[Learn more about the special Amplify Media offer for EOC churches](#)

[View the Amplify Media resource catalog](#)

Amplify Media is being offered through the Connectional Ministries office of the EOC.

The Connectional Ministries office connects East Ohio Conference pastors, congregations, and faith communities with resources to assist in fulfilling our shared mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Visit the [Connectional Ministries webpage](#) to learn about their services and resources.

United Methodist Insurance Program Revisions

The Book of Discipline requires local church trustees to annually review and report on the adequacy of local church property and liability insurance coverage “to ensure that the church, its properties, and its personnel are properly protected against risks.” Since 1797, The Book of Discipline has provided that the property and assets of local churches are held in trust for the benefit of the denomination. Inadequate insurance puts local church property and assets at risk. [Read the revised UMC Minimum Insurance Requirements.](#)

United Methodist Scholarships Apply by March 1

Applications are now open for scholarships from the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation. Every year, UMHEF awards \$2+ million to students planning to attend one of the 100+ UM-related colleges, universities, and seminaries across the country. Don’t let finances get in the way of achieving your dreams of a quality education!

Apply by March 1, 2023 at the link below...

<https://umhef.org/apply>



Join fellow pastor's spouses for a weekend of rest, encouragement, fun, support, and lots of laughs at Wanake Camp and Retreat Center.

[Register Here](#)

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