

Mid-Ohio District News



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**June 4, 2023
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
@ Sunbury UMC
(100 W. Cherry St., Sunbury, 43074)**

Mark your calendars and plan to fellowship and enjoy being in connection within the Mid-Ohio UMC district as we celebrate and appreciate clergy that are leaving and retiring. RSVP's are requested so that adequate preparations can be made. Please use the link below to RSVP or get a hard copy from your pastor to mail to the district office via USPS.

RSVP link... <https://forms.gle/ssR4Hf8UwxzgSCidA>

Annual Conference REGISTRATION CLOSES May 12

The theme for the 54th session of East Ohio Annual Conference is "Faith, Hope, Love." The words of 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (CEB) will guide worship services and business sessions.

AC 2023 will be held at the John S. Knight Center in Akron. Registration will be online only. [Click Here](#) and use this link to register for both Clergy Session (Wed, June 7) and AC (June 8-10).

Information on how to book rooms at EOC-partnered hotels is available on the [AC 2023 webpage here](#).

Letter to “United Methodists on a Pilgrimage” & Upcoming Oasis Conversations in Mid-Ohio

There have been some churches in the Mid-Ohio District that have held church conferences in order to vote on the matter of affiliation with the United Methodist Church. These vote results are rarely unanimous. Members of congregations that have voted to disaffiliate have received a letter inviting them to journey on a pilgrimage with others who wish to remain as members of The United Methodist Church. This pilgrimage is supported through Oasis conversations. Oasis conversations are intentional spaces for connection, healing, and spiritual growth.

In the Mid-Ohio District, Steve Court will be hosting Oasis conversations in four locations listed below.

- Sunday, May 21 at 1:00pm at the Ashland Library Stockwell Room (224 Claremont Ave)
- Thursday, May 25 at 6:00pm at the Bucyrus Library Meeting Room (200 E. Mansfield St)
- Tuesday, May 30 at 6:00pm at the Mansfield Main Library Community Room (43 W 3rd St)
- Thursday, June 1 at 6:00pm at the Mt Gilead Library Annex (41 E. High St)

Each conversation will provide an informal time for sharing, prayer, conversation, support and connection with others who seek to remain members of The United Methodist Church. The agenda and flow of the meeting will be determined by those present.

The EOC Communications Office is currently designing a resources for the EOC website to support you during this time of pilgrimage. Soon you will be able to find information on Lighthouse churches, Oasis groups, Membership transfer info, and more. Stay tuned and we will notify you when it's ready.



Cabinet Re-Districting Proposal Webinar

**May 22, 2023
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

[Read the Re-Districting Proposal](#)

Bishop Tracy S. Malone, the Cabinet, and other Conference leadership will host a webinar to introduce the Cabinet Re-Districting proposal that will be presented for vote at Annual Conference in June.

During the webinar, participants will hear discussion and be able to ask questions about the recommendation to move from 10 districts to 4 districts effective January 1, 2024.

More information about the webinar, including the link to join it, will be published in the May 15 issue of [E-News](#).



Youth Annual Conference Recharge Rally

This year's Youth Annual Conference for students in grades 6-12 is a rally day of fellowship, fun, and worship at Camp Wanake on Saturday, June 17. The theme of YAC 2023 is Recharge, and the focus scripture is Matthew 11:28: "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

Participating youth and their adult leaders will connect with peers from across the East Ohio Conference during this day of fun and activities that begins at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude at 10:00 p.m. following a time of worship, communion, and a candle-lighting service. The cost is \$20/person, which includes a t-shirt, lunch and dinner.

[Learn more and register for the YAC 2023 Recharge Rally](#)

There is Still Room for you at Summer Camp 2023

At East Ohio Camp sites - Aldersgate, Asbury, and Wanake - it is not too late to get registered for Summer Camp 2023. To request a brochure or ask questions about Summer Camp 2023, [e-mail the Camps office](#), or call (800) 831-3972 ext. 108. Camperships are available to ensure that all people have an opportunity to attend camp. [Learn more and register for Summer Camp 2023.](#)

Youth from around Ohio are also invited to gather at Malone University and Lakeside Chautauqua for great Christian community, in-depth Bible study, creative worship, mission projects, and lots of fun activities. Malone University hosts Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) on its beautiful campus in Canton. Lakeside Chautauqua has long been the place for young people to meet inside the gated community on the Marblehead Peninsula for Lakeside Institute and ReachOut.

[Learn more about and register for CYF, ReachOut, and Institute.](#)

Don't forget to register for a district camp scholarship as well. Ask your pastor for a campership application, contact the district office through [e-mail](#), phone 419-522-3881 or click [HERE](#).



At-Large District Lay Member Voting Results

On April 23, the Mid-Ohio District voted on the At-Large District Lay Members for Annual Conference 2024 during the District Conference held at Trinity UMC in Mt Gilead. Below are the results. We have not yet met the number (28) of At-Large District Lay Members needed for the 2024 Session of Annual Conference. Contact your pastor if you are interested in district representation for 2024 AC.

Mary Carney

Pat Rinehart

Alison Cherubini-Hillyer

Jim Shaum

Rene Davis

Mary Ann Stotts

Phyllis Harrington

Ed Hoar

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Mary Layfield

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