

Western Reserve Circuit Writer



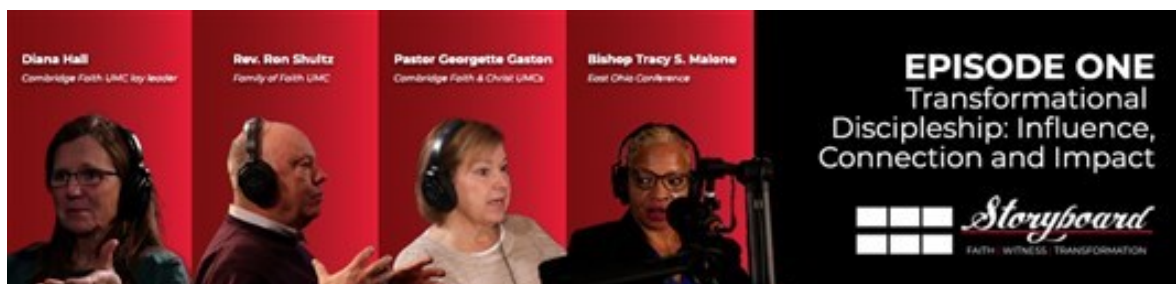
Western Reserve District Newsletter

February 2023

Storyboard: Faith Witness Transformation

Just Posted ...

The Debut Episode of Storyboard: Faith Witness Transformation



Click the image above to go to the Storyboard Podcast homepage.
On that page click the play button within the player window to listen to the first episode.

What does it mean to Be UMC?

We explore this question in each episode of our podcast series Storyboard: Faith Witness Transformation. The debut episode has just been posted. Titled "Transformational Discipleship: Influence, Connection and Impact" the episode features Bishop Tracy S. Malone leading a conversation with invited EOC clergy and laity guests from Family of Faith UMC in Akron and the Center on Faith Cooperative Parish of Cambridge Faith UMC and Cambridge Christ UMC.

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Western Reserve District of The United Methodist Church
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Events Around the District

WESTERN RESERVE DISTRICT 2023

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Saturday, February 11, 2023

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Hosted at:

Mayfield UMC

7747 Mayfield Rd

Chesterland, OH 44026-2418

Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 11th!! We are going to have a great turnout for this event.

CHILDCARE is available, but you **MUST** call or email Lisa in the District Office with the number and ages of your children and whether you will bring their lunch or if they need added to the group lunch.

SCHEDULE

- 9:00 GATHERING/ SIGN IN
Coffee and refreshments available
- 9:30 WORSHIP
Message from Rev. Dave Scavuzzo
- 10:30 SESSION 1
- 11:30 LUNCH
- 12:30 SESSION 2
- 1:30 HEADED HOME



Western Reserve District

Lay Servant Ministries Training

Saturday April 22, 2023

Perry United Methodist Church

3875 Main St. Perry, OH 44081

Please Print Legibly:

Name: _____ Home Church: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City/Zip: _____
Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____
Name as you wish it to appear on your certificate: _____

*Pastor's Signature: _____

(Note: We must have your email address for the instructors to best share directives and assignments)

Classes - Check which class you wish to attend.

BASIC: All first-time candidates and any candidate whose certification has expired. This foundational course guides participants to discover the gifts of caring, leading and communicating and offers practical suggestions for becoming an active congregational servant leader. **Order the book Lay Servant Ministries-Basic Course *DR627* 978-0-88177-626-3 from the Upper Room at 800.972.0433 or at UpperRoom.org/store or Cokesbury.com**

Lay Speaker Course: **Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (UM Heritage)** This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that the UMC brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st century church. **Order the book Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way Kenneth L. Carder Participant's Book • DR571 • 978-0-88177-571-6 • from the Upper Room at 800.972.0433 or at UpperRoom.org/store or Cokesbury.com**

Advance Course: **Leading Missional Small Groups** This course teaches the Wesleyan way to form missional communities and congregations. It is based on the conviction that just as holiness of heart leads to holiness of life, it is communities of holy love that participate in god's mission in the world. **Order the book Transforming Community Henry H. Knight III & F. Douglas Power, Jr. *DR754 * 978-0-88177-754-3 from the Upper Room at 800.972.0433 or at UpperRoom.org/store or Cokesbury.com**

Please order your book promptly so you have time to read them. Credit will not be given for the class if you do not have and read the book.

Please check one only: I am taking this class for ☐ Certification; ☐ Education only

REGISTRATION FEE: \$20.00 per student

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 25, 2023

Make checks payable to: Western Reserve District

Your registration fee is required with this form.

You are responsible for ordering your resources.

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DATES: SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

HOSTED BY: PERRY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3875 MAIN STREET PERRY OHIO 44081

FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT: KIMMY FARONE
(440) 724-0062 or email @ pastorkimmyumc@gmail.com

SEND CHECK AND REGISTRATION TO: CHUCK FARONE-REGISTRAR
C/O CHARDON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
515 NORTH ST. CHARDON, OH 44024



This is the Rose Window at Painesville UMC, which contains over 1300 pieces of stained glass. The window cost \$300 in 1873 and was paid for by the YOUTH group!! Photo credit: Eric Silvi



Painesville United Methodist Church
presents...

Concert Series

2022-2023

Jerry Marshall, Organ Feature
Part of Ohio Open Doors 2022
Sunday, September 18, 2022 @ 4:00 pm

Colin MacKnight, Organ Concert
Saturday, October 22, 2022 @ 7:30 pm

Tina Bergmann & Bryan Thomas,
Hammered Dulcimer and Double Bass
Sunday, November 20th, 2022 @ 4pm

Lakeland Civic Orchestra
Monday, December 12, 2022 @ 7:30 pm

Burning River Brass
Thursday, December 15, 2022 @ 7:30 pm

Brass Band of the Western Reserve
Saturday, February 25, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

Fine Arts Association Choir
Sunday, March 26, 2023 @ 4:00 pm

Dennis Scott, Vintage Silent Films
with Organ Improvisation
Friday, April 21, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

No charge for admission. A free-will offering will be taken.

For more information, please visit www.pumconline.org

District News

Year-end Reports due January 31

We want to thank the clergy and church leadership for their patience as the EOC has transitioned to the new AC Stats program for entering year-end data. We know there have been some delays and hiccups, but we do appreciate everyone's diligence to complete the task. The year-end reports should have been submitted by January 31. If your church has not submitted yet, please do so ASAP. Please call Lisa in the District Office with any questions.

[Step-by-step instructions to navigate the system](#)

Login Page: <https://stats.gcfa.org/Login>

[Blank Year-End Report](#)

As a reminder your login is the church's GCFA number, which you can get from your church's remittance statement. This year, the password for accessing the system is EOCSTATS22!

Save the date!

⇒ **Spring District Conference** will be Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Mayfield UMC, gathering at 9:30. Mark your calendars now!

Where's the DS?

Rev. Brady will be:

Jan. 30: cabinet

Jan. 31: take-in

Feb. 2: Mentor SPRC

Feb. 5: preaching at Andover

Feb. 8: Gageville UMC

Feb. 9: Portage Faith UMC

Feb. 11: District Leadership Academy

Feb. 12: preaching at Willoughby Hills UMC

Feb. 14-16: cabinet

Feb. 19: preaching at Chardon UMC

Feb. 26-28: Conference Board of Ministry

Mar. 1-3: cabinet



Windham and Nelson United Methodist churches are sponsoring a couples night out monthly. We gather together at a restaurant for dinner, or at one of the churches for an activity, or go out for movies. It gives the married couples of both churches the opportunity to get to know each other better, and to fellowship together. Upcoming service projects are also in the works.
Photo by Pastor Sandi.

Church audits due March 31

Local church audits are required every year. The deadline is March 31. To help your audit committee get started, they can review the [Local Church Audit Guide](#) and the [Audit Guide FAQ](#). Both of these documents are found on the [Forms](#) tab of our district website. Once the audit is complete, the [Audit Report Form](#) should be filled out. One copy should be filed with the church secretary, the pastor, the church finance chair, and the district office. The district office will send it on to the conference office.

Send us a picture of your church window

I love stained glass windows! Please send pictures of a window or windows from your church to share in the newsletter.
Would your church like to let the Western Reserve District know about an important event? Or are you excited to share a cool ministry that is happening at your church? Let everyone know how God is working through you by sending a short article and maybe a picture or two to the District Office (WRDistOffice@eocumc.com). Let's be more connectional!



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 camping 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!"

Parents, East Ohio Camps offers your child the following opportunities in a safe environment:

- building relationships with God and others,
- practicing making good decisions,
- trying new things and developing skills,
- growing as a leader,
- experiencing positive role models,
- living Christian community, and
- much more.

Registration is now open for Summer Camp 2023.

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.](#)

Western Reserve District Campership application can be found on the last page of the newsletter, or by clicking [here](#).

Conference News and Events

Confirmation Retreats at East Ohio Camps 2023

Confirmation Weekend at Camp Wanake

February 24 - 26, 2023

COST*: \$140/youth; \$133/adults.

Registration Deadline: February 15, 2023

We'll explore our United Methodist understanding of the sacraments, ways we talk about and experience God, ways we can connect with God in prayer, our United Methodist heritage and organization. One adult chaperone is required for every 6 youth.

To register, see the [EOC Events Registration](#) page.

For more info contact the East Ohio Conference Camping Office at 1-330-499-3972 extension 108, Camp Asbury at 330-569-3171, or Camp Wanake at 330-756-2333.



Scholarships Available for United Methodist Students!

The deadline to apply for scholarships from the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation is March 1. Apply now for a chance at some of the \$2 million awarded every year to qualifying students attending the 100+ United Methodist-related schools across the US. Awards include the popular UM Dollars for Scholars program, which turns \$1,000 from your church into as much as \$4,000, and many others. Learn more and apply at <https://umhef.org/apply>.

[Click here for details
and to register](#)



The 2022 Conference Journal is Available Online

Per our Conference rules, *The 2022 Conference Journal* is available for viewing on and for downloading from the East Ohio Conference website. To access the digital version of *The Journal*, click on the Resources tab of the website and in the drop-down menu select Conference Journal. The publication contains the reports and records of the past conference year as well as the daily proceedings of the Annual Conference session. Use the bookmark feature in the upper right corner of the pdf window to easily access any section of *The Conference Journal*.

[View and download *The 2022 Conference Journal*.](#)

— Want even more news? —

You can subscribe to the East Ohio Conference E-News or read archived editions by clicking [here](#). Archived editions and the subscription box can be found in the right hand column. E-News is a bi-weekly publication of the EOC.

UM News is the official news gathering agency of the UMC. You can find its page [here](#). You can also subscribe to their [Daily Digest](#) on breaking news that affects the church, or the [Friday Digest](#), a weekly summary.

**DISABILITY
& THE
CHURCH**
**APRIL 28 & 29, 2023
CLEVELAND, OHIO**

In collaboration with

TIM TEBOW
FOUNDATION™

Key Ministry, in collaboration with the Tim Tebow Foundation, presents **DA-TC2023**: a two-day in-person national disability ministry conference in Cleveland, Ohio April 28 & 29, 2023 with pre-conference Ministry Intensives offered April 27. Conference venue is Bay Presbyterian Church in Bay Village, just west of Cleveland on the Lake Erie shoreline.

For more information on Disability and the Church 2023, or to register, click here: [Disability & The Church 2023 — Key Ministry](#)

Hope Ridge United Methodist Church

Job Description

Contemporary Worship Coordinator

Part Time – Exempt Position Reports to Pastor

Basic Requirements

- Pass a background check administered by Hope Ridge office.
- Open to learning and constructive criticism
- Able to maintain professional conduct and personal practices as found in the Hope Ridge Employee Handbook
- Ability to sit or stand for extended periods of time.
- Must be mobile to include ascending and descending stairs.
- Must have reliable transportation.

Specific Requirements

- 2-5 years of experience operating sound/lighting and other stage equipment
- 2-5 years of experience leading a church worship praise band
- Demonstrated administrative skills.
- Proficiency with MS Office products; Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Previous experience with Pro-Presenter preferred but not required.
- Previous experience with worshipplanning.com preferred but not required.

Responsibilities

- Recruit and train volunteers to manage technical needs as necessary.
- Schedule Praise Band performances, participants, and rehearsals.
- Lead Praise Band rehearsals
- Select and acquire appropriate music for 10:30 contemporary worship.
- Utilize worshipplanning.com to communicate with participants.
- Input worship outline into Pro-Presenter
- Work with pastor to develop creative and meaningful worship services.
- Monitor hardware/software needs in the production booth and monitor equipment and instrument repairs needs.
- Coordinate with platform décor planners for appropriate themes.
- Cross train in all production roles in order to fill in for last minute vacancies.

Work Schedule

- Attend weekly staff meetings (Zoom or in person) and worship planning meetings.
- Band rehearsals as necessary
- Attendance at 10:30 worship, special services as necessary as well as Ash Weds, Holy Thurs., Good Friday, Easter, Christmas Eve, and Christmas day.

Hope Ridge United Methodist Church
Job Description
Children's Ministry Area Coordinator #RidgeKidz Leader

Part Time – Exempt Position (September – May) Reports to Pastor

#RidgeKidz is Sunday School for children K-5. Classes take place during 10:30 worship. #RidgeKidz operates from September to May on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th (5th) Sundays

Basic Requirements

- Pass a background check administered by Hope Ridge office.
- Must possess a genuine and demonstrable love of children.
- Open to learning and constructive criticism
- Able to maintain professional conduct and personal practices as found in the Hope Ridge Employee Handbook
- Ability to sit or stand for extended periods of time.
- Must be able to crawl, stoop, kneel, or crouch in order to interact with children.
- Must be mobile to include ascending and descending stairs.
- Must have reliable transportation.
- Ability to work independently without supervision.
- Adherence to Hope Ridge Child Protection and Safe Sanctuary policies.

Specific Requirements

- High School Graduate plus proven experience with children.
- 2-5 years creating, editing, presenting Christian children's curriculum.
- 2-5 years teaching Children's Sunday School
- Demonstrated administrative skills.
- Proficiency with MS Office products; Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook

Responsibilities

- Recruit, train, and schedule volunteers to assist with teaching.
- Set up, lead session and reset the room.
- Order supplies and materials as necessary
- Communicate at least bi-weekly with parents re; scheduling, activities, curriculum, etc.
- Research and select appropriate Church School curriculum for ages 5-11
- Work with pastor and Nurture Chair to develop creative and meaningful #Ridgekidz classes and activities.
- Monitor hardware/software needs in the #RidgeKidz ministry area.

Work Schedule

- Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 12 noon and special services/holidays as necessary
- Attendance at 8:45 worship, special services as necessary as well as Ash Weds, Holy Thurs., Good Friday, Easter, Christmas Eve, and Christmas day.
- Attend staff meetings as necessary (Zoom or in person)



Willoughby United Methodist Church

15 Public Square
Willoughby, Ohio 44094
Phone: 440.942.9068 Fax: 440.942.6953
E-mail: admin@willoughbyumc.org
Website: www.wdtwchurch.org

Willoughby United Methodist Church has *two* part-time custodian positions available.

The position includes but is not limited to duties of a custodial/basic building management nature, previous experience preferred. The duties include care for the grounds in all seasons, care for the basic cleaning and mechanical needs of the building, routine maintenance of equipment, and managing custodial supplies. Hours are flexible days and afternoons, again this is a part-time (20 hours) position. A complete job description is available upon request at spr@willoughbyumc.org.

All employees of Willoughby UMC are required to live into the church's Safe Sanctuary policy which includes a background check.

Submit resumes to spr@willoughbyumc.org or send them to Willoughby UMC, **Attn: SPRC**, 15 Public Sq., Willoughby, OH 44094. Applicants may submit their resume to the Staff Parish Relations Committee through 12/30/22.

Western Reserve District Camperships

This application must be completed in its entirety and must be signed by the church pastor before being submitted. One application per camper. Please submit at least two weeks prior to the camp. Grant amount of up to one-third the Tier 1 fee for the camp, **paid directly to the camp listed on the application**. Campership funds are primarily intended for persons who would not otherwise be able to attend camp due to financial hardship.

Camper Information

Name: _____

Age: _____ Church: _____

Relationship with the Church: (member, attends regularly, friend of a member, etc.)

Primary Contact (other than pastor) Information

Parent/Guardian: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Camp Information

Camp Attending: _____ Event Name and Number: _____

Camp Dates: _____ Tier 1 Cost: \$ _____

Pastor's Verification

Church Campership Available? (Y/N)

Church Campership Applied for? (Y/N)

Pastor's Signature: _____

Pastor's printed name: _____ Date: _____

Additional Information from Pastor (optional):

Send completed Campership Application by email to: WRDistOffice@eocumc.com or by mail to:
71 N. Park Pl, Painesville, OH 44077-3416 no later than two weeks before camp date.