

# Western Reserve Circuit Writer



Western Reserve District Newsletter

June 2023

Annual Conference is June 8-10, 2023



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2023 EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Conference begins on Wednesday, June 8, 2023 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron. The worship services are listed in the box to the right. The Annual Conference page is full of resources about the proceedings, including speaker bios, bios for retirees and ordinands, the pre-conference workbook (for some of the printed reports), and a link for the livestream feed for all of the sessions, services, and celebrations of Annual Conference.

## Services & Celebrations Service of Commemoration and Holy Communion

Thursday, June 8 | 9:00 a.m.  
Speaker: Bishop Tracy S. Malone

## Morning Worship

Friday, June 9 | 9:00 a.m.  
Speaker: Rev. Angela Lewis

## Celebration of Retirement

Friday, June 9 | 12:00 p.m.  
Reflection: Bishop Tracy S. Malone

## Service of Commissioning and Ordination

Friday, June 9 | 4:30 p.m.  
Speaker: Rev. Jay Rundell

## Morning Worship

Saturday, June 10 | 9:00 a.m.  
Speaker: Rev. Dr. David Palmer

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The Annual Conference webpage can be found here: [2023 East Ohio Annual Conference \(eocumc.com\)](https://eocumc.com) and here is a link to Bishop Malone's Annual Conference Welcome Video: [EOAC23](#)

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[www.eocumc.com/WesternReserve](http://www.eocumc.com/WesternReserve)

## Oasis Churches



With the conference roll out of Lighthouse Churches, <https://www.eocumc.com/lighthousechurches/index.html> many, if not all, of our Western Reserve Oasis Churches will be choosing to be part of the larger program.

**The intent is the same, just the name is changed.** We are still intending to welcome people from churches that have left the UMC (as we would welcome any visitor) but with a recognition of the hurt they may be feeling. See a list of our Oasis Churches (some have already become Lighthouse Churches) on the next page. If your church is interested in becoming part of our WR Oasis or the conference Lighthouses, contact Lisa in the district office for more information.



## Oasis Churches

Western Reserve churches that have said YES! to being an Oasis Church

Amboy

Leon

Andover

Perry

Ashtabula First

Shoregate

Chapel

Southington

\*Geneva

\*Windham

\*Harpersfield

Your church here??

Hope Ridge

\*Lighthouse Churches

## Where's the DS?

Rev. Brady will be:

May 30: pastoral consultation

June 22: Oasis Churches

May 31: Conference SAS

June 29: Camp Asbury

June 1: Mayfield

July 12-14: GCUMM

June 5: Willoughby

July 14: Lake County Captains game

June 7: clergy session

July 30: Amboy

June 8-10: Annual Conference

## Events Around the District



Please contact:

Decibellslake@gmail.com

Or visit [www.decibells.org](http://www.decibells.org) for more information

No reservations necessary



### ***Decibells*** handbell ensemble presents **"On the Road Again"**

A free handbell concert

(donations welcome)

Saturday, June 3

4:00 – 6:00pm

Chapel United Methodist Church

2019 Hubbard Road

Madison, Ohio

**See you there!**



### **HISTORY**

#### **Camp Klein History & Hike**

**Ages 50 and older, Fee: \$5**

Learn the history of Camp Klein (1952-1997), the current Environmental Learning Center site, through an artifacts and photos presentation followed by a short 'then and now' hike of the property.  
min 10, max 25

**Sat., Aug. 19, 9 to 10:30 am, Jordan Creek Park**

Those who remember Camp Klein may be interested in the History & Hike program offered by Lake Metroparks on 8/19. Here is the link for registration:

[Register For A Program | Lake Metroparks](#)

### **Upcoming Dates:**

6/7: Clergy Session

June 8-10: Annual Conference

6/17: **YAC Recharge**

6/21: pastor move-out day

6/22: pastor move-in day

7/14: **WRD goes to the Lake County Captains Game**

July 22-29: **Youth 2023: BOLD**

# Take me out to the ballgame!



**Friday, July 14, 2023 — 7:00 pm**

Western Reserve District is going to the ballgame! We have reserved a block of tickets to the Lake County Captains baseball game on one of their Faith Nights. Plan to come out and join other churches in our district for a fun family evening! The game will be followed by **fireworks!!**

#### Details:

- Lake County Captains Classic Park is located near Rts. 2 and 91 at 35300 Vine St. in Eastlake
- [Directions and parking information](#); bring cash for parking (\$5-10)
- There are a variety of concession stands available which accept cash or cards
- Group-rate tickets are \$12 each and may be ordered using the form below

Yes, I/we want to join the Western Reserve District at the Lake County Captains Game on Friday, July 14, 2023!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You may order just for your family or a church may send in a group order. Please return this form with your check payable to Western Reserve District by **June 26**.

Western Reserve District, 71 North Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077-3416

Contact Lisa at the district office with any questions. 440-352-2083 or WRDistOffice@eocumc.com.

## Conference News and Events



### **COLLECTION AT EOCUMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 8-10 at the John S. Knight Center in Akron**

#### **ITEMS MOST NEEDED ARE:**

- Personal Dignity Kits (see back of flyer for contents)
- Shampoo, 12-19 oz.
- Laundry Detergent, 100-150 oz.

Other new or gently used items needed are listed below.

Please do not bring non-working, damaged, or dirty items:

- Sewing machines (electric and treadles)
- Medical equipment (folding walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walking boots, slings)
- Blankets
- Non-electric tools (shovels, brooms, rakes)

The truck will be in the parking lot on South Broadway Ave. and staffed to receive items on the days and times listed below:

Thursday, June 8 | 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, June 9 | 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 10 | 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

For the \$2 that goes in each Personal Dignity Kit, you can either put cash in each kit or write one check payable to Midwest Mission. To make a general donation to Midwest Mission through the conference, use Fund 9944.

Questions? Contact Melanie Thomas at [mthomas@eocumc.com](mailto:mthomas@eocumc.com) or (330) 499-3972 ext. 102

Visit the website for latest info <https://www.eocumc.com/eoac23/midwestmission.html>





midwestmission.org | 217-483-7911 | 1001 Mission Dr. Pawnee, IL 62558

## Items for the Kit

- 1 Hand towel - no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - no dishcloths
- 1 Toothbrush - no multipacks
- 1 Bar soap - 3 to 4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12 to 19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2 to 3 oz (stick, roll-on, or pump)
- 1 1-gallon resealable plastic bag
- \$2 donation for razor and toothpaste
- Please add your heartfelt prayers to each kit



## PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT

SCAN TO WATCH  
INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEO



or go to [youtube.com/@midwestmission](https://youtube.com/@midwestmission)

For more information on making kits, collecting items for kits, and where to take the donations, visit [midwestmission.org/collect-donate](https://midwestmission.org/collect-donate)



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

### Don't Miss the Opportunity for a child to have a Life-changing Experience this Summer

Summer Camp in East Ohio means fun for children, youth, and adults of all ages with memories to last a lifetime. And **there is still time to register** and attend this summer! There is an event for everyone at East Ohio Camps. From swimming to canoeing to stargazing, sports to praise...we have plenty of outdoor fun for everyone. Let our Camps be your church's partner in faith. For information on summer camps, contact your local church, call the East Ohio Conference Camping Office at 1-330-499-3972 extension 108, or visit us on the web at [www.EOCsummercamps.org](http://www.EOCsummercamps.org).

Western Reserve District Campership application can be found at <https://www.eocumc.com/westernreserve/pdf/Campership.pdf>

**Save the Date!**

*"Finding Our Way"*

### Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors Retreat

**Lakeside Chautauqua**

**Sunday, August 20 – Wednesday, August 23, 2023**



Faith for Living Hour each morning, Monday through Wednesday  
and an opportunity for dialogue with  
**The Rev. Dr. James Harnish**

Pastor & Author, The United Methodist Church, Longwood, Florida  
Author of *Finding Your Bearings: How Words That Guided Jesus Through Crisis Can Guide Us*

Discussion on topics focusing on the specific interests and challenges facing  
Associate Members and Local Pastors

Lunch and Dinner on Monday and Tuesday are provided to facilitate group sharing and support.  
Plenty of Free Time for Personal Reflection and Meditation.

All Lakeside amenities included.  
(Shuffleboard, swimming pool, tennis, pickleball, shuttle service, etc.)

The registration fee of \$80 includes a three-day Chautauqua Pass and Auto Pass  
(Regular cost \$135), lunch and dinner on Monday and Tuesday,  
and materials for all events scheduled during the retreat.

**Register Now for This Year's Retreat!**

For more information and to receive a registration form,  
contact Dr. Charles Yoost, Senior Director of Religious Life & Pastoral Care  
[cyoost@lakesideohio.com](mailto:cyoost@lakesideohio.com)



# Upcoming Youth Events



## RECHARGE

OHIO YAC 2023

EAST OHIO UMC

### Youth Annual Conference Recharge Rally on June 17 at Camp Wanake

All youth entering grades 6-12 in the fall are invited to Camp Wanake for Youth Annual Conference (YAC) 2023. The theme is *Recharge* and the focus scripture is Matthew 11:28. Conference Council of Youth Ministries (CCYM) is planning a full day of worship, games, hiking, food, and fellowship. Space is limited to 150, so register your youth groups soon!



**YOUTH 2023 | BOLD: Being Ourselves. Living Different.**  
**Daytona Beach, FL Tuesday, July 25 - Friday July 28**

Every four years, youth from throughout The UMC have gathered for four days of discipleship, fun, and fellowship at the YOUTH event. The event is filled with interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service opportunities, and fellowship time. Adult leaders who bring youth to our event can expect inspiration, support, and chances to authentically experience what it means to be part of the Methodist and Wesleyan family. YOUTH 2023 will be an especially important year for you and your youth to be a part of this gathering. COVID-19 restrictions have limited youth ministry opportunities over the last two-plus years. YOUTH 2023 is a chance for your church to again experience cutting-edge speakers, amazing artists, and broaden your youth's understanding of what they and their church are capable of!

Click on either of the images above for more information or to register.

## Mentor UMC Treasurer (part-time)

The person in this position is responsible for the financial administration of the church by maintaining accurate financial records, ensuring proper accounting & distribution of funds, and providing timely reports as required and requested. The Treasurer serves the members of Mentor UMC as the primary contact person among congregational members, community members, and business affiliates relative to the financial matters of the church. The Treasurer will work with coworkers, congregation members, volunteers, and other Mentor UMC leaders.

The Treasurer shall exercise any and all powers delegated to him/her by the Lead Pastor. The Treasurer will contribute to a positive working atmosphere in a team-based setting that supports the Church's mission. The Treasurer will be dealing with private matters and must maintain confidentiality at all times.

**\* Part-time position - minimum 24 hours a week**

Learn more about this position by contacting Mentor UMC @ 440-255-3496  
To apply: send resume to [jobs@mentorumc.org](mailto:jobs@mentorumc.org)

## — [ 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.



Hope Ridge United Methodist Church is seeking to fill two nurture/discipleship positions.

### **1) 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>) Sundays

\$500.00 per month ( Sept. - May )

#### **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)



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## 2) Nursery Coordinator / Caregiver

Part Time Sundays 8:30 - Noon and occasional special services

\$55 per session Reports to Pastor

### Qualifications

- Experience in caring for children between the ages of 0 to 4
- Minimum 18 years of age
- Satisfactory completion of CPR training for infants and children
- Successfully pass a background check
- Must be able to lift & move objects weighing up to 35 pounds.
- Must be able to bend and reach from the floor to waist and sit on floor.

### Responsibilities

- Adhere to Child Protection Policies.
- Provide age-appropriate care to include feeding, changing diapers, assistance with toileting.
- Maintain a safe environment & clean environment, clean toys and remove trash.
- Hold or sit with and cheerfully interact with children through games, stories, play and/or prayer.
- Maintain attendance records.
- Stay until the children are secured with parent/guardian as listed on registration form.
- In the event of an emergency, notify the parent via the communication system
- Maintain professional conduct as well as appropriate personal practices and boundaries as found in the employee handbook while demonstrating love for children along with an appreciation of parental concerns.
- Assist with #Ridgkidz when there are no children in the nursery.

To apply for either position, or for more information email [hopeoffice@hoperidge.com](mailto:hopeoffice@hoperidge.com).