Workshop offerings:

- **Generations in Ministry: Understanding and Overcoming the Barriers to Multi-Generational Ministry**  
  *Rev. Sarah Chapman, Pastor, New Vienna UMC*  
  (session 1 or 2)  
  Faith is translated best in multi-generational settings yet the church faces challenges speaking fluently to these distinct groups. Often churches or ministries attract one generation or age group and not another. This training will prepare pastors, ministry leaders and congregants for the issues and mindsets faced when communicating cross-generationally and empower you with tools and techniques to speak more fluently to all generations.

- **Cultivating Positive and Productive Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committees**  
  *Rev. Greg Stover, Pastor, Armstrong Chapel UMC*  
  (session 1 or 2)  
  Pastor/Staff Parish Relations Committee can help your pastor and staff maximize their leadership in your congregation. This workshop will focus on the purpose and responsibilities of the P/SPRC and provide practical information about supporting and supervising staff and carrying out the other roles of the P/SPRC.

- **We’re Better Together: God Never Intended That We Do Youth Ministry in Isolation**  
  *Mr. Stan Elder, Cincinnati Metro Coordinator, National Network of Youth Ministries*  
  *Mr. Randy Davis, Great Lakes Regional Coordinator, National Network of Youth Ministries*  
  (session 1 or 2)  
  In this session we’ll talk about the importance of a local ministry network as a community of youth workers, students, and caring adults who unite by praying together and sharing relationships. We will also discuss different resources and strategies to reach and equip teenagers for Christ. You can see how a local healthy network can come together to advance student ministries; and at the same time champion students by investing in the students and helping reach their community and campuses.

- **Beyond the Numbers: Tips and Tools for Local Church Finance Teams**  
  *Ms. Cindi Dietrich, Finance Manager, Ohio River Valley District*  
  (session 1 or 2)  
  This workshop will focus on strategies to streamline and enhance the work of the local church finance team. We will also explore ways of better explaining what the numbers mean to the church leadership team and how best to communicate financial information to the church.

- **5 Questions Your Visitors Have But Won’t Ask**  
  *Mr. Jason Moore, Media Specialist, Ohio River Valley District*  
  (session 1 or 2)  
  Church visitors experience worship in ways that are vastly different than regular attendees. Learn the top 5 questions on the minds of your visitors and how to address them as you explore the most common issues that often go unseen by insiders. Come ready to participate in an interactive discussion about how to make your church a more inviting environment.
• **U.M. 101: Who Are We?**  
  *Rev. Doug Johns, Assistant to the Superintendent, Ohio River Valley District*  
  (session 1 or 4)  
  What makes United Methodism unique and different from other denominations? How did we get here; where are we going?

• **VBS Showcase 2014**  
  *Ms. Brenda Harris, Community Resource Consultant, Cokesbury Inc.*  
  (session 1)  
  This workshop features Vacation Bible School programs from various publishers. Participants will have the opportunity to preview various VBS starter kits, videos, music and crafts.

• **Creating a Church Legacy**  
  *Mr. Bruce Boyd, Board Member, West Ohio Council on Development*  
  (session 1)  
  In the next two decades there will be a transfer of wealth from one generation to the next nationally estimated to be $41 trillion. How will your church create a legacy or planned giving program to assure the church is remembered in the estate plans of church members and friends? This will be a workshop of practical ideas for implementation in the culture of the individual church.

• **Increase Your Small Groups by 25-100%, Guaranteed!**  
  *Rev. Brian Brown, Superintendent, Ohio River Valley District*  
  (session 1 or 2)  
  Small groups are the new front door to making disciples and increasing worship attendance. Both pastors and laity will benefit from learning how to best use the Kingdom Come series materials to enhance or build self-sustaining small groups. Resource materials will be available for a nominal fee.

• **Making Connections in the Community**  
  *Rev. Marie Smith, Pastor, Clough United Methodist Church*  
  (session 1 or 2)  
  Learn from others through a discussion with a panel of churches of every size in very different neighborhoods. Learn some of the many ways in which congregations may reach beyond themselves into the community around and near them for the sake of service and witness as disciples of Jesus in church and beyond church. Panelists will make brief presentations followed by an extended time for questions.

• **Imagine the Difference Your Church Can Make! Imagine No Malaria**  
  *Mr. Dave Boling, Associate Director, West Ohio Council on Development*  
  (session 2)  
  This workshop will include an introduction to the Imagine No Malaria project and talk about how it’s making a difference in the lives of the people of Africa. We’ll take a look at some resources on our new West Ohio Imagine No Malaria website and we’ll talk about ways you can use INM as a missional outreach to your community.

• **Teaching and Learning Resources 101 for Sunday School and Small Group Study**  
  *Ms. Brenda Harris, Community Resource Consultant, Cokesbury Inc.*  
  (session 2 or 3)  
  Tips and tools that will help you search for and choose more effective teaching and learning resources for both Sunday School and small group studies.
• **Mission and Ministry Focused Endowments, Not Rainy Day Funds**  
  *Mr. Bruce Boyd, Board Member, West Ohio Council on Development*  
  (session 2)  
  Permanent Endowments will be essential for the sustainability of the local church in the decades to come. This will offer a step by step process to assure an endowment is set up focused on the donor as well as the needs of the church for mission and ministry. How is an endowment established? What are best practices for distribution policies? How can the donor with a specific interest/passion be encouraged to provide flexibility for future church needs?

• **Suicide Awareness and Prevention**  
  *Rev. Lisa Kerwin, Pastor of Care Ministries and Congregational Life, Epiphany United Methodist Church*  
  *Mr. Joe Lynch, Founder, Andrew’s Suicide Awareness and Prevention Ministry (ASAP), Epiphany United Methodist Church*  
  (session 3 or 4)  
  Anxiety, depression and mental illnesses are huge issues of concern in all of society, and it is no different in our congregations. This valuable training could literally save a life! Join us and learn how to question, persuade, and refer individuals who may be considering suicide.

• **Social Sins: The Deadly Sins of Church Social Media & How to Make Sure Yours is Divine**  
  *Rev. Sarah Chapman, Pastor, New Vienna United Methodist Church*  
  (session 3 or 4)  
  Social media is all the rage - get a Facebook page, post some tweets, pin some pictures - yet unless it is done right and as part of an overall communication strategy it will often do more harm than help. This training will feature real-world examples of getting it wrong and getting it right. Sarah Chapman, a licensed local pastor, is a social media expert for Procter & Gamble and will share her real-world experience with the church.

• **Helping the Church Help the Poor**  
  *Rev. Carrie Jena, Pastor, The United Methodist Gathering*  
  *Ms. Jaime Albaugh, Administrator, Middletown First United Methodist Church*  
  (session 3 or 4)  
  This workshop will explore the difference between the Church of Jesus Christ and anonymous social services in our approach to assisting the poor. Not a one-size-fits-all response, but instead, a way to reflect the love of Christ as you offer assistance to those in need.

• **Church Worship Tech 101**  
  *Rev. Scott Miller, Associate Pastor, Milford First United Methodist Church*  
  (session 3 or 4)  
  This workshop will address these questions often asked in the local church: We want to have technology for worship but where do we start? How much equipment do we need? Does this mean a big screen in front of our stained glass window? Do we have to let the kids loose with a rock band in church? Can’t we just use a overhead projector and that flannel graph stuff?

• **Widening the Welcome**  
  *Rev. Dr. Jocelyn Roper, Director of Diversity Initiatives, West Ohio Conference*  
  *Ms. Linda Young, Co-Lay Leader, Ohio River Valley District*  
  (session 3 or 4)  
  In this workshop, you’ll explore the Biblical models of diversity beginning in Genesis and going through the development of the Christian church. Participants will learn how the Bible is a book for laity and clergy; the cultural context of stories in the old and new testaments; and ways in which they may share stories of diversity in their own community context.
• **Home Team Advantage**  
  *Mr. Lee Whitley, Lay Leader, Clough United Methodist Church*  
  (session 3 or 4)  
  Imagine how the Kingdom wins when church teams work together. Explore a leadership model where the whole truly becomes greater than the sum of the parts.

• **7 Rhythms of a Worship Leader**  
  *Mr. James Keith Posey, Worship Pastor, Ginghambsurg United Methodist Church*  
  (session 3 or 4)  
  A practical look at the responsibilities and opportunities we have to lead others in worship. Whether you are in a small or large church this workshop will explore seven useful, easy-to-implement principles that will lead you to effective worship ministry.

• **What in the World Is a Lay Servant? Why Should I Be One?**  
  *Mr. Glen Lash, Chair, and members of the ORV Lay Servant Ministries Team*  
  (session 3 or 4)  
  God calls you to a life of servanthood as a disciple of Jesus Christ. As laity, one way to respond to this call is through Lay Servant ministry – a ministry of caring, leading, and communicating. If you are interested in taking your personal ministry to another level, you should consider Lay Servant ministry. This workshop will explain what Lay Servant Ministry is about and how you can make a difference. Several Lay Servants will relate their stories of ministry and will be available to answer questions.

• **Nurturing the Spiritual Lives of Children**  
  *Ms. Jennifer Wells-McCullough, Children's Minister, Clifton United Methodist Church*  
  (session 3 or 4)  
  This workshop is designed for anyone with a child in their life (e.g., grandparents, caregivers, teachers, parents, etc). During our time together, we will learn and practice the concept of generous listening and how to use this practice with children as a foundation for nurturing their spirituality. We will discuss other simple activities for children of all ages to assist them in exploring and thinking about their own spirituality and methods for doing the same as adults. Some writing prompts will be given, so bring a notebook or journal with you.

  **The following 4 workshops encompass 2 sessions. When registering for one or more of these, make sure you select Part 1 and 2 and then choose 1 or 2 more workshops to complete your day.**

• **An Introduction to Coaching**  
  *Rev. Chris Holmes, Leadership Coach and Trainer, Holmes Coaching Group*  
  (session 1 and 2)  
  In this workshop participants will be introduced to some of the basic skills of coaching, learn the history and benefits of coaching, consider various applications for coaching in local church ministry, and view a live coaching demonstration. We will also explore the power of setting clear goals to help a congregation move forward toward what God is calling them to. Chris Holmes is currently coaching pastors in the Ohio River Valley District and across the the denomination.

• **You Are God's Work of Art: Discerning Your Uniqueness and How to Best Connect Into Your Church**  
  *Rev. Terry and Mrs. Pam Fisher, Loveland United Methodist Church*  
  (session 1 and 2)  
  God made you a unique collection of gifts, talents, abilities and experiences. Everything about you is valuable. This workshop will help you discern your uniqueness and how to best connect into your church.
• **Prayer and Healing Ministry**  
  *Rev. SueLee Jin, Pastor of Congregational Care, Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church  
  (session 3 and 4)*  
  Participants in this workshop will learn Christian healing - the salvation of mind, body, spirit/soul and relationships. An interactive workshop, you’ll learn the Biblical and historical foundations of healing and the Five Step Prayer Model for Healing and then put your learnings into practice.

• **Growing Generous Givers**  
  *Mr. Dave Boling, Associate Director, West Ohio Council on Development  
  (session 3 and 4)*  
  This workshop will be interactive based on the participants. It will either focus on developing basic stewardship initiatives or next steps for those who have the basics in place. What is stewardship? How do we grow members into generous givers? How can ministry be sustained while the disciple pathways grows individuals in generosity?