NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Through our district's work with *Come to the Table* and *From Words to Action*, four strategic plans were identified each with specific goals surrounding race, police and community relations. Rev. Brian Brown sent a letter to pastors just a few weeks ago that highlighted the work we've done together and suggested an action step that you can take towards reconciliation that draws people together as we draw nearer to God.

Participate in your local **National Night Out**. A cohesive effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back, this year's National Night Out is planned for Tuesday, August 4.

Just last week Rev. David Meredith sent a follow up...
letter with some concrete ways to get involved in building this partnership between your congregation and local law enforcement. Questions? Contact David at dmeredith@wocumc.org.

NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS ANNOUNCED

Bishop Palmer announced the appointment last week of Rev. Linda Middelberg as the new Superintendent of the Capitol Area North District and Rev. Dr. Scot Ocke as the new Superintendent of the Maumee Watershed District. Linda will continue to serve the Maumee Watershed District until her new appointment begins August 15th. Scot serves Maumee United Methodist Church and will begin his appointment as Superintendent September 1.

Click here to read the Bishop’s letter announcing their appointments.

PRAYING FOR OUR CHURCHES
Week of July 13, 2015

July 20-24: SpringHill Day Camp, Epiphany UMC

July 25: Food Safety Workshop, Hyde Park Bethlehem UMC

August 6-7: Global Leadership Summit, Anderson Hills UMC

August 9: Elliott Ott Missionary Presentation, Northern Hills UMC

August 30, Safe Sanctuaries Training,
ORV Superintendent Brian Brown and district staff are praying this week for these ORV churches:

- **Korean Madisonville**, Rev. Yong Choel Woo
- **McGonigle-Millville**, Pastor Chris Trumbull
- **Westboro**, Rev. Frank Kampel

Please join us as we ask the Holy Spirit to breakthrough and renew and revive each church, unleashing new life! Click [here](#) to read more.

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**REPORT ON VIM TRIP TO NICARAGUA**

June 22 through June 30 saw the Ohio River Valley District’s Volunteers in Mission team working in Nejapa, Nicaragua. This ministry started in 1997 with host Fundacion El Samaritano and continues to the present. Samaritano today concentrates its ministry on providing high quality Christian education for children in the poor and mostly rural barrio of Nejapa, a suburb of the capital, Managua.

The June team was comprised of 17 members including 7 youth. It was great to have pairs of father/son, father/daughter, mother/son and a mother/daughter. Including the parents, there were in all 10 women and 7 men.

The team performed a great amount of needed work for the team’s host, Fundacion El Samaritano, interacted with a very large number of Nicaraguan children, ministered to the sick and disabled, and did very well in addressing the team’s mission statement of "Building Christian Relationships". Click [here](#) to read the entire team report by leader Mike Day.

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**OLDER ADULT MINISTRY WEBINAR**
Planning to launch a ministry tailored to the older adults in your congregation? If so, you won't want to miss a free webinar that Discipleship Ministries is hosting on Tuesday, August 11 at 10am called *Seasons: The Liturgical Year Opportunities for Older Adult Ministry*.

By giving just one hour of your time, you will learn ways to minister to, for and with older adults through worship. This webinar will look at liturgical seasons and special days that will draw out the unique gifts and desires of older adults in worship. Themes such as the purpose and meaning of life, the changing nature of calling, and legacy through story, will be explored in this live event. **Register now.**

The webinar will be recorded and made available in a **webinar archive** for those who cannot attend the live event.

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**UMCH FAMILY SERVICES UPDATE**

Lately there has been much in the news regarding the Worthington campus land owned by UMCH Family Services (formerly the United Methodist Children's Home). **UMCH Family Services** is a ministry of the West Ohio Conference and both clergy and lay members serve on its board. The West Ohio Conference and the UMCH Family Services offices have received multiple inquiries concerning the sale of the property. Please **read and share this letter from UMCH Family Services Executive Director, Sean Reilly** so that all have the most accurate information and answers to questions.

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**HOW WE CAN CREATE AN AIDS-FREE WORLD**

Mark your calendar now for an event at **Livingston UMC** in Columbus on Wednesday, September 9 from 6:30-8pm to learn how together we might help create an AIDS free world. This educational fundraiser is sponsored by the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund (UMGAF)

Bishops Gregory Palmer & Ann Sherer-Simpson will join guests from East and West Ohio Annual Conferences, including faith-based AIDS leaders, Ohio HIV & AIDS experts, persons living with AIDS & members of the UMC Global AIDS Fund Committee for this important event. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. There is no cost to attend and child care will be provided.

UMGAF is an interagency effort of The United Methodist Church. Members include: Council of Bishops, General Board of Global Ministries, General Board of Church & Society, General Commission on Communications, United Methodist Women, Division on Ministries with Young
DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING AND OUTWARD MINDSET

September 14-15, 2015

In the 1970s, a team of scholars led by philosopher C. Terry Warner embarked on an exploration into a core problem at the heart of the human sciences - the problem of self-deception. The research explored how we end up creating and sustaining problems we don't know we are causing, and how and why people resist helpful solutions.

Over the years that research has led the Arbinger Institute to discover the clear and surprising way that people begin to evade responsibility without thinking that they are doing so, and therefore end up blaming others or circumstances they, themselves, are helping to create. More importantly, they have discovered how this can be corrected.

District Superintendent Brian Brown became a Certified Arbinger Facilitator in May and wants to share with you what he calls "a training opportunity that can exponentially change your ministry and every relationship you have been blessed to be a part of."

In this workshop, Brian will help you explore in detail how it is that we can end up in an inward mindset and the implications of that in our work and how it impacts all of our relationships. You'll learn to move to an outward mindset, that of helping others be successful, and the dramatic results that can occur as a result.

The training will be September 14-15 at Hartzell United Methodist Church. The ideal group number is 25 so be sure to register before all the spots are taken. The ORV District will supplement the training cost of $140 by paying $65 towards the total, making your final cost just $75. This fee includes Arbinger's books, Leadership and Self-Deception and the Anatomy of Peace, a continental breakfast and lunch both days, and a workbook. Register now by clicking here.

IT'S TIME TO APPLY FOR A 2016 MINISTRY GRANT
The Mission Foundation of the Ohio River Valley District is pleased to announce that funds will be available in 2016 for churches and organizations with a vision to extend mission and ministry in new and emerging ways; to revitalize congregations; to grow congregations to fulfill the Great Commission, and to help churches live into the vision that God has given them.

The 2016 grant application and related forms have been uploaded to the ORV website and are available by clicking here. In addition, training opportunities are available to help you complete an effective grant application. An online webinar for tips for writing a successful grant is available by clicking here. Or, get face-to-face training tomorrow at Monfort Heights UMC from 6-8pm. Although attending a session or viewing the video is not mandatory for submitting a 2016 grant request, previous grant recipients have said it's a very helpful tool. Questions? Contact Tim Waugh at 513.421.2057.

Let us remember in prayer those grieving the loss of their loved one, and remember in thanksgiving the life and ministry of:

Gary Webb Anderson, 63, who died on July 8. He was the high school sweetheart and beloved husband of Rev. Dr. Patricia Anderson Cook, who survives. Gary was the Assistant County Attorney for Louisville Metro and died after a valiant battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. He was an avid volunteer at South East Associated Ministries, where Patty serves as a WOC Extension Minister and where she's been serving since leaving Mt. Healthy UMC in 2010. Obituary. Funeral services were last week in Louisville. Expressions of condolence will reach Patty Anderson Cook at 208 Browns Lane, Unit 103, Louisville, Kentucky 40220-1592.
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