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Reminder: Our New Address!
A reminder that our new address is:

7388 E Kemper Rd, Suite 1
Cincinnati, OH 45249

Please update your Church Treasurers and Church Administrators!

For mail: Make sure you do not send anything to the old address!

For 7388 E Kemper Rd, please spell out "Ohio River Valley District of the UMC" and write Suite 1, until our mail carriers can get used to us!

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Remembering Reggie Brown

Friends,
We will gather together to celebrate the life and love of our dear friend Reginald W. Brown on Friday, February 16th at Forest Chapel United Methodist Church, 680 W Sharon Rd, Cincinnati 45240.

Visitation: 10am-12pm
Service: 12pm
Burial: Landmark Memorial Gardens
Repass: At church immediately following internment

Condolences will reach Reggie's son Matthew and his family at 4402 Williamsburg Rd North, Cincinnati, OH 45215.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests assistance with funeral expenses. The Ohio River Valley District will collect the funds on their behalf. Please make your check payable to "ORV", write Reggie Brown Funeral on the Memo line, and mail to 7388 E Kemper Rd, Suite 1, Cincinnati, OH 45249

Note: This type of donation is not tax deductible.
If you'd prefer, please donate to the charity of your choice in Reggie's memory.
Assistance is needed with the meal after internment. If you’d be willing to provide side dishes to go with the chicken that the district is providing, please click here and indicate which item/s you'll be bringing.

"In our life and in our death, the best of all is, God is with us." - John Wesley

Stories From the Ohio River Valley

Suzanne Smashes the Pie-triarchy!

Our own Suzanne Allen took a pie in the face for charity!

**Clifton UMC** partnered with Lighthouse Youth Services on Saturday for the "Home EQ" Charity Auction.

This event raised funds for housing for LGBTQ homeless youth who have been thrown out of their parents' home. Total proceeds were over $10,000!

Some of those proceeds came from the "Smash the Pie-triarchy" pool, where Suzanne beat out Chris Seelbach and Lighthouse director Paul Haffner for the pieing!

*Story credit: Nick Federinko*
On Saturday, Feb 10, **Westwood UMC's** youth helped pack meals with Rise Against Hunger. Their Club 56 students took the lead organizing this event, as well as challenging our congregation to give generously - 29 cents provides a healthy meal for a family of 6. A total of **20,000 meals were prepared!**

*Story credit: Sarah Beach*

Got a story to tell of impactful ministry in your church or neighborhood? Please send your latest happenings, stories of celebration, and local events to orvstories@wocumc.org. The deadline for inclusion in a Tuesday newsletter is 3pm the previous Friday.

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At Large members needed for Annual Conference

Every year each district has a number of openings for laity to serve as at-large members to the Annual Conference. This year the Ohio River Valley District has space for 83 additional members. We invite you, the laity in our churches, to consider offering your name to represent the Ohio River Valley District at the 49th session of the West Ohio Area Annual Conference June 3-6.

We'd like all aspects of our membership represented with respect to ethnicity, age, demographic context (rural, urban, suburban, small membership church, large membership church) and more.

If you are interested in serving, please contact Nancy via email or at 513.421.2057 for more information or to be placed on the list for consideration. If you have previously served in this capacity, please indicate your continued interest in serving by clicking here.

Online registration goes live at 10am on Thursday, March 1. The deadline to let us know that you want to serve is Tuesday, February 27.

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Due to an accounting systems change, we are unable to print apportionment statements at this time. Payments can be sent in without the remittance slip. If you have questions, call or email Cindi cdietrich@wocumc.org.
Summer Impact 2018 - Reel to Real - A Look at Truth and Faith in Film

Join us at Hyde Park Community UMC this summer as we learn what Biblical truths and faith lessons can be found in the world of film/movies. We will learn together through Bible study, worship, and hands on experiences working to impact those living in poverty and homelessness in Cincinnati.

In order to allow the experiences to run smoothly for youth groups who come to the city, we employ 3-5 interns each summer. If you have completed their first year of college (or equivalent experience), have a growing relationship with Jesus, are interested in working with middle and high school youth during the summer, and have a heart for mission, you can find more internship specifics and information at hydeparkchurch.org/summer-impact-internship/.

If you are part of a church group looking for an unforgettable mission experience of building relationships with those in the city, visit http://hydeparkchurch.org/2018-dates-registration-cost/ for available dates, cost, and to submit a group application.

Additionally, please check out our Facebook page for pictures and video from Summer Impact 2017!

With internship or group trip questions, please contact Sarah Putman at sputman@hpcumc.org or 513 979 8162.

JUNE MISSION TEAM TO NICARAGUA FORMING

The annual June mission team to Nicaragua endorsed by the Ohio River Valley District is now forming. This ministry originated in 1996 and has continued...
annually with both June and November teams. **The 2018 June team, June 19-27, will serve in Managua, Nicaragua.** It will have a number of opportunities for service to school students at a Christian school, service with a foundation involved with improving public health, service with a Nicaraguan Methodist Church, and others. The theme of these teams is "Building Christian Relationships". There will also be time for worship, sightseeing, and shopping. The June team is especially suited for students and family members who have a desire for engagement in service but can not participate at other times of the year. For more detailed information, please request a brochure and application form by contacting jack.reif34@gmail.com.

**Read more about UMC efforts in Nicaragua on UMCMission.org**

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**Church Communications Webinar**

People are visiting your church on the web before they step foot in the door. Telling your church's story through captivating social media content offers connection to those seeking a community of faith.

Join UM Communications on **Tuesday, February 27, at noon CST (1 PM EST)** for a live learning session about social media and how your church can utilize it for meaningful ministry and effective outreach. [Link here](#)

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**traction tracks**

Does your congregation need to gain a new specific aspect of traction in order to begin moving forward into renewed vitality? Consider which of these next Traction Track offerings might be right for you. Every Traction Track involves your pastor plus a team from your church. Click on any of these links to find out more, and to register online. New Traction Tracks are launching in early 2018.

**Learn more on the West Ohio Conference website.**

Upcoming offerings include:

**Breakthrough Prayer Initiative**
Saturday March 17 at Forest Park UMC in Lima Ohio (NWP)
Sunday March 18 at Wesley UMC in Bryan, OH (NWP)

**Family Ties: Home, Church, and Community**
Begins March 1st @ St Mark’s UMC in Findlay, OH (NWP)
* *Local ORV Host Site! **

Spring Cleaning Your Church Communications
Begins Saturday March 10 at Cornerstone UMC in West Chester (ORV)

Social Media Strategy
Begins Saturday Feb 24 @ Trinity UMC in Columbus (CAN)

Worship Design Enhancement
Begins April 7 @ Stillwater UMC in Dayton (MIV)

Sparking a Volunteer Revolution Through Catalytic Outreach
Weds April 11 @ North Broadway UMC (CAN)

Local Church Events

University Christian Church,
Bespoken Youth Event - Feb. 13

Hartzell UMC, Fish Fry Fridays -
February 16-March 16 - March 10

Waynesville UMC
Couple Check Up, Saturday Feb 24

Cheviot UMC, Denver Bierman Concert
Saturday February 24
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**Anderson Hills UMC,** How to Share the Gospel - February 24

**Heritage Presbyterian Church, 2018**
VBS Preview/Workshop - February 24

**Armstrong Chapel UMC,**
Super Charge: A Conference for Men Building Faith - March 10

**District UMW/Middletown First UMC,**
Spiritual Growth & Leadership Enrichment Retreat - March 10

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**Classified Ads**

**Paid & Unpaid Church positions:**
- Hyde Park Community UMC: Full-time Director of Administration
- Franklin First UMC: Part-time Administrative Assistant
- Mt. Healthy UMC: Organist/Choir Director
- Friendship UMC: Church Treasurer
- Hamilton Park Avenue UMC: Director of Children's Ministry
- Shiloh UMC: Modern Worship Coordinator
- Hyde Park Bethlehem UMC: Office Administrator
- Hartzell UMC: Part-time Director of Music
- Faith Community UMC: Associate Pastor of Family Ministries
- Clough UMC: Office Administrator
- Otterbein Lebanon: Chaplains

**Free to a good home:**
- Waynesville UMC: Kent 705 Organ
- New Vision UMC: Two 16-unit locker systems
- Wilmington UMC: Collapsible doors/walls

**View classified ads**
**Submit a classified ad**

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**A Call To Prayer**
It is with the greatest of sadness that I deliver to you the heartbreaking news of the death of our United Methodist Credit Union colleague and friend, Debi Peetz. Debi went home to be with the Lord on Friday, February 9, 2018. She battled cancer for more than a year and did so with great determination and poise. She dearly loved the credit union and its members.

Debi began her career with our credit union as a teller in September of 2005. Over the years she worked her way to the position of Vice President of Compliance & Operations. Debi leaves with us the legacy of an incredibly strong work ethic and an unselfish desire to help others become the best they can be.

Obituary can be read here.

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