The Jubilee Project is a new church start that’s been in ministry for just over a year. Pastored by Rev. Thomas Hargis, this unique church concept was recently featured on WCPO News. In addition to rehabbing homes and buildings, Thomas will make his workers available to your church for small repairs and projects. Not only would that benefit the ministry, but you'd get professional work done at a fraction of the cost! To learn more, contact Thomas at thomas.e.hargis@gmail.com or 336.682.8966.

We’re almost there!

For the last several weeks the district office has been in flux due to the area flooding that took place on August 28th. We are having carpet installed today and should have our phone system and server fully operational this week. If you have sent an email to district staff recently and have not received an answer, please resend as we may have missed it during the transition. We strive to be timely in our correspondence with you.

Thank you to Pam Follmer, Ann Myers, Annie Burton, Peggy Crane, Linnea Lowe and Nancy Turner from an ORV Emergency Response team who did some
painting; and also to Brandon, Matt and Daniel from The Jubilee Project who did carpet tear out and vinyl flooring installation.

Hamilton First UMC reaches out to community

Hamilton First UMC has enjoyed a busy and productive summer, filled with activities for its Hispanic and Latino members, children and adults alike. The summer's agenda reminded Hamilton First, a Hispanic Worshiping Community, to reach beyond the walls of the church. The offerings included Vacation Bible School, a music retreat for youth and children, Hispanic Youth Camp, and a health program for women. These opportunities reached over 50 men, women and children combined. One of the overall goals of the summer was to give all an opportunity to connect and learn within their cultural context. Read More

Starting Over... Coping with Divorce

Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church invites you to an 8-week workshop to help those experiencing separation or divorce. The workshop begins Tuesday, October 4 and will run each Tuesday through November 22. It will focus on the process of emotional, social and spiritual recovery. Class participants will use a topical workbook and view a weekly DVD. The group will be led by professionals in a caring and confidential environment. Free childcare will be provided upon reservation. Question? Contact Rev. Stephanie Tunison by email at smtunison@gmail.com. To register call the church office at 513.871.1345.

Festival of Sharing News

Thank you to our ORV churches who assembled kits for the Festival of Sharing! The district office was a drop site along with 9 churches. Rev. Joel Harbarger and Mr. Mike Finley of Monroe UMC drove to each site on Friday and gathered all the kits that you made. They are pictured here about half way through the collection cycle.
Festival of Sharing in Ohio has been going strong since 1987 when West Ohio and Church World Service joined forces. Eventually a partnership was created with Otterbein University who currently provides the space and student help for processing the kits and disaster buckets that come from across Ohio. Festival of Sharing Ohio receives 1/3 of ALL the kits collected throughout the US! Thank you, ORV, for your very important contribution to this ministry!

**World Communion Sunday is October 2**

What would it look like if the church today imitated Jesus’ affirmation of the full dignity and God-given potential of all women and men—especially those who’ve historically been assigned to the world’s margins? On World Communion Sunday your giving helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve.

Change the world October 2 with this free eBook, *A Dozen Ways to Promote & Celebrate World Communion Sunday*.

**Creating a Legacy for Your Church’s Future**

In 2015 there were three sessions of the Creating a Legacy for the Future of Your Church located in assorted locations across the conference with over 200 participants.

Workshops covered the basics of wills, setting up an endowment, utilizing an endowment to enhance mission and vision within the local church and promoting a legacy program. With a 42 trillion dollar transfer of wealth in the coming two decades it is essential for a local church to be prepared. Even if a church has an endowment, the workshops can help fine tune and expand legacy programs and endowments.
A seminar is being held in the ORV at Anderson Hills UMC on Saturday, November 5. It is for churches of all sizes, small and large and for churches of all levels of sophistication, novice beginners and long establish endowment programs.

Click here to view event flyer with more details
Click here to register

Are you willing to help with meals?

The Wesley Foundation in Cincinnati is looking for groups (UMW, Sunday school classes, Mission teams, UMM, or anyone who likes to feed people) to bring dinner to the Tuesday night Bible study at the Wesley House at UC. About 12-15 gather each Tuesday from 5:30-7pm and begin each evening with a meal. Dinner would need to arrive by 5:15pm, or if it’s more convenient, make something ahead and drop it off at the house during the day.

You can sign up to bring a meal by clicking here: http://bit.do/Fall2016Dinner or call the Wesley Foundation at 513.861.2929. Questions? Please contact Rev. Benji Sayre, Executive Director at the number above or by email at benjisayre@wesleyuc.org.

If we can imagine no Malaria we can imagine Abundant Health

Over the past decade, we as a church have experienced God’s abundance through the gifts and graces of those who supported the Imagine No Malaria initiative. But there’s more work to do. The next step in our global health initiative is to fulfill our calling as a global church by reaching 1 million children with lifesaving and health-promoting measures by 2020. Click here for resources.

Advent Small Group Study and Worship Series

This Advent season, you are invited to join Rev. Suzanne Allen at the district office on Monday
afternoons for a time of discussion and sharing as a way of preparing our hearts for the joy of Christmas. We will use the book, *Five Questions of Christmas: Unlocking the Mystery* by Rob Burkhardt to help guide our discussion.

We will meet each Monday from 1:30-3pm for this devotional time with the goal of making space for the true meaning of the season to seep into our souls. You may then choose to take the discussion we have had and use it again mid-week in a small group setting within your congregation. Pastors may also want to consider making this the foundation of your Advent worship series, using our study and discussion to help you prepare for the next Sunday's message.

The schedule will be:

- Monday November 21: "How Will I Know?", Zechariah's Journey from Mistrust to Conviction
- Monday November 28: "How Can this Be?", Mary's Journey from Tragedy to Resilience
- Monday December 5: "Why Has this Happened to Me?", Elizabeth's Journey from Unfairness to Gratitude
- Monday December 12: "What Will This Child Become?", The Journey from Control to Creativity
- Monday December 19: "Where Is the Child?", The Magi's Journey from Disappointment to True Treasure

Open to all clergy, CLMs, Lay Servant Ministers, local church lay leaders and church staff leaders in worship and discipleship, this will be a time of studying together and learning from each other as God's Spirit moves in the midst of us. **Sign up here**

**Sign up today for Lay Servant Ministry classes**

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection. Through this system of equipping and empowering, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples.

The Ohio River Valley District Lay Servant Ministries Team is offering three courses that will help you serve in your local church and inspire you to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship - the Basic Course, Go Preach! and Pray Al(L)ways.
Date: September 30-October 1, 2016
Schedule: September 30 - dinner served at 6:00, class in session from 6:30-9:00
October 1 - class resumes with continental breakfast at 8:00, then class in session from 8:30-4:30 (lunch provided)
Location: Church of the Saviour UMC, 8005 Pfeiffer Road, Cincinnati 45242
Cost: $30 for all meals and training materials
Register: Click the name of the class to be taken to online registration
- Basic Class
- Go Preach!
- Pray Al(L)ways

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

Joanne Campbell, who died on September 14. Joanne was a member of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church. She married Rev. Robert J. Campbell in 1964 who survives her in death. Bob is a retired elder in The West Ohio Conference. Bob and Joanne served together at the following churches: Xenia First, 1967-1969; Stratford St. Paul's, 1969-1975; Fayette, 1975-1984; Greenfield First, 1984-1988; Christ-Napoleon, 1988-1993; Ironton First, 1993-1996; and Hayes Memorial, 1996-2003. Obituary. Her service was held previously. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew's UMC; Cygnet Faith UMC, Box 203, Cygnet, Ohio 43413; or the Alzheimer's Association, NW Ohio Chapter.

Rev. Earse Mauler Jr., who died on Thursday, September 15. Rev. Mauler was a retired elder in the West Ohio Conference having served 43 years at the following United Methodist Churches: Gibsonville (1947); Asbury (1949); South Zanesville (1957); Thornville (1963); Crooksville (1966); Belpre (1974); and John Stewart (1983). Obituary. His service was held previously. Donations in Rev. Mauler's honor may be made to the Minister's Retirement Fund of the West Ohio Conference by clicking here.

- Youth Director - St. Paul Community UMC
- Director of Family Ministry - Mt. Moriah UMC
- Administrative Assistant - The Ross Community UMC
- Worship Music Leader - Northern Hills UMC
Facilities Supervisor - Sharonville UMC
Assistant Director of Children and Family Ministry, Hyde Park Community UMC
Supervisor/Manager/Cook - UMCMF Food Ministry
Organist/Pianist - Loveland UMC
Director of Children's and Family Ministry - Milford First UMC
High School Program Coordinator - Wesley Chapel Mission Center
Administrative Assistant - Brecon UMC

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Upcoming events in and around the ORV
(click the pictures for more details)

Anderson Hills UMC - Understanding Poverty/Helping Without Hurting Workshop, September 24
York Street UMC - Bar-B-Que Dinner, October 1 (Order Form)

Faith Community UMC - Comedian Jeff Jena, October 8
Clough UMC - Social Media & Your Child, October 12
Wesley Education Center - September donation: baby wipes and liquid hand soap

Pray for California-Columbia, Hartzell and Second Creek UMCs this week

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