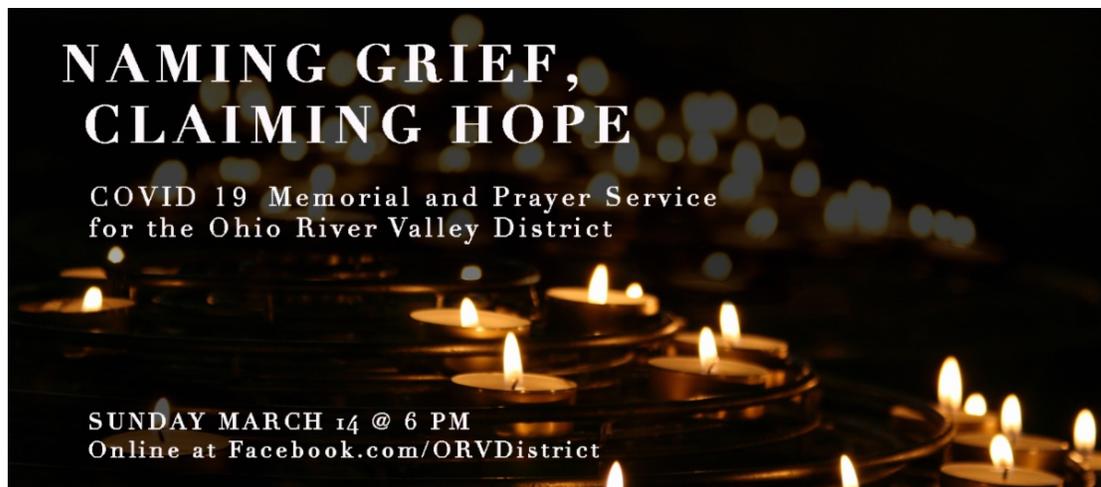




News and Notes: March 9, 2021

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This Sunday March 14 @ 6 PM
District Wide COVID Memorial and Prayer Service: Online Worship

Many of us have been impacted by the coronavirus. As we approach the one year anniversary of when things began closing down, we want to pause and acknowledge our grief, and look forward with hope to the future.

[The link is now live for our video premiere on Sunday.](#)
[Follow the link and click "Get Reminder"](#)

Watch live at 6 PM on Sunday.

Even if you don't use Facebook, you can point your browser to <https://www.facebook.com/orvdistrict/live> and watch on any device.

[You can get your bulletin for the service here.](#) **We recommend having one screen for the bulletin and another screen for the video.**

2021 Annual Conference: June 6 - 7

The 52nd session of the West Ohio Conference will be held **Sunday June 6 from 2-6pm and Monday, June 7 from 8:30am-4:30pm.** Bishop Palmer and the Planning Committee unanimously

decided to hold a **virtual** conference again this year since the COVID pandemic is still a serious concern. The theme of Annual Conference is “Run the race with perseverance” based on the scripture Hebrews 12:1-3.



The Ohio River Valley District is in need of At-Large members.

We are looking for leaders who have been active participants in their congregation and who are spiritually-minded. Applicants must be committed people who love Christ, others and in particular the United Methodist Church. The decisions made regarding recommendations and the election of delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences are crucial to our future together. If you sign up to be an At-Large member then it is expected that you will attend the 2021 Virtual West Ohio Annual Conference barring some unforeseen emergency. We will create a waiting list just in case someone cannot attend.

If you would like to be an At-Large member for this year's virtual annual conference and have not served in this capacity before, please complete this [application](#) for consideration.

If you served last year and would like to do so again this year, send an email to [Nancy Newton](#).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the district office at 513.421.2057 or email Nancy.



Women's History Month: Timeline of Women in Methodism

As we celebrate Women's History Month in March, consider the history of our United Methodist denomination. [This timeline from UMC.org](#) highlights the women whose gifts, graces, and courageous leadership pushed the institution beyond prejudice and exclusion into following the movement of the Holy Spirit and recognizing God's call to women leaders, prophets, and preachers.



Green Umbrella is the regional sustainability alliance of Greater Cincinnati. Faith Community Go Green is their new Impact Team to bring all faith communities together to work collaboratively to take better care of the earth.

Climate justice is part of our charge as faithful Christians, and faithful United Methodists, to care for God's creation.

Green Umbrella's Faith Communities Go Green Impact Team has issued a call to a **Global Day of Action March 11**. They are calling for the Ohio legislature to **repeal HB 6**.

"HB-6 – the nuclear and coal bailout bill — cost consumers \$1.5 billion, destroyed Ohio jobs, and stripped away clean energy programs. Despite widespread opposition from the Ohioans, bankrupt corporation FirstEnergy and now former Ohio Speaker Larry Householder - arrested by the FBI for bribery connected to HB6 - worked together to pass this bill.... Corruption made HB6 possible. Ohio leaders must do the right thing and repeal HB6 now."

[Learn how to contact your representatives and take further action here.](#)

Resources

Wondering Wednesdays - Tomorrow @ 11:30 AM: Copyright Licensing and Music in Worship



From Todd: As we all know, C-19 has changed a lot of things - including the way we do ministry. It seems like every new season brings a Covid first.

Suzanne and I have learned from pastors and laity in phone calls, emails and Connecting Points that you have a lot on your mind. We thought it would be helpful to get together every couple of months with you to talk about issues brought on by this period of pandemics. We hope you will be part of the conversation.

Our next installment of *Wondering Wednesdays* will be March 10. Joe Galyon will lead a conversation on copyright licensing and the current status of music in worship. [Sign up via SignUpGenius](#) and the Zoom link will be emailed.

2021 Youth Summer Mission and Spiritual Development Trip Grant Application:

Due Monday, March 15

[Get Application Here](#)



We understand that this year's summer youth mission trip might not look like those in the past. We want to encourage you and support you in finding a way to capture the spirit of what happens on a youth mission trip and share that powerful experience of loving God and serving others in safe and creative ways this summer.

Each of you will be called to do something a little different that suits your group, your context, and the need that God has put on your heart. Regardless of what it is, we want you to know that the ORV is here to support you. We are still offering the \$1,000 youth mission and spiritual development grants. We are doing so with an expanded understanding of what a 'youth summer trip' means.

I encourage you to dream, pray, and think in bold and creative ways about how to engage youth in mission, service, and spiritual growth safely this summer. If you'd like ideas on

how to be involved with our local mission partners or smaller rural churches, or to use the Deerfield Church as a mission base for the week, please reach out. I'd love to share ideas and resources from across the district with you. I look forward to hearing about all of the amazing ways you'll lead, serve and grow with our youth this summer.

Blessings!
Rev. Suzanne Allen

Lay Servant Ministry- Discover Your Spiritual Gifts - March Webinars

From our Miami Valley District ministry siblings:

This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will also learn what it means to be a spiritual leader and will be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts.

This course will be held via Zoom in 5 sessions on 4 days. All sessions need to be attended in order to receive a certificate.

Session 1 - Sunday, March 14, 6-8pm

Session 2 - Wednesday, March 17, 7-9pm

Session 3 & 4 - Saturday, March 20, 10am - 2:30pm

Session 5 - Wednesday, March 24, 7-9pm

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Denman Evangelism Award Nominations Deadline Next Week

The Harry Denman Evangelism Award, sponsored by The Foundation for Evangelism, honors United Methodists in each Annual Conference whose exceptional ministry of evangelism brings people into a life transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.

What distinguishes a Harry Denman Evangelism Award recipient is the commitment to consistently introduce others to the Good News of Jesus Christ in all ministry settings. Their ministry is exceptional for the number of new Christ followers who credit encounters with this person as critical in helping to start or reignite their faith journey. Awards are given to clergy, laity, and youth. Please submit nominations by March 15, 2021 to [Mariellyn Grace](#).

Nomination forms can be found [here](#)



Classifieds

Paid and unpaid job openings:

Epiphany UMC - Director of Finance

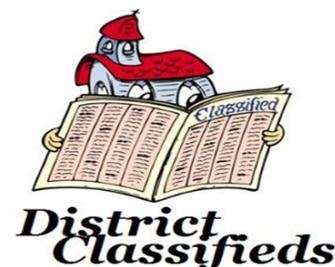
John Wesley UMC - Director of Family and Student Ministry

North Bend UMC - Keyboardist/Pianist

Shiloh UMC - Director of Student and Family Ministries

Wesley Chapel Mission Center - Children's Pre K-6 Teacher

John Wesley Early Learning Center - Assistant Teacher



Items needed and available:

A friend - *Free!* Choral music

Faith Community UMC member - *Free!* Handmade cloth masks

[Click here](#) to view/respond to the ads above

[Click here](#) to submit your own classified

A Call to Prayer



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

Margaret Hoff who died Monday, December 7, 2020. She was married to the late Rev. Elford Hoff who was a retired pastor from the West Ohio Conference. He served appointments at Bethel, Hartwell, Ada, Piketon, Ashville Yoked Parish, New Lexington First, West Union, and Manchester churches. A virtual memorial service was held on January 3 with a private gathering of family online following the service. You can make donations in her name to the Salvation Army, 114 East Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 (please write in the memo section "for Adams County"). You may also make donations to a scholarship fund for Adams County musicians. To read her obituary and leave condolences online [click here](#).

Rev. Paul Minus Jr. who died Friday, February 12, 2021. He was a retired pastor from West Ohio Conference who served appointments in the South Carolina Conference as well as Methodist Theological School in Ohio. You can send condolences to his wife, Mary Minus, 640 Alden Road Apartment 4, Claremont, California 91711.

Colis "Mimi" Hudgins who died Friday, February 26, 2021. She was married to the late Rev. Robert Hudgins, a retired pastor from the West Ohio Conference. He served appointments at Laurelville/Haynes and Burgoon churches. Graveside services will be observed privately by her family at the Highland Memory Gardens in Waterville. In lieu of flowers, you can make memorial contributions to [Cherry Street Mission Ministries](#) or [William Street United Methodist Church](#). To read her obituary and leave condolences online [click here](#).
