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This Memorial Day Weekend

we honor those who have given their lives protecting our freedoms.

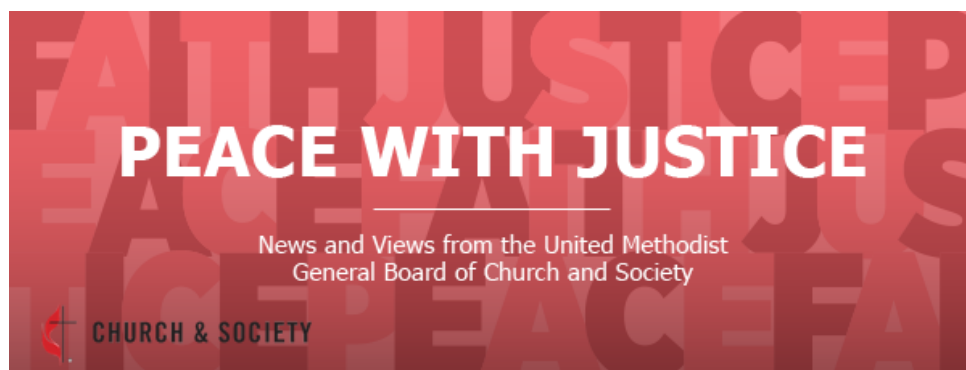
[United Methodist News offers these ideas for Memorial Day worship.](#)



Next Sunday (May 30) Is Peace With Justice Sunday

This first Sunday after Pentecost enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

[Learn More and download Pastor and Leader Kit](#)



We welcome the ceasefire and pray that it holds. But a ceasefire is not enough.

We grieve at the loss of life of Palestinians and Israelis and the devastation to Gaza done by the Israeli military. More than 200 Palestinians, including entire families and 63 children, have been killed. Twelve Israeli civilians have also been killed. Thousands more have been displaced.

In the face of so much death and devastation, it is unconscionable for the Biden Administration to sell \$735 million of precision-guided bombs to the Israeli military. Selling additional weapons will only lead to more death and destruction.

In response, a Joint Resolution of Congressional Disapproval (H.J.Res.49/S.J.Res.19) of the sale of \$735 million worth of bombs to Israel has been introduced.

[Contact your Senators and Representative today.](#)

We cannot return to the status quo. The United States must send a clear message: now is not the time for weapons sales to Israel.

Contact your Representative and Senators to [urge them to co-sponsor the Joint Resolution of Disapproval](#) to prohibit the sale of bombs to Israel.

[Send your message here.](#)

In solidarity,
Mark Harrison
Director, Peace with Justice Program, Church and Society



Annual Conference Dates to Remember

Sunday and Monday, June 6-7

52nd Session of the West Ohio Annual Conference

The 2021 Book of Reports is available [here](#).

The 2020 Conference Journal is available. [Click here to download.](#)

Informational Sessions for Recommendations

To learn more about or submit a question for a recommendation, please contact the leader listed below. To register for an upcoming info session, click on the link.

Recommendation #1

Council on Finance and Administration for Calendar Year 2022

Submitted by Rev. Paula Stewart, Chair, Council on Finance & Administration

Presenters: Rev. Paula Stewart and Bill Brownson

- [Final Session on Tuesday, June 1 at 5:30 pm](#)

Leader: Bill Brownson, bbrownson@wocumc.org

Recommendation #2

Commission on Equitable Compensation for Calendar Year 2022

Submitted by Rev. Kurt King, Chair

Presenters: Rev. Kurt King and Jack Frost

- [Session 2 on Tuesday, May 25 at 7:00 pm](#)

Leader: Rev. Kurt King, kurtisking15@gmail.com

Recommendation #3

Board of Pensions and Health Benefits for Calendar Year 2022

Submitted by Board of Pensions and Health Benefits

Leader: Mike Kremnitzer, mkremnitzer@wocumc.org

Recommendation #4

Delegation Resolution re: Christmas Covenant

Submitted on behalf of the West Ohio Delegation to General & Jurisdictional Conferences

Presenters: Rev. Roger Grace, George Howard, and Bill Brownson

- [Session 1 on Friday, May 21 at 10:00 am](#)
- [Session 2 on Monday, May 24 at 5:30 pm](#)

Leader: George Howard, gghoward191@gmail.com

Recommendation #5

Loved as the Image of God

Submitted by the West Ohio UMC Next Steering Team

Leader: Rev. Lori Reiber, pastorlori.oumc@gmail.com

Recommendation #6

Call to West Ohio Annual Conference to Recognize and Validate Persons' Calls to Ordination Without Prejudice Toward Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity

Submitted by the Central Ohio Reconciling Ministries Team

Presenters: Rev. Kevin Orr, Rev. David Meredith and Rev. Deb Stevens

Leader: Rev. Kevin Orr, kevin_orr83@hotmail.com



Save the Dates...SUMMER Anti-Racism District Opportunities

· Juneteenth Celebration: Saturday, June 19 from 1-3:00 PM at New Vision UMC

Come and celebrate with the entire Ohio River Valley District as we mark the oldest of all African American celebrations: Juneteenth! Juneteenth commemorates the day of June 19, 1865, when African Americans in Texas first learned of their freedom from slavery under the Emancipation Proclamation. Join us for music, food and fun for all ages.

Summer Discussion Night: July 12 (in person) & July 13 (via Zoom)

"I was reported as being a suspicious person..."

A Cincinnati UMC Pastor's Story

Being reported as a suspicious person during a pastoral care visit in his hometown of Wyoming, Ohio, compelled Rev. Meshach Kanyion to share videos of his story and experience of implicit bias and racism. Watch his short videos and then join us with your lawn chair for a discussion with Rev. Kanyion on Monday, July 12 at 6:30 PM outside at Church of the Saviour UMC

OR Join us online discussion via Zoom on Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 PM.



· Outdoor Worship Celebration: Sunday, August 1 with The Warehouse UMC

Come, celebrate our faith and serve the diverse body of Christ at Washington Park (more details to come)

Educational Opportunities

[Register for Virtual Mission U Now!](#)

Each year, United Methodists prepare for faithful living and action by participating in Mission U, a transformative education program that offers study on biblically

grounded curricula. These curricula are intended to motivate, inform and enrich our commitment to be in ministry for a more just and equitable world, locally and globally.

This summer, Virtual Mission U will offer 3 studies, 3 worship services, a plenary session and a movie night.

The studies offered will examine anxiety, the culture of violence that impacts children and how God's people can be a witness in such a time as this.

If you have any questions, please email the Dean, [Rev Don Wilson](#) or Assistant Dean, [Linda Bales Todd](#). [Register here.](#)



Multiply Minis are live, interactive trainings for ministry leaders to break out of the norm and hear fresh ideas. These Minis will encourage, inspire, and resource churches with the most current topics and innovative best practices from practitioners across West Ohio and beyond.

Learn more at westohioumc.org/multiply-minis

Where Do We Go From Here? Weds May 26 | 10:30 AM | The Unstuck Group

Many churches are stuck. Some are stuck because of old ways of thinking; some because they can't figure a way out after the pandemic; others because they are happy with the status quo. Whether you've been serving the same church for years or beginning a new appointment, this Mini will challenge your paradigms, stretch your thinking, and help you determine if it's time for your church to develop a new vision for the next season.

Suggested Book: The Unstuck Church by Tony Morgan [REGISTER HERE](#)

Other Resources



All of Us Campaign: A Week of Action for Citizenship for All Join Church and Society and Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) for a training on June 1 and week of action on June 7-14 to create permanent pathways to citizenship for all 11 million undocumented immigrants.

The week of action will include opportunities to meet with your elected officials, write an op-ed for your local paper, or help host a prayer vigil. The activities will be happening throughout the week of action. However, participants do not need to be available all the days.

Training session: **Tuesday, June 1, 8:30 PM EST:** [Register here](#)

Week of action: June 7-14: [Watch a recording of the kickoff event here.](#)

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:

Rosalie Frazier who died Monday, May 17, 2021. She was married to the late Rev. Frank Frazier who was a Retired Associate Member from the West Ohio Conference. He served appointments at New Plymouth Charge and Dundas/Vinton Station, Monclova/Wilkins and Bremen Calvary churches. Preceding her in death was her husband, Frank and grandson, Eric Frazier. Her service was held May 22 in Logan, Ohio. The family suggests making donations to [The Gideons International](#), P.O. Box 961, Logan, Ohio 43138 or [Smith Chapel Food and Clothing Mission](#), 1333 E. Front Street, Logan, Ohio 43138. To read her obituary and leave condolences online [click here](#).

Other United Methodist Invitations



June 13 @ The District Office : Pride 2021
Celebrating the sacred worth of LGBTQIA+ United Methodists and friends.

Join the Tri-State Reconciling Ministries Team for a fun, spirit-filled afternoon of live music, games, worship, glitter tattoos, balloon art, ice cream, and more!

All are welcome to join this Pride celebration! There will be resources and information available for those who are new to celebrating Pride as well as resources for those who are seeking to support LGBTQIA folks in their families and congregations.

June 13 from 5:30-7:00
Outdoors at the ORV District Office
7388 E Kemper Rd

The Tri-State Reconciling Ministries Team is made of LGBTQIA+ people and those who love and support them from over 20 congregations in the ORV, Kentucky, and Indiana Conferences.

Classifieds

Paid and unpaid job openings:

Family & Children/Youth Ministry Leader - Middletown Christ

Youth Ministry Leader - Milford First UMC

Piano Minister of Music - Ross Community

Office Administrator - St. Mark's

Worship Leader - Bethany UMC

Music Director/Accompanist - North Bend UMC

Director of Children & Family Ministry - Anderson Hills UMC

Director of Youth & College Ministries - Oxford UMC

Pianist - Hartzell UMC

Senior High/Young Adult Minister - Lebanon UMC

Preschool Director - Sharonville UMC

High School Program Coordinator, Pre K-6 grade Children's Program Teachers (3 needed), Summer Volunteers - Wesley Chapel Mission Center

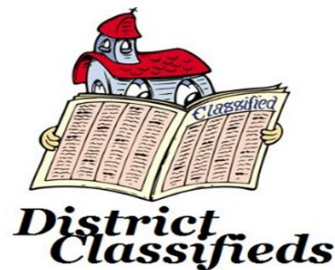
Guitarist - Clough UMC

Children's Ministry Team Leader - Westwood UMC

Director of Camps, Retreats & Next Gen Engagement - West Ohio Conference

Director of Connecting and Discipleship Ministry - Hyde Park Community UMC

Director of Family and Student Ministry - John Wesley UMC



Items needed and available:

Free or Donation - Piano, Church member in Mason

Free! Floor Safe - Christian Family Credit Union

Free or Donation - Brood X Cicada buttons to benefit Chapters, a new church start

Needed A 15-passenger van to borrow June 21-25 - Monfort Heights UMC

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