



# Western Lakes District

*News from The United Methodist Church*

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## WLD Important Information Volume 33-October 11, 2024

### Springfield Prayer, Praise, and Community Event

Springfield Healing Event Set for October 11. Join Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, Western Lakes District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Jim Wilson, and pastors from the Springfield area for a time of Prayer, Praise, and Community for the people of Springfield. The event will be held on Friday, October 11th at noon at Springfield Grace United Methodist Church at 1401 W. Main Street, Springfield, Ohio 45504.



### Installation Service For Bishop Hee-Soo Jung Oct 12th at 4:00pm

Please join us as we welcome Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and his spouse, Rev. Im-Hyon, to the West Ohio Annual Conference at his installation service on October 12 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1581 Cambridge Blvd, Columbus. The service will begin at **4:00 pm**. Bishop Hee-Soo Jung has been assigned to The Ohio Episcopal Area, which includes the East and West Ohio Conferences.



### Hurricane Helene: How to Donate & Assist

Things you can do to support those affected by Hurricane Helene: PRAY, GIVE, PAUSE. Please PRAY for those affected by the recent hurricane and the first responders providing care, safety, and immediate needs. You may GIVE to [UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief](#) and finally, PAUSE: do not self-deploy to the area. Due to the nature and magnitude of this disaster, it will take months, maybe even years to recover. Just so you know, you will be needed. Just not yet. We will provide more updates as they become available. [Click here to donate.](#)

### Upcoming Free Foundation Educational Opportunities:

Foundation Offering Stewardship in the Extraordinary Church with Horizons CEO Joe Park  
The United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio invites you to join us via zoom on October 22nd at 6:00PM for

a presentation from Horizons Stewardship CEO, Joe Park as he reprises his Generosity Summit Session on Stewardship approaches for extraordinary churches. To access the zoom link, click here: [Join Zoom Meeting](#).

### Foundation Offering Leaving a Lasting Legacy with Executive Director Susan Black

Join Foundation Executive Director and Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP®) Susan Black as she helps unravel the mystery of planned giving for your congregation. All churches and individual members are encouraged to join this legacy giving presentation via zoom on November 10th at 6:00PM. The zoom link will be available here: [UMWFO Program Calendar](#).

STEWARDSHIP IN THE  
EXTRAORDINARY  
CHURCH

OCT. 22 6:00 P.M.



Join Here

United Methodist  
Foundation of West Ohio

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**Save the Date!** The UMFWO invites you to Save the Date of September 15-16, 2025 for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Generosity Summit. Next year's summit will be held at beautiful Maumee Bay State Park Lodge and Conference Center near Toledo, OH. The event will feature speakers from across the Connection on topics to help pastors and church leaders build a culture of generosity in their church. Registration will open in April! Stay tuned!

### Early Response Team Training and Recertification

The eight hour basic class ERT training will teach you how to assist survivors of natural disasters in their time of need. You will learn how to provide a Christian presence while taking steps to prevent further damage to the family's personal property; this may include tarping, debris removal, cleaning out flooded homes, etc. FEMA recognizes this training to enter a disaster scene. The recertification class will take place during the morning session and is only for those who have completed the basic course and are within one year of the date their badge expired. Cost is \$40 for the basic class; \$35 for recertification. All Districts welcome!

Deadline to Register: Monday, November 4

NOTE: A background check is required to receive an ERT badge from UMCOR. You will receive a link to run a background check with UMCOR when you register online. Please complete the background check prior to the class. Your badge cannot be processed without a current background check on file with UMCOR.

Sat, 11/09/2024 - 08:00- 4:00

Event Sponsored By West Ohio Conference Disaster Response Ministries

Hocking River District Office

47 Johnson Rd, The Plains, OH

Contact Mariellyn Grace at [mgrace@wocumc.org](mailto:mgrace@wocumc.org)

[Register Now!](#)

### 2025 Go Grants Now Available

West Ohio Go! Grants are open to resource new innovative ministry ideas that help West Ohio churches develop relationships beyond the walls of our buildings and within our communities.

If you or your church are eager to explore a fresh perspective of ministry, you are encouraged to apply. Applications will be available September 1, 2024, to submit online by October 15, 2024.



For more information and application, [click here](#)

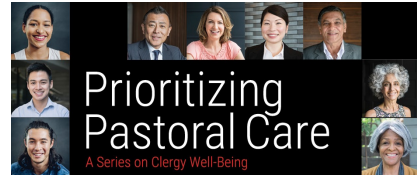
## HealthFlex Annual Open Enrollment October 30 - November 14

Active clergy, if you are on the West Ohio Conference health insurance plan, it will soon be time to sign up for your individualized plan for 2025. HealthFlex offers more healthcare options, expanded health savings account (HSA, HRA, Flexible Spending, and Dependent Care) choices, and premium credit to support your healthcare elections. There are no significant changes coming so this year's enrollment process should go smoothly. In addition, if you are an active clergy who has chosen NOT to participate in the plan, you will need to complete a new waiver for the upcoming year.

For helpful resources, meeting dates, forms and more: [click here](#).

## Engage with UMC Leaders in Upcoming Well-Being Webinars

Wespath and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) are partnering together to engage leaders and changemakers in the UMC to address systemic issues affecting clergy well-being.



This fall, you are invited to two webinars on clergy well-being. Learn more about each of the five dimensions of well-being, the current state of each dimension based on the 2023 Clergy Well-Being Survey results and various resources available to you.

Clergy input on well-being is essential. Register now for these sessions:

- October 24, 1-2pm Central – Physical and Emotional Well-Being [Register Now](#)
- November 7, 1-2pm Central – Spiritual and Social Well-Being [Register Now](#)

### **Your Feedback is Important**

How does the UMC impact clergy well-being? What steps could we take to create a work environment more conducive to clergy well-being? [Complete this short form](#) to share how the church can be more supportive of clergy well-being.

## Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Team Leader Training

Are you planning a mission journey in 2025 or beyond? Join West Ohio for a Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Team Leader Training! With an experienced team leader as instructor, you will learn how to plan and lead a mission experience in Ohio, the United States, or around the world. You will also be provided with checklists, timelines, team forms, and practical resources for nurturing the spiritual life of your team. A background check is required.



Cost: \$35 (training, materials & lunch) Sat, 11/02/2024 - 09:00 - 1:00pm  
Stonybrook UMC 485 Cherry Bottom Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230  
Contact Mariellyn Grace at [mgrace@wocumc.org](mailto:mgrace@wocumc.org)  
Price \$35.00 Deadline to register: October 28

[Register Now!](#)

## 2024 United Women in Faith Fall Celebration

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 10AM-12PM  
Zanesfield United Methodist Church  
2880 Main Street, Zanesfield, OH 43360 (Logan County)



United  
Women  
in Faith

"Harmonizing with the Invisible" - Speaker: Jami Nathan, All In Community Ministries Coordinator

- Morning refreshments will be served (Freewill donations accepted)
- All women are invited to this FREE event!

Please call Brenda Coleman at 937-335-6071 or email [clmnbrenda@aol.com](mailto:clmnbrenda@aol.com) for reservations by October 14th. Please provide your name, your contact info and your church name.

Building harmonious communities and embracing the invisible to restore hope and support healing in communities within Ohio.

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## Upcoming Classes

**Leading Worship:** October 18-19, 2024 – Sponsored by Olentangy River District - [Registration](#)

**Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (United Methodist Heritage):** November 3,5,7,10,14, 2024 – Sponsored by Olentangy River District. Registration opens 9/27/24



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## All In Community - Fall Offerings

Please see the attached flyers for information on events that the All in Community Team will be hosting this fall.

[Resilience Clergy Retreats](#)  
[Trauma Resilience Worship Arts Workshops](#)



All In Community's *Ministry Monday* information session in October will discuss how to get involved with Christmas Miracle, an annual event through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) that is held at various state correctional facilities. In conjunction with The Four Seven Ministries out of Cincinnati, ODRC has created a beautiful opportunity for families to experience the Christmas holiday with their incarcerated loved ones.

Join us on October 28 beginning at 7:00pm to hear details about this year's plans. You will find out how you can help to make Christmas magical for those who are often forgotten and left out of holiday celebrations. **Cost: FREE**

### **ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

<https://qrco.de/bfQRAo>

Questions and requests for the ZOOM link can be directed to Jami Nathan, AIC Ministries Coordinator, by email ([jami.nathan.22@gmail.com](mailto:jami.nathan.22@gmail.com)) or by phone (419-591-9717).

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

**Rev. Dr. Mark Dove** passed away on September 21, 2024, at the age of 91. He was born on October 4, 1932, to Walter and Lucile Dove (Truman). It was during his later high school years that he decided to become a Methodist minister. He was very active in the Methodist youth fellowship and became president of the District Youth Fellowship. After High School, Mark enrolled in The Ohio State University with a major in Psychology. While attending OSU he was a member of Alpha Sigma Chi Fraternity. Four years later he traveled to Boston University as a Pre-Ministerial student at the Boston University School of Theology.

On June 18, 1955, he married Jenelle Rochelle and together finished his studies in Boston. Two years later he was ordained an elder in the Methodist Church.

His first assignment in 1957 included three rural churches in Southern Ohio- Maineville, Cozzadale, and Zoar. For his second assignment, he became an associate minister to Westwood Methodist, Cincinnati in 1962. From Westwood he stayed in Cincinnati by serving Friendship Methodist Church in Wyoming, Ohio starting in 1965. Washington

Court House was his next assignment serving Grace Church starting in 1973. He then returned to Columbus and became Linworth UMC's new minister in 1978. In 1981 it was during this assignment that Mark was called to the Franklin Uniting Church of Australia. After six months as an interim minister, he returned and finished his work at Epworth. In 1987 he was called to service as a District Superintendent of Springfield District, Springfield Ohio. His final work was at Linworth UMC in Worthington, Ohio starting in 1992 and retiring in 1998 after spearheading the building of the new Linworth UMC on Bent Tree Blvd in Columbus.

It was during his time as a district superintendent that he received his doctorate from United Theological Seminary in Dayton Ohio.

Later in his retirement, he did accept a position as an adjunct professor for field education at the Methodist Theological School of Ohio.

Along the way he helped raise three children, Tim, Shelley, and Todd. Father, Mother, and Brother are all gone plus daughter, Shelley who died at age 24 of Leukemia but both sons survived him along with his loving wife, Jenelle, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held at Friendship Village of Dublin October 11th, 2024 at 3:00pm. Love gifts may be sent to Friendship Village, 6000 Riverside Drive Dublin Ohio 43017. Please mark for the Benevolent Fund.

**Click here for full**

**obituary <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/worthington-oh/mark-dove-12003339>**

## 2024-2025 Appointments



### 2024 Appointments

The list of pastoral appointments beginning January 1, 2024, can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Please refer back to these lists as they are updated frequently.

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