

West Ohio Emerging Generations Connections

January 2025

What is this?

The West Ohio Emerging Generations Connections is a monthly look at what is happening across West Ohio in the area of Emerging Generations Ministries. It will include: upcoming events, helpful resources, and stories of celebration from the connection in the area of children, youth, and young adult ministries.



Celebrating

Joining forces at The Ohio State University

This fall, three different college ministers came together to love students at The Ohio State University. Samantha Schiver (Jacob's Porch) Rev. Hannah VanMeter (Short North UMC) and Gwen DeRosa (King Ave. UMC) not only spent the day sharing God's love with students for "Coming Out on the Oval" day, but also co-led "The Ballot and the Bible" and "Queer as Bible". This group has plans to continue partnering in ministry this spring.

Save the Dates

February 7th
Olentangy River District Youth
Gathering
6-9pm @ Stonybrook UMC

February 8th
Confirmation Day @ Camp Asbury
\$70/student \$60/adult

February 21-23
Confirmation Retreat @ Camp
Wanake
\$169/student \$149/adult

May 3
Generate 2025
9am-5:30pm @ Peace UMC
Pickerington
\$75/person \$150/team of 3

May 22
Preschool Educators Training Day
West Ohio Conference Office
9am-5pm \$10 p/person

Emerging Gen meet-ups @ Annual
Conference (May 28-31)

Upcoming Event Details

Confirmation Day at Camp Asbury

February 8, 2025

COST: \$70/youth; \$60/adults.

Spend a full day at Camp Asbury delving into United Methodist teachings and deepening your faith! This one-day winter retreat will offer introductory sessions on key topics such as What United Methodists Believe, the Sacraments, the Structure of the UMC, Spiritual Disciplines, UM History, and Worship. Camp Asbury provides the perfect setting to reflect on faith while connecting with the beauty of God's creation. Some sessions will take place outdoors, inviting you to experience God's presence in nature. Strengthen your friendships with other youth and begin to explore the unique role YOU have within the United Methodist Church! One chaperone per 6 youth. Lunch and dinner provided. Saturday February 8, 2025; 9:00am-6:30pm

Confirmation Weekend at Camp Wanake

February 21 - 23, 2025

COST*: \$169 youth (\$149 before 2/3/25); \$159 adults (\$139 before 2/3/25)

Bring Your Confirmation Class for the Weekend to Remember! Explore the United Methodist understanding of the sacraments, ways we talk about and experience God, how we can connect with God in prayer, and United Methodist heritage and organization (aka History & Polity). Our time for learning will be hands-on, engaging, and fun. One adult chaperone must be present for the weekend for every 6 youth of same gender as the chaperone.

Online Registration for both: <https://eastohiocamps.campbrainregistration.com/>

For more info contact Camp Asbury at 330-569-3171, or Camp Wanake at 330-756-2333, or the East Ohio Conference Camping Office at 1-330-499-3972 extension 139.

Generate 2025

May 3 @ Peace UMC in Pickerington, Ohio

Scan the QR cod to learn about our 2nd annual Generate Conference.

To grow younger we, as those who work with emerging generations know that generating a culture of growing younger requires us to look at things with new eyes. Join Tyler Sit and Brian Schroeder for a day of learning, laughing, and creating. All in attendance will have the chance to walk through the following experiences with Tyler and Brian: How to Stay Awake, How to Compost Zombies, Revoicing Hymns, and How to Redesign Church. \$75 p/person or even better, bring a team of 3 for the price of 2 people \$150.



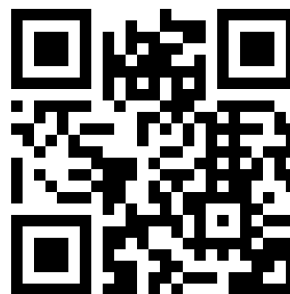
Family Ministry Resources



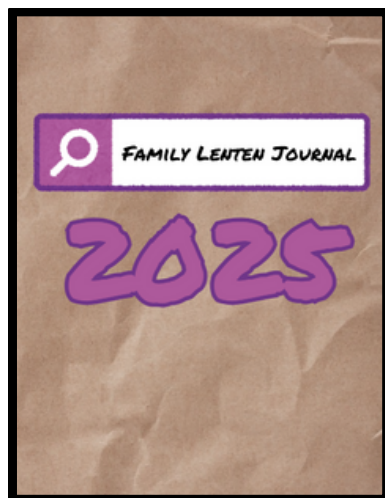
WOC Safe Sanctuaries Updates



WOC Preschool Connection
Specifically for those working with the youngest of generations



UMC College Scholarship Information



Lent 2025
WOC
Family Journal





Celebrating

The Village in Forest Chapel

Forest Chapel United Methodist Church in Cincinnati launched a mentorship program for children in their community during the fall of 2024. After three short months, there is a waiting list of children wanting to enter the program. They have found mentors, not just in the congregation, but also within the community. One huge partner is the learning center which calls Forest Chapel home.

Celebrating

Kairos Springfield

Rev. Seth Evans, a deacon appointed to ASbury UMC in Springfield, Ohio, saw a need in the community for a place where Middle School students could come together, learn, have fun, and belong. Knowing his congregation only had a few middle school students, he reached out to other congregations and launched Kairos. The group meets twice a month and provides students a safe space to share beliefs while learning about the life and lessons of Jesus.



Connect With Us!

Have a helpful resource, exciting story or upcoming events others may be interested in? We'd love to share it in the next edition of the Emerging Generations Connection!

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