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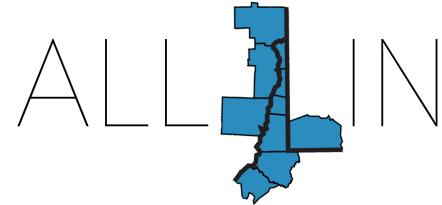
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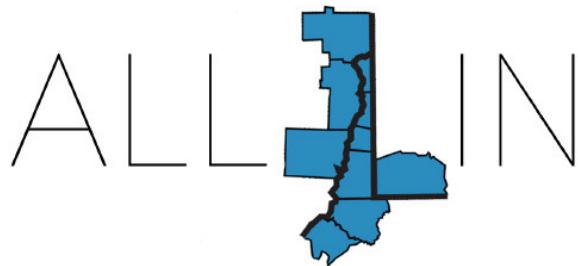
ACP Training Workshop - September 8th

Concert of Prayer – Indian Creek Southern Baptist Church – September 16th 5:00 PM

Annual Meeting – Emmanuel Baptist Church – October 20th, Registration 8:00 AM, Meeting 9:00 AM

Media & Technology Training Day – November 17th 9:00 AM

These dates have already been set. Please add them to your personal calendar. If you have any questions please contact us at the association office.



THE PROCESS

Phase 1 Invite Your DOM to Preach

- Sunday Morning
- Target Time Frame: Now through September 30

Phase 2 Private Pastoral Consultation

- Confidential
- BATCH & SWOT Analysis
- Determine where you want to go and how to get there.

Phase 3 Strategic Planning with Key Leaders

- Address only one area at first.
- STEP Analysis & SWOT Analysis
- Determine key metrics.
- Develop effective strategies, systems, and structures for ministries.

Phase 4 Implementation & Evaluation

- Put people and procedures in place.
- Follow up with leaders and volunteers.
- SWOT Analysis & Key Metrics Review
- Make necessary adjustments.

To learn more about "ALL IN" contact the UOVBA office.



DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?

WRITE THE VISION, AND MAKE IT PLAIN..
– HABAKKUK 2:2

ED GOODMAN - DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Do You See What I See?

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An office worker once requested a pay raise and received a rather confusing email back from her supervisor: *Due to the fluctuating predisposition of your position's productive capacity as juxtaposed to standardized industrial norms, it is currently injudicious to advocate your petitioned increase.*

The puzzled employee went to her supervisor and said, “If this is about my pay raise, I don't get it.”

The supervisor nodded in agreement and said, “That's exactly right.”

Sometimes the way we communicate can cause confusion rather than create clarity. Complex, complicated, or convoluted ideas must be simplified so that people can understand what we intend to convey. This is especially crucial when casting vision. Vision, according to John Maxwell, is “a picture of a desired future.” With that in mind, I am inviting you to look together with me at the future of our association – who we will be, where we will go, and what we will strive to accomplish. Do you see what I see?

A Clear Vision

The UOVBA executive board recently made a wise leadership decision by approving a much-needed update to our associational mission and vision statement. Why? Because good leaders seek to make their mission as clear as possible. Previously, our mission

statement stood separately from the vision statement. By combining the mission and vision into a single statement, our association now enjoys a better understanding about why we exist and what we are seeking to accomplish. Consider our simple and straightforward purpose.

The Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association exists to serve, supply, and strengthen local churches in cooperative fulfillment of the Great Commission.

Churches, the association exists because of you. The UOVBA is a ministry created by the churches, comprised of the churches, and cooperating with the churches. We are working each day to help churches grow stronger. Our vision is clear. Do you see what I see?

A Comprehensive Vision

Churches, your association is called to serve you, supply you, and strengthen you. Our mission and vision statement is broad enough to encompass a wide variety of ministries, yet narrow enough to keep us focused on churches. We serve churches by furnishing consultation (e.g., the All In Initiative), facilitating communication (through the Valley Voice, the UOVBA website, Facebook, One Call, and our “Voices of the Valley” broadcast), and fostering cooperation. We supply churches with relationships (e.g., pastoral resumes, supply preachers, and fellowship opportunities)



and resources (like ministry training, mission trips, and measuring tools for church and ministry analysis). We can evaluate how we strengthen churches by looking at data through the Annual Church Profile (ACP) and other sources of demographic data (like the U.S. Census Bureau and the Association of Religion Data Archives). By utilizing the expertise of your associational staff, all 21 UOVBA churches may benefit from this comprehensive vision. Do you see what I see?

A Compelling Vision

Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr., president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, once astutely observed, “Deep beliefs drive visions and plans.” Our collective mission and vision is rooted in a powerful and passionate belief: that churches can bring transformation to people, communities, and the world. Think about that! The Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20) instructs churches to reach the lost, teach the saved, and make disciples through the promised power and presence of Jesus Christ. Thus, transformation occurs when churches function as ambassadors of Christ (2 Cor. 5:20) in their communities!

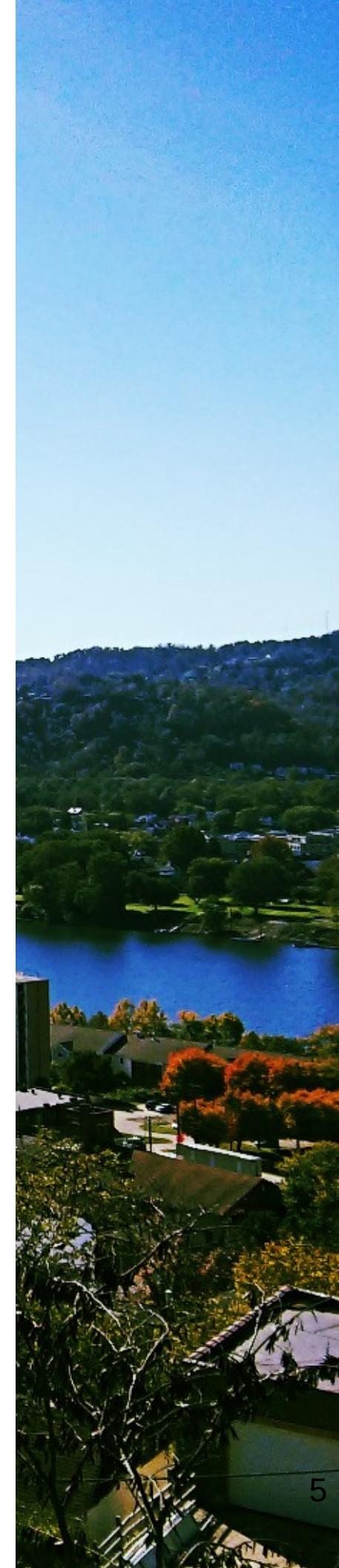
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Your church has the answer for the opioid epidemic. Your church has the solution for broken homes. Your church has the power to love your neighbors struggling with hopelessness and heartbreak. Your church is called to be a beacon of hope in the community you call home, and your association is called to help you shine the Light into the darkness. Will you embrace this compelling vision?

The answer for all the ills in the Upper Ohio Valley is Jesus Christ. Over 392,000 people in ten counties across three states need what only He can give: salvation, security, and satisfaction. I’m investing my life and ministry in this region because, through the assurance of God’s call, I believe our churches will be God’s tools for transformation.

Do you see what I see?



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OUT OF THE ASHES

This past July, Faith Community Church in north Wheeling suffered a major loss when the place they were meeting each Sunday (the Augusta Levi Center) caught fire. That morning, DOM Ed Goodman visited Pastor Pete Carney to pray and contemplate Faith's next steps.

As news of this fire went out across the association, God opened the hearts of individuals and local churches to reach out in whatever way possible. One reason we are better together is this, that same afternoon the churches of the UOVBA started to reach out offering assistance and aid right away.

Some were willing to give bibles, and projection screens, others a sound system. God was also opening up financial opportunity as the UOVBA family offered up major financial gifts, showing the church that they are not alone in this. The following morning, they met on a

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piece of property they owned at the location of their future church and worshiped outside. God was bringing them together and showing them that He is at work even in the mist of this loss.

Every Sunday since, they have been meeting in a tent from the association. They have an even louder voice as they worship outside. The community around them is hearing the gospel as Faith Community Church meets for worship.

Financial gifts are being used to help kick-start the building project of the future church building. Your giving to the Ola Cox State Missions Offering is helping Faith Community Church by providing additional funds for the building project.

Please keep Faith Community Church in your prayers as they continue this building project. They will be in need of mission teams as projects begin. Ask God to guide you in ways that you would be able to help whether it's through additional financial giving, serving through a mission team or partnering in prayer. This is all the more reason why we are #BETTERTOGETHER as Faith Community Church and the UOVBA grows stronger out of the ashes.



FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH PROJECT NEEDS

Sanctuary/Community Room Addition

Foundation	\$5,000.00
Block	\$6,000.00
Concrete Floor	\$3,000.00
Frame	\$8,500.00
Windows	\$5,000.00
Walls/Flooring Finish	\$3,000.00
Roof	\$3,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,000.00
Total	Phase 1 Total \$35,000.00

Existing Building Remodel

Roof	\$7,500.00
Plumbing	\$5,000.00
Electrical	\$7,500.00
HVAC	\$6,500.00
Room Remodeling Materials	\$25,000.00
Fixtures	\$5,000.00
Windows	\$5,000.00
Finish	\$5,000.00
Total	Phase 1 Total \$66,500.00

Exterior

Siding	\$10,000.00
Paint	\$1,000.00
Gutters/Downspouts	\$4,000.00
Total	Phase 2 Total \$15,000.00

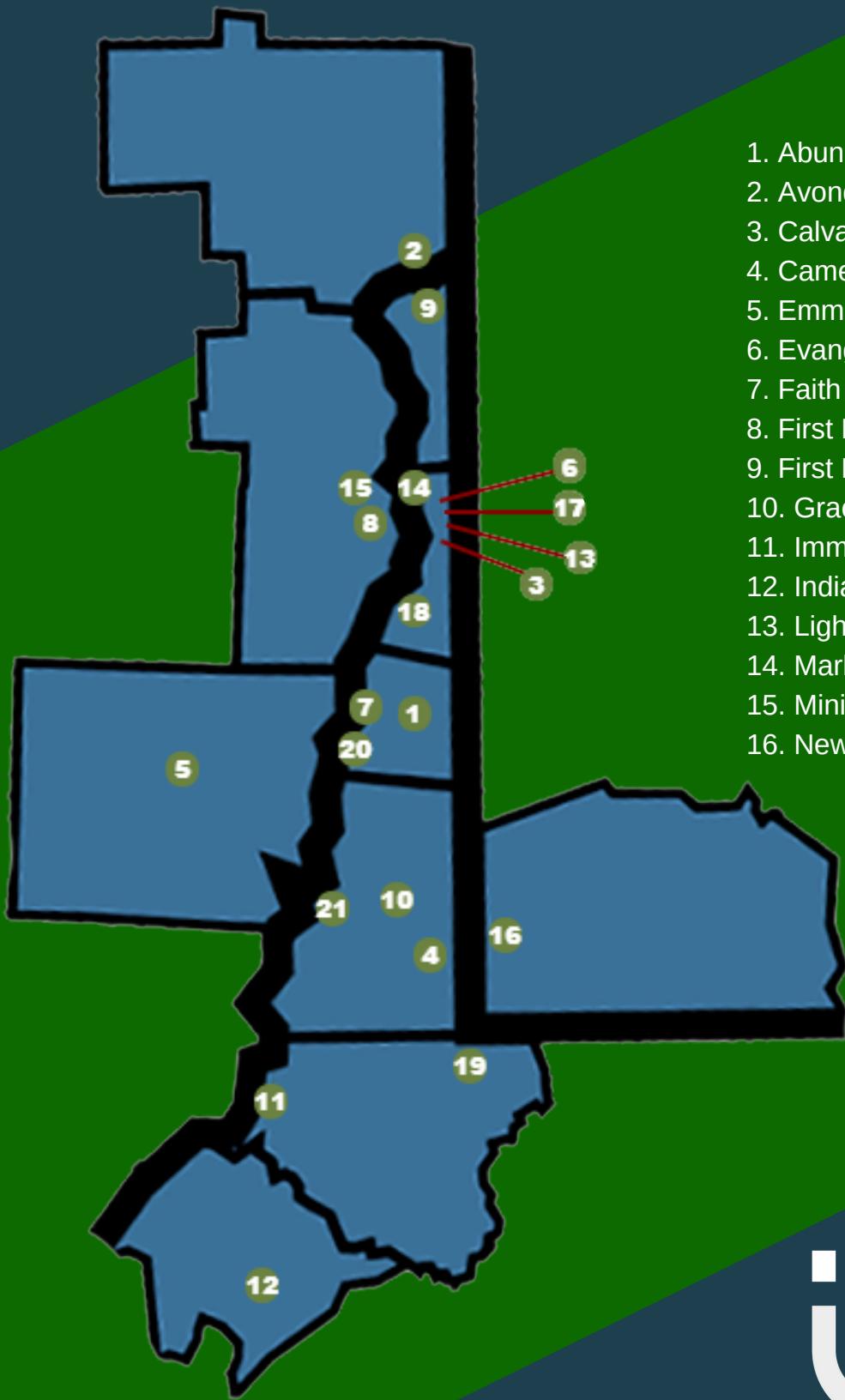
Purchase Next Door Building

Purchase	\$20,000.00
Demo	\$7,500.00
Total	Phase 2 Total \$27,500.00

Land/Lots

Paving/Sidewalks	\$22,000.00
Fencing	\$3,000.00
Total	Phase 3 Total 25,000.00

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1. Abundant Life Baptist Church
2. Avondale Baptist Church
3. Calvary Baptist Church
4. Cameron Baptist Church
5. Emmanuel Baptist Church
6. Evangel Baptist Church
7. Faith Community Church
8. First Baptist Church Steubenville
9. First Baptist Chester
10. Grace Church at Pleasant Valley
11. Immanuel Baptist Church
12. Indian Creek Southern Baptist Church
13. Lighthouse Baptist Church
14. Marland Heights Community Church
15. Ministry of Salvation
16. New Beginnings @ Ryerson Baptist
17. Open Door Baptist Church
18. Riverview Baptist Chapel
19. Solid Rock Baptist Church
20. South Wheeling Baptist Chapel
21. Temple Baptist Church



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2018 Financial Report

Church	July	August
Abundant	82.91	70.96
Avondale	42.62	49.64
Calvary		
Cameron	581.00	1,252.00
Emmanuel	180.39	170.91
Evangel	58.40	50.00
Faith		697.20
FBC Chester	83.64	110.64
FBC Steuben		
Grace		95.00
Immanuel	960.00	4,465.00
Indian Creek	641.95	829.18
Lighthouse		
Marland Heights	1,261.00	
Ministry of Salvation		
ODBC	1,630.00	1,848.00
Riverview		
NB @ Ryerson	501.79	566.97
Solid Rock	37.80	55.32
S Wheeling	0.86	17.79
<u>Temple</u>	<u>90.32</u>	<u>142.06</u>
Month Total:	6,152.68	10,420.67
Year To Date:		66,202.67

This financial report is a current reflection through August 2018. We would like to thank all churches in the association for their support reaching the Ohio Valley for Christ.



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ACP WORKSHOP

Be Sure To Bring:

*Total Members, Total Baptisms, Worship Attendance,
SS Enrollment, SS Avg, Music Ministry, WMU
Enrollment, Men's Ministry, VBS Total, Cooperative
Program Giving, Annie Armstrong Easter
Offering, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering,
and Total Receipts.*

Date: Saturday, September 8th

Time: 10:00AM-Noon

Place: Temple Baptist Church
2300 Second Street
Moundsville, WV 26041

#BetterTogether

LOOKING UP CONCERT OF PRAYER

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH AT 5:00 PM
INDIAN CREEK SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
178 INDIAN CREEK RD, ALMA, WV 26320

AN EVENING TO SPAWN AND SPARK A SPIRITUAL
AWAKENING IN US AND OUR NEIGHBORS
WORSHIP - PRAYER - INTERCESSIONS FOR REVIVAL



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JIMMY
SCROGGINS



KEVIN
SMITH



We are grateful to have Dr. Jimmy Scroggins (pastor, author, developer of "3 Circles") and Dr. Kevin Smith (Executive Director, Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware) for our 2018 state evangelism conference, INSPIRE!

As we live in this cultural moment as Christians, if we have a renewed God-sized, God-given posture of courage, then we will be freed up to be the people of God, living out the mission of God, marked by the joy of God. With courage, this season of history can be viewed not with fear and dread, but with hope and a sense of opportunity.

Jimmy and Kevin both have an exceptional understanding of the issues in the culture and how we should address them from a gospel perspective. Topics will also include "3 Circles" training.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and we'll kick off at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch and books/resources will be provided.

The conference is designed for pastors and lay leaders.

If you need to reserve a hotel room, call the Wingate by Wyndham Bridgeport, 304.808.1000. Mention the Inspire Conference Rate, CGC0SB (\$75/night + tax).

Space is limited.

REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.WVCSB.ORG



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SATURDAY
OCTOBER
20TH 2018

58TH ANNUAL MESSENGERS MEETING

Join us for the 58th Annual Messengers Meeting at Emmanuel Baptist Church in St. Clairsville, OH. Registration begins at 8:00 AM with our call to order beginning promptly at 9:00 AM.

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MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

**TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
NOVEMBER 17TH
9:00 AM-NOON**

ITEMS COVERED:
NEWSLETTERS/PUBLICATIONS
CANVA
MEDIA SHOUT
EASY WORSHIP
FACEBOOK
ADOBE PHOTOSHOP
WIX WEBSITE BUILDER
AND MUCH MORE

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VBS 2018 Recap - Estimated Numbers At This Time

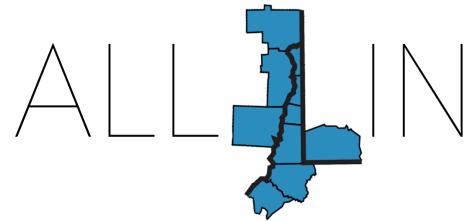
300+ Children Attended, 10+ Children Saved and over 8 Baptized. We have seen God work in so many ways. This is why we are #BETTER **TOGETHER**





MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

FROM AROUND THE UOVBA



First Baptist Church Chester

First Baptist Church in Chester, WV is prayerfully considering prospects for their next pastor. Candidates may submit and upload their resume on our webpage @ www.uovba.com/church-openings. Be sure to fill out all of the information listed. The UOVBA will fwd this information off to the search committee at First Baptist Church Chester.

Lighthouse Baptist Church

They are in need of any help with electrical and plumbing work needed

Faith Community Church

Mission teams needed for their church building project. Please see page 8 for more details.

Temple Baptist Church

Looking for help with removal and replacement of old cracked concrete areas of sidewalk around the church. If interested call the church office at: 304-845-8822

Anniversaries

September

4th Larry & Donna Garrison
9th John & Emal Westling

October

Birthdays

September

30th Chuck Morrow

October

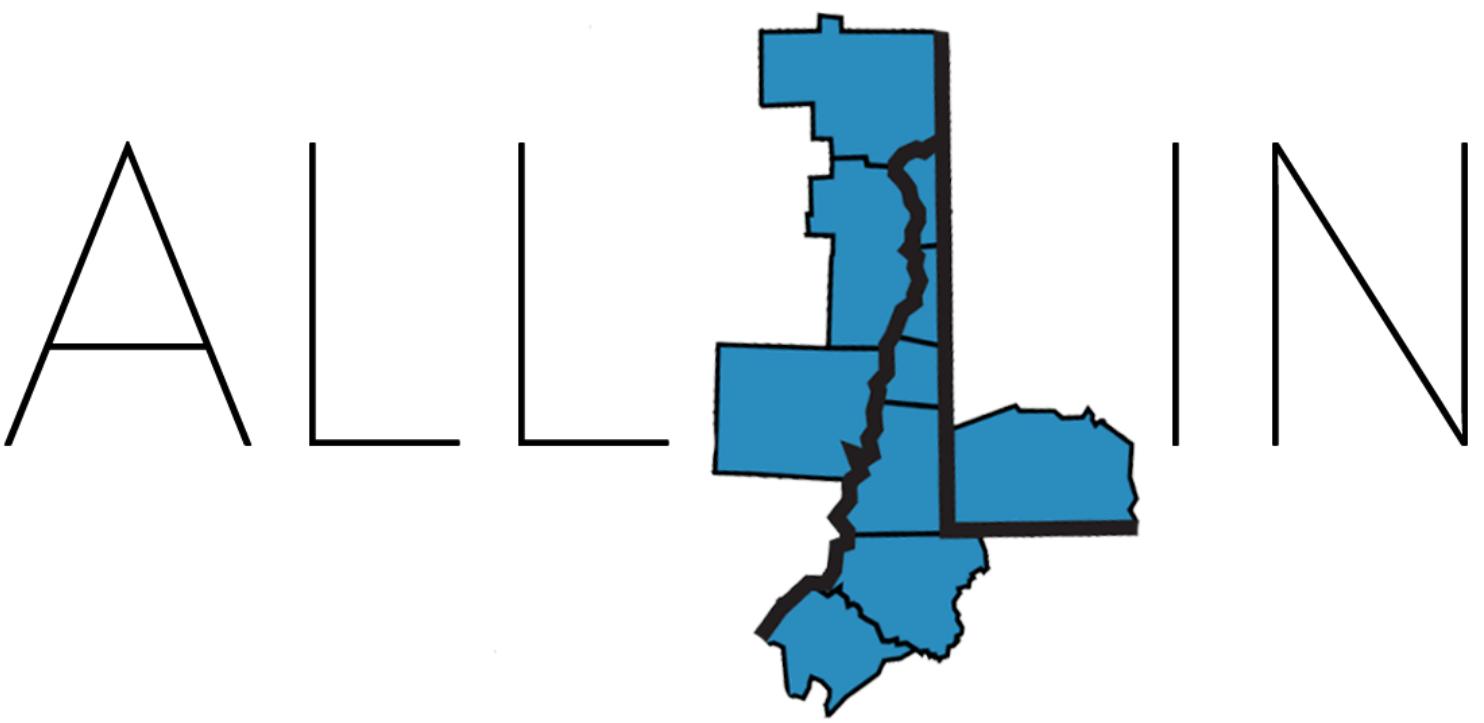
8th Shannon Thomas

Publishing Information Disclosure

The Valley Voice will typically be published on the last Thursday every 2 months, although unforeseen circumstances may result in a delay or temporary suspension of the publication. For information to be published, the UOVBA must receive it in writing by the 20th day of each month.

Mission and Vision Statement

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