

# ***EAST DISTRICT***

## **E-ALERT FOR**

### **January 26, 2017**

#### **Editorial Policy of the East District E-Alert:**

Generally, articles will appear for only one week, and, if pertinent, will be posted on the East District website (<http://www.epaumc.org/districts/east>). Or, if you are on the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference website (<http://www.epaumc.org>), there is a link to the East District website at the bottom of any page. Previously published E-Alerts will be posted to the East District website.

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#### **CLERGY LENTEN DAY APART**

On **Tuesday, February 28**, the day before Ash Wednesday, East District clergy will gather at the UMC of Huntingdon Valley (3470 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley PA 19006) for prayer, worship, and fellowship together in preparation for the beginning of the Holy season of Lent. Stay tuned for more details.

#### **CHURCH MUTUAL CARES**

**Church Mutual Insurance Company Foundation** announces it has started accepting scholarship applications, now through **April 15, 2017** with scholarships to be awarded in May 2017. For more information and downloadable materials, visit [www.churchmutual.com/cmcares-scholars](http://www.churchmutual.com/cmcares-scholars).

As part of its mission to *Protect the Greater Good*, Church Mutual Insurance Company believes helping young, vibrant religious leaders today will ensure strong faith-based communities of tomorrow. The newly formed foundation, CM CARES, is pleased to support the future of religious communities through a new scholarship program.

#### **Offering 50 scholarship of \$5,000 each to religious leaders of tomorrow**

In 2017, CM CARES will offer \$250,000 in scholarships for eligible religious scholars across the country. If you know someone who is currently enrolled in an advanced degree religious studies program, be sure to let him or her know about this opportunity. Interested students should apply as soon as possible.

#### **RETREAT AND TRAINING EVENTS**

##### **WEBINAR for Local Church Lay Leaders/Lay Members to Annual Conference: What's My Job?**

**Date:** Thursday, February 2

**Webinar:** [Local Church Lay Leaders/Lay Members to Annual Conference: What's My Job?](#)

**Time:** 6:30 pm CST (7:30 pm EST)

**Presenter:** Jodi Cataldo, Director Laity in Leadership

In partnership with clergy, lay servant ministries, the local church, and the annual conference, the work of local church lay leaders and lay members to annual conference has significant potential for

increased vitality throughout The United Methodist Church. Join Jodi Cataldo, Discipleship Ministries' Director of Laity in Leadership, in a discussion around these roles as they relate to leadership development and the mission of the church. If you can't attend on February 2, the webinar will be recorded and available in the [Discipleship Ministries' Webinar Archive](#) after the event. For more information: [ivankeuren@umcdiscipleship.org](mailto:ivankeuren@umcdiscipleship.org). Register [here](#).

### **2017 Faith-Sharing Seminar with Rev. Terry Teykl**

**When:** Saturday, March 18, 2017, 8:30 am-3 pm

**Where:** New Hanover UMC, 2211 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville PA 19525

**More Info:** Contact Felicia Anderson at 484-762-8248.

Guest presenter, the **Rev. Terry Teykel, a leading "prayer evangelist"** and popular speaker and author, travels the world encouraging churches to develop and strengthen prayer ministries as a means of revival and transformation. Teykel, the founder of [Renewal Ministries](#) and [Prayer Point Press](#), has authored several books, including [The Presence-Based Church](#), [My Most Wanted: 40 Days to Pray for the Lost](#), and [Pray the Price: United Methodists United in Prayer](#). He has spent his life teaching churches how to develop a heartfelt, meaningful relationship with the Lord. His warm, humorous style makes him a much sought-after speaker and seminar leader.

"We believe that when prayer and evangelism are reunited, the Church will emerge as a powerful force for reclaiming the land and setting the captives free." -Terry Teykl.

[Learn more](#) about this passionate, powerful speaker and man of God.

### **Fresh Expression Training**

**What:** Changing Church for a Changing World: A Fresh Expression Vision Day

**When:** April 1, 2017 – Pottstown Vision Day

**Where:** Mount Carmel UMC, 2203 Harmonyville Road, Elverson PA 19520

**Cost:** \$20 per person

Fresh Expressions is a movement that is cultivating new forms of church alongside existing congregations in order reach a changing world. Access the attachment to this email for more information or visit: [www.freshexpressionsus.org](http://www.freshexpressionsus.org). Scroll down until you see "Pottstown Vision Day."

### **Local Pastors and Associate Members Retreat**

"The Authority of Scripture" is the theme for the **Local Pastors and Associate Members Retreat** from **April 23 to 25** at the **Black Rock Retreat Center**, Quarryville PA: theme is "The Authority of Scripture. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **FOR YOUTH**

***Wake up, God's People!...***

An all-day **Eastern PA Youth Rally**, planned for **Saturday, April 22** from **9 am to 4 pm** at **Hopewell UMC** (852 Hopewell Rd., Downingtown PA 19335) will include fantastic features, with dynamic speakers, soul-stirring music, fun games, powerful prayers, laugh-out-loud humor, great food and hospitality, and enough friendship and fellowship moments to provide a lifetime of memories. Don't dare miss it! [See and share the flyer](#).

## **RESOURCES**

### **Order your 2016 Conference Journal before they are all gone**

A limited number of printed 2016 Eastern PA Conference Journals are available. **Order yours today for only \$30 each.** [Order and pay online](#) or send a check, by USPS, to: EPA UMC, Attention Gloria Knoeller, PO Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0820. **What's in the Journal?** A lot! Contact information for Conference staff, clergy, Camp and Retreat Centers, Districts, and United Methodist Boards and Agencies. Also, clergy appointments, pastoral salaries, and service records. Plus, all about the 2016 Annual Conference; Conference statistics for 2015; historical highlights; and conference policies and procedures for clergy, staff, and others. Questions? Contact Gloria Knoeller at [gknoeller@epaumc.org](mailto:gknoeller@epaumc.org).

### **Confirmation Retreat Opportunity**

**Date: February 24-26**

**Location: Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center**

**Purpose: Designed for United Methodist Confirmation classes**

[Read more...](#)

### **Update your church's Find-A-Church profile**

Developed by United Methodist Communications, Find-A-Church helps your church connect with people who may be looking online for a church to provide worship, fellowship, spiritual nurture, and other needs. If your church has a Website, having a church page in Find-A-Church doubles your local visibility to reach people searching by city, town, or zip code. It is the official online directory of United Methodist churches in the United States and one of the most visited sections of UMC.org, averaging more than 1,000 page views a day. You'll achieve the best results from your Find-A-Church profile when you [update your church's information](#). For video instructions on how, visit [Video Tutorial: Find-A-Church Overview](#).

### **New General Commission on Religion and Race Resources**

Is your congregation looking for resources on issues of race, diversity, or multiculturalism? New GCORR resources are updated [here](#).

## **NEW DRUMS FOR ST. THOMAS UMC**

**St. Thomas UMC** was broken into right before the Christmas holiday and the thieves got away with the church's drum set. The thieves were prepared to take all the electronic equipment as all had been unplugged. However, the church burglar alarm sounded off and the thieves left the building without taking all of what they wanted. St. Thomas congregation shared its story with Ms. Rolene K. Derr, lay supply pastor of Bridesburg UMC, who in turn shared the story with the Bridesburg congregation. On Friday, December 30, the good people of Bridesburg UMC made a call to St. Thomas, requesting the St. Thomas congregation to come and pick up the new drum set that the Bridesburg UMC congregation had purchased to replace what St. Thomas UMC has lost. Bridesburg UMC is a small congregation with a heart for mission in the local community, the world, as well as within the church. Rev. Carlos Carrero, pastor, and the people of St. Thomas UMC are humbled to know that the Bridesburg congregation, without prompting from its pastor, decided to restore what was lost at St. Thomas. St. Thomas is

thanking God for Bridesburg UMC's missionary spirit and the new drums received so as to continue to do ministry.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Remember the **Rev. Janice Puliti**, Senior Pastor at St. John's UMC, Ivyland, whose father passed away last week. Services were held on Saturday, January 21.

Remember the **Rev. Sharon Barley**, former pastor at Jarrettown UMC, and her husband **Gary Bonalumi** as he continues to recover from a heart surgery and anticipates dental work when his heart is stronger.

**Mrs. Gladys Gale**, 83, previous spouse of **the Rev. Andrew Schultz**, passed away on December 25. Rev. Schultz was a full member of the Eastern PA Conference who died in 1989, at age 56. He served as a pastor and district superintendent in the following appointments: Richmond, Phila.: Elmwood, Drexel Hill, Parkside, Phila.: Philadelphia: Frankford Memorial, Bala Cynwyd, and West Chester District Superintendent.

Mrs. Gale was married to Schultz from 1958 to 1989, She taught high school for thirty years, earned an Ed. D. from the University of Pennsylvania, and was awarded the Philadelphia Teacher of the Year Award. She is survived by her husband, Harold V. Gale; a daughter from her previous marriage, Carla Falb and her husband Don Falb; and other relatives.

A celebration of Mrs. Gale's life was held December 31 at her church, First UMC of Beach Haven Terrace NJ. Contributions in her memory may be made to The United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey, Mission Fund, 205 Jumping Brook Road, Neptune, NJ 07753.

An obituary was published in the Beach Haven Times & Asbury Park Press, Dec. 28 and can be viewed at [www.legacy.com/obituaries/app/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=183227382](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/app/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=183227382).