

EAST DISTRICT

E-ALERT FOR

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HOPE! Talks: INSPIRATION FOR SMALL CONGREGATIONS!

Join others tomorrow, **October 21, 2017**, at **Lighthouse Fellowship UMC** (137 North Easton Road, Glenside PA 19038) or live on the web for **HOPE! Talks: Inspiration for Small Congregations!** The live web stream is available from 9 am until 3 pm at <https://www.sundaystreams.com/go/hopetalks>.

Walk-ups are welcome! Breakfast Bar and Registration begin at 8:00 am. Lunch is provided! **There is no charge to any participants.**

Ten speakers with a passion for God and the ministry of small congregations will speak to encourage and inspire you. Conversations at lunch will encourage you to think differently about your current situation. Join us and get HOPE! <http://lfumcglenside.com/hope-talks/>

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLE: CALLED TO PRAYER AND ACTION WITH REV. TERRY TEYKL

Come to **Lansdale UMC** (300 N. Broad St.) on **October 28** from **8:45 am to 2:45 pm** to learn how to be transformed through prayer. The Rev. Dr. Terry Teykl, a leading "prayer evangelist" and popular speaker and author, will be the facilitator. **Registration fee is \$10** and includes materials, Continental breakfast, and light lunch. A limited number of scholarships are available by contacting the church office at 215-855-8364. **Register online at www.lansdaleumc.org/christian-discipleship-workshop-registration**. See the flyer attached to this email for more information about Rev. Teykl.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR INMATES IN EASTERN PA, 2017

The Eastern PA Conference Prison Ministry and Restorative Justice Team invites you to imagine how it would feel to be separated from your friends and loved ones at Christmas. Inmates who are incarcerated can find it difficult to maintain connections with important people in their lives. At holidays, their distance, and the pain of absence, can be felt most deeply.

Last year, thanks to your efforts, over 8,000 Christmas cards with brief handwritten notes of caring encouragement were provided to inmates in 10 correctional facilities in Eastern PA.

This year, through a simple, signed Christmas card, you can again share the spirit of Christmas with persons who are incarcerated. Your participation in this project can send a powerful message of God's love to those who are incarcerated. You can remind them of their sacred identity as God's beloved sons and daughters at a time when they may be feeling very much alone. We hope we will be able to reach even more inmates through this project this year.

Please follow carefully the specific directions in the five attachments provided in this email E-Alert, so that you and others in your congregation can reach out during this coming holiday season. Also provided are sample Christmas images you may use and some thoughts and phrases to help if you are at a loss for words to get started.

Please note that all cards must be completed and returned by Monday, **November 6**. Thank you so much for your willingness to share the blessing of God's love with others!

SAVE THESE DATES

- **Friday, October 20-Saturday, October 21, 2017:** Ministry and Money 2-Day Seminar.
- **Friday, October 20-Saturday, October 21, 2017:** ReCall Summit, sponsored by The UMC NE Jurisdiction's Multi-Ethnic Center for Ministry (see article below).
- **Saturday, October 21, 2017:** **Hope! Talks** registration is open. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Saturday, October 21:** Free Eye Care & Eyeglasses for children 17 years old and under, 8:30 am-1 pm, Jefferson Alumni Hall (10th & Locust, Philadelphia).
- **Saturday, October 28, 2017:** Christian Disciple: Called to Prayer and Action with Rev. Terry Teykl at Lansdale UMC (300 N. Broad St., Lansdale PA 19446. Register on line [here](#).
- **Saturday, November 4, 2017:** Retirement Celebration for DRA Clarita Krall, Noon-3 pm, Jarrettown UMC, 1460 Limekiln Pike, Dresher 19025.
- **Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 3 pm** – “Joyful Noise Choir Concert” at **Tindley Temple**, 750-762 S. Broad St., Philadelphia 19146.
- **Monday, November 6, 2017:** Deadline to return Christmas cards for Inmates in Eastern PA.
- **Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Noon**, luncheon meeting with representatives of TMS Global (formerly The Mission Society). Call the East District office for more information.
- **Thursday, November 16, 2017:** 7th Annual Fall Fest to benefit The Center for Grieving Children.
- **Tuesday, November 28** is UMC #GivingTuesday.
- **Friday, December 1-Saturday, December 2, 2017:** Christ Servant Ministry courses at St. John's UMC, 820 Almshouse Rd., Ivyland 18974.
- **Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 9 am** – East District Ministerium Christmas Breakfast at **Jarrettown UMC**, 1460 Limekiln Pike, Dresher PA 19025.
- **Saturday, May 5, 2018** – encore presentation of **Walking With: The African American Experience** – East District Conversation on Race Relations. More information will be forthcoming. This event is designed for clergy and laity who missed this East District retreat event held in January 2017 at Washington Crossing UMC.
- **Sunday, May 6, 2018** – East District Pre-Annual Conference gathering, 3 pm-5pm, Lighthouse Fellowship UMC, 137 N. Easton Rd., Glenside 19038. Parking available in lot across the street at St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church. Lighthouse Fellowship is located two blocks from Septa's Regional Rail, **Glenside** station.

NATIVE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE

The Eastern Pennsylvania Committee on Native American Ministries (CoNAM) appreciates the support of Bishop Johnson and the District Superintendents for “Continuing the Journey Toward Healing and Wholeness with Indigenous Peoples” established by the Act of Repentance. However, the Committee looks for intentional and specific actions to follow the guidelines in the Discipline and in the EPA Resolution to the 2017 Annual Conference.

Resources for following through on the resolution have been posted on the Conference website (www.epaumc.org) and can be found at the links below:

Promotion video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oR-ekvO3rfs&t=20s>

CoNAM brochure: <https://www.epaumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/conam-brochure.pdf>

Loss of Turtle Island flyer: <https://www.epaumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/LOSS-OF-TURTLE-ISLAND.pdf>.

These resources will help your churches see the purpose and importance of planning a Native American Sunday worship service and to become part of the process of healing with our Native American brothers and sisters.

The primary responsibility of the local church representative is to plan a Native American Sunday service once a year. The EPAUMC website has all the information needed – liturgy, songs, prayers – and CONAM can help provide a speaker as well as field any questions. Attached to this E-Alert is a document called “Role and Responsibility of the Native American Ministries Representative in the Local Church.” At the charge conference, each local church should elect a representative for Native American Ministries and include the name on the Nominations and Leadership Development Report. Where this is not possible, a representative may be elected to serve a group/cluster of churches or a Mission Connexion. These names, with contact information, may be sent, as soon as possible after the charge conference, to epaconam@gmail.com.

MissionInSite “TRAIN THE TRAINERS” EVENT FEATURING TOM BANDY

November 13 – November 15

- **Nov. 13**, 9 am – Noon: Advanced Training, Eastern PA Conference Office
- **Nov. 13**, 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm: Basic Training, at Bethany UMC in Wescosville
- **Nov. 14**, 9 am to Noon: Advanced Training, at Eastern PA Conference Office
- **Nov. 14**, 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm: Basic Training, Thorndale UMC in Thorndale

Advanced Training is for anyone or church who already has an understanding of MissionInSite and would like to be trained to do more for their church and to be a resource for other churches.

Basic Training is for those persons or churches who either have no understanding of MissionInSite or feel uncomfortable with using it.

Registration is \$10 per church group. Each registrant can choose to attend different sessions, even if registered together as a group. **Registration deadline is Nov. 8th.**

If you have any questions, call Gordon Hendrickson at [267-258-9507](tel:267-258-9507).

[Register Online Now](#)

3 WAYS TO BE A CHAMPION FOR HOPE

SAVE THE DATE: 7TH Annual Fall Fest to benefit **The Center for Grieving Children** on **Thursday, November 16.**

Here are 3 ways you can be a champion of hope for Philadelphia’s grieving youth on November 16.

- **Purchase a ticket or sponsorship, or donate If you aren’t able to attend** - Included in the ticket purchase: open bar cocktail hour, silent and live auctions, program, and dinner and dessert.
- **Donate In-Kind Items** – The silent and live auctions feature a variety of packages from local and national businesses. Individuals can donate items or help spread the word and solicit businesses for donations.

- **Volunteer** – Help on the day of the event with everything from set-up and registration to check-out and packing up.

[Register today](#) or contact Austin Egan at 267-437-3123 ext. 4 or email austin@grievingchildren.org for more information.

CLAIMING SABBATH FOR CLERGY SPOUSES RETREAT

November 11

9 am to 4 pm

lunch included

Jesuit Center, Wernersville, PA

Now only \$15, with discounts for early registration and partial scholarship.

FOR clergy spouses **BY** clergy spouses. Includes highly interactive small group activities with real-life clergy spouse scenarios to solve.

To download a PDF description of the retreat, see the attachment to this E-Alert.

To read what clergy spouses said about this retreat, click [here](#).

To register online, click [here](#), and be sure to ask for the partial scholarship.



Retreat Leader is Julie Anderman, EPA UMC clergy spouse and Executive Director of Artos Retreats. Contact Julie to find out more: ArtosRetreats@gmail.com; 717.492.4238; ArtosRetreats.org

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CHRIST SERVANT MINISTRY (CSM) CLASSES TO BE OFFERED AT IVYLAND: ST. JOHN'S

Two CSM classes (one Basic, one Advanced) are being offered from **Friday, December 1 through Saturday, December 2, 2017** at St. John's UMC in Ivyland (820 Almshouse Rd. 18974). The instructor for the Basic Course, "Introduction to Christ Servant Ministries" is Judy Ehninger. The Advanced Course, "Speaking Course 1" will be taught by the Rev. Harold Burkett. The registration fee is \$35. Attached to this E-Alert are the registration forms. Completed registrations and checks must be received by **November 17** to allow time for mailing of homework materials with adequate time to prepare.

CONNECT YOUR PASSION WITH GOD'S MISSION

SAVE THE DATE! UMC #GivingTuesday is November 28.

Thomas Kemper, General Secretary, General Board of Missions, invites you to join United Methodists around the world to support Global Ministries missionaries and Advance projects on UMC #GivingTuesday Nov. 28.

Frederick Buechner once described "calling" as the place "where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." One of the great things about The Advance is that it allows you to invest your resources where your passion answers specific needs in the world.

The UMC #GivingTuesday theme this year is "Connect Your Passion with God's Mission." **One hundred percent of the gifts made online through [The Advance](#) goes to the missionary or project of the donor's choice.**

In 2016, more than 2,550 people from 19 countries gave gifts of more than \$850,000 toward missionary support and Advance projects. The countries or territories represented included Argentina, Austria, Chile, Côte d'Ivoire, Fiji, Guam, Ireland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman,

the Philippines, Russia, South Korea, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. This was truly a global effort.

Thank you for your generous gifts through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church.

This year's impact areas are:

- Food and Agriculture
- Church Development
- Disaster Response and Relief
- Education
- Health
- Economic Empowerment
- Social Justice
- WASH/Water and Sanitation
- Women and Children
- Mission Personnel

Now is a great time to start thinking about how you want to connect you passion to God's mission on Nov. 28. Visit umcmmission.org/give to learn more about missionaries and projects. Your gift on UMC #GivingTuesday will help bring hope and healing to a world in need.

Please share this information with your friends, family, and church members.

CLASSIFIEDS

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: Morrisville UMC is hiring a part-time Office Administrator, effective November 1, or possibly sooner. This person needs to have a knowledge of office equipment, be competent on the computer and with social media, and have good people skills. If there is someone in your congregation who might be interested in this position, please have them inquire at wendykayh0715gmail.com.