

# EAST DISTRICT

E-ALERT FOR

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## PRAYERS FOR THE EAST DISTRICT

Bishop Johnson is praying for the East District the week of **October 20-November 4, 2017**. Joys and concerns can be shared with her at [pjohnson@epaumc.org](mailto:pjohnson@epaumc.org).

## 2018 CONFERENCE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN UPDATE

Set aside the date of **Saturday, November 18 at 10 am** for an information session about the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference 2018 Health Insurance plan. The East District session will take place at **St. Andrews UMC in Warminster** (999 York Road, Warminster 18974).

## CONFERENCE COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY

The East District is seeking to find someone interested in being part of the Conference Communications Ministry to do some reporting and/or referencing with John Coleman, Director, Conference Office of Communications. If you know of someone willing to serve the East District in such a capacity, please have him or her call (215-878-4607) or email ([cakrall@epaumc.org](mailto:cakrall@epaumc.org)) the East District office.

## ORDER OF ELDERS MEETING

The 2017 Order of Elders meeting will be held **Wednesday, November 15th at Camp Innabah** from **8:30 am to lunch**. We will gather at 8:30 am with coffee and tea to begin the day. After prayer and a greeting from Bishop Peggy Johnson there will be a presentation on Missioninsite from 9 to 10 am, continued conversations on racism from 10:00 to 11:00 am followed by lunch. **The registration fee is \$8.00 including lunch**. Please register online [here](#). We look forward to seeing all elders for a time of good fellowship.

## DISTRICT MISSION PROJECT AT ST. JAMES UPDATE

There are a number of painting projects for which volunteers are needed at St. James UMC (199 E. Tabor Rd., Philadelphia 19120). Also, there is a desire to convert a space into a café. The sanctuary needs to have some pew removed and new carpeting installed. New lighting is needed throughout the facility. A time can be scheduled to accommodate teams interested in any of this work! Call (215-878-4607) or email ([cakrall@epaumc.org](mailto:cakrall@epaumc.org)) the district office to discuss possibilities.

## **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](http://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**

- **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](#).
- **Sunday, October 29-Saturday, November 4:** Bishop Johnson is praying for the East District. Prayer requests may be sent to her at [pjohnson@epaumc.org](mailto:pjohnson@epaumc.org).
- **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:** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Fest to benefit The Center for Grieving Children.
- **Wednesday, November 15, 2017:** Order of the Elders at Camp Innabah. Register online [here](#).
- **Saturday, November 18, 2017:** Open Enrollment Session on the East District for 2018 Health Insurance, **10 am**, at **St. Andrews** in **Warminster** (999 York Rd., 19874).
- **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.

### 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:** 7<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:ArtosRetreats@gmail.com); 717.492.4238; [ArtosRetreats.org](http://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 your passion to God's mission on Nov. 28. Visit [umcmision.org/give](http://umcmision.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.

## **CALL TO THE CHURCH TO OBSERVE GLOBAL MIGRATION SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017**

Brothers and Sisters of The United Methodist Church,

Grace and peace to you in the compassionate name of our Lord Christ Jesus.

I write to you on behalf of our Council of Bishops to invite you to observe Global Migration Sunday on December 3, 2017. This is the first Sunday of the season of Advent, a time when we remember the coming birth of the Christ child who himself was a migrant.

From Asia and Europe to Africa and the Americas, the plight of more than 65 million men, women and children forced to leave their homes and migrate to places unknown calls all Christians to remember what God requires of us.

Wars, natural disasters, persecution, economic hardships and growing violence around the world are the major root causes of the unprecedented global migration we witness with grave concern today. As if these deadly forces were not enough, migrants also face myriad problems including hazardous travel, cultural barriers and the physical and emotional costs of arriving in strange lands where they are not always welcome and they often face persecution.

For most of these migrants, the decision to flee their homeland comes as a last resort effort to live. We are reminded of Joseph and Mary as they sought to save their lives and especially the life of the Christ child as they fled to Africa to escape the wrath of King Herod, who (threatened by the birth of Jesus) ordered the massacre of children (Matthew 2:13-14).

As United Methodists, we believe that the prayers of God's people can cause the outpouring of God's mercy and justice. As your bishops, it is our fervent hope that on Global Migration Sunday on December 3, United Methodist congregations in all the places we serve around the world will join our voices to pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering the journey of forced migration. In addition, as a people who pray and act upon those prayers, we ask that all our congregations gather an offering dedicated to the human suffering inflicted by forced migration. Offerings collected should be sent to the Migration Advance No. 3022144.

We are grateful for our general agencies who have prepared excellent resources for Global Migration Sunday in English, Arabic, French and Spanish — including the prayer that we ask all pray on December 3rd.

Jesus said, "When you welcome the sojourner, you welcome me." (Matthew 25:35)

Let us welcome our migrant brothers and sisters with compassionate care, pray for them without ceasing and give generously that they, too, may have life.

Grace and peace,  
Bishop Bruce R. Ough  
President, Council of Bishops

Watch “The Migrant” animated video at this [link](#).

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Remember **the Rev. Janice Puliti**, pastor of St. John’s in Ivyland, as she grieves the death of her mother. **Mary Georgi** was an active, vital 90-year-old who passed from this life to the next suddenly on Oct. 12 in Wilmington DE. Her funeral service was held on Oct. 17 at St. Catherine of Sienna Roman Catholic Church in Wilmington. Condolences can be sent to Janice at 816 Almshouse Rd., Ivyland PA 18974.

We are informed that **the Rev. Morton W. Caffey** passed away on October 10. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Astrid B. Caffey, and his children, Mrs. Shari Miller and Mr. Jeff Caffey. Expressions of sympathy may be send to the Mrs. Caffey at 115 Winding Hill Drive, Lancaster PA 17601-1739. A memorial service for Rev. Caffey will be held at Hempfield UMC, 3050 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster, PA, on November 11, at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Care Ministry of Hempfield UMC. Rev. Caffey's served Phila.: John Wesley. Elverson, St. Peter's: Mount Carmel, Bethesda, Mount Nebo, Rawlinsville, Shamokin: St. John's, Prospectville, and Schuylkill Haven: Covenant. An obituary was published on the LNP (Lancaster Newspaper) news website. Click [here](#) to view it.

Remember **the Rev. Wendy Bellis**, pastor of Morrisville UMC, whose father, **the Rev. Richard Hohl**, passed away on October 9. Rev. Hohl was also the uncle of **the Rev. Timothy S. Thomson-Hohl**, pastor of Ardmore UMC. A son of this Annual Conference, Rev. Hohl was 88 years old. He served the Coventryville and Nantmeal charge in the 1950s prior to moving to Iowa. Click [here](#) to read his obituary published online in Atlanta, Iowa Area Obituaries. Condolences can be sent to Rev. Bellis at 477 Hamilton Blvd., Morrisville PA 19067.

Please pray for the father of **the Rev. Misty Fuller**, Pastor, Phila.: Sayers Memorial and Phila.: Berry-Long Memorial (South District), who is continuing to recover from a massive stroke he suffered on October 7. Pray also for Rev. Fuller and the rest of the family as they stand by him.

Please pray for **the Rev. Nancy Ross**, Pastor, Pottstown: Salem, as she continues to recover from a procedure due to a recent fall. Well wishes can be sent to Rev. Ross at 3501 Huey Ave., Drexel Hill PA 19026. Rev. Ross’ recommending church is Scottsville on the East District.

**Rev. Donald E. Boyd**, 79, of Seltzer, Norwegian Township, passed away September 7. He spent 53 years in ministerial service, most recently as the pastor of St. John's UMC, Tremont, and Joliett First Methodist Church. He was also the founding pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Pottsville, where he served for 28 years. Rev. Boyd retired as a Local Pastor in 2012. He is survived by his wife, Janet (Smith) Boyd; a son, Roger Boyd; a daughter, Donna Boyd, and her partner, Shannon Brennan; a stepdaughter, Jodi Seigfried and her husband, Keith; a stepson, Kevin Cresswell and his wife, Denise; and seven grandchildren. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Ms. Janet Boyd at 123 Main Street, Box 4115, Seltzer, PA 17974.

