

# ***EAST DISTRICT***

## **E-ALERT FOR**

### **February 23, 2017**

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

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#### **EAST DISTRICT LENTEN DAY APART**

**WHEN:** Tuesday, February 28, 2017 -- 9 am to 11:30 am

**WHERE:** Sanctuary of the UMC of Huntingdon Valley

The East District Lenten Day Apart will begin with Continental Breakfast in the Narthex of the UMC of Huntingdon Valley at 9 am and will conclude by 11:30 am with Communion.

Refreshed. How many pastors would use that word to describe how they feel? Come join colleague pastors and clergy for a refreshing time of prayer and training at the East District Lenten Day Apart. Staff Pastor Pierre Eade from Washington Crossing UMC will be teaching us several techniques to make our prayer time a source of personal refreshment. Included in the time will be a talk on the importance of maintaining spiritual vitality as a Christian leader, guided prayer activities that will bring personal refreshment and encouragement, as well as a time of communion.

Please bring a writing utensil and journal if you have one, along with a heart that is ready to be refreshed! You will not be disappointed!

Pastor Eade is the author of [Born to Grow](#). His life mission is to inspire, educate, and empower people to grow.

The church address is 3470 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley 19006. Enter the church on the Sanctuary level (north side of the building).

Please RSVP to [cakrall@epaumc.org](mailto:cakrall@epaumc.org) by Thursday, February 23 to assist in a headcount for handouts and breakfast items.

**[EAST DISTRICT ANNUAL PASTORAL INTERVIEW SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED](#)**

This year's (2017) pastoral interviews for pastors who will be on the newly forming East District, effective July 1, 2017, are **ALL** calendared **to take place prior to the 2017 Annual Conference** (June 18-20). **Attached to this email E-Alert is the current schedule.**

Pastors who have been serving on the current East District will be meeting with District Superintendent Bass in cluster groups. If you believe your interview is erroneously placed within a particular cluster, please notify Clarita Krall ([cakrall@epaumc.org](mailto:cakrall@epaumc.org) or [215-914-2130](tel:215-914-2130)).

Pastors who have been serving on the current Central and Northeast Districts, but who will be on the newly forming East District, will be meeting individually with Rev. Bass. Some interviews will take place in various church locations and some will take place at the Central District Office at Simpson House.

Deacons working out of the Conference area and extension ministers have telephone call appointments. The schedule shows the telephone number to use when calling in at the appointed time.

Also **attached is the 2017 Clergy Profile**. Be sure to complete it and return it 2 weeks prior to your interview to [cakrall@epaumc.org](mailto:cakrall@epaumc.org).

If you have not done so already, please check the schedule now to be sure you know when and where your interview is scheduled to take place, and **then please confirm your interview date and time via email to [cakrall@epaumc.org](mailto:cakrall@epaumc.org).**

## **LOCAL CHURCH NEEDS**

**Wissinoming UMC**, located in Northeast Philadelphia, has been experiencing water leaking problems specifically around the roof and window area of one of the sanctuary's stained glass windows. The church trustees are seeking references for potential contractors who can resolve this challenge in this 125-year old church building. Please forward information to Pastor Tim Stewart at [timothy.stewart2@gmail.com](mailto:timothy.stewart2@gmail.com).

## **YOUTH RETREAT: ACTIVELY DISCOVERING HUMAN DIVERSITY**

The Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM) is hosting a **Youth Diversity Retreat** entitled "**Actively Discovering Human Diversity**" during the weekend of **March 3-5** at **Gretna Glen Camping and Retreat Center**. Co-facilitators are the Rev. Anita Powell (Central District Superintendent), David Piltz (EPAUMC Youth and Young Adult Ministries Coordinator), and Carlen Blackstone (Educator and Lay Member of Asbury UMC in Allentown). Read more [here](#). **Cost is \$95** (scholarship support is available). Registration is still open; it is hoped that a group of diverse youth will attend. Find a brochure [here](#).

## **NEWS**

**Church Property and Liability Insurance** – It has come to our attention that some of our churches have received a letter from **United Methodist Insurance** offering property and casualty coverage. Please **discard this letter!** All churches in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference have property and liability insurance through Church Mutual Insurance Company. To access church insurance coverage contact information, click [Journal](#) and scroll down to page 712.

**Fallsington UMC** was visited on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> by Reporter Dawn Stensland-Mendte from "MeTV" to do a story about **Pastor Joe Martin** and **Fallsington hurch**. The story aired twice last weekend on *"Another Thing with Larry Mendte."* If you missed it, view it on [Fallsington's FB page](#) posted on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Backpacks of Hope fill need at border**

ALBUQUERQUE NM (UMNS) – The idea for Backpacks of Hope was born out of the need to help refugees and immigrants seeking refuge from violence in their countries. The Rev. Nema LeCuyer, pastor of El Calvario UMC in Las Cruces NM talks about assisting families on their journey to a safe home. Ali Costello reports for the New Mexico Conference. [Listen to interview.](#) [To donate.](#)

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Bishop Peggy Johnson is praying for the East District for this week (February 19 through February 25). Share Joys and concerns with her at [pjohnson@epaumc.org](mailto:pjohnson@epaumc.org).**

Healing for the **Rev. Jackie A. Stewart**, Pastor of Bickley's New Beginning, following knee surgery on Feb. 20.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Faith-Sharing Seminar featuring Terry Teykl**

**"Transformation through Prayer"** is the theme for the **March 18<sup>th</sup>** fifth annual **Faith-Sharing Seminar** to be held at **New Hanover UMC** (2211 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville PA) from **8:30 am-2:30 pm**.

**Registration deadline is Friday, March 3.** Click [here](#) to register on-line. Click [here](#) to download a registration form to be used for mail-in registration.