

# **EAST DISTRICT E-ALERT FOR March 11, 2016**

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

**Check this out – have you really read this paragraph lately? Do you realize that the East District now has a website?** Because of the recent launch of a redesigned Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Website (<http://www.epaumc.org/>) which has a link, at the bottom of the Home Page, to a new East District website (<http://www.epaumc.org/districts/east/>), articles will appear for only one week, and, if pertinent, will be posted on the District web site. Previously published E-Alerts will be posted to the East District website.

The E-Alert is sent to Pastors and Church Offices on the East District and to lay people who have requested being added to the distribution list. Feel free to clip or copy any article for your church's bulletin or newsletter unless permission has specifically been granted to the East District for publication, in which case, request permission from the source. The District Office requests that pastors forward the E-Alert to church leaders and congregants who might find the E-Alert helpful and informative.

### **EAST DISTRICT 2016 TOOLS FOR MINISTRY AT BENSALEM UMC, SATURDAY, MARCH 5**

*Photos courtesy of The Rev. Dr. Andrew L. Foster, III*



**Top left: Rev. Bob Amundsen, host pastor, Bensalem UMC**



**Top middle: Rev. Yvette Davis, Grant Writing presenter**



**Top right: Rev. Tracy Duncan, Musician at morning worship**



**East District 2016 Tools for Ministry participants gathered for morning plenary session**



**Lower left: Rev. Tracy L. Bass, East District Superintendent**



**Lower middle: Mr. David Koch, Eastern PA Conf. Lay Leader**



**Lower right: left, East District Resource Assistant Clarita Anderman Krall, with daughter, Rev. Lorelei Krall Toombs**

## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Bishop Peggy Johnson continues to be praying for the East District this week of March 6-12. Joys and concerns can be shared at [pjohnson@epaumc.org](mailto:pjohnson@epaumc.org).**

**The Rev. Tresita M. Beach** passed away on March 4. She served the Eastern PA Conference prior to transferring in 1999 to the Troy Conference (now Upper New York). Arrangements for a Memorial Service are being made for Tuesday, March 15, at Saylorsburg: St. Peter's UMC, located at PA 115 & Brick Church Road in Saylorsburg, PA. This was the church she served in Eastern PA, as a Retired Local Pastor. Prior to her transfer out, she served at Valley Forge and Evansburg. Rev. Beach has four surviving children: Ronald R. Frey, Allen D. Frey, David Beach, and Cheryl Beach. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Tresita's husband, Mr. Warren D. Beach, at 120 Hickory Hills Drive, Bath PA 18014.

**The Rev. John (Jack) C. Kulp**, of West Brandywine, formerly of Wayne, a retired elder, passed away on February 22. He was 92. Rev. Kulp served in these churches and ministries: US Navy Student Chaplain (Active Duty); US Naval Reserve Chaplain (Active Duty); Teacher, Senior High English (The Pennington School); Norristown: Asbury; Hulmeville: Neshamony; Drexel Hill; Swarthmore; District Superintendent, South District; Allentown: Asbury; Pastoral Care for Clergy & Clergy Families; Director of Pastoral Care, Evangelical Manor. He retired in 1988.

Kulp was married to the late Aurelia M. Kulp (nee Marian). He is survived by his daughter, Susan K. Smith (and husband Gary); his son, John C. Kulp Jr. (and wife Kim); four grandchildren; a great-grandson; two brothers-in-law; and other relatives.

His memorial service will be held Saturday, April 2, at 11 AM, at Wayne UMC, 210 S. Wayne Ave., Wayne PA., with visitation at 10 AM. Memorial gifts may be sent in his name to Ocean City Tabernacle, 550 Wesley Ave, Ocean City, NJ 08226. Condolences may be mailed to daughter Susan K. Smith at 942 Heatherstone Drive, Berwyn PA 19312.

Kulp's obituary may be read at [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com).

**The Rev. Richard Voigt**, 83, a retired elder, passed away on February 19. Rev. Voigt served the following churches: Philadelphia: Burholme; Barnesville: Bethany; Quakake: Ebenezer; Akron: Mt. Zion; Saylorsville; Ackermanville; Danielsville: Salem; and Bowmanstown. He also served in Extension Ministry, establishing the Department of Philosophy and Religion at Northampton Area Community in Bethlehem and serving as its first professor. He retired in 1996 and received the title of Professor Emeritus.

Rev. Voigt's survivors include his wife of 33 years, Linda; a son, Douglas (and wife Mary Voigt); daughters, Janice Banko (and husband Joseph), and Jennifer Murgia (and husband Christopher); three grandchildren; and a brother, Edward Voigt. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Mrs. Linda A. Voigt, at 1050 Dogwood Drive, Cornwall PA 17016.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, March 23, at 2 PM, at Northampton Community College, in the Lipkin Theater in Kopecek Hall, 3835 Green Pond Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020. Visitation will begin at 1 PM. Transportation to the service will be provided from the Hershey/Cornwall areas. Please contact Linda Voigt at [linvoigt@comcast.net](mailto:linvoigt@comcast.net) or Donald Richards at 717-769-2477 to reserve a seat. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Homeland Hospice, 2300 Vartan Way #205, Harrisburg, PA 17110, or to ALS Association of Greater Philadelphia, 321 Norristown Road, Lower Gwynedd Township, PA 19002. Click [here](#) to read Rev. Voigt's obituary.

**The Rev. Frederick C. Lowery**, of Lancaster, passed away on Friday, February 19. He was 91. Lowery became the pastor of the three-church Jonestown circuit in Lebanon County in 1954. He then served Evangelical (now UMC) in New Holland from 1960 to 1987 and retired in 1987. During retirement, he served Intercourse UMC until 2003.

Lowery served as a Chaplain in the Army Reserve from 1957-1978, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. A World War II veteran, he was awarded four bronze stars and two bronze oak leaf clusters,

Surviving him are his wife of 67 years, Cora Jean (Kling) Lowery in addition to a son, David K. Lowery (married to Deborah); a daughter, Julia A. Lowery; a daughter-in-law, Jeanie (Voreis) Lowery; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law. Preceding him in death was a son, Daniel F. Lowery, and a brother, Robert B. Lowery.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 6, at 2:00 PM at the New Holland Evangelical UMC, 276 W. Main St., New Holland. The family will receive guests following the memorial service in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial gifts to Africa Inland Mission (AIM), Acct. #04-24-80, P.O. Box 3611, Peachtree City, GA 30269-7611, which will aid his granddaughter, a new AIM missionary. To send the family online condolences visit [www.groffeckenroth.com](http://www.groffeckenroth.com), or send them to Mrs. Cora Jean Lowery, 211 Willow Valley Square, A-212, Lancaster, PA 17602.

## **EAST DISTRICT NEWS**

## **TONIGHT!!! TACO NIGHT AT CASA DEL PUEBLO/LEHMAN MEMORIAL UMC**

Casa del Pueblo UMC (at **Lehman Memorial UMC, 300 South York Road, Hatboro 19040**) holds its annual fundraiser for summer campers to Gretna Glen and Carson Simpson Farm and its music school students tonight, **March 11**, from **6 pm to 8 pm**. Cost is **\$12** for a plate of 3 tacos, refreshment, and dessert. For more information, call 215-347-1020 or 215-470-2229. **Take-out orders accepted!** Casa del Pueblo requests your prayers as it embarks on its new ministry **ANAWIM Music School** which opened on March 4, giving instruction on guitar, bass, piano, percussion, and others.

## **USED BIBLES AND ADULT CURRICULUM AVAILABLE FREE TO ANOTHER CHURCH**

Yardley UMC has 56 copies of the Bible (RSV, published 1952) in good condition and multiple copies of several adult Sunday School series of curriculum (circa 1970-1980) to give to another church or facility within the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference. If needed, delivery can be arranged. To contact the church about this material, email Joyce Lee at [joycelee@aol.com](mailto:joycelee@aol.com).

## **CONFERENCE NEWS**

### **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR MISSION u 2016**

**Mission u** this year is much shorter and has a landmark study on Human Sexuality. **Mission u** begins with dinner at **5 pm** on **Friday, July 22** and concludes on **Saturday 23** at **4:30 pm**. The 2016 Mission u has been shortened to decrease the cost and to make it possible for more pastors to attend. A brochure containing more information about this year's Mission Studies being offered (**Spiritual Study -- The Bible and Human Sexuality: Claiming God's Good Gift; Issue Study -- Climate Justice: Call to Hope and Action; Geographic Study -- Latin America: People and Faith; and Youth Study -- Joining Voices for Climate Justice**) and the registration form are attached to this **E-Alert**. Or, click [here](#) to find information on the Conference website.

## **GENERAL CHURCH NEWS**

### **EXPERIENCE THE NEW CONNECTIONAL GIVING TRAINING COURSE**

United Methodist Communications has revised its training course, "Creating a Culture of Generosity," which offers church leaders a chance to learn about holistic, meaningful giving experiences.

"Connectional giving is vital to the church's work around the world," said Dan Krause, chief executive of United Methodist Communications. "It begins with local church members understanding the scope of church ministries that are made possible locally and globally because of their support."

The course empowers training participants to become storytellers who can inspire others to give generously by sharing honest, compelling accounts of ministry opportunities.

The training is composed of three parts:

1. Why we give: explore the biblical and theological basis for giving
2. The United Methodist connection: understand more about how The United Methodist Church is a connectional church
3. Creating a culture of generosity: learn how missional storytelling impacts giving and how to ask others to contribute gifts as well as prayers, time, talents and witness

Sessions begin with a centering moment of inspiration and prayer, and include videos and interactive exercises.

The training is free and is [available online](#).

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