

EAST DISTRICT

E-ALERT FOR

May 26, 2017

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Details regarding Annual Conference 2017 are in a website article, "Annual Conference 2017 to focus on prayer" at <https://www.epaumc.org/news-information/2017/02/annual-conference-2017-to-focus-on-prayer/> and on the Annual Conference page under News & News & Events: <https://www.epaumc.org/annual-conference/>.

MOVING ANNOUNCEMENT

The East District Office is moving from UMC of Huntingdon Valley to
SIMPSON HOUSE (1st floor, Main) 2101 Belmont Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19131
effective July 1 (the week of June 26 will be a transition week)

New phone numbers:

Voice: 215-878-4607

Fax: 215-878-4623

SAVE THE DATE!!

NEW EAST DISTRICT CELEBRATION WITH BISHOP JOHNSON

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Christ UMC of Lansdale (1020 S. Valley Forge Rd., Lansdale PA 19446)

- **4 pm** **Mandatory Clergy Gathering**
- **5:30 pm** **Dinner for Clergy and Laity**
- **6:30 pm** **Laity Gathering**

Stay tuned for further details!

GRANTS TO ASSIST IN DEFRAYING HIGHER EDUCATION COSTS

The Education Society of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church began accepting grant applications on **May 1** to assist worthy individuals with defraying the cost of higher education for the

2017-2018 school year. The application is available on the Conference website. It can be accessed as "Grants to Defray Higher Education Costs." at the following website address:

www.epaumc.org/administration/finance/higher-education-scholarships

All applications received in the Conference Office (between and including) **May 1 to May 22** will be considered for a grant. Like last year, all applications will be considered. Unless there is some disqualification, grant recipients will be randomly selected.

It is important that this information be provided to church members who plan to attend an institution of higher learning in the fall of 2017. Please communicate this grant opportunity to your congregation as soon as possible.

If you have questions, please contact the Education Society Chairperson, Al Adey at ahadey@verizon.net.

Application

[2017-18 Education Society Grants Information and Application](#)

DOWNSIZING CAUSES DISTRICT OFFICE FURNITURE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR USE

From the East District Office (call 215-914-2130 for more information):



Octagonal table & miscellaneous chairs



(2) 2-drawer tan lateral filing cabinets



oak desk



(2) 2-drawer black lateral filing cabinets



oak credenza



2) 2-drawer lateral oak filing cabinets



(4) 3-drawer cabinets on rollers

COMMUNION TABLE & BAPTISMAL FONT



When Bustleton UMC closed in 2010, a member of the church rescued the communion table and the baptismal font, hoping to offer them to a church where members would be happy to receive and use them. So far, the search for such a church has not been easy. Launching a new effort, Cheryl Kaz asked that the information about the availability of these items be shared more widely. For more information, email Ms. Kaz at ckdr9327@comcast.net.

PRAYER REQUESTS

The Rev. Coryn E. Peña passed away on May 25. She was an Elder on approved Medical Leave since November 2016. She is survived by her husband, Mr. Stephen Peña, and two children, Julia Ray and Elaina Catherine. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Mr. Peña at 1022 Tennis Avenue, Glenside,

PA 19038. We are awaiting more information which will be published on the Conference website (www.epaumc.org) as soon as it becomes available. Rev. Peña served the following churches: Millers Crossroads, Prospect Park: Prospect, Cheltenham, Willistown, Phila.: Frankford Memorial; Phila.: Holmesburg, and Phila.: St. Philip's.

The Rev. George Boone III, 77, a retired Elder in the Eastern PA Conference, passed away on Saturday, May 20. He served the following UMC churches: Phila.: Logan, Erdenheim: St. Mark, Trevose, and Phila.: Tacony. Rev. Boone's funeral will be on Friday, May 26, at Trevose UMC, 4937 Church Ave., Trevose PA. Visitation is at 10 am, the Masonic Service at 10:45 am, and his Memorial Service at 11 am. Rev. Boone, whose wife Jo Anne F. Boone passed away in 2015, leaves behind two surviving children: Deborah E. Boltner (and husband, Daniel) and Timothy A. Boone, as well as six grandchildren and his brother, Robert Boone, among other relatives and friends. Memorial donations, in lieu of flowers, can be made to Trevose UMC or to the Masonic Angels Foundation, P.O. Box 1389, Orleans MA. Remembrances may be left at www.lambfuneralhomeinc.com. Read Rev. Boone's obituary at: legacy.com/obituaries/philly/obituary.aspx?n=george-boone&pid=185603303&fhid=11201#sthash.sxLKPFIh.dpuf.

We received word of the death of **the Rev. Lane A. Weller**, a retired Elder, who passed away on May 3. He served the following Eastern PA Conference churches: Paxton, Allentown: Asbury, Pocono Lake, Lehighton: Wesley, Parryville, Honey Brook, Conshohocken, Slatedale: Salem, Willow Grove, and Hempfield. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, May 6 at Willow Grove UMC. Rev. Weller is survived by his six children: Keith, Craig, Kim, Colin, Ned, and Nan, as well as their spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to: Mr. Craig Weller at 16 Barrett Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090.

The Rev. Donald Anderson, a retired local pastor in the Eastern PA Conference, recently passed away. He retired on July 1, 2015. He served the following churches: Phila.: Janes Memorial, Phila.: Green Lane, Glenside: Lighthouse Fellowship, Phila.: Johnson Memorial. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to his surviving spouse, Mrs. Bervenice Anderson, 1503 Lott Street, Philadelphia, PA 19115. Rev. Anderson's funeral service was held on Thursday, May 4, at Johnson Memorial Church.

We received word of the death on April 23 of **Mrs. Diana Whittaker**, surviving spouse of The Rev. Charles Whittaker. She is survived by two children: David & Richard Whittaker. Rev. Whittaker served as EPA Youth Director and as pastor of the following churches: Middle Smithfield & Sand Hill, Arlington Heights, Swiftwater, Lansford, Hulmeville: Neshamony, Phila.: Rehoboth, Mount Joy: Chiques, Broomall: St. Mark's, Doylestown, and Berwyn. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Mr. David Whittaker, 155 Park Way, Montgomery TX 77356. No additional information is available at this time.

We have learned that **the Rev. Christopher Wollyung** passed away April 23. He was serving Mahanoy City: First UMC and intended to retire on July 1, 2017. Rev. Wollyung served these churches: Ringtown: Aurand Memorial, Shenandoah: First, Girardville, Zion Grove: Dadis Chapel, and Mahanoy City: First. Condolences may be sent to his widow, the Rev. Susan Alane Wollyung, at 410 East Mahanoy Street, Mahanoy City, PA 17948. She serves as pastor of Ringtown: Aurand Memorial UMC.

We have received word that **the Rev. Joan Spangler** passed away on April 18 surrounded by her family. She served the First United Methodist/Presbyterian Church of Ashland. A Memorial Service will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, April 30 at The First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, 2344 Center Street, Bethlehem PA 18017. Condolences may be sent to her husband, Mr. Don Spangler at 444 Johnston Drive, Bethlehem PA 18017. Her obituary may be found at www.jamesfuneralhome.org/book-of-memories/2904739/Spangler-Rev-Joan/obituary.php

The Conference office just received news of the death of **Mrs. Barbara Johnson**, who passed away in California on February 10, 2017. She was the surviving spouse of the Rev. Louis C. Johnson, an Elder in the Eastern PA Conference who retired in 1981. In Eastern Pennsylvania, Rev. Johnson served East Stroudsburg and Honey Brook UMCs.