

EAST DISTRICT E-ALERT FOR June 9, 2015

Editorial Policy of the East District E-Alert: Most articles will appear only one week as **New** information. Articles of particular interest to the East District will be repeated until the event is over or the registration deadline has passed. Previously published articles may be viewed either by referring to previous E-Alerts or through a link to a website. This will alleviate the unwieldy length of this tool.

The E-Alert will no longer publish local church events and programs unless the event would be of obvious interest to pastors. If your church is seeking publicity in neighboring church bulletins and newsletters, be in touch directly with those churches. Items to be considered for inclusion in the E-Alert should be emailed to clarita.krall@epaumc.org.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRAND NEW DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!

Since 1987, Disciple Bible Study has reached nearly 3 million people worldwide, introducing the grand sweep of Scripture in a 34-week format. Now Disciple Fast Track maintains the integrity and principles of the original study, but its modifications can better meet the needs of a hectic world. Participants still receive a thorough introduction to the Bible, but in almost a third less time. Fast Track is not a replacement for the original; it is simply a practical option.

Disciple Fast Track uses the same Disciple Study Manual, but the class time and course length have all been adjusted for busy lifestyles. New print and video materials, which are extremely easy to use, give participants the tools to absorb and retain what they learn in this shortened format.

Main features of Disciple Fast Track:

- Classes meet for a total of 24 weeks
- Each group session lasts 75 minutes
- Designed for Small Groups and Large Groups
- A new, user-friendly Leader Guide
- 24 new weekly Illustrated Review Videos
- 24 new Introductory Videos
- Illustrated Review Flash Cards
- Leader Online Training and Online Community
- Disciple Fast Track is being developed by Bishop Richard Wilke (author of the Disciple Bible Study Manuals) and Susan Fuquay, Christian Educator, with the permission and endorsement of the United Methodist Publishing House, the publisher of Disciple Bible Study.

In this final year of development, we are looking for 30 churches from each Annual Conference to join us in beta testing. We need you. Three hundred and fifty churches participated last year with over 5000 participants. These churches reported a surge of people who signed up to learn the basic story of the Bible, Genesis to Revelation, but in a shorter time frame! Participants experienced spiritual growth and spiritual renewal.

Please go to the website <http://www.disciplefasttrack.com> and explore all the materials and read what other pastors, educators, leaders, and participants are saying. Then, consider joining us as one of the 30 churches in your annual conference on this awesome journey of launching Disciple Fast Track!



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PRAYER REQUESTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Pray for **the Rev. Dr. Colleen Kristula**, on Extension Ministry as Chaplain for Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries in Topton PA, who is preparing for total hip replacement surgery on July 1.

Mrs. Vicki Lynn Lefever-Hill, of Millersville, the wife of **the Rev. Richard M. Hill** (Honorable Location), died Wednesday, June 3. Her memorial service was held at the Grace Campus of Millersville Community UMC on Saturday, June 6. A lifelong musician, she earned a degree in Music Education and played flute with professional symphony, chamber, and opera groups. Rev. Richard Hill served Berwyn, Clarks Grove, Haws Avenue, and Marticville UMCs. In addition to her husband of 34 years, she is survived by their two children, Jonathan R. Hill (married to Jenna K. Hill) and Jennifer L. Hill, one granddaughter, and one brother, Michael S. Lefever (married to Anita Lefever). Memorial remembrances can be made to Hospice & Community Care at www.hospiceandcommunitycare.org or the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org. To submit an on-line condolence, visit www.scheidfuneralhome.com. Mrs. Hill's obituary is at http://lancasteronline.com/mobile_adv/obituaries/detail/?uniqueId=W0010151.

NEW ITEMS THIS ISSUE

EMERGENCY PUBLIC WITNESS NOTICE

To: Philadelphia Area Members and Supporters of *Heeding God's Call*

From: Bryan Miller and Bob Fles

The good news: Pressure from *Heeding God's Call* led to the closing of the notorious Colosimo's Gun Shop on Spring Garden Street in 2009.

The bad news: An application for a zoning variance has been filed with the Philadelphia Zoning Commission which, if granted, would enable a gun store called The Gun Range to open at that same site. Action in opposition to the granting of the variance is happening on several fronts, including the opposition of the West Poplar Community Development Corporation in that neighborhood and *Heeding's* obtaining of legal assistance.

How you can help: ***TOMORROW***, on ***Wednesday, June 10***, *Heeding* will hold a public witness at **4:30 pm** at the site.

The West Poplar CDC is holding a meeting right afterwards, and a strong presence at the demonstration just before would be a strong show of support to them and a strong message to the Zoning Commission and to Darrell Clarke, President of City Council, in whose district the new gun shop would be located. If you are able to juggle your schedule, given this short notice, and participate in the demonstration, it will benefit this effort and strengthen our message.

Location: The corner of Green St. and North Percy St., just one block north of Spring Garden St., between 9th and 10th Streets. Spring Garden has parking.

We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, contact Bryan Miller at bryanheeding@gmail.com.

FIRST UMC OF GERMANTOWN CHANCEL CHOIR PERFORMING AT THE KIMMEL CENTER TOMORROW NITE!!

Tomorrow evening, Wednesday, June 10th, at **8 pm**, **First UMC of Germantown (FUMCOG)** will perform with three other Philadelphia church choirs at a **Choir Festival** on the Verizon Hall stage at **The Kimmel Center**, 300 S. Broad St., Philadelphia 19102. Attached to this E-News email is a poster with more details. The 120- 140 voices of the combined choirs of FUMCOG, Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, First Presbyterian, and Saint Paul's Episcopal Church of Chestnut Hill, plus the Kimmel Center pipe organ will perform pieces by Verdi, Franck, Mendelssohn, Helfman, Matthews, and Stanford, plus each choir will perform one selection alone. The FUMCOG choir will sing a composition by Samuel

Wesley (great-nephew of John). There will also be audience participation hymn singing with organ and brass. Tickets are \$20, \$30, and \$40 at tickets.kimmelcenter.org. The Kimmel Center is offering 20% off tickets for using the discount code of PRAISEUNITED. The code is active now through the show and can be used online, over the phone, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office! The code is good for up to 8 tickets per transaction. Tickets can be purchased on the day off the performance and the box office. If purchased at the box office, there is no "online" fee. This performance promised to be very moving and inspiring, truly, an experience not to be missed!!

UNITED METHODIST DAY AT DORNEY PARK & WILDWATER KINGDOM

Attached to this E-News email is the Discount Coupon for this year's **United Methodist Day** at DORNEY PARK & WILDWATER KINGDOM in Allentown PA on **June 27th** with the Park opening at **10 am**. This year, in addition, there will be a "Youth and Family Gathering" at DORNEY'S CENTER STAGE that is open to all ages and runs from 11 am to Noon where there will be music and inspirational speakers!

This is a great way for your members to reach out to their friends and neighbors and invite them to a fun day of fellowship with your United Methodist family. The same goes for your church's youth group. And yes, they don't have to be United Methodists!!!

HOW IT WORKS: After you receive your coupons, you can distribute them to your parishioners by email. They can also be downloaded, printed, and distributed by hand. Put them in the narthex or in the bulletin. As you see, with these coupons, the holders can enter the PARK for \$33, a \$21-discount off of the regular price of \$54. The beauty of this coupon system is that there is no requirement to order tickets in advance. If it is a rainy day or something comes up, you just don't go. You don't lose any money. On June 27th, just take the coupon to the ticket window when you arrive at the Park to buy tickets. However, ***do not distribute the coupons in the DORNEY parking lot.***

On the 27th, there will be a small tent set up at the Haunted Mansion House Hotel where UMs can meet and greet all of us great United Methodists!!!

Remember, these coupons are only good for the 27th of June. Questions? – call Ross Brightwell at 215-643-1269 or email him at rossbrightwell@verizon.net.

PIANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR WANTED

Mid-Town Parish (718 W. Norris St., Philadelphia 19122) is seeking a **Pianist/Choir Director**, for its NEW place of worship, with experience in playing Contemporary Gospel Music for the Mid-Town Parish Choir and the 11 am Morning Worship Service. Email Truzella Jacobs at truzella@aol.com for more details.

DISTRICT NEWS

JUNE IS AIDS EDUCATION MONTH. GET EDUCATED!

June is National HIV/AIDS Awareness Month and also AIDS Education Month. The H.U.B. (Help Us Be) of Hope, a multi-faith HIV/AIDS resource ministry endorsed by the Eastern PA Conference, will co-sponsor a multi-faith event on **June 23**, from **5 to 7 PM**, at the **Lincoln University Coatesville Campus**, 351 Kersey St., Coatesville. **RSVP by June 19**. All faith leaders are invited to join them for dinner, entertainment, fellowship and learning about HIV/AIDS. Please download and share the event flyer. "Awareness and Education are key to HIV/AIDS prevention and effective treatment," says the Rev. Deborah Tanksley-Brown, who heads H.U.B. of Hope. "We hope to see everyone there."

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION VIGIL AT MIKE & KATE'S

Consider joining others for this monthly vigil for public education, calling on Mike to sign the Code of Conduct, and encouraging each other's work on congregational outreach on **June 24th** from **4 pm to 5 pm** at **Mike & Kate's Sports Shopp**, 7492 Oxford Ave., Philadelphia 19111. Bring some coins in your pocket for the monthly coin bucket.

MISSION TRIP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Yardley UMC is hosting a three-day, four-night Mission Trip for Middle School Students. It begins Sunday evening, **July 13**, and ends with breakfast Thursday, **July 17**. Youth leaders and youth from other churches are invited to join in for this adventure! During the day the group will work on construction projects such as building a ramp, painting a home, leading a VBS, and more! There are also ministry projects such as organizing a food pantry and organizing a donation center. Skilled adults are leading each project. Each day the students will go to a different site to experience a full range of missions. In the evening there will be dinner, worship, games, and free time. The cost is \$150; there are scholarships available for individuals and churches! For more information, please go to yumycalling.com. Check out the [video from last year](#). Youth groups comprised of a mixture of high school and middle school students are all welcome! The schedule and work focuses on the needs of a Middle School student. However, a high schooler will have a meaningful experience as well. For more information, contact Denise Harris at yumcsm@gmail.com.

EAST DISTRICT'S GOT TALENT!

SAVE THE DATE OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2015 for the East District TALENT SHOW. *More information to come!*

PHOTOGRAPHS OF URBAN CHURCHES

Ms. Bethany Amey, one of two new consultants in the Urban Commission office, is looking for photographs of our urban churches. If you have photos that you would to share with her, email her at bamey@epaumc.org.

CONFERENCE NEWS

EASTERN PA CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES RESTRICTIONS

Effectively immediately (as of May 18, 2015) and until further notice, new lay applicants for Eastern PA Conference scholarships must be attending--or planning to attend--a theological school approved by The UMC's University Senate to be considered for a scholarship. At this time only students in theological school are being considered. The Committee apologizes for any inconvenience; but currently the Committee is restricted in how the current source of funds can be distributed.

MOUNT ZION UMC, PHILADELPHIA TURNS 100

Mount Zion UMC of Philadelphia is turning 100! "We are the youngest daughter church of Mother African Zoar in Philadelphia," church member Suzette James proclaims. "We've found out that we are also the youngest Mt. or Mount Zion UMC in the country!" The church will kick off its century anniversary celebration on **June 28th** by welcoming visitors to worship, a banquet, historical archives, and a gift shop. Visit [its Website](#) to learn more.



FRED DAY TO KEYNOTE BOEHN'S CHAPEL HERITAGE SUNDAY, JUNE 28



The Rev. Alfred T. Day, III, former pastor of St. George's UMC in Philadelphia and now General Secretary of the UMC's General Commission on Archives and History will speak at the **34th annual Boehm's Chapel Heritage Celebration on June 28th at 4 pm**. Historic Boehm's Chapel is located at 13 West Boehm Road, Willow Street, PA. Day will speak during worship after an abbreviated business meeting. He became the denomination's chief historian last July after leading the 245-year old St. George's, the oldest Methodist Church in continuous use in America. Boehm's UMC will host a light meal after the service. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, e-mail boehmschapel@gmail.com or phone 717-872-4133.

NEW SAFE SANCTUARIES POLICIES POSTED ON WEBSITE

At the request of the Rev. James Wilkin, Safe Sanctuaries Committee Chairman, important documents have been added to the [Safe Sanctuaries resources Webpage](#) for use by churches, groups, and individuals. The committee's Annual Conference resolution recommending new policies was adopted with minor changes. The new policies, along with five additional documents, have been posted on the website. [Learn more...](#)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER CAMP 2015 AT GRETNA GLEN

The Gretna Glen staff is wrapping up the summer camp schedule for 2015 and is looking to share the opportunity of Directing, Co-Directing, or Counseling one of the summer programs to pastors who would be interested in doing so. If you are so inclined, you are encouraged to contact the camp by emailing AMiller@gretnaglen.org. Directing, Co-Directing, and Counseling is a vital part of camp ministry and one that has drastically changed in the last 20 years, with less and less of the Conference's pastors being involved. Camp staff is very much aware of the large commitment pastors are making and would be open to them supporting a church staff person who could be shared for a week in such a leadership position at camp. (Perhaps a church could "gift" a staff person a week that could be taken off to serve with Gretna Glen Camp.) Camp staff is also well aware that such a staff role at camp is not for everyone, even though they know that there is a place at camp for everyone.

BISHOP PEGGY JOHNSON ANNOUNCES NEW CLERGY APPOINTMENT CHANGES, EFFECTIVE JULY 1

[See complete lists](#) of new clergy appointments and retirements.

DEACONESS/HOME MISSIONER DISCERNMENT EVENT

Save the date of **July 11th** for **Deaconess/Home Missioner Discernment** event at **Lancaster Theological Seminary**, from **10 am-3 pm**. More details will be forthcoming. For more information, contact Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck (ddidomineck@epaumc.org). Click [here](#) to learn about the Deaconess/Home Missioner Ministry.

UMM LOOKING FOR CHURCH SCOUTING LEADERS

Conference UM Men's President Ross Brightwell is looking for leaders from EPA's churches that have Scouting ministries. If your church has scouting ministries, please contact him at rossbrightwell@verizon.net or by phone at 215-643-1269 or by mail at 1050 Limekiln Pike, Maple Glen, PA 19002. There is a 2015 Scouting in the United Methodist Church Conference, **July 19-25**, a training and resource building event for people who are both new to scouting and those who have years of experience in it.

2015 SEXUAL ETHICS SCHEDULE

A. LEVEL 1 (BASIC) (0.5 CEUs, required for all entering ministerial roles) Level 1 (Basic) Sexual Ethics Workshops provide the essential, ethical and legal dimensions of appropriate healthy boundaries for those serving in ministerial roles. The primary purpose of this workshop is to educate participants on how to incorporate such healthy boundaries into their professional and personal behavior. The Level 1 (Basic) Workshop is **mandatory** for all persons seeking certification as candidates in ministry, candidates for ministerial roles, and for all other individuals beginning ministerial roles within the Eastern PA Conference. The Level 1 (Basic) may be taken as a "refresher" workshop (instead of, or in addition to, an Advanced Level Workshop) – in fulfillment of the quadrennium continuing education requirement – by all serving in a ministerial role who have previously completed a level 1 course.

Level 1 (Basic) Sexual Ethics Workshop Offerings:

- 1) **Level 1 (Basic) Sexual Ethics – TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015 – Conshohocken UMC, 20 West 6th Avenue, Conshohocken PA 19428** (phone – 610-828-1250) – 9 AM – 3 PM. Registration Fee is **\$30 per person** (includes continental breakfast starting at 8:30 AM, lunch, materials). Workshop facilitators: Dr. Donna Fiedler and Ricky Ayala. Register online at www.epaumc.org (log in with your user name and password, go to "Events," then "Basic Sexual Ethics," then select the workshop, then click on "More Information," then "register now"). CEUs = 0.5. Questions? Contact David Woolverton at shepherd2842@comcast.net or 717-653-5493.
- 2) **Level 1 (Basic) Sexual Ethics – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015 – West Lawn UMC, 15 Woodside Ave., West Lawn, PA (Reading) – 9 AM – 3 PM.** Registration Fee is **\$30 per person** (includes continental breakfast starting at 8:30 AM, lunch, materials). Workshop facilitators: Dr. Donna Fiedler and Ricky Ayala. Register online at www.epaumc.org (log in with your user name and password, go to "Events," then "Basic Sexual Ethics," then select the workshop, then click on "More Information," then "register now"). CEUs = 0.5. Questions? Contact David Woolverton at shepherd2842@comcast.net or 717-653-5493.

B. ADVANCED LEVEL ELECTIVES IN SEXUAL ETHICS (0.5 CEUs required beyond the Level 1 (Basic) per quadrennium) Advanced Level Electives in Sexual Ethics are designed not only to complete the required quadrennial continuing education expectations, but to engage persons in ministerial roles in ongoing accountable dialogue on appropriate healthy boundaries in ministerial practice. The emphasis on these courses is not just on "data input," but on praxis (applying what we know, integrating what we learn into our professional and personal behavior). Only one 0.5 CEU credited workshop in sexual ethics is required every four years, but all workshops are open to all persons for their benefit. (Additional CEU credit can be obtained and applied toward our professionally required 4.0 CEUs per quadrennium, by taking these additional courses.)

Advanced Level Workshop Offerings:

- 1) **"Sexual Infidelity Among Clergy Members: Understanding Risk Factors and Prevention from an Attachment Framework" - FALL 2015 – DATE TO BE DETERMINED, West Lawn UMC, 15 Woodside Ave, West Lawn (Reading), PA – 9 AM – 3 PM.** Attachment is the bonding process that God designed to build closeness in humans. Attachment begins in infancy as a survival necessity, but continues into our adult lives and closest adult relationships. Emotional sharing, vulnerability, and touch are key components of the adult attachment bond which help build intimate relationships in adults. When clergy members have their attachment needs met in healthy ways they are less likely to engage in boundary crossings or boundary violations with their parishioners. This workshop will educate clergy and lay leaders about the wonderful attachment design that God has created for their fulfillment in relationships, and will focus them on meeting those needs in healthy relationships. Attachment needs assessment and self-care strategies will be offered for both married and single clergy alike. Workshop facilitator, Dr. Jesse Gill, Psy.D. is a Christian psychologist who has worked at Psychological Health Affiliates in Lancaster, PA, for the past 12 years. He has been greatly enriched in his work integrating Scripture with Attachment Theory, and applying it to marital therapy. He is finishing a book, *Face to Face: Seven Keys to a Secure Marriage* and speaks regularly on the subject. Dr. Gill and his wife April are in leadership together at their church, and are enjoying the experience of creating secure attachment in their marriage and in parenting.
- 2) **Additional Workshops** are being planned as well. Stay tuned.

32nd LAITY ACADEMY SET FOR AUGUST 14-16

Register now for the 32nd Laity Academy, set for **August 14-16**, once again at The Inn at Reading, 1040 North Park Road, Wyomissing PA. The theme is "Planting Seeds: Rooted in God's Word." The [online registration](#) is now live, where

plenty of information about this annual education and fellowship event is available. This is the largest gathering for laity each year--[click here for more information](#).

"It's your opportunity to learn about your church, your God, and your place in God's Kingdom from seminary-level instructors. It's a joyful weekend of fellowship with like-minded others. A chance to become a Christ Servant Minister or to take advanced courses if you are already a CSM. A time to begin the journey toward Certified Lay Speaker or even Certified Lay Minister."

Access can be found to the: [Paper Registration Form and Course Selection Brochure](#); [2015 Academy for Laity Course Descriptions](#); and the [2015 Academy for Laity FAQs](#) all on the [event information page](#). For more information, contact [Aubrey Bates](#) or [Anne Taylor](#). Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel at: Reservations@InnAtReading.com. Mention "Lay Academy."

SEEKING QUILT MAKERS TO MAKE STOLES

HELP Wanted! Anyone who can sew a straight seam, please consider the following opportunity. The Northeast Jurisdiction Conference of The United Methodist Church, being held **July 10-15, 2016**, in **Lancaster, PA** will have 200 delegates in attendance. It is customary to give each delegate a prayer mantle or stole made by members of the host conference.

We, the **Eastern Pennsylvania Conference**, are the hosts, and are looking for volunteers to make patchwork quilt style prayer stoles for the delegates. That means 200 stoles! A simple pattern and directions will be provided.* Fabric can be supplied, or use your remnants. We need lots of volunteers. If 40 people volunteer to make 5 stoles we reach our goal! If you can make 1 or 10 or more, please let us know. This is an excellent opportunity to teach children to sew and share their talents for the Lord and the work of the Church. Samples will be on display at Annual Conference this year. Stoles should be completed by April 2016.

Please contact Judy Ehninger (610-965-2290 or Ehninger@ptd.net) with questions. Give your name for pattern direction and information..

*Finished dimensions suggested are 2 3/4 inches by 46 inches (or 3 inches by 48 inches before seams). They could be as wide as 4 inches but no shorter than 46-48 inches. Some of the samples are eight 6-inch squares sewn together, or six-8 inch squares, then folded in half and stitched to make the stole. both sides the same, and about 2 3/4-3 1/2 inches wide. Other samples are 4-inch squares pieced together with a plain back. This finished stole is about 3 1/2 inches wide. No batting or filler is necessary. The idea is to have variety, so guidelines are very flexible.

NEW YOUNG PEOPLES PAGE ON THE EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE WEBSITE

Check out the newly created Youth Ministries and Young Adult sub-pages on the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference website at <http://www.epaumc.org/ministry/youngpeoples>.

RESOURCE FOR CHURCH TREASURERS ADDED TO CONFERENCE WEBSITE

Please share with Church Treasurers that the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference website (www.epaumc.org) has been updated under the "Finance" tab to include the "Treasurer's Office." Within the "Treasurer's Office" are resources that church treasurers will find to be particularly helpful in their roles with the local church.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) NEWS

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference UMW newsletter is available on-line. To read the latest edition of the UMW newsletter *Flame*, [click here](#).

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND PRISON MINISTRY SURVEY

From: Marilyn Schneider, Member, EPA Conference Committee on Prison Ministry and Restorative Justice
Our Conference committee would like to help promote and encourage the practice of prison ministry and restorative justice. Towards that end, we would like to determine which congregations are already active in these ministry areas, and who the key contact people are. We would also like to learn which congregations are interested in beginning a prison ministry or restorative justice effort. Our hope is to help promote efforts already underway in our conference, as well as to connect those with experience to those who are interested in learning more about how to begin so that we can learn from each other. It will also be helpful to us to learn which congregations are not particularly interested in prison ministry and restorative justice at this time, and what factors may be a part of that decision.

Towards this end, we have prepared a brief survey that will help us to become more aware of what ministries are currently underway, and the level of interest among our varied congregations. Please take just a few minutes to click on the link below and complete our very brief survey. Thank you very much for your interest and support of our efforts to minister to all who have been impacted by the criminal justice system. [Take the short survey now!](#)

CONFERENCE RESOURCES TO BE PRINTED IN CHURCH BULLETINS AND LINKED ON CHURCH WEBSITES:

Share the following Conference resources with your congregation:

Conference website: <http://www.epaumc.org>

News: <http://www.epaumc.org/news/stories>

EPA Scholarships for UM students: <http://www.epaumc.org/resources/finance/scholarships/scholarship-information>

Bishop Johnson's blog (words of faith and life): <http://bishoppeggyjohnson.blogspot.com>

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference on twitter: <http://twitter.com/epaumc> #epaumc

The United Methodist Church: <http://www.umc.org>

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

Does your congregation have a Parish Nurse program? Would your church like to start a Parish Nurse Ministry? The Wellness Ministry program under the leadership of Mrs. Kathy Gilligan, RN, is compiling information for a Power Point presentation for the Tools for Ministry event. Please respond to Kathy (rnbko@yahoo.com) and tell her whether or not you have a program or wish to start one.

ECUMENICAL MINISTRY TEAM

If you are interested in serving on an ecumenical ministry team, Bishop Peggy Johnson invites you to send an email to ecumenicalmnstry@gmail.com indicating your interest.

WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS AND MINISTRY!

The Addressing Community and World Issues Team wants to know about your congregation's ministries related to missions. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. [CLICK HERE](#) to participate in this short survey. **Please make sure that someone from your church fills out this important survey!**

AREA AFRICA PARTNERSHIPS

Bishop Johnson is sending out a call for clergy and lay people who would like to join the Africa Partnership Committees. We have two committees: Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of Congo. We welcome anyone interested in serving on the committee but we would especially like to have people from Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of Congo join the committee to add their expertise. If you would like to become a part of this effort please email Bishop Johnson at areaafricamnstry@gmail.com.

WANTED: PEOPLE INTERESTED IN DEAF MINISTRY

Are you deaf, hard-of-hearing, late-deafened, or deaf blind?

Do you have a deaf family member or friend?

Do you have a deaf ministry at your church or want to start one?

Are you interested in working with a ministry with deaf, hard-of-hearing, late-deafened, or deaf blind people?

Do you know sign language or want to learn sign language or can you interpret for worship services?

Do you want to help with deaf camp or join a deaf ministry committee in the annual conference?

If so, write to Bishop Peggy Johnson at areadeafmnstry@gmail.com.

PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCE

MISSION WORK TEAMS NEEDED IN MARYLAND

Super Storm Sandy wreaked havoc on small Chesapeake Bay town, Crisfield, Maryland. United Methodist were there bringing help and hope right from the start. There are still great needs. Over 100 to 200 homes still need repairs and up to five new home builds are coming soon. It is estimated that there is over a year's more work to do. If you have a mission work team or would like to organize one, you are encouraged to consider Crisfield as a destination. It is between three to five hours from various parts of the East District, just above the Virginia line on the Delmarva Peninsula (the Eastern Shore). To find out more, contact the Rev. D. Richard Walton, Sr., Pastor, Zion UMC, Salisbury, Maryland 21804, Peninsula-Delaware Conference Disaster Response Coordinator at umcorteamcrisfield@comcast.net or 443-859-4447.

NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION

FROM THE NORTHEASTERN JURISDICTION COLLEGE OF BISHOPS OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 2015

Sisters and Brothers of the Northeastern Jurisdiction,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the good news we are hearing about ministry occurring in the conferences across the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

We, the Bishops of the Northeastern Jurisdiction, write to you after a recent meeting in which we recognized that due to a reduction in jurisdictional church membership over the last four years we are scheduled to reduce from nine to eight bishops leading Episcopal Areas in the Northeastern part of the United States.

Within the United States, The United Methodist Church is divided into five jurisdictions: Western, South Central, Southeastern, North Central and Northeastern. In the Northeastern Jurisdiction, there are 10 annual conferences served by nine bishops. The number of bishops assigned and serving within a Jurisdiction is based on a membership formula. In a preliminary assessment of 2014 membership statistics, the Northeastern Jurisdiction has 1,209,815 members falling below the 1,215,001 required to maintain nine bishops or nine episcopal areas.

Bishops lead episcopal areas, and episcopal areas may include two conferences within the same episcopal area. Presently the Philadelphia Episcopal Area has two conferences, Eastern Pennsylvania and Peninsula Delaware.

The Northeastern Jurisdiction has three options to address the scheduled reduction of a bishop as indicated by the membership statistics. Jurisdictional leadership is currently considering the following:

1. Request that the 2016 General Conference (the legislative body of The United Methodist Church) continue nine episcopal areas in the Northeastern Jurisdiction because the jurisdiction has a unique mission field that serves large urban areas and a diverse population. This request would be made through the Northeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy to the appropriate General Conference body. The Committee on Episcopacy is comprised of two representatives from each conference.
2. Present legislation to the 2016 General Conference that would continue nine episcopal areas in the Northeastern Jurisdiction that would evaluate the need for bishops based on information other than or in addition to the Jurisdictional membership statistics. This legislation could also be submitted by the Northeastern Jurisdiction Episcopacy Committee.
3. Reduce from nine to eight episcopal areas by aligning conferences together. In the past, this has been done by having two conferences in one episcopal area or by merging conferences. The College of Bishops, which is comprised of the bishops of the Northeastern Jurisdiction, is the body that would be responsible to make a recommendation for new alignments that would reduce the number of episcopal areas from nine to eight to the 2016 Jurisdictional Conference.

The Northeastern Jurisdiction Episcopacy Committee and the College of Bishops are in prayerful consideration of each of the three possible solutions to address the potential reduction of an episcopal area. No decisions have been made. If we are required by General Conference to reduce by one episcopal area, many different scenarios will be considered. The College of Bishops has already committed that the mission of the church will guide its work as we together seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The Northeastern Jurisdiction may not be the only Jurisdiction that is facing a possible reduction in the number episcopal areas. We intend to enter into collaborative conversations with other Jurisdictions who find themselves in similar positions so that we might better discern together the journey ahead.

In Philippians 4:6 we read: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

We recognize we are facing challenges as the Church. We also believe that God will guide and support us through our greatest challenges. We call upon you to be in prayer for the General Conference, the leaders of the church, our conferences and our congregations. Pray for God's wisdom as we move forward.

We also thank you for your faithfulness in your ministry. We continue to hear of the powerful ministry God is doing through our congregations.

Blessings,

Sandra Steiner Ball, Resident Bishop, West Virginia Area

Thomas Bickerton, Resident Bishop, Pittsburgh Area

Sudarshanna Devadhar, Resident Bishop, Boston Area

Peggy Johnson, Resident Bishop, Philadelphia Area

Marcus Matthews, Resident Bishop, Washington Area

Jane Allen Middleton, Retired, assigned as Resident Bishop, New York Area

Jeremiah Park, Resident Bishop, Harrisburg Area

John Schol, Resident Bishop, New Jersey Area

Mark Webb, Resident Bishop, Upper New York Area

Retired Bishops: George Bashore; Violet Fisher; William Boyd Grove;

Susan Hassinger; Neil Irons; S. Clifton Ives;

Alfred Johnson; Ernest Lyght; Felton E. May; Susan M. Morrison; F.

Herbert Skeete; Forrest Stith; Peter D. Weaver; C. Dale White; Joseph H.

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TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP EVENT COMING TO HERSHEY

On Oct. 2-4 the UMC's Northeastern Jurisdiction Vision Table will sponsor the



“Conference on Transformational Leadership,” a ground-breaking learning adventure for emerging leaders, at the **Hershey Inn in Hershey PA.** The theme is **“See. Know. Love.”** Speakers include "a spirit-filled corporate executive" who can relate hospitality-excellence to church life; a "visionary, boundary-breaking Lutheran pastor," and leaders of a UM church that is "revolutionizing discipleship."

Along with Christian conferencing and vibrant conversations, participants will choose from two dozen courses to learn innovative strategies for transformational ministry. Registration opened in February. Costs include: \$25 for the symposium and \$140 for meals during the conference. Rooms are \$159 a night. [Check out the flyer to learn more.](#)

SAVE THE DATE! – July 10-15, 2016

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference will serve as the host Conference to the **2016 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference** at the **Lancaster County Convention Center.** Each district will serve as Hospitality Team for one day, thought at this time, which day each district will serve as not been determined. Thirty plus (30+) volunteers will be needed from the East District. If this sounds like something in which you would like to participate, reserve the dates on your calendar now. Also, send an email to the East District office (cakrall@epaumc.org) to volunteer to serve as a host.

GENERAL CONFERENCE 2016

MUSIC OR DANCE ENSEMBLES SOUGHT FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

United Methodist choirs and worship ensemble groups from around the world may now audition online for an invitation to perform at the **2016 General Conference**, The United Methodist Church's top legislative assembly which meets in **Portland, Oregon, from May 10-20, 2016.**

To apply for an invitation to General Conference, groups are asked to submit a letter of application that includes the following: 1) name of group; 2) name of primary contact person along with email address and phone number; 3) brief history/bio of the group including number of members, general age range, group's location, and any unique characteristics; and 4) a link to a private YouTube video of the group performing. The application should be emailed to gc2016worshipdirector@gmail.com by January 12, 2015.

“As a delegate, one of the best parts of my General Conference experience has always been the diversity of gifts and creativity shared by the visiting choirs and other artist groups,” said the Rev. Laura Jaquith Bartlett, worship & music director for the 2016 General Conference. “Now I have the amazing privilege of working directly with this huge pool of talent and commitment as the worship design team does its planning and preparation. I am enormously grateful to all the artists who bless the denomination with their worship leadership each week in settings all around the globe—and especially to those who will take on the hard work involved with coming to Portland in 2016.”

Performance opportunities for invited choirs and ensembles include morning worship and/or a lunchtime showcase venue. Groups are responsible for their own expenses.

About General Conference: General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church which meets once every four years. The conference can revise church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs.

BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY

SEMINAR PROGRAM OFFERS 'IN FOCUS' INTRODUCTORY EVENT

WASHINGTON (UMNS) – The deadline is approaching for an "In Focus" introductory event for youth groups and young-adult leaders of ethnic minority local churches and campus ministries on the United Methodist Seminars on National and International Affairs. The deadline for the **July 7-9 "In Focus"** is **June 26.** [Learn more](#)

E-NEWSLETTER

Do the work of mercy, advocacy and justice – you can sign up to receive the weekly General Board of Church and Society e-newsletter: <http://www.umc-gbcs.org/faithinaction>.

BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

SEEKING MISSIONARIES FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) seeks missionaries to serve within the global Methodist connection in a variety of roles and ministries around the world. GBGM sends missionaries from everywhere to everywhere. Missionaries vary in age, trade-skills and occupations, and they serve in ministry with others as teachers, pilots, lawyers, physicians, nurses, agriculturalists, dieticians, administrators, accountants, pastors, photographers, journalists, community organizers, and Christian educators – just to name a few. They desire to learn about and to share God's love in Jesus Christ in tangible, everyday ways.

Currently, GBGM is seeking qualified candidates who wish to explore a call to mission service in the Latin American and Caribbean regions with the following gifts and graces:

- Lives out a sense of vocation and call to work among those within the church and outside the church
- Has a passion for agricultural development as it relates to community development
- Has demonstrated competency in teaching and training
- Has experience in office administration, budget preparation and financial management
- Has demonstrated the ability to learn, develop and implement new and creative approaches to ministry
- Able to coordinate volunteer work and study teams from partner churches
- Knowledge of planning and implementing construction projects
- Proven effectiveness in oral and written communication in both English and Spanish

For more information about missionary service or to apply online, visit GBGM's website:

www.umcmmission.org/calledtoserve. If you know someone with these gifts and graces who may have a call to mission service, have them contact Daniel Randall (drandall@umcmmission.org) for details.

BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES MISSION STORIES

For stories of United Methodist Mission that you may publish in church newsletters and bulletins:

www.umcor.org.

COMMUNICATIONS

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Receive the latest ministry tips, tools, and news through email resources sent from UMComm. Visit [here](#) for details.

WANT TO SEE YOUR CHURCH NOT JUST SURVIVE, BUT THRIVE? GIVE ME FIVE!

United Methodist Communications can give you a hand with five key ingredients of highly successful churches. UMComm calls these its "high five." To learn more about tools and resources offered for improving a church's marketing, communication, and growth, order a free copy of "High 5" brochure by calling 1-888-346-3862 or e-mail csc@umcom.org or view online [here](#). **High Profile • High Impact • High Giving • High Engagement • High Tech**

DO YOU "LIKE" THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?

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PASTORS ENCOURAGED TO UPDATE CHURCH INFORMATION ON "FIND-A-CHURCH"

The Rethink Church campaign has been up and running. Find-A-Church is a key component of a Web site featured in this campaign. When seekers arrive at the site, they will discover many "doors" through which they can walk to find a church that matches their interests and preferences. However, if congregations do not update their information on Find-A-Church, seekers will not learn much about the "doors" that can lead them into our churches.

Some resources for more information:

1. "[Why Find-a-Church is Important](#)"
2. [A sample of an updated church profile](#). If you have Questions, please write to: InfoServ@umcom.org.

Over 300,000 people per month visit Find-a-Church. More visitors are on the way. Is your church ready?

COUNCIL OF BISHOPS

BISHOPS CALL UNITED METHODISTS TO PRAYER IN HUMAN SEXUALITY STATEMENT

Oklahoma City, Okla.: The Council of Bishops issued a statement concerning human sexuality, addressing their diverse perspectives and calling the people of The United Methodist Church to be in prayer, both for their leaders and for one another.

The statement reads: As bishops of The United Methodist Church, our hearts break because of the divisions that exist within the church. We have been in constant prayer and conversation and affirm our consecration vow "to guard the faith, to seek the unity and to exercise the discipline of the whole church." We recognize that we are one church in a variety of contexts around the world and that bishops and the church are not of one mind about human sexuality. Despite our differences, we are united in our commitment to be in ministry for and with all people. We are also united in our resolve to lead the church together to fulfill its mandate – to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As we do so, we call on all United Methodists to pray for us and for one another.

Philadelphia Area Bishop Peggy Johnson and her fellow episcopal leaders worked together on the statement in several executive sessions during their weeklong meeting in Oklahoma City.

The statement came near the close of the Council's meeting, which opened on Monday with the bishops reaffirming the commitments they made when they were consecrated. During the president's address, Bishop Warner H. Brown Jr. of the San Francisco Episcopal Area asked the bishops if they would stand with him to reaffirm their vows as he prayed.

Bishop Brown called for unity within the church and encouraged finding "places where we can agree to work together and find common ground."

"Leading a church such as ours, with a diversity of perspectives, means we must let people know we hear them, and that we are listening both to those voices that are in the majority and those that are in the minority, so that all know they're heard," said Bishop Brown.

In November 2013, the Council voted to form a task force which would lead conversations about human sexuality, race and gender with the goal of coming to a shared theological understanding amid differing perspectives and cultures. The task force will continue its work.

"The Council of Bishops is charged to lead the church in a time of prayer and discernment. The task force will seek to work for the council as the conversation continues," said Bishop Rosemarie Wenner, who chairs the task force. "In a worldwide church serving in very diverse contexts and composed of faithful Christians who have different opinions, we, the bishops, are committed to pastoral care for all our people as we continue to find a way forward."

About the Council of Bishops: The Council of Bishops provides leadership and helps set the direction of the 12 million-member church and its mission throughout the world. The bishops are the top clergy leaders of The United Methodist Church, the second largest Protestant denomination in the U.S.

Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church
100 Maryland Ave. NE, Washington, D.C. 20002

FELLOWSHIP IN MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS

WORSHIP GROUP OFFERS FREE STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

The Fellowship of UMs in Music and Worship Arts offers free online membership for students. The fellowship, an affiliate of the General Board of Discipleship, serves as a resource organization. More information is available online <<http://umfellowship.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=251>>.

INTERPRETER MAGAZINE

DON'T WAIT – REGISTER NOW AND RECEIVE INTERPRETER MAGAZINE FOR FREE

All active United Methodists are eligible for a free digital subscription to award-winning Interpreter magazine!

Interpreter provides practical information on challenging topics such as what it means to be United Methodist, how to respond when the unthinkable happens, faith and aging and leveraging technology in your ministry. Interpreter staff recently asked readers what content was most valuable — and readers told them! Every issue of Interpreter now includes spiritual life and formation articles to enrich one's personal faith journey.

An added bonus to [subscribing to Interpreter](#) digitally is that doing so also provides access to the digital edition of New World Outlook.

Need immediate assistance? Contact Customer Service at csc@umcom.org or call 1-888-346-3862.

As a ministry of United Methodist Communications, *Interpreter* magazine – in digital and print formats – serves United Methodists living their faith. The magazine staff hope that you will allow them to support you with topical, timely inspiration and information.

WOMEN CHURCH PLANTERS RECOGNIZED

Methodism has long depended on women to spread the gospel, plant new churches and help them grow, ever since immigrants first brought the Methodist movement to the Americas in the mid-1700s. March was [Women's History Month](#), and Interpreter magazine uses the occasion to spotlight two contemporary women who are church planters, the Revs. Amy Peters and Molly Simpson. Peters planted **Hope Community Church**, in nearby **Claymont, Del.** [Read the story](#) and post a comment.

UMC.ORG NEWS AND MEDIA

BOOMER RETIREMENT IS LOOMING: ARE YOU SCARED OF GETTING OLD?

Few want to admit it, but large groups of church members dread the thought of getting older. They seldom think of their later years as a rich time for spiritual growth. The truth is that crises of faith still occur, no matter how many years pass — not just for you, but also for your aging parents and relatives. Check out this series of stories from *Interpreter* magazine and *The Upper Room*. Pay special attention to "[Pilgrimage into the last third of life: 7 gateways to spiritual growth](#)." Writers Richard Morgan and Jane Marie Thibault offer inspiration and practical help to people who are trying to navigate through later life. Other stories on aging can be found at UMC.org or at the following links:

- [Help me, please; I'm a caregiver](#)
- [Life Tips: God isn't finished with us yet!](#)
- [Ministries make sure older adults feel valued](#)

UM VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

umvimhaiti.org has been set up through a coordinated effort between all five jurisdictional UMVIM offices, the General Board of Global Ministries, and UMCOR. On this site, you will find all applicable information about traveling to Haiti through UMVIM, including contact information for the UMVIM Haiti Scheduling Coordinator, Susan Meister. Also detailed on that site is information relating to the Haiti Response Plan staff, both in Haiti and in the US. All news regarding UMVIM's efforts in Haiti will now be posted on this site, and all teams will be scheduled through it. Insurance for teams through the Northeastern Jurisdiction will continue to be coordinated through the NEJ office. Information about NEJ's insurance program can be found at its website, www.umvimnej.org.

RESOURCES THAT ARE HELPFUL IN YOUR MINISTRY

HELPFUL LINKS

- Need information? **InfoServ**, a ministry of United Methodist Communications, is the official information service of The United Methodist Church. It is the connection to the worldwide United Methodist Church. Ask any question about The United Methodist Church. *"You ask. We listen. We serve."* Click to [Ask InfoServ Now](#).
- Music: If you ever wonder if you are able to copy music and lyrics, visit <http://www.gbod.org/lead-your-church/copyright-licensing>.
- Click on the names below to follow the links:
 - [The United Methodist Church](#) website
 - [Eastern Pennsylvania Conference](#) website
 - [United Methodist Committee on Relief](#) (UMCOR)
- FREE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHURCH
 - [Click here: Social Principles bulletin inserts available | gbcs](#)
 - "Words Words That Hurt, Words That Heal: Language About God and People" is available as an electronic download through Cokesbury.com.
 - [General Council on Finance and Administration The United Methodist Church](#) (GCFA)

Some of the resources for local churches:

- [Accountable Reimbursement Policies Questions and Answers](#)
- [Accountable Reimbursement Policies - Sample Expense](#)
- [Administrative and Judicial Procedures Handbook](#)
- [Cell Phone Towers in Steeples](#)
- [Child Abuse and Neglect - Reporting Statutes](#)
- [Child Day Care Centers - UM PACT Ministry Protection Memo](#)
- [Cross and Flame Use](#)
- [Disciplinary and Church Issues](#)
- [GCFA Legal Manual](#)
- [HIPAA Privacy Rule and Local Churches - Memorandum](#)
- [Leasing by Third Party of Church Property](#)
- [Local Church Audit Guide](#)
- [Local Church Statistics and Why They Matter](#)
- [Real Property Issues](#)
- [Politics and the Pulpit](#)

• [Trademarks](#)

• **General Church Funding Sources:** There are many grants to help fund ministry and scholarships provided by General Church agencies. Here is a new webpage that compiles many sources of General Church funding:

http://www.umc-gbcs.org/site/c.frLJK2PKLqF/b.5899531/k.907E/GBCS_Grants.htm#fifthTab.

• **General Board of Church and Society:** For current news and alerts from Washington go to www.umpower.org.

• **Property and Liability Insurance:** Updated information on Property and Liability Insurance is posted online: <https://www.epaumc.org/resources/churchlead/trustees>.

• **Safe Sanctuary Clearance UPDATE:** Eastern Pennsylvania Conference has a three-year limit on clearances (<http://www.epaumc.org/resources/safesanctuaries>) All appointed clergy are responsible for keeping clearances up-to-date. If clearances are approaching the three-year limit, apply for new clearances now. Links to required clearances below:

1. [PA State Police Criminal Record Check](#)

2. [PA Child Abuse History Clearance](#)

3. [If you have lived out of the State of PA – FBI Clearance is necessary](#)

The Safe Sanctuaries video is available on the Conference Media Library:

<http://www.ourchurchvideos.com/19482/epaumc/videos/73/safe-sanctuaries>. It can be downloaded, free of charge, onto your computer. Let your church know that it is available.

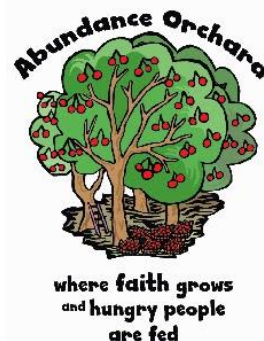
Free Safe Sanctuary Resources: Free Safe Sanctuary resources are available through the Conference's insurance company at <http://www.churchmutual.com/index.php/choice/risk/page/intro/id/21>.

• **Non-Profit Status:** Churches do **NOT** have to apply for 501(C)3 status. All of United Methodist churches are included denomination's which exempts churches from Federal Income Tax. To obtain a copy of the UMC 501(C)3 certificate, go to www.epaumc.org, click on Resources, Click on Church Leadership, Click on Finance, and look for text: 501(c)3 Resources for Finance leaders, or click on link: [Department of the Treasury: 501\(c\)\(3\)](#).

OTHER

NEED A VBS PROGRAM?

Need to find a VBS program for this summer? The Society of St. Andrew offers "**Abundance Orchard: Where Faith Grows and Hungry People are Fed.**" [Download Flyer](#) This free, complete Vacation Bible School curriculum offers five 2- to 3-hour sessions in multiple sets for Old Testament (Year 1) or New Testament (Year 2) [Preview Online](#) It includes biblical lesson helps for teachers, and resources for storytelling, arts & crafts, recreation, music, snacks, and missions activities, along with VBS planning suggestions, and daily memory verses. The materials are intended to raise hunger awareness and financial support for the gleaning and feeding ministries of the Society of St. Andrew, which involves people in hands-on mission, feeding hungry neighbors by gleaning and bagging fresh fruits and vegetables that otherwise would go to waste. Preview and order VBS materials online at: <http://endhunger.org/vbs>. Contact Lynette Johnson, Director of Church Relations, at [800-333-4597](tel:800-333-4597) or church@endhunger.org.



PREMARITAL/MARITAL COUNSELING TRAINING

Prepare-Enrich premarital/marital counseling materials were developed by Dr. David Olson at the University of Minnesota. Almost 3 million couples have benefited from their use. Couples take an online assessment, and are then guided by a trained facilitator to gain experience in communication skills, conflict resolution, stress management, financial decision-making, and a host of other potential marital issues. To administer the materials, persons must attend an 8-hour workshop. The Rev. Lloyd Speer, pastor of Christ UMC in Fairless Hills, will be conducting training workshops on **July 23, 2015** and **October 29, 2015** at Christ UMC. To register, go to www.prepare-enrich.com and fill out and mail a printable registration form. The cost is \$220, and includes certification, lunch and materials. For more information, contact Lloyd Speer at [215-943-2343](tel:215-943-2343) or lfspeer3@comcast.net.

COPYRIGHT ALERT

Recently there have been a number of claims of copyright infringement involving Eastern Pennsylvania churches and organizations. The explosion of the internet makes it easier to create copyright infringements and also to find them. Some companies make it a business to search the internet for possible violation. What follows is some brief information on the copyright rules to be aware of:

A copyright is a property right under federal law protecting **original** works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression from which they can be perceived, reproduced or otherwise communicated. Examples of works of authorship include: literary works, musical works, including any accompanying words; dramatic works, including any

accompanying music; pictorial, graphic and sculptural works; motion pictures and other audiovisual works; sound recordings; and computer programs.

Among other things - The owner of a copyright has the exclusive right to do the following:

1. reproduce the work in copies or recordings;
2. prepare derivative works based on the copyrighted work (a derivative work is one based upon one or more pre-existing works, for example, the update to an existing book would be a derivative work);
3. distribute copies or recordings of the work to the public by sale or other transfer of ownership, or by rental lease or lending;
4. perform the copyrighted work publicly; and
5. display the copyrighted work publicly.

For churches, the majority of questions involve copying music from hymnals, sheet music and videotapes and taping worship services for shut-ins. The Religious Services Exemption contained in the U.S. copyright law exempts from copyright infringement **public performance** of nondramatic literary or musical works of dramatico-musical works of **a religious nature, in the course of services at a place of worship or other religious assembly**. This exemption does not extend to copying the music or to audio or video taping of the performance.

The copyright owner has the exclusive right to copy or reproduce a musical work. If a church purchases sheet music or hymnals, that purchase alone does not authorize the church to make copies or transparencies of the sheet music or songs from the hymnals. This applies to the lyrics as well as the music. The primary exception is music that is in public domain (no longer copyrighted) may be copied. Public domain music is that which has either lost its copyright protection or was never protected by copyright.

The religious services exemption in the copyright law permits the **performance** by the congregation and choir of these hymns in the course of the worship services, but the exemption **does not extend to taping** the performance. Taping or transmitting a live performance without permission or license is copyright infringement because it constitutes making a copy and distributing it without the owner's prior consent.

If the church wants to tape copyright music for shut-ins, the options are: obtain permission from copyright owners; or enter into a "blanket license agreement."

For information about blanket licenses, contact Christian Copyright Licensing, Inc. of Portland, Oregon (503)-257-2230 or 1-(800)-234-2446 (or other similar company).

Also, for hymns projected or broadcast onto screens in the course of a service, the right to make copies for the purpose of preparing overhead transparencies ordinarily is not given to the church when it buys music. The copyright owner retains the right to make these types of copies. If the church wants to make these kinds of copies, it must obtain written permission from the copyright owner or obtain a license that permits such use.

Copyright infringement is serious. It can result in significant civil damages, injunction and/or criminal penalties. There are companies that act as agents for the copyright owners. These companies have employees that spend their time traveling the county to discover unauthorized use and collect license fees, so proceeding without permission or license is both unwise and illegal.

The Internet presents the unique opportunity to make materials almost immediately accessible to anyone in the world with Internet access. This communication medium continues to evolve as does the law related to it. In general, communication on the Internet is subject to the same rules as communication in print or broadcast.

If a web page owner places copyrighted material on his web page without prior permission or allows a third party to do so, the web page owner will be liable to the copyright owner for copyright infringement.

Downloading copyrighted materials (including photographs) from or uploading to the Internet without permission of the copyright owner results in unauthorized copying. The same is true with regard to transferring copyrighted material to a third party via e-mail.

Recent EPA Conference claims have involved the printing of a copyrighted logo on informational material and placing a poem on a website. If your church or organization receives a claim based on copyright infringement, do not respond. Immediately notify the EPA Liability Insurance Claims Department. They will provide you with instructions on how to proceed.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE TUITION DISCOUNT FOR CHILDREN OF UM CLERGY

Allegheny College will offer a 50 percent discount on tuition to children of United Methodist clergy, beginning in fall 2015 with the class that enters that year. As the College celebrates its bicentennial in 2015, the discount affirms its relationship with Methodism, which dates to 1833 and continues today in its affiliation with The United Methodist Church (UMC). The Ministerial Discount Policy applies to students who meet the following criteria:

- Unmarried, legally dependent children under age 24 of United Methodist ordained Deacons and Elders in full connection, good standing, and under full-time appointment by the Annual Conference, or of retired or deceased United Methodist ministers with the same credentials.

- Students in their first four years who are seeking their first baccalaureate degree, excluding summer sessions and Experiential Learning seminars.
- Students who are full-time and remain in good academic standing with the College.

“This discount will help keep an Allegheny degree affordable for clergy families, and hopefully bring more United Methodist students to our student body. We see it as a win-win situation,” said Jane Ellen Nickell, College Chaplain.

For details about the discount, contact the Allegheny Office of Financial Aid at 814-332-2701, or look for the application on their [website](#).

Allegheny College is a national liberal arts college where 2,100 students with unusual combinations of interests and talents develop highly valued abilities to explore critical issues from multiple perspectives. A selective residential college in Meadville PA, Allegheny is one of 40 colleges featured in Loren Pope’s “Colleges That Change Lives,” among many other guidebooks, and is the only UMC-affiliated institution of higher education within the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference.

STUDENTS FOR LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Because of the generosity of Lancaster Theological Seminary’s donors, alumni/ae, and denominational connections, each year the seminary is able to offer substantial need-based scholarships to qualifying incoming students. For the upcoming Spring term, there are a limited amount of scholarship dollars for the master’s-level programs. The scholarships begin at covering 40% of tuition costs. If there is a person within your congregation or circle of influence considering theological education, the Rev. Kendal Brown, Director of Recruitment, Admissions and Financial Aid, would love to engage in conversation with her/him to hear more about her/his call and also share what Lancaster Theological Seminary has to offer. Interested persons may contact Rev. Brown through the email account khamiltonlayer@lancasterseminary.edu.

VITAL CONGREGATIONS GOALS

Last year, the Lewis Center for Church Leadership prepared a short video for on one of the Vital Congregations goals. Because of its wide use (almost 7,000 views), another video is being offering for this year. This year’s theme is **“Why Giving Matters and Clues for Improving It”** and is eight minutes long. The video has been made available for congregations wishing to use it. Feel free to use and share its availability with those who may find it useful in their efforts to encourage the spiritual gift of giving. It can be viewed and downloaded from <http://www.churchleadership.com/funding/>. Many already receive the Lewis Center’s free, biweekly online newsletter *Leading Ideas*. If not and you would like to subscribe now, go to <http://www.churchleadership.com/>. Last fall’s video on **“Why Worship Attendance Matters and Clues for Improving It”** is still available at <http://www.churchleadership.com/attendance/>.

CHURCH AND CEMETERY INCORPORATIONS

Is your church incorporated? Is your cemetery incorporated separately from the church? All Churches and Cemeteries must be incorporated. If you are not sure whether your church and cemetery is incorporated you can check this website: <https://www.corporations.state.pa.us/corp/soskb/csearch.asp>

JOHN WESLEY SERMONS ONLINE

The General Board of Global Missions (GBGM) has put a free searchable catalog of John Wesley sermons on its website. Visit this link to see the homepage for Wesley’s sermons: <http://www.umcmission.org/Find-Resources/John-Wesley-Sermons>. Click “View All” to see all the sermons. Use the tools on the left-hand side of the page to search via sermon title, scriptural reference, or sermon number. Also, there is a link that leads to more information about the Wesleys and their times.

NEW BLOG – HYMNS THAT HELP!

New blog created by [Elaine Johnson](#) is found at <http://hymnsthathelp.wordpress.com>. Ms. Johnson invites interested persons to take a look and if one feels the least bit inspired, to write one’s own memory of a special song that helped one at a certain time in one’s life. She would love hear from others on the blog! For more information, visit www.HymnServe.com.

PRAYER MINISTRY RESOURCES

Download and print prayer guides and door knockers at no cost from <http://www.prayerpointpress.com/resources.asp#Guides>

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WITH DISSERTATION RESEARCH

As a pastor serving in a United Methodist Church, you are invited to participate in a research project designed to understand how United Methodist churches have adapted, as methods of communication have changed. As a pastor you are in a unique position to report on your own congregation. If you are interested in participating, follow the link below to

take the survey. For your participation, you may choose to be entered into a drawing for one of five \$20 gift certificates to Amazon.com. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NSVRFVF>

NEWS FROM RED BIRD MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

The Cardinal Newsletter is now electronic, with is more cost effective for the Red Bird Missionary Conference Church & Outreach Ministries and more flexible for its readers. However, the East District has been asked to forward this [link](#) on to churches in the district.

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INTERFAITH WITNESS SUPPORTS MEDICARE, MEDICAID

More than 50 interfaith organizations sent a statement to guide administration and Congress in budget deliberations, that emphatically urges the Obama administration and Congress to protect Medicaid and Medicare in their budget negotiations. The statement from faith leaders representing millions of Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Muslims and Buddhists emphasizes that the two programs provide critical health-care for the most vulnerable in US society. Medicaid provides comprehensive health coverage to low-income persons, the elderly and people with disabilities. It ranges from paying for nearly 40% of births to funding long-term care of seven out of 10 nursing-home residents. Medicare is the primary source of health insurance for the nation's seniors.

- The Interfaith Statement of Principles is available at [Protecting Medicaid and Medicare](#)
- List of interfaith endorsers of statement to date is at: [Signers](#)
- Links to sign on to the Statement of Principles: [Organizational endorsement](#) or [Individual endorsement](#).

For more information, contact: [The Rev. Cynthia Abrams](#), director of Alcohol, Other Addictions & Health Care at the United Methodist General Board of Church & Society, (202) 488-5636 or cabrams@umc-gbcs.org; or [the Rev. Linda Walling](#), Executive Director, Faithful Reform in Health Care, (216) 685-0796 or walling@faithfulreform.org.

FOUR DOORS THAT LEAD TO FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Link to this article from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership:

http://www.churchleadership.com/leadingideas/leaddocs/2011/110803_article.html

Then sign up for Facebook and build community among your church and community! www.facebook.com

REACHING MORE DIVERSE PEOPLE

How effective is the United Methodist Church in reaching the increasingly diverse population of the United States? Recent research by the Lewis Center in cooperation with the Research Office of the General Board of Global Ministries provides a snapshot of the denomination's success through 2009 in reaching more racially diverse people. The findings indicate: Virtually all conferences reach people of color less well than they reach whites. The exceptions are conferences focusing on particular racial ethnic groups such as the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and the Rio Grande Conference. Read more at www.churchleadership.com.

CLASSIFIED

JOB POSTING

Green Lane UMC in the Roxborough neighborhood of Philadelphia is seeking the following positions **for its preschool program:**

- **School Director** (full-time) meeting one of the following criteria:
 - A bachelor's degree, from an accredited college or university, in early childhood education, child development, special education, or elementary education or human services field with 1 year of experience with children.
 - A bachelor's degree, from an accredited college or university, including 30 credit hours in early childhood education, child development, special education, elementary education or the human services field and 2 years of experience with children.

- An associate's degree, from an accredited college or university, in early childhood education, child development, special education, elementary education or the human services field and 3 years of experience with children.
- An associate's degree, from an accredited college or university, including 30 credit hours in early childhood education, child development, special education, elementary education or the human services field and 4 years of experience with children.
- Knowledge of Department of Human Services regulations.

A qualified and interested candidate should email one's resume to greenlaneum@aol.com. Attn: Mary

- **Administrative assistant** who will be responsible for the following tasks: maintenance of all student and employee files, copying all required forms, newsletters, filing, calendars, memos to parents, time-sheets/payroll, and other duties as required. This person must have computer skills, including the following: Microsoft Office, Access/Excel/Outlook/Publisher.

A qualified and interested candidate should email one's resume to greenlaneum@aol.com. Attn: Mary

DREXEL HILL UMC SEEKING ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Drexel Hill UMC is seeking a **half-time Church Administrative Assistant** who will be the primary office staff person working with the pastor and leaders of this medium-sized church. Responsibilities include communication to church members and visitors; weekly church bulletin and other print materials; secretarial support for the pastor; maintenance of office equipment, church calendar, church database, membership records, church statistical and attendance reports, and records of baptisms, weddings, deaths, and funerals, as well as gifts of cash and checks, and solicits and manages volunteers for office tasks that can be delegated. Interested applicants, can obtain a full job description, or send resume, cover letter, and references to drexelhillumc@gmail.com.

WILLOW GROVE SEEKING PART-TIME CHURCH CUSTODIAN

Willow Grove UMC is seeking to fill a part-time church custodian position. The custodian is responsible for the appearance, cleanliness, and maintenance of the church building. The intent of the position is to work 12 hours per week (4 hours per day, 3 days per week). A candidate seeking to fill this position must be conscientious and able to work independently. Conditions of employment include the satisfactory completion of Safe Sanctuaries training and Criminal Background check. Interested applicants should call the church office at 215-659-3232 to obtain a complete job description and to get instruction regarding applying for the position.

FREE CHURCH CHOIR MUSIC

Check out my Ross Spencer's church choir music website at <http://jesus4rebels.wix.com/spencermusic>. Download music for free and use it for your choir. Contemporary, flexible arrangements designed for exciting worship experiences. Songwriter/composer just wants to share talent with the Body of Christ.

GRACE CAFÉ AT ARCH STREET UMC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Grace Café is a ministry of Arch Street UMC (55 North Broad Street, Philadelphia PA; 215-568-6250; www.archstreetumc.org) on Sunday Evenings (September-June) featuring worship, local musicians, a simple meal, and shared stories. All of the congregation's neighbors, especially center city's most vulnerable citizens, those currently experiencing homelessness, are welcome to attend. Volunteer opportunities are available to partner with Arch St. UMC to support the ministry of Grace Café on Sunday evenings beginning September 14, 2014 through June 28, 2015.

Responsibilities for Grace Café volunteer groups include:

- **Providing, preparing, and serving a hot meal (entrée, vegetable and dessert) for 200-220 guests. Coffee, tea and other beverages as well as dishes, silverware, serve ware and paper products are provided by ASUMC.**
- **Meeting, greeting, and sharing with Grace Café guests during the Sunday Evening program and meal.**
- **Volunteers arrive at 5 PM to set up the room, prep, and set out the food, and the evening typically concludes with clean up following the meal at about 7:30 PM.**

Contact the Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck at darlene.didomineck@gmail.com or 215-568-6250 for more information or to schedule your group to volunteer! Parking is available on Sunday Evenings.

5 FREEBIES TO GROW MINISTRY

By Natalie Bannon

How often do we get something good that is free? Free as in costs nothing, no strings attached and "on the house?" We're not talking smoothie samples, mattress trials or refrigerator magnets — we're talking about 5 freebies that will help you do your ministry with planning and purpose. Get the following FREE and useful "helps" from United Methodist Communications!

1. Professional Photos: Professional photographers from United Methodist News Service have traveled the world to bring you compelling, moving, and inspiring photos that you can use to enhance your ministry's newsletter, website, slideshow, or other presentation. Just follow these instructions to download:

- Go to our United Methodist News Service Flickr profile to peruse our albums.
- Click on a photograph you like to enlarge and view more options.
- Find the "© All rights reserved" statement. Note that this restriction does not apply if the photographs are being used for United Methodist ministry. The only restriction is that you do not use these images for commercial use and you credit the photographer (bylines are in the description).
- Click on the "more actions" icon. It looks like an ellipsis or three periods.
- Click on the "Download / All sizes" link
- Pick the size you like, click the "Download" button and voila!

Here are some great examples taken by Mike DuBose from an album titled "[Typhoon Haiyan.](#)"

2. Demographic Report: You can better fill the needs of your community if you know who is living in close proximity to your church building. To get a free demographic report of your area, send your contact information, church name, and street address to Chuck Niedringhaus, Director of Product Marketing and Research at United Methodist Communications.

3. Rethink Church Resources: Invite your neighbors to church with a variety of free customizable Rethink Church postcards, banners and door hangers. Just go to shop.umc.org and do a quick search with the words Rethink Church and free. You can sort from lowest to highest priced items to see the free stuff first!

4. Bulletin Covers: We also have free bulletin covers that are just waiting for you to download. Just search for those at shop.umc.org.

5. Spiritual Gifts Assessment: Last, but certainly not least, identify your God-given gifts for living faithfully. Go to umc.org and search for the spiritual gifts assessment. It's a great way to find out how you can fulfill your purpose and better serve your ministry at your church and in your day-to-day life.

FREE CHOIR ROBES

Approximately 40 light blue choir robes (assorted sizes) with reversible stoles are available. If interested, contact Thorndale UMC at 610-384-2433 or thorndaleumc@verizon.net.

POSITION AVAILABLE: LAY YOUTH MINISTER

Where: Royersford UMC, 380 Church Street, Royersford, PA 19468

Phone: 610-948-4507; **email:** royersfordumc@comcast.net

The Royersford UMC is seeking a self-disciplined and motivated Christian who can work well with youth, parents, pastor, and related committees. Applicant should be in agreement with UM beliefs and standards and have basic Christian beliefs and should comply with the Safe Sanctuary policy of the Royersford UMC. A Bachelor's Degree is preferred but equivalent experience will be considered. Courses and/or experience in youth programs are required. The candidate must have own transportation. This position is an hourly position and requires up to 12 hours per week. Details will be provided to prospective applicant.

COURAGEOUS SPACE: COACHING AND CONSULTING

Leadership and Performance **Coaching for Church Leaders – Lay & Clergy** – is offered by **Dan Smith** (206-618-5369 or DanielSmithCoach@gmail.com) for a **special rate of \$75 for United Methodist lay and clergy.**

- *Are you facing new challenges that require a new level of leadership?*
- *Are you hearing multiple expectations and are unsure how to sort through them and move forward?*
- *Have you taken on an exciting project and could use support to ensure completion and success?*
- *Do you want to lead change but not sure how best to work creatively with resistance?*
- *Do you sense you are in a rut but capable of so much more?*

Coaching can make a huge difference! Not any coaching. Leadership and Performance Coaching CAN and DOES.

What is Distinctive about Leadership and Performance Coaching brought by CourageousSpace coach Dan Smith?

- The coaching focuses specifically on results that impact organizational effectiveness while responding to the needs and issues brought by the client into the sessions.
- Awareness of and clarity around personal calling and commitment is strengthened with an anchoring in deep personal values.
- While achieving present results, the client further develops leadership competencies, strengthening the capacity to address future as well as present opportunities.
- The client develops habits for expanding integration and application of new information in ministry practices after participation in learning events.
- The coach offers training in the basics of self-coaching, equipping the client to engage in slow, steady, continuous improvement.

- The coach also brings knowledge of what clients face in leading organizational development and understands the challenges of implementing change.

How does coaching work?

Initial Exploratory Contact: The individual interested in exploring the possibility of a coaching relationship contacts the coach, Dan Smith either by phone or email. An initial 30 to 45 minute complimentary exploratory telephone conversation is scheduled. With the decision to move ahead, the first coaching session is then scheduled.

Coaching Sessions: The 60 minute telephone coaching sessions are usually held monthly. More frequent sessions are available and, when feasible, in person sessions are offered. The client brings to each session a beginning focus with the coaching then moving in the direction that best serves the large goals of the client.

Duration of Relationship: The coaching relationship can last as short a period as 3 months with the goals of the client accomplished. Or, the relationship can last several years. So long as coaching is supporting the person in moving forward into more effective and courageous leadership, the relationship is beneficial.

Cost: CourageousSpace Leadership and Performance coaching offered by Dan Smith is priced at \$95 per session. If after the first 3 sessions the client feels that the relationship is not beneficial, payment for the 3 sessions is refundable.

About Dan Smith: Dan Smith, a CourageousSpace coach, is a clergy member of the Pacific Northwest Conference of The United Methodist Church. He has served churches of various sizes as well as serving as Director of Connectional Ministries and twice as a district superintendent. Now appointed to CourageousSpace Coaching and Consulting, he has coached church leaders and worked as a consultant with congregations fulltime for the last 10 years.

Receiving his coaching training through the Coaches Training Institute in California and Presence Based Coaching in North Carolina, Dan is credentialed by the International Coach Federation as a Professional Certified Coach. He also is endorsed as a coach by the United Methodist Endorsing Agency.

Dan has coached over 200 church leaders in the United States and Canada and worked with several dozen churches as a consultant. He has co-authored three books published by the Alban Institute, the latest one entitled *Pathway to Renewal: Practical Steps for Congregations*.

In his coaching practice, Dan focuses on working with leaders who are engaged in ministry development and who are leading transition in organizations. His passion in coaching is to see acceptable leaders become exceptional leaders and exceptional leaders move on to the next stage in masterful leadership.

PART TIME CHAPLAINS

Chaplain Bobby Brown, CH (CPT), PAARNG, Specialty Branch Officer Recruiter, RRAC II, is recruiting for the Pennsylvania Army National Guard Chaplain Corps. The Corps is seeking full-time pastors to serve part-time as Chaplains. Currently, there are three openings for Chaplain in the Philadelphia area. There are also programs for seminary students pursuing a Master of Divinity.

Qualified applicants would receive a direct commission as an officer in the Army National Guard without attending Basic Combat Training or Officer Candidate School. The Army recognizes that those who already know how to be a pastor just need some training on how to do chaplaincy best in a military environment. Those skills are taught at the United States Army Chaplain Center and School at Ft. Jackson, SC. The 13-week Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course can be broken up into 4 self-contained phases over 2 years to minimize the impact on one's home church.

Chaplains receive pay and benefits as commissioned officers, Tricare Reserve Select Health Insurance for themselves and their families, and a military pension after 20 years of service. Like all other National Guard Soldiers, Chaplains normally work full-time in their civilian careers and put on the uniform only one weekend per month plus for two weeks in the summer. Commanders know that Sunday is usually the busiest day for a pastor, so Chaplains who pastor congregations are usually given some flexibility to be at their home churches on Sunday mornings during a drill weekend.

Chaplain Brown is an Assistant Pastor at a Presbyterian church in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, as well as the Chaplain of the 1-107 Field Artillery Regiment in New Castle. He would be happy to speak with anyone about the reality of being both a pastor and an Army National Guard Chaplain. He says, "Being in the Guard lets me get out of my church office, get outside, serve my country, and share my faith with some of America's bravest men and women."

Let Chaplain Brown know if you would like more information about serving as a Pennsylvania Army National Guard Chaplain. There are some basic requirements:

- Be less than 45 years old at the time of commissioning OR less than 47 years old (with three years prior military service)
- Possess a bachelor's degree of at least 120 hours
- Possess a Master of Divinity (or equivalent) of at least 72 hours OR enroll in an accredited seminary to pursue such a degree (if less than 39 years old)
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Pass a medical exam (NOT a physical fitness test)

Email or call Chaplain Brown at robert.n.brown84.mil@mail.mil or 786-224-8238 (Cell).

AVAILABILITY OF NEW HYMN USAGE

Mr. Michael Gryboski, native and resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia, recently took to writing hymns, hoping that his work will be sung in churches across the world and in all Christian denominations. For now, he is reaching out to his own country and his own United Methodist denomination. If your church would be interested in using his hymns during worship, there will be no monetary charge. However, there are several conditions. If you are interested in exploring this opportunity further, email Mr. Gryboski at mcgryboski@gmail.com or mgrybosk@masonlive.gmu.edu.

ARCH STREET UMC'S GRACE CAFÉ STILL IN NEED OF ITEMS

Arch Street UMC, in the midst of expanding its Grace Café operation, has received donations of dinner plates and a promise of flatware, but is still in need of soup bowls, salad plates, water glasses, and cups for 200 place settings. Grace Café is part of Arch Street's ministry to the homeless population in center city Philadelphia. If you have anything to offer, or leads for Rev. Robin Hynicka, you can reach him at 215-498-3718 or robin@archstreetumc.org

NATIVE AMERICAN TALKS

Mr. Unega Waya, a Cherokee elder and storyteller, has taught Native American history and mythology at Bucks County Community College for continuing education and has also provided educational programs for schools in the Pennsbury School District, sermons for Native American Sunday, and Sunday School classes for youth in UMCs. In addition, he is a founding member of CONAM (Committee on Native American Ministries) for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. Mr. Waya is available for talks on Native American Sundays or educational and fundraising programs. While most knowledgeable in Cherokee topics, he is also well-versed in general history of other Native American tribes. An e-mail detailing preference of subject, length, and audience can be sent to unega-waya@hotmail.com to inquire about bookings. No fee is charged for any sermon or program. It is for the love of providing the history of the native people of this land that Mr. Waya offers these services. He is available on weekends and many evenings for any Native American programs.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FROM JASON LORD

One of the most appreciated speakers at a recent conference sponsored by Leadership Nexus was Jason Lord, who is an expert in using search engines and social media to grow churches. Jason has put together a series of webinars on how churches can use these technologies. His company offers a great opportunity for local churches to develop their web based outreach through the use of "blogs" and social media websites like Facebook and Twitter. In addition, they help churches improve their visibility or "rank" on local engines like Google, Yahoo, and Bing.

Jason has synthesized these technologies and concepts into a free church training webinar. Many of the churches represented at the recent conference attended these trainings and their feedback was extraordinarily positive. Due to overwhelming demand, he is now making this webinar available to other churches that missed the training event but still want to participate.

Many believe that the time has come for the church to wholeheartedly embrace this new media technology. It will be the primary instrument of church growth in the new Millennium helping to reach new people in Christ and communicate with congregations in ways that were not possible just a few short years ago. If you're interested in learning more about this program, contact Jason Lord directly at drlord@internetoutreachsolutions.com for information on his next webinar.

MECHANIC NEEDED

Mechanic sought to repair cars for low income residents in the lower Bucks County area at little or no cost, perhaps charging for parts only. There is a need for persons who are low income and cannot afford to have their cars repaired enabling some to get to doctor's appointments, church, pick up donated food, and work. Contact Penny Martin from Emilie UMC at 215-547-6415 or email mailto:pennylee6@aol.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

FREE MUSIC RESOURCE FROM ROSS SPENCER*

Here is a new, free music resource for churches: <http://jesus4rebels.wix.com/spencermusic>. The music is composed with smaller churches in mind and choirs that have varying abilities and participation. The music is free to download, copy and perform in church. Check out the website for yourself.

*Ross Spencer is a 30-year UMC choir director and song leader in Oregon and is glad to share his music with other churches.

RESOURCE AVAILABLE FOR PASTORS ON THE MOVE

The Lewis Center for Church Leadership has produced a new video-based learning resource for clergy preparing to begin ministry in a new setting. Drawing on years of research and training by the Lewis Center on effectiveness in pastoral transition, "The Right Start" aims to help pastors end their current ministry well, develop a personal transition plan and make the most of the first days, weeks and months in their new congregations. Further information is available here <http://www.kintera.org/TR.asp?a=IILUL9MTLIK4LqI&s=qwL0IkMZifITcN2IzE&m=cvLRJaNVJgKQJL>.

CALENDAR

June 24: Gun Violence Prevention Vigil, 4 pm-5 pm, Mike & Kate's, 7492 Oxford Ave., Philadelphia 19111.

June 28: TRANSITION SUNDAY.

July 21: Level 1 – Basic Sexual Ethics Workshop, 9 am-3 pm, Conshohocken UMC (20 W. 6th Ave., Conshohocken 19428).

August 14-16: Laity Academy.

September 9-12: Laity Retreat.

October 2-4: Transformational Leadership Conference, “See. Know. Love,” offered by the Vision Table of the NE Jurisdiction at Hershey Inn, Hershey PA.

October 14: East District Day with Bishop Peggy A. Johnson.

October 24: Level 1 – Basic Sexual Ethics Workshop, 9 am-3 pm, Conshohocken UMC (20 W. 6th Ave., Conshohocken 19428).

October 27: East District Clergy Breakfast with the DS, 9 am, location to be determined.

November 10: Order of the Elder Day.

November 14: Adjourned Session of Annual Conference, Hempfield UMC (3050 Marietta Ave., Lancaster PA).

November 20: East District Talent Show, time and location TBD.

Fall date TBA: “Sexual Infidelity Among Clergy Members: Understanding Risk Factors and Prevention from an Attachment Framework,” Advance Level Sexual Ethics workshop, 9 am-3 pm, West Lawn UMC (15 Woodside Ave., Reading 19609).

2016:

May 10-20: General Conference in Portland, Oregon.

June 16-18: Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square.

July 10-15: Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, Lancaster County (PA) Convention Center, Penn Square Marriott Hotel.

2020:

May 5-15: General Conference Minneapolis Convention Center

THIS NEWSLETTER

The E-news is a **weekly electronic newsletter sent to pastors and church offices**. Please forward any pertinent information to lay persons, particularly church officers. E-news is published every Wednesday. Send your items for publication by noon on Tuesday.

Please send your information in the **text of an email or in a Microsoft Word Document**. No brochures or attachments to the E-News will be forwarded.

Any items that are submitted should include the **contact information** so that folks can get in touch with you.

There is **no charge** to you for having information included in the E-News.

Feel free to **clip or copy** any article for your church newsletter and/or bulletin or for other use with your congregation.

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