

EAST DISTRICT E-ALERT FOR August 25, 2016

Editorial Policy of the East District E-Alert:

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONNECTING WITH CHILDREN with CHRIST

When: Saturday, September 10 – Registration begins at 8:30 am; Keynote at 9:15 am

Where: West Lawn UMC, 15 Woodside Avenue, Reading PA 19609

Who's keynoting: **Melanie Gordon**, Director of Children's Ministries for Discipleship Ministries of the UMC, on "What Every Child Should Know"

What: Workshops on including children in worship, Safe Sanctuaries, building an education team, children in the digital age, creative planning, and working with those with special needs, plus worship, resource table, and networking!

Registration Deadline: September 1, 2016. Register online here:

<https://epaumc.churchcenteronline.com/registrations/events/35927>

Cost: \$20 for one person; \$50 for 3-person group from the same church

A flyer and a paper registration form are attached to this E-Alert. For more information, contact Elizabeth Christie at elizabeth.d.christie@gmail.com

MENTOR TRAINING

All East District elders and licensed local pastors who have completed the Course of Study or an M.Div. are invited to attend a Mentor training on **Tuesday, September 20** from **9 am-Noon** at **St. Paul's UMC**, 19 E. Pottsville St., Pine Grove PA. This training, sponsored by the Northwest District, is open to registrants from other districts and will be led by the Revs. Jeff Raffauf and Andy Krpata. The training will also serve as an update on more recent developments in the mentoring process for mentors who have been previously trained. Mentoring other pastors is a rewarding experience for the mentee as well as the mentor. It is a vital relationship for having healthy churches. To register, email the Northwest District Office at ceddy@epaumc.org.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL WEEKEND FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Pastors and congregations are invited to participate in an **October 8th & 9th** weekend event, "**Plugging into the Power of the Holy Spirit**," at **Reeders UMC**, 2167 Rte. 715 & Church Road, Reeders PA 18652. The speaker, **Dr. Stephen Gallaher**, is a professor at Messiah College, the founder/director of "Salt 'n Light" youth ministries, and an Associate Pastor of Preaching at Camp Hill UMC. Details are provided in the four materials – registration form, flyer, news release, and bulletin insert - attached to this E-Alert which can be used to advertise this event in your church newsletter and weekly worship materials. The goal of this event is to renew and invigorate the faith of believers as well as to invite those who seek new life to discover the joy that can be found in Jesus. The hope is that people who attend will return to their own church family with new enthusiasm and commitment to the work of the Kingdom. For more information, contact the Rev. Larry R. Mark at 570-350-3270 or email him at ReachRev@gmail.com.

CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER ORIENTATION SESSIONS ANNOUNCED

Orientation sessions for admission to the Class of 2017 are noted below:

- Monday, September 19 6:30 pm-8:30 pm Asbury UMC, 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown
- Saturday, October 15 10 am-Noon Asbury UMC, 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown

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| • Monday, October 17 | 6:30 pm-8:30 pm | West Lawn UMC, 15 Woodside Ave. Reading |
| • Thursday, October 27 | 6:30 pm-8:30 pm | Conference Office, 980 Madison Ave., Norristown |
| • Saturday, November 5 | 10 am-Noon | Asbury UMC, 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown |
| • Monday, November 28 | 6:30 pm-8:30 pm | West Lawn UMC, 15 Woodside Ave., Reading |
| • Saturday, December 3 | 10 am-Noon | Conference Office, 980 Madison Ave., Norristown |
| • Saturday, December 10 | 10 and-Noon | Asbury UMC, 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown |
| • Saturday, January ?, 2017 | TBA, if needed | |

Contact Judy Ehninger at ehninger@ptd.net or judy.ehninger@gmail.com or 610-965-2290 (home) or 610-442-3140 (cell) to register date/location preference. Each session is two hours in length. Attendance at **one** session is the first step in the admission process, **therefore, a requirement**. All admissions materials and requirements will be reviewed at the session. *Admission materials (application) will not be distributed except at the orientation sessions.*

The **Program Module classes will be held at the Conference office unless otherwise noted. Module classes must be taken in the sequence offered.**

Tentative Module schedule for 2017:

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| • Module 1 | April 28-29 | Friday evening and all day Saturday |
| • Module 2 | June 9-10 | Friday evening and all day Saturday |
| • Module 3 | Sept. TBA | |
| • Module 4 | Nov. TBA | |

CLASSIFIED

INFANT TEACHER NEEDED

Green Lane School of Green Lane UMC, located at 470 Green Lane in the Roxborough section of Philadelphia, needs a teacher immediately for the infant room. The hours are 6:30 am to 1:30 pm, Mondays through Fridays. Applicants must have CDA (Child Development Associate) and clearances (FBI, Child Abuse, Mandated Reporter, Criminal Background). Contact Rita Stebbins, Director, at 215-487-0740 or gldirector2015@gmail.com for more information.

USED SHEET MUSIC AVAILABLE

Neshamony UMC has various used sheet music to give to another church or facility within the Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference. If needed, delivery can be arranged. Contact Neshamony Church office at 215-757-6552 or email Sue Fehrle at suefehrle@comcast.net.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR GARMENTS AVAILABLE

Patty McIntire has some **choir garments** to offer to any church who could use them.

- 12 cottas/surplices (sizes range from older child to teenager)
- 4 red, child-size cassocks
- 2 black cassocks, teen/adult-size
- 1 shiny black choir robe, adult-size
- 1 maroon robe, adult-size
- 1 black robe, adult-size

Call Patty at 215-439-2048 or email her at mcintire7234@msn.com for more information.

DISCIPLE 2 VIDEOS

Since Disciple 2 will go into the new Fast Track format in the Fall of 2017, the congregation of **Christ UMC** in Fairless Hills would like to borrow or rent the current Disciple 2 videos from any church that is not currently using them for the 2016-2017, September to May program year. If you have such videos available, please call the church at 215-943-2343, or email to christunitedmethodist@comcast.net.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Keep the **Rev. Sharon Paul**, retired Southeast District local pastor, in prayer as she recovers from a recent hospitalization. Cards can be mailed to her at 300 East Evans Street, Apt. L153, West Chester PA 19380.

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