

East District E-News

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NOTICE:

The East District office will be closed for the holidays on December 21st and will reopen on January 2nd

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2018 Journal

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference
The United Methodist Church



2018 JOURNAL

Print orders are now available for the 2018 Journal. To place your order, follow the instructions [here](#).

The 2018 Journal can also be accessed [online](#) using the following login credentials:

Username: **east_district**
Password: **journalEPA**

EAST DISTRICT TRIAGE TEAM

Do you have a passion for revitalization without an outlet for it? Then the East District invites you to join this new initiative dedicated to looking more deeply into declining memberships; diagnosing and implementing strategies for smaller church successes. If interested, please contact the East District office.

PRESCHOOL AND CHILD CARE

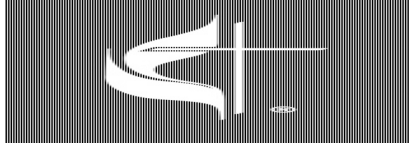
Regarding recent DHS compliance questions revolving around childcare services and preschools in churches, child care licensing consultant (and member of First United Methodist Church of Germantown) Marion Brown has offered her expertise. For more information, please contact the East District office.



Upcoming Events

[Orientation to Ministry](#)

This ministry orientation, required of certified candidates for pastoral ministry, will help you better understand the



diverse ways that you can live out your call in The United Methodist Church.

The next orientation, led by the Rev. Michael Roberts, will be on **Wednesday, December 12**, 10 AM to 12 PM, at Quakertown UMC, 1875 Freier Rd, Quakertown, PA.

[Register Now!](#)

Philadelphia UM Mass Choir Christmas Concert

Join The Philadelphia UM Mass Choir on **Saturday, December 15**, 5 PM, at Mother African Zoar for their Annual Christmas Concert.

There will be a freewill offering that will benefit the Black Methodist Church for Renewal (BMCR) Youth Initiative and Scholarships.

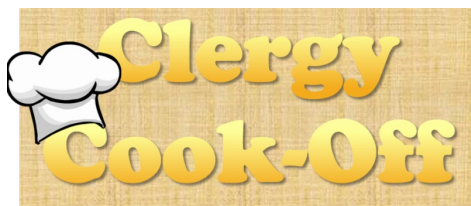


East District Town Hall

In March 2019, Bishop Peggy Johnson will hold special town hall meetings on the four districts to address legislation enacted at the 2019 Special Called General Conference in February. Please save these dates now:

- Mon. March 25, 2019 - 6:30 pm - East District Doylestown United Methodist Church
- Tue. March 26, 2019 - 6:30 pm - North District
- Wed. March 27, 2019 - 6:30 pm - South District
- Thu. March 28, 2019 - 6:30 pm - West District

Locations in other districts will be announced at a later date.



The Clergy Cook-Off returns! From 1 PM to 3 PM on Saturday, **January 19**, Huntingdon Valley United Methodist Church will host a smorgasbord of creations made by our own district clergy. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward the previously mentioned East District Triage Team (official name pending).

If you are interested in preparing a dish, please contact the East District office ASAP!

Training and Workshop Opportunities

Local Pastor Licensing School: Christian Education

If you are interested in Pastoral Ministry as certified and licensed Local Pastor, or a growing church Licensing School Pastor, then you should come to a Licensing School sponsored by the Eastern PA Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. Each major area of study is held at the teaching pastor's church or at the Eastern PA Conference Center.

- Christian Education
- Church Administration: Leading a Congregation

- Pastoral Care
- Congregational Development
- Preaching, Worship, Sacraments

To register, or see dates for all 5 of the segments, view the conference calendar [here](#)

Clergy and Candidacy Mentor Training

Conference-wide training will be offered to all clergy in full connection (including part-time local pastors who have completed the course of study) at Wesley UMC in Bethlehem on **Thursday, December 13**, from 9 AM to 12 PM.

The UMC Book of Discipline requires that all clergy and candidacy mentors be trained and then retrained every four years. This three-hour open training suffices for both but requires advance registration.

Attendees should bring a wi-fi-enabled device (preferably one bigger than a cell phone) to use during the training.

Who needs this training?

- All mentors not trained or retrained in the past four years
- All mentors assigned to a candidate who have not yet taken the training.
- Any clergy who have been given access as a UMCares district administrator.

Wesley UMC is at 2540 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA. To register send an e-mail request to the Rev. Andy Krpata immediately. The training is free and offers .3 CEUs through the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Questions? Call Andy: 267-250-4912



CR/CC Appointment Information Session

February 23, 2019
10:00am to 12:00pm
Cedarville UMC
Registration: Free



This event is for churches and members who are interested in learning more about CR/CC appointments.



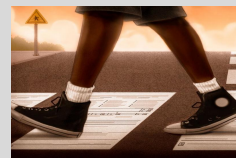
The Art of Preaching

Tuesday, April 9, 2019
8:30am to 1:00pm
Westlawn UMC
Registration: \$20

Presentation and facilitation by Dr. Thomas Long and Catherine Williams, Professor of Preaching and Worship at Lancaster Seminary

Walking With: An African American Experience

May 17-18, 2019
First United Methodist Church of Germantown
Registration: \$15



Facilitator Tracy L. Bass, East DS

This event is a conversation on African American history, including a viewing and discussion of the award-winning documentary, *13th*.

Registration is free but mandatory for attendance, and representatives from ALL East District churches are requested to attend.

Cedarville UMC is located at:
1092 Laurelwood Rd,
Pottstown, PA 19465;
(610) 326-4173)

8:30am – Gathering and breakfast
9:15am – Plenary presentation
10:30am – Break
10:45am – Breakouts
Noon – Lunch

All pastors and persons assigned are encouraged to attend.

Westlawn UMC is located at:
5 Woodside Avenue, West Lawn,
PA. 19609
Phone: 610-678-5611
Fax: 610-927-1225
Email: office@westlawnumc.org

It starts at 6pm on Friday with dinner followed by 13th and discussion until 9pm. We will reconvene the next morning at 8am for breakfast, and resume until 2pm.

4-5 Leaders from each church are encouraged to attend.

FUMCOG is located at: 6001 Germantown Ave Philadelphia, PA 19144 (215) 438-3677

Changing Racism Workshop

In this 3 day workshop participants will learn concrete strategies for:

- Developing skills for addressing and changing attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate bias, discrimination, and other obstacles to equity
- Understanding the personal costs to everyone of system of privilege and disadvantage
- Recognizing institutional racism and other forms of systemic oppression and discrimination that affect members of historically excluded groups
- Changing dysfunctional intraracial and interracial behavior that undermine effective partnerships
- Learning to acknowledge and interrupt the subtle (and often unintentional) dynamics that play out between “modern” forms of oppression and “internalized oppression”.

The event will be held at the Desmond Hotel in Malvern, PA on **April 5-7, 2019**

[Register Now!](#)

Basic Sexual Ethics

Saturday, March 23, 2019

9:30am to 3:00pm

Conshohocken UMC

led by Rev. Wanda Sevey of the Council for Relationships.

Cost is \$35. Lunch is provided.

To register for either Sexual Ethics Workshop, contact Jacqueline Hines at pastorjacquelineumc@gmail.com or 410-963-1721.

Advanced Sexual Ethics

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

9:30am to 3:00pm

Asbury UMC in Allentown

led by Rev. Beverly Andrews and Mrs. Elaine Spanger.

Cost is \$35. Lunch is provided.

Important Dates

Orientation to Ministry

- 12/12/18 at Quakertown UMC

Mentor Training

- 12/13/18, at Wesley UMC (Bethlehem)

Church Budget due

- 12/31/18, emailed to District Office

Phila. UM Mass Choir Christmas Concert

- 12/15/18 at Mother African Zoar

Clergy Cook-Off

- 1/19/19 at Huntingdon Valley UMC

Tools for Ministry

- 3/2/19 at Bensalem UMC

Cross-Racial/Cross-Cultural Session

- 2/23/19 at Cedarville UMC

Eastern PA Conf. Youth Rally

- 3/16/19 at Wesley UMC (Bethlehem)

The Art of Preaching

- 4/9/19 at West Lawn UMC

Annual Conference

- June 13-15, 2019

East District Town Hall Meeting

- 3/25/19 at Doylestown UMC

East District Conference

- 5/5/19 at Glenside Lighthouse Fellowship

Walking With: An African American Experience

- 5/17/19, 6-9pm at FUMCOG
- 5/18/19 8-2pm at FUMCOG,

HOPE! Talks 2.0: Inspiration For Small

Congregations

- 10/19/19