



GRETNA GLEN CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

is near Mt. Gretna, PA is about 15 minutes east of Hershey, PA. Gretna Glen grew from the roots of Mt. Gretna Campmeeting that was founded in 1892 by the United Brethren Church. Many committed, diverse leaders provided for the journey into a new ministry built at our current location in 1959 as a part of The United Methodist Church. We celebrate the wisdom and commitment of those who planned a place for all people to come and find joy in this sacred space.

Our campers and retreat guests are from diverse places and backgrounds. We are grateful for the diverse opportunities that abound from this space and enjoy being about to meet the needs of a variety of children, youth, adult and special needs groups. Gretna Glen's year-round staff, summer staff, and volunteers provide a safe environment that gives opportunities for growth in relationships for self, community and with Jesus Christ.



Young People's Ministries, comprising dual emphases on Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministries, strives to create connections in ministry and fellowship among members of each age-group so they can grow together in Christ, as they discover empowered, fulfilling lives grounded in faith. We focus on faith formation, principled leadership development, mission engagement, communication, cooperation and advocacy. In the process, we seek to cultivate unconditional love, self-worth, and peer support among young people, and to foster their social activism for peace and justice.

We draw our inspiration and ideas from the diverse experiences of youth and of young adults who are active in their churches and communities.

Many activities are planned year-round including youth rallies and other camp gatherings.



ACTIVELY

DISCOVERING

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DIVERSITY

**A WEEKEND RETREAT
MAY 3 -5, 2019
AT GRETNA GLEN
FOR YOUTH IN
GRADES 8 – 12**



www.epaumc.org/ministry/youngpeoples



What is Diversity?

The impact of the answer to this question, reverberates through all our interactions and our relationships. Diversity can create division or inclusion depending on YOU! This weekend is specifically designed to explore the concept of Diversity and Human Relationships.

At the end of the program you will be able to:

- Define Diversity
- Identify where Diversity creates division in your life
- Identify where Diversity creates inclusion in your life
- Practice tools to utilize the power of Diversity in your personal life and relationships

Schedule - May 3rd — 5th, 2019

Friday Night:

- ◆ Registration from 7:00 -7:30 pm ◆ Welcome & Opening Activities
- ◆ Diversity Simulation & Debrief
- ◆ Closing, Snacks, and Hanging Out

Saturday:

- ◆ Morning Devotions
- ◆ Diversity Simulation & Debrief
- ◆ Games reflecting Diversity
- ◆ Diversity Simulation & Debrief
- ◆ Worship Planning by Participants
- ◆ Campfire, Singing, and S'mores!!

Sunday:

- ◆ Intentionally Diverse Worship
- ◆ Closing and leaving by 2:00 pm!

Active participation is essential. Meals will reflect cultural diversity. Bishop Johnson will join us on Saturday.

Cost & Location

Cost is \$95 (a \$20 discount) with available scholarship help if needed. Register on -line at www.gretnaglen.org or call the Gretna Glen office at 717 -273 -6525!

Contact Dave Piltz at dpiltz@epaumc.org or Carlen Blackstone at blackstonec@verizon.net for more information.

Facilitators

[Rev. Dr. Anita Powell](#) currently serves as the Director of Connectional Ministries and has been Central District Superintendent, associate pastor of West Chester UMC, and the founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Open Door in Kennett Square, PA.

[Mr. Dave Piltz](#), is currently the Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries and is a certified trainer, author, consultant, and counselor who has created and implemented diversity training in a variety of settings.

[Ms. Carlen Blackstone](#), a retired high school educator, volunteer camp director, small group leader, and active lay member of Allentown: Asbury UMC, will coordinate the event's activities.