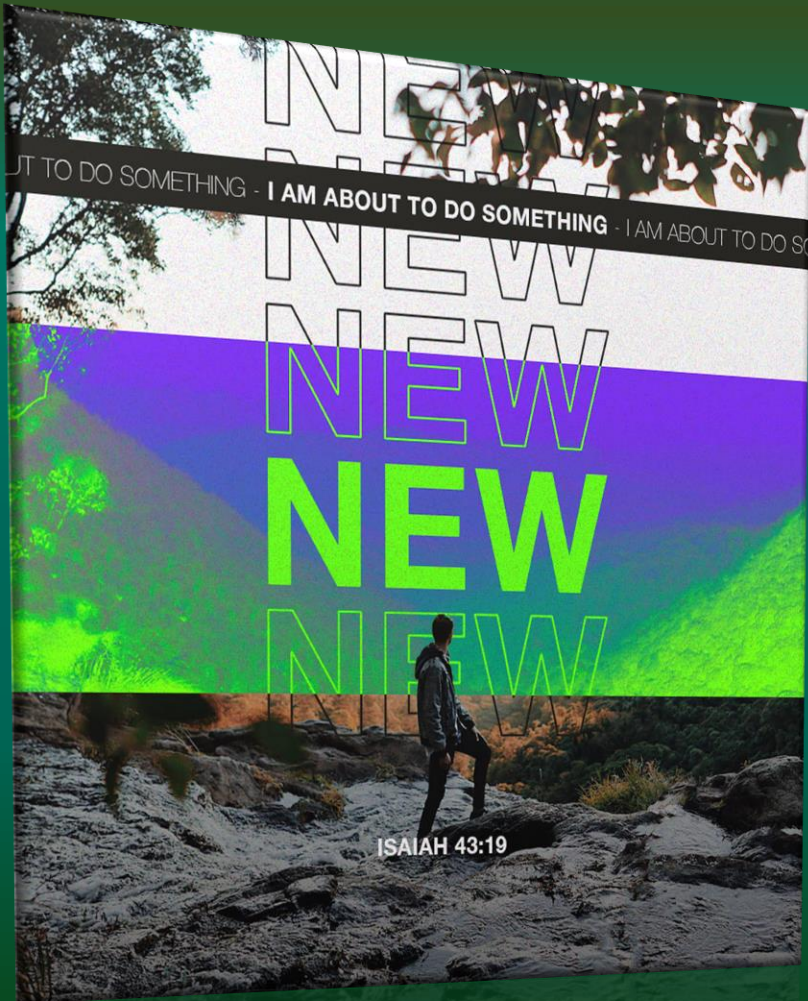


Bishop Visit and District Conference





NEW THING!

**Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference
Bishop Peggy A. Johnson, Fall 2020**

“Behold, I am doing a *new thing*, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”



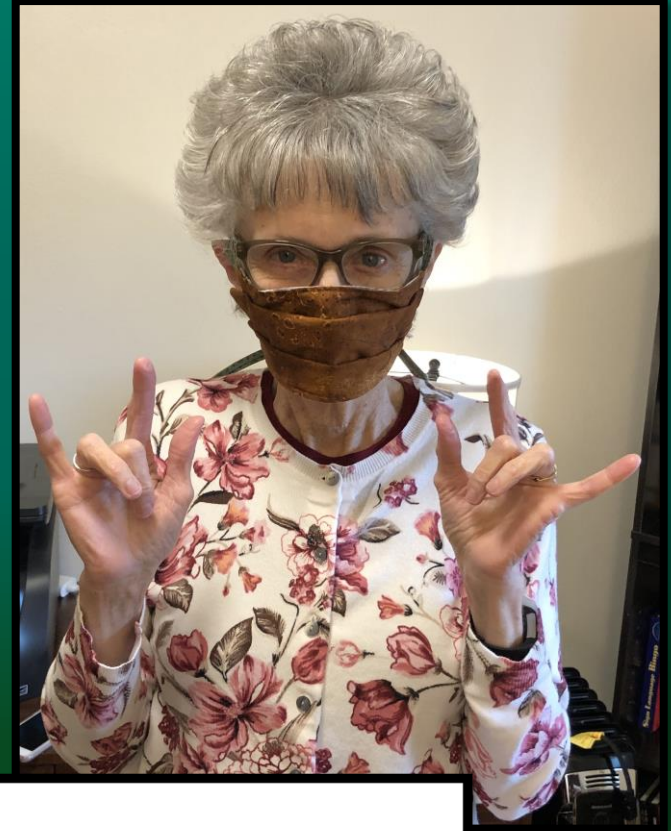
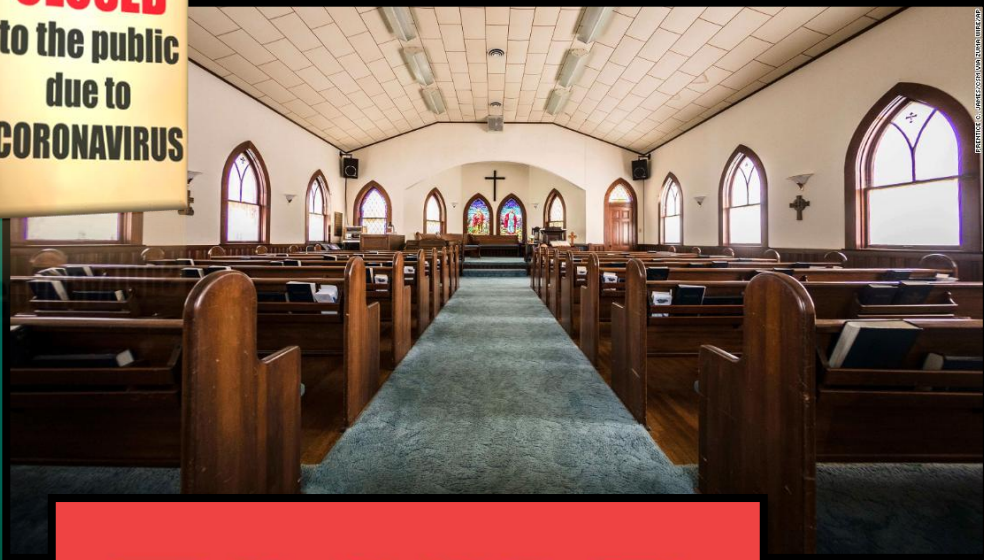
“ I WILL EVEN MAKE
a way in the wilderness,
and RIVERS in the DESERT. ”
isaiah 43 nineteen

This has been a challenging year!



Churches had to adjust

This site is
CLOSED
to the public
due to
CORONAVIRUS



zoom
into**CHURCH**



Sunday Worship

You Tube & **f** **LIVE**
● LIVE

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Ministry continued in the midst of it all



CHURCH REENTRY SIGNAGE

COVID-19 HELP US LIMIT THE SPREAD

PLEASE WEAR FACE MASKS

If you did not bring a face mask, you can find necessary personal protective equipment (PPE) here.

COVID-19 HELP US LIMIT THE SPREAD

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER IF:

1. You have had symptoms of COVID-19, including elevated temperature (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit and above), coughing, shortness of breath, sneezing.
2. You have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.
3. You have higher risk for severe illness (i.e. preexisting health conditions).

COVID-19 HELP US LIMIT THE SPREAD



TO HAVE YOUR
TEMPERATURE TAKEN

New ways of doing ministry has emerged



Urgency to dismantle racism has emerged

**UNITED
METHODISTS
STAND AGAINST
RACISM**

 United Methodist Church
The people of The United Methodist Church
UMC.org/EndRacism



We have learned

- New ways of worshipping

- Parking lots
- Zoom
- You tube and Face Book
- Open air
- Conference calls
- Letters
- New people who have never come to church are watching!

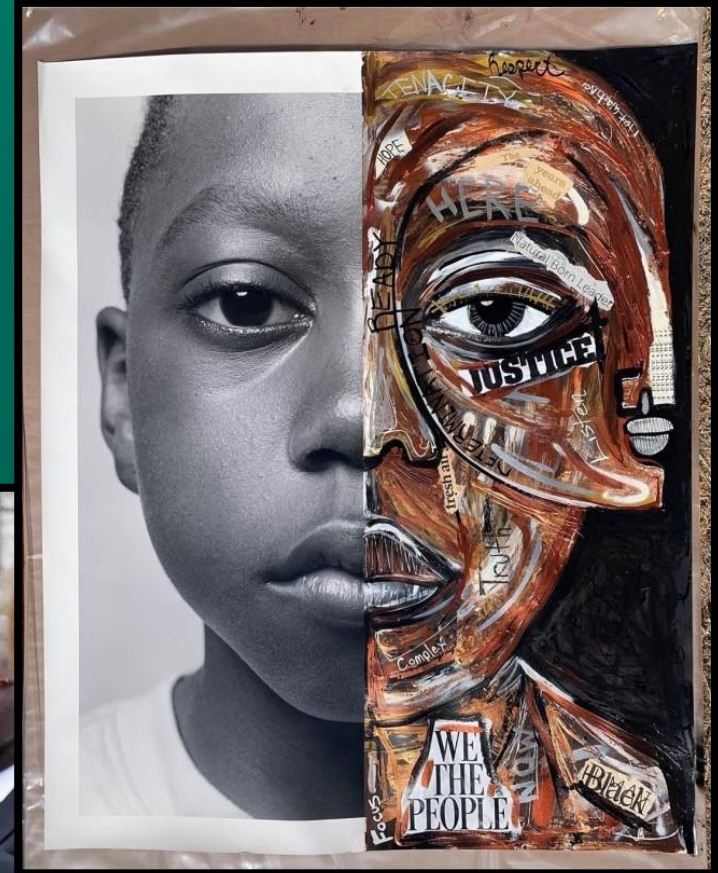
We have learned

- Increased giving to emergency needs and volunteer services
- Disaster response
 - Flooding
 - Hand sanitizer distribution
 - Mask distribution
- New conversations about:
 - Race
 - Community
 - Justice and equality

White privilege and racism needs conversation

DISMANTLING RACISM

PRESSING ON TO FREEDOM



Learn about Racism, White Supremacy, and Institutional Racism in this country and our church

**HOW TO
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Be intentional about changing attitudes, behaviors, practices that exclude, discriminate against, and hurt people of color

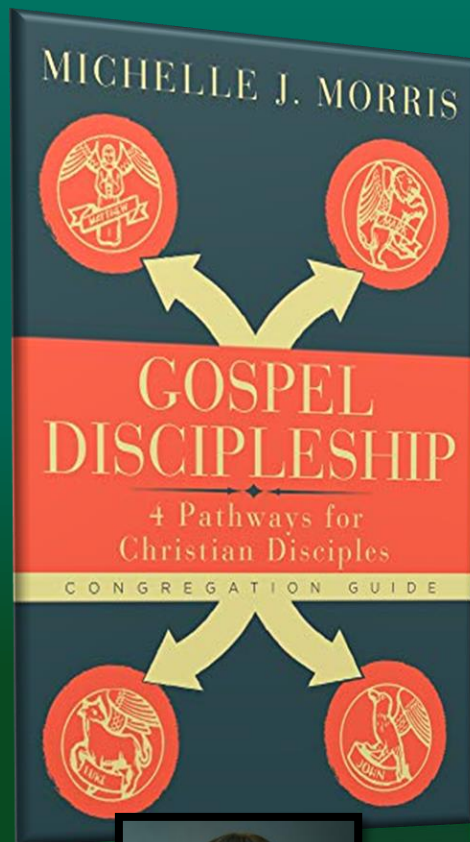
- Read, watch videos, take classes, have a Bible study, become informed
- Have difficult conversations about race and the history of racism in the church



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- Find ways to connect with people of other ethnicities and cultures
- Study the “25 Things a Church Can Do” and the Lay Leader’s Statement (find it on our website)
- Have regular evaluations about how you are doing as a church

Continue the work of discipleship: What is your Gospel?



Matthew - Action oriented

Mark - Holy Spirit led

Luke: - Relationship builder

John - Encouraging mentor

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Annual Conference 2020

NEW DATES!

Suggestion:

MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS!



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Annual Conference 2020

NEW DATES!



Sunday October 4, 2020 at 3 pm
Voting Practice Session (eballot)
and Question & Answer time
for all registered Clergy and
Lay members of conference

You will get an email link for the e-ballot
the day before this event

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There will be satellite locations available for people without WiFi or computer access on **October 4th and October 13th**

You must be pre-registered to attend this satellite location

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Annual Conference 2020 NEW DATES!



Tuesday October 13, 2020

Clergy Session: 9 -11 am

Voting by Zoom Raised Hand and
*9 for people using the phone

THERE WILL BE NO
LAITY SESSION

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Tuesday October 13, 2020

1 – 5 pm

**Annual Conference Business
for Clergy and Lay Members to conference
(Facebook live Streamed for visitors)**

Voting by E-ballot

Satellite locations available

BUSINESS TO BE VOTED ON:

Up and Down
No Debate
No amendments

- 2021 Budget
(relatively flat)
- Equitable Comp (Minimum Salaries)
- Pension and Healthcare
 - Past service rate
 - Retiree Housing (non-taxable)
 - Name of board changing

BUSINESS TO BE VOTED ON:

- Disaffiliation
- Sale of up to plus or minus 50 acres at Camp Innabah
- Property Matters
 - Closures
 - Avondale
 - Gradyville
 - Church of Open Door
- Nominations

Up and Down
No Debate
No amendments

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facebook
LIVE Streaming

Wednesday Oct 14, 2020 at 10 am
Memorial / Communion Service



at Olivet UMC
(by invitation only)

View by Facebook Live Streaming

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Wednesday October 14, 2020 at 2 pm
Service of Commissioning and Ordination



At Olivet UMC
(by invitation only)

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VOTING DELEGATES: YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL LINK (e-ballot) cast your vote on the day before. You must attend the session to cast your vote. No mail in voting. There will be satellite locations upon request.

NON-VOTING DELEGATES: YOU MAY VIEW CONFERENCE PROCEEDING BY FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMING (LINK ON CONF. WEBSITE)

2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

(Subject to change)

Annual Conference

Thursday May 20 – Saturday May 22, 2021

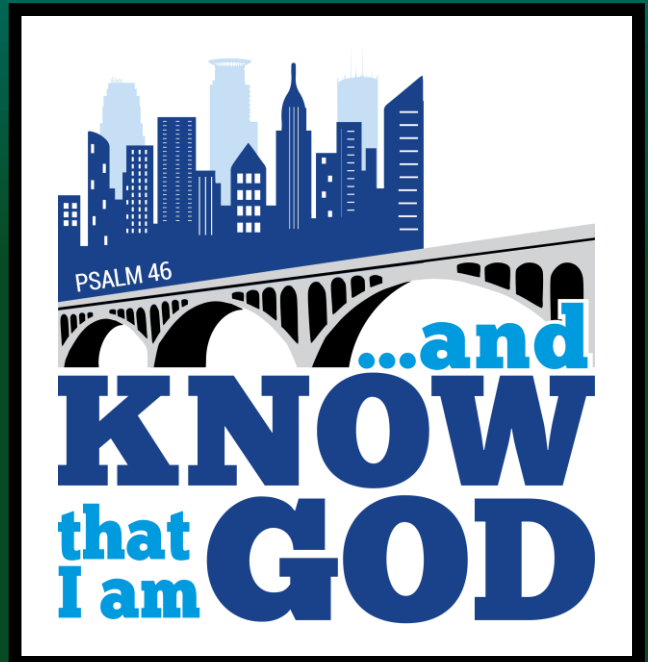
Oaks Convention Center



2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

(Subject to change)

Postponed General Conference
August 29 – September 7, 2021
Minneapolis, MN



2021 DATES TO REMEMBER

(Subject to change)

Postponed NE Jurisdictional Conference
November 8 – 12, 2021
Hunt Valley, MD



Offering Time: Payroll support



Ways to give:

- Send a check to Eastern PA AC at PO Box 820, Valley Forge, PA 19482 (write: “camp” in the memo line)
- Use website “giving page” on conference website: www.epaumc.org (choose “camp” in the menu)
- Use your church remittance portal (#302)
- Use Text-to-Give at: 610-463-0244 (use CAMP – Camp Retreat Ministry)

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

