

Joyce Anderson (kneeling) is commissioned toward Elders Orders at the 2011 Service of Ordination. Assisting in the commissioning are (left to right) William Gary George, Ben Hartley, Bishop Johnson, Bishop Trimble and Mary White. Photo by Rev. Jim Mundell.

2011 Annual Conference Summary

BY SUZY KEENAN

Nearly 1,000 members of The Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference met May 19-21, 2011 at the Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA, with the theme, "Journeying with the Poor."

Laity Session on the morning of May 19 featured keynote speaker, Rev. Joseph Daniels, Jr., pastor at Emory United Methodist Church in Washington D.C., who spoke on being the REAL church (relevant, enthusiastic, authentic, and loving).

Opening Worship, organized by the young adult clergy of the Annual Conference, started with a procession led by members of the Wings of Victory Praise Dance Ministry including Ms. Gladys Banks (100 years old) and Miss Felicity Guepet (6 weeks old) accompanied by her mother, the choreographer, Rev. Monica Guepet. Mrs. Jennifer Berry-McNulty, a young adult from First United Methodist Church of Germantown preached on "Jesus vs. Superheroes." She said, "Jesus knew the poor. No condescending handouts for him! Jesus lived among the poor." She added, "Would you be willing to spend a single week with a mother on welfare? What would it take for each of us to realize that poverty is

not simply a lack of money - it is a prison!" She challenged listeners, "Christians are charged with loving injustice out of existence."

Rev. Lillian Smith introduced Kathleen Cramer, ambassador for the Black College Fund. The conference also welcomed Gary Harke, executive director of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, and Stephen Drachler, executive director of UM Advocacy in Pennsylvania, a leader in the Fast for Pennsylvania's Vulnerable.

Rev. Rudy Rasmus led three teaching sessions at the 2011 Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. "If people matter, then we look at the challenges in today's economy. I realized something. I have to trust God! I have to trust God for the poorest in our community," Rasmus said. He accentuated that things need to change, that the church has lost its place of influence in our communities, and often stands as walled fortress, with, "everyone right on the inside, and everyone wrong on outside." Rasmus said, "We love God with our heart, mind, soul strength - but we have trouble loving our neighbor as ourselves." He also emphasized, "The church has become boring as heck!" Rasmus relies on the younger membership in his church to keep him culturally relevant.

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August

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, AUGUST 5-7

2011 Laity Academy: Growing, Sharing and Living Our Faith: 28th Annual Academy for Laity at the Sheraton Bucks County, 400 Oxford Road, Langhorne, PA 19047. Invite lay persons from your church: See page 8 for more information. Classes fill up quickly. Contact Brenda Tildon, Dean of the Academy, 302-836-8553, brennatildon@aol.com.



September

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

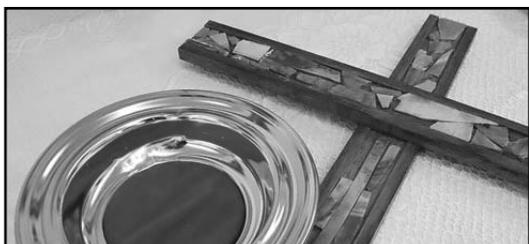
Installation Service for Northwest District Superintendent Gary Nicholson: 7:00 p.m. at Lickdale: Trinity UMC, Fisher Avenue, Route 72, Jonestown, PA 17038. All are welcome!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Elisabeth von Trapp in Concert: at Tindley Temple at 4:00 p.m. For more information on Elisabeth's concert at Tindley Temple UMC, 750 South Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19146, call (215) 735-0442.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Stewardship Training Event: from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hopewell UMC in Downingtown. <https://www.epaumc.org/events/calendar/stewardship-CLIMB>. See page 3.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Installation Service for Central District Superintendent Anita Adams Powell: 4:00 p.m. at Berwyn UMC, 140 Waterloo Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312. All are welcome!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Covenant Discipleship Workshop: Newark United Methodist Church. Cost is \$25 per person up to six individuals per congregation. If more than six attend from a single congregation, the cost is \$160 for the whole group. More info: www.newark-umc.org. See page 11.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Installation Service for Southeast District Superintendent Thomas C. Haugh: 3:00 p.m. at Saint Daniel's

United Methodist Church, 315 Edwards Street, Chester, PA 19013. All are welcome!

October

SUNDAY – MONDAY, OCTOBER 9-10

Pennsylvania Anti-Poverty Summit II: featuring Shane Claiborne, bestselling author, prominent Christian activist, sought-after speaker, and recovering sinner, founding partner of The Simple Way. Learn how your church can become a center of life and hospitality in your community, and how to transform your church into a Saving Station for persons living in spiritual and physical poverty. Register online at www.umadvocacy.org. For more information: info@umadvocacy.org or 717-236-6363.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

"Elders Befriending Elders" retreat: The Order of Elders is having a retreat for Elders with the theme: "Elders Befriending Elders: Nurturing Collegial Friendships" It will be held on October 18, 2011 from 9:30-3:00 at the Jesuit Center in Wernersville and led by Sharon Vandegrift. For more information, contact Rev. Nancy Haigh Ross, Quakertown United Methodist Church, 1875 Freier Road, Quakertown, PA 18951; pastor.nancy@yahoo.com.

November

WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2-3

Basic Coach Training for Clergy: See page 9 for more information.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER, 11-13

Exploration 2011: Passion and possibilities – ordained ministry in the UM Church! A 3-day event in St. Louis, Missouri, for 18-26 year olds who are exploring a call to ordained ministry. For more information and to register online: www.gbhem.org/exploration.

January 2012

TUESDAY – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10-12

Bishop's Mid-Winter Retreat: for clergy and spouses at Clarion Hotel, Ocean City, MD Registration will open in mid-August.

April 2012

TUESDAY – FRIDAY, APRIL 24 – MAY 4

General Conference: Tampa, FL http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4KnN1Lth/b.6171105/k.1E2E/General_Conference_2012.htm.

May 2012

THURSDAY – SATURDAY, MAY 17 – 19

2012 Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Philadelphia Expo Center, Oaks, PA.

July 2012

WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY, JULY 18-20

Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference: Charleston, WV. www.nejumc.org

In Memoriam

Mrs. Florence (Flossie) Hunsberger

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Florence (Flossie) Hunsberger, who passed away on May 6, 2011. She was the widow of the Rev. David Hunsberger, and was a resident of Heritage Towers.

Flossie Hunsberger served on the staff of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference as Bookkeeper from 1975-1990. She also served as a member of the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits.

Rev. Hunsberger served appointments beginning in 1947: in the Southern New Jersey Conference he served West Berlin and Lucaston; Paulsboro: Billingsport; Pleasantville: Mt. Pleasant; Mullica Hill and Jefferson; Centerton Circle; and Jacobstown Circle. He went on Honorable Location in 1969, and then served the following appointments in Eastern Pennsylvania: Minersville; Llewellyn; Morgantown; Goodwill; Spring City; and Mont Clare: Otterbein. He retired in 1991, and died in 2010.

A celebration of life service was held on Sunday, July 3, 2011.

She is survived by her children, Ruth Groves (wife of Rev. Lester Groves), and David Hunsberger.

Condolences may be sent to Ruth Groves, 104 Church Road, Elverson, PA 19520, or David Hunsberger, 6671 Girvin Drive, Oakland, CA 94611-1629.

As a tribute to Dave and Flossie Hunsberger, you can help purchase two memorial benches. The first is to be located on the boardwalk at Ocean Grove, NJ, and the other is to be placed in a park along the Perkiomon Creek. Please send contributions to Doylestown United Methodist Church, 320 East Swamp Road, Doylestown, PA 18901. Mark your check "Hunsberger Memorial."

Mrs. Margaret Beistline

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Margaret Beistline, widow of Rev. Allen R. Beistline. She passed away on May 2, 2011.

Rev. Beistline served the following appointments beginning in 1965: Birdsboro: Christ; Birdsboro: Christ and Focht Memorial; Birdsboro: Focht Memorial. He died in 1985.

A funeral service was held on May 6, 2011.

She is survived by her children: Allen R. Beistline Jr., Dennis E. Beistline, Randy L. Beistline, Karen S. Libey, Pamela J. Reed and Jenifer E. Bowden.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family in care of Mr. Allen R. Beistline Jr., 108 Cocalico Road, Robeson, PA 19551-9801.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Music Ministries at Alice Focht M.U.M. Church, PO Box 265, Birdsboro, PA 19508.

Mrs. Anna W. Mennig

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Anna W. Mennig, 94, of Elizabethtown, PA, who passed away on Thursday, April 7, 2011, at the Masonic Village. She was the wife of the late Rev. Linton F. Mennig, who died in July 2001.

Rev. Mennig served the following appointments beginning in 1937: Philadelphia: 19th Street; Belmont Hills: Ashland Avenue; Peach Bottom: Mr. Zion; Peach Bottom: Pleasant Grove; Llewellyn; Pine Grove; Catasauqua; Slatedale; Phila: Bridesburg; Royersford; Sharon Hill; Phila: Berry-Long Memorial; Bird-in-Hand; and Intercourse. He retired in 1980.

A Memorial Service was held on Monday, April 11.

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A Word from the Bishop

The Gift of Ordination

One of my high privileges as a bishop of The United Methodist Church is ordaining persons for ministry. One of the highlights of annual conference every year is the ordaining and commissioning of new persons for ministry. Like our baptism, ordination is God's gift to the Church. God acts and we respond to the divine call to ministry fulfilling the promises made at our baptism. Ordination is not an office we choose, as much as it is a divine gift that we humbly accept. We do not choose to serve Christ. Christ chooses us and calls us into service. Ordination is not a career path, because we are not in control. Ordination is not pursued in order to obtain ecclesiastical upward mobility. The best appointments are the places where God needs us the most. Ordination is not for personal prestige; it is a call to become the servant of all in order to bring salvation to a world in need.

There is no such thing as a "United Methodist" ordination, but there are those who receive Christian ordination to serve within The United Methodist Church. Likewise there is no "United Methodist" baptism; there is only Christian baptism. Ordination is also a Christian rite. This is why the ordination of other recognized Christian bodies is recognized by The United Methodist Church. Sisters or brothers in ministry of other denominations are not re-ordained. Rather they are recognized as those who are called to serve in The United Methodist Church where they have chosen to become members. We do not recognize every ordination from any religious body, just as others do not necessarily recognize our ordination.

An ordained United Methodist pastor cannot be

a member of another denomination. Whereas a lay person can hold more than one church membership at a time, the membership of the ordained clergy rests in an annual conference and cannot have dual memberships in other denominations. One cannot be ordained in another denomination and be an ordained United Methodist simultaneously. If a United Methodist pastor wishes to become a pastor in another denomination, that pastor must withdraw from United Methodist ministry in order to unite with the other denomination. If an ordained person is a member of The Baptist Convention or any other denomination, for example, he or she is not permitted to be an ordained member of a United Methodist Conference at the same time. Judicial Council decision #696 from October 1993 ruled against the possibility of dual membership for clergy. The Rev. Dr. William Farmer, for instance, wanted to be both a Roman Catholic and a United Methodist, but the Judicial Council ruled that there are no provisions for such dual membership for clergy. Moreover, paragraph #303.5 in *The Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church reads: "In keeping with ancient Christian teaching and our Wesleyan tradition, we affirm that ordination for the same, or equivalent order, is not repeatable."

Paragraph #305 in *The Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church, reminds us that through our baptism all members of the Church are commissioned to ministries of love, justice and service within local congregations and the larger communities in which they live. All who follow Jesus have a share in the ministry of Jesus. From within our communities of faith some have been called to

the ministry of a Deacon. Deacons are ordained to Word and Service and given authority to connect the church's ministry into the world. Also, out of the baptized, God calls some to the ministry of an Elder. Elders are ordained to the ministries of Word, Sacrament, Order and Service.

The Judicial Council is like the supreme court of The United Methodist Church. On May 10, 2000 the Judicial Council Decision #886 states: "*The Discipline* is the law of the Church which regulates every phase of the life and work of the Church. As such, annual conferences may not legally negate, ignore or violate provisions of *The Discipline* with which they disagree, even when the disagreements are based upon conscientious objections to those provisions."

Peggy A. Johnson



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Anna is survived by her daughters: Barbara Ann and Carol Lynne, seven grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Bird-in-Hand United Methodist Church, 2620 Old Philadelphia Pike, P.O. Box 408, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505.

For the complete obituary and book of condolences, go to: <http://obits.lancasteronline.com/index.php?p=2683409>

The Rev. Jack Rule

Word has been received of the death of the Rev. Jack Rule, 84, retired local pastor, who died Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at the Health Center of Cornwall Manor.

Rev. Rule served numerous churches for over 40 years, including, in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference: Landenberg, McMichaels, Neola, Wind Gap; First, Belfast; Wesley, and Portland, as well as churches in Iowa and Illinois. He retired in 1991. Most recently he served in adult ministry at Effort United Methodist Church.

His funeral service was held on Friday March 25.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Catharine Ruth Rule; his sons, John A. Rule and Robert A. Rule, and grandchildren: Kevin, Kimberly, Lindsay, David and Stephen.

Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Catharine Rule, 301 Fern Circle, Lebanon, PA 17042.

Memorial donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Effort United Methodist Church, P O Box 545, Effort, PA 18330.

Stewardship workshop set for the fall



If you've ever wondered how you were going to fully fund important ministries in your church, if you've wished your congregation understood stewardship more as a spiritual issue than a question of money, then you will want to attend the C.L.I.M.B. Stewardship workshop on Saturday, September 17th, from 9 am to 3 pm at Hopewell UMC in Downingtown. Sponsored by the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, this workshop brings stewardship specialists from Horizons Stewardship, the organization headed by J. Clif Christopher, author of *It's Not Your Parents' Offering Plate*, to share with us their expertise in creating a culture of gratitude, prayer and faith.

C.L.I.M.B. is a spiritually based process that views financial stewardship from a different perspective. This process will help you and your congregation move from talking about money to ministry, from focusing on management to discernment and from a concern with basic needs to fulfilling God's vision for your ministry. Watch your congregation grow to

higher levels of generosity as you implement the process. Using the acronym C.L.I.M.B., the process focuses on a Clear and Compelling vision, Leadership development, Inspiration and Boldly asking. Scott McKenzie, Sr. Vice President with Horizons, and Kristine Miller, CFRE,

will lead the program. Prior to joining Horizons Stewardship, Scott was a UM pastor and Director of Stewardship for the Western Pennsylvania Conference. He holds a Ph.D. in spiritual formation from Duquesne University in addition to his M.Div. from United Theological Seminary. Kristine is a nationally recognized expert in the field of nonprofit organizational leadership and development, and holds an M.B.A. from Northern Illinois University.

Save September 17 on your calendar to attend this important event. The registration fee will include the cost of lunch. Churches are encouraged to bring a team of people including pastors, finance chairs, stewardship chairs, treasurers and other lay leaders. It's time to stop raising money and start developing a culture of stewardship where we discern God's call for our congregations and motivate people to gratefully and prayerfully support the ministries that can make disciples who will transform the world for Jesus Christ. Watch for more information and registration materials later this summer.



Tracy Brown Promoted to Operations Manager

The Mid-Atlantic United Methodist Foundation, a leader in stewardship and investment services, is pleased to announce the promotion of Tracy Brown to the newly established position of Operations Manager. In her new role she will be responsible for all operational functions of the Founda-



TRACY BROWN

tion including, account administration, cash management, and accounts receivable. She will report to Jack Brooks, Executive Director of the Foundation. Tracy joined the Foundation in April of 2008 as an Executive Assistant. Since that time the Foundation has experienced substantial growth in new investment assets, church client relationships, and stewardship education programs. During the past year the Foundation completed a merger with the Baltimore Washington Stewardship Center and Foundation creating an extensive stewardship and investment resource serving the Eastern Pennsylvania, Peninsula, and Baltimore Washington Annual Conferences of The United Methodist Church.

"Tracy has made many significant contributions to our organization during her time with the Foundation, particularly this past year during the merger process" said Brooks. "As we continue our exciting growth and development, Tracy will help us to honor our core commitments to our most important resource - the client Church."

Prior to joining the Foundation, Tracy Managed the Accounts Receivable/Credit Department for XYAN Corporation of King of Prussia Pennsylvania. Tracy received her Bachelor of Science degree cum laude from Villanova University. She resides in Phoenixville PA with her husband Bill and children Julia and Gina.

The Mid-Atlantic United Methodist Foundation is a leader in stewardship and investment services for area United Methodist Churches. The Foundation's focus is on the administration of endowments, establishment of planned gifts, and management of socially responsible investments in accordance with United Methodist principals for the benefit of future Christians. For more information please visit www.midatlanticfoundation.org.

Missional Strategy at La Trinidad



The congregation of La Trinidad numbers more than 100 persons for Sunday worship.

BY IRVING COTTO

Recently La Trinidad United Methodist Church in Allentown, PA. has engaged in a missional strategy involving home bible studies. Under the leadership of Rev. Angel Lopez, several homes have become a mission outpost engaging people in worship, study, fellowship and service.

It all started with an answer to prayer; actually a healing prayer. Brother Felix slipped into a coma during a serious illness. After learning about this incident, La Trinidad started a prayer chain which lasted several weeks. Praise God, the man was healed! And because of his deep sense of gratitude to God and for this congregation not only did he open his home for a bible study, but committed himself to coordinate weekly home bible studies among the other members of his huge family of at least 70 relatives. Brother Felix has coordinated weekly home services among 20 families. Pastor Angel prepares and leads

the bible study, but in his own words, "I don't have to worry about finding a new home each week; this brother tells where and what family".

The home bible studies are based on Rick Warren's *A Purpose Driven Life*. Pastor Lopez and his wife, Madeline, are presently leading three faith communities. Three other trained Lay Missioners are also learning, and observing until the next chance to be in front of a faith community.

Worship is at 100 in attendance. Friday Bible school involves at least 50 people, all ages represented; this approach to Sunday School came

about because of the limited time on Sundays; this has allowed them to not only recruit more people but also to offer a better quality of teaching.

Nevertheless, the greatest challenge that La Trinidad is facing is common to many congregations of all backgrounds these days: finances. Although they have tried to improve their financial situation it is still before them. People have begun tithing more; and they are making greater efforts to meet their apportionment obligations.

A series of church council meetings has addressed this matter, and people are slowly but surely beginning to respond. An "Institute on Mission and Stewardship" is planned for the fall. Resources that appeal to Latino church culture are also being identified.

Please pray for La Trinidad and its pastor, but not only pray, consider La Trinidad as your mission project. There are just too many families of Latino origin that need to know the love of Christ and to be a part of the fellowship of La Trinidad.

Conference expands online communications ministry

OurChurchVideos.com (OCV), leader in "Online Video Evangelism" has recently partnered with the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church to provide its three main services to strategically help expand conference communications.

OCV works with more than twenty conferences of the United Methodist Church as well as countless congregations around the country.

OurChurchVideos.com recently provided the "Live Stream" for the 2011 Eastern Pennsylvania Annual Conference, the "Media Library" that is part of the conference website as well as OCVsocial, a

Facebook Fan Page customization that included the live streaming as well as the media library.

All three of the OurChurchVideos.com communications services utilized by the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference are available to conference churches at discount pricing. OurChurchVideos.com works with many churches that utilize Live Streaming to broadcast weekly church services to homebound and out-of-town congregations.

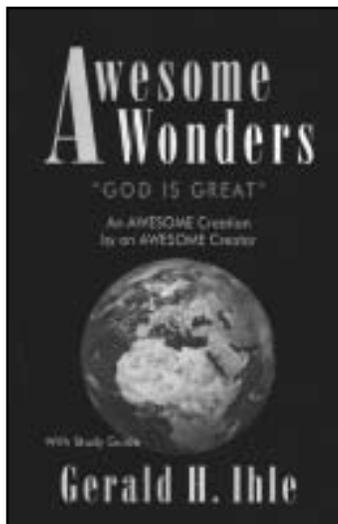
These archived videos and other videos uploaded to the Media Library provide an in-depth look into the life of the church. OCVsocial, the newest frontier in church communications, takes advantage

of the power of direct, social communication through Facebook and other social media outlets.

For more information on how your church can reach out via videostreaming, go to [www. OurChurchVideos.com](http://www.OurChurchVideos.com), or call at 1-800-381-8321. For discounted pricing for EPA Conference churches, go to: <http://www.epaumc.org/news/stories/new-video-gallery>.



New 2011 publication of science focused Bible study



BY GERALD H. IHLE
AWESOME WONDERS
 "GOD IS GREAT"
 AN AWESOME CREATION
 BY AN AWESOME GOD

AWESOME WONDERS is a 9 week Bible study book with a SCIENCE focus about the awesome world and universe about us that provide evidences for believers of an awesome Creator.

The Study Guide provides provocative discussion questions for groups exploring an appreciation of the observations and discoveries that

previous generations were unable to observe without modern science and technology.

"God is great! God is good!" is the theme of this book. Focus is on the creedal statement "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord."

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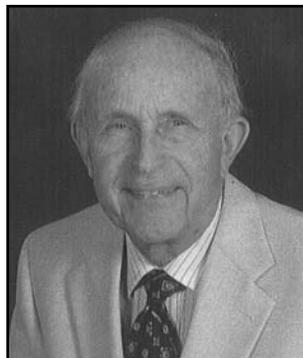
1. Jesus Christ, Awesome Wonder from Heaven
2. Prayer is awesome
3. Nature's Wonders
4. Creatures of Land, Sea, and Air
5. Small is awesome
6. The Human Body
7. The Universe
8. The Awesomeness of Heaven
9. God is awesome.

"The debates this book fosters are intended to be healthy ones. Awesome Wonders is not exhaustive in its survey of the nature of God and His created and creative nature. But it is highly stimulating and provides 'healthy, energized flesh' for what have been 'dry bones' affirmation of God as Creator," said L. Larry Wenger,

Science Teacher, in the book's forward.

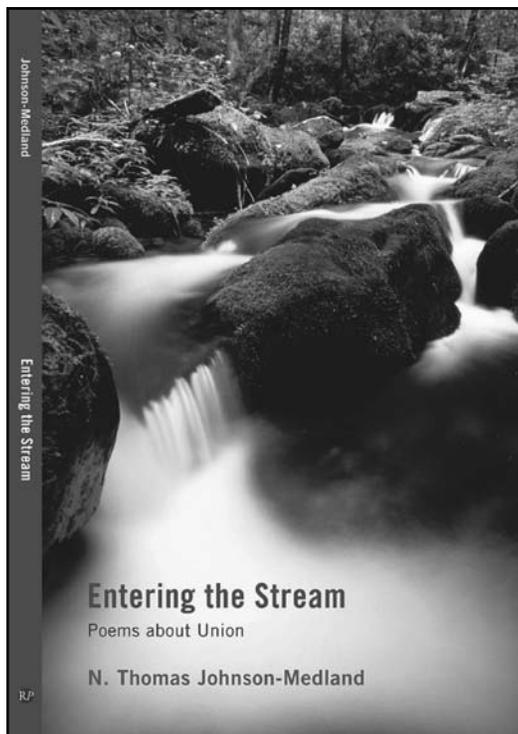
GERALD H. IHLE was a United Methodist pastor for 43 years in Eastern Pennsylvania. He is the author of 3 Bible Study books Who does God pray to? - Trinity Language complicates simple Truth; See How Jesus handled Rejection! which has also been translated and published in Indonesia; and also See How Jesus used Power! A graduate of Moravian College and The Theological School at Drew University, he also does photography exhibits. Jerry and his wife, Janet, have two sons and a daughter and four grandchildren.

For more information see www.cokesbury.com.



The Rev. Gerald Ihle

"Entering the Stream"



Entering the Stream, a book of poems by Tom Johnson-Medland, has been published by Wipf and Stock Publishers. This series of poems deals with ways in which we enter into and are entered into by life, reality, and the Creative Father. Johnson-Medland is Food Services Manager and Head Cook for

Pocono Plateau Camp and Retreat Center.

Below is a portion of the introduction from Entering the Stream:

It is not by chance that the two sacramental rites within Christianity that have the deepest roots in the gathered community over time—reaching down into the loam of our existence—are Baptism and Eucharist. The first—the initiation rite—is about dissolving into God and His mercy and forgiveness. We enter into Him and the fullness of His Kingdom. We are overwhelmed by the waters and emerge a new creature. The second—the continuation rite—is about God dissolving into us. He enters us bringing the fullness of His Kingdom. We ingest God (depending upon your theology) in either image or fact and we emerge a new creature. We are swallowed up by God. We swallow up God.

Entering the Stream is available on www.cokesbury.com.

Read about Tom's published poems in his blog: <http://tjmpublishedpoems.posterous.com/>.

An excerpt from "A Feathered Wing"

*The dipping of a feathered wing
 into the snow
 into the hill
 has caused a stirring in my heart.*

29th Annual Academy for Laity August 3-5, 2011

The Academy for Laity, over three days, will feature exciting courses for learning and leadership. Bishop Peggy Johnson will present a special message for Laity on Friday evening. Laity will also have an Encounter with John Wesley, through a presentation by the Rev. Dr. Alfred Maloney on Saturday evening, and will hear the preaching of Christ Servant Minister Victor Pronesti on Sunday morning.

"We are looking forward to another year of learning, witness, and fellowship," said Brenda Tildon, Dean of the Academy. "Make a new friend, tell someone your story and give us your feedback so we can make each year better."

Here is this year's exciting line-up of courses:

- **Healing the Wounds of Racism:** The class will identify the difference between personal prejudice and institutional racism. We will discuss the effects of race and racism that touch our lives every day. You will learn the roots of racism and how some began to be called "white" in America. There will be an opportunity for honest conversation about racism and the result may mean new friends. You will be challenged to deepen your awareness of the "other" people in your surroundings while acknowledging God's presence and desire for us to create a "Beloved Community". You may laugh and you may weep during this process. Required reading, *There is a River* by Vincent J. Harding.
- **Basic Christ Servant Ministry (CSM) Course:** Participants will explore God's call in their lives as they take the first step toward becoming a Local Church Servant and ultimately a Christ Servant Minister. This journey involves reading and reflection, Bible Study and the use of a journal. Registrants are required to complete assignments from a Basic Course Manual prior to the Academy. The cost of the manual is \$5.00 payable with your registration. Registrants are also required to submit a letter of recommendation signed by their pastor.
- **"Confusion of Faith or Confession of Faith?":** This course will explore the theological and doctrinal heritage of Wesleyan Methodism. Our time together will include: background on John and Charles Wesley; the distinctive Wesleyan understanding of grace as prevenient, justifying and sanctifying; the meaning and place of our doctrinal standards; and the meaning of the sacraments. Special attention will be given to practical tools for teaching and preaching in the local church, comparisons with the teaching of other denominations, and the power of hymnody and worship to shape our people's understanding and practice of the faith.
- **The Basic Course in Lay Speaking:** The focus throughout the weekend will be upon preaching with the goal of enhancing each participants speaking skills. The participants will gain a theological understanding of preaching and the roles of lay speaking in the Wesleyan tradition, learn how to listen to a text as Biblical preaching is examined, explore matters of sermon resources preparation and delivery, experience the art of storytelling and view and critique sermons by master preachers.
- **Creating Healthy Congregations:** The church family is a system whose individual parts are connected and related in a way that influences the general health of the entire congregation. How healthy is your church family? Would you consider your church family to be spiritually and emotionally fit? What are the stressors? Can you recognize the dysfunctional dynamics within your church? How do you manage behaviors that negatively impact the congregation? In this course, the students will examine the basic principles of family systems and apply them in ways to facilitate spiritual and emotional well-being in congregational life.
- **The Gift of Prayer:** Prayer is at the center of our spiritual lives, as we seek to be more deeply connected with our true selves and with God. In this class, participants will explore common understandings and personal experiences of prayer, and have an opportunity to practice different forms of prayer such as: breath prayer, praying with scripture (lectio divina), prayer journaling, walking meditation and others. Participants are encouraged to bring a Bible, journal, and pen.
- **The Implications of Small Group Ministries:** This class will discuss the essentials of small group ministries. It will inform you of the 10 commandments of small group ministries and discuss the levels of interpersonal sharing within small groups.

For more information, or to register, contact Brenda Tildon, brendatildon@aol.com or 302-836-8553, or go to: <http://www.epaumc.org/news/stories/laity-academy>.



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Pastor Rudy preached from 1 Corinthians 13, and noted especially verse 3: "If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." Rasmus is author of TOUCH: Pressing Against the Wounds of a Broken World, a book on how to touch the lives of "the least of these" in our own communities. (www.cokesbury.com) All three teaching sessions are available free of charge online in the Conference's new video gallery: www.ourchurchvideos.com/19482/epaumc.

In a Service of Recognition, the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference honored twenty-two retiring clergy: Lee F. Adams, Robert A. Bailey, Michele Wright Bartlow, Edward L. Bean, Cookie F. L. Bracey, Susan Cole, David R. Cramp, Herbert N. Gibbons, Edward C. Goodley, Cecile J. Grantham, James R. Hallam, Sandra L. Hargrove, Howard W. Milton, Jr., David C. Nissly, Sally W. Ott, Robert A. Pope, Thomas Ross, Richard S. Sarley, John T. Truitt, H. Joe Tyson, Charles E. Weigel, Jr., and Donald R. Williams. In a symbolic moment, Rev. Michele Wright Bartlow, representing the 2011 class of retirees, passed the mantle of ministry to Rev. Jonathan Wesley Hall, representing the 2011 Class of Ordinands. The retirees anointed and prayed with those who were to be commissioned or ordained.

On the evening of Friday, May 20, the Service of Ordination included the preaching of Bishop Julius Trimble, Iowa Area of the United Methodist Church. "I came to bring you a word of encouragement," he said. "You are not called to save the church, but to serve this present age. Take risks on behalf of the marginalized and be gentle with yourself." He added, "What a privilege it is to be in ministry, and what a privilege it is to bring the love of God to a hurting world." One person was commissioned toward Deacon's orders: Tiffany Lynn Bidwell. Seven persons were commissioned toward Elders orders: Joyce Anderson, Christopher Eden, Daniel Lebo, Gary Lefever, Ethel Guy, Kevin Rutledge, and Eric Yeakel. Two persons were ordained Deacons: Jane McCarthy and Stephanie Brown Wilson. Three persons were ordained Elders: Tracy Ann Duncan, Jonathan Wesley Hall, and Joseph W. Hodges III. The Elders orders of two persons were recognized: Reginald A. Monte, Jr., and Michael Roberts, Sr.

On the morning of Saturday, May 21, the Memorial Service honored deceased bishops, clergy, and spouses. Bishop Peggy Johnson preached in a sermon entitled, "Blessed Comfort," quoting Jesus from the Beatitudes that "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." Noting the strange irony one after another in this passage, "this blessed or happy is not the happy of a funny movie or good meal, but is the deep abiding joy that depends on an invisible faith thing." Bishop Johnson urged us to live and carry on the example the faithful lives of those we mourn, to honor them by being like them in this world.

Two churches received the Kim Jefferson Award for effective urban ministry: Iglesia Metodista Unida Nuevo Nacimiento, Elena Ortiz, pastor, and Grace United Methodist Church in Philadelphia, Grant Johnson, pastor. Two clergy and one lay person received the 2011 Denman Evangelism Award: Rev. David Wolverton, Rev. Steven T. McComas and Mr. Earl Rutledge.

In her laity address entitled The Joy of Christian Service, Dr. Mary White, Conference Lay Leader, said, "The truth is that joy comes in knowing that when we help others, we show our love for Jesus Christ."

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Kurien presented the Superintendents' Report.

Election of Delegates

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference elected five delegates to the 2012 General

Conference (GC), an additional five delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference (NEJ), plus five delegates elected for General Conference, to be held in Tampa, FL, will also attend the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference, July 18-20, 2012, in Charleston, SC.

- Laity:**
- GC: Mary White, Judith K. Ehning, Mary Daugherty, Brenda Tildon
 - NEJ: Jordan Harris, Candace Carver (Lisi) Santos Fisher, Ann Jacob
 - Alternates: Lenora Thompson, Janice
- Clergy:**
- GC: James B. Todd, Robin M. Hymowitz, Taylor-Storm, Tracy L. Bass
 - NEJ: Doris K. Dalton, Alan J. Smith, Stephen Kurien, Andrew Foster
 - Alternates: Dorothy Watson-Tater, Bronwyn Yocum

For more information:

2012 General Conference
http://www.umc.org/site/c.lwL4Kn...eral_Conference_2012.htm

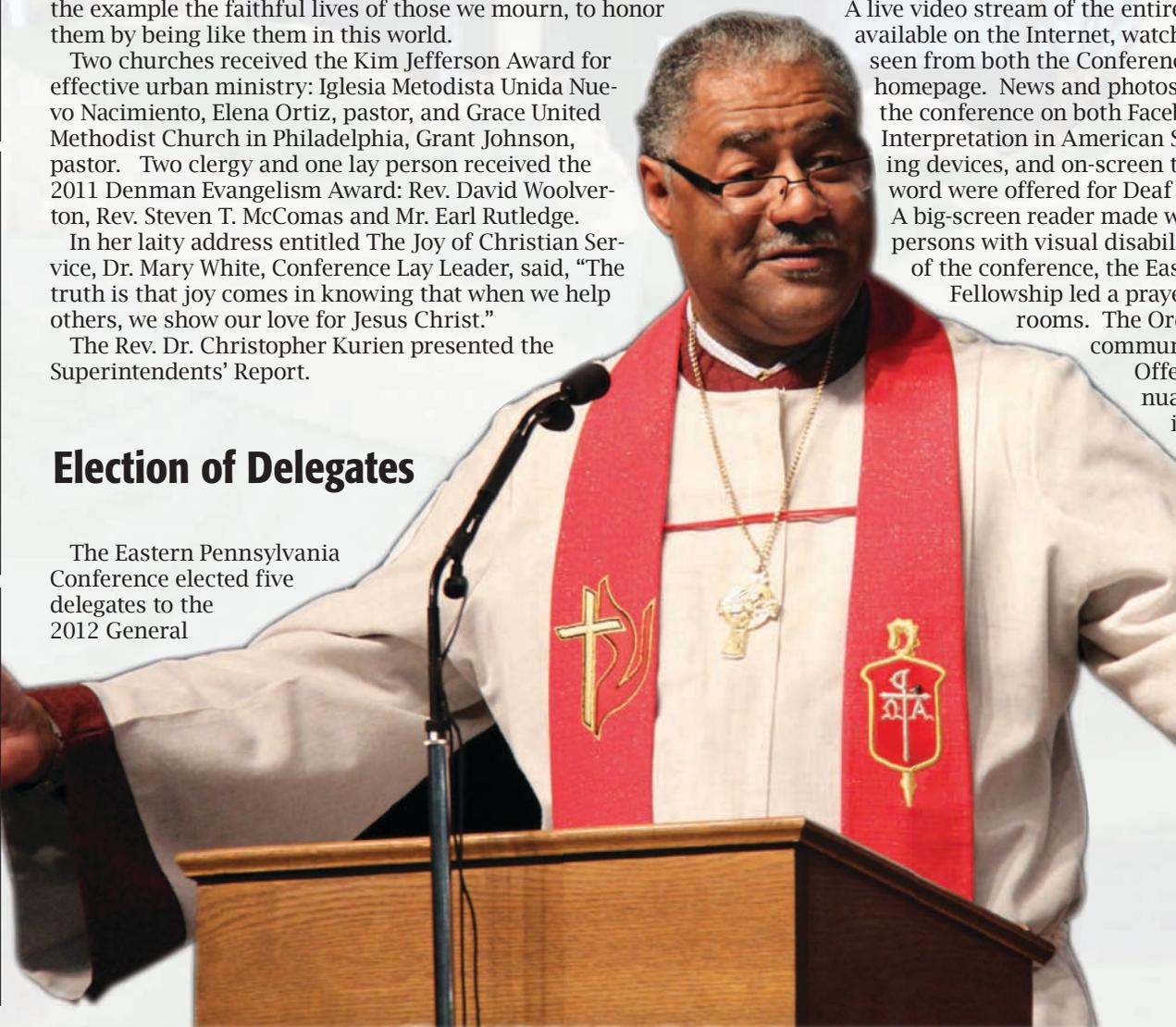
2012 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference
<http://www.nejumc.org/>

Delegates participated in mission projects including "Feeding the Hungry" and "Feeding the Poor" theme of the conference. The United Methodist Men distributed 50,000 pounds of food. Delegates to take back to their church. Amid the noise of a clanging gong and Youth Day participants worked together to package dehydrated, high protein, food to be distributed to schools and orphanages around the world by Stop Hunger Now.

Youth Day at Annual Conference, a Saturday, May 21, featured motivating music by the Josh Blackmun Band. Conference Secretary Rodney Miller, and many others "in jail," and raised money by receiving "bail" donations.

A live video stream of the entire conference was available on the Internet, watchable from both the Conference homepage. News and photos from the conference on both Facebook and Twitter. Interpretation in American Sign Language was offered for Deaf delegates. A big-screen reader made available for persons with visual disabilities.

of the conference, the Eastern Pennsylvania Fellowship led a prayer service in the rooms. The Office of



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delegates for the Northeastern three alternates. Those held April 24 - May 4, 2012, in Eastern Jurisdictional Conference WV. Those elected are:

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- ckicka, Lillian C. Smith, Dawn
- th, Joseph DiPaolo, Christo-
- m, Michele Wright Bartlow and

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attended by over 100 youth on g speaker, Sean McBride, and Youth put Bishop Johnson, members of the Cabinet, and nies for the Youth Service Fund

e annual conference was ned by over 1300 persons, ce website and its Facebook s were posted throughout ook and Twitter (@epaumc). Sign Language, assistive listen- ranscription of the spoken and hard-of-hearing persons. ritten materials available to ities. Prior to the opening tern Pennsylvania Renewal er walk around the conference der of St. Luke held morning ion in the Prayer Room. rings received during An- al Conference will go to these mportant ministries: Imagine No



Malaria and Hope for the Children - \$8,519.41
Scholarships for undergraduate and seminary students - \$2,898.33
Central Conference Pension Initiative - \$2,152.14

Worship Arts were coordinated by Mrs. Mary Smith. Rev. Lydia Munoz served as worship leader, accompanied by the worship band: Rev. Irving Cotto, Mr. Andres Cotto, and Rev. Chris Schiavino. A ten-foot high cross created of dry tree branches dominated the stage, and reflected the Opening Worship theme, "Renewing God's Creation," by gradually coming to life with greenery over the three days of the conference. The cross was designed and built by a young adult of the conference, Katie Naber, a previous recipient of conference undergraduate scholarships.

Business

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference approved a motion to amend the Rules of Order, adding a new Article XVII with all articles following it to be re-numbered accordingly. The new article reads: "The Annual Conference shall not consider, debate, or vote on any General Conference-related resolution or proposed Disciplinary change unless submitted for endorsement by a Conference agency, board, or standing committee. Rather, the Conference Secretary shall instruct all others submitting such proposals to forward them directly to the General Conference Secretary without Eastern Pennsylvania Conference endorsement."

As a result of this approval change to the Rules of Order, Resolutions 2011-3 and 2011-20 through 30 were not voted upon; persons submitting these Resolutions were instructed to submit them directly to the General Conference Secretary.

Resolutions:

- 2011-1 Simpson House Designated a Heritage Landmark, approved
- 2011-2 Alcohol and Privatization, approved
- 2011-4 Immigration Reform, approved
- 2011-5 Urging Gov. Corbett to tax Natural Gas Drilling, approved
- Friendly amendment: Line 22: Strike "local communities" and replace with "Department of Environmental Protection"
- 2011-6 Discontinuance of Cressona UMC, approved



- 2011-7 Discontinuance of Cookman UMC, approved
- 2011-8 Discontinuance of Tamaqua: Salem UMC, approved
- 2011-9 Discontinuance of Bustleton UMC, approved
- 2011-10 Merger of Easton: First and Easton: Calvary UMC Churches, approved
- 2011-11 Property and Liability Insurance, approved
- 2011-12 Health Care, approved
- 2011-13 Mandatory Health Plan, approved
- 2011-14 Retiree Health Plan, approved
- 2011-15 Adoption Agreement to the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) for 2012, approved
- 2011-16 Conference Group Health Insurance Program, approved
- 2011-17 Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or Disabled Clergypersons, approved
- 2011-18 Conference Advance Specials, approved with additions: Northwest District HUB - \$ Millersville Campus Ministry - \$10,000 Hazleton Enlarged Ministries - \$30,000
- 2011-19 Relating to Salary/Benefits Recommendations for 2012, approved

2012 Budget

The Annual Conference approved the 2012 Budget of nearly \$6 million with the following additions/changes: Friendly amendment approved: #10. All thirteen billed funds are temporarily restricted funds to be used only for the specific purposes designated.

And motion approved: That CCFA will study the issue of ministry with the poor with the intention of designating 10% of the 2013 Budget to ministry with the poor.

The 2012 Connectional Ministries Fund (EPA Conference) budget of \$3.4 million is down 2.9% from the \$3.5 million budget for 2011. The General Church budget of \$2.6 million for 2012 reflects giving of \$1.3 million for World Service and \$1.3 million for the General Church apportioned funds.

Membership/Attendance for 2010

Total Professing Members.....	114,991
Average Weekly Attendance - Worship Services:.....	45,867
Average Weekly Attendance - Sunday Church School:.....	19,178

Thank you to our volunteer photographers: Rev. Jim Mundell, Ms. Sabrina Daluisio, and Mr. John Shannon.

For more information, including links to photographs, videos, sermon texts, resolutions, and more, go to: <http://www.epaumc.org/news/stories/2011-annual-conference-summary>.

*Suzy Keenan is director of Communications for The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Photos:
Page 6, left, top to bottom: Deacon Doris Dalton assists Bishop Peggy Johnson with communion at Opening Worship. Over 100 youth participated in The Big Event, including participating in the Stop Hunger Now food packaging. Mrs. Jennifer Berry-McNulty, a young adult from First United Methodist Church of Germantown preaches on "Jesus vs. Superheroes," at Opening Worship. Gordon Yocum watches as Rev. Monica Guepet, and her daughter, Felicity, process at the beginning of Opening Worship with the Wings of Victory Praise Dance Ministry. Elena Ortiz, pastor of Iglesia Metodist Unida Nuevo Nacimiento (one of two churches to receive the Kim Jefferson Award for effective urban ministry), is flanked by Rev. Robert Wilt and Yvette Davis, Director of Urban and Global Ministry.
Page 6, bottom: Bishop Julius Trimble, Iowa Area of The United Methodist Church, preaches for the Service of Ordination.
Page 7: Rev. Rudy Rasmus, pastor of St. John's UMC in Houston, presents three learning sessions on the theme of Ministry with the Poor.

Fall Laity Academy in Northwest District

Methodists United (formerly Shamokin Area Ministry) is a partnership of 12 United Methodist congregations located in the greater Shamokin area in the Northwest District. Methodists United is a team of laity and clergy with the motto "doing better ministry together". The initiative of Laity Education has been a centerpiece of programming. Starting in the 1990's the Lay Academy was a yearly event open to all who desired to engage in learning how to better their ministry. Later as the Christ Servant Ministry program ramped up..... the Lay Academy assisted in continuing education to both laity and clergy. To better serve the local Churches, Methodists United partnered with the conference to bring back the Lay Academy. Methodists United look forward to bringing new opportunities not only to our local Churches but to the Northwest District and Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. Methodists United have organized the Laity Academy to be held on four Tuesdays from 6.00 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. on the following dates in Fall 2011: September 13, September 20, September 27, October 4. The location is St. John's United Methodist Church Parish Hall, 1201 West Arch Street, Coal Township, PA 17866. Email: jmbecker37@gmail.com

Syllabus includes: 1. Basic Course with recommendation from your respective Pastor. by Rev. Barbara Welsh and Judy Becker 2. Advanced Course: a) Worship: Rev. Kay Painter and Rev. Susan Roehs b) Leading Small Groups: Rev. Ivan Alberts and Rev. Zach Hopple

The pre-requisite candidates for the Advanced Course should be current in the Basic Course.

Cost of the training is \$20 per person which includes cost of the syllabus and light refreshments. The last date for registration is August 31, 2011. Early bird registrations before July 31, 2011 will be \$ 15. Walk in registration will be \$ 25 per person. The training is open to all and 1.0 Continuing Education Units will be awarded to those who attend all the sessions.

Fall Laity Academy in Northwest District Registration Form

Name

Address

City, State & Zip Code

Telephone #

Email

Name of the Church

Address of the Church

Number of people: _____

Please include a list of attendees names.

Attended Laity Academy before: Yes No

Enclose Recommendation by your Pastor for Basic Course. The form can be downloaded from www.gbgm-umc.org/csm/ Information for the Basic Training is also on there: Choose Resource Materials from the menu on the left side of the page, then select: Initial Form to Begin CSM Training, and print the PDF file.

Check enclosed for: \$ _____

Make checks payable to 'Methodists United' and mail along with your registration forms to: Judy Becker, 166 Horvath Drive, Elysburg, PA 17824.

Camp puts "fire" into youth ministry



Youth and youth leaders develop a love for fellowship and camping at Gretna Glen Camp and Retreat Center, in Mount Gretna, PA.

BY HANNAH ADAIR BONNER

Any church that wants to learn about ministry outside the box needs look no further than the creative ministries going on at Gretna Glen. The impact that the camp has had upon the ministries at my church would be difficult to overstate. It has built energy among my youth and leadership that has begun to be contagious throughout the entire congregation.

When Gretna Glen began to invite local youth groups to come up to the camp one Sunday evening each month to fellowship together with other churches, we had no idea what an impact it would have. We thought we would try it - just to see what it was all about. We were immediately hooked.

As our youth went up each month they had the opportunity to worship in the style they prefer, to connect with God in creation, and to get to know other Christian youth from the area - sometimes even being surprised to see familiar faces and to learn that they had fellow United Methodists at their schools.

For a church like mine, low on num-

bers and low on budget, we would not be able to have the thriving youth ministry that we have now without that monthly injection of energy and encouragement. It lifts the spirits of our youth as well as of our adult volunteers. For our youth leaders, it has proven to be the best treatment for ministry burnout, like a monthly "reset" button.

As a result, we have begun to see energy spread throughout the congregation in ways that we would not have expected.

Each week it seems like more of our youth's families show up at church. The consistent appearance of new faces puts smiles on the faces of our own members, both younger and older. It seems like our goal of having a congregation that is both intergenerational and connectional is becoming increasingly possible.

Gretna Glen is teaching all of us about what connectionalism looks like at its best as it shows us how beautiful the body of Christ can be when it works together.

REV. HANNAH ADAIR BONNER IS PASTOR OF FAITH UMC in Lititz, PA., and now is also co-establishing a new faith community in Lancaster city with Chris Eden.

Gretna Glen receives donation



Gretna Glen was blessed to receive a donation of a golf cart to be used by camp nurses, to assist with providing health care to campers and volunteers all over the camp's 200 acre site. Doug Ellis and his sons arrived at camp on Friday, June 24th, with this special delivery. This little red, four-person golf cart has been freshly painted, has been given new batteries and new seats, and has been buzzing around Gretna Glen for several weeks. The camp is grateful for this generous donation, made possible by Eastern Pennsylvania Conference United Methodist Men. Camp director Apryl Miller said, "This little cart gives us the ability to quickly get to our campers that are not feeling well and safely transport them to the health center. Thank you to Doug Ellis, Ross Brightwell, The United Methodist Men and all who made this gift possible!"

General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegation 2012



Dr. Mary White and Rev. Alan Smith recess after Ordination at 2011 Annual Conference.

BY DR. MARY WHITE

Election as a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conference is both an honor and a responsibility. It is an honor because colleagues in ministry (both lay and

clergy) have discerned in the delegates gifts and graces needed to serve. Delegates commit themselves to serve in positions of leadership throughout a four-year period (quadrennium). There will be meetings, debates and prayer as the delegation works together to prepare for the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

General Conference is the top policy making body of the United Methodist Church. The 1000 member assembly meets once every four years to consider revisions to church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves budgets and plans for church wide programs for the next four years.

The Eastern Pennsylvania delegation met on Thursday, June 4, 2011 to organize the delegation, set future meeting dates, and assign legislative committees. The elected delegation leadership team is Dr. Mary White, chair; Rev. James Todd, vice chair; Ms. Jane Bonner, secretary; and

Rev. Lillian Smith, chaplain.

Jordan Harris, elected as first lay alternate to General Conference, will be the first young adult to attend since Debbie Wilcock attended in 1996, and Doug Yocum, who attended in 2004. Also, Ann Jacob, a young adult, was elected to the NEJ delegation. We give special thanks to the Board of Laity and all voting laity of our conference for their vision to include young people in this leadership.

Members of the EPA delegation:

Laity: Mary White, Judy Ehninger, Thomas Gibson, Ruth Daugherty, Brenda Tildon, Jordan Harris, Candace Carter, George Hollich, Elizabeth Fisher, Ann Jacob, Lenora Thompson, Jason Perkowski and Jane Bonner

Clergy: James Todd, Robin Hynicka, Lillian Smith, Dawn Taylor-Storm, Tracy Bass, Doris Dalton, Alan Smith, Joseph DiPaolo, Christopher Kurien, Andrew Foster, Dorothy Watson-Tatem, Michele Wright Bartlow and Bronwyn Yocum.

Please be in dialogue with your delegates regarding issues and matters of concern for our denomination as they prepare for general and jurisdictional conference, so delegates may address them in their assigned legislative committees.

DR. MARY WHITE IS THE DELEGATION chair and Conference Lay Leader

The Denman Award

The Denman award is in honor of Dr. Harry Denman, who believed the business of every Christian to be an evangelist. The award recognizes clergy and laity who share the good news of Jesus Christ with passion and outstanding results. The Calling disciples Resource Team of this conference accepts nominations and selects recipients. This year the team decided to recognize two clergy and one lay person. The 2011 Denman award recipients from the Eastern PA Annual conference are Rev. David Woolverton, Rev. Steven T. McComas and Mr. Earl Rutledge.



Rev. Woolverton

Pastor Woolverton was nominated by his District Superintendent, James Todd. In the 8 years that pastor Woolverton has been at St. Mark's, average worship attendance has grown from 284 to almost 500. In 2010, 60 persons joined St. Marks on profession of faith. The yearly average of professions of faith in the time he has been at St. Marks is an astounding 42 persons. His gifts for ministry extend beyond the local church to

his community. Recently he provided pastoral support to the Mt. Joy police department following a very tragic loss. He takes the Gospel of Jesus Christ out into the community.

Mr. Earl Rutledge was nominated by the Senior pastor of Quarryville Memorial. Earl was once on the best fast-pitch softball pitchers in the United States.

After accepting Christ in 1989, he decided to use his softball talents to reach people for Christ. In the past 16 years, he has made 18 trips to ten different Countries in Central America through an organization called Sports Cultural Exchange International. The teams witness while playing local teams in softball. They witness to the crowds through testimonies given after the games and through personal relationships they develop with the teams they're playing.

Pastor McComas was nominated by retired elder, Bruce Lenich. Rolling Hills is a small congregation in a rural area. The Pipersville community has had no significant housing developments nor has the projected expansion of the Doylestown area into this region occurred. Still he has reached out to the community. In the 7 years that he has been pastor, average worship attendance has doubled. 105 persons have joined including 30 professions of faith.



Rev. McComas

The small church has become self-sustaining and meets their conference obligation. By working with the Conference loan board, the church is now monthly paying their mortgage. He has been actively involved in the Central Bucks community. As chair of the East district Focus team, he is working with clergy and laity in spreading the spark of hope on the East District.

Encouraging clergy leadership

One of the four foci of the United Methodist Church is to develop principled moral leadership - which begins with the clergy. The beginning step of good leadership is to know yourself and the God you serve. This November 2nd and 3rd clergy are encouraged to take "Basic Coach Training". The training will be offered at three different locations throughout the conference which will be announced in the near future. All clergy are invited to participate.

BASIC COACH TRAINING: Learn How to Empower Others and Yourself

Basic Coach Training is designed to equip pastors, ministry staff and church leaders with basic coaching skills that can be integrated and incorporated into their local ministry setting. Coach training can dramatically enhance the ministry leader's effectiveness as a leader and greatly increase the impact within their faith community and the larger local community.

Participants in this training will:

- Learn how to empower others.
- Gain a strong understanding of coaching and the distinction between coaching and therapy, consulting and mentoring.
- Develop core coaching skills that can be incorporated into the local church setting.
- Receive a combination of coaching theory and practice.
- Observe LIVE coaching.
- Learn a Five-Step Coaching Model.
- Receive a complimentary coaching session with one of our coaches.
- Participate in a follow-up group coaching session 30 days after the training is completed.

The intention is to provide support and accountability in the development of each participant. A bridge line telephone will be used.

A Certificate of Completion will be offered to those who have completed the Basic Coach Training Module, have experienced a complimentary coaching session and have participated in the 30 day follow-up group coaching call.

The cost is \$30 dollars per pastor. The registration deadline is October 21. All checks should be made out to the Southeast District and sent to: Southeast District Office, 60 West Boot Road, Suite 202, West Chester PA 19380.

For additional information related to content of the training: www.coaching4clergy.com, val@coaching4clergy.com or 610.385.8034.

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Wesleyan Leadership Conference

A New Vision for Wesleyan Community

October 13-15, 2011 @ Nashville, TN

The General Board of Discipleship

To register for this event, please visit: <http://guest.cvent.com/d/7dq6yp/4w>

The United Methodist Church in North America needs a Wesleyan Methodist revival.

The Wesleyan Leadership Conference aims to help The United Methodist Church recover what it means to be Christian and Methodist in the 21st century. One step in this process is to ask the question:

How do we develop disciple-making communities that are centered in the work of Jesus Christ in the world?

In the book she wrote with Scott Kisker, *Longing for Spring: A New Vision for Wesleyan Community*, Elaine Heath writes:

"Methodism was a holiness movement that initiated people into a holy life, revealed in Jesus Christ, anchored in the reign of God, for the transformation of the world. What we have in the new monasticism is in fact a holiness movement, one that is larger than any denomination but that resonates deeply with the Methodist soul."

At the Wesleyan Leadership Conference you will explore the vision,



Dr. Elaine Heath

message, and method that helped John Wesley lead a revival among the People called Methodists. You will learn how the same vision, message, and method will bring revival in

the church today.

Each day of the conference concludes with a Service of Word & Table.

- Elaine Heath - McCreeless Associate Professor of Evangelism at Perkins School of Theology of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.
- Steven W. Manskar - Director of Wesleyan Leadership, GBOD
- Sandy Jackson - Director of Connectional Laity Development, GBOD
- Melanie Gordon - Director of Ministry with Children, GBOD
- Taylor Burton-Edwards - Director of Worship Resources, GBOD

Contact: Steven Manskar, Director of Wesleyan Leadership, smanskar@gbod.org; 877-899-2780, ext. 1765 or www.gbod.org.

Bishop Peggy Johnson announces the following appointments, effective July 1, 2011 (unless noted otherwise):

Announced June 30, 2011

- Hwankee Yong to New Covenant United Methodist Church
- Charles D. Thomas to Eddystone United Methodist Church
- Cynthia A. Babiak to Ridley Park.
- John Neider to Hopewell United Methodist in Downingtown as a Part-time Licensed Local Pastor
- Esdras Seda is appointed one-quarter time to Phila.: El Mesias and three-quarters time to Phila.: Espiritu Santo. Presently Mr. Steven J. Handzel is appointed one-half time to Montgomery Square UMC as Lay Supply
- Mr. James H. Wilkin is appointed one-half time to Philadelphia: Bridesburg as Lay Supply
- Michelle Beissel to Millers Crossroads UMC, ½ time
- Dorris McCoy to Landingville: Welcome UMC, ¼ time
- Nan Crews is appointed as Part Time Local Pastor to Annville: Kauffman's UMC, ½ time
- Daniel Herner and Andrea Haldeman are appointed to a pastoral team serving Berne: Salem-Berne and Hamburg: Bethany UMC. Dan is a retired Elder in Full Connection in the EPA, whose primary appointment is Berne: Salem-Berne, ½ time. Andrea is a Licensed Part time Local Pastor, whose primary appointment is Hamburg: Bethany, ½ time. She will also be serving Berne: Salem-Berne ¼ time and have the primary pastoral oversight for both congregations during July and August

Announced June 21, 2011

- William Parrish to Shoemakersville : Salem UMC
- Susan Moore to St. Clair-Wade UMC
- William Matthew Whayland III to Lebanon: St. John's UMC
- Joseph Lee Wenrich to Geigertown: St. Paul's UMC
- Lydia Esther Muñoz to Plumblin Fellowship and Narberth UMC
- Pearl Johnson to Devereux Memorial UMC and Emmanuel UMC
- David Felker to Salem UMC in Danielsville
- Kimberly Leskowich to Ebe-neezer United Methodist Church

Announced June 6, 2011

- James R. Bamberger to Churchtown UMC
- Esdras Seda is appointed one-quarter time to Phila.: El Mesias and three-quarters time to Phila.: Espiritu Santo
- Joseph Henry to White Haven United Methodist Church
- Narie L. Grayson to Simpson-Fletcher United Methodist

Church

- John Gudikunst to Holy Cross UMC in Reading

Announced May 13, 2011

- Steward E. Warner to the First United Methodist Church of Perkasio
- Hun Ju Lee to Landenberg United Methodist Church and Chatham United Methodist Church
- Robert Crane to Extension Ministry, Norristown State Hospital Chaplain
- Kevin M. Rutledge to Cochranville United Methodist Church

Announced May 6, 2011:

- Alicia M Juliá-Stanley to New Journey/Nueva Jornada UMC
- James Hallam to Valley Forge UMC
- James A. Houck to Malvern UMC
- Edwin Green to Evansburg United Methodist Church
- Karyn Fisher to Shamokin: St. John's UMC
- Laurie Ann Rookard to First UMC of Bristol and Harriman UMC of Bristol
- Susan E. Daniels to Fallsington UMC
- Blaik Westhoff to Tabor United Methodist Church in Woxall
- Wendy Hudson-Jacoby will go on loan to the South Carolina Annual Conference
- H. Joe Tyson is appointed part-time retired supply to Limeville UMC
- Donald Keller to Scottsville

Announced April 24, 2011:

- Alan J. Smith to Lebanon: Church of the Good Shepherd
- Sharon K. Paul to Middletown: Christ United Methodist Church
- Bumkoo Chung to West Grove United Methodist Church
- Ethel Guy to Linwood United Methodist Church
- Evelyn Kent Clark to the newly created two point charge of Upper Darby: New Life UMC and Lansdowne: Trinity UMC
- Michael Roberts Sr. to Philadelphia: Eastwick Worship Center
- Johnson Dodla to serve the newly joined congregations of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Lionville and Crossroads, A United Methodist Congregation
- Hannah Bonner will remain appointed to Manheim Township: Faith UMC church (Southwest), at 3/4 time capacity, to allow her to also serve a new 1/4 time appointment in co-establishing a new faith community in Lancaster city with Chris Eden

- Chris Eden to Willow Street: Boehm's church (Southwest) and to a partnered ministry with Hannah Bonner to plant a new faith community in Lancaster city
- Elaine M. Bortman is appointed half-time to Christiana UMC in addition to her current charge of Georgetown/Mt. Pleasant
- Bonnie Karen Mullen-Holtz to the East Bangor United Methodist Church
- Navin Satyavatra to the First United Methodist Church of Bangor

Announced April 11, 2011:

- Zachary Hopple to Ranshaw: Johnston City UMC
- Lawrence Richard to Rocherty UMC
- Tracy Ann Duncan to St. Matthew UMC
- Zabdiel Y. Khan to Royersford UMC
- Dennis G. Keen to the Spring City United Methodist Church
- Beverly T. Andrews to Chiques UMC

Announced April 4, 2011

- Joyce Mounds Anderson to Hawes Avenue UMC in Norristown
- Dorry Kuhn Newcomer to Rolling Hills UMC in Pipersville
- Gregory Holston to a two-church circuit -- Mount Carmel United Methodist Church and Tioga United Methodist Church, both in Philadelphia

Announced March 25, 2011

- Beverly Petrovich to Kulpmont United Methodist Church
- Steven T. McComas is appointed as Senior Pastor to Hatboro: Lehman Memorial
- Ron Waite to Quakertown UMC
- Nancy Haigh Ross to Grace United Methodist Church of Telford
- Michael Netznik, Sr., to Emmanuel UMC in Allentown

Announced March 18, 2011

- Joan H. Trout to Hibernia United Methodist Church
- Gary Lefever to Conyngham United Methodist Church

Announced March 14, 2011

- Richard Hostetter to Coventryville UMC
- Timothy Thomson-Hohl to Ardmore UMC

BUMP/BMCR awards three scholarships



The photo above depicts some of the celebration attendees: (left to right) Bishop Peggy Johnson; Arthur Johnson, father of Anwar Johnson; Anwar Johnson, scholarship recipient from Janes Memorial UMC; Cathy and Dominic Davis, parents of Sharda Davis; Shania Davis, sister of and proxy for scholarship recipient Sharda Davis of Camphor UMC (unavailable for photo); Rev. Charles King, pastor of Camphor UMC; Rev. David Brown, father of Candace Brown; Candace Brown, scholarship recipient from Camphor UMC; and Sharon Brown, Candace's mother.

On Saturday, June 25, Black United Methodist Preachers (BUMP)/Black Methodists for Church Renewal (BMCR) awarded scholarships to three students during a ceremony at the Conference Office in Valley Forge. Scholarship recipients included Anwar Johnson of Janes Memorial UMC, Sharda Davis of Camphor UMC, and Candace Brown of Camphor UMC.

The Rev. Andrew L. Foster, III, president of BUMP said, "I would like to thank the scholarship committee and our Bishop for being present and encouraging the recipients and their families with her sermon, Promises of God for a Successful Future."

The BUMP/BMCR scholarship is a one-time scholarship given to high school graduates attending an undergraduate college or university. The funds are raised through donations of BUMP (Black United Methodist Preachers/BMCR (Black Methodist for Church Renewal) related churches. Applications are distributed to each of those churches in early to late February with a deadline by May 15th.

Promises of God for a Successful Future

By Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

P Power of the Holy Spirit. Only by God's power will

you accomplish your future goals. God will give you power to do impossible things.

- R Resources. God will give you financial and spiritual resources to be successful. Spiritual resources come from prayer, studying the Word and worship.
- O Opportunity to do good. Use your natural gifts to do good in this world. You are here on earth to give yourself away in service to others.
- M Mission. Have a mission statement for your life and follow it. Only as we have a goal and a purpose will we know what to do next.
- I Improvement. Always be looking for ways to improve yourself. As United Methodists we are always "going on to perfection"
- S Sustenance. God is with you during hard time. You grow from difficulties. You will look back later and thank God for your trials because they have helped you to grow.
- E Eternal Life. That is the lifetime guarantee for a Christian.
- S Shine your light in the world so that people will know the love of God through you and want to know more about your Jesus.

Steven Manskar coming to Philadelphia Area

On the weekend of September 24-25, 2011, the Rev. Dr. Steven W. Manskar, Director of Wesleyan Leadership of the United Methodist Church's General Board of Discipleship, will be at Newark United Methodist Church (NUMC), in Newark, DE, to conduct a workshop and preach at three Sunday morning worship services.



Steven Manskar

Manskar will lead an all-day workshop that Saturday, which will build off the United Methodist Church's mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" by talking about how we can

make a bigger difference in our world both individually and corporately through the practice of Covenant Discipleship (CD), a small group in the Wesleyan tradition.

Manskar says, "The movement called today 'missional church' is also very similar to the essence of Methodism. I am convinced that the future of The United Methodist Church is in becoming once again a denomination populated by missional congregations."

For information on how to register for the workshop, please visit www.newark-umc.org or contact NUMC (302-368-8774). The registration deadline is Saturday, September 10.

Manskar will be preaching a similarly engaging message during Newark United Methodist Church's 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m. worship services on the following day.

Manskar is a clergy member of the Minnesota Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. He was a local pastor until 1999, when he joined the staff of the General Board of Discipleship in Nashville, Tenn.

He helps annual conferences, districts and local congregations develop and support Covenant Discipleship groups for all age groups, Class Leaders, and other small-group ministries. He leads workshops and seminars on Covenant Discipleship groups, Small Group Ministry in the Wesleyan Spirit, and Wesleyan theology, spirituality, and practice.

He holds Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. He is the author of *Accountable Discipleship: Living in God's Household*, *A Perfect Love: Understanding John Wesley's "A Plain Account of Christian Perfection"*, and *A Disciple's Journal: Daily Bible Reading and Guidance for Reflection*.

Manskar had come to NUMC four years ago to help it kick off its initial sign-up period for participation in Covenant Discipleship groups.

Basic information on Covenant Discipleship can be found at www.gbod.org/site/c.nhLRJ2PMKsG/b.6125875/k.28EB/The_Basics.htm.

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