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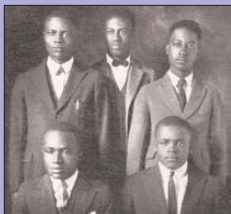
## Vision Statement

The Peninsula-Delaware Conference, as the body of Christ, will live out the ministry and teaching of Jesus Christ – boldly, cooperatively, and inclusively – through life-changing communities of compassion.



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## Bush Brings AIDS Message to Maryland Church

By Melissa Lauber\*

**P**resident George W. Bush observed World AIDS Day by calling on the U.S. Congress to double funding to treat and prevent HIV/AIDS overseas.

In the process, the president and his visit to a United Methodist church in Maryland spotlighted a United Methodist ministry to orphans of AIDS in Namibia, Africa.

Speaking at Calvary United Methodist Church in Mt. Airy on Nov. 30, Bush called for doubling the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief to \$30 billion to expand AIDS prevention and treatment in some of the world's most needy nations. World AIDS Day is observed annually Dec. 1.

Five years ago, he said, only 50,000 people with AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa were receiving antiretroviral drugs. Today, because of the U.S. emergency plan, that number is nearly 1.4 million. "Some call this a remarkable success. I call it a good start," he said.

United Methodist Bishop John R. Schol of the Washington Area praised Bush's call for additional funding to address the AIDS pandemic. Global health, he noted, is one of the four major ministry emphases of The United Methodist Church.

"We are committed to bringing hope to the hopeless and providing assistance to the more than 33 million people around the world living with HIV/AIDS," Schol said.

### Faith-based leadership

Bush cited the work of faith-based organizations as one reason for the effectiveness of current efforts against AIDS. Standing with faith leaders in the church fellowship hall, the president said such faith groups are "willing to act on the universal call to love a neighbor." Invited news reporters also were on hand as Bush read his statement.

The presidential visit to Calvary United Methodist Church was inspired by the congregation's involvement in Children of Zion Village, an



President George W. Bush

orphange in Namibia created and maintained by United Methodists in the Baltimore-Washington Annual (regional) Conference.

"Think about that. People from Maryland took it upon themselves to travel to a faraway land to help orphans, to say, 'we love you,' to inspire through compassion," Bush said. "Faith-based groups like these are the foot soldiers in the army of compassion."

Prior to the statement being read, church leaders spoke with the president and first lady Laura Bush in a roundtable discussion at Calvary.

Leaders attending included the Rev. Dennis Yokum, pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church; the Rev. Craig McLaughlin and his wife, Lisa, of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Bel Air, Md.; and Rebecca Meeks, a missionary from the Mt. Zion congregation who, along with her husband, Gary, runs Children of Zion Village.

### Orphans of AIDS

The church leaders described how Children of Zion Village is home to 55 orphans in Katima Mulilo, along the Zambezi River in Namibia. It was financed and built by volunteers from Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in 2003.

Mt. Zion, which gives more than 40 percent of its offering collections to missions, provides most of the \$14,000 a month operating expenses for the

orphange. Teams of volunteers, like those from Calvary, visit to teach, cook and play with the children on the 17-acre campus.

Meeks told Bush how it took her five years to find blankets for all the children. She told United Methodist News Service later that the president became teary-eyed when she told him about the six children who have died in her arms from AIDS.

"Within a four-hour drive of us, there are 4,000 to 5,000 orphans, most left parentless because of AIDS," Meeks said. "AIDS devastates so many villages. You look around and all there is is death."

For Craig McLaughlin, speaking with the president reinforced his convictions that people in the United States can, and should, transform lives in Africa.

"The first thing the president told us was that 'to whom much is given, much is expected,'" McLaughlin said. "So many Americans are affluent. Imagine how our world would change if the biggest decision in one's life was not what kind of television to get, but what can one do with their money to help provide for the poor."

McLaughlin hopes other churches will use Mt. Zion as a model for creating orphanages and other facilities. He and his congregation are willing to work with anyone who is interested. "I told the president, every church

in the United States could do this," he said.

Bush, who is a United Methodist, concluded his remarks at Calvary by paraphrasing from Deuteronomy 30:19 in the Bible. "The Scriptures tell us, 'I have set before you life and death. Therefore, choose life.' All who wage the battle against AIDS have made the choice for life," he said.

"Because of their compassion and courage, millions who once saw the disease as a death sentence now look to the future with hope. This World AIDS Day is a day of importance because it's a day we resolve to continue this work of healing and redemption."

Each conference has a representative that you can contact for more information on the Council of Bishop's Initiative to Combat Global AIDS. The Peninsula-Delaware Conference's representative is Rev. Elaine Ayres. She can be reached at the Bishop Felton Edwin May Resource Center by calling 1.877.736.3351, ext. 27 or by e-mail, [ayres@pen-del.org](mailto:ayres@pen-del.org). The resolution and other AIDS related information can also be found by visiting our website at [www.pen-del.org](http://www.pen-del.org).

(\*Editor's Note: Lauber is the editor of the *UMConnection*, the newspaper of the Baltimore-Washington Conference. The story was first published by *United Methodist News Service*)



## Welcome to Our Sacred Space

**W**ell another year is upon us and as I write this article for the month of January 2008, I'm reminded of this hymn written by \*Brian Wren,

This is the day of new beginnings.  
Time to remember and move on.  
Time to believe what love is bringing.  
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

As I get older it seems like time goes so quickly and there's so many things left undone. While it's not harmful or too late to lament, celebrate and hopefully learn from the past. Sooner or later we concede to the words of my grandmother, "It's too late now, yesterday's gone" and we must move confidently, even with some misgivings, into the future.

That's what's so intriguing about starting a new year. It's like connecting and collaborating with the Holy Spirit as you begin to write a new chapter in your life on a clean sheet of paper in a new tablet. What a gift! Yesterday with its disappointments, challenges, sorrows, successes and joys are relegated to the past. We have entered a new year and have the opportunity to gear up and get ready to receive all the wonderful and amazing blessings God has in store for us. This doesn't mean that everything will be pleasing to us or that we won't experience other trials and tribulations. Life will always have its ups and downs, but we can move forward because we have the presence of God through his son, Jesus Christ. We've been given the gift to realize that the Savior of our past is the Savior of our present and will be the Savior of our future. Jesus will never leave nor forsake us.

Sometimes it will be difficult to face the future or walk into the unknown. Yet, this is why we must keep our faith in God. Then we can face our tomorrows with an assurance of God's steadfast love for us and realize the power of God's love everyday. We can welcome a new year with the expectation of God's reign on earth as it is in heaven. In the fourth stanza of "This Is the Day of New Beginnings," Brian Wren writes:

Christ is alive and goes before us.  
To show and share what love can do  
This is the day of new beginnings,  
Our God is making all things new.

Only God can make things new. Do you believe it? I do!

Shalom,  
Elaine

\*269167: The United Methodist Hymnal: Brian Wren: This is the Day of New Beginnings: stanzas 1&4 pg. 383



Rev. Elaine B. Ayres

## From Your Wesley College Chaplain

**I** hope your Christmas was wondrous and your New Year joyful! It is going to be a new era for Wesley College as you probably know by now. Dr. Scott D. Miller, as of this writing, will be the new President of Bethany College which is a Disciples of Christ College. I know that your prayers will be with Scott and Annie and their daughters Katie and Ashley. What you may not know is that Wesley College will have a new President beginning June 1 of 2008, Dr. William Johnston. Dr. Johnston is a UM and he has been President of Iowa Wesleyan since 2002. Dr. Johnston says: "Wesley College is in an outstanding position to address the future needs of high-



Rev. Mark Pruett-Barnett

er education and I am thoroughly invested, eager and enthusiastic to work with dedicated alumni, faculty, students, staff, Board members and community partners to propel the College to the next echelon of achievement and academic reputation." Dr. Johnston will be the 16th President of

Wesley College and it will be exciting to see what will happen under his leadership. Keep him and his wife Susan in your prayers as a new chapter begins in the life of the College and its relationship with the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference.

Your brother in Christ,  
Mark

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## CARE Team Concerns: Boundary Issues for Church Leaders

By Rev. Sally Dolch

**F**rom the earliest verses of scripture God sets boundaries for creation: *and he separated the light from the darkness (Gen1:4), you are free to eat from any tree in the garden, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen2:16,17).*

Boundaries help us reflect to the world our own internal compass, our understanding of community, and our respect for God's creation. Boundaries guide and protect us.

**So, if we have boundaries in Scripture to guide us and we are naturally wired and parentally guided to honor our own moral compass, why do we need boundaries training?**

First, because in our interpretation of boundaries in Scripture we often consider them relative to our own needs, wants, and times. This is a good thing when we see that Scripture is a living guidebook that has meaning for our lives. This is not constructive when we dismiss the application of Scripture as irrelevant to our current experience.

Second, because church leaders are vulnerable in their isolation from others and their access to power. We are set apart, whether clergy or lay leaders, by the special knowledge we hold, by our responsibility to handle money, or to care for vulnerable persons. We know secrets which can lead to a misuse of secrecy. Isolation without accountability or support systems can lead us to understandings of entitlement or need that are inconsistent with God's plan for our role as church leaders.

Third, because those who seem to possess the greatest strength are also human. So often, bound-



ary crossings catch us off guard and involve folks whom we would least expect because an unusual combination of stressors has impaired their judgment.

**Boundaries training is offered once a year by the Peninsula-Delaware Conference CARE Team.** Pastors are required to attend one full day of training every quadrennium. Other church leaders are encouraged to attend this training, such as staff parish and church council chairpersons, church staff including clerical, maintenance, music, education, and youth workers. The training prioritizes ministry areas and will benefit all church leaders. Role plays, video clips, prayer, and reflection keep the training lively and interactive.

The next Boundaries Issues for Church Leaders training, which meets the Board of

Ministry Sexual Ethics Training requirement for probationers and all pastors, will be held on **Wednesday, February 20, 2008 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's UMC, Sunset & Academy Streets, Greensboro, MD.** Registration is required by February 15th. The \$15 fee covers lunch and .6 CEU's. Registration forms may be found on the conference web site. **Send form and \$15 to: Easton District Office, 32 S. Washington St., Suite 2, Easton, MD 21601**

For more information about Boundaries, search the web at [www.umsexualethics.org](http://www.umsexualethics.org) or [www.faithtrustinstitute.org](http://www.faithtrustinstitute.org) or contact any CARE Team member: Cindy Koski, convener, Jack Shitama, Alice Ervin, Timothy Duffield, Gil Hoffman, Cheryl Jenkins, and Sally Dolch.

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**Human Relations Day  
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## Interfaith Resource Center

### Invitations Accepted

**H**ave you considered inviting us to your church? As leadership of your congregation transitions over time, it is often helpful for Interfaith Resource Center staff to visit your church and meet with key leaders to help your church fully take advantage of our services. While our reputation in the field of Christian formation resources for children has been well established for years, it might be easy to assume that is the IRC's only focus. But our collection includes several thousand titles intended for adult study and many more titles focused on worship and congregational life, including a generous selection of titles related to the Healthy Church Initiative. Of course, assistance with custom designed programs and the research necessary for them are all part of the service. I would be happy to accept an invitation to make a brief presentation and bring a display to your administrative council meeting or Christian education retreat. You may contact me at resource.ctr@dol.net or 1.800.336.6152 (302.477.0910 in New Castle County). I look forward to hearing from you.



Paula Hartzell

tions with local pastors looking to address issues related to ecology, energy conservation, and global warming. I believe many of our leaders sense that this is an issue too long ignored in the faith community. Discussion of our stewardship of God's world can provide a unifying forum for churches too often caught in debates that divide us. Honestly, this is a survival issue for our churches, as well as all of us individually. We can no longer afford to ignore it. As our political leaders strike deals for modest goals of fuel conservation by 2020, the reality is that faith communities are uniquely poised for leadership and innovation in this field.

I have begun to collect resources on the topic. We have activities to do with your congregation and audiovisual resources that examine the issues from the perspective of those that truly

understand it. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me. The more we learn on this topic, the more we can share with others.

Stewardship of God's world is a multifaceted concern that includes globalization, traditional ecology and conservation. Here are a few titles to begin your exploration:

**The Greening of Faith** is a two-part study, 30 minutes each, on the Biblical and sacramental foundation of ecology and the ethics related to stewardship of the earth with stunning photography and excellent commentary.

**The Corporation** is an award-winning look at the development of the modern global conglomerate, its history and pervasiveness, and the ethical dilemmas related to how the modern corporation operates. This 145-minute DVD with additional features will provide a wealth of material for discussion.

**The End of Suburbia** looks at the promise of the American dream as manifest in the suburbia of the 1950's and how it is on a collision course with the reality of energy dependence. This DVD program asserts that world supply of fossil fuels peaked in 2006 and increasingly will undermine the very structure of American life. This thought-provoking program will provide food for lively stewardship discussions.

### Making God's Earth a Priority

In the past six months or so I have had numerous conversa-

## 'Debaters' Movie Resonates with United Methodists

By Susan Passi-Klaus\*

**T**here was no hushing or shushing when a United Methodist theater audience reacted exuberantly to "The Great Debaters," a sermon on film told Hollywood-style.

Trading pews for theater recliners, a specially invited audience of 275 members from Nashville area United Methodist churches watched a sneak preview Dec. 20 of the movie starring and directed by Denzel Washington and co-produced by Oprah Winfrey.

"The Great Debaters" is inspired by the true story of the 1935 debate team at Wiley College, a historically black, United Methodist-related school in Marshall, Texas.

At the Nashville preview, the theater took on the atmosphere of an African-American worship service as an ethnically diverse crowd watched the inspiring story of four black students shaped into a championship debate team in the Jim Crow South. The audience was animated and engaged in the story, offering their own acclamations of approval and encouragement as Washington's character used the power of words to nurture his underdog students.

"This movie is phenomenal," said the Rev. Renee Franklin, pastor of Key-

Stewart United Methodist Church in Gallatin, Tenn., after viewing the film. "It reminds us of the rich gifts, God-given intelligence and great strength we have as African-American people of faith."

Other private United Methodist screenings were held during the week in Houston and Atlanta, and a Dec. 13 premiere was held in Marshall in honor of Wiley College.

The Rev. James H. Salley called the film "one of the most invigorating movies I've ever seen."

"It was more than I actually dreamed of. I think it should be mandatory for young people to see this movie," said Salley, associate vice chancellor for institutional advancement at Africa University, a United Methodist school in Zimbabwe.

Jack Tenzel, a member of Blakemore United Methodist Church, said the movie



A UMNS PHOTO BY DAVID LEE, THE WEINSTEIN CO. Denzel Washington, Jurnee Smollett, Nate Parker and Denzel Whitaker star in "The Great Debaters," the story of the 1935 debate team at Wiley College, a small United Methodist-related school in Marshall, Texas.

was a "beautiful story" that was well told. "I think it should appeal to everyone, no matter what race, color or creed," he said.

### Message of hope

Washington stars as Melvin B. Tolson, a brilliant but volatile professor and poet who transforms the four students into an elite debate team. While the screenplay is largely fiction (the Wiley 1935 team did not defeat Harvard for a national champi-

## Health & Welfare Ministries

### New Beginnings

By Maurice Egnor

Can't you feel that sun a-shinin'  
Ground hog runnin' by the  
country stream  
This must be the day that all of  
my dreams come true  
So happy just to be alive  
Underneath the sky of blue  
On this new morning, new  
morning  
On this new morning with you.  
Bob Dylan

**C**an you picture this? What a sight it is, as we see this in our mind's eye. The sun in our face, the stream and wildlife on a beautiful day, knowing that God has given us a new day to celebrate His glory and majesty. This is the time of year when we hear about new beginnings, New Year's resolutions, turning over new leaves, and getting new starts.

As I write these articles I try to take on a holistic approach to health. It is important to keep a balance in our lives, with this balance we are able to lead a life that God wants us to live. So as we begin this New Year let's look at our mind, body and spirit health.

We can improve our mind through study; there are many articles that speak about health, nutrition and exercise. If you don't know what to study you can always start with God's word in Scripture. For your body it is important that you begin or maintain a program of a balanced diet and exercise. This will help give us the energy to be in the community to do the work we are called to do. For spirit health, prayer is always a great place to start. Take time at the beginning of each day to speak to our Heavenly Father.

Ask Him to help us build a healthy temple to house the spirit which He gave us. God has given us today; He does not guarantee us tomorrow. There are many places in scripture that talk about the importance of new beginnings. Through His death on the cross, Jesus gave us that chance for a new

beginning. Trust in Him, and He will make all things possible. Let's start today to live as He would have us live.

As we begin this New Year, I pray for whole health for all of you. I pray that the One who gives us life and health gives you a prosperous New Year in Him.



Professor Melvin B. Tolson (center) led the 1935 team to national prominence. A UMNS photo courtesy of Wiley College.

onship, though it did defeat the University of Southern California), its message is based on Tolson's belief that a solid education transcends race, religion and class.

Moviegoers in Nashville generally praised the film as gritty and inspiring.

"The hope this movie gives us is just incredible," said the Rev. Sonny Dickson,

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# Camping And Retreat Ministry



## New Summer Programs!

**T**he Camp Pecometh brochure is out and it's time to start thinking about summer camp. We still have all of your favorite programs like Riverside, Splashdown, Horseback and River Runners AND we've added five new programs:

**Girls II Greatness** – What do you get when you combine the pampering of “spa” camp with the spiritual empowerment of the Pecometh experience? Girls II Greatness, of course. This girls only camp will have campers feeling great AND ready to do great things for God.

**That's Not Camp!** Video game camp? That's right. This boys only camp combines gaming fun with outdoor experiences and spiritual growth to create an unforgettable summer experience. Why spend all summer indoors playing video games when you can do it with other gamers at Pecometh?

**College Road Trip** – This is college visits, Pecometh style. Led by a high school guidance counselor, campers will hit the road to visit schools such as Wesley, Lincoln, Cheyney, Albright and more. Students who've completed 10th and 11th grade and who want to scope out future possibilities while making friends on the Pecometh road trip won't want to miss this program.

**Day Camp – Wesley** –We're bringing the Pecometh experience to those in and around the Dover area in this new partnership with Wesley College. Sessions will run from Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (extended hours available) on Wesley's Dover campus. Campers will do fun stuff like games, swimming, arts & crafts, bibles study and will even spend a day at Pecometh (transportation provided).

**Day Camp – Pecometh** Now we're making the Day Camp experience at Pecometh available each week of the summer. This is perfect for those campers who want to spend their days at Pecometh and their nights at home.

Need more information or a brochure? Contact Julie at

410.556.6900 or julie@pecometh.org or go online to get information and register at [www.pecometh.org](http://www.pecometh.org).

## Creation Care Corner

There's a lot of talk these days about our “carbon footprint” but what does that really mean? Your carbon footprint is simply a measure of the impact of human activities on the environment in terms of the amount of greenhouse gases, measured in units of carbon dioxide. Our carbon footprint is made up of two distinct components:

**Primary Footprint** – This is a measure of direct CO2 emissions from the burning of fossil fuels. Activities include home energy usage such as heat and electricity, as well as transportation such as driving or air travel.

**Secondary Footprint** – This is a measure of indirect CO2 emissions related to the entire life-cycle of a product, including its manufacture, transportation and decomposition.

According to calculations by BP (a fossil fuel energy company), as cited on FoxNews.com, the average U.S. household generates 19 metric tons or 41,895 pounds of CO2 each year. Of course, scientists differ on what the long-term effect of greenhouse gases will be, but there is no disagreement that it is happening and does affect our environment.

From a stewardship standpoint, the question is what can we do to reduce our carbon footprint? In the next few months, we'll provide tangible steps you can take, but in the meantime, here are two that make a huge impact, as suggested by a special Energy Report in the Wall Street Journal (November 12, 2007):

**Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs** – Replacing regular incandescent bulbs with CFLs, as they're called, is one of the simplest and most effective things you can do. A 25-watt CFL provides the same light as a 100-watt bulb with only a quarter of the energy usage, saving the equivalent of 100 pounds of CO2 emissions each year, as well as saving money on your electric bill. Better yet, a recent study by Popular Mechanics magazine determined that

people prefer the light from a CFL to a regular incandescent bulb. Although CFLs cost more, their price is coming down significantly and they last much longer than regular bulbs. Two important notes:

When installing a CFL, turn it on and let it stay on for six to eight hours. This “burn in” will extend its life to the upper end of its five to six year life.

CFLs contain toxic gases, so its important to dispose of them properly. Most county landfills now have collection centers for CFLs to avoid a harmful effect on the environment.

**Recycling** – While CFLs impact our primary carbon footprint, recycling reduces our secondary imprint. Recycling reduces landfill gas generated by decaying matter, as well as the amount of energy to manufacture new products. For example, recycling an aluminum can cuts the energy needed to make a new can by 95%. A household of four that recycles all its newsprint, aluminum, steel, plastic and gas can reduce its solid waste footprint by 41% from 4,072 pounds to 2,384 pounds of CO2 emissions per year.

Look to future segments of Creation Care Corner to learn more about how we can be good stewards.

## Pecometh Calendar

### Volunteer Day

Saturday, April 12, 2008

Bring your church or youth group to help get Pecometh ready for the summer

Contact Buddy Landing at 410.556.6900, x107 or [buddylanding@pecometh.org](mailto:buddylanding@pecometh.org) for more info

### 2nd Annual Pecometh Day

Open House, Quilt Auction, Silent Auction  
Saturday, April 19, 2008

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Contact Ann Ashe at (410) 556-6900, x100 or [annashe@pecometh.org](mailto:annashe@pecometh.org) for more info

## Upcoming Dates for your Calendar



April 23-May 2 —  
General Conference  
in Fort Worth, Texas



July 13-18 —  
Jurisdictional  
Conference  
in Harrisburg,  
Pennsylvania

**P**lease be in prayer for our upcoming denominational meetings that will be taking place this year. Our General Conference will be held in just two months, our Annual Conference, being held again this year in Princess Anne, Maryland from Friday, June 13-15, and our Jurisdictional Conference which will follow from July 13-18 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

## In Sympathy



**T**he Peninsula-Delaware Conference shares their prayers and concerns for the family members of Rev. Stephen L. Wallace who passed away on Sunday, November 11, 2007 and Rev. Barbara Britton Johnson who passed away on Thursday, December 20, 2007.

## Debaters

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Hobson United Methodist Church. “It was a great Christmas present to myself.”

“I hope it wins an Oscar!” exclaimed 19-year-old Kristen Dunlap-Berg, West Nashville United Methodist Church.

For Wiley College alumnus Dick Stewart of the Class of 1954, the film captured his alma mater's character and his own experience as a student there.

“Tolson entrusted his students to represent the college and, in so doing, to represent themselves and an entire race,” said Stewart. “Professor Tolson's impact on that little school was so great that by the time I got there 15 years later, he was still spoken of as a legend.”

Wiley is one of 11 historically black colleges supported by the United Methodist Black College Fund.

Cynthia Bond Hopson, an executive with the fund, echoed Washington's description of the movie as a “David and Goliath” story that made her want to “stand up and cheer.” She spoke with pride about the United Methodist connection to Wiley College “because again we have done what God has called us to do. We have moved mountains simply by educating people and giving them a sense of ‘I can do this for myself.’”

To learn more about Wiley College, visit [www.wileyc.edu](http://www.wileyc.edu). Information about the Black College Fund can be found at <http://www.umcgiving.org/content/BCF/>.

(\*Editor's Note: Passi-Klaus works with the Connectional Giving team of United Methodist Communications in Nashville, Tenn. This story originated with United Methodist News Service)

## Conference Calendar of Events

### January 2008

- 19 **General & Jurisdictional Delegation Meeting**, Wesley College, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 21 **Martin L. King, Jr. Birthday Observance** – BFEM Resource Center Closed
- 22 **Conference Board of Trustees Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 5:00 p.m.
- 24 **Credit Union Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m.
- Advocacy Resource Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 2:00 p.m.
- 24-26 **Pre-General Conference**, Fort Worth, Texas
- 26 **Committee of Clergy & Laity Leadership Meeting**, Dover: Wesley College, 9:30-11:00 a.m.
- 28 **Annual Conference Sessions Meeting**, Wesley College: Room # 206, 4:00 p.m.
- Easton District 2nd. Phase Covenant Ministry Training**, Chestertown, MD: First UMC, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 29 **Insurance Committee Meeting**, BFEM

- Resource Center, 3:00 p.m.
- Board of Pensions Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 5:00 p.m.
- 30 **Easton District 2nd. Phase Covenant Ministry Training**, Cambridge, MD: Zion UMC, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 31 **Communications Commission Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 5:30 p.m.

### February 2008

- 2 **Young Adult Ministry Forum**, Milford: Avenue UMC
- 5 **Lenten Day Apart**, Wilmington: Aldersgate UMC, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 7 **Resource Development Management Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m.
- 11 **Credit Union Annual Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 11:45 a.m.
- 12 **Council on Finance & Administration Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m.