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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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Holt Highlight of Annual Laity/Clergy Banquet

By Tamara Ward

The Annual Laity/Clergy banquet was held on Friday, May 18th where we welcomed a very sweet woman and her husband, Mrs. Gloria Holt and Zollie. Gloria was our guest speaker for the evening and what a delight she was. Hailing from Alabama, her accent caught our attention right away and we were mesmerized from the moment she began talking about our annual conference theme, “Changing Lives for a Changing World.” I’m not sure if she realized it but her opening scripture, Isaiah 43:18-19 – *“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”* is also the scripture that the Vision Team task force is using to introduce us to the Healthy Church Initiative during the ‘unveiling’ at annual conference this weekend. For those of you that attended a pre-conference orientation, you have already caught a ‘glimpse’ of what an exciting adventure is coming our way. She challenged us to think about change and emphasized that it is a positive thing in our personal, professional and church lives. She shared personal stories of her family and her church family. The most important ‘change’ that took place for her and Zollie was 11 years ago when they left the church they had spent so many years in and where they knew everyone to help plant a new church. Now, eleven years later, they have over 2300 members, are the 2nd largest church in their conference and have received the Conference Award for the highest number of Professions of Faith for several years – a total of over 1200. In fact, she said that over half of their members have been received on profession of faith! Gloria finished by reading a poem that has been asked for by so many that we have reprinted it in this issue of the Communicator and it will also be printed in one of the daily newsletters during Annual Conference.

During the banquet three individuals, one couple and two groups were inducted into the Order of St. Barnabas. Each one typifies the essence of the four T’s of St. Barnabas (Target Prayer, Time, Treasure, Talent) Those recipients are as follows:

Harold Caswell —
Whatcoat United Methodist Church
Camden, DE
Dover District

Harold Caswell and his family have been members of Whatcoat UMC for over thirty years. Mr. Caswell, with enthusiasm and warmth, is a frequent visitor at events of area churches where he shares fellow-



Harold Caswell

ship, exciting mission trip stories, and opportunities for mission service.

Presently Mr. Caswell is District Mission Coordinator. He has participated in mission trips to Africa, Argentina, Peru, North Carolina, and Arizona. He personally organized his third mission trip to Arizona. Many of his mission trips are funded by his own resources. Unfortunately, serious health concerns have cancelled trips he had planned for the future.

Mr. Caswell has been providing Christian witness through his everyday community activities as well. For many years he was an active participant in local Boy Scout programs and a willing assistant to Girl Scouts when needed.

At Whatcoat UMC (Camden), Mr. Caswell participates in the United Methodist Men and weekly Bible Study. He and his wife have hosted several adult Bible study groups in their home. The Caswells transport the elderly to doctors, shopping, and on sightseeing day trips. Mr. Caswell is a willing helper, humble servant, and committed witness to Christ’s love for all.

Maurice Daniels —
St. Paul United Methodist Church
Milford, DE
Dover District



Maurice Daniels with Rev. Jeanel Starling

Maurice Daniels is a firm believer that “God” answers prayers. Two years ago, Maurice and his “prayer warriors” of St. Paul asked God for a bus. Their prayers were answered when his former employer donated the bus to the group as a gift.

Maurice uses his time as a servant of the Lord by sharing God’s word through outreach ministry and visiting the sick and down trodden. In addition he continues to serve as a very active member within the church, on behalf of the church and within the community.

As a cheerful giver, when God blesses Maurice abundantly and unexpectedly, he shares his financial overthrow with the church and shares that same giving spirit through outreach ministries to help anyone in need.

Maurice is a true steward with an evangel-

istic heart and spirit who will use his gifts and talents without hesitation to lift up God’s name in praise and through prayer whenever the need arises. He is a true reflection of one of his favorite scriptures: Matthew 6:33 “seek ye first the kingdom of God.”

Elma Yoder —
Grace United Methodist Church
Millsboro, DE
Dover District



Elma Yoder with Rev. Robbie Townsend

Mrs. Elma Yoder became a member of Grace UMC in Millsboro in 1974 when she and her husband, Donald, moved here from Pennsylvania. She has served with her musical talent in the choir and was the organist for 27 years.

Elma attended a workshop on senior adult ministries. She and her pastor “visioned” such a ministry at their church. Elma prayed, sought God’s direction and S.A.M. (Senior Adult Ministry) was birthed.

Over the past three years S.A.M., under Elma’s leadership, has become one of the most active ministries at Grace Church. Elma coordinates volunteers for visitations, phone calling, greeting cards, and Meals on Wheels deliveries. She initiates greetings to new area retirees, arranges meals for seniors who are ill and organizes rides to appointments when transportation is needed. She also writes a monthly column for the church newsletter and provides information to the seniors on wellness and health programs.

Through the formation of this ministry to the effectual outreach it has become, Elma Yoder has exemplified the spirit of the Order of St. Barnabas. She has demonstrated the prayer beginning of the ministry and the utilization of her treasure, multiple talents and time to augment the giving of love and care to these wonderful seniors inside and outside their church.

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DO NO HARM: Working in Partnership with Bishops and Cabinets

By Rev. Sally Dolch

A highlight of the Do No Harm . . . Do All the Good You Can conference held in Nashville (July 2006) was the panel discussion by Bishops Judith Craig, William Dew, Sally Dyck and Richard Wills. The wisdom they shared from their collective experiences and their frank answers to questions brought hope to the several hundred laity and clergy dedicated to preventing and responding to sexual abuse in the church.

Bishop Sally Dyck opened the panel by defining response to clergy misconduct as a "ministry of justice and compassion." She called for a focus on pastoral well-being through preventive self care. "Evil thrives in the darkness," said Bishop Wills, "and it dies in the light!" He named prevention and healing as strategies of light. Bishop Craig described the sixty-four misconduct cases she adjudicated in sixteen years as "the hardest part of being a bishop, and the most life giving." Bishop Dew spoke of "the problem that won't go away" with the calm assurance that we can be better equipped to give guidance and care with equity and fairness. While each bishop and cabinet must have a pro-

cess, teams prepared to respond to clergy misconduct are only recommended by the Book of Discipline, not mandated. He believes there should be a protocol for response teams.

And then, following the opening remarks, the questions came at the Bishops. Disclosure letters were affirmed because "nature and the church abhor a vacuum." When asked about situations where incoming pastors are not told of the reason for the departure of the previous pastor, Bishop Wills was emphatic that the church, the Staff Parish Relations Committee, and the new pastor need to know. To the question as to how long after abuse a congregational intervention might still be useful, Bishop Craig said it may be appropriate to ask the District Superintendent and Cabinet for an intervention sometimes many years after the event.

When asked if Bishops knew how hard it is to tell the truth about an esteemed clergy person who has crossed a boundary, Bishop Craig said it is the moral responsibility of elders to other elders to help them call themselves to account, to urge confession, to seek help, and to respond to the victim. "One person speaking to another person gives power!" said

Bishop Wills.

A question about response team selection revealed that there is diversity across annual conferences. Bishop Wills said that response teams often "self choose." That is, both clergy and laity, with certain expertise, counseling backgrounds, or crisis skills often rise up or are recommended for this sensitive and confidential task.

As to engagement of Bishops and Cabinets, Bishop Dyck called for constant vision criers who will be "repetitiously redundant" and Bishop Dew recommended ongoing repeatable education practices. Inconsistency of the management of clergy misconduct cases was raised over and over by frustrated response team members. "For a connectional church, we are siloed," said Bishop Dyck. Bishop "Dindy" Taylor, who was also present in her role with the General Counsel on the Status and Role of Women, joined in the panel recommendation for protocols for the College of Bishops.

To learn more about the Peninsula-Delaware Conference CARE Team and the Pen-Del Sexual Ethics Policy go to the conference website www.pen-del.org and watch for monthly articles in the *Communicator* under the heading DO NO HARM.

Etter Appointed as Conference Superintendent

Bishop Marcus Matthews, Episcopal leader of the Philadelphia Area which includes the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, has appointed Rev. Boyd B. Etter as a Conference Superintendent assigned to the Dover District. Rev. Etter is currently the senior pastor at St. John's UMC in Seaford, Delaware. This appointment will be effective July 1, 2007.

Rev. Etter received a B.A. degree from Lincoln University in 1975 (Summa cum laude), his Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in 1982 (Magna cum laude), completed the Academy for Preaching (General Board of Discipleship) between 1988-92 and has taken three of nine modules of the Beeson Institute: Willow

Creek Community Church (2000); Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY (2005); and Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS (2007).

Rev. Etter has been a member of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference since 1978 when he served his first charge (North East: Bayview) and has served in Seaford (3 times), Pocomoke City, and North East (2 times).

In the Annual Conference a sampling of his service includes Statistician, Member and Registrar for the Board of Ordained Ministry, VP of the Peninsula Methodist Federal Credit Union, and currently serves as the Conference Secretary.

Rev. Etter is excited about this opportunity and says that he is "looking forward to serving with the pastors in the Dover District and getting to know the strengths



Rev. Boyd B. Etter

of each congregation." Members of the Cabinet are also looking forward to the "tremendous gifts and graces and wealth of pastoral and leadership experience that Boyd will bring to the position."

Rev. Etter has been married to Linda for 32 years (as of June 20th this year) and they have three grown children: Shelly Murphy and her husband Paul who live in Chesapeake, Virginia; Sarah Schultz and her husband Ted who live in Eden, Maryland and have a one-year old, Ryan; and Jonathan who currently resides in Seaford.

Congratulations and best wishes to the Etters as they embark on this new journey in their service to the Peninsula-Delaware Conference.

From Your Wesley College Chaplain

As I write this, I am also looking out over my class as they take their final on the May semester course I am teaching. It is on the Spiritual Heritage of the Civil Rights Movement. Some of us will be going once again to Birmingham, Alabama. It will be a little different this year. A group will be painting and scraping but we also hope that the people we will be working for will be able and willing to share with us about life in Birmingham for them. It may be that they would have been here in Birmingham during the 50's and 60's during the Civil Rights era and they will share about that. We'll see – it will be up to us to show ourselves respectful and trustworthy and up to them to decide if they will want to share with us. Two of the students are going to have a unique opportunity. The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute is going to graciously train them as docents on Monday and then they will give tours to groups on Tuesday through Thursday. I'm hoping that they will be able to give us a tour on Friday before we leave. A couple of students regretfully could not make the trip. One of them will be interviewing a person in our conference who was involved in the Civil Rights Movement in the South. I'm really interested in what the student will find out about how that person's faith motivated and sus-



Rev. Mark Pruett-Barnett

tained her. Another student will be researching one of the women figures of the time. I don't know who she will pick – Rosa Parks, Septima Clark or maybe Diane Nash. If you don't recognize the names, maybe you can take the course some time!

I've been excited about doing this class for a long time! It provides an opportunity to consider spirituality as part of the world and not just a matter of the individual. It also provides the opportunity to link the classroom with the world through a service component; and it gets our students out into the broader world. I think it is a move to fulfill the mission of Wesley College and the Annual Conference in crucial aspects.

Your Brother in Christ

Mark

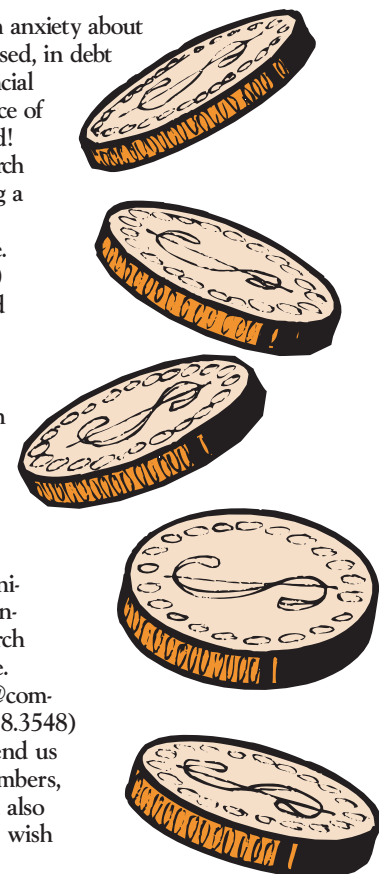
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'Help Spread the News: Financial Freedom is Possible!'

"Do you know someone with anxiety about money, who may be confused, in debt out of control, other financial worries? Is it robbing them the peace of a God-centered life? Help is at hand!

Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Wilmington, Delaware is offering a class called Financial Freedom on Tuesdays during the month of June. Each session will be held from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Childcare is free, and adults of all ages are welcome. Participants will learn how to save money, budget expenses, clear up credit problems, and much more. In a "no shame, no blame" supportive environment they'll partner with God, hear experts on each topic, and progress along the path to true freedom.

Please share this great opportunity with someone you know. Or contact us, and see whether your church can use such a life-changing course. Contact Janet Yabroff, at jmyrmy@comcast.net, or call the church (302.478.3548) for more information. Please do send us those who wish to help family members, or are in need themselves. We can also share this with your church, if you wish to make it available in your area.



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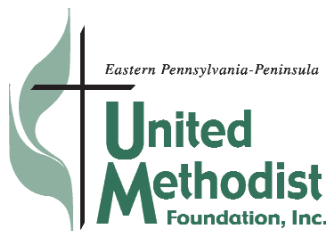
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Who Wins the Spending Tug of War?

Spouses deal with this all the time, at all levels of income. So do our local churches. For our churches, the two sides may be within the Trustees with one side saying, "We need to preserve principal" and the other "God will provide." Or, the tug of war is between the Trustees and those doing ministry or seeking to expand the church's ministries. Certainly everyone wants his or her church to continue its long history well into the future. Everyone knows there are many needs in our communities at home and abroad. Can compromise be found within the marriage of our church relationships?

Like a marriage, it first requires honest communication about the needs and plans. Time must be spent estimating the proposed expenditures for the ministries, and, assessing and forecasting the known expenditures – funds needed for maintenance of facilities, funding shortfalls in the operating budget, etc. People need to share their goals and dreams and listen just as passionately as they expressed their goals. Together the two sides can commit to the amount agreed upon. Budget is not a nasty word, but rather, a number assigned to a joint com-

mitment.

Marriage, like all our relationships, is a series of negotiations and compromise. What each partner wants versus what they are willing to sacrifice to get it. Dr. Phil of TV fame poses the following question to stubborn spouses: "how's that working for you?" His question suggests that the spouse needs to seriously consider changing their behavior in order for new results to be realized. Dr. Phil is not suggesting abandoning your convictions, just your approach and tactics. Conversations at the church level that begin with "we have never done it that way" or "we always . . ." or "this church never . . ." will end as quickly as they started. Rather, the savers need to think outside the box for a change, spend time considering new ways of investing and allocating the churches resources. For the spenders, invest some time in learning about inflation and purchasing power – investment words for "what will our endowment be able to pay for in future generations?" Educating each other can be fun and will lead to deeper relationships within your church family.

The Foundation does not offer talk therapy but we do offer resources and services to assist both the savers and the spenders. Through the use of asset allocation and reasonable spending



Stacy Martin

policies, both teams in the game can put down their end of the rope and answer God's call. God has provided the opportunity for us to have the resources and the skills to maximize those resources to do his work. The Foundation works with its clients to address these questions and to provide assistance in working through the computations and decisions. Should your church be interested in learning more about this topic, please contact me.

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Cokesbury Connection

As we take a break for the summer (Yeah, right!) here's an easy way to remember what it's all about! **(A)** is for Administration **(P)** is for Pastoral Care **(O)** is for Outreach **(S)** is for Stewardship **(T)** is for Teaching/Learning **(L)** is for Liturgy **(E)** is for Evangelism. Put it all together and you have an . . . **APOSTLE**. Look inside any Cokesbury catalog and you will see helps for all of these areas of spiritual giftedness.



Madeline Beall

Some New Books for Your Summer Reading:

Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church is Transforming the Faith by Diane Butler Bass.

Life In the Fishbowl: Everyday Challenges of Pastors and Their Families by Belton Joynor.

Needs Based Evangelism by Robert Pierson

Web Empower Your Church: Unleashing the Power of Internet Ministry by Mark Stephenson

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations by Robert Schnase

Praising the God of Grace: The Theology of Charles Wesley's Hymns by Charles Yrigoyen, Jr.

From Members To Disciples: Leadership Lessons From the Book of Acts by Michael Foss

Vessel of Peace: A Guide for Pilgrims of the Spirit, by Ellen Stephen and Doug Shadel

Jonah, Jesus, and Other Good Coyotes: Speaking Peace to Power in the Bible by Daniel Smith-Christopher.

The Theology of John Wesley: Holy Love and the Shape of Grace, by Kenneth Collins.

Film and Religion: An Introduction, by Paul Flesher and Robert Torry

Some Great Web Sites to Check Out Over the Summer
www.NothingButNets.net

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tion project for Africa
www.UMC.org/nets
www.cokesbury.com

For all your **APOSTLE** needs
www.africanamerican.cokesbury.com

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Some Summer Sales Not to Miss

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CLERGY VESTMENT SALE: 15% on all custom pulpit robes; 10% on all in-stock stoles and vestments. Until June 30th.

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If you get this before Annual Conference . . . stop by the Cokesbury display and say hello!

Have a great re-creating time this summer . . . and please contact me if I can help you with any **APOSTLE** resources.

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Missional Appointments

As we have sought to be faithful to God's call to mission in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, I have made the following appointments effective July 1, 2007 (unless otherwise indicated).

Boyd Etter to Dover District Superintendency from Seaford: St. John's (Dover District)

Rich Walton to Salisbury: Zion (Salisbury District) from Princess Anne: Antioch (Salisbury District)

Dean Perdue to Bishopville (Salisbury District) from Whaleyville-New Hope (Salisbury District)

Ray Graham to Denton: St. Luke's (Easton District) from Newark: Ebenezer (Wilmington District)

Ruthann Simpson to Townsend: Immanuel (Wilmington District) from Mardela Springs (Salisbury District)

Glenn Lyburn to Mardela Springs (Salisbury District) from Colora: Mt. Pleasant (Wilmington District)

Joyce Whittington to Incapacity Leave from Church Hill: Burrsville (Easton District)

Genevieve Brown to Church Hill: Burrsville (Easton District) from Crisfield-Shiloh (Salisbury District)

Emmanuel Johnson to Union: St. Michaels (Easton District) from Deal Island - St. Charles (Salisbury District)

David Lee to Full time Extension Ministry: Chaplain U. S. Air Force from Sharptown: Zion (Salisbury District)

George Moody to Sharptown: Zion (Salisbury District) from Coleman (Wilmington District)

Pearl Johnson to Coleman (Wilmington District)

from Snow Hill: Ebenezer (Salisbury District)

Part-time

Jane Ayers, elder on loan from the Wyoming Conference serving Hartly UMC (Dover District)

Bishop and Mrs. Clifton Ives Attending Annual Conference

Bishop Clifton Ives and his wife, Jane, retired Episcopal leader from the Northeastern Jurisdiction, will be participating in our annual conference throughout the weekend.

The Ives' have written several books and during the dinner hour on Saturday there will be a book signing with them in the Cokesbury area of the Ballroom in the Student Center.

Bishop Ives will also be preaching for the Ordination Service to be held on Saturday evening in the auditorium of the Ella Fitzgerald Center and again on Sunday morning during the Service of Remembrance and Holy Communion.

Bishop Ives was born in Farmington, Maine and is the son of a Methodist pastor. Married to Jane Petherbridge Ives, they have three grown children (Bonnie

Marden, Stephen and Jonathan) and five grandchildren. He was ordained a Deacon in 1961 and Elder in 1963 by Bishop James K. Mathews. He served for thirty years in the Maine Annual Conference and served as the Director of the Conference Council on Ministries from 1973-76. He was appointed as a District Superintendent in 1986 where he served until 1992. Bishop Ives, before his election, served on the Board of Directors of the General Board of Discipleship from



Bishop Clifton Ives

1984-88 and was a member of the World Methodist Council for 10 years. He and Mrs. Ives have also been involved with Marriage Enrichment leadership since 1976.

Bishop Ives was elected to the Episcopacy in 1992 by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference and was assigned to the West Virginia Episcopal Area. As a Bishop he also served as Vice President of the General Commission on Religion and Race (1992-96). He also maintained a special interest in World Missions which led him twice to Haiti as a Volunteer-In-Mission participant as well as to Russia and Africa.

We welcome the Ives' to Princess Anne this weekend and to our 2007 "Changing Lives for a Changing World" Annual Conference.

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James & Cheryl Michael –
First United Methodist Church
 East New Market, Maryland
 Easton District



James & Cheryl Michael with Rev. Helen Lockwood

We recognize Jim and Cheryl as recipients of the Order of Saint Barnabas. Cheryl has been an active member of this church all of her life carrying a full load in service to the Lord. Active in Emmaus, she has served on team and with Jim they have sponsored many in the Walk to Emmaus program, including their pastor. They have enabled many to attend by giving of their resources to make it happen.

Cheryl is the adult Sunday school teacher at First UMC preparing the lessons as a labor of love and devotion to the class. Her goal is to make disciples at home as well for the world as commanded by our Lord. Jim and Cheryl have encouraged individuals in other faith communities to explore and experience the love of God in new and exciting ways. They are also advocates against gambling visiting Annapolis testifying in some cases and lobbying for the good of the church. They both go outside their home church to be Christ's ambassadors to the world.

Recently, Jim accepted the challenge of disaster relief chairperson over Dorchester County during the time when many

had lost their homes and hope. He worked night and day trying to restore some sense of safety and provide help to hundreds of people. In March, Jim went to New Orleans as God's hand extended to help restore a church in the Ninth Ward.

Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church
 Soup Kitchen Ministry
 Sharptown, MD Area
 Salisbury District



Mt. Nebo Church Members

For nearly ten years, the Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church Soup Kitchen Ministry has delivered soup and sandwiches, prayer and the Word in Delaware and Maryland communities. This ministry reaches the sick and shut-in, as well as the sin-sick and lost, often serving more than 100 meals each week.

Those faithful volunteers donate, prepare, serve, and deliver the meals. Recently the Soup Kitchen Ministry and Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church have partnered with the Food Bank of Maryland. It is the prayer of this congregation that they will continue to reach out, not only with soup and a meal; but with the love of God, a word from the Lord, and the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit.

Mt. Nebo & John Wesley UMC
 Church School Ministry
 Sharptown, MD Area
 Salisbury District



Mt. Nebo & John Wesley church members

Two churches serving God and worshipping together reached out into the community with a week-night Church School. This Monday night ministry included Bible study, crafts, and a snack. John Wesley and Mt. Nebo continued to plant seeds with a week-long Vacation Bible School for children, youth, and adults. The out-reach was extended to two weeks and daily meals... a VBS Fall Session.

These two churches are located in a sparsely populated rural area. Nevertheless, the Church School attendance tripled, church attendance grew, and a new ministry emerged as Hospitality Volunteers. The Church School ministry staff offers homework and tutoring assistance in the areas of math and reading. Transportation is provided to all activities for any of the participants.

A cadre of volunteers consists of retired teachers, homemakers, career persons, and Lay Ministers who also support the children of the church with encouragement and love. They heed these words of the Lord, "...suffer the children to come unto me..."



Father's Day June 17th



Conference

Calendar of Events

June 2007

- 8-10 **Annual Conference**, Princess Anne, MD.:
University of Maryland – Eastern Shore
- 16 **Conference United Methodist Women Mission Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 9:00 a.m.
- 18 **Enabling Ministries Resource Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 **Conference United Methodist Men Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 7:15 p.m.
- 21 **Committee on Native American Ministries Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 9:00 a.m.
- 21-23 **New Church Development for Urban Ministry Workshops**, Wilmington: Grace UMC & Ezion-Mt. Carmel UMC

July 2007

- 4 **Happy 4th. – BFEM Resource Center, Closed**
- 7 **Disaster Relief Task Force Meeting**, Bridgeville: Union UMC Parsonage, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 12 **Advocacy Resource Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 2:00 p.m.
- 13 **CARE Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- 17 **Equitable Compensation Committee Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 1:00 p.m.

- 18-21 **School of Christian Mission**, Dover: Wesley College
- 19 **Credit Union Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m.
- 23 **Communications Commission Annual Retreat**, Chestertown: First UMC, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 26 **Health Ministries Task Force Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.
- Conference Hispanic/Latino Task Force Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 **Vision Team Meeting**, Wesley College: Rm. #206, 7:00 p.m.

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- 2 **Resource Development & Management Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m.
- Board of Stewards Meeting**, Camp Pecometh, 6:00 p.m.
- 6-14 **Bishop's Wesley Heritage Trip To England**
- 13 **Credit Union Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m.
- Volunteers In Mission Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00 p.m.
- Peter D. Weaver Mission Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 14 **Conference United Methodist Men Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 7:15 p.m.

Poem Read by Mrs. Gloria Holt (Laity/Clergy Banquet)

Author Unknown

"Dead or Alive"

Live churches are constantly changing.
 Dead churches don't have to.
 Live churches have lots of noisy kids.
 Dead churches are fairly quiet.

Live churches expenses always exceed their incomes.
 Dead churches take in more than they ever intend to spend.
 Live churches are always planning for the future.
 Dead churches worship their past.

Live churches are intense & earnest about worship.
 Dead churches aren't.
 Live churches move out in faith,
 Dead churches operate totally by human insight.

Live churches support missions.
 Dead churches keep it at home.
 Live churches focus on people.
 Dead churches focus on buildings.

Live churches are filled with tithers.
 Dead churches are filled with tippers.
 Live churches dream great kingdom dreams.
 Dead churches relive nightmares.

Live churches evangelize.
 Dead churches fossilize.