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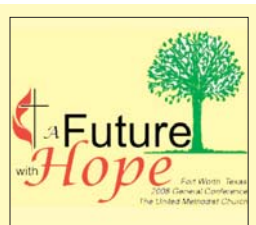
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The Healthy Church Initiative
A Pathway to Healthy Disciples involved in Healthy Ministry Leading to Healthy Churches



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

The Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference

Laity Session
June 7, 2008

Clergy Executive Session
June 11, 2008

Annual Conference Sessions
June 13-15, 2008



July 13-18 —
Jurisdictional Conference
in Harrisburg,
Pennsylvania

Mariner's Bethel UMC Hosts 2008 Confirmation Celebration

The 2008 Confirmation Celebration took place Sunday afternoon, March 2nd at Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church in Ocean View, Delaware. 165 youth pre-registered for the event but over 386 people representing 30 youth groups showed up for music, fellowship, worship, and a word from Bishop Marcus Matthews.

Bishop Matthews shared with the confirmands his story of growing up in the United Methodist Church and his calling to ministry. He told of his personal journey that led up to his election as a bishop in the Northeastern Jurisdiction in 2004. He also shared with them that he leads by the "United Methodist Way" as told by Bishop Joel:

**Do No Harm
Do Good**

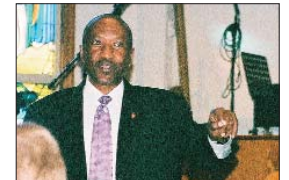
Stay In Love With God
Afterwards, the floor was open to questions where the

youth had an opportunity to ask the bishop anything that they wanted. Questions such as "how long have you been preaching?" (35 years), "what does a bishop do?" and "how hard is it to be a bishop?" were raised. When asked what to do if you really love God but feel that their church is boring or irrelevant, Bishop Matthews offered this advice: shop around to find a United Methodist Church that is the 'right choice' for you 'right now.' He also asked the youth to express their feelings with their pastors as to why they think their church is irrelevant and boring. By doing this, there is dialogue and perhaps changes in thoughts and actions will follow. Maybe your thoughts will bring a new vision to light and make your church inviting to all. Don't listen to anyone that tells you that you (youth) are the church of tomorrow. YOU are the church of today.

Higher Place Ministries and

Ground Zero Masters Commission groups provided worship and skits to round out the day. Mariner's Bethel provided snacks

and videos during the break. Thanks to everyone that came out and to the adults that brought their youth to this event.



2008 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, 2008 (unless otherwise indicated).

- Jonathan Baker appointed to Rehoboth Beach: Epworth (Dover District) from Wilmington: Aldersgate (Wilmington District) {effective January 1, 2008}
- Frederick Duncan appointed to Lewes: Bethel (Dover District) from Laurel: Christ (Dover District) {effective January 1, 2008}
- Donna Hinkle appointed to Laurel: Christ (Dover District) from the Roxana Charge (Dover District)
- Kyung-hee Sa appointed as Associate Pastor to Chester: Kent Island (Easton District)
- J. Arthur Hurley, Jr. appointed to Cambridge: Grace (Easton District) from Berlin: Stevenson (Salisbury District)
- Michael Hurley appointed to Angola: Conleys (Dover District) from Clarksville: St. George's (Dover District)
- Edward Kuhling appointed to Millsboro: Grace (Dover District) from Seaford: Wesley (Dover District)
- Robbie Townsend appointed to Salisbury: Bethesda (Salisbury District) from Millsboro: Grace UMC
- Anne Pruet-Barnett appointed to Wilmington: Grace (Wilmington District) from Georgetown: Wesley (Dover District)
- James Sipes appointed to Seaford: Mt. Olivet (Dover District) from Newark: Kingswood (Wilmington District)
- William Green appointed to Salisbury: Christ (Salisbury District) from Wilmington: Richardson Park (Wilmington District)

Welcome to Our Sacred Space

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me, heavenward in Christ Jesus

Philippians 3:14

Greetings,

While we're gearing up for the future, let us remember those disciples, the men and women who walked and talked with Jesus. The excitement of the resurrection amazed them, but they were still unsure of the future. There was a sense of excitement but also a sense of anxiety. This was a new experience, a new beginning. Something wonderful had happened, their lives had changed, but what would the future hold for them? Everything seemed the same, but everything was different. They couldn't grasp the importance of what Jesus' resurrection would mean to and for them and future generations. Just having Jesus present with them seemed enough.

Perhaps we often feel this way after attending a wonderful, uplifting and challenging worship service; participate in bible study; or take time to talk with God. Like Peter and the other disciples. It feels good to be on the mountain top, but sooner or later one must get back to the busyness of living our daily lives. The question that looms before us remains often in our heart and in our mind. What happens after Easter, after our God-filled experiences? What's the next step, the next plan or the next move we take toward the future. I can imagine that these were some of the questions being discussed by the disciples after knowing Jesus had risen from the dead and was going to leave them again. What would they do? How would they continue to be faithful to him?

The journey to Pentecost helps us to ask these questions. How does the resurrection of Jesus make us a community of faith? How do we love one another? What does this mean for our lives, our churches, our communities and the world? Just as we made the journey from Lent to Easter, the journey continues from



Rev. Elaine B. Ayres

Easter to Pentecost. Jesus will tell his disciples to go into the upper room and wait, pray and "Gear Up" for the Holy Spirit, the power of God to come upon them. This often seems to be the process of our relationship with God. God initiates – God's people respond – God reveals his power- we're blessed. We are given the power – to be God's children.

Therefore as we begin to "Gear Up" for the future in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, let us be bathed in prayer, continue to read, study the scriptures, and reflect on God's Word. Let us participate in daily devotions, prayer, bible study, and discernment for God's direction for our personal life, our corporate life as a conference, and as members of God's universal church. Like the disciples after the resurrection, we may not know where God will lead us, but we know we'll never be alone. The days and weeks ahead may have many twists and turns but let us remember the words of *Charles Wesley:

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go.

My daily labor to pursue;
Thee, only thee, resolved to
know in all I think or speak
or do.

The task thy wisdom hath
assigned, O let me cheerfully
fulfill.

In all my works thy presence
find, and prove thy good and
perfect will.

Shalom,
Elaine

*CCLI296167 (UMH "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord": Stanzas 1&2 p 438)

From the Director of Connectional Ministries

The Peninsula-Delaware Conference following The Healthy Church Initiative is "Gearing Up" for the Annual Conference.

"So roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, be totally ready to receive the gift that's coming when Jesus arrives. Don't lazily slip back into those old grooves of evil, doing just what you feel like doing. You didn't know any better then; you do now. As obedient children, let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness. God said, 'I am holy; you be holy.'"

(1 PETER 1: 13-16, The Message)

"So roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear!" (1 Peter 1:13) "Behold, I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43: 19) These are passages in which our Healthy Church Initiative is grounded and the passages that guide our preparation for this year's Annual Conference. Gear Up! The Breath of God's Spirit is moving in new and exciting ways! Local Churches have completed, or are working toward the completion of their first drafts of their Local Church Ministry Covenant Plan! It is exciting to see Local Churches setting some priorities for ministry and setting some specific goals for what they as a church, both clergy and laity, are going to fulfill this year. It is exciting to see some of our local churches committing themselves to working on at least one of the paths for making disciples set forth in the Healthy Church Initiative and stating that commitment in their Ministry Covenant.

A seminar for training effective lay leadership is in the developmental stage and we plan to kick off a pilot event for that training in the Fall of 2008. What has been worked on so far is really exciting and we are working to be able to offer this training at times that our laity can

attend, hopefully, without having to take off from work.

Our Committee on Clergy and Lay Leadership is hard at work trying to make visitations to every charge in our Conference. As these visit are being made persons with passion who wish to serve on a Conference Board, Team, or Agency are coming forward. If you have a passion for and want to be considered for serving in a Conference wide ministry, or on a team board or agency and have not given your name to your Clergy and Lay Leadership representative, please do so or just e-mail Sandra Steiner Ball, Director of Connectional Ministries at ssteinerball@pen-de.org.

The Vision Team has had an exciting time looking forward to



the Fall! BUMP, our Black United Methodist Pastors, in cooperation and partnership with the Healthy Church Initiative is leading and sponsoring leadership training in a number of areas this Fall. Hold Saturday, October 4 from 8:30 to 12:30 on your calendar now. More information will be coming. We are looking at a Healthy Church Initiative and Making Connections small membership church and worship event to take place on one of the first two Saturdays in November. We are also in conversations with local churches to partner with those churches to bring resources and training opportunities dealing with some of the Healthy Church

Initiative pathways right to your own back door. If your congregation would like to partner with the Healthy Church Initiative to bring a training event or resource possibility to your area – again contact Sandra.

And have you seen what's happening in our Young People's Ministry? One good event, one good opportunity after another! Mission Possible is slated for July 27-August 2, 2008 in Middletown, DE. To get more information, talk to Shane Hinderliter, our Director of Young People's Ministry.

Plans are even being made into 2009! This kind of 12 to 18 month advance planning is exactly what we are looking for as part of our Healthy Church Initiative! To accomplish something with excellence, it has to be well planned out in advance and it has to set out as a priority. For example, our Disaster Relief task force is planning for a training academy in the Spring of 2009 that will cover 6 areas of Disaster Relief: 1) Basic Review of Disaster Relief. 2) Spiritual and Emotional care. 3) Volunteer Management. 4) Material Management and Administration. 5) Financial Management and Administration. 6) Case Work.

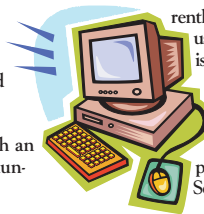
Our Conference is indeed gearing up for and beginning to accomplish ministry in new, exciting ways with both excellence and effectiveness. And as we are gearing up for the new things that God is calling us to consider and accomplish for God's Kingdom, let us be in prayer for one another, for our pastors, for our church leadership, for our communities. Prepare for the upcoming Annual Conference by talking to God about God's plan for your life, the life and health of your local church, and the life and health of our Annual Conference. "Roll up your sleeves, put your mind in gear, . . . don't slip back into those old grooves . . . let yourselves be pulled into a way of life shaped by God's life, a life energetic and blazing with holiness."

Audio/Visual Volunteers Sought For Annual Conference

Are you interested in learning about Annual Conference? Do you have experience and/or a passion for audio/visuals in worship and conference settings?

The Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference is seeking persons with such an interest to explore the possibility of volunteering their time for future Annual Conferences in this field.

The Annual Conference is a three-day session full of worship, fellowship, and holy conferencing. We cur-



rently have one person that handles this area for us who will be unable to continue in this ministry after the conference this June.

We are looking for interested persons that would be willing to observe at the 2008 Conference and then begin working with the Communications Team as they prepare for the 2009 Annual Conference Sessions and beyond.

If you are interested or just would like to learn more about this ministry, please e-mail tward@pen-de.org or call 1.877.736.3351, ext. 24.

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Interfaith Resource Center

'Tis the Season... At the IRC

Well, yes, it is the season for the evaluation of your Sunday school program. Requests for curriculum samples are at their peak in the late spring and early summer. If your Christian Education team is not satisfied with the curriculum that you have been using, you too may be searching for that perfect new program. Or perhaps you have loved what you are using, but it's going out of print this year. Since curriculum is a major portion of your church's Christian Education budget and changing your program involves planning, you will want to sample what is available and get adequate feedback. The IRC carries a range of samples.

I have created a chart for comparison of many of the major curriculum programs. Similar to the chart we prepare each year for VBS (available on our website), this chart will give an at-a-glance look at many of the major curriculum programs, who publishes them, how they are structured, and basic costs. It will be a work in progress as curriculum changes are a constant part of the publishing landscape. If you would like to receive a copy of this chart, please contact me at resource.ctr@dol.net or 302.477.0910. This chart will also soon



Paula Hartzell

be available on our website at www.interfaithresourcecenter.com.

Not Getting the IRC E-news?

If you are not getting my e-news and would like to be included, I would like to hear from you. We publish a short e-news-letter approximately once per month. If you have not received any e-news this year, you are missing out on notices of upcoming events and our new resource notices. Please send us your e-mail address and we will add you to the list. We pledge to keep your address confidential.

New Resources

UnChristian by David Kinnamon of the Barna Group and Gabe Lyons of the Fermi Project presents an analysis of research done by the Barna Group regarding the perceptions of young adults concerning

Christianity. This book is enormously readable and insightful, with just enough statistical information to back up the authors' conclusions without overwhelming the reader. Having read this book from cover to cover and finding it eye-opening, I have given it a "Director's Choice" designation in our online catalog. Type in "Director's Choice" in the description field to find other recommendations.

One Month to Live, hosted by Kerry and Chris Shook, is a 6-session adult study with accompanying video support designed to reshape how participants do "life." Pastor Shook observes that people who have been told that they have only a short period of time to live often live life differently, expressing their love more freely, healing relationships that are strained, and divesting their lives of the unimportant. Through this study, participants come to grips with their own mortality and how they can think about and use their lives in meaningful ways. This program was requested by an IRC member. If you are interested in previewing it, contact us to be put on a waiting list.

For highlights of other new resources, go to www.interfaithresourcecenter.com/what'snew.htm

From Your Wesley College Chaplain

Many of us right now are in the midst of Wesley College's accreditation process. The accrediting institution is the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. A college or university is accredited every 10 years. I have had the opportunity to participate in this process and it is an eye-opener. What happens is that under the guidance of the Commission, the College develops a self-study; it conducts the self-study; and then the Commission evaluates the process and the conclusions. Paper has been flying as we ransack the College for documentation; and computers have been processing what feels like millions of words! Academics, the faculty, administration and support staff, student life – every aspect of the life of Wesley as a college is put under scrutiny. The official accreditation process is very important. It says to the public that Wesley is meeting standards that it has in common with other institutions of higher education, which is essential to attracting students. It can give the College a sense of strengths and its limitations. It gives Wesley a chance to see where it is and where it wants to be in fulfillment of its mission.

Following this accreditation



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process will come the one through the University Senate of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. They have the responsibility for accrediting the College as a United Methodist Institution of Higher Education. It will be interesting to see what that entails! They will have access to the Mid-Atlantic report but they will be concerned with the spiritual dimensions of the College. When it is all said and done, it will be important to see how Wesley College measures up as a college and how it measures up to the spiritual heritage of its namesake.

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CARE TEAM CONCERNS: To Hug or Not to Hug in Church

A brief review of the literature on hugging tells us that "a hug a day keeps the blues away" and "A hug delights, warms and charms; it must be why we have arms! (anonymous)." And, it is true that hugs are non-fattening and non-taxable (Amy Nappa.) Yet, the simplicity of these conclusions belies the complexity of the physical intimacy and the implications inherent in a hug. Let's consider some of the issues that make a touch good or bad and then look at how Scripture can inform our understanding of hugging.

Though occasionally a hug is spontaneously initiated by two parties at one time, generally hugs are initiated by one person and received by another. *Whether a hug is a good, bad or confusing touch is determined by the receiver.* If the initiator is a pastor or other person with power, such as an adult or teacher, the recipient often has little choice about accepting the hug. The receiver's perception of the hugger or their relationship helps define whether the touch/hug is welcome or not. If the receiver has a history of abuse or negative experience with touch, a hug may be unwelcome and very uncomfortable. The current emotional state or life situation or even the physical state of the receiver will contribute to their perception and reception of the hug. The intentions of the person doing the hugging/touching are secondary. The conclusion to be drawn here is not that touching or hugging is necessarily wrong. Rather, that a more sensitive approach might be to *ask before you hug!* (FaithTrust Institute)

So where do hugs come from? The thesaurus reference to *hug* guides us to words such as embrace, greeting, welcome, cohere, harbor, hold, seize, and stay near. While a hug may be all of these things in

our most pleasant or unpleasant experiences, let's search Scripture for hug, embrace, greeting and welcome. The only *hug* reveals the *poor hug the rocks for lack of shelter* (Job 24.) We know that the father of the Prodigal Son *threw his arms around him and kissed him* (Luke 15.) Proverbs encourages us to *embrace Wisdom* (Pr3,4) and warns against *embracing the bosom of another man's wife* (Pr5.) And, in Genesis, Laban, Esau, Joseph and Israel all *embraced* beloved family members, but the intimacy among biological family members presumes a longstanding relationship and practice of greeting.

There are over fifty uses of greeting in both the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. Moses *bowled down and kissed* his father-in-law (Ex18:7), Samuel was greeted with *two loaves of bread* (1Sam10), and David sends *ten young men* to greet Nabal (1Sam25.) But it was Paul who introduced the *holy kiss* (Rom16, 2Co13, 1Pe5, 3Jn1) and was *embraced and kissed* by the Ephesian elders on his departure from them (Ac20.)

So where does that leave us? Greeting in Bible times varied depending upon ones' relationship with the person to be greeted and Ecclesiastes reminds that *there is... a time to embrace and a time to refrain* (Ec3.) Since we know some receivers may never be comfortable with hugging, and that hugs can be welcome, let's follow the leading of God's Word and personalize our greetings by showing sensitivity to the uniqueness of each person we encounter. It always works to *ask before you hug!*

(Editor's Note: Contributed by Rev. Sally Dolch sdolch@comcast.net. Rev. Dolch is a member of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference CARE Team)



First Church of Chestertown Recognized

First United Methodist Church in Chestertown, Maryland has been recognized by Igniting Ministry as a Welcoming Congregation. First UMC joins Leeds and Aldersgate United Methodist churches in our conference who have achieved this recognition.

Through its Welcoming Certification program, Igniting Ministry celebrates and recognizes the efforts of local congregations that actively and intentionally prepare to welcome newcomers and change the congregation's lifestyle. Churches that have attained this distinction receive a wooden plaque recognizing the congregation's efforts and gain a special designation in the Find-A-Church database, which newcomers can access through www.UnitedMethodist.org.

For more information on how your church can become a Welcoming Congregation contact the Communications Office at the Bishop Felton Edwin May Resource Center (tward@pen-del.org, 1.877.736.3351, ext. 24) or review the information at www.IgnitingMinistry.org.

In Sympathy

The Peninsula-Delaware Conference shares their prayers and condolences to the following conference members who have lost loved ones recently.

- Rev. Kevin English and his family on the death of his father in February
- Rev. John Dunnack and his family on the death of his sister-in-law on February 29th
- Rev. Earle Baker and his family on the death of his mother on March 8th
- Rev. Doug Ridley and his family on the death of his wife on March 9th



Camping And Retreat Ministry



New Camp DVD Available

The brand new Camp Pecoth DVD is now available for FREE. The 6:37 minute video captures all the fun of Pecoth activities and camp songs, as well as the spiritual impact of summer camp in the lives of young people. The DVD was produced by Heart & Soul Creations, a communications ministry created by Rev. Bo Gordy-Stith (Skyline UMC). Contact Richelle Darrell, Summer Camp Director, at 410.556.6900, x103 or richelle@pecoth.org to obtain your FREE copy.

Ambassador Training a Success

Twenty persons attended the Pecoth Ambassador Training on March 1, gaining in-depth knowledge of the summer camp program so they can recruit campers throughout the conference. The three-hour training started with a preview of the new summer camp DVD and ended with a tour of the Pecoth website, www.pecoth.org. In between, each program was covered, in detail, to prepare the Ambassadors to answer any questions that prospective campers and their families might have. **Would you like to schedule a church visit?** Now that we have Pecoth Ambassadors we can easily accommodate your request. For more information, please contact Richelle Darrell at 410.556.6900, x103 or richelle@pecoth.org and we'll schedule for an Ambassador near you to come promote camp.

Don't Forget Day Camp

Pecoth now offers a Day Camp program in two locations throughout the summer, one at Pecoth and the other at Wesley College in Dover. Sessions run from Monday to Friday each week and campers can sign up for single or multiple sessions, with a 10% discount for enrolling in six or more sessions. This is a perfect oppor-

tunity to get a child started in her or his camp experience. Need more information or a brochure? Contact Julie at 410.556.6900 or julie@pecoth.org or go online to get information and register at www.pecoth.org.

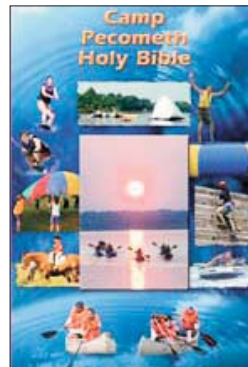
Ministry Positions Open

Yes, working on Camp Pecoth's summer staff is a ministry position. Where else can you literally help hundreds of young people grow as followers of Jesus while making lifelong friends yourself? And you get paid for it. We're still looking for lifeguards, maintenance staff, kitchen staff, male counselors and Wesley Day Camp counselors. Go to the Summer Staff link at www.pecoth.org for more information or contact Richelle Darrell at richelle@pecoth.org.

Underwrite the 2008 Camp Pecoth Bible

The 2007 Camp Pecoth Bible (pictured), given to each camper, was a big hit. The Contemporary English Version Bible had a custom-designed cover that matched the summer camp program cover. Having their own Pecoth Bible reinforces the connection that campers make with fun, spiritual growth, Christian community and God's Word.

We're now in the process of preparing for the production of the 2008 Camp Pecoth Bible



2007 Bible Cover

and we're offering church groups an opportunity to participate in this important ministry. **Would your church consider joining as a sponsor for these important ministry gifts?** If so, any group which contributes \$500 or more toward the cost of these Bibles will have their name printed on the back cover to acknowledge their participation.

The total cost for the Bibles will be approximately \$8,000, so there's an opportunity for many churches to get involved. This is perfect for United Methodist Women or Men's groups that want to impact the life of young people for Jesus Christ. Contact Jack Shitama at jack@pecoth.org or 410.556.6900, x101 for more information.

Donate a Quilt, Buy a Quilt

It's not too late to donate a quilt for the 2nd Annual Pecoth Day Live Quilt Auction, to be held Saturday, April 19, 2008. Last year we had over 50 quilts and raised over \$5,000 for camperships and improvements to existing camp facilities. And, whether you donate a quilt or not, mark your calendar to come and join in the bidding. It's a fun time for a great cause. For more information, contact Ann Ashe at annashe@pecoth.org or 410.556.6900, 100.

Pecoth Calendar

Volunteer Day

Saturday, April 12, 2008

Bring your church or youth group to help get Pecoth ready for the summer
Contact Buddy Landing at 410.556.6900, x107 or buddylanding@pecoth.org for more info

2nd Annual Pecoth Day

Open House, Quilt Auction, Silent Auction
Saturday, April 19, 2008
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Contact Ann Ashe at 410.556.6900, x100 or annashe@pecoth.org for more information

Important Dates To Remember!

Please Join the Conference Board Of Lay Ministry on the following dates:

Clergy/Laity Banquet

Friday, May 9, 2008
Time: 6:00 p.m. Cost: \$30.00
Whatcoat U. M. Church
341 Saulsbury Rd.
Dover, Delaware 19904

Call Dover, Easton, Salisbury & Wilmington district offices for tickets.

Laity Session

Saturday, June 7, 2008
8:15 to 12:00 p.m.
Registration: 8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Schwartz Center for the Arts
226 S. State St.
Dover, Delaware 19904

Included in this Gathering will be a Special Training Session for all New Members of the Annual Conference! Those members that have attended the Annual Conference before can also benefit from this as a review.

We need your help to make these two events Successful!

Conference Calendar of Events

April 2008

- 1 **Worship Sub-group Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 2 **Emmaus/Chrysalis Clergy Training**, Wesley College Rm. #206, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Vision Team Meeting, Wesley College-Chapel, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 3 **Resource Development and Management Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m.
Committee on Clergy & Lay Leadership Meeting, Dover: Wesley UMC, 7:00 p.m.
- 5 **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Symposium and Celebration**, Bridgeville: Union UMC, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Young Adult Ministry Follow-up Meeting, Smyrna: Asbury UMC, 2:00 p.m.
- 8 **Black United Methodist Preachers Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 11:00 a.m.
- 9 **Annual Conference Sessions Team Meeting**, Wesley College: Room #206, 4:00 p.m.
- 10 **Advocacy Resource Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 2:00 p.m.
- 12 **Camp Pecoth Volunteer Day**, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Pecoth Capital Campaign Kickoff, Wilmington: Chase Riverfront Center, 6:00 p.m.
- 14 **Board of Ordained Ministry Meeting**, Easton: St. Mark's UMC, 9:00 a.m. - Executive Committee & 9:30 a.m. - Full Board
Peter D. Weaver Mission Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 6:30 p.m.
- 15 **Council on Finance and Administration Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Personnel Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 1:00 p.m.
Investment Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00 p.m.
Insurance Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00 p.m.

- Board of Pensions Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 5:00 p.m.
- 16 **CARE Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Equitable Compensation Committee Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 3:00 p.m.
- 17 **Committee on Native American Ministries Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 9:00 a.m.
Health Ministries Task Force Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 11:00 a.m.
- 19 **United Methodist Women Wilmington District Spring Event**, TBD
Camp Pecoth Open House & Auction, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 21 **A Monastic Day Apart**, Centreville, MD: Camp Pecoth, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Credit Union Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m.
- 22 **Conference Board of Trustees Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 5:00 p.m.
- 23-30 **General Conference**, Ft. Worth, Texas
- 26 **United Methodist Women Dover District Spring Event**, TBD
- 29 **Conference United Methodist Men Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 7:15 p.m.
- 30 **Dunkle-Mackey Board Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m.

May 2008

- 1-2 **General Conference**, Ft. Worth, Texas
- 1 **Resource Development and Management Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 9:30 a.m.
- 3 **Conference United Methodist Women Spring Event**, Salisbury District, TBD
- 5 **Committee on Clergy & Lay Leadership Meeting**, Dover: Wesley Church, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 8 **Commission on Archives & History Meeting**, Frederica: Barratt's Chapel, 10:00 a.m.