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The United Methodist Reporter

Installation Service Introduces Bishop Johnson To the Philadelphia Area of The United Methodist Church

September 13th was a wonderful late summer day as many persons traveled the Delaware roads to Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Wilmington. This was also a special day because the Philadelphia Area was welcoming Rev. Peggy A. Johnson and witnessing her installation as Bishop of the Peninsula-Delaware and Eastern Pennsylvania Conferences.



Bishops Violet Fisher and Peggy A. Johnson

participated in the installation service including Revs. Stephen B. Ackerman and Beverly Lewis who welcomed everyone to Aldersgate, the Korean Choir and Liturgical Dance Group from Wilmington Korean UMC, Rev. Dr. Sandra Steiner Ball, Dr. William Johnston, Rev. Jeremias Rojas, Mr. William Westbrook, and Demetrio Beach. During the presentation of signs of Episcopal Ministry Mrs. Betty Gooch, Rev. John Mitchell, Mr. Andrew Whitehead, Rev. Kyung Mo Koo, Mrs. Jill Jicha, Rev. Vernon Bryant, Rev. Constance Hastings, Rev. Charlotte Nichols and



Deaf Ministry Drama

Rev. Christine Lee all served as presenters for each of the 9 'offerings.'

The gospel lesson, Matthew 25:31-46 where Jesus commended those who helped strangers and told them that when they did this to the least of them, they did it to him, was performed by Deaf Ministry Drama.

Bishop Violet Fisher, recently retired from serving the Western New York Conference with family ties to our conference, presented the Charge to Bishop Johnson. While speaking, Bishop Fisher quoted one of our past

Bishops, Peter D. Weaver, when she encouraged Bishop Johnson that the 'task before you is never greater than the power that is behind you.'

In her meditation, Bishop Johnson shared 'lighter' moments of her past including her college-



Mrs. Jill Jicha

days and pranks that took place. Bishop Johnson recalled that she knew at an early age God was calling her into ministry and as she slept one early morning on campus, there was a trumpet blast and she jumped up in bed thinking this was it – the rapture – and – hmm, why was she still there, had she been 'left behind?' And then, easing her mind, her roommate said – it was just a fraternity prank – go back to bed. Bishop Johnson has a heart for 'the least.' She explained that she wants to specifically seek out the poor, those in prison ministry, work with Shalom Zones including the Deaf Communities, all to win Disciples for the Transformation of the World. (before her election as bishop, Rev. Johnson's appointment was at Christ UMC of the Deaf where she had served for several years.) The service ended with Bishops Johnson and Fisher presiding over Communion. A meet and greet reception followed the service.



Wilmington Korean UMC Liturgical Dance Group

Message From The Bishop

Thoughts on Gambling

The communities in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of The United Methodist Church are being threatened by plans to expand gambling in Maryland and Delaware. In Maryland there will be a referendum on slot machines and there are those in Delaware that would like to see sports gambling in the state.

The Wesleyan Movement was a movement among the poor. By following three simple rules, lives were profoundly changed for the good. These rules were straight forward: do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. One of the evils that Wesley lifted up was "The taking such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus." Gambling is one such diversion that cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus, because of the harm it does to others.

The US Department of Health and Human services conducted a "National Gambling Impact Study Commission" in 1999. It was noted that the social impact of gambling upon our society was evidenced in increases in job loss, increased use of unemployment insurance and welfare benefits, increased bankruptcy, divorce, poorer physical health, poorer mental health, more arrests, and more incarcerations. This is why the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church state our belief that, "Gambling is a menace to society, deadly to the best interests of moral, social, economic, and spiritual life, and destructive of good government."

Gambling is presented as a painless way of raising revenues to cover the rising cost of state government. In reality it is a way



Bishop Peggy A. Johnson

of shifting tax burden away from those who have the most, to those who have the least. The wealthy can afford to gamble for fun and can absorb the losses they incur. The poor do not gamble for fun. They often gamble out of desperation and the promise and hope of a big pay out. Revenue is raised because most lose their bet. Instead of paying the rent or feeding their children or putting gasoline in the car, they have only empty pockets and more desperation.

"As an act of faith and concern," our Social Principles state, "Christians should abstain from gambling and should strive to minister to those victimized by the practice." We have to play for the state to take advantage of us. We need to help others see gambling as a waste of money at best, and a way of cheating your family out of hard earned cash at worst.

When Wesley convinced his followers to follow his three rules miracles happened. The poor became empowered and they found they had more resources to care for their needs. Let us seek to follow our General rules: do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God. Let us encourage others to do so too and let the communities of the Peninsula Delaware Conference experience anew the blessings of Godly living.



Gabriel Johnson, Rev. Mark Johnson, and Mr. & Mrs. Howard Olver

Along with her husband, Rev. Mike Johnson, her son, Gabriel, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Olver were there to support her and this new endeavor.

Mrs. Boe Harris played a Native American flute medley as friends and colleagues gathered for the service. A strong advocate for the deaf, interpreters were there to sign the service for the many persons that came to support Bishop Johnson from the Baltimore-Washington Conference (her home conference). One interpreter, Mrs. Jill Jicha, is a member of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference and wife of one of our pastors.

Several other members of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference



Rev. Dr. Sandra Steiner Ball and Rev. Lillian Smith during Processional



October 5th is World Communion Sunday

BOYD'S BLESSINGS:

Previously we have shared a series based on Bishop Robert Schnase's Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. One of those practices occurred to me when I found myself in a meeting on a pleasant summer evening. That meeting, held at Avenue UMC in Milford, offered preparation for not one, but two Capital Campaign banquets to be hosted in the Dover District. So many table hosts said "Yes," to their invitation that two nights were needed to house our special guests at the Dover Sheraton!

The DVD and presentations by the Rev. Jack Shitama, the Rev. David Buchanan, and Ann Ashe brought back for me many memories of experiences of spiritual formation. Many of those experiences occurred at Drayton Retreat Center. They began exactly thirty years ago, when I attended an overnight retreat for new pastors. Then there were continuing education events—enrichment provided in such areas of ministry as evangelism, youth ministry, and sensitivity to races and cultures other than my own. There was also a planning retreat sponsored by the leadership of the local church in which I was the pastor. During a more recent twelve-year period, there were days and nights spent at Drayton, interviewing candidates for ordination with colleagues on the Board of Ordained Ministry. On one occasion, as we contemplated with others their call, those staying overnight were called from their beds by an alarm system that broke the silence of our slumbers. The local fire department responded promptly to determine that indeed the alarm was false!

But over a period of forty years, 1965-2005, persons like long-time colleagues and friends, Rev. George Godfrey and Carolyn, invested time, talent and treasure into sustaining those life-changing experiences at Drayton.

Three years ago, the Annual Conference cast a vision for new retreat facilities that will seek to meet the spiritual needs of persons in this 21st Century. Jesus

recognized that it is essential to retreat from the busy demands of daily ministry to be refreshed, renewed, and re-energized for His life of service (Mark 6:30-32). We are called to do likewise!

Whether it is a silent retreat in solitude, or a Walk to Emmaus, time spent apart with God and in Christian community is vital for the strengthening of body, mind, and spirit. I mentioned Emmaus: For those who have not taken the Walk, it is a three-day experience sponsored by The Upper Room ministries, and administered through two "communities" within the bounds of our Annual Conference. Any of us who are members of the Emmaus community would be happy to share more with you about this opportunity. Those who return from an Emmaus weekend are more committed to develop their spiritual gifts for leadership in the local church.

Who knows in what retreat setting we may find ourselves in the future at the Pecometh River Retreat? Submitting our souls to the Spirit of God is "our way of placing ourselves in the hands of God so that God can sculpt our souls and recreate us in the image of Christ." Those are Bishop Schnase's words in the book. There is no substitute for the companionship of fellow Christians in hearing Christ's call and challenge to be centered in God's Word, the holy Scriptures, and to engage in other spiritual disciplines or "acts of piety." Then the call of Christian service moves us into the world in "acts of mercy." These two dimensions of our walk with Christ were emphases in the ministry of John Wesley, founder of this great Methodist movement. May we find spiritual strength for a life in Christ through future retreats in the beautiful setting of Pecometh. I invite you to support the Capital Campaign and the construction through your prayers and your gifts!



Rev. Boyd Etter

Rehoboth Beach: Epworth's Legacy Journeys To A New Location & A Promising Future!

Deconsecration Sunday:
On March 30, former Epworth pastor & father of the current

pastor, Rev. David Baker and Jim

Downs, the oldest church member, locked the doors of the "Church by the Sea" on Baltimore Avenue in Rehoboth Beach Delaware for the final time. A horse-drawn wagon, which had relocated the original 1898 church to this site in 1914, stood ready to once again move the church's artifacts. Also on board was the 1960 sanctuary cornerstone with a time capsule inside. The 2-mile pilgrimage with over 200 people on foot, bike, car or trolley passed



opened by senior pastor Jonathan Baker. Surrounded by the curious Sunday school children, the contents were revealed: a Bible, a Book of Discipline, several coins and a letter. "Awesome" one declared about this historic

through cheering Rehoboth Beach crowds and continued to the new location on Holland Glade Road off of Route 1.



Upon arrival, the youngest member of the church unlocked the doors to the 48,000 sq. ft. facility and declared "I Am the Church of the Future."

Dedication Sunday:

During morning services on

June 8th, the 1960 cornerstone time capsule was



opened by senior pastor Jonathan Baker. Surrounded by the curious Sunday school children, the contents were revealed: a Bible, a Book of Discipline, several coins and a letter. "Awesome" one declared about this historic

moment.

That evening, the 500-seat sanctuary overflowed with celebration led by Epworth's Memorial Bells, worship choir (with guests



from St. Mark's UMC), the Praise Team & Band and a brass ensemble. Participating in the dedication and consecration service were Rev. Pat Loughlin, Rev. Etter, and Rev. Steiner Ball. Bishop Marcus Matthews spoke of the vision and legacy ahead for Epworth. Pastor Baker thanked the Bishop for allowing him to return to Epworth... that statement received a long, standing ovation from the joyous congregation!



St. Paul's 2008 Vacation Bible School a Success

Submitted by Rev. Jeanel Starling

During the week of June 16-20, 2008 St. Paul in Milford surfed through the scriptures during vacation bible school. The Beach Party theme was well received as children and youth throughout the community attended. We were pleased with the number of youth and children attending nightly. The numbers increased each night. Monday night 28 students and 26 adults, Tuesday 34 students and 27 adults, Wednesday 47 students, 27 adults, Thursday 46 students, 26, Friday 37 students, 22 adults plus parents for the closing ceremony.

ganzize a spirit-filled memorable celebration that will glorify and magnify the Lord! Our theme has guided us as we've planned what we hope will be a meaningful and enjoyable schedule of worship services, festivities and projects for our entire church family and the surrounding community. The celebration officially kicked off on Sunday, August 17th with an old-fashioned Pig Picking' Covered ish Picnic Dinner.

What was so amazing about this year's VBS was the large number of adult volunteers who came willingly to assist as teachers and assistants. Moreover, the congregation volunteered all the snacks. Our coordinators, Shanae Gavin, Christian Education chair (Evelyn Travis) and church school superintendent (Maurice Daniels) along with Rev. Starling planned a great VBS. An orientation was held the week prior to VBS where materials were discussed and shared. Students were taught varied stories and basic concepts about those who were obedient, kind, forgiving, bold, and beliefs. They learned how Gideon, the

woman with the issue of blood, Saul, David and Mephibeseth shared their faith.

The closing ceremony concluded with each class sharing about the week's study. Certificates were distributed while the men prepared a wonderful cook-out to conclude the week's event. Parents, students and VBS helpers enjoyed the closing with food, fellowship, and fun. God truly met us and guided us each night. It was our first VBS in God's new church and what a success. When we work together, good things happen. We evaluated the ministry on June 29, 2008 and made preliminary plans for next year.

Hartly Team Travels For Disaster Recovery Ministries

In August a team from Hartly UMC traveled to Goldsboro, North Carolina in response to the North Carolina Conference United Methodist Church Disaster Recovery Ministries to repair a bathroom for Mr. and Mrs. Avon Lucas, an elderly deaf mute couple who could communicate only in sign language. When the team learned they had been without a bathroom for a period of time, they rose to

the challenge and completed the project in five days with the exception of a few cosmetic details. In the photo with Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are team members: kneeling, Brandon Richard and Polly Steele; standing, Pastor Jane Ayers, Connie Richard and Bret Steele.



Mariner's Bethel Celebrates 150th Anniversary

150 years ago, a group of 40 faith-filled seafaring Methodists founded Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church in Ocean View Delaware! They serve a mighty God who has blessed the congregation of Mariner's Bethel to be a continuous source of His light, love and grace to our community and beyond for! The 150th anniversary will be November 9, 2008. The Anniversary Committee has been meeting regularly to or-

From the D.S.

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The slogan on the T-shirts read: "The Church has left the Building." The people wearing the T-shirts were part of a prayer vigil being held at a location in the community off of church property. "The Church has left the Building." What a thought!! Imagine a mission statement that says something like: "This Year We Are Going to Leave the Building."

That slogan suggests that the church has to "leave" in order to "live." Jesus spoke of a seed dying before it gives life. Wheat cannot become flour for your favorite pizza crust unless it leaves the seed and grows. People can't begin to really grow until they leave the womb. The caterpillar cannot become the beautiful butterfly without leaving the cocoon. A bird cannot develop its wings and fly without leaving the egg. Jesus could not ascend to glory as King of Kings and Lord of Lords to the glory of God if he did not leave the tomb. As a matter of fact, if Jesus did not leave the tomb, we would have no hope. There would be no need for the church to leave the building. There would be no church to leave the building. There would be no further discussion on such matters.

In order to thrive and be alive, the church has to leave the building. This doesn't mean we have to stop using our buildings. Christ calls us to be in ministry

addressing human need. Human need will never adapt itself to the ministry of the church. The church must always be adapting its ministry to human need. This is not about compromising doctrine. It is about how and where we do ministry. It is about being healthy. To be what God wants it to be, the church has to leave the building. To fulfill the mission of God, the church has to leave the building. Our church buildings were never to be locations where we could entrench ourselves. They were to be deployment centers and welcoming centers: deploying the people of God to grace filled ministry in the world, and a welcoming place for people to come and experience God's love and grace in community.

The biblical invitation is to come to Jesus so we can be sent and go into the world. Our marching orders are simple, "Go into all the world..."; "Go and tell...". John Wesley preached on tombstones and street corners, as well as from the pulpit. He declared that, "The world was his parish."

Perhaps in our planning, the first questions we need to be asking ourselves are questions like: "Where is our church?" and "Where does our church need to be?" Come to think of it, "Where IS your church?" Blessings. Bill



Memorial Sunday Service

On May 25, First UMC of Secretary sponsored an early morning Memorial Sunday service outside at the Secretary Veterans Park. Guest speaker was Brigadier General James A. Adkins of Cam-



bridge; Hurlock American Legion Post 243 provided

a color guard, special music was provided by D.J. and Lily Wooten and Marian Windsor; other participants were Jim Michael, David Lockwood, Pastor Bob King of St. Luke's Church in Secretary, Rev. Helen Lockwood of First UMC, and Sherry Bradley. The color guard and other members of Post 243 and the auxiliary also joined First UMC in their 9:00 a.m. worship service.

UMW Easton District Annual Fall Meeting - October 2, 2008
New Life Community Church - 9:30 a.m.
423 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21658
Theme: "Listening to God"
Registration and Lunch - \$8.00 - Walk-Ins Welcome

2nd Annual 'Come To The Well' Retreat

Faith Community United Methodist Church in East New Market, Maryland hosted the 2nd Annual 'Come to the Well' Women's retreat on Saturday, May 31, 2008. Approximately 60 women gathered for a day full of fun, fellowship, and self-fulfillment. The theme this year based on the scripture Matthew 11:28-29 was SURRENDER, RELAX, AND RELCAIM!

The day began with a nourishing breakfast and Morning Glory worship time led by Worship Leader, Sis. Patricia Banks, of First UMC, in Secretary. where we all were given the opportunity to SURRENDER our cares of this world to Jesus at the well. Each woman was invited to write out their concerns and bring them to an altar at the front and toss them into the well. From there, each woman was free to reclaim the victory over their lives and move into transforming workshops in the morning and afternoon led by

dynamic women of God, Pastor Doris Mason, Kingdom Fire Worship Center in Easton, Minister Joan Harris-Brooks, Bethel AME, Easton, Rev. Elaine Ayres, Pen-Del Conference, Director, STBC-21, and Sis. Danielle VanRiel, Kingdom Fire Worship Center, in Easton.

A time for RELAXing came during the lunch break where participants feasted on a hearty lunch, and were given the opportunity for a little pampering. A massage room was designed and operated by Sis. LaSina Nichols and Sis. Sherron Potter of Faith Community UMC. Other choices for relaxing included a prayer and meditation room for a little one-to-one time communing with the Father, and on-site shopping for special variety items offered by Flo's Varieties, a local vendor from Cambridge.

The day concluded with a closing worship service where Minister Joan Harris-Brooks



Workshop Conducted by Pastor Doris Mason

offered a rousing sermonette and call to prayer. The power of the Holy Spirit fell and each person was empowered to walk into the promises of God. Each participant received a love gift from Faith Community which was highlighted this year with a devotional guide developed by Sis. Michelle Nichols, retreat coordinator. Each of the presenters along with several other local women of God contributed to this effort. By the end of the day, each woman was empowered and refreshed from a full day AT THE WELL.

Service of Thanksgiving and Appreciation

By Brenda O. Gaines

Friday, August 1, 2008 at Union United Methodist Church in Federalsburg, where the Rev. Danese Collins is the pastor, the Easton District Clergy and Laity decided that they wanted to "give Rev. William and Mrs. Jackie Sterling their flowers while they could smell them." A committee of 2 pastors and 3 laity planned this evening of worship. Rev. Sterling and Jackie have been on the Easton District for the past 2 years. The kindness, understanding, and patience they have shown to all are truly a blessing to those they are in contact with.

Special guests at the celebration included the Dover District Superintendent Rev. Boyd Etter and his wife Linda, The Conference Lay Leader Betty Gooch, and the Conference Associate Lay Leader Demetrio Beach.

St. Paul's UMC Reaches Out With School Supplies

The congregation of St Paul's United Methodist Church of Cambridge chose to support their community's children by providing school supplies as part of it's local outreach. On Sunday August 17th Emma Pinkett, the Vice Principal of Choptank Elementary School, was presented with book-bags filled with school supplies that will be given to students in need. St Paul's also distributed school

The evening began with the melodious tunes from the Voices in Unity Mass Choir of the Ridgely-Marydel Charge where the Rev. Hilbert Watson is the pastor. Patrick Kelly, son of Rev. Rebecca Kelly, used ASL to sign the hymns that were sung by the congregation.

Rev. and Mrs. Sterling were presented with a white corsage and boutonniere by the Easton District Administrative Assistant, Beth Stevens. Betty Gooch prayed for the time together and individually prayed for the District Superintendent and his wife. Many pastors were especially appreciative to Rev. Sterling and his wife as they presented them with



original signs of love. Some pastors were led to hand deliver and show thanks and appreciation to the Easton District Superintendent in person with cards, love offerings, and floral creations. An Indian Tribal presentation, through music, was also presented by Rev. John Moore while a hand created blanket for the Sterling's was displayed.

The Sterling's acknowledged how thankful and grateful they are for the love and kindness shown to them by their district. Emotionally they each told all of us "thank you" for letting us know they are loved here, and let us know that this was confirmation for them that more love will be waiting for them in heaven!

The United Methodist Women of Union UMC provided a special fellowship with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.



supply start up packets during their semi-annual Block Party on Thursday, August 21st. Pictured with Mrs Pinkett is Rev. Fred Bahr, senior pastor of St. Paul's.

District Page: The Easton District Page is printed within the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Pages in the second issue of each month. The next District Page will be printed in the October 24, 2008. Please submit all photos and articles to the District Editor, Tonya Pinket or the District Office by Friday, October 3rd.

Mission Possible (A Summer Experience Through YPM) Response from Work-Site Sponsor

Dear Sir or Madam:
I am writing in regards to Mission Possible. I am a member of the Kenton Ruritan Club. The Kenton Ruritan Club and its building is at the center of the community of Kenton, Delaware.

The building is utilized for local, state and federal elections. Gatherings after funerals are often held there by families residing around Kenton. Although the building is used monthly for regular Ruritan meetings, it is often rented out for receptions, baby showers and parties. Rental receipts are used for the building upkeep and to supplement scholarships given to graduating Smyrna High School seniors contemplating college attendance.

Several months ago, I reported to our members work we hoped to perform this summer. Imag-



ine my surprise when the pastor of the Kenton United Methodist Church called to inform me that our club may get some help from a Methodist mission. Pastor Scot McClymont is a Ruritan member by the way. On Sunday at church, I spoke with Jera, the church youth director. I got my second surprise when she told me the workers would all be young ladies, who would arrive the next day. God works in mysterious ways.

On Monday six young ladies and their leader, Lauren Nuttle, arrived ready to work and work they did. The first day they wove plastic strips onto a chain link privacy fence over 100 feet long. In addition, they painted a border fence at the rear of the property.

Our building has a large handicap ramp which they painted. In all, they applied approximately 6 1/2 gallons of latex paint to the ramp building and fence. Our building is of stucco construction and was painted entirely by this wonder Mission group using a combination of white cement and mortar lime mixed with water (white wash) totaling many gallons.



The Kenton Ruritan club was chartered in 1959. Many of our members are retired. Membership consists of farmers and business persons from the community. We are fortunate that they are capable and willing to help with club projects.

The Mission Possible team performed a lot of work, and more quickly than we could have done it. The young ladies were extremely nice and very courteous. Their leader, Lauren Nuttle, did an excellent job of encouraging them to work to their best potential. The interaction between our club members who came out and the Mission group was interesting. From my perspective as a father and grandfather, the young ladies did a tremendous job, for which we are very thankful. Sincerely,
George E. Brown

From Your Wesley College Chaplain

A new semester has begun at Wesley College and there have been some major changes. The big change is one that happens every year – there is a new group of freshman. Every class is the same – only different! They are busy adjusting to classes, professors and each other. Another change you already know about – one of them is our new President, Dr. Bill Johnston. On the day of this writing, he met Shane Hinderliter and Rev. Scot McClymont for breakfast (along with Dean of Admissions Bill Firman and myself) to discuss how the College and Youth/young adult ministries could be of mutual support to one another. It will be interesting to see what comes next out of our meeting!

The new Dean of Students, Mary Alice Ozechoski and her new staff have been working hard with the new freshmen. They are keeping them focused and heading in the right direction. Beth Fisher is the new Director of Student Activities; Kevin Hansbury is the new Director of Residence Life; and Amanda Kinkade is the new Director of Housing.

Some things are becoming a constant. One of them is the fall semester Wesley/Palmer course for Lay Speakers and other interested laity. It is entitled Theology for Fun and Prophets. It is in 2 parts. If both parts are successfully completed, then a student is eligible for certification



Rev. Mark Pruett-Barnett

from Palmer's ESCM program. Part 1 is on 2 Saturdays October 18 and Nov.1 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. in Wesley's Malmberg Hall, Room 111. The cost is \$125 (check payable to Palmer Theological Seminary Business Office)

There will be a \$50 maximum cost for texts (that's cheap). There will be two instructors. One of them is Dr. Jeff Mask, Professor of Religion, Philosophy and American Studies at Wesley College. The other is Dr. Rodney Ragwan of Palmer. I think laity will find this course a fascinating insight into how theologians think and what they are thinking. Fill out the application below or contact me for one or with any questions.

Your brother in Christ,
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Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference CARE TEAM presents

Safe Sanctuaries

Why We Need it and How to Make it Happen
Featuring Joy Melton



author of

**Safe Sanctuaries: Reducing
the Risk of Child Abuse
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Saturday, December 6, 2008
9am-4pm

Whatcoat UMC

341 Saulsbury Rd. (Rt. 15), Dover, DE 19904

Space is limited!

Registration deadline - November 25

Fee: \$15 includes morning coffee, lunch & .6 CEU

Questions: contact Sally Dolch at sdolch@comcast.net

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Fall 08/Spring '09 Course
For Lay Speakers and Others



Theology for Fun and Prophets: Parts 1 & 2*

A course about who theologians are,
what they do and what they say.

Where: Wesley College's Malmberg Hall, Room 111.

When: Alternate Saturdays, 8:30am - 3:00pm

Part 1 - October 18th & Nov. 1st

Part 2 - Jan. 10th, Jan. 24, 2009

How Much: \$125 for Part 1; \$125 for Part 2.
\$50 maximum for texts and other materials.

** Both parts needed for Palmer Seminary certification.

These courses will be co-taught by faculty members from Wesley College and Palmer Seminary.

Application Form for Part 1.

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Address _____

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(Work) _____

Church: _____

Please mail this form with your \$125 payment to:
Dr. Mark Pruett-Barnett, 120 N. State St. Dover, DE 19901

Please make out checks to: Palmer Theological Seminary Business Office

PLEASE NOTE: For a refund of your payment, you must withdraw by October 11.

Curious? Questions? You can contact Dr. Mark Pruett-Barnett, Chaplain of Wesley College at 302-736-2485 or at barnetma@wesley.edu.

Interfaith Resource Center

Who Says the New Year is in January?

The signs of the closing weeks of summer are everywhere. The school buses have begun their daily routes, impending hurricanes top the news, and the days have grown shorter. It seems to me that the Jewish calendar has it right when it marks the New Year (Rosh Hashanah) close to the fall equinox. Christians, on the other hand, acknowledge three observations: the beginning of the school and program year marked by the blessing of the backpacks and Rally Day; the first Sunday in Advent marking the beginning of the liturgical year; and the secular holiday of New Year's Day. Here at the IRC, this time of year brings renewed energy in planning, with lay and clergy visiting the Center or sending e-mails and telephone calls. We love to hear from you. Remember, you can reserve resources well in advance of the time you will need it. We are now taking reservations for 2009. Does that mean late-comers will be out-of-luck? By no means! With a library of more than 7500 items, over a third of which are audiovisual resources, you have numerous options to choose from. Give us a call at 302-477-0910 or toll-free at 800-336-6152 or, if you like the flexibility of e-mail, contact us at resource.ctr@dol.net. And "Happy New Year!"



Paula Hartzell

New Resources

At the beginning of 2008, we at the IRC began to publish a list of new resources on a quarterly basis. You can access those lists on our website at www.interfaithresourcecenter.com and click on the new resources link. On that page you will find links for the first and second quarter. We will compile a list for the third quarter soon after the end of September. Save a hard copy to browse or have handy for your next program planning meeting. Keeping current is an important part of our service to you. Enjoy!

Walking the Bible is an award-winning PBS series based on the best-selling book. Bruce Feiler, an American journalist, leads viewers through the Bible, visiting sites mentioned in the Tanakh, and interviewing archeologists and scholars who have devoted their lives to understanding the unique connection between the stories of the Old Testament and land of the Middle East.

Divided into 3 episodes originally intended for broadcast, the episodes could easily be divided into shorter segments to create a longer study with additional material contained in the book. Whether you have visited the Holy Land or only hope to visit some day, this program has the right mix of scholarship and personal reflection to be a delightful program for your group.

When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back In the Box is John Ortberg's most recent video study. As with all of his books and studies, the author offers a unique blend of object lessons and genuine Christian spirituality and faith in a six-lesson format. In this case, the object lesson revolves around the concepts of board games and winning. Through that metaphor, Ortberg discusses the game of life and the ultimate moment when each one of us must step away from the game board and into God's presence. How are we then to live so that when the game is over, we have brought meaning to it? This resource is sure to provoke lively discussions.



The Inauguration of Dr. William N. Johnston as the Sixteenth President of Wesley College

The Commitment of Community with a Vision for Tomorrow

Thursday, October 16, 2008

Inaugural Dinner for Students
5:00 PM
Dulany Hall, Club Simpson and the Wentworth Gymnasium

Service Project
6:30 PM
Dr. and Mrs. Johnston assist volunteers at the Hope Closet, a community outreach program.

Service of Thanksgiving
7:30 PM
Wesley College Chapel

Friday, October 17, 2008
Inaugural Ceremony
2:00 PM
Schwartz Center for the Arts



Rev. Dr. Sandra Steiner Ball and Dr. William N. Johnston

The United Methodist Church is by being involved with our regional clergy. We also need to make sure we have a presence in churches and congregations. Wesley College is a college that parents will hopefully encourage their sons and daughters to consider and visit. I would like our United Methodist Church to feel a sense of pride and strong connection with Wesley. (re-printed with permission from Wesley, the summer issue of the magazine for Wesley College Alumni & Friends.)

Local Missions Give Thanks

*Oh see yo
Uh gee obe
Doe stah dah nuh cley*

I sit with pen in hand and wonder how do I express my gratitude to those who continued to support me as a 10-10-10 missionary.

Your monetary support and prayers have helped to support just some of the following ministries:

The card ministry reaches at least 100 people from the very young to the not so young, every month. The cards are sent to people who are alone, suffered great loss, or feel no one cares.

My cards have been there year after year to say someone cares, "you are not alone."

Books, books, and more books, helping children learn to read. We know how important reading is to succeed in school, and you have provided books for those who may not have access to books at home. As I teach them to improve their reading skills, we can see their confidence growing and their attitude improving about school.

I also mentor many local children who have these needs, your funding has provided much needed resources and materials. Identifying these children and helping them through difficult times is truly a blessing to me.

Teaching parenting classes has provided many rewarding experiences. Funding for these classes has been reduced significantly in my area. Your contributions

have allowed us to continue this much needed program which has helped so many.

Many of the students in the parenting classes are mere children themselves, and need to be supported, educated, and loved. These classes make a difference for these children and their young children.

Another program I need to mention is the "Just say No Club." This program is for third and fourth graders and focuses on topics such as bullying, cheating, smoking, alcohol and drugs.

Telling stories with positive messages provides entertainment as well as education and is well received.

There are many other times that your funding has enabled me to help someone in need and are far too numerous to mention. I have tried to be selective as to how the money was spent. None of these funds have been used for mileage or personal pay. My work is truly rewarding and I hope and pray that those we help can see The Creator's love through the ministries.

I am deeply indebted to all who have supported my ministry. "With the setting sun upon our ministries, I pray the dawn will come again soon to enable us to continue with much needed work that gives honor to "THE ONE, THE ONLY."

*Ah nah gee sss dee
Nahs squah
Do ney tiah nuh he*

Raggatha Rain Calentine



Nothing But Nets Appeal

By Kevin Goodwin, Conference Coordinator of Special Appeals

Through some bidding fun at the recent General Conference, over \$430,000 was raised for the "Nothing But Nets" campaign to prevent malaria. For every \$10 donated, a specially treated mosquito net is provided to a child in Africa. Right now, someone under five years old dies every 30 seconds from malaria. If a child can reach the age of five, their chances of survival are vastly improved because their own immune system has had time to build its natural defenses against the mosquito bites.

With a generous gift from a member of the Annual Conference, we purchased a basketball signed by many of the bishops to help promote "Nothing But Nets" over the next year within our Annual Conference. While no formal goal has been set, a target of \$1.00 per member is easily within our reach. Over \$24,000 has been given already by our churches. The basketball can be borrowed for a Sunday to promote the Appeal (though we haven't as of yet decided where it will be). For now, contact me (302.453.1169 or missionsczar@aol.com).

As you plan your missions projects for 2009, please include "Nothing But Nets" in your plans. There are not too many Advance projects that allow you to directly save a life. The Advance number for this project is 982015.

Inaugural Ceremony for Dr. William N. Johnston Scheduled for Friday, October 17, 2008

Dr. William N. Johnston will be installed as Wesley College's 16th President next month. On Thursday, October 16th Dr. & Mrs. Johnston will assist volunteers at the Hope Closet, a community outreach program which will be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at 7:30 p.m. at the Wesley College Chapel. The Inaugural Ceremony will take place on Friday afternoon, October 17th beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Schwartz Center for the Arts followed by a reception at The Green. During an interview with the campus magazine, Dr. Johnston was asked about his expectations of the school as an institution affiliated with The United Methodist Church and his plans for maintaining that relationship. His response was to say that "One of the ways we need to continue to maintain and strengthen the bond with



Security –

Through the character of Linus Van Pelt, Charles Schultz introduced us to a loveable character who always has a security blanket. Some days all of us want to feel the security of a warm fuzzy hug. With over 400 Project Linus Chapters in 50 states, over 2.5 million handmade blankets have been wrapped around children needing a hug! That number is impressive, and on Lower DelMarVa, our local chapter, sponsored by Salem United Methodist Church, has given more than 2700 blankets in 1/2 years. Before his death, Schultz gave the use of the Linus character to our organization.

As an outreach mission, we find our volunteer blanketers in many ways. Just recently a handicapped lady in Fruitland asked me to stop by and talk with her about Project Linus. She has crocheted many blankets for us in a few recent months. Another woman contacted me from Ocean

City after reading about Project Linus in Debbie Macomber's book, "Shop on Blossom Street." Women's groups from 3 Ocean City and 2 Salisbury churches are making blankets regularly. Norma Foltz from Salem makes many nice crocheted blankets. Every Thursday, quilters "hang out" on Market Street in Pocomoke at the quilt shop, making blankets for Project Linus! Corrine Wall and Gerry Villaume make sure that all the blankets have a label and tag. Quilters from Virginia made quilts with a farm theme, displayed them at the Accomack Library for a month and have given them to us for the children we serve. The UMW supports Project Linus with a monetary donation each year. Blankets are distributed to hospitals from Shore Memorial in Nassawadox, Virginia to A I DuPont in Wilmington, Delaware. Thanks to Becky Shumaker, we have made a contact with the truck drivers at SYSCO, who are now willing to

make the blanket deliveries to A I DuPont! Feedback from nurses through thank you notes and the enthusiastic response when we deliver to the area hospitals, tells us that the blankets not only help the kids, but help the healthcare providers who often have to do unpleasant things to their little patients! Corrine Wall & Donna Clarke attended the Project Linus Annual Conference in Bloomington, Illinois in June. It was great fun! We carpooled with Mary and Carolyn, the coordinators from Charles County, Maryland. During the month of July, a selection of Project Linus blankets were displayed in the Pocomoke Library and were then moved to the Snow Hill Library for the month of August. "All you need is love, but a hug now and then doesn't hurt".... Charles Schultz.

For more information, visit their website at www.projectlinus.org. (First printed in the Summer/Fall Issue of the Salem UMC Newsletter)

TOUCHED by the HEART of SALISBURY



Jesus said, "In as much as you have done this unto the least of my little ones; you have done it unto me."

Miracles are happening all around us. They had an idea! What could we do with the green space just outside the window? Together with the help of the Bean family and friends a "Raised Vegetable Garden" was created by the children and youth SUM. Their eyes were amazed at how a tiny seed planted in the earth could produce a fruit that could be eaten. They were even more amazed to see little insects in the soil and told how some of these insects helped in the production of the vegetables while others harmed or prevented its growth.

They smiled as they picked up small snails and "curly bugs," as they called them. They marveled at the sunflower plants that produced the huge yellow

sunflowers. They wondered how the beans grew up the fence and why the cherry tomatoes were so small while the other ones they planted were so large. But the "Miracle" came while they were sitting at the table eating what they had planted in the garden; a raised vegetable garden that had been planted in the midst of asphalt and concrete.

A raised vegetable garden that had produced fruit seeded by their own little hands; watered and cared for faithfully each day as they watched and waited for God to turn a little seed into a bright sunflower. The wonder and the marvel of this "Miracle" in their hearts and minds as well as ours is that each of these children is a seed with the potential within them to become a sunflower. Together, you and I can raise such a garden with the help of God.



Salisbury Urban Ministries is a Peninsula-Delaware Conference Advance Special (Number CAS-3 SUM). So far this year SUM has given out 4,236 bags of food, \$28,262.19 in financial assistance to families in crisis and received 542 new clients. SUM is always in need of dry foods, canned foods, cereal, personal hygiene products and your financial support. In these hard economic times SUM appreciates the prayers and support of all, who with God's help, helps us create the miracles that are all around us.

"Take Me To The River" - Racoon Point -

The Pocomoke -Mt. Zion Charge gathered at Racoon Point for Baptism, Holy Communion, and Sunday Worship Service on August 3, 2008.



As Pastor Brown led the Service members of the Charge came together at the edge of the river, singing softly in the background, "Take Me to the River." As persons crossed the surface of hard stones --they made their way to

the other side of deepness in Christ. Three persons were baptized and seven persons reaffirmed and remembered their baptism. Surrounded by God's beautiful creation, it was a day of regeneration, reaffirmation, worship and fellowship.



A Glance of Grace in Mt. Zion and St. James

A Summer filled with spiritual and educational opportunities, Mt. Zion and St. James of Pocomoke City immersed themselves in God's grace. In August there was a



"Take Me to the River" worship experience and in September we continued

in our journey to becoming a Safe Sanctuary by participating in CPR Training for youth and adults. The training was provided by Atlantic General Hospital of Berlin, MD.



Wesley Foundation at Salisbury University Back In Session

Wesley Foundation at Salisbury University is on the move for Christ. On September 3, 2008, Wesley Foundation met on the campus for Bible Study for the first time in the Fall Semester. Eighty-five (85) students attended. The Wesley Foundation at Salisbury University's membership has tripled compared to when they first began under the leadership of Rev. Bernadette Beckett. Rev. Beckett stated that when she was appointed to serve as Campus Minister/Executive Director of Wesley Foundation she started with approx. 10 students. After recruiting at the Student Activities Fair on September 4th, she now has an enrollment of over 150 students. Fifty-five students were recruited at the Student Activities Fair, and at the close of the Spring Semester there were 88 students

committed to this organization. The students express a sincerity and a willingness to know God in a more intimate way. Wesley Foundation now has an "Outreach Team Ministry, which will serve as liaisons to ministries outside of the campus. Additionally, the students have graduated from the use of one van to having to reserve three vans to attend Sunday Worship. The students worship at Samuel Wesley UMC on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Sundays. On the 1st Sunday, Rev. Beckett's two churches have joint Communion in rotation. The two churches that Rev. Beckett serves have embraced the students with open arms, and the students have found nothing but love for the members of these churches. To God Be the Glory for what He is doing at Salisbury University.

From the D.S.

The week before my wife, Christine, and I were to leave for a summer visit with our respective families in Illinois and Tennessee, the gift came. Unexpectedly, a book arrived via "snail mail"—a book which I knew nothing about and an author with whom I was not familiar. On the back of the front cover was a book plate which read "A Gift For Our Colleagues Serving beyond the local church: Thanks for your service in Christ's church. B.O.O.M. Support Committee, Paul Owens, Esselee Davis, Nancy Franks, Derrick Porter and Bill Ross, June 2008."

For 38 years, Christine and I have traveled, at least once a year, to southern Illinois and to the Nashville area of Tennessee to visit our respective parents and extended families (a round-trip of 2,000 miles.) Christine usually drives every mile and I read "out-loud" some book, magazine and/or newspaper article as we share and discuss "the subject at hand." We have learned a lot about a number of subjects and about each other by doing this. We have considered this to be a "special time" for us as a couple.

As we prepared for this year's trip, I had not decided exactly what "reading material" I would bring along, "THE GIFT CAME." I briefly looked through the book (The author was Dr. Henry Cloud, a Christian psychologist) and read the sub-title (A Psychologist Probes the Mystery of Why Some Lives Really Work and Others Don't.) After 39 years of ministry, 38 years of marriage and with two grown sons and two young grandsons, I was certainly open to reading a book entitled "9 Things You Simply Must Do to Succeed in Love and Life." I shared with Christine the idea of taking "the gift book" along with us on vacation and in the travel bag it went!

By the time we returned to Delaware we had finished reading and discussing "9 Things." Not only did we enjoy the reading and discussing, but we found great wisdom in these 426 pages. After decades of sharing life and ministry together, we, to some degree, had experienced some of "the truths" outlined by Dr. Cloud.

I challenge you to read the book "with a friend" and allow God to work in and through its truths for your life and ministry. Dr. Cloud does not narrowly define "success" as our culture does. I suggest to you that one could have a working definition of success that would look a lot like our Conference's "healthy and effective" initiative. There is no doubt in my mind that these "9 Things" could enable us, individually and congregationally, to be healthier and more effective.

Here are four quotes from Dr. Cloud (When you see [] that is my wording!)

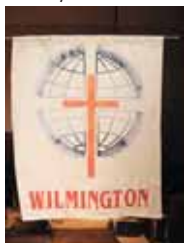
- What you should do, and what someone's response is going to be, are two very different issues (p. 221.)
- [Successful: Healthy, Effective] people do not make decisions based on the fear of other people's reactions (p. 215.)
- [Successful: Healthy, Effective] people move against the problem, and show love and respect to the person at the same time (p. 146.)
- [Successful: Healthy, Effective] people ask themselves the question: What can I do to make this situation better? (p. 98.)

May you discover "the things" that YOU NEED in order to be healthier and more effective in your life and in your ministry as servant leaders.

Your Partner in Ministry,
William M. Fitzhugh

Organ Concert At Richardson Park UMC

Richardson Park United Methodist Church will be hosting a concert to coincide with the International Year of the Organ on Sunday October 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Various organ concerts will be hosted around the globe and we feel honored to be participating in this grand celebration. Dr. Gordon Turk, a concert artist and friend of RPUMC, has agreed to help us celebrate. We hope to raise awareness in the Wilmington area of the largest church pipe organ in Delaware. A free-will offering will be taken.



Neighborhood House

By Rev. Jim Van Der Wall

One of the best kept secrets in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference is a place called Neighborhood House located in the South-bridge area of Wilmington, Delaware. Their programs serve the oldest and most economically challenged neighborhood in all of New Castle County. It was founded in 1927 by the Methodist Women's Home Missionary Society. Neighborhood House believes in being a hand up organization, rather than being a hand out. The clients who visit Neighborhood House are "good people who find themselves temporarily in bad situations." These people are in need of help and hope. Neighborhood House accomplishes both.

In our Conference we have a handful of urban churches. Not every church is dealing with the issues facing American cities. Neighborhood House provides a way that all churches, including suburban and rural, can minister to those in an urban setting.

Neighborhood House has multiple needs: daily operating costs, transportation, housing assistance, food donations, and sponsorship of a child in one of their programs. There are many ways to help including monetary gifts, donations of items needed; especially food items and also your physical presence. Since Neighborhood House is not an income producing organization it NEEDS your help. Neighborhood House consists of real people helping other real people. That includes you and me. After all, being helped feels good, but helping others is an even better feeling.



Airmen Jazz Ensemble

The premier jazz ensemble of the United States Air Force, The Airmen of Note, performed for a crowd of approximately 700 at the Hart's United Methodist Church Amphitheater in North East, MD on Saturday, June 21st. Originally created in 1950 to carry on the tradition of Glenn Miller's Army Air Corps dance band, The Airmen of Note is one of today's few touring big bands. In addition to touring the United States, including performing at the White House, the band has also performed internationally in Europe, South America, and Japan. Today the band has adopted a more contemporary jazz style while continuing its commitment to traditional big band sound. Hart's Amphitheater overlooks the Elk River and offers a spectacular view of the rolling country side. While listening to the concert and enjoying the view, participants were also treated to generous portions of strawberry shortcake and ice cream prepared by the Women of Hart's.

Cecil County Churches Experience Ecumenical Vacation Bible School

By Rev. Sheila Hunley

The Delaware City/Port Penn Charge which consists of Ebenezer UMC and St. Daniels UMC invited the Delaware City Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches to join them in implementing the vacation bible school entitled, "The Jerusalem



Market," the week of August 4.

We had a wonderful turnout of 37 children of all ages that attended the marketplace. More surprising, we had as many adults that participated in or observed the week-long activities. There were even a few of the senior citizens that brought their lawn chairs and watched the performances and the comings and goings of the day.

Many adults and teens gave performances each night portraying the daily lesson. The costumes were as authentic as possible even though the temperature was very warm.

Local Pastor's Art At National Cathedral

The Cathedral College of Washington National Cathedral recently installed *Mysterium*, an evocative, lyrical visual expression of the Eucharist prayer in its Chapel of Saint Augustine of Hippo. The piece was created by multi-media artist and pastor Karin Tunnell who has made this statement about this work of art: "I attempted to capture the mystery and penitential nature of our journey to the cross. While silk is luxurious—as is God's forgiveness—the stark contrast of the black and gray's remind us of the confrontation we must make with our sin. It was done as a meditative piece really especially for the Lenten journey. The seemingly delicate nature of silk also reminds

us of the sometimes delicate and elusive natures of both sin and mercy."

Rev. Tunnell received her Masters of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC and currently serves at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Odessa. As a pastor, Rev. Tunnell strives to enliven the worship experience through the arts, incorporating the skills of congregants and strengthening their understanding of liturgical art as part of the culture of the Church. She said that within her creative process she "lives with" with the words or texts or prayers that she is working with, "surrounding myself with them, hanging them around the house or

Our daily snacks were re-searched and prepared to be indicative of the time. The children tasted flat bread, Haroseth a fruit. They also experienced Synagogue School, jewelry making, working with clay, learning about herbs, and playing games from that time.

The week ended too soon and the adults that participated began talking about how to improve the Marketplace and what they can do next year.

We are very proud of the joint effort of the churches in our community and hope we can continue the unity in the future.

putting them on post-it-notes in unexpected places--that is sometimes more difficult than the actual execution of the piece."

As a liturgical artist who has exhibited her work regionally, Tunnell concentrates on work for worship celebrations and enhancement of worship space, as well as workshops with churches to assist in the formation of and fostering of worship arts teams, purchasing art and designing worship space. Her primary media are textile, acrylic, collage, paper arts and airbrush.

Her work may be seen at the Cathedral College, Washington National Cathedral. For more info, please contact Heidi Christensen at hchristensen@cathedral.org.

B.U.M.P. CHURCH LEADERSHIP & SPIRITUAL GROWTH WORKSHOP

Workshop Date: Saturday, October 4, 2008
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please mark with an "X" next to the workshops you would like to attend. Ministry of Laity is not an option. Each participant is required to attend two of the main workshops. Make copies as necessary.

WORKSHOPS

GENERAL SESSION FOR EVERYONE

Ministry of Laity: T.B.A.

MAIN WORKSHOPS (SELECT ONLY TWO)

EVANGELISM: IT IS MY STORY AND I AM STICKING TO IT
Presenter (s): Rev. Dr. William Wallace

SERVANT LEADERSHIP
Presenter (s): Rev. Carroll Fields

METHODIST HISTORY & POLITY
Presenter (s): T.B.A.

HOSPITALITY AND STEWARDSHIP
Presenter (s): Rev. William Ross

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Church: _____ District _____

Church Leadership Role(s): _____

Cost: \$25 per person or every 5 persons \$100.00. Please make checks payable to B.U.M.P. Please mail this Registration Form to Peninsula-Delaware Conference, 139 N State Street, Dover, DE 19901 ATTN: Brenda O. Gaines.

Sponsored by B.U.M.P. (Black United Methodist Preachers)



Camp Pecometh Reaches More Campers

Camp Pecometh, Pecometh's summer camp program, served 1757 campers this summer, a 22% increase over 2007. Reaching more children with God-inspired, life-changing experiences was attributable to:

- The Pecometh Ambassador program, in which 20 persons were trained last March as ambassadors who promoted summer camp in local churches
- A new Day Camp program that served commuting campers with eight, one-week sessions
- Two new programs, Girls II Greatness and That's Not Camp, which address the changing wants and needs of today's young people



- Re-designed programs such as Leaps of Faith and Wilderness Challenge that focus on greater integration on experiential fun and spiritual growth

What difference does Camp Pecometh make? A camper from this summer sums it up best:



Dear Camp Staff:

I just wanted to say thanks so much for helping me pay for going to camp. It was the best two weeks of my life. And I'm



not even kidding. I think camp pecometh would have to be the best camp ever. I have learned a lot going there. I learned about God, Jesus, friendships, and accepting (sic) others more. Camp pecometh has changed my life. I don't know what I would do if I didn't go there. I feel like I'm a different person in a way. The counselors are great, the food is good. And the songs that we sing during music time are the best. I love being there. It makes me feel like I'm in another world. You don't have to worry about anything when you're there.

Thanks so much!

Thanks to all our churches and partners, who make this possible! It's time to start thinking about Camp Pecometh 2009!



Conference Calendar of Events

September 2008

24 **Christian Service Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 5:00 p.m.

Volunteers In Mission Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 6:30 p.m.

25 **Strengthening The Black Church Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

27 **"Nuts & Bolts of Implementing Safe Sanctuaries"** (Easton District), Federalsburg, MD: Concord UMC, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

29 **New Church Development Team Meeting**, Seaford: St. John's UMC, 10:00 a.m.

30 **Personnel Committee Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 1:00 -3:00 p.m.

Campus Ministries Group, Dover: Olive Garden, 4:00 p.m.

October 2008

1 **Annual Conference Sessions Team Meeting**, Wesley College: Rm# 206, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

2 **United Methodist Women Annual Meeting**, Easton District, TBD, 9:30 a.m.

2-4 **Spiritual Formation/Discipleship Prayer Retreat**, North East, MD: Wapiti Retreat Center

4 **Black United Methodist Preachers Leadership Workshop**, Wesley College: Rm. # 206, 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Volunteers In Mission Team Leader Training, Wesley College: Malmberg Hall Rm #111, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

6 **Credit Union Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 1:30 p.m.

Leadership Development Resource Team Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 5:30 p.m.

Committee on Clergy & Lay Leadership Meeting, Dover: Wesley UMC, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

7 **Commission on Religion & Race Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.

Black United Methodist Preachers Meeting, BFEM Resource Center, 11:00 a.m.

8 **CARE Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

9 **Advocacy Resource Team Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

10-12 **Healthy Church Initiative On-site Training**, Bear, DE: Cornerstone UMC

11 **The Incredible Leadership Thing (TiLT)**, Dover: Whatcoat UMC, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

13 **Board of Ordained Ministry Executive Committee Meeting**, Dover: Wesley UMC, 9:30 a.m.

14 **Spiritual Formation & Discipleship Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

15 **Personnel Committee Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

18 **Laity Day Apart**, Centreville, MD: Camp Pecometh, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Certified Lay Training, Wesley College, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Pecometh Capital Campaign Kickoff, Dover: Sheraton Hotel, 6:00 p.m.

21 **Investments 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.

Vision Team Meeting, Wesley College, Rm. 206, 7:00 p.m.

25 **Certified Lay Training**, Wesley College, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

28 **Board of Trustees Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 5:00 p.m.

29 **Volunteers In Mission Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 6:30 p.m.

30 **Committee on Native American Ministries Meeting**, BFEM Resource Center, 9:00 a.m.