

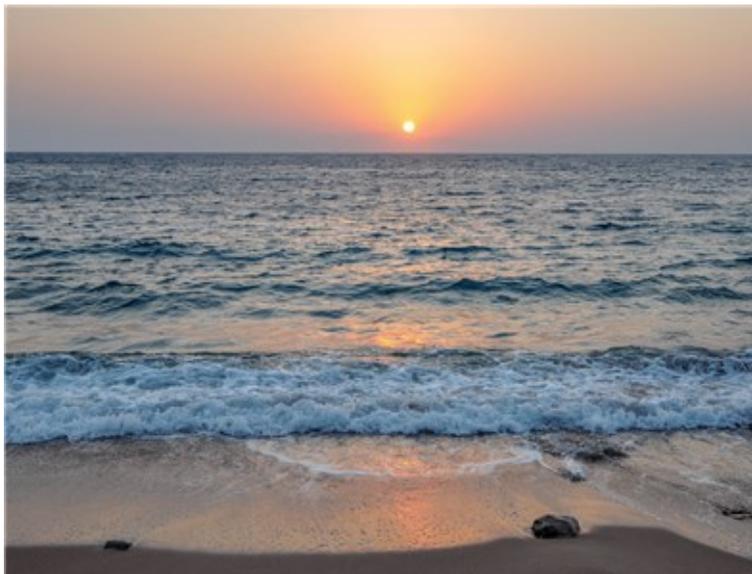
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Message from Bishop Easterling: Celebrating a brand-new day

April 29, 2024

In the play, *The Wiz*, an adaptation of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy is working hard to find her way home. When she and her companions reach Emerald City, they find the Wiz, only to learn that he will not help them unless they kill The Wicked Witch of the West. Evillene proves a formidable opponent, but Dorothy is finally able to find Evillene's weakness and prevails. As everyone is released from Evillene's wicked spells, they begin to sing the song, "A Brand New Day." The chorus resounds with the words, "*Can't you feel a brand new day? Can't you feel a brand new day?*"

That is exactly what the postponed session of the 2020 General Conference feels like --a brand new day.

Even the Council of Bishops meeting, which preceded the General Conference, had a different feel, empowered by a fresh wind of the Spirit. That ethos remained as Bishop Thomas Bickerton gaveled us into the postponed session of the 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Many noted that a spirit of cooperation and collaboration was present from the passing of The Rules of Organization, to supporting the first piece of significant legislation, Regionalization, to approving significant portions of the revised Social Principles. Every delegate or observer I have spoken with has felt an openness that was not present during previous sessions of General Conference. Delegations are engaging in deep conversations over meals, listening to one another rather than remaining siloed or arguing along partisan lines. It is being reported that during legislative sessions, participants are asking questions out of curiosity, rather than pronouncing judgments. While only one week has transpired and we have a long way to go, this is a very hopeful sign. It really does feel like a brand new day.

I was privileged to preach during Thursdays in Black, a service held on Thursday, April 25, to recognize and support survivors of intimate partner abuse and rape, both male and female. The response has been overwhelming. There are so many survivors in our midst, those who were abused outside of the church, and those who are victims of egregious harm within the church.

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There is no question that an opportunity exists for the church to break the silence on abuse and offer acknowledgment, hope, and healing to survivors. It simply isn't enough that we offer prayers, for as theologian and scholar Miroslav Volf teaches, "There is something deeply hypocritical about praying for a problem you are unwilling to resolve." We need to confront the systems and abusers that cause the harm and demand that all those in authority take greater responsibility to provide justice and safety. I was also invited to preach at First United Methodist Church of Asheboro, NC. This is a Lighthouse Congregation and part of a newly formed cooperative parish, bringing five congregations together to engage in transformative mission and ministry to the poor and marginalized. It was a powerful worship experience.

The delegates have roundly supported the legislation concerning Regionalization. However, it must be ratified across the connection before it becomes effective. As it would change our Constitution, it must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of central and jurisdictional conferences. Regionalization would decenter the United States's influence and dominance in the denomination and create equity across the worldwide connection. This reorganization would allow for more contextualization and autonomy in each geographic region.

We also received a report on the budget from Moses Kumar, the General Secretary and Treasurer for the General Council on Finance and Administration -- "GCFA." The crux of the report established that we are operating from a position of strength, and we have sufficient resources to support the mission and ministry we are called to do throughout the world.

While disaffiliated churches did have an effect on the budget, their departure has not decimated our finances and we are fiscally sound. Most notably, the local church will not see a dramatic increase in apportionments or mission shares. This is tremendous news as we move toward annual conference and establishing our budget for the next conference year.

The week of April 28 is the final week of General Conference, and will determine where we stand on the revision of our Social Principles, full inclusion, removal of restrictive language from the Book of Discipline, and the number of active bishops that will lead us during the next quadrennium. The legislative committee work has concluded and delegates will now perfect the legislation and cast their votes. This is often where tensions rise and progress is slowed. Yet, I remain hopeful that the spirit hovering over the first two weeks of our meeting will remain.

I believe we are experiencing a brand new day. May it be so.

**Blessings and peace,
Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling
Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Conferences
The United Methodist Church**

Bishop Easterling preaches a message to end violence against women at General Conference.

April 25, 2024



In many cultures, the color black is a symbol of mourning, an absence of light and hope. But on April 25, General Conference delegates claimed black as a symbol of resistance and resilience, calling attention to rape and violence against women and vowing to end the church's silence and inaction.

Thursdays in Black is an initiative of the World Council of Churches that encourages the wearing of black clothing on this one day of the week to witness to realities, like those reported by the United Nations, that globally an estimated 736 million women — almost one in three — have been subjected to physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence, non-partner sexual violence, or both, at least once in their life.

One of these women, Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling, episcopal leader of the Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Conferences, stood before General Conference on Thursday morning and testified to the damage the church can do when it is silent on this issue.

Too often, utter silence “has been the church's response to domestic abuse, intimate partner violence, rape as a weapon of war, incest, violence against the transgender community, as well as the abduction and disappearance of indigenous women,” she said.

As a survivor of domestic violence in a previous marriage, Easterling shared that when she entered the ministry, she was told not to reveal that part of her life.

“I was told to be silent about that painful part of my past. They said it would make me look weak and women in ministry already have enough battles to overcome,” she said.

The silence in the church about violence against women can be deafening, but Easterling raised her voice to tell all the women present who have suffered abuse: “You are strong. You are brave. And, you are beloved of God. You are fearfully and wonderfully made. You are created in the Imago Dei, don't you ever let anyone tell you otherwise. You are of sacred worth. You are resilient.”

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To the church, Easterling said, “Stop making us invisible! Speak our names! Minister to us and speak words of hope and health and healing, and holistic sacredness into our lives.”

But the church cannot just bandage the wounds of the abused, she said, “we need to speak to the abuse itself.” She called on those present to find purpose and direction in Luke 4:16-21 and Jesus’ proclamation that “I have come to liberate, free, uplift and unbind and love. I have come to end oppression, bondage, domination, abuse and hate.”

With those words, Jesus set his plumbline, Easterling said. He laid a foundation for his ministry and said, “this is who I am, and if you claim to be one of my followers this is who you will be, too.”

However, Easterling said, “we are hypocrites if we celebrate resiliency without acknowledging that the church has been complicit in supporting a pedagogy of patriarchy that fuels a hermeneutic of hubris while too often refusing to dismantle systems of domination.

“None of us can be silent in the face of violence,” Easterling preached. “We must speak liberation and safety. We must preach equality and equity. We must create the opportunity for repentance and accountability. We must open the door for healing. We must loose all from the bondage of abuse, perpetrator, and victim alike, because until all are free, none are free. Until all are safe, none are safe. Until all are valued, none are valued. Until all are loved, none are loved. God has called us, anointed us, empowered us, prepared us, and provided enough Holy Ghost power for us to right these wrongs. And when we are finally free from this physical, verbal, spiritual, psychological, patriarchal, and theological abuse, we will be able to join hands and declare together, the Spirit of the Lord is upon us, and we will be silent no more!”

As part of her witness, Bishop Easterling oversees Seeds of Security, a domestic violence/intimate partner violence prevention ministry.



Seeds of Security

Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church

Calendar of Events

May 2—Bishop LaTrelle Easterling Podcast

May 4—Heritage Day Nanticoke Indian Museum

May 6—Last day to register for Annual Conference

May 22—District Clergy Meeting

June 6-8—Annual Conference

BWC and PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCES



Peninsula-Delaware & Baltimore Washington Conferences

Check out our affiliation website: <https://www.pdcbwc.org> Under the leadership of Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, the affiliation is a unique partnership, which connects the leaders and members of more than 1,000 churches to share resources and create vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Annual Conference registration will close on Monday, May 6th. All Pastors and Lay and/or Reserve Members must register by Monday. There will be no walk-in registrations accepted.

All voting members must be registered by Monday.

If you are a Pastor, Lay or Reserve Members and need the link to register, please contact the District Office no later than noon on Monday, May 6th.



DISTRICT CLERGY MEETING

Please mark your calendars for the next Delaware District Summer Clergy meeting with Rev. Archie on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024 @ 10:00 am.** **The meeting will be held at 39 N. Main St., Magnolia, DE 19962**

All appointed Delaware District Pastors are encouraged to attend. This will be Rev. Archie's last clergy meeting as District Superintendent.

This picture is from the clergy meeting last month at Immanuel UMC. Thank you to Immanuel UMC for hosting us.



Apportionments

The 2024 Apportionment totals were mailed to all appointed pastors in the fall. If you do not have your totals for 2024, please contact the District Office.



Rev. Archie suggests churches split their Apportionments into 11 payments, so they are not worried about final payments at the end of the year. All payments should be sent to the Conference Office at 139 N. State St., Dover, DE 19901. Payments should NOT be mailed to the District Office.

METHODIST ACTION PROGRAM

Our friends at the Episcopal Diocese and NCC Presbytery are planning a pilgrimage to Montgomery and Selma in September, and they have opened registration to us. However, I think the deadline is April 30th (unless it is extended). For more information, please contact Sheridan Quarless Kingsberry at sqkingsberry1@verizon.net



Bishop LaTrelle Easterling continues her podcast. **Thursdays at the Table**

Asking good questions, engaging in deep conversation and telling the whole truth can change the world.

In her podcast Bishop LaTrelle Easterling invites you to join her for Thursdays at the Table as she is joined by leaders from across the connection, serving up new insights and interesting ways of experiencing our lives together.

New podcasts are the first Thursday of each month. Tune in **May 2, 2024** for the next podcast.

You can join at 8 a.m. or listen any time on: Spotify, Apple Podcasts or at pdcbwc.org/thursdays-at-the-table.html



The Bulletin

A newsletter published by Bishop LaTrelle Easterling is a reproducible resource for local churches. In the most recent issue, Bishop LaTrelle Easterling offers a word of gratitude for the United Methodists serving faithfully in a vast array of mission and ministry. "It is a privilege to serve in ministry with you as we share the love of God and bring hope to our communities," she writes. "Because you rise every morning and say, 'Yes!' to discipleship, seeds are being planted, challenges are being met and lives are being transformed."

You can view The Bulletin at: www.pdcbwc.org/the-bulletin



Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

BISHOP, PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCE,
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

REV. ERICA ROBINSON-JOHNSON *Chief Administrative Officer*

Rev. Dr. Tom Pasmore has been appointed as the Delaware District Superintendent

The Rev. Dr. Tom Pasmore has been appointed by Bishop LaTrelle Easterling to serve as the new superintendent of the Delaware District of The Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference, beginning on July 1, 2024. In this pivotal role, Pasmore brings a wealth of experience, a deep commitment to community-based ministries, and a steadfast dedication to the Gospel.

"As we continue to emerge from the pandemic and find some sense of normality and stability," Pasmore said, "I'm hoping to continue to invite the district to be open and welcoming, as well as looking for ways to get outside of their buildings to do the work that we're called to in the community."

Bishop Easterling is excited to invite Rev. Pasmore to join the appointive cabinet. "Rev. Tom Pasmore is first and foremost a committed disciple of Jesus Christ. This profound grounding has led to fruitfulness in all his appointments. He also leads by example, including his participation in the leadership and development opportunities provided by the district and conference. Further, he has a heart for God's people and an unwavering love for The United Methodist Church," said Bishop LaTrelle Easterling. "As a leader, he is blessed with gifts of boldness, faithfulness, and innovation. He will carry these traits with him as the new superintendent of the Delaware District."



Rev. Joseph Archie chosen as Pen-Del's Episcopal Candidate

In today's world, prophets of joy are rare. But in the Rev. Joseph Archie's life, the truths spoken by Old Testament and modern prophets combine with God's call to transcendent joy in ways that define his faith and have led him to offer himself as a candidate for the episcopacy.



His candidacy was endorsed by the General and Jurisdictional Conference delegation from the Peninsula-Delaware Conference. Clergy and lay members will vote on whether the Conference will endorse him when they meet June 6-8 in Ocean City. If endorsed, Archie will be eligible to be on the ballot to be elected as a United Methodist Bishop, when the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference meets July 8-12 in Pittsburgh.



This year we will gather at the **Ashore Resort & Beach Club, 10100 Coastal Hwy, Ocean City, MD 21842** for the **240th Session of the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference**, from Thursday, June 6th, through Saturday, June 8th. Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, our Episcopal Leader, will preside over our Conference.

Every delegate and attendee **MUST** register individually in order to attend this year's Annual Conference.

- **REGISTRATION CLOSES ON MONDAY, MAY 6th.**
- **REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MAY 6TH.**
- **NO WALK-IN or ONSITE REGISTRATION PERMITTED.**
- **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

All appointed Pastors, Lay Members and Reserve Members were sent the registration link on March 7th.

For more complete details go visit the Conference website, (pen-del.org) and click on the 2024 Annual Conference tab at the top of the page or go to: <https://www.pen-del.org/2024-annual-conference>

Appeals Calendar Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference

Dear Leader: To help you plan out your Giving Calendar, this provides a list of dates for both the United Methodist Appeals and the Conference Appeals. We encourage you and your mission committee to plan your support for which of these you will support and how you will support them. Special offerings on these Sundays, and/or designating a budgeted amount for these, or other methods are encouraged. If you would like training or a speaker, please contact either Pastor Amy or Kevin (see below).

Date	Appeal	Information
1/14/24 1/14/25	Human Relations Day (Sunday before MLK Day)	This Appeal supports the UMC's Community Developers Program, Voluntary Services Program, and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. https://www.umc.org/en/content/human-relations-day-sunday-ministry-article
3/10/24 3/30/25	UMCOR Sunday (formerly called One Great Hour of Sharing) Lent 4	When a catastrophe occurs, your offerings enable the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to reach out and ease the pain and suffering by providing humanitarian aid of food, shelter, health and peace. https://www.umc.org/en/content/umcor-sunday-ministry-article
3/17/24 3/9/25	PLRCA	Partners of Leadership Resources for Churches in Africa. Contact Rev. Labala at jsei@dimdigital.com
4/14/24 5/4/25	Native American Ministries Easter 3	Funds support urban missions with Native Americans and fund scholarships for Native American seminarians. 50% of the Appeal is used for these programs within our Annual Conference. https://www.umc.org/en/content/native-american-ministries-sunday-ministry-article
5/26/24 6/15/25	Peace With Justice First Sunday after Pentecost	Poverty and violence need not be a reality in the world today. This Appeal aims to witness to God's hope for a faithful, loving world. 50% of the Appeal is used for these programs within our Annual Conference. https://www.umc.org/en/content/peace-with-justice-sunday-ministry-article
6/1/24	AC Appeal Sunday	Receive offering for AC Appeal if not already provided for
6/624- 6/8/24	Annual Conference Appeal: You may bring funds to the Conference or remit directly to the Conference office.	Churches are encouraged to raise funds in advance and bring them to Conference. This year's appeal will support Board of Ordained Ministry Scholarships, the Central Congo Partnership, and the local offering will go to Salisbury Urban Ministries.
7/14/24 7/13/25	Deaf Awareness Sunday	Provides our churches a Sunday to uplift those with deafness or other hearing problems. Offerings will support the Deaf Ministries within the Annual Conference.
8/11/24 8/10/25	Camp Pecometh Sunday	This appeal provides fund for programs at and scholarships to Camp Pecometh. www.pecometh.org
9/8/24 9/14/25	PenDel Student Scholarship Sunday	This appeal directly benefits Pen-Del students attending college by providing scholarship funds. www.pen-del.org
10/6/24 10/5/25	World Communion First Sunday in October	Provides funds for racial & ethnic undergrad scholarships and advance-degree work related to the mission of the UMC. https://www.umc.org/en/content/world-communion-sunday-ministry-article
10/13/24 10/12/25	Disaster/VIM Sunday	Funds raised are used for disaster response within the AC and for VIM Team scholarships.
11/3/24 11/2/25	Africa University Sunday	Raising costs and a growing student body means every year more scholarships are needed at AU. Your gifts help grow the endowment fund that provides this assistance. A bulletin insert will be provided. www.africau.edu
11/24/24 11/30/25	Student Day Last Sunday of November	Provides loans and scholarships to students attending a UM Church affiliated college. Some of the funds are returned to the Annual Conference to award. https://www.umc.org/en/content/united-methodist-student-day-sunday-ministry-article

Questions? – contact Amy Yarnall at pastor.amy@wesleyumc-dover.com 302.354.2982

Or Kevin Goodwin @ MissionsCzar@aol.com or 302.453.1169



Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference members,

General Conference has approved elections to fill vacancies in Jurisdictional Conference delegations.

At the 2024 Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference we will move forward with the election of two clergy reserve delegates and four lay delegates, two of which will be reserve. Those elected would join the delegation to Jurisdictional Conference this July and also serve in any interim special sessions prior to 2028. Qualified clergy include only full elders and full deacons. Qualified laity include professing members for at least two years and active in The United Methodist Church for at least four years.

The process for nominating delegates to Jurisdictional Conference set by our Conference Rules of Order is as follows: *Those nominated to be clergy delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference are to be nominated by at least ten other clergy. The clergy person being nominated is responsible for collecting these signatures. Signatures must be from other clergy eligible to be delegates themselves. Those laity nominated to be lay delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference are to be endorsed by their local Church Council, have this endorsement signed by the Council Chair and endorsed by five Lay Members to the Annual Conference.*

The nominations and electing of delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences shall be reflective of the diversity of the Annual Conference. Those being nominated/endorsed are to submit biographical information to be included in the Conference Communicator and other appropriate formats for distribution to the Annual Conference. This biographical information would include, but not be limited to, committee history (local church and/or Annual or Jurisdictional Conference or General Church Agencies), prior General Conference/Jurisdictional Conference experience and a one hundred fifty word statement. Photos are requested.

This rule in no way limits the voting only to those who have been nominated. Any qualified clergy or laity is eligible for election to General or Jurisdictional Conference. Written nominations must be certified as to eligibility and willingness to serve before being added to the next ballot.

Please begin to faithfully discern nominations for filling our Jurisdictional delegation and submit nominations with endorsements by email to confsecwarner@gmail.com.
The deadline for the submission of nominations is May 14th.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in June!

Rev. Eric Warner
Conference Secretary



Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Annual Conference will be held at the Ashore Resort & Beach Club, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland on June 6-8, 2024.

Annual Conference provides the opportunity for your Board, Commission, Team, Agency and/or Task Force to tell your story of ministry and mission.

[Annual Conference Display Area Request Form](#)

<https://www.pen-del.org/files/content/annual+conference/2024/annual+conference+display+request.pdf>

If you are interested in display space at the 2023 Annual Conference, please complete and return the request form no later than **Friday, May 3, 2024** to:

Rev. Dr. Rick Vance, c/o General Commission on United Methodist Men, 810 12th Ave. S., Nashville, TN 37203,

or e-mail to annualconference00@yahoo.com.

Please include – “Attn: Display Requests” on any correspondence. Please direct any questions to Rev. Vance at 615-620-7277.

Christine Trott
Peninsula-Delaware Conference

News from the CLM Corner

If

you are a member of the United Methodist Church..

you have taken the *Basic Lay Servant Course*

you serve in a leadership position in your church

you have taken advance course to become a

Certified Lay Servant

You feel the call to go further in ministry..

You read the book “Christian as Minister”

You discussed your call with your *SPRC & your Pastor*..

You have met with your District Superintendent (DS)

You are ready to take the 4 Module

Certified Lay Ministers Class (CLM)

Secure a registration form from your District Office, print it out from this newsletter, call or email:

Brenda Tildon at 302-530-6422

tildonbrenda@aol.com

Next class starts in April –

Watch Newsletter for dates, time and location.

*God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,
according to His power that is at work within us.*

Ephesians 3:30

Pen-Del Certified Lay Minister Registration Form

*Refer to Current Discipline on CLM

Please print clearly

I am a Certified Lay Servant: Yes _____ No _____ Todays Date _____

Name _____

Address _____ **email(required) _____ - _____

City & State _____ Zip _____

Telephone# _____ Cell Phone _____

Pastor _____ Church _____

I am Lay Supply/Currently serving a church: Yes _____ No _____ If yes, C hurch Name _____

Completed the book "**Christian as Minister**" & discussed with Pastor: Yes _____ No _____

Circle your District _____ Delaware _____ Upper Shore _____ Lower Shore _____

SPRC Chair Signature (required) _____ Date _____

Pastor's Signature(required) _____ Date _____

DS Signature(required) _____ Meeting Date _____

****email address you prefer to be reached on to receive email, documents and zoom conferencing if necessary.**

Required Attachments:

Registration form with all required signatures

Copy of Pastors letter to District Superintendent (Optional)

Certified Lay Servant Certificate

(Please keep copies of everything you send)

Registration Fee \$35.00

Class Fee per Module \$100.00 (Payable after each module)

Four Modules must be taken in order for completion certificate

Send this form with all required signatures, and \$35.00 registration fee to

Brenda Tildon, 133 Portside Court, Bear, DE 19701

302-836-8553 or 302-530-6422 tildonbrenda@aol.com

Checks should be made payable to Pen-Del Conference

You will not be scheduled for class until registration form is received with all required information, signatures and attachments.

Student's Signature: _____

See CLM Director for Class dates – tildonbrenda@aol.com

CounterPoints in Stewardship

by
C. David Buchanan

Why People Give (To Your Church)

The following is a list that was provided to me by Indiana University School of Philanthropy in 1999 that I have edited to more directly apply to the church. I am providing it so that church leaders can more effectively understand the various motivations why people might give to their church. This list covers why people do give, not my opinion of why they should. With the rise of electronic giving, and virtual presence, I can think of reasons why people may *not* give, as well. This list is not exhaustive, so feel free to add if you think of more, (*No, taxes are not a motivator*), subtract if you think it does not apply to your church, or ask questions of your church leaders.

1. **Altruists** contribute out of generosity and empathy. They believe that their church cares about the poor and powerless, the lonely and the lost. They have a generous spirit for giving that will do something good for individuals and/or society. It is a cause worth supporting.
2. **Communitarians** give because every community needs to have certain things; a fire department, a rescue squad, schools, hospitals, and ...churches.
3. **Devout** individuals give for religious reasons and feel that giving is a moral obligation. They simply want to have an experience with God. It is an offering to God, a holy act, based solely on faith.
4. **Dynasts** give because it is expected. Giving is deeply imbedded in their family tradition and often plays an important role in family relationships. "Our family came to this church when it was founded, and has been a presence ever since. It is our responsibility to keep this tradition alive."
5. **Investors** see their contributions as investments and look for the return on investment both for their congregation and their bottom line. They seek to secure the future through strong finances and/or to have a church for the benefit of future generations.
6. **Repayers** give out of a feeling of loyalty and obligation. They believe that they should give back to the communities and institutions that have contributed to their lives. "God, through the ministry of the church, has made a difference in my life, and I want to give back some of what I received."
7. **Socialites** believe that giving provides entry into a desirable social circle. "All my friends go to this church. I'll become involved with them." "I want to be accepted by..."

I hope you find this information useful for the advancement of the ministry and mission of your church. Please feel free to contact me with your concerns. Blessings
Still seeking to be a steward of God's grace,

Shalom,
Dave Buchanan
stewardrev@gmail.com
302-382-5359



United
Women
in Faith

**PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCE
UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

Spring Event

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Hosted by the Upper Shore District United Women in Faith



“Let’s Break Bread Together”

They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2:42

**New United Methodist Church
100 Union Wesley Circle
Chester, MD 21619**

**Sign-In/Light Refreshments
9:00 A.M.**

**Program
9:30 A.M.**

Come join us for an experience of:

Community Fellowship Sisterhood

Please confirm you will be joining us by sending an email to umwpdc@gmail.com with the number of attendees. We would like to know how many guests to expect.

Please let know by **Thursday, May 2, 2024**; however, ALL are welcome to attend.





Please Join us for our

Heritage Day at the Nanticoke Indian Museum

Saturday

May 4, 2024
11 am to 3 pm

**The Nanticoke Indian Museum is located at
26673 John J Williams Highway,
Millsboro, DE 19966**

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL 302-945-3400



**Featuring: Keith Cunningham - Native Book Author & Linguistics Expert
Ragghi Rain - Indigenous Storyteller and The Nanticoke Dance Troupe**



Attractions include:

- Native American story telling, dancing, music, and vendors
- Traditional Native American food such as succotash and fry bread
- Indian tacos

This Event is FREE to the public.



Spring CRAFT SHOW

All spaces are booked, but please come and support all the vendors.

Saturday, May 11, 2024 *9-2*

@ Wyoming Church, 216 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover

This Mother's Day, Rev. Provey Powell Jr. of Mt. Joy and Rev. Tyrran Smith of Arise Peninsula McCabe will be sending a group of mothers to a "Mother's Day Celebration" inspired by the Biblical portrayal of a virtuous woman as detailed in Proverbs 31.



The poster features a group of performers against a background of pink roses. The performers are labeled as follows: Maurette Brown Clark, Ricky Dillard, Donnie McClurkin, The Clark Sisters, and Jason Nelson. A circular inset shows Comedian and Host Jay Lamont. The central text reads "Mother's Day Celebration" in a mix of serif and script fonts, with "Philadelphia, PA" written below it. At the bottom left, it says "SUNDAY, MAY 12 2024 4:00PM | The Liacouras Center Tickets available at Ticketmaster.com". At the bottom center is the "Compassion" logo with the tagline "Advancing children's lives through faith and service". At the bottom right is the "ticketmaster" logo and "The Liacouras Center" logo.

Friendship United Methodist Church

presents

The Bag Lady

MAY 18,
@ 3:00PM

Starring Rev. Janice Herman

- Praise Dance
- Musical Selections
- Spoken Word

Ticket Price: \$10

All proceeds will go towards our roof project.

Refreshments will be provided.



30983 Friendship Rd
Millsboro, DE 19966





Mt Calvary United Methodist Church – 28 Church St – Bridgeville DE

Pastor: Rev. Frances M Fitchett

“TRUSTEE’S DAY”

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

AT 11:00AM

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Bethel United Methodist Church - 3435 Harper Rd - Federalsburg MD

Host Pastor: Rev. Frances M Fitchett

“WOMEN’S DAY”



THEME: WOMEN CARRYING THE MESSAGE OF GOD (Matthew 28:5-7)

SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

AT 3:30PM

GUEST PREACHER: REV. DR. BERNADETTE BECKETT

St JAMES UMC (WESTOVER MD) & ST ANDREWS UMC (UPPER HILL MD)



PACK & PRAY

DAY OF SERVICE

JOIN US THIS MONTH AS WE PREPARE FRESH FRUITS
AND VEGETABLES FOR 1000 FAMILIES!

1ST SHIFT

MAY 22ND
9AM - 12 PM

ASBURY UMC • 300 E BASIN RD • NEW CASTLE, DE 19720

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FRIDAY
MAY
24

4TH FRIDAYS

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WWW.THEHOPP.ORG

FOOD GIVEWAY SITES

ASBURY AFRESH UMC // 10:00AM
300 E. BASIN RD, NEW CASTLE

WILMINGTON MANOR LIONS CLUB // 10:30AM
WESTERN SENIOR CENTER 11 BASSETT, NEW CASTLE

PENIEL UMC // 11:00AM
115 E MARKET ST NEWPORT

RICHARDSON PARK UMC // 11:00AM
11 N MARYLAND AVE. WILMINGTON

TREE OF LIFE // 11:30AM
10 PIKE PLACE, NEWARK BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

BETHESDA UMC// 12:00PM
116 E. MAIN ST. MIDDLETOWN

DALE UMC// 12:00PM
143 E. LAKE ST. MIDDLETOWN

KINGSWOOD UMC // 12:00PM
300 N MARROWS RD, NEWARK

EZION MT CARMEL // 12:00PM
800 N. WALNUT ST, WILMINGTON

ALDERSGATE UMC // 12:30PM
2313 CONCORD PIKE, WILMINGTON

MT. JOY UMC // 12:30PM
455 TOWNSEND ST. WILMINGTON, DE

SIMPSON UMC // 12:30PM
DELIVERY ONLY, WILMINGTON

ARISE PENNINSULA MCCABE // 2:00PM
2200 BAYNARD BLVD, WILMINGTON

URBAN ARTIST EXCHANGE // 4PM
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WILMINGTON, DE

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Millville United Methodist Church

Summer Sales Event Schedule

Bake Sale

Saturday, May 25 – 8:00 am to *10:30ish

Our Annual Yard Sale

Friday, June 14 @ 6 – 8:00 pm

Saturday, June 15 @ 8 – 1:00 pm

Saturday, June 22 @ 8 – noon (1/2 price sale)

More Bake Sales

Saturday, June 29 @ 8:00 am to *10:30ish

Saturday, July 27 @ 8:00 am to *10:30ish

Saturday, August 31 @ 8:00 am to *10:30ish

*Closing time may vary



Millville United Methodist Church
36405 Club House Rd.
Millville, DE 19967

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Wilmington, DE 19801

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Indoor Plant Workshop

Saturday, April 13th
2:30–4:30 P.M.

- Discover all the dos and don'ts of indoor plant care!
- **FREE** indoor plant!



Gardening Workshop

Saturday, May 18th
2:30–3:00 P.M.

- Interested in starting a vegetable garden right in your backyard?
- **FREE** vegetable seeds to get you started!

Harvest Fest

Saturday, August 3rd
2:30 P.M.

- Celebrate our first growing season at this community gathering!
- Food trucks, music, vendors and more!

VOLUNTEER DAYS

Want to get involved in the community?

Tuesdays ♥ 12:00–4:00 P.M.

March 5 & 12
April 2, 9 & 16
May 7



Sign-up to volunteer here.



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SIGHT & SOUND DANIEL

Lancaster, PA

THURSDAY

AUGUST 1st, 2024

Time: 7:30AM



Ticket: \$160.00

Included: Motorcoach transportation, show ticket, and an all you eat buffet meal

*Bus will depart from
44 E. Mt. Vernon St.
Smyrna, DE 19977*

Tickets given when paid in full.

*Make checks payable to
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or use the QR code (+fees)*



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Sis. Elaine Perkins

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Shari Morrow, Pastor

LAY ACADEMY #SHIFT TRANSFORMATION:

The eDiscipleship Pathway in Leadership Training



Embracing a New Era:
#eDiscipleship at the Lay Academy

In an innovative shift, the Laity Peninsula Delaware Conference saw eight dedicated members embark on the first-ever eDiscipleship course at the Lay Academy. This milestone session marked a significant move towards integrating digital evangelism within the church's educational initiatives.

The introduction of eDiscipleship to the Lay Academy reflects a wider recognition: although the COVID-19 pandemic hastened the adoption of digital platforms within the church, there had been no formalized strategy for digital evangelism. This course is aimed to addressing that gap by equipping lay leaders with the necessary tools and knowledge to effectively leverage digital platforms for building faith-based communities and extending outreach.

The training began with an essential exploration of the varying generational demographics within the church, from the Silent Generation all the way to Generation Alpha. Understanding the distinct preferences and behaviors of these diverse age groups is crucial for creating digital content and engagement strategies that resonate across the entire spectrum. This segment emphasized the importance of using technology to connect rather than divide, meeting each generation where they are most accessible.

A particularly engaging portion of the course involved examining how the imagined technologies from the classic TV show "The Jetsons" have become realities by 2024. This not only made the training relatable but also sparked imaginative discussions on how these technologies can be applied in today's ministry contexts.

One notable technology, video calling, now pivotal in ministry, exemplifies how "The Jetsons" anticipated future communication tools. This technology has become a cornerstone for spiritual engagement and community building, enabling seamless connections across distances for virtual services, pastoral care, and more.



LAY ACADEMY PHOTO

However, this exploration also led to a critical examination of our current digital evangelism strategies. It raised important questions: Do we have a proactive digital evangelism plan, or are we simply reacting out of necessity? How effectively does our website engage with the congregation? Is the website the way to engage or is it just a billboard? What social media do we use? Are we utilizing modern communication methods like video texts to their full potential? Moreover, we discussed the importance of reaching out not just to our members but also to their families and friends, inviting them to experience our church's offerings, both in person and online. Have we invited the full membership list since we now offer services brick and mortar and online?

These reflections are inspired by Romans 12:2, which calls us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, challenging us to rethink and rejuvenate our approach to ministry in this digital age. eDiscipleship course is just the beginning of a broader journey towards embracing and integrating cutting-edge technologies to enhance and expand our evangelistic efforts.

Have a question about eDiscipleship?

Feel free to send an email to help@travissmithsr.com.
Peninsula Delaware Communications Team Chair
Travis L Smith, Sr – eDiscipleship Visionary



Promoting prostate cancer awareness (DEProstateCancerCoalition.org)

*Ask about a prostate cancer screening, and you're asking for so much more.
If you're 40 or older, or have a family history of prostate cancer, get screened.*

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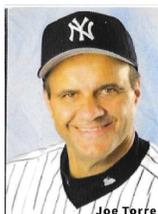
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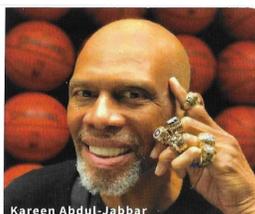
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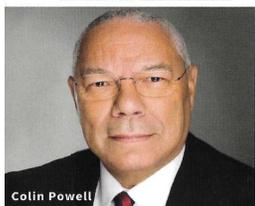
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For more information visit their website:

deprostatecancercoalition.org

Or contact **Dr. Michael Mulligan**

mmulliganatb@gmail.com

410-218-7018



Thank you to all who have already responded to our request for a Communication Liaison from your church. Our team was created as a direct response from the Annual Conference of 2022.

Pen-Del Creation Justice Team is asking for your guidance in recommending a person in your congregation who could act as a Communication Liaison to relay updates from our team to your church members and to request earth care resources from us.

We understand how busy you are, and would like to communicate directly with a representative from your church, rather than send you any additional emails.

A Communication Liaison would be a person who would simply post any updates from our team in newsletters or bulletins. In turn, we would act as a resource for your church for any requests for materials or referrals, or to answer any earth care questions or concerns.

In the Bible, we are called to be good stewards of the Earth. We have not always been faithful to this command, and thus caused much harm to all living things and the earth that sustains them. We must realign ourselves with God's instructions.

We truly appreciate your consideration of this matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please send your representative info to:

Janet Taylor-Smith creationjusticeteam@gmail.com

The Delaware District of the Peninsula Delaware Conference

Committee on Urban Center Ministries

Request for Grant Proposals

MISSION of Committee: Supporting Urban Center churches in developing and executing intentional urban mission and church strategies that led to vital congregations and communities by funding programs, capital improvements, or recommending services.

VISION of Committee: Urban Center churches are vital, healthy, and fruitful congregations engaging with their thriving communities through urban ministry.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants are limited to United Methodist Congregations, Organizations, and Nonprofit Agencies located and operating within the geographic boundaries of the City of Wilmington, Delaware..

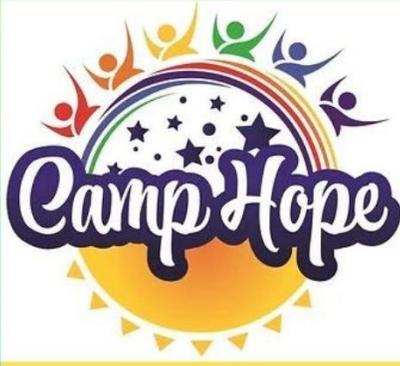
We also encourage involvement in urban ministry by suburban UM congregations in partnership with urban UM churches and organizations. In cases where the ministry involves such a partnership, the grant money would be given to the urban church/organization. The program leadership can come from either or both groups in partnership. The planned leadership model must be clearly described in the grant request.

Grants will be accepted on a rolling basis.

For more detailed information and to fill out the application, go to the Conference website: Pen-del.org; click on Districts; click on Delaware; click on Urban Ministries. **The application is at the bottom of the page.**

For questions or assistance contact the Delaware District Office at:

delawaredistrictumc@gmail.com



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We are looking for positive, enthusiastic, Christian
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Camp Hope is located at Conley's United Methodist Church
33106 Jolyns Way, Lewes, DE 19958

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS POSITIONS

- *Camp Counselor (Must be 25+ years old)*
- *Assistant Camp Counselor (Must be 18+ years old)*



DETAILS TO KNOW!

- *Camp Hope is an 8 week summer, day camp for children going into 2nd - 5th grade.*
- *Positions are part-time: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30am -3:30pm.*
- *Camp Hope meets every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday beginning June 17th and concluding August 8th. Monday and Tuesday activities are held at Conley's United Methodist Church in Lewes, Delaware. Thursdays are Field Trips.*

FOR A COMPLETE JOB DESCRIPTION EMAIL Camphope316@gmail.com



APPLY NOW!

PLEASE CONTACT:

Karen Lessey, Camp Director 302-448-9924 Camphope316@gmail.com

Or mail your letter of interest and resume to:

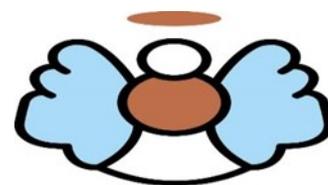
Camp Hope, c/o Conley's UMC, 33106 Jolyns Way, Lewes, DE 19958,

ATTN: Karen Lessey , Camp Director

Questions? Please email Karen at Camphope316@gmail.com



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MIRACLE ANGELS RAINBOW OF HOPE LUMINARY FUNDRAISER

Dear Fellow Sponsors, Family and Friends:

The Miracle Angels will be sponsoring a Cancer Mission fundraiser selling Luminary bags in honor of and or memory of cancer survivors for our sole support to Beebe Oncology Center, Lewes, DE, "Patient Special Needs Fund".

We will be having a "Rainbow of Hope Survivorship Worship Celebration" service for cancer survivors, caretakers, family and friends on Sunday, September 22nd at our church at 10:00 a.m.; wherein the luminary bags will be placed in the church sanctuary and lighted. Come, wear your survivorship ribbon color attire as we create a beautiful Rainbow of HOPE together!

The luminary bags will be on sale for \$10.00 per prior to the church worship celebration service at our 1 st Christmas in July Yard Sale on Saturday, July 6 th at the Rabbit's Ferry Community Center, 19112 Robinsonville RD, Lewes, DE 19958 – 8 a.m.- 2 p.m. You can purchase your bag at our yard sale and take home to decorate and place a name(s) on it and bring to the church service for placement or use the order form on the back with payment and we can place the names on it only for you. You may also keep the luminary bag and light it from your home if you choose to do so.

If you wish to support this fundraiser, please contact bjnscruisers@aol.com for an order form.

God Bless,





St. John's UMC in Seaford, DE
is looking for a Choir Director,
Organist, & Piano Accompanist.

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For more information please contact the church via
email: stjohns@stjohnsseaford.com
or SPRC Chair, Larry Grantham at 302-339-1460



St. Mark's United Methodist Church of Wilmington, Delaware is seeking a part-time organist for its Sunday morning service, other special services, and accompanying the Chancel Choir. The Sunday morning service is held at 10:00 A.M. throughout the year with choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings during the school year. St. Mark's is a very active church family with approximately 400 members. Interested candidates should submit a **cover letter and resume as soon as possible**. Email submissions are preferred (office@stmarksumcde.org)

**Saint Mark's United Methodist Church
Job Description and Specifications**

Position (Part Time): Organist

Primary Position Objective: To provide organ/piano music for the traditional services, including special events, while working with the staff to promote the vision and mission of the church.

Key Areas of Responsibility/General Duties:

Provide organ/piano music during the service, including choir accompaniment, on Sundays throughout the year

Rehearse with Chancel Choir on Wednesday evenings from Labor Day through mid-June

Rehearse and accompany soloists and small groups that provide special music for the service during the summer months

Provide music for special services (e.g., seasonal programs and additional services during Lent, Holy Week and Christmas)

Work with the Sr. Pastor and Music Director to coordinate music

Attend monthly staff meetings

Qualifications:

Formal training in organ and piano through private study or higher education

Experience in choir accompaniment and working with a conductor in a choral setting

Knowledge of a varied repertoire of sacred literature

Church organ experience preferred

A background check will be required for this position since we are a Safe Sanctuary establishment

Contact Information:

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Attn: SPRC Committee

1700 Limestone Road

Wilmington, DE 19804

302-994-0400

Website: stmarksumcde.org



Job Description /Position Title: Co-leader of Contemporary Worship and Music

Reports to: Pastor / SPRC

Status: Part-time, Nonexempt (10 to 15 hrs/wk for weeks when responsible for worship)

Contact: [John Mosko](mailto:jmosko@gmail.com) jmosko@gmail.com

Hockessin UMC—Job Summary

The Co-Leaders of Contemporary Music and Worship will be responsible for organizing and leading the contemporary music worship service each Sunday, including weekly rehearsals, and assistance in contemporary worship planning at **Hockessin United Methodist Church (HUMC)**. The individuals hired for this position will serve HUMC by building on our current team of volunteers to provide a praise-filled contemporary worship experience which engages with the congregation to the glory of God and Jesus. This is a team-based position in which two or more individuals will co-lead by alternating responsibility for leadership. Each co-leader will be scheduled in advance to be responsible for a week of musician coordination, practice, and leadership on Sunday. All co-leaders will work collaboratively on duties that build and develop the base of volunteer musicians.

Essential Job Duties:

- Collaborate with Contemporary Worship Coordinator and with other Co-Leaders to designate who will lead each week's contemporary worship and practices
- Collaborate with Pastor and Worship team to create a cohesive message and praise-filled experience for all congregation members from youth to elderly
- Plan and Coordinate with Pastor, audiovisual team, and Celebration Cluster including selection of songs based on weekly service themes
- Lead weeknight and Sunday morning rehearsals with musicians and vocalists
- Lead contemporary worship services to bridge between songs with scripture and prayer
- Select/create vocal/instrumental musical arrangements which engage the congregation
- Collaborate with existing HUMC contemporary musicians as well as recruit and develop new members for vocal and instrumental participation
- Hire guest instrumentalists, as needed, and within budget guidelines
- Coordinate and communicate rehearsal schedules, materials and other information to team members
- Prepare song texts for printed bulletin and projection and coordinate with office staff
- Maintain and further develop contemporary music library within copyright requirements
- Attend staff meetings, worship planning meetings, and other church meetings as appropriate

Qualifications Our ideal candidate:

- Is a Christian who loves Jesus and shares that love on a daily basis
- Has demonstrated success leading contemporary worship services as a participant in a contemporary Christian music ensemble
- Has demonstrated ability to set the spiritual tone for both rehearsals and worship
- Participates in the music with excellent musical skills, in particular strong piano/keyboard and/or guitar skills, with the ability to sing, play and lead from both standard notation and chord charts
- Inspires our amateur and youth musicians and vocalists to the glory of God
- Demonstrates good administrative, time management and communication skills
- Is proficient with audio systems and other relevant technology
- Has extensive knowledge of contemporary praise music repertoire including creed and prayer selections
- Degree in music desirable but not mandatory, depending upon skill and experience
- Must pass background check prior to selection

Compensation

- Co-leaders will be compensated on the basis of a fixed rate for each week of practice and worship that they lead
- Given the team-based approach, there is no vacation earned for this position



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Wilmington, DE 19801

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The United States Post Office will be raising the price of a first class stamp to 73¢ on July 14th. Stock up now on your postage stamps before the increase. The last increase was just in January.



The Delaware District Newsletter is published bi-weekly on a Tuesday. Articles or flyers for the next issue are due on **Saturday, May 11th. To submit articles, please send them to the District Office.**

When submitting articles or flyers for the newsletter, please send them as a word document or jpg so I can easily insert them into the newsletter.

