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May 16,

## Webinar For Faith Leaders Of All Denominations

### How Can We Help When Help Is Needed Most?

Thursday, May 19 3:00 PM Virtual Webinar

The goal of this webinar is for faith leaders to better understand the experience and trauma surrounding pregnancy and infant loss. Practical tools for guidance and support will be provided.

**Host:** Reva Judas, Founder of NechamaComfort

**Cost:** Free, but registration is required. If you cannot attend live, a link to the recording will be sent to you.

## 2022 Young Adult Summit

Saturday, May 21 10:00-2:00 PM Wyoming UMC

Calling All Young Adults to the Floor!

All young adults are invited to our 2022 Young Adult Summit, *"It's MY Time, it's MY Turn"*.

This will be an outdoor gathering with Family, Fun, & Fellowship for all young adults of the Peninsula Delaware Conference.

Wyoming United Methodist Church  
216 Wyoming Mill Road  
Dovefr, DE

*Register Here* (required)

Printable Flyer:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/YAS\\_2022.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/YAS_2022.pdf)

## The Unfinished Church - New Podcast

First Episode, Thursday, May 19 Guest Nadia Bolz-Weber

The Unfinished Church is a new podcast focusing on the holy work of antiracism. Hosted by United Methodist Bishops La'Trelle Easterling, Michael McKee, and Gregory Palmer, the podcast is a place for dialogue, learning, and transformation as people of faith coming together to build a world in which racial prejudice has no power.

The debut season of The Unfinished Church explores humility, implicit bias, building right relationships, compassionate listening and more as the bishops talk with well-known activists, authors, preachers and teachers about what it means to do the work of antiracism.

The first episode premieres with guest Nadia Bolz-Weber

Other guests include Willie Jennings, Opal Lee, Brian McLaren, Eboo Patel, and Fred Shaw.

**Tune in every other Thursday on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Anchor, Spotify or wherever you listen to podcasts.**

Visit the [unfinishedchurch.org](http://unfinishedchurch.org) to learn more and hear the official trailer. To stay connected and up-to-date follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter at @unfinishedumc.

Join us as we create space to learn how to love our neighbors in the ways Christ has called us to love. God is not done with us. Our work is unfinished.



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If calling outside normal business hours, please leave a message and your call will be returned the next business day. In the event of an emergency you can reach Rev. Joseph Archie at 302-494-1030.

*Next News Deadline*  
5:00 PM, May 20, 2022 Send to:  
[delawaredistrictnews@gmail.com](mailto:delawaredistrictnews@gmail.com)



District Website



## Introduction to Deaf Ministry - 4 Week Study

May 16 - June 14 Mariners Bethel UMC

Tuesdays 11:00-Noon Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 PM

Classes led by Patrick Kelly

Sign up using the link below:

<https://marinersbethel.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1291521>



Please direct any questions to Pastor Patrick Kelly at (302)260-4421 or [kellypatrick886@gmail.com](mailto:kellypatrick886@gmail.com)

Printable Flyer:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/DeafMinistry.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/DeafMinistry.pdf)

## Spring Yard Sale

Saturday, May 21 10:00 AM-3:00 PM Peniel UMC

Glassware, Handmade items, Crafts, toys, food and more.

Peniel United Methodist Church  
115 E. Market Street  
Newport, DE 19804

Printable Flyer:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/YardSale.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/YardSale.pdf)

## He Brews Café

Sat., May 28 7:00-9:00 PM St. Mark's/Stanton



Music: *Wendy Schettig*

Come to where all the action is! Coffee and light refreshments served. Come for the free Music, Food and always Fellowship. All are welcome. Leave with laughter and new friends.

**Doors open: 6:30 PM.**

St. Marks United Methodist Church  
1700 Limestone Rd., Wilmington, DE 19804

## Rev. Nichols Luncheon Celebration

Saturday, June 25 11:30 AM-4:00 PM Georgetown DE

Join Harmony UMC honoring Rev. Charlotte Nichols for her 43 years in ministry.

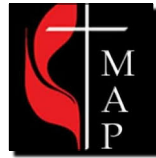
Tickets: \$40/Adult \$15/Child 6-12

Ticket Contact: Theresa Harmon 302-217-5087

The Cheer Community Center  
20520 Sand Hill Rd.  
Georgetown, DE 19947

Printable Flyer:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/NicholsLunch.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/NicholsLunch.pdf)



## New MAP and You

Methodist **ACTION** Program

[www.mapde.org](http://www.mapde.org)

### From the Desk of the Executive Director . . .

By this time most of us are aware of the extreme injustice endured by folks in our own backyard, so to speak. The Delaware State University Women's Lacrosse Team was traveling home from playing in Florida and Georgia when the bus was stopped for a lane violation (improperly traveling in the left lane). That part of the incident is not under dispute. What happened next could turn out to be a violation of each player's constitutional rights\*.

Once it was established that the bus was full of young women athletes, the trouble began. Troopers assumed there would be contraband aboard. Since they legally could not search the bus or persons, they opted to bring in a drug-sniffing K-9 to search the luggage from the storage compartment. All the while this was going on, the troopers were issuing threatening statements to the bus passengers, all of whom remained outwardly calm because they knew the troopers would find nothing. Nonetheless, their luggage was torn open (instead of having the dog sniff each piece before opening) and personal items were rummaged. In the end, the driver was issued a warning, and the passengers were sent on their way.

Although the sheriff and officers tried to paint this incident as Standard Operating Procedure, it is difficult to comprehend why a low-level lane violation should descend into an excessive and violating luggage search. Before anyone says, "Well, the cops were just doing their jobs," let's stop for a moment. Imagine if it was you, or your daughter, who had their personal items needlessly rummaged through by large and intimidating men. I hope that provides a bit of perspective.

This matter will not, and should not, be dropped. If adjudicated, it can quite possibly be found to be a violation of these young women's Fourth Amendment rights. The fact that it happened to athletes from our own state, I hope, brings these kinds of inappropriate treatment into a little closer focus.

What can be done about it? I'm not sure, but I know that the Delaware State University president and other officials will follow through. I hope to also see some action from Governor Carney and our state and federal representatives. In some eyes, it may be a minor issue, but a lot of little mounds of dirt can turn into an enormous mountain over time. Our Social Creed reminds us that "(w)e commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons" (italics mine). Any time the rights of someone or some group are threatened, it endangers the rights of us all.

*\*Disclaimer: I am not an attorney. I only have researched the Bill of Rights to determine this.*

Donna Hitchner  
Executive Director  
Methodist Action Program

**Delaware District Pastors!** Please check your email for a Faith Leaders Letter from Interfaith Power and Light. It asks faith leaders (which can include church officers, etc.) to sign on to the statement concerning a Climate Emergency, and addressed to the governor and our General Assembly leaders. Every Delaware District lead pastor should have received an email about this opportunity. If you wish to sign on, send your name, church, and title, to [shweta.arya@delawareipl.org](mailto:shweta.arya@delawareipl.org). In light of our Social Principles ¶160, it would be great if the letter contained a great number of UM signatures!



# Upcoming Events

**Conference Calendar Link:** [www.pen-del.org/events/calendar](http://www.pen-del.org/events/calendar)

## Conley's Church Open House

**Saturday, May 21 4:00-6:00 PM Conley's UMC**

The community is invited to visit Conley's Church during our Open House on May 21. Meet Pastor, Bill Davis, tour our church, talk to the leaders of our groups and ministries, and discover who we are and what we do.

The event is hosted by our United Women in Faith and United Methodist Men. Refreshments, grilled hamburgers and hot dogs will be available free of charge. All are invited to come and get to know Conley's Church during this informal get-together.

Conley's United Methodist Church  
33106 Jolyns Way, Lewes, DE 19958  
(Off Camp Arrowhead Road, Angola area).



For further information call the church office at 302-945-1881, email to [conleysumc@gmail.com](mailto:conleysumc@gmail.com), or visit [www.conleysumc.org](http://www.conleysumc.org)

## 2022 Annual Conference to be *Virtual*

**June 16-18, 2022 Virtual Platform**

The Sessions team weighed advantages and disadvantages of in-person, virtual, and hybrid models. The virtual option is the most accessible to the greatest number of people (including laity and retirees), better stewards our financial and natural resources, and privileges life and health during the ongoing covid pandemic.

The schedule three day incorporates clergy and laity sessions, a full day of plenary, and the memorial, ordination and commissioning services.

Additional details and updates will be posted to the PDC website as they become available.

## Pecometh Summer Kick-Off

**Saturday, June 11 3:00-6:00 PM Pecometh**



School is winding down and the weather is warming up! Come over to Pecometh to celebrate the beginning of summer with other children, youth and families from around the Pen-Del Annual Conference! Come kick off summer with us on Jun 11, 2022, from 3pm to 6pm!

Our Summer Kick Off is a pool party and picnic for ALL ages! We hope to see you there! The pool will be open, plus we'll have worship, food and more!

This is a FREE event, but registration is requested.

For more information and/or to register, visit:

<https://www.pecometh.org/summer-kick-off>

## Buttonwood UMC Celebrates 75th Anniversary

**August 7 4:00-8:00 PM**

Buttonwood is home church of long serving Conference Lay Leader, Yvonne Jackson. The theme is "Our Legacy is honoring the past, present and the future". We are honoring five members of our church, Norma Gadson, Sylvia Golden, Vivian Lea, Joseph Pinkett, Jr., and Leila Homes.

To commemorate this historic milestone, we are holding a banquet at the Executive Banquet and Conference Center, 205 Executive Drive, Newark DE.

A Souvenir Journal is being assembled. We invite and welcomes all to celebrate with us by attending the banquet (\$50 per person), purchasing an ad (full-page \$100, half-page \$50, quarter page \$25), and/or being a patron (\$2). Camera Ready Ads can be emailed to [sriddge@aol.com](mailto:sriddge@aol.com) with payment to Buttonwood UMC, PO Box 407, New Castle, DE 19720 by May 15.

Clergy are invited to submit letters for the Journal by sending to Yvonne Jackson ([yon2d@aol.com](mailto:yon2d@aol.com)) or Pastor Lawrence Pelham [pelhamlawrence@gmail.com](mailto:pelhamlawrence@gmail.com)

# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Foster Parenting - Cayuga Centers of Delaware



My name is Andrea McCoy-Carty, Foster Parent Ambassador for Cayuga Centers of Delaware. As Foster Parent Ambassador, my goal is to provide pragmatic strategies and resources for recruiting and retaining foster families. Thus, continuing to provide a pool of prospective and well-trained applicants for foster care licensure, while assisting in community outreach.

The key is working together with other professionals and stakeholders in designing and planning fostering services. Most foster parents find the work rewarding but often describe it as demanding as they manage challenging situations

Fostering with Cayuga Centers means, receiving daily support from empathetic staff all while respecting "social distance". Stability is the key factor for the foster youth in achieving positive outcomes.



Printable Requirements Flyer:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/Fostering.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/Fostering.pdf)

Downloadable Flyers:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/Cayuga.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/Cayuga.pdf)

## CPE Returns to Bayhealth

CPE has officially returned to Bayhealth. We want to give clergy and aspirants the opportunity to enroll in this great program. The program is open to the public. Students who apply and are accepted before April 25, 2022 will receive a reduced tuition rate of \$750 as a thank you for your service.

CPE is the national standard for credentialing Board Certified Chaplains.

For additional information on CPE at Bayhealth and to complete the application, visit:

<https://www.bayhealth.org/healthcare-professionals/clinical-pastoral-education>

Download and return the completed application along with the requested documents and application fee to Silvia\_Misina@bayhealth.org

Printable Flyer:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/BayhealthCPE.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/BayhealthCPE.pdf)

## Important Delaware District DCOM Information

As we continue to navigate the merging of the former Wilmington and Dover DCOM's into the Delaware DCOM, we give thanks for everyone's patience and grace along the way. You are able to access everything you need for DCOM via our district website:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/dcomindex.htm](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/dcomindex.htm)

Meeting times and schedules, what to submit, and instructions on how to submit, along with other helpful information for candidates, mentors, and members can be found there.

MENTORS: Please make sure your mentees have this information!

## Holy Land Tour Opportunities

District Superintendent Archie authorized the following link from a local tour agent offering a variety of Holy Land tours for 2023.

<http://www.etstours.com/larue>

## Covid 19 Legal Documents For Church Use

As you are exploring and developing your plan for re-opening your churches, here are some legal documents. Your churches may want to use these for liability waivers, outside group usage of church buildings, trustee requirements for worship and building use, etc.

Volunteer Code of Conduct:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/VolunteerConduct.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/VolunteerConduct.pdf)

Lease Use PDC Addendum:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/LeaseUse.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/LeaseUse.pdf)

Liability Waiver:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/LiabilityWaiver.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/LiabilityWaiver.pdf)

Trustee Sample:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/SampleTrustee.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/SampleTrustee.pdf)





## Churches Offer Assistance to Afghan Refugees

The deteriorating situation in Afghanistan is a humanitarian crisis that has now left upwards of 550,000 Afghans internally displaced. In the strength of the Creator of us all, we are called to walk alongside those who have been persecuted and displaced, to provide a space of love and safe refuge for all people in harm's way, and to advocate for peacemakers, relief workers, and policymakers, and all voices of faith, that we may have the courage, grace, integrity, and strength to expand a broader path of welcome and safety for all who seek refuge.

*[Click here](#)* to see how you can help

Or paste address below into your browser:

[www.bwcumc.org/article/ums-respond-to-afghan-refugees](http://www.bwcumc.org/article/ums-respond-to-afghan-refugees)



## VA Conference Project Manager Position

### Virginia Annual Conference

The Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church is currently recruiting for the position of Project Manager. This position will work directly with the Assistant to the Bishop (ATB) and Director of Connectional Ministries (DCM).

#### Application Submission Deadline: May 22

If you know of someone who might be interested, please have them view the link posting above to apply. If you have any questions about the open position, please contact Michelle Reddick, Human Resources Generalist at 615-369-2357.

#### Online Job Description And Application

## Part-time Organist and/or Music Director Position

### Richardson Park United Methodist Church

Richardson Park UMC is seeking a part-time organist and/or music director - preferably combined. Basic qualifications:

- Formal training in organ and piano through private study or higher education. Should be skilled at sight-reading and have a confident ability for accompanying congregational singing.
- Experience in choir accompaniment and conducting in a worship and choral setting
- Competency in computer skills including use of Microsoft Office and ability to communicate using email.

Our organ is a *Rodgers Infinity 361*, a three-manual and pedal console with 61 draw-knobs that allow the organist access to a vast number of outstanding samples of fine pipe ranks derived from pipe organs from around the world. *Library Access™* provides an additional 180 available stops and voices equivalent to 235 pipe ranks.

Printable, detailed job description:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/RPUMC\\_Organist.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/RPUMC_Organist.pdf)

Apply with resume to: [staffing@rpumchurch.org](mailto:staffing@rpumchurch.org)

## Ministry Assistant Position

### Skyline UMC Part-time

Position works with the Pastor in guiding, participating and potentially providing operational assistance within ministries and missions as agreed to with the Pastor, and reporting to the Pastor and Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Download full job description:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/MinAssist.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/MinAssist.pdf)

## Part Time Custodian Position

### Coleman Memorial UMC

Coleman Memorial has a position open for a part time custodian (12-15 hrs./Week @\$11/hr.). Full job description and details in printable ink below.

Printable Job description:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/custodian.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/custodian.pdf)

## Traditional Service Pianist or Organist Position

### Houston UMC/Houston, DE

Houston United Methodist Church in Houston, Delaware is seeking a traditional service pianist or organist. One service per week Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

Interested individuals should send their resume to Gail Dusbiber, SPRC Chair, [gmdusbiber@comcast.net](mailto:gmdusbiber@comcast.net)

## Part-time Bookkeeper Position

### Ezion-Mount Carmel UMC,

Ezion-Mt. Carmel is seeking a part-time (5-8 hours/week) Bookkeeper to work flexible hours. The Bookkeeper reports to the Sr. Pastor and provides accurate and timely disbursement of and accounting for church finances in cooperation with the Sr. Pastor and the Finance Committee. A full job description is available upon request.

If interested, please send a resume to Lynn Sharps, SPRC Chair, at [lmsharps17@gmail.com](mailto:lmsharps17@gmail.com) by **May 27, 2022**.



## Urban Promise School Wilmington is Hiring



- Teen Job Training Coordinator
- Youth and Ministry Site Director
- Sports Director
- Children & Ministry Site Coordinator
- School Aftercare Staff
- Academic Interventionist
- Development Assistant
- Leadership Associate
- Facilities Manager
- Elementary School Faculty Members
- Executive Director (ED)

For more information about these and other UPW career opportunities, contact Josh Gregor at [josh@urbanpromise.org](mailto:josh@urbanpromise.org).

Printable Job Description details:

[www.delawaredistrictumc.org/UrbanPromise.pdf](http://www.delawaredistrictumc.org/UrbanPromise.pdf)

## Part-time Administrative Secretary Position

### Mt. Joy United Methodist Church

Mt. Joy United Methodist Church, 451 Townsend St., Wilmington is looking for a part-time (24 hours/week) Administrative Secretary. This person will work with the pastor to provide secretarial support to the pastor, staff and ministries of Mt. Joy.

If interested in the full job description, please contact the church by emailing: [mountjoyumc@gmail.com](mailto:mountjoyumc@gmail.com)  
Attention: Beverly Evans

## Part-time Director of Children & Youth Ministries

### St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Wilmington

St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1314 Foulk Road, Wilmington, is looking for a part-time (20 hours/week) Director of Children and Youth responsible for designing and facilitating a children and youth ministry program focused on building young disciples for Christ. A bachelor's degree is required with demonstrated knowledge and experience in children and/or youth ministry. If interested in the full job description, please contact the church by emailing:

[stpaulsumcde@comcast.net](mailto:stpaulsumcde@comcast.net)

Attention: Pastor David McMillan.

## Multiple Positions Available

### Asbury UMC/ Smyrna, DE

Asbury UMC in Smyrna, DE is looking to discover people with the right gifts to lead our congregation in the below-listed areas. We have 3 paid positions available:

#### Director of Contemporary Music:

This person will display musical talent on keyboard or guitar and be able to build and lead a Praise Band for our contemporary worship service.

#### Director of Music:

This person will be able to build and lead a choir, work with our organist and pianist and have the ability to select appropriate music for worship in a traditional setting.

#### Technology Team Director:

Seeking a person who loves Christ and has gifts and talents for using technology during worship. We have a new system that requires dedicated team members to enhance our worship in-person and online. We are looking for the right person to lead this team.

For more information, please contact the office at 302-653-8415 or email [revjulielewis@gmail.com](mailto:revjulielewis@gmail.com)





## Family Programs at Pecometh

### Single Parent Family Retreat July 8-10

Between work, caring for family, and trying to have a life, single parents have their hands full. This retreat offers an opportunity for single parents and their kids to get away and spend some time together - and apart! This year, our Single Parent Family Retreat is being held Friday, July 8th through Sunday, July 10th. Programming will provide parents with spiritual support, encouragement, and an opportunity to relax, while the kids are busy doing camp activities! The schedule also includes family and big-group activities, and a "Parents' Night Off" while the kids have a movie night. Accommodations provide the best of both worlds at Pecometh: families sleep easy in hotel-style accommodations while enjoying meals at our Camp Dining Hall and lots of fun camp activities.

For more information, or to register, visit:

[www.pecometh.org/single-parent-family](http://www.pecometh.org/single-parent-family)

### Friends and Family Camp July 29-31

Experience all the fun and joy that kids at Camp Pecometh do! Gather friends and family and join us for a weekend of Splashdown, s'mores, kayaking, campfires, music, and all the beauty and joy of Pecometh! You can bring a tent, stay in a cabin, or experience our Riverview Retreat Center. This year, Friends and Family Camp will be held Friday, July 29th through Sunday, July 31st. Enjoy time in the Chester River kayaking or splashing around on our Splashdown equipment. Relax with a s'more by the campfire or work on that long-awaited scrapbook. Experience the fun, fellowship, and festivities of a weekend at camp!

For more information, or to register, visit:

[www.pecometh.org/friends-and-family-camp](http://www.pecometh.org/friends-and-family-camp)

## Pecometh is Hiring

### Housekeeping & Kitchen Staff

We understand the importance of a balanced life and encourage our staff to exercise self-care for their own physical, emotional and spiritual well-being, as well as to attend to the needs of their families.

We are looking for Housekeepers and Kitchen Staff! For more information about these positions and how to apply, [click here](#).

Find our current hiring information here: [www.pecometh.org/employment](http://www.pecometh.org/employment)

## Pecometh Summer Camp 2022

We are excited to announce that Summer Camp 2022 Registration is open! Looking for an unplugged environment where your camper will build their faith, character and independence? Allow them to experience a genuine, inclusive community at Camp Pecometh's Christian summer camps. Living our mission of God-inspired, life-changing experiences, campers make memories for a lifetime and come back year after year. From day camps to half and full weeks of overnight camps for Kindergarten through 11th grade, there's a program for all interests. For summer of 2022, we have 5 NEW camps that we are offering, along with many of our usual camps!

For more information about Camp Pecometh, visit: <https://www.pecometh.org/about-camp-pecometh>

For a full list of our camps and program descriptions, visit: <https://www.pecometh.org/christian-summer-camp-program-descriptions>

For more information about registering for Summer Camp for 2022, visit: <https://www.pecometh.org/summer-camp>



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