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2022 Annual Conference to be *Virtual*

June 16-18, 2022 Virtual Platform

The three day schedule 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>

The Unfinished Church - New Podcast

Next Episode, Thursday, June 2 Eboo Patel



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.

Episode #2 - *Examining Our Perceptions*

Guest : Eboo Patel

The founder and president of Interfaith America joins the bishops in examining the dangers of projecting one's values onto others and the sacred work of building intercultural relationships.

Future guests include Willie Jennings, Opal Lee, Brian McLaren, 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 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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Delaware District Office hours are 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Mon - Thu.
Office location: 900 N. Washington St., Wilmington, DE 19801.
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 27, 2022 Send to:
delawaredistrictnews@gmail.com



District Website



Sharing/Swapping VBS Props

St Georges UMC

St Georges UMC is looking to save money and we are proposing a swap or splitting cost for Vacation Bible School props. We plan on having our Vacation Bible School August 2-4, however, we can move our dates to accommodate the swapping of props.

We are also willing to join with another church to have one joint Vacation Bible school and we would be happy to split the cost of the function.

Feel free to email us at: office@stgeorgesumc.com or call 302-832-2211. We hope to hear from you soon!

Handbell Concert - 1st State Ringers

Saturday, June 4 1:00 PM Kingswood UMC

1st State Ringers Handbell Choir from Newark United Methodist Church will be performing a selection of patriotic themed songs.

Kingswood United Methodist Church
300 Marrows Rd., Newark, DE 19713

Vacation Bible School - Food Truck Party

July 11 - 15 9:00AM - Noon Ebenezer UMC/Newark



Children ages 4 – 11 (or completed 5th grade)
Youth helpers (completed 6th grade or higher)

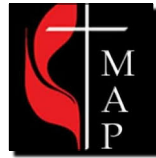
Register at ebenezerumcnewark.org before July 1

Pull up a seat at the table for the most deliciously fun VBS ever! We're going to cook up some fun at Ebenezer in Newark as the VBS Food Truck Party rolls into town for the biggest party of the summer.

Our VBS theme verse, "Give us this day our daily bread" from Matthew 6:11 reminds us that everything we have comes from God — and that it is when we turn to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met. Bible stories, crafts, science projects, outdoor fun, music and snacks are all on the menu!

VBS is also a great way for youth who have completed grade 6 or higher to earn volunteer service hours! For more information, reach out to Megan and Mike Jones at Youth_pastor@verizon.net.

Ebenezer United Methodist Church
525 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark, Delaware
in partnership with Resurrection Parish



New MAP and You

Methodist **ACTION** Program

www.mapde.org

From the Desk of the Executive Director . . .

For the past two weeks, the Lay Academy Advanced Social Principles sessions have examined health care topics. Our Social Principles are clear on this issue:

“John 10:10b says, ‘I came so that they could have life – indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.’ Stewardship of health is the responsibility of each person to whom health has been entrusted. Creating the personal, environmental, and social conditions in which health can thrive is a joint responsibility – public and private. We encourage individuals to pursue a healthy lifestyle and affirm the importance of preventative health care, health education, environmental and occupational safety, good nutrition, and secure housing in achieving health. Health care is a basic human right... Providing the care needed to maintain health, prevent disease, and restore health after injury or illness is a responsibility each person owes others and government owes to all, a responsibility government ignores at its peril... It is unjust to construct or perpetuate barriers to physical or mental wholeness or full participation in community.” ¶162V Right to Health Care

The first of our two health care sessions dealt with reproductive rights and health care. Here is what I believe can be considered the gist of UM belief about abortion, based on the Social Principles:

“Our belief in the sanctity of life makes us reluctant to approve abortion... But we are equally bound to respect the sacredness of the life and well-being of the mother and the unborn child... We recognize tragic conflicts of life with life that may justify abortion, and in such cases we support the legal option of abortion under proper medical procedures by certified medical providers... We cannot affirm abortion as an acceptable means of birth control, and we unconditionally reject it as a means of gender selection or eugenics... The Church shall offer ministries to reduce unintended pregnancies. We commit our Church to continue to provide nurturing ministries to those who terminate a pregnancy, to those in the midst of a crisis pregnancy, and to those who give birth.” ¶161K Abortion

During these two sessions, we learned a lot from our speakers. For example, we learned that some Jewish leaders say that life begins with the breath, at birth. This is because God first breathed life into Adam in the Creation narrative. Some other viewpoints are that life begins when a fetus can survive on its own. Some believe it begins with the heartbeat. There is no real consensus on this point, legally or culturally. But I believe that Jesus would agree with the viewpoints as outlined in our Social Principles, which is guided by mercy and compassion.

Jesus was/is a healer. His desire for all people was for health, both physical and mental, as we see repeatedly in Scripture. The first century church took up this vision by caring for the sick as best as their knowledge would allow. Wesley also believed in caring for the needs of all people. Many have said that this kind of care for all human beings smacks of socialism. It is time for the church to get over that hurdle and take seriously Jesus’ commands to care for the hungry, unhoused, unclothed, sick, and incarcerated. ¶163E (Poverty) says, “As a church, we are called to support the poor and challenge the rich” and “In order to provide basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, education, health care, and other necessities, ways must be found to share more equitably the resources of the world.”

We know the way, but the powers-that-be lack the will to achieve it. They are hiding behind a word – socialism – that represents an ideology unrelated to Jesus’ real intent, which was fullness of life for all. The church must realize this if we would become the faithful community we were meant to be.

Donna Hitchner
Executive Director
Methodist Action Program



Upcoming Events

Conference Calendar Link: www.pen-del.org/events/calendar

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

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 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) or Pastor Lawrence Pelham 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

Downloadable Flyers:

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

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

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

Lease Use PDC Addendum:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/LeaseUse.pdf

Liability Waiver:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/LiabilityWaiver.pdf

Trustee Sample:

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



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

Apply with resume to: 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

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

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

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 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.

Printable Job Description details:

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
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

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



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

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

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

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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