May 30, 2022

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Delaware District 2022



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Ellendale: Chaplain's Chapel
Harrington: Asbury
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Middletown: Bethesda
Middletown:Connection Community
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Magnolia: Orchard Middletown: Dale Memorial Milford: Avenue Milford: Avenue
Milford: St. Paul
Millsboro: Friendship
Millville: Millville
Milton-Nassau: White's Chapel
New Castle: Gracia Divina
Minquadale
New Castle: New Castle
Newark: Ebenezer
Newark: Newark
Ocean View: Mariner's Bethel
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St. Georges: St. Georges

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Wilmington: Chester Bethel
Wilmington: Ezion-Mt. Carmel
Wilmington: Skyline



Bear: Christ the Cornerstone Clarksville: Union Wesley Clayton: Ewell's-St. Paul Dagsboro: Bethel Frederica: Trinity Georgetown-Grace: Grace Laurel: Mt. Pleasant Laurel: Portsville Millsboro: Zoar New Castle: Asbury Odessa: St. Paul's Port Penn: St. Daniel's

Seaford: Mt. Olivet Seaford: Woodland Selbyville: Salem Townsend: Immanuel Wilmington: Aldersgate Wilmington: Cedars

Wilmington: Coleman Memorial Wilmington: Peniel Wilmington: Peninsula-McCabe

Wilmington: Richardson Park Wilmington: Simpson Wilmington: St. Mark's

Congratulations to these Churches! Thank you for all your hard work in making your facilities accessible to everyone.

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> Next News Deadline 5:00 PM, June 3, 2022 Send to: delawaredistrictnews@gmail.com



District Website



2nd Annual African Heritage Music Celebration

Sun, June 6 2:00-6:00 PM Modern Maturity Ctr/Dover

Guest Speaker: Dr. Howard Stevenson "Managing Racial Bullying"

Live Music Performance: DE State University Jazz Band

\$75/Ticket \$525/Table of 8

Register: https://bit.ly/3xu1k5Q

Modern Maturity Center

1121 Forrest Ave, Dover, DE 19904

Printable Flyer:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/MusicCeleb.pdf

Rally 4 the Planet Event

Thursday, June 9 11:00 AM Legislative Hall/Dover

Now it's ever more important to show up for the Rally 4 the Planet we are organizing at Legislative Hall on June 9

We need a 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and a strong net-zero goal by 2050. We need all state agencies at the table to make sure we will be able to meet these goals, and we need the climate action plan to be updated every 5 years. To put it very clearly, we need bold action!

We know that a bill is being drafted, but we also know that time is running out on both this legislative session and our ability to address this crisis. The opposition to renewable energy and climate science will attack whatever comes next. We need to turn up on June 9th and show the legislature that Delaware wants—no, needs— climate action to be a priority in 2022.

Will you join us? This is not the time to sit on the sidelines. this is the time to show up!! Bring a friend or two. If you can offer a car ride or would like car ride. Please email back and we can make arrangements.

Register to attend on June 9 at 11:00AM at:

Tinyurl.com/Rally4Planet

Part-time Position - Director of Choirs

Hockessin UMC

Director of Choirs is a part-time (avg. 30 hours/week over course of a year), salaried position reporting to the Senior Pastor.

Responsibilities include:

- Coordinating and actively working to grow the various choir music ministries of HUMC and developing volunteer leadership that supports the various choirs.
- Directing the Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, Children's Choir and preferably Bell Choir from September (Sunday after Labor Day) through June.
- Coordinating soloist music and worship music throughout the year

Qualifications:

- Committed Christian leader
- Music degree preferred; ability to read and perform music required
- Previous music directing and leadership experience required
- Skilled and supportive of many types/styles of music (traditional and, preferably, contemporary)
- Strong leadership, planning and interpersonal skills
- Capable computer skills are preferable (WORD, email, social media, POWERPOINT)

Compensation Package:

Salary based on education, experience, and skills. Full job description available on: https://hockessinumc.org/job-posting/

Submit cover letter, resume and list of 3 references to: ChurchOffice@hockessinumc.org



From the Desk of the Executive Director . . .

Again this week, we are reeling from the reports around another mass shooting, this time in a Texas elementary school. That's twice inside of two weeks that innocent children and adults have been killed by a young male with an assault-type weapon. Many say they are shocked by this situation, but do they (or do you) realize that multiple news outlets count more than 200 mass shootings in 2022 alone?

When my daughter was in high school in 2008, she conducted some research about the number of guns per capita in various countries. The only statistic that we remember from that research is that in 2008, the U.S. counted an average of 16 guns per capita. That number has decreased to about 5, but the U.S. still has the greatest percentage of the population owning guns than any other country, by a magnitude of two or more. The U.S. is listed as #1 in gun ownership, whereas Switzerland, whose population is known for training pretty much every citizen in responsible gun usage, is ranked as 19th.

Other countries have suffered mass shootings. Some of these took action to prevent this from recurring. Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Norway all have been known for their populations' attraction to gun usage. Following mass shootings, however, all these countries either banned specific weapons or placed increased restrictions on gun ownership and registration. Their levels of gun violence, including suicide, is now far lower, per capita, than in the U.S.

The difference between these countries is in the power of their respective gun lobbies. We all know that many American politicians take thousands, hundreds of thousands, or millions of dollars from the NRA. A colleague shared with me that he had spoken to a Delaware state legislator about gun reform. The legislator had, unfortunately, received campaign money from the gun lobby. My colleague encouraged the representative to think independently and do what she knew was in the best interest and safety of her constituents. Sadly, he reported that he did not appear to make any headway. This same colleague marveled that it often is the same politicians who would ban abortion who then will turn around and refuse to take action when children are killed by gun violence.

Let's also consider the weapons used in mass shootings. Most often, they have been assault weapons of some kind. If you study the history of the NRA, you will see that its early history revolved around marksmanship tournaments and hunting. Now, the organization insists on citizens' rights to own assault weapons, which is not very practical for hunting or marksmanship contests. In fact, the only real use for an assault weapon is to kill people. Why are we not concerned about this? Why are we not concerned that there may be individuals or groups out there who are bent on killing other fellow Americans?

Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe at the General Board of Church and Society implores us to "recognize that <u>gun violence</u>* has become an all-too-frightening phenomenon. Now more than ever, let's stand together in "<u>Our Call to End Gun Violence</u>**." (2016 Book of Resolutions, #3428)...Please act now. Call the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121 and demand action to prevent gun violence and enact lifesaving gun legislation."

*https://www.umcjustice.org/documents/18

**https://www.umcjustice.org/what-we-care-about/peace-with-justice/gun-violence-prevention

In closing, I want to make you aware that there actually are now 22 victims of the recent mass shooting in Texas. John Garcia, husband of teacher Irma Garcia, succumbed to what may have been a heart attack (or was it a broken heart?) just hours after placing flowers at her memorial. How long will this kind of suffering continue. Until we have meaningful gun restrictions in this nation, make no mistake – none of us are safe, anywhere. If we all thought more about this every time we walked out of our doors or sent our children off to school, maybe something would finally get done about it.

Donna Hitchner Executive Director Methodist Action Program

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 LaTrelle 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.

Handbell Concert - Ist 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

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

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.

Rev. Nichols Luncheon Celebration

Saturday, June 25 11:30 AM-4:00 PM Georgetown DE Join Harmony UMC honoring Rev. Charlottte 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

Continued

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!

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

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 (von2d@aol.com) or Pastor Lawrence Pelham pelhamlawrence@gmail.com



Foster Parenting - Cayuga Centers of Delaware

My name is Andrea McCoy-Carty, Foster



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.pd

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 Imformation

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 reopening 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. delaware district umc. org/Liability Waiver.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 Virgina 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 AccessTM 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.

Ptintable 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 July Friday, 8th through Sunday, July 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 Godinspired, 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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