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COVID-19 Renter's Assistance Program

Delaware State Housing Authority

The Delaware State Housing Authority was awarded Millions of Dollars, for Delaware Renters whose income has been impacted by COVID-19 or who have experienced financial hardship due to the pandemic with rental assistance. This also includes individuals who are renting a room from someone. And its effective back to 4/2020 through forward. **(program is good up through 2025).**

The program can pay up to 18 months of rent (previously 15 months). It covers 3 month increments. Meaning you'd have to re-certify every 3 months and report if your income has changed. But as long as you remain below the financial eligibility requirements, you are eligible. (NOTE: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PAST DUE W/ RENT). You can be current.

Go to: <https://decovidhousinghelp.com/>

If you have received funds previously (e.g. 3 months), you are still eligible to apply for additional funding, up to 15 months.

If you are a landlord: You can apply for your tenants who are struggling. Instead of focusing on the eviction process.



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African American Summit 2022

Wednesday, June 15 7:00 PM ZOOM & YouTube



Delivering the Message
Rev. Jamar Jackson
Pastor Metropolitan UMC & St Marks UMC

Registration and Donation Link:

<https://pendel-reg.brtapp.com/AASummit2022>

AND

YouTube Channel: Pen-Del BMCR Caucus
(Go to youtube.com and type: *Pen-Del BMCR Caucus* in the search bar)

Printable Flyer & Schedule

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/AASummit22.pdf



Barratt's Chapel Summer Services

7:00 PM

Jun 23rd Rev. Joshua Berry- Grace UMC/Millsboro
With Their Praise Team

Jul 14th Rev. Joseph Archie - Delaware District D.S.

Jul 28th Rev. Bonnie Shively - St. Paul's & Calvary-Asbury UMC/ Sudlersville, MD

Aug. 11th Rev. Amy D. Yarnall - Wesley UMC/Dover

Aug. 25th Rev. Jacob Macklin - St. Matthews By The Sea /Fenwick Island, DE

Delaware District Office hours are 7:30 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, June 17, 2022 Send to:
delawaredistrictnews@gmail.com



District Website



2022-2023 Adventurers Leadership Academy

3 Zoom & 4 In-Person Sessions- FL, GA, OH, NC

Distinct Wesleyan approach to fresh expressions of church. Adventurers are: *"people called by God who are the first to see and creatively respond to the Holy Spirit's initiatives with those outside the church; gathering others around them as they seek to establish a new contextual Christian community."*

The Adventurers Leadership Academy will equip lay, licensed and ordained adventurers to cultivate Fresh Expressions of Church and other forms of innovative ministry in their unique contexts throughout the pan-Methodist connectional family.

Working in collaboration with an international team of scholars, pastors, missional strategists and coaches, the academy values practice-focused learning, personal reflection, individualized coaching and mentoring and collaborative conversation.

Cost: \$1,250/person plus travel expenses

Online Registration - July 15 (6:00-8:00 PM)

<https://United.edu/fresh-expressions-house-of-studies/>

Schedule:

July 15, 2022 - Online Orientation (6-8 PM)

August 5-6, Dayton, OH United Theological Seminary

November 4-5, 2022 - Ocala, FL

Checkpoint Online Session - January 12, 2023 (6-8 PM)

Checkpoint Online Session - March 9, 2023 (6-8 PM)

April 28-29, 2023 - Charlotte, NC

August 4-5, 2023 - North GA

August 5, 2023 - Graduation

Printable Flyer with Details:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/2022_2023_ALA.pdf

Free Kindergarten Chairs

Holly Oak/Calvary UMC

We have 40 kindergarten size wooden chairs available for Free to any church who might be able to use them.

If interested contact: HollyOak@gmail.com



New MAP and You

Methodist **ACTION** Program

www.mapde.org

From the Desk of the Executive Director . . .

This past week was extremely busy, but fruitful. First, the Same-Day-Voter-Registration bill passed the Delaware House. This will allow voters who have been unable to register by Delaware's former deadline to register on the day of voting. The Delaware Voting Rights Coalition, one of MAP's community partners, counts this as a victory.

Next, State Senator Kyle Evans Gay introduced SB 320, which would establish permanent Vote-by-Mail under the Delaware General Assembly authority. (Other states have already enacted this.) DVRC and MAP urge you to send a letter to the Senate in support of this bill.

<https://action.aclu.org/send-message/de-vbm>

Finally, SB 305, the Delaware Climate Change Solutions Bill, passed the Senate. It now goes to the House, and we need all hands on deck to protect God's creation for our grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Here is a link to the bill:

<https://legis.delaware.gov/BillDetail?LegislationId=109575>

This bill stands to produce significant numbers of new jobs and improve the state's long-term economy, decrease greenhouse gas emissions by 90% by 2050, and thereby vastly improve the health of all Delaware citizens.

Please use this link to send a letter to your House Representative in support of this bill, which is one method that we can use to adhere to our Social Principles (see quotes after link):

https://actionnetwork.org/letters/support-the-climate-change-solutions-act-2?source=direct_link&

(When you put in your information, the form will automatically address the letter to your specific representative – isn't technology wonderful?)

"The whole earth is God's good creation and as such has inherent value. We are aware that the current utilization of energy resources threatens this creation at its very foundation.... We strongly advocate for the priority of the development of renewable energies. *The deposits of carbon, oil, and gas resources are limited and their continuous utilization accelerates global warming*" (italics mine). THE NATURAL WORLD, ¶160 B

And...

"We acknowledge the global impact of humanity's disregard for God's creation. Rampant industrialization and the corresponding increase in the use of fossil fuels have led to a buildup of pollutants in the earth's atmosphere. These 'greenhouse gas' emissions threaten to alter dramatically the earth's climate for generations to come with severe environmental, economic, and social implications... We therefore support efforts of all governments to require mandatory reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and call on individuals, congregations, businesses, industries, and communities to reduce their emissions.

Please take action on these non-partisan issues today!

Donna Hitchner
Executive Director
Methodist Action Program

Upcoming Events

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

The Unfinished Church - New Podcast

Next Episode, Thursday, June 16 Opal Lee



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 #3 - *Choosing a Path Forward*

Guest: Opal Lee

The “Grandmother of Juneteenth” shares her wisdom with the bishops about how God prepares, redeems and restores us to be the people we were created to be and how we can create communities of dignity and hope.

Future guests include Willie Jennings, 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](https://twitter.com/unfinishedumc).

Juneteenth Freedom Day Celebration

June 25 1:00-6:00 PM Geo. Smith Park/Lewes

The Lewes African American Heritage Commission is hosting a Community-wide, FREE, Family Event! ALL ARE WELCOME!

Live Music By:

- Christy Taylor & Golden Branch
- Mike Hines & The Look
- African & Native American Dancers
- Miss Juneteenth
- 60+ Vendor Booths
- Lewes History Table
- Food Trucks & More!

For more information, call:
Trina Brown-Hicks (302) 752-8112

Printable Flyer:

www.delawaredistrictumc.org/FreedomDay.pdf

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

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Upcoming Events

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

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

Music Factory Camp

August 1-5 & 7 9:00AM-3:00PM Newark UMC



Music Factory is a week-long music/drama camp. Since its founding in 1991 by Leanna Williston, The Music Factory camp has been providing a fun-filled, enriching opportunity for children from our church and surrounding community to nurture their faith through music and drama.

Grades 1-3	9:00AM to noon	\$75/week*
Grades 4-8	9:00AM to 3:00PM	\$140/week*

*scholarships are available – email Lisa Santare at lsantare@newark-umc.org

Grades 1-3 (as of fall, 2022) 9:00AM-12:00 noon
Fee: \$75

- Learn singing skills/songs
- Play/learn about musical instruments
- Explore creative drama
- Have fun making crafts and playing games
- Present songs at Sunday worship services

Grades 4-8 (as of fall, 2022) 9:00AM-3:00PM
Fee: \$140 (unchanged voices only!)

- Create a **full musical performance** to present in Sunday worship
- Learn songs, staging, and movement
- Experience Bible stories through music and drama
- Make life-long friends
- Chorus, solo, and speaking roles available (everyone sings in the chorus)

Online Registration Form

Music Factory Online Payment

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



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

Pianist/Organist Opening

Harrington Charge

The Harrington Charge is in search of a pianist/organist for two of our churches in Harrington.

The position consists of playing for the Prospect Church at 8:45-9:45AM and Trinity Church at 10:00am-11:00AM each Sunday. FYI these churches are only 5 minutes apart. Both churches are welcome to contemporary and/or traditional style music.

Interested individuals should send their resume to Pastor Mark Lewis @ pastormarklewis2015@aol.com. Salary is negotiable and any addition qualifications or gifts would be a plus. Any questions can be sent to same email address.

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 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



Classifieds

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

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**.

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 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

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 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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