

Delaware District Newsletter



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The Delaware District Newsletter is published bi-weekly on a Tuesday. Articles or flyers for the next issue are due on Saturday, May 5th. To submit articles, please send them to the District Office.

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

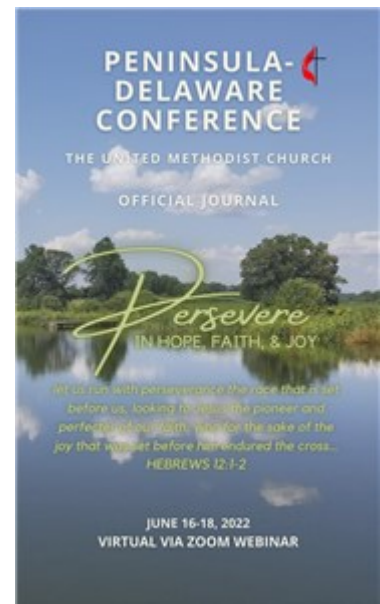
Calendar of Events

April 27—UMC Advocacy Day

May 25—Pre-Conference Orientation (via ZOOM) all Districts

June 8-10—Annual Conference—registration is now open

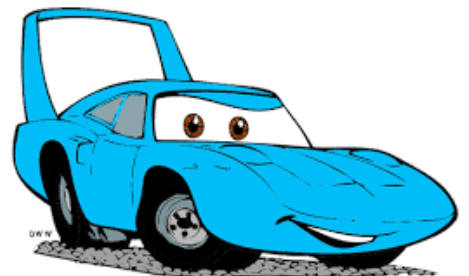
The 2022 Conference Journals are ready. They are available in spiral or perfect bound. See the details on the Conference website: pen-del.org.

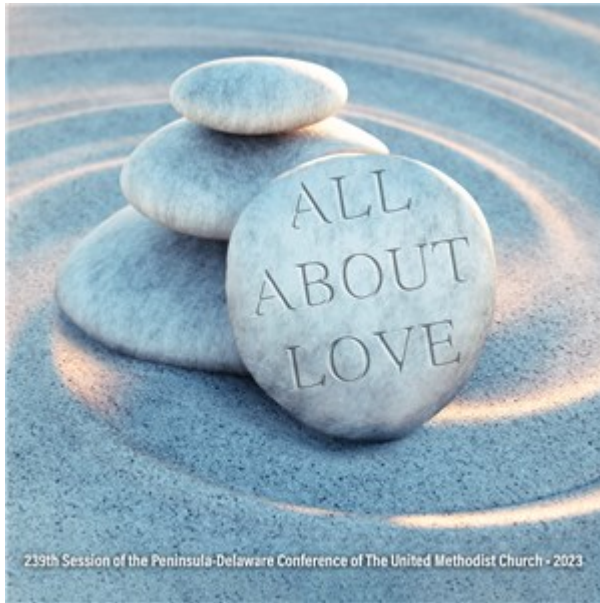


FYI: The United States Postal Service increased the price for a regular letter from 60¢ to 63¢.



Note: The IRS Mileage Rate for 2023 has been set at 65.5¢ per mile.





Annual Conference Registration Is Now Open!

Greeting Conference Delegates!

This year we are **back in person** for the 239th session of the **Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference**. We will gather for Holy Conferencing at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, MD, beginning Thursday, June 8th - Saturday, June 10th. Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, our Episcopal Leader, will preside over our Conference.

This is the first time since 2019 that members of our Annual Conference will meet in person for Holy Conferencing. In order to vote you must be

in-person and have **a phone, tablet, or computer with Wi-Fi capability**. If you do not have such a device, please contact your District Superintendent.

Check out the Conference website ([pen-del.org](https://www.pen-del.org)) for more information. All materials and information will be online at <https://www.pen-del.org/2023-annual-conference> as it is made available. We will have a limited number of printed pre-conference materials available on-site. **Registration closes on Friday, May 19th**. Please pay attention to your email blasts from the Conference Office. **Additional information to follow.**



IMPORTANT DATES FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Thursday, May 25 Pre-Conference Orientation 7:00 PM ALL DISTRICTS: Via *ZOOM*

June 6-7 BMCR African-American Summit 7:00 PM UMES, Princess Anne, MD

June 8-10 - 239th Session of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference UMES, Princess Anne, MD

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Christine Trott. Thank you. 302-674-2626 x213 or ctrott@pen-del.org

Present the first annual Delaware...

UMC Advocacy Day

Meetings with legislators follow the morning workshops

Speak openly and let your opinion be heard on the discussion topics or other concerns

This is your opportunity to experience participatory democracy

All ages are welcome!

**Registration is required
Space is limited**

<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=732061&>

Additional information will arrive via email after registration

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH
at Wesley UMC Dover and
Legislative Hall
9:30am - 2:00pm**

Join us for a continental breakfast at the church, then attend the workshop of your choice

Topics of Discussion:

- **Environmental Justice/Climate Change**
- **Housing Justice and Economic Equity**
- **Gun Violence Prevention**

Guest Speakers from:

**INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT
SIERRA CLUB DELAWARE
MOMS DEMAND ACTION
ACLU DELAWARE
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NCC**

Dear Pastor,

The Methodist Action Program has been working with the Legislative Advocacy Network, a joint effort between BW Conference and Pen-Del Conference, to put together an Advocacy Day at Legislative Hall in Dover on April 27, 2023. All United Methodists clergy and their congregations are invited to participate.

The day will start out at 9:30am with a gathering over coffee and lite breakfast fare at Wesley United Methodist Church (209 S. State Street, Dover, DE 19901), followed by brief workshops at the church on (participants choice of) Environmental Justice and Climate Change, Housing Justice and Economic Equity, or Gun Violence Prevention. Then we'll walk a short distance over to Legislative Hall to meet with individual representatives on these issues. Participants should be prepared to simply state why the issue is important to them personally. The session leader will then request support on the issue, and any appropriate bills, from the specific representative.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to engage in participatory democracy. For those who may doubt that advocacy works, consider that our sister organization, Bread for the World, was able to persuade our federal congress to pass a far-reaching global nutrition bill by mobilizing a multitude of constituents to voice their concerns about the issue.

Please print this and hang it in multiple common areas around your church, or include it in your Sunday bulletin, as soon as possible. Registrations will have to be limited due to the size of the meeting spaces. We are asking groups to carpool from their churches if at all possible. FYI: Not every participant is likely to have the chance to meet with each of the responding representatives.

There is a lot happening in Dover on April 27th, due to many other advocacy groups being present. You are welcome to join the Delaware Nature Society event (through 4pm) when our meetings with legislators are concluded. Alternately, participants may decide to depart at 2pm if/when the Assembly goes into session. Please note that there is a small gallery on the third floor where visitors may watch the session if that is of interest. More information will be available once a participant has registered.

To register, please use the following: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=732061&>

Level Up

The affiliation is premiering a new video series with Jack Shitama and the Center for Vital Leadership called Level Up. It's an outstanding series!

It's at <https://www.pdcbbc.org/level-up.html>

The first video has already been posted. It lives on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/tNx1geIOUTE>

Level Up videos offer lessons in leadership.

Leaders inspire, they influence and empower others, define new realities, and bring vision to life. Good leaders enable groups and individuals to grow more fully into what God is calling them to be.

Level Up provides lessons in leadership as the Rev. Jack Shitama of the Center of Vital Leadership, helps leaders grow. In these short videos, church leaders will discover some of the best and most influential principles in today's secular writing about leadership. Learn from the masters, to transform yourself and the world.

The first week, we learn about the differences between leaders and managers. **See the video.**

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here am I; send me!” – Isaiah 6:8*

God calls each of us to use our gifts and talents in ways that **empower us to connect, act, lead, and love**. Is God calling you to use your skills, talents, gifts, and abilities to **serve beyond your local church** in a manner that can bless our conference?

The Peninsula-Delaware Conference offers a wide **variety of ways to serve (view open roles and position vacancies [HERE](#))** and be in ministry. How are you using your gifts and talents to help **build the Kingdom of God**? How will you put your voice, hands, and heart to work? Will you **answer the call** and say **“here am I”** because your conference needs you to serve?

Key [roles and positions](#) that need to be **filled immediately** are:

Conference Lay Leader – [duties and responsibilities](#)

Associate Lay Leaders – [duties and responsibilities](#)

District Lay Leaders (all districts) – [duties and responsibilities](#)

Co-chair: Disaster Relief (lay or clergy)

Convener or Co-conveners: James T. Seymour Commission on Religion and Race (lay or clergy)

Conference Council on Youth Ministries (youth)

Chair or Co-Chairs and Members: Volunteers in Mission (lay or clergy)

Chair or Co-Chairs: Creation Care/Creation Justice (lay or clergy)

Commission on Equitable Compensation (lay and clergy)

If you or someone you know feels led to answer the call, **you can self-nominate or recommend others**. If you **self-nominate**, you must complete the online [Self-Nomination and Talent Form](#) (or download and print the form [here](#)). If you **nominate others**, you must complete the [Recommendation for Service Form](#) for those individuals. In order to be considered for a position, **individuals must accept and complete the [Self-Nomination and Talent Form](#) themselves**. All forms and descriptions are also available on our website at <https://www.pen-del.org/conference-leadership>.

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Jacqueline Davis Ford, Director of Connectional Ministries (jford@pen-del.org) or a member of the Committee on Clergy and Lay Leadership.

Dear Colleagues in Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence,

As part of the Fellowship of Reconciliation's campaign to overcome white Christian nationalism and to Reclaim the Name of God, we are launching an initiative for this Mother's Day to address the intertwined problems of gun violence and Christian nationalism. **Will you add your name and organizational affiliations to the letter from faith leaders calling on President Biden to declare this Mother's Day a national day of repentance, mourning, prayer, and reflection to address guns receiving more protection in our country than children?**

*Also, FOR-USA would like to invite **FUPGV's support as a coalition** of this interfaith appeal. If you support this endorsement as a coalition, or have questions about the proposal, please contact me (organizing@forusa.org) and FUPGV co-chair Dorian Karp (dkarp@jwi.org).*

We are all familiar with the phrase "God, Guns and Country," commonly seen on car bumpers, front yard signs, and t-shirts. That mass shootings and Christian nationalism are deeply intertwined is undeniable. Florida gun manufacturer Spike's Tactical even sells a "Crusader" AR-15 style rifle with Psalm 144:1 inscribed on it.

FOR-USA's aim, through this letter and the rest of the work that we do, is to Reclaim the Name of God from those who blaspheme God's image for hate and violence.

Thank you so much for all that you do to advance gun violence prevention, community security, justice and peace.

Faithfully and in peace, Ethan Vesely-Flad [Pronouns: He, Him, His]
Director of National Organizing, **Fellowship of Reconciliation**

SIGN-ON LETTER CALLING FOR A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND CONTEMPLATION, THIS MOTHER'S DAY, TO STOP GUN VIOLENCE!

ADD YOUR NAME, ORGANIZATION, AND/OR CONGREGATION/FAITH
AFFILIATION HERE Initiated by Fellowship of Reconciliation-USA

"From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says: Disarm, Disarm!" – Original Mother's Day Proclamation of 1870, by abolitionist and poet Julia Ward Howe

Dear President Biden,

The epidemic of gun violence has become so dire that nearly 1 in 5 adults in the United States have lost a family member to a gun death. Mass shootings have escalated so much in recent years (23% since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic began) that as of April 12, there have already been at least 147 mass shootings so far this year. It is a war taking place in our schools, houses of worship, supermarkets, movie theatres,

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homes, businesses nightclubs, and more. While some may throw up their arms and say that this is a battle too large to win, we, an interfaith coalition, made up of Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and other faith traditions, remember the miracles of ancient times and remain optimistic that this scourge can be overcome.

Do we really believe as a nation that the second amendment and the profits of those who manufacture AR-15-style assault rifles, Hellfire missiles, and other instruments of death should take primacy over our rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?

We thank you for having last year pushed through Congress the first major gun violence protection legislation in 30 years, for highlighting the issue during this year's State of the Union, and the executive order you issued last month.

Given the gravity and urgency of this issue, we ask for more. We appeal to you to declare this Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2023, to be a national day of repentance, mourning, prayer, and reflection to address the culture of gun violence that is staining our collective soul.

We ask for our lawmakers and faith institutions to reflect this Mother's Day on how we are allowing gun manufacturers, the gun lobby, and a culture of gun worship to hold our country hostage.

Mary, a role model for motherhood, stood at the foot of the cross witnessing brutality, inhumanity, and death being inflicted on her child. Today we are all parents looking on as the brutality and death from another mass shooting is inflicted on our children. At the same time, we are painfully aware that gun violence is a racial justice issue. Black Americans are twice as likely as white Americans to die from gun violence.

Esther was counseled by her uncle Mordecai that she was born for such a time as this. For her to go to the King and expose the plots designed to steal the lives of young and old alike. In that same vein, your administration has come into office for such a time as this. Will you squander the demand of this historical time, or go like Esther into the fury to save lives and people?

The Holy Quran, Surah 5 verse 32, teaches: "Whoever kills one person, it is as if they killed all of humanity." The various holy books teach us that "to save a life is to save the world entire." We are responsible to one another and responsible to all life.

As faith leaders, we call on you, and on our communities, to manifest our prayers and create a new covenant – a reclaiming of the name of G-d – committed to honoring and saving lives. We must pray together, not only with our words, but with our feet, and take action, like Esther did, in such a time as this!

In memory of the lives lost in Nashville – Evelyn Diekhaus (9), William Kinney (9), Hallie Scruggs (9), Mike Hill (61), Katherine Koonce (60), Cynthia Peak (61), the lives lost in the Kentucky bank shooting on April 10, and the rest of the nearly 50,000 people that die every year in the United States from guns, we ask you to declare Mother's Day 2023 a national day to end gun violence and heal our country.

Sincerely



Bishop calls upon the people of Pen-Del to pray for their partners in Central Congo

Bishop LaTrelle Easterling and other leaders of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference have expressed their deep grief at the destruction of the computer center at the Higher Pedagogical Institute of Wembo-Nyama in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The computer center, an integral part of the campus, was burned to the ground by what is believed to have been an act of arson on the night of March 30.

The school is affiliated with The United Methodist Church. Members of the [Peninsula-Delaware Conference are in partnership](#) with the people of the Central Congo Episcopal Area.

“My heart breaks at the impact that such destruction will have on the lives of the students and the academic community, the church and the people of Central Congo,” Bishop Easterling said. “The school makes a significant difference in the region’s culture and well-being, educating students to make a difference in this world. The loss of the computer lab is devastating.”

The bishop is calling on United Methodists in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference to pray for the school, its students, faculty, and administration; for Bishop Daniel Lunge, who leads the Central Congo Area; and all those affected. “It is our prayer that God’s presence will be felt at Wembo-Nyama. As Christians, we recently celebrated the miracle of Easter,” Bishop Easterling said. “We are a resurrection people and we pray that a miracle of hope will arise from the ashes and that something even stronger will be born in this community of faithful and resilient people.”

[Learn more](#) about Peninsula-Delaware’s partnership with Central Congo.



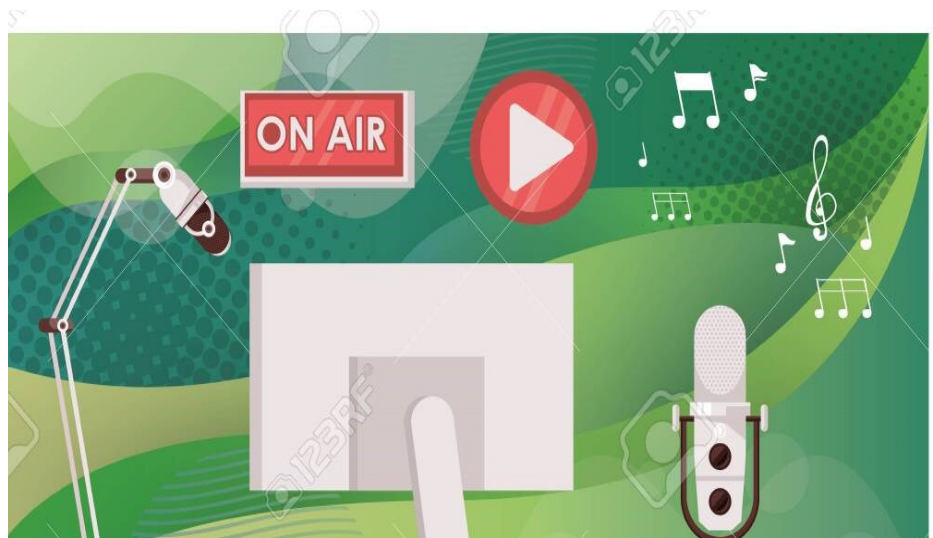
ENGAGING FAITH IN RECOVERY CONFERENCE

The Delaware Faith Forward collaborative, a coalition of faith communities and faith-based organizations addressing the opioid crisis, will hold its 2nd annual conference “I See You, I Care.” It will take place on May 10, 2023, 8:30 – 2:30, at Delaware State University, Martin Luther King Building, 1200 North DuPont Highway, Dover, Delaware. Parking is available.

The conference will include sessions on Recovery and Stigma, Care Tools QPR Training, and Understanding Trauma “The Brain Architecture Game.” There will also be specialized programs on Overdose Prevention Training and Narcan Distribution as well as CPR.

Four (4) continuing education units (CEU’s) are available.

For more information and to register, go to www.faithforwardcollaborative.org/annual-conference.



Bishop LaTrelle Easterling begins her new podcast.

Thursdays at the Table

Asking good questions, engaging in deep conversation and telling the whole truth can change the world. In her new podcast Bishop LaTrelle Easterling invites you to join her for Thursdays at the Table as she is joined by leaders from across the connection, serving up new insights and interesting ways of experiencing our lives together.

New podcasts are the first Thursday of each month. Tune in **May 4** for the next podcast.

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



Apportionments

Rev. Archie suggests churches divide their Apportionment total by 11 payments. This way all payments are made by the beginning of December.

If you don't have your Apportionment total for 2023, please go to the Conference website (pen-del.org). At the bottom of the home page you will see a link for Apportionments. We are the Delaware District. You can see your totals for both the Conference and District.

The Churches are listed by city, then church. If you are having trouble finding your totals, please call the District office.

As of March 31: 50 of our Churches have paid 100% of their District Apportionment and 8 of our Churches have paid 100% of their Conference. Thank you to those Churches who are paying towards their yearly total.



Delaware District
LEADERSHIP TRAINING 2023
Sponsored by the Delaware District Board of Laity

**You can still
register for the
Avenue UMC
location until
4/29!**

Saturday April 29

Christ the Cornerstone – Wilmington Campus, 6 N Clifton Ave. Wilm., DE 19805

Immanuel UMC, Townsend – 209 Main St. Townsend, DE 19734

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon (registration | refreshments 8:00 AM)

Saturday May 6

Avenue UMC – 20 N. Church St. Milford, DE 19963

9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon (registration | refreshments 8:00 AM)

ALL NEW AND/OR RETURNING CHAIRS & MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

\$3.00 Per Person – Includes Materials Distributed at Workshop

Light Morning Refreshments Provided

Workshops Available: (Choose One)

*Pastor Parish Relations (SPPRC)
Worship/Technology*

*Children's Ministries (no class at Avenue)
Outreach/Mission (no class at Christ)*

*Trustees
Evangelism*

Class Schedule for All Locations

Registration & Light Refreshments 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Opening Worship - 9:00 AM

Dismissal to Classrooms – 9:20 AM

Classes – 9:30 AM – Noon

Break – at the discretion of the instructor

Leadership Training Workshop Registration

Mail Registration Form & Check – Yvonne Jackson 702 W. 39th St. Wilm. DE 19802

Check payable – Peninsula-Delaware Conference U.M.C.

or Email registration form to: von2d@aol.com

*302-764-2928 – any registration questions

Registration Deadline – Christ the Cornerstone & Immanuel - **April 22**

Avenue - **April 29**

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

INSTRUCTORS

CHRIST THE CORNERSTONE- WILM.

Pastor Parish Relations (SPRC)

Rev. Joseph Archie

Children's Ministries

Rev. Adrienne Dillard

Trustees

Rev. Pearl Johnson

Evangelism

Rev. Dr. Tracy Mooney

Worship/Technology

Rev. Kelly Conner

Outreach/Missions

No Class

IMMANUEL UMC

Rev. Grant Johnson

Rev. Diane Wood

Rev. Ken Anderson

Rev. John Hornberger

Rev. Amy Yarnall

Rev. Karin Tunnell

AVENUE UMC

Pastor Parish Relations (SPRC)

Rev. Kyung Hee Sa

Trustees

Mr. David Rutt

Evangelism

Rev. Gary Meekins

Worship/Technology

Rev. Claudia Waters

Outreach/Missions

Rev. Vanessa Lee

We Thank All Instructor's for Assisting the Delaware District Board of Laity

Abury UMC
200 Weiner Ave.,
Harrington, DE

Saturday, May 6th
7:00 pm
Concert Is FREE, but a Love
offering will be collected



Members of Union United Methodist Church in Bridgeville, DE used one of the Conference Disaster Relief Ministry trailers to participate in a clean up day organized by the United Way of Delaware to help areas affected by the April 1st tornado . They helped clear debris and two downed trees in Ellendale on Saturday, April 15th.





Opportunity for Contemporary Worship and Praise Team Leader

Hockessin United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time (10-15 hours/week) praise team leader for the contemporary worship service on Sunday mornings. This worship leader will prepare and rehearse music with the praise team and participate in the contemporary service leading the praise team. They should be proficient on at least one instrument as well as the audio/visual equipment set-up.

The worship/praise team leader will help connect to the congregation during the service to provide a cohesive and inspiring worship experience with prayers, song context and scriptures with consideration for the Pastor's message that week.

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated love for Jesus and discipleship. They will also have manifested their love for a congregation as a leader of praise worship. Ideally, they would have a passion for leading, mentoring, and growing a team of musicians and vocalists.

A detailed job description is available upon request. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to:

SPRCHiring@hockessinumc.org

Al-Anon Meeting!

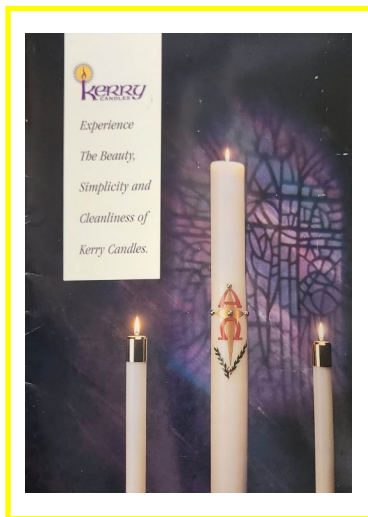
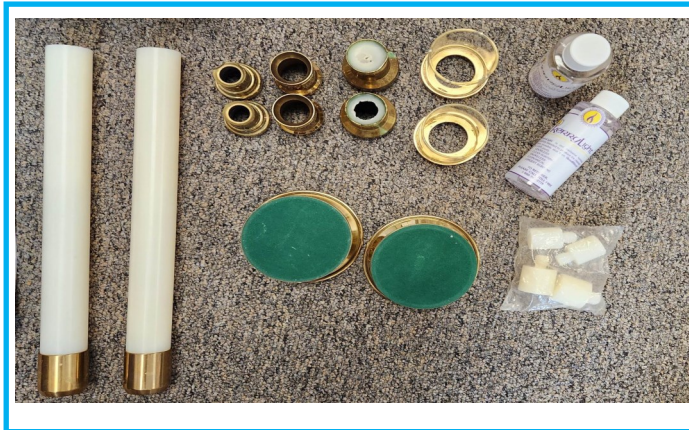
Women's Al-Anon Family Group is an open meeting available to all women on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 525 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark, DE 19711. Please use the main front entrance of the church.

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems.



If you have any questions please call 302-731-9495, Ext. 10.

Wyoming UMC has several items available. All are FREE. If interested, Please contact: office@wyomingumc.com or (302) 697-8400.



For Communion:

Clear glass communion cups to fit in special pew racks, total of 285, 230 of them 1 3/4" tall, 55 of them 1 1/4" tall

Stainless steel communion cup filling can with narrow spout

Glass communion cup filling bottle with narrow spout

Altar Candles:

8 candles 1" diameter x 11" long

4 candles 1.5" diameter x 16" long

Complete set of 2 Kerry altar candles - tubes, brass fixtures, stands, liquid wax, wick, copper wire, catalog & instructions

Pulpit Paraments:

2 Red with gold fringes - 34" x 16" and 29" x 15"

2 Purple with applique - 31" x 15" and 36" x 18"



Grace UMC
900 N. Washington St.
Wilmington, DE 19801

We have numerous miscellaneous office and household furniture items available. See the list below and contact Jerry for pictures or more details.

Buffet, wooden doors, wooden desk, upholstered chairs, coffee table, pews (10' long), wooden high chairs, maroon leather office chair, metal and fabric office chair, cane backed wood chair, wooden filing cabinet, little wooden table, large wooden table, wooden adjustable podium, small white hanging shelves, upholstered stools, table lamp, wooden sorting box, green antique table, wooden folding church chairs, wooden nightstand, wood corner table, wooden chairs, Singer sewing machine, electronic organ with speakers, stackable chairs.

All items are free. Call or email Jerry @ 302-655-8847 or frontdesk@gracechurchum.org

All items are on a first come first service basis.



Dear Delaware District UM Churches,

New life abounds! Please spread the resurrection news below through your congregations and networks. This opportunity can help many of our members and friends clear up outstanding legal issues...See the link below for more details.



The Delaware Courts will be hosting an event called Safe Surrender on May 12, 2023 at the Leonard L. Williams Justice Center (500 N. King Street Wilmington, DE 19801). The event aims to provide a safe and less-threatening environment for individuals with active capias or arrest warrants for non-violent misdemeanors to surrender and have their case adjudicated before a judge.

The event is not an amnesty program, but fugitives may receive "favorable consideration" from judges for participating. The event will benefit the community as former fugitives can move on with their lives, law enforcement will have fewer fugitives to apprehend, and the courts can close outstanding cases and warrants.

Learn more at <https://courts.delaware.gov/safesurrender>

Congregational Health Network being established at Nemours Children's Health in Wilmington.

Congregational Health Network (CHN) would like to invite churches to participate in our annual **Shine the Light Campaign**, which occurs on June 19, 2023, to increase awareness about sickle cell disease.

What is a CHN? A group of faith communities who come together to address a variety of care needs specific to children and families managing sickle cell disease. The network maintains a relationship with the medical and pastoral care teams at Nemours Children's Health.

Each congregation that joins the network is asked to implement a project that will meet one of the care needs expressed by our patients and families.

If you would like more information on this event , please contact the project navigator, Rev. Pat Weikart at (856) 430-4441. Thank you.

I can do ALL THINGS
through *Christ*
who STRENGTHENS *me.*
—Phillippians 4:13



NOW HIRING!

Camp Hope

A Ministry of Bethel UMC, Conley's UMC, Israel UMC

*Located at Conley's United Methodist Church
33106 Jolyns Way, Lewes, DE 19958*

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

We are looking for positive, enthusiastic, Christian
SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

able to lead elementary age youth in many different activities!

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS POSITIONS

- Camp Counselor (Must be 21+ years old)
- Assistant Camp Counselor (Must be 19+ years old)



DETAILS TO KNOW!

- Camp Hope is an 8 week summer, day camp for children going into 2nd - 5th grade.
- Camp Hope meets every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday beginning June 19th and concluding August 10th. Monday and Tuesday activities are held at Conley's United Methodist Church in Lewes, Delaware. Thursdays are Field Trips.

FOR A COMPLETE JOB DESCRIPTION EMAIL Camphope316@gmail.com



APPLY NOW!

Please send your resume with a cover letter explaining your interest in either position to:

Camp Director, Karen Lessey at Camphope316@gmail.com.

Or mail your resume to:

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

ATTN: Karen Lessey, Camp Director

Questions? Please email Karen at Camphope316@gmail.com



We're Hiring!



Music Director
At Wesley UMC Dover

Qualifications :

- Bachelor's degree in music or combination of education and experience
- Three years' experience directing choral ensembles/directing instrumental ensembles
- Strong administrative and organizational skills
- Strong interpersonal skills

Details:

- Attend staff meeting, choir rehearsal, Sunday Service
- Approx. 8 hours per week (8 hours onsite)
- 9 months per year (August 15 - May 30)
- Starting at 18k

Questions or to apply, please contact SPRC Chair @
jktwood@verizon.net





Red Lion United Methodist Church
Bear, DE
Resident Custodian Needed

We are seeking a full time resident/part time custodian for our church. The resident custodian shall be responsible for the following:

- ♦ maintain the cleanliness of the church buildings
- ♦ maintain the grounds such as grass cutting and snow removal
- ♦ provide access to the buildings to scheduled groups, services and functions
- ♦ keep the buildings secure when not in use

A detailed job description is available upon request. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to rlumc@aol.com.



Organist/Accompanist Needed

St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Odessa, Delaware.....



is seeking a part-time (15 hours/week) Organist/Accompanist for the 11 a.m. traditional worship service. The Organist/Accompanist will provide service music and accompany congregational singing for the 11 a.m. worship service and will accompany the chancel choir.

The Organist/Accompanist will be available to provide music for community events for which the music groups at St. Paul's are involved. The Organist/Accompanist will be the rehearsal (Wednesday evening, 7:10 p.m.-8:30 p.m.) accompanist for the chancel choir and will be their accompanist also during the worship service on Sundays.

A detailed job description is available upon request. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to rpulling191@aol.com.



National Food Rescue Non-Profit Has Delmarva Office

Are you a farmer who sees things left behind in the field? Are you a church or civic group looking for ways to help your community? We want to meet you!

Society of St. Andrew (SoSA), the nation's oldest and largest gleaning/food rescue organization, opened its newest regional office in June 2022 in Salisbury, MD, where it will serve those facing food insecurity on the Delmarva Peninsula and beyond. Based in Big Island, VA, the 40-year-old ministry works with farmers and distribution sites to save the produce that would otherwise go to waste (either unharvested or unmarketable), and uses volunteers to get the fresh fruits and vegetables from the field to hunger agencies and underserved communities.

About half of all produce in the United States is wasted at some point in the food production system. It might be left behind after harvest is complete because it is too big or too small or there simply isn't a market for it; it might be graded out in packing houses where it is edible but not perfect enough for the market; or it might be rejected at the retail level for flaws that don't affect its quality. At the same time, in Lower Shore counties, between 15% and 27% of residents live in families that are food insecure (meaning they don't have consistent access to enough nutritious food for every member of their family every day). SoSA works to solve the twin problems of food waste and food insecurity by getting that good food to those in the community who need it most.

In 2021, SoSA distributed more than 46 million pounds of food utilizing 21,000 volunteers. SoSA worked with more than 900 farmers and other providers and sent food to nearly 2,000 partner agencies.

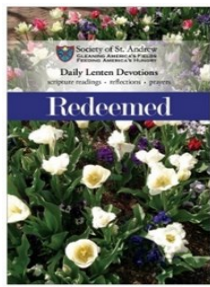
SoSA's Delmarva office is working to build relationships with farmers and other providers; volunteers, volunteer groups; and local hunger agencies and representatives from underserved communities who can receive and distribute produce. SoSA is a non-denominational nonprofit and works with volunteers of all faith backgrounds, and accepts volunteers of all ages. It's a wonderful family activity.

SoSA staff is always happy to talk with churches, schools, and civic groups about food waste and food insecurity.

If you are a grower with food to share, are interested in volunteering with us, are an agency that would like to accept fresh produce, or would like to talk about speaking engagements, please reach out to Jean Siers (Delmarva Regional Director) at 410-713-0895 or delmarva@endhunger.org ; or Brenda Mahan (Delmarva Program Coordinator) at 410-603-0536 or dmv-glean@endhunger.org. To read more about Society of St. Andrew, please go to endhunger.org.

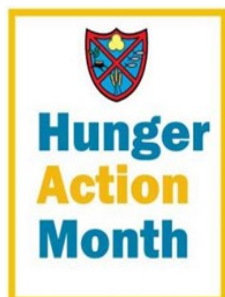
Society of St. Andrew Provides Free Resources for Congregations

Abundance Orchard Vacation Bible School (Old Testament Year One/New Testament Year Two: A complete, stand-alone, all-in-one hunger-action themed VBS program. Materials are included to plan for 2-3 hours daily for up to 5 days. Includes full program and resources.



Lenten Devotion Booklets: This booklet is a great resource for personal or congregational use. In each devotional booklet, you will find daily prayers, meditations, and personal stories of growth that illustrate how God speaks to people through a variety of life experiences. These devotionals are written by people of deep and abiding faith: pastors, missionaries, and laypersons from many Christian traditions.

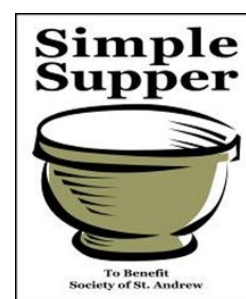
Advent Devotion Booklets: This Advent devotional program provides a powerful opportunity for your congregation to feed their spiritual hunger as well as to give in support of The Society of St. Andrew's feeding ministries, reflecting Jesus' own concern for the least, the last, and the lost.



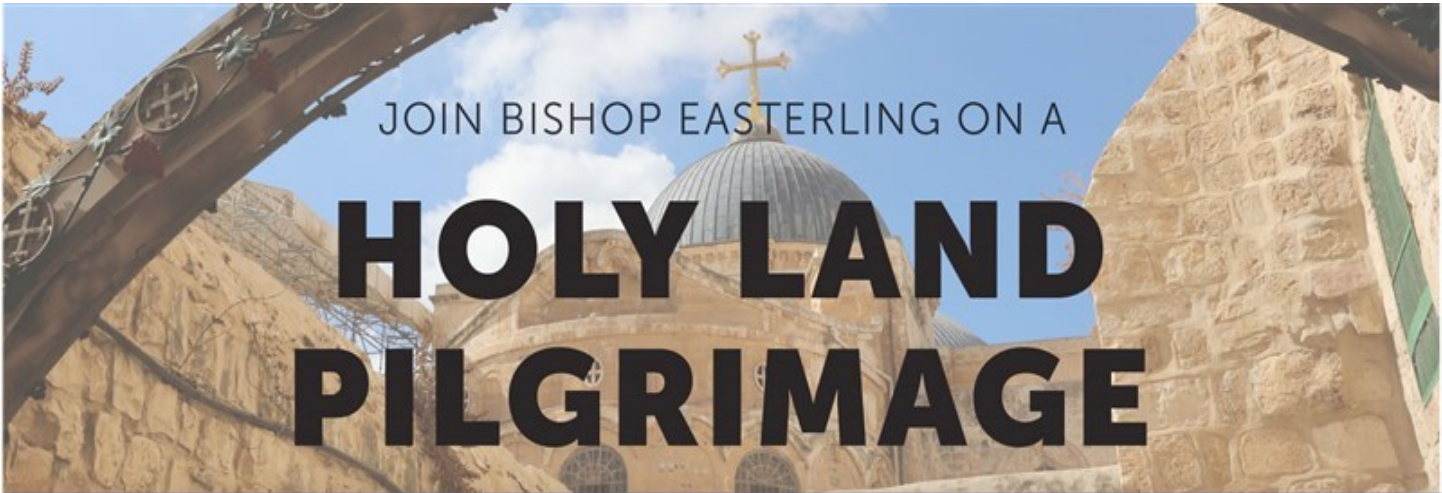
Hunger Action Month is a 30-day event, set each year in September, where people just like you, join together in the mission to end hunger. If you want to give, serve, learn, or lead— SoSA wants to partner with you!

Most people participate by downloading and following the Hunger Action Month Calendar below. Others enjoy participating in or hosting a hands-on experience.

Simple Supper: Share a simple meal to raise awareness for your community. Serve a simple meal of rice and beans to your family, your friends, your congregation, your school, or your civic group. This helps raise awareness, can motivate people to action, and benefits the mission to end hunger through the Society of St. Andrew.



Adopt a Bushel: The bushel you adopt is actually a mesh bag, filled with 36 plastic fruits and vegetables, each marked with a specific dollar value. This dollar value represents a HUGE quantity of that fruit or vegetable that the Society of St. Andrew can share with hungry people right here in the United States, when you give. While each person does a small part by "adopting" just one fruit or vegetable for the amount of money marked on that item, the bushel you've adopted for \$806 will share about \$14,375 worth of food!



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