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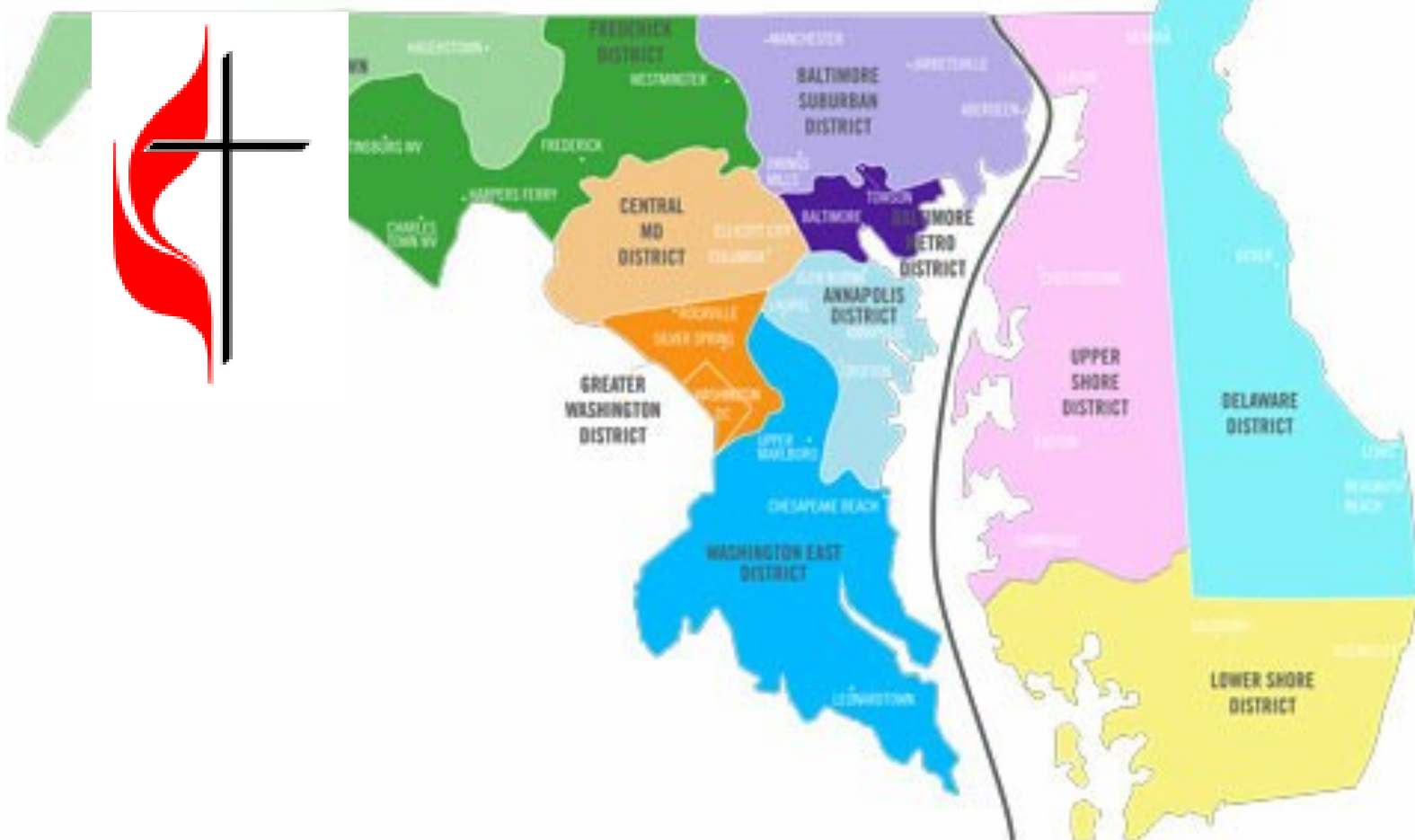


Our Pastors encourage and inspire us with wisdom from God's word. October is Pastor appreciation month, so let's encourage them, starting with prayer, pray for discernment, wisdom and that their hearts and minds would be refreshed and strengthened by God's power. Set time aside this month to show them how much they are appreciated.

The Peninsula-Delaware Conference is pleased to **welcome Ameselete Banks**, Accounting Associate, to the Conference staff. Ameselete started on September 25th. She will be reporting directly to Chris Barry, Conference Controller.

We are thrilled to have her join our team. Ameselete's contact information is abanks@pen-del.org.

BWC and PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCES



Peninsula-Delaware & Baltimore Washington Conferences

Check out our affiliation website: <https://www.pdcbwc.org> Under the leadership of Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, the affiliation is a unique partnership, which connects the leaders and members of more than 1,000 churches to share resources and create vital congregations that make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Calendar of Events

October 24—Training Tuesday

October 25—HOPP Distribution

October 25—Long Term Care Plan presentation

October 27 & 28—Lay Servant Academy

November 1—November 1st forms due

November 2—Bishop LaTrelle Easterling's Podcast

November 4—Firepit Worship Service

November 10 & 11—St. Mark's November Noel

November 11—Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale

November 11—Holiday Craft Show

November 11—United Women In Faith Annual Meeting

November 13—Apportionment Reduction Requests Due

November 18 & 19—Mt. Joy UMC 150th Anniversary

November 19—Family and Friends Day

The Bulletin

A newsletter published by Bishop LaTrelle Easterling is a reproducible resource for local churches. In the most recent issue, Bishop LaTrelle Easterling offers a word of gratitude for the United Methodists serving faithfully in a vast array of mission and ministry. "It is a privilege to serve in ministry with you as we share the love of God and bring hope to our communities," she writes. "Because you rise every morning and say, 'Yes!' to discipleship, seeds are being planted, challenges are being met and lives are being transformed."

This month's bulletin also features Hispanic Heritage Month; a remembrance of Fannie Crosby, who wrote more than 8,000 hymns and gospel songs; and a reflection on how United Methodists are "Sent to Love."

You can view The Bulletin at: www.pdcbbc.org/the-bulletin



Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

BISHOP, PENINSULA-DELAWARE CONFERENCE,
BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

REV. ERICA ROBINSON-JOHNSON *Chief Administrative Officer*

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God. -- Matthew 5:9

Beloved of God,

I greet you in the name of our Savior, Jesus, who lived, died, and is resurrected for the sake of reconciliation and peace. As many were concluding the Jewish festival of Sukkot on last Saturday, Hamas launched thousands of rockets into Israel, killing more than 900 individuals and injuring thousands more. The carnage was exacerbated as individuals were taken hostage, brutally attacked and terrorized. This reprehensible act was wrought by air, land, and sea, harming many innocent civilians, including women and children. In response to this violence, Israel declared war against Hamas.

The world rose to condemn these heinous acts, as it should. There simply is no justification for such loss of life.

And the full truth requires an acknowledgment of the multi-faceted issues and longstanding conflicts in this region. The conflict is deeply rooted in a complex web of historical, political, social, and territorial issues. There has been aggression, violence, and bloodshed at the hands of both Israel and Palestine. Both claim rightful ownership of common land. Palestinians argue against what they perceive as Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories, including the establishment and expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Israel asserts that Hamas poses a security threat to them, including ongoing rocket attacks and suicide bombings. They also believe the disputed lands to be theirs without question or need for compromise. Both sides claim Jerusalem as their capital, resulting in a major point of contention. Further, religious sites such as the Western Wall and the Al-Aqsa Mosque continue to be a source of debate and protest. Multiple administrations have worked tirelessly for a two-state solution, one Israeli and one Palestinian, with neither side being willing to compromise to bring this plan to fruition. That unwillingness has cost countless lives and frustrated efforts for peace since World War I. As the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., very aptly stated, "It is not enough to say we must not wage war. It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it."

We all weep with the families who have lost loved ones, both Israeli and Palestinian, and we pray for peace.

And we must weep for those around the world who are also living through war, prolonged violence, and terrorism. As we have been called to pray for the conflicts between Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, there are myriad armed conflicts in the world right now. According to Global Citizen, over 2 billion people currently reside in conflict-affected areas. These areas include Ethiopia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, and Mexico. Innocent lives are being lost, individuals are being dispossessed of their homelands, hunger is leading to unbelievable atrocities and rape is regularly being used as a weapon of war. I lament that we seem to call attention to pain in some parts of our world while ignoring the suffering and devastation in other parts. While God detests violence anywhere, God holds all life sacred everywhere.

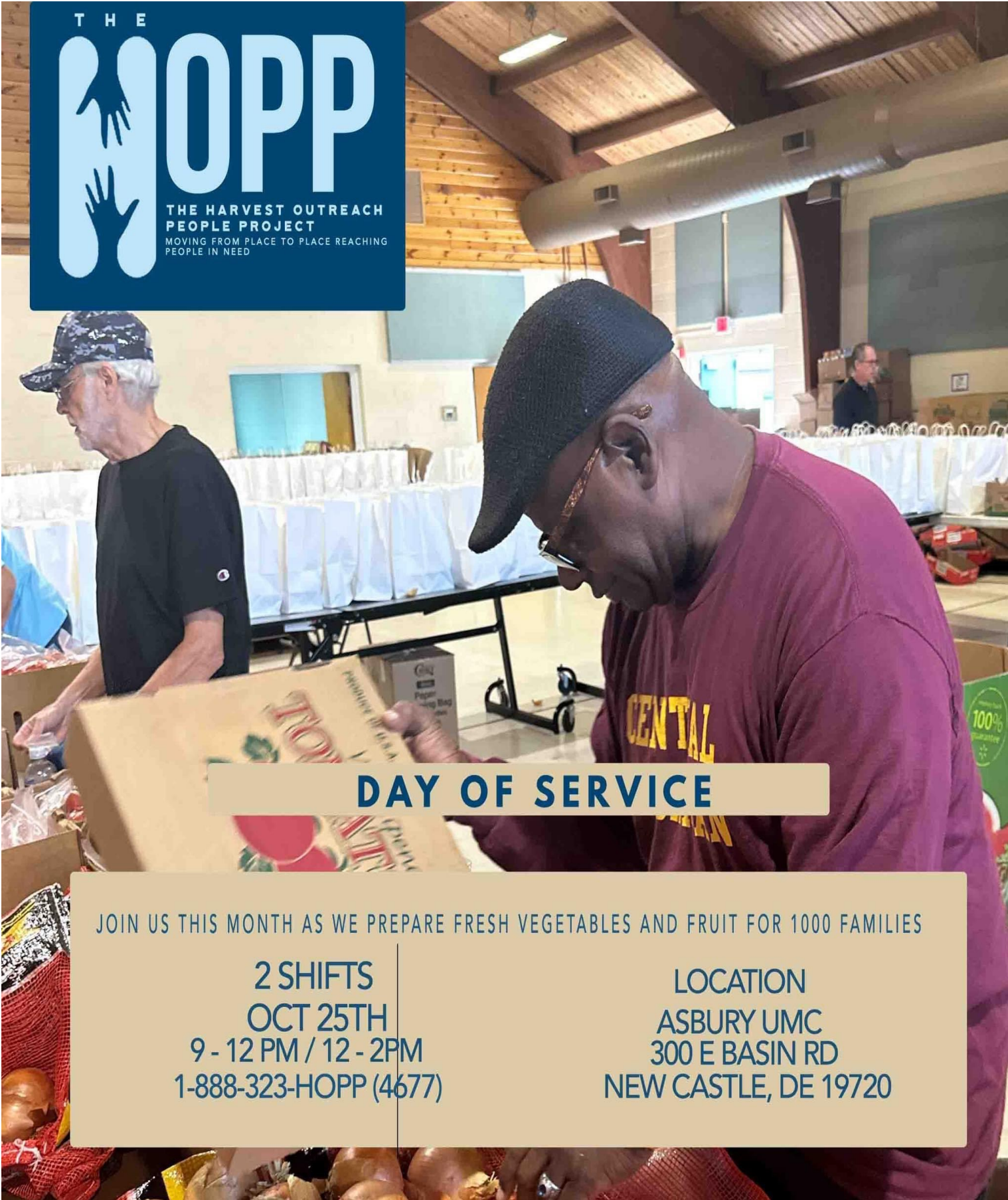
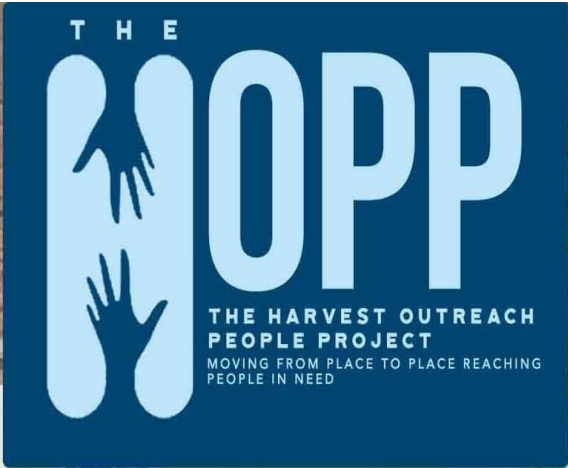
There is not a single mainstream religious tradition founded upon the notion of hate, domination, or hierarchies of human worth. All those who believe in peace and the right for every human being to reach their highest potential must work together for an end to violence of any kind. The World Council of Churches invites all religious communities to embrace an embodied ecumenism that will "never seek to divide or conquer, to exploit or humiliate, to overwhelm by violence or enforce unity, nor to collude anymore with the inequalities of the world." I join them in rejecting politics shaped by deepened individualism, dangerous nationalism or increasing militarism.

The United Methodist Book of Resolutions is clear on this subject. It states, "Peace is not simply the absence of war, a nuclear statement or combination or uneasy ceasefires. It is that emerging dynamic reality envisioned by prophets where spears and swords give way to implements of peace; where historic antagonists dwell together in trust; and where righteousness and justice prevail." As the children of God, we believe this prophetic vision is not just a dream or a passive prayer; rather, it is our calling. We are called to acts of mercy, peace and justice.

As Mother Teresa stated, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." May we remember our common bond, common calling and common Creator and may we be willing to sacrifice for peace.

Blessings and peace, **Bishop LaTrelle Easterling**

Peninsula-Delaware and Baltimore-Washington Conferences The United Methodist Church



DAY OF SERVICE

JOIN US THIS MONTH AS WE PREPARE FRESH VEGETABLES AND FRUIT FOR 1000 FAMILIES

2 SHIFTS
OCT 25TH
9 - 12 PM / 12 - 2PM
1-888-323-HOPP (4677)

LOCATION
ASBURY UMC
300 E BASIN RD
NEW CASTLE, DE 19720

DISTRICT CLERGY MEETING

The Delaware District Winter Clergy meeting with Rev. Archie will be **Wednesday, December 6th @ 10:00 am. The meeting will be held at Wyoming UMC, 216 Wyoming Mill Rd., Dover, DE 19904**

More specific details to follow, mark your calendars now. All appointed Delaware District Pastors should attend.



Apportionments

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



As of August 31st, 70 of our Churches have paid 100% of their District Apportionment and 16 of our Churches have paid 100% of their Conference Apportionment. Thank you to all the Churches who are paying towards their yearly total.

Thank you!!

Information on Apportionment Reduction requests for 2024 was sent to all appointed Pastors on October 11th. The deadline for requesting a reduction for 2024 is November 13th.

TRAINING TUESDAYS ARE BACK

It's not too late to register for the session tonight

Tuesday, October 24—New Possibilities: Creating a Leadership Pathway for your Church

Based on Ken Willard's book, Church Ecology.

Tuesday, November 7—Aligning Money and Mission

Explore renting well, using assets, building projects and other issues and challenges facing church Trustees.

Tuesday, November 14—Budgeting as a Response to Vision

For finance committee members and others as they create and develop church budgets.

Tuesday November 28—Toward Better Meetings: Crafting Meaningful Discussions, Decisions and Change

How to develop an agenda and run an effective Church Council meeting.

To register for the ZOOM training, go to the Conference website (pen-del.org), then events.

IMPORTANT You will receive a confirmation email with the zoom link immediately after registering. Please note that if you have unsubscribed from conference emails, you will not Get the zoom link.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE YOUR CONFIRMATION EMAIL WITHIN 24HRS OF REGISTERING, PLEASE CONTACT CHRISTINE TROTT AT ctrott@pen-del.org By 4:00PM.





Bishop LaTrelle Easterling continues her podcast.

Thursdays at the Table

Asking good questions, engaging in deep conversation and telling the whole truth can change the world. In her 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 **November 2** 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

ATTENTION PASTORS AND SPRC COMMITTEES

All November 1st forms are due next Wednesday. If you have not already submitted the forms for your Church, please be sure they are sent to the District Office next week.

There are 5 forms due: Pastor's Advisory, SPRC Advisory, Church Profile, Pastor's Evaluation and Pastor's 2024 Compensation form.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the District Office at 302-655-8873 or email me at DelawareDistrictUMC@gmail.com.

Disaster Relief Committee * Peninsula-Delaware Conference

God's blessings to You, Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and your churches,

I am Pastor Lee Andrea Parks of White's Chapel in Milton, DE. Recently, at Annual Conference, I was elected as co-chair for Disaster Relief of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference.

In August straight line winds went through an area in northern Delaware; Newark, and Hockessin. Approximately 40 homes were affected. Some will be rebuilt, and some will be a complete teardown. Disaster Relief volunteers are in the process of clearing homeowners' property of debris, which includes downed trees. This all takes time, money, and volunteers.

Hurricane season is still upon us, and anything can happen at any time. We pray that with multiple agencies working together, we can get the work done that we currently face.

I was onsite in Newark on September 15th and 16th. I saw a small portion of what took place in this wind event. I was overwhelmed for the families that went through this disaster. I related it to 1998 when I lived in Maine and a great ice storm hit all New England. We had no tornado, no flooding, no snow, but for three days all New England was drizzled on by freezing rain. It brought trees down on houses, roadways and upon power lines. It looked like what I saw.

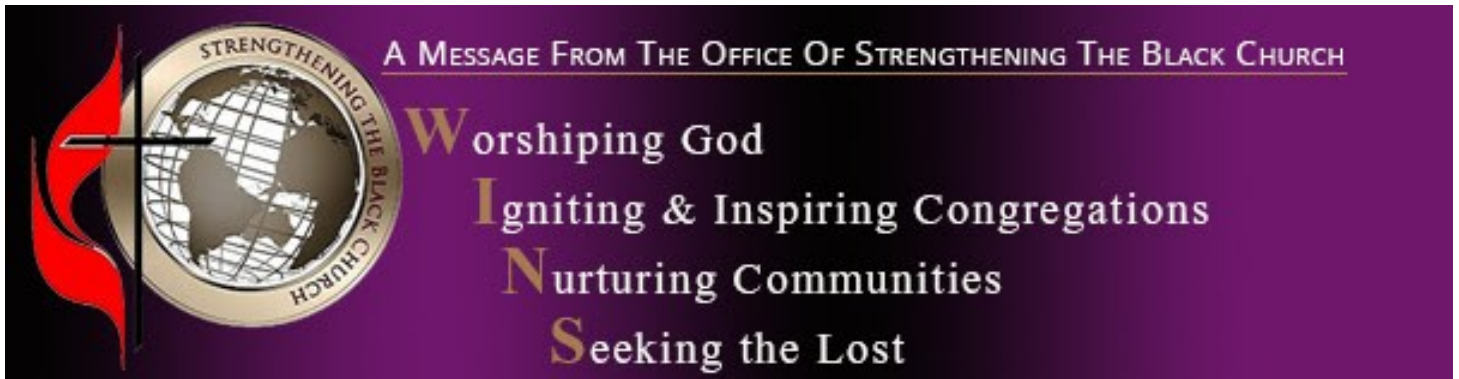
We depend on volunteers through our churches. We need help to get these families back into their homes as soon as possible. It will take many to accomplish this. We need people skilled in using chain saws and who have all the safety equipment required when using it. We need people that have a pick-up truck with a receiver hitch to move our disaster trailer on site when needed. If someone has a chipper and is skilled in using it and can bring it to the site that we are working at, we need you. Whatever your skill is, or isn't, we need you. If you are willing to get your hands dirty and do what is needed, we need you. If you cannot help physically, you are still needed. We need your prayers, and we appreciate our prayer warriors; it is how miracles happen. The more help we get, the faster we get these families back to "normal" whatever it is for them. Wouldn't it be like God to make that happen faster than the experts predict! We don't know what Delaware will face next. Please keep the work of Disaster Relief in your prayers and all the organizations and agencies that go before us.

Please consider donating to the Conference Disaster Relief Fund. Conference Office, 139 N. State St., Dover, DE 19901 Attn: Conference Disaster Recovery. To volunteer, contact either me or Rich Walton by phone or email.

Thank you, and in service to Christ,

Lee Andrea Parks - sanddollarde@gmail.com (207) 735-8326

Daniel Richard Walton - pastorrich@att.net (410) 251-5593



Greetings My Brothers and Sisters of The Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference. I trust the blessings of the Lord is still your portion.

On behalf of STBC Task Force Team, I am excited to announce that our annual Gather to Grow, Scatter to Serve Gathering will convene on December 2, 2023 from 9am to 12pm. The venue will be at Whatcoat UMC in Dover, DE.

Our guest keynote leader will be Rev. Dr. Anthony C. Hunt of Epworth UMC of the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference. Our very own Episcopal Servant Leader, Bishop LaTrelle Easterling will begin our conversation.

Our theme for this year is: 'If Not Now, When?' Our hope is that we will:

Make the shift from internal to external.

Move from program development to people development in terms of core activities.

Transition from church base to Kingdom base as it pertains to leadership (in terms of total leadership style).

Peninsula-Delaware, I anxiously await for our return to in-person fellowship and as always invite and encourage every layperson and clergy person to join us on December 2, 2023.

Blessings,

Rev. Lester Justice
Director of STBC



Immigration
Law & Justice
Network
Endowment Fund

ILJ NETWORK WEBINAR:
A LEGACY OF IMMIGRANT JUSTICE
OCTOBER 24
4:00 PM ET

Can you imagine a world where every immigrant can reunite with family, be treated with fairness and dignity, and have access to justice?

In just such a world, your legacy can become a beacon of hope to light the way for future generations of immigrants, asylees, and refugees.

That's why, as a supporter of Immigration Law & Justice Network (formerly National Justice for Our Neighbors), we are excited to invite you to **mark your calendar for 10/24/23 at 4:00 p.m. (ET).**

Join us online that day for ***Upholding a Legacy of Immigrant Justice*** – not just a webinar, but an opportunity to learn how generosity can meet your purpose and goals, and how you can impact long-lasting positive change for immigrants across our network for years to come.

Discover your journey of profound generosity through endowment and legacy giving with ILJ Network and its stewards at the Texas Methodist Foundation:

SAVE-THE-DATE

Upholding a Legacy of Immigrant Justice

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

Location: Zoom

RSVP: Eric@iljnetwork.org

Please keep an eye out for further details and program information arriving soon. In the meantime, we look forward to sharing more about the joy of becoming an enduring part of a brighter and more inclusive future with ILJ Network.



The Fall 2023 Delaware District Lay Servant Courses will be offered as part of a two-day intensive weekend Lay Academy (Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28) at Avenue UMC, 20 N. Church St., Milford, DE 19963.

Registration Link - <https://forms.gle/cVcqqXuS9nfzzXpv6>

For course descriptions, see flyer on the next page

For additional information contact Kevin Chamberlain
(kbchamberlain@avenueumc.com)

Cost: \$40.00 for the course, including books and food

Payment must be made by check or cash, regretfully the Lay Academy cannot accept credit or debit cards at this time.

- * Payment by check or cash at the door during Registration on Friday Evening (5:30 to 6:00 PM)
- * To pay by check, make checks payable to "United Methodist Delaware District"
 - list the Participant's name and Course in the memo
 - if the check is written by a church for multiple participants, then include a note that cross references the Check # and lists the Participant's names and Courses
- * Alternatively mail check(s) to:
[Delaware District Lay Servant Academy](#)
[c/o Kevin Chamberlain](#)
[Avenue UMC, 20 N. Church St., Milford, DE 19963](#)

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Dates:	Friday, October 27 5:30pm-6:00pm - Registration 6:00pm-8:30pm - Class (including breaks & snacks)	Saturday, October 28 8:00am-8:30am - Refreshments 8:30am-4:00pm - Class (including breaks & lunch)
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Delaware District Lay Servant Academy

c/o Kevin Chamberlain

Avenue United Methodist Church

20 N. Church Street

Milford, DE 19963



BASIC – Lay Servant

All Lay Servants must take the BASIC Course and the Living Our Beliefs Advanced Course to be Certified. We recommend taking the BASIC Lay Servant Course first, prior to taking an Advanced Course.

God calls every Christian to a life of servanthood as a disciple of Jesus Christ. The BASIC Lay Servant Course, introduces and develops processes that help individuals discern and respond to God’s call on their lives. By encouraging each person to recognize and apply his or her spiritual gifts for the mission and ministry of the church, the church becomes what God intended it to be. This course invites participants to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in discipleship. It offers guidelines for optimal communication in leadership and presents numerous types of ministries in which lay servants may assume roles. Throughout the study, thoughtful questions provide excellent opportunities for individual consideration and group discussion.

Living Our Beliefs

This Advanced [Lay Servant](#) course focuses on reclaiming the balance of John Wesley’s wisdom between cultivating Christian life and our witness. While keeping alive Wesley’s emphasis on experiencing the grace and forgiving love of God, Lay Servants also have a vital role maintaining our witness to holiness and discipleship that Wesley assigned to instruction in Christian beliefs and participation in spiritual disciplines. “Living Our Beliefs” is an essential and **required** Advanced Course for every Certified Lay Servant in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Worship Planning

This Advanced Lay Servant course is grounded in the principles and practices of worship planning. It focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who regularly or occasionally leads in worship. The course is grounded in the classic patterns of Christian worship and the practices for planning worship. Participants will come to understand more about Christian worship in order to plan worship with more confidence by practicing worship planning in a variety of ways throughout the course.

Transformational Evangelism

This Advanced Lay Servant course directs participants to learn from John Wesley’s practice of relational evangelism. Participants will discover that evangelism involves not only sharing your faith with others but also welcoming people into a community where they can grow in faith. They will learn that evangelism and outreach require developing relationships and it is out of these relationships that people see, hear, and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ. Participants will find this course gives them a fresh confidence and vision for very achievable and less fearful evangelism as they stretch out in love to a lost and broken world. Additionally, the course will examine the “then what” question while exploring local church discipleship pathways.

Justice in Everyday Life

This Advanced Lay Servant course is designed to help the Lay Servant to prayerfully and thoughtfully examine their own theology and ethics as related to complex and controversial justice issues in the global community, such as global migration, immigration, gun violence, mass incarceration, climate & environmental stewardship, living wage, access to clean water and healthcare and to apply these values to their personal discipleship practices.

Level Up

The affiliation has a series with Jack Shitama and the Center for Vital Leadership called Level Up. These videos offer lessons in leadership and is an outstanding series. You can access the recordings at: <https://www.pdcbbc.org/level-up.html>

Lesson 14: Effective ministry leaders understand the 3 types of conflict

Lesson 15: The first shall be last is a leadership principle

Lesson 16: Feeling stuck? Try some little bets

Lesson 17: How agile are you? Design thinking can help

Lesson 18: The Church needs adaptive leadership now more than ever

Lesson 19: The best leaders demand 85% effort

Lesson 20: To be your best, balance screens with green

Lesson 21: Beware the quick fix

Lesson 22: Addition by subtraction

Lesson 23: Three techniques from a former hostage negotiator for being a non-anxious presence

Lesson 24: Four ways humor can make you a better leader

Lesson 25: 3 Ways to be quick—but not hurry

Lesson 26: In life and work, balance is a verb not a noun

Lesson 27: 3 Ways gratitude makes you a better leader

Lesson 28: It is better to give than receive

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.

2023-24

Pen-Del Certified Certified Lay Minister Registration Form

*Refer to Current Discipline on CLM

Please print clearly

I am a Certified Lay Servant: Yes _____ No _____ Todays _____ Date _____

Name _____

Address _____ **email (required) _____

City & State _____ Zip _____

Telephone# _____ Cell Phone _____

Pastor _____ Church _____

I am Lay Supply/Currently serving a church: Yes _____ No _____ if yes Church Name _____

Completed the book "Christian as Minister" & discussed with Pastor: Yes _____ No _____

Circle your District _____ Delaware _____ Upper Shore _____ Lower Shore _____

SPRC Chair Signature (required) _____ Date _____

Pastor's Signature (required) _____ Date _____

DS Signature(required) _____ Meeting Date _____

****email address you prefer to be reached on to receive email, documents and zoom conferencing if necessary.**

Required Attachments:

- Registration form with all required signatures
- Copy of Pastors letter to District Superintendent (Optional)
- Certified Lay Servant Certificate
- (Please keep copies of everything you send)

Registration Fee \$35.00

Class Fee per Module \$100.00 (Payable after each module)

Four Modules must be taken in order or completion

Send this form with all required signatures, and \$35.00 registration fee to

Brenda Tildon, 133 Portside Court, Bear, DE 19701

302-836-8553 or 302-530-6422 tildonbrenda@aol.com

Checks should be made payable to Pen-Del Conference

**You will not be scheduled for class until registration form is received
with all required information, signatures and attachments.**

Student's Signature _____

Next Class Nov 17-18, 2023, Dec 15-16, 2023, Jan 12-13, 2024

Five Things to Know for
Your Estate &
Long-Term Care Plan

Catherine B. ("Kylee") Read, Esq., CELA*

*Certified by the National Elder Law Foundation Accredited by
the American Bar Association

Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at 10:00am at
Ebenezer United Methodist Church,
525 Polly Drummond Hill Road, Newark, Delaware 19711
in the Christian Life Center

This will be a presentation of:

the three keys to estate planning that every person should understand and address, and

the two things every caregiver needs to know on how to pay for a loved one's care and the legal tools your loved one should have in place before they lose capacity.

Ms. Read is one of only two Certified Elder Law Attorneys in the State of Delaware, there being over 500 in the U.S. who are certified by the National Elder Law Foundation accredited by the American Bar Association. She speaks to us in service to her mission of serving the community of seniors and persons with a disability.

Please RSVP to Margie at 302-690-0002



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FIREFIT

Worship Service

The Exchange!

STARTS AT 7:00 PM

Free for All || Marshmallow Roasting

Coleman Memorial UMC
465 1/2 Anderson Dr Wilmington, DE 19801

Must RSVP - 267-204-2919



2023 NOVEMBER NOEL

Ornaments!
Wooden Items!
Jewelry!
Basket Sale!
Baked Goods!

Friday, Nov. 10 11:00 – 7:00
Saturday, Nov. 11 8:00 – 2:00

Kitchen Open

Homemade Soups, Sandwiches and
Snacks!

Breakfast with Santa – Saturday 8am

Christmas Shoppe!
Quilted Items!
Gifts!
Children's Corner
Outside Vendors as well



St. Mark's U.M. Church
1700 Limestone Road
Rts. 7 & 4
Stanton, DE
302-994-0400

CALLING ALL VENDORS
Reserve your space now!
\$50/space no electric
First Come, First Serve



Millville United Women
in Faith's Annual
**Christmas Bazaar
& Bake Sale**

SATURDAY, NOV. 11th · 8 AM

Christmas Decorations, Homemade Crafts,
Jewelry & Homemade Baked Goods
will be on sale

Come for a cup of coffee or have a homemade lunch with us.
All proceeds go to support mission projects of the
Millville United Women in Faith

Millville United Methodist Church
at 36405 Club House Road
on the corner of
Atlantic Avenue & Club House Road



Wyoming Church

presents:

Holiday
Craft Show

Saturday

November 11, 2023

9 am to 3 pm

80+ Vendors, many NEW!... Handicap accessible...

Specialty Foods sold all day... Bake Sale...

...what's not to like?

Wyoming Church

216 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover

www.WyomingUMC.com





United
Women
in Faith

**DOING
GOOD**

Together

**Please join us for the
Delaware District**

**A N N U A L
M E E T I N G**



DELAWARE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION LINK: [DE ANN MTG](#)

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m.

Please join us in the spirit of “**doing good together**” as we
volunteer our services at our National Mission Institution

Neighborhood House, Inc.

1218 B Street - Wilmington, DE 19801

Lunch will be provided!





Mount Joy United Methodist Church 150th Anniversary

"From Generation to Generation Thou Art God!" Psalm 90:1

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
Reverend Provey Powell, Jr.,
Senior Pastor

NOV. 18 – 19, 2023
Minister Laretta Wilson,
150th Anniversary Chairperson

150th Anniversary Committee

Dear Mt. Joy Supporter,

Cynthia Righter
Vice Chairperson

Betty Anderson

Raymond Brown

Crystal Brown

Maureta Collins

Dwight Cephas

Dianne Cannon

Shelly Chase

MaryAnn Davis

Beverly Evans

Victor Norris

Joyce Powell

Dee Randolph Skinner

Loraine Watson

Marlene Wright

Sharon Young

Mt. Joy United Methodist Church is celebrating 150 years of service to the Southbridge community this year; as part of this celebration, we are seeking your support in creating a souvenir journal. You are an intricate part of our history and over the years your friendship and prayers have helped us build the ministry whose mission is to "Worship" God, "Witness" Christ through our love and "Win" Disciples for Jesus Christ.

Mt. Joy has a viable congregation that is reaching people with the message of love, God's goodness, and his transformative power. Our ministries have thrived thanks to our blessings from God. Our doors are bursting at the seams, and we are asking that God continue to bless us by allowing us to enlarge our footprint on the corner of B and Townsend Streets. Our ministries have helped residents throughout Southbridge and surrounding communities in many ways; food, clothing, after school youth programs, which educationally enrich their lives. Mt. Joy has implemented initiatives that have enhanced our Audio/Visual Communication and Technology ("ACT") ministry, which is also run in part by Mt. Joy's youth. Our youth are also instrumental in our fifth Sunday worship experience, known as Youth Takeover Sunday, just to name a few.

We are seeking your support to purchase an advertisement in our souvenir journal to be distributed at the Anniversary Gala. By purchasing an advertisement, the funds you donate will go toward the Capital Campaign. For your convenience, we have attached additional information regarding the souvenir journal and are respectfully asking that you forward your contribution to: Mt. Joy United Methodist Church, Attn: Souvenir Journal, 451 Townsend St., Wilmington, DE 19801, no later than Sunday, September 3, 2023. Please make your check or money order for your advertisement payable to: Mt. Joy United Methodist Church.

We will be celebrating throughout 2023. However, our primary events will occur between Saturday, November 18th and Sunday, November 19th. We will highlight all that has been done in the past, blessings bestowed upon us today and our hopes for the future. Please mark your calendar:

- Saturday, November 18th – Anniversary Gala, Tickets - \$150, The Riverfront Events, 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., 760 S. Justison St., Wilmington, DE 19805
- Sunday, November 19th – Anniversary Celebration and Worship Experience, Mt. Joy U.M. Church, 451 Townsend Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

Thank you in advance for your support. Gala tickets are now available upon request. We look forward to seeing you.

Yours in Christ,

Provey Powell Jr.

Provey Powell Jr. — Senior Pastor

Laretta Wilson

Min. Laretta Wilson — Chairperson

FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY

THEME: "FAITH, FAMILY AND FRIENDS -
FOR THESE WE GIVE THANKS"



NOVEMBER 19, 2023
11 AM

REV. FRANCES M. FITCHETT, PASTOR
OF MT. CALVARY WILL BRING THE
MESSAGE

MT. CALVARY UMC
28 CHURCH STREET
BRIDGEVILLE DE 19933
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT PAT LEE
(302) 337-8198

Delaware Choral Society
Rocky F. Tejada, Artistic Director
presents

A Very Merry Pops Concert

December 2, 2023 at 6pm
Wyoming United Methodist Church
Wyoming, Delaware

Advance tickets:
Adults \$18
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Groups of 10+: \$15/ticket
At the door: \$20



This program is supported, in part, by a grant from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency, in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts. The Division promotes Delaware arts events on www.DelawareScene.com.



Marshallton United Methodist Church
1105 Stanton Road
Wilmington, DE 19808
302-994-7466

Marshallton UMC is looking for the following volunteer leaders and servants:



Children's Ministry and Youth Sunday School Teachers Preference will be given to those who have served in this capacity in the past. Current Public School teachers, Day Care Center workers and those whom have recently completed background checks and finger printing are urged to apply.

Volunteer Coordinator – This person will be responsible for recruiting volunteers and scheduling assignments throughout our Ministry programs and mission.

Videographers and Photographers: These individuals will work capturing video and photos for our various online social media campaigns, ministries and programs. They may be asked to assist with Sunday service on occasion.



Applicants must have their own equipment, but we will reimburse for supplies. If interested please call 302-994-7466 or email pastormarshalltonumc@gmail.com.

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Hello all –

I have retired from ministry and I find myself with a lot of books that I hope someone else will find useful. I used a lot of online resources, but I'm "old school" about books – maybe you are, too.

Here is a list of what I'd like to give away. (I may have more in the future – commentaries and dictionaries – so contact me if those might appeal to you also). I can be reached at ginareeves@verizon.net. I only ask that you pick them up – I live in Long Neck.

Blessings, Gina Reeves

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Feasting on the word (complete 6 vols of years A, B, C (includes CDs) as well as Advent and Lenten companion books – 2013

Connections (complete 6 vols of years A and C; B 1 and 2 only) – Green, Long, Powery, Rigby, Sharp, 2018, 2019

Lectionary sermon resource complete 6 vols A, B, and C – Willimon, 2017, 2019

UM music and worship planner 2023-2024 CEB spiralbound edition

Worship as pastoral care – Willimon, 1979

Foundations of Christian worship – White, 2006

The work of the people – Gilbert, 2007

Grace to lead – Carter and Warner, 2013

Wesley for armchair theologians – Abraham, 2005

Leadership in the Wesleyan spirit – Weems, 1999

Methodist doctrine – Campbell, 2011

The theology of John Wesley – Collins, 2007

John Wesley – Yrigoyen, 1996

Ducking spears, dancing madly – Parks and Birch, 2004

United Methodists questions and answers – Joyner, 2007

Life together in the United Methodist connection – Galbreath, 2014

Finding our story – Goleman, 2010

Pastor or perish in a small church – Beach, 2009

Pastoral care in the small membership church – Killen, 2005

Christian education in the small membership church – Tye, 2008

Evangelism in the small membership church – Speidel, 2007

Grounded in the living word – Hopkins and Koppel, 2010

Can you just get them through until Christmas – Briggs, 2017

Feed my shepherds – Wuellner, 1997

Understanding four views on the Lord's supper – Moore, Hesselink, Scaer, and Balma, 2007

Understanding four views on baptism – Nettles, Pratt, Kolb, and Castelein, 2007

Images of baptism – Johnson, 2013

(Books from healing wounds workshop)

Uprooting racism – Kivel, 2011

The new Jim Crow – Alexander, 2012

First white frost – Noley, 1991

Understanding and dismantling racism – Barndt, 2007



## **DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS WESLEY FOUNDATION CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE**

The position of Director of Development and Alumni Relations for the Wesley Foundation at the University of Delaware (UDWF) is a part time, 20 hours per week, position that reports directly to the Board of Directors of the UDWF. The Director works in conjunction with the Campus Pastor of the UDWF to fulfill the organization's mission. The office of the UDWF is located in the Newark United Methodist Church at 69 E. Main Street in Newark, DE.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Director serves the Board of Directors and the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry as Executive officer overseeing all development, fundraising, and alumni functions of the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry. The Director directs print and electronic communications; facilitates donor development and alumni relations; plans annual fundraising and alumni events.

### **Fundraising, Development, and Community Relations**

- Promote Alumni relations.
- Builds and maintains positive relationships within and outside Newark United Methodist Church.
- Prints and distributes quarterly fundraising letters.
- Represents the Wesley Foundation at NUMC events/conferences.

### **Events Planning**

- Plans and coordinates Alumni Weekend and Homecoming Activities.
- Plans and coordinates Donor appreciation events.
- Plans and coordinates Alumni mission weekend.
- Maintains calendar of events.

### **Communications**

- Manages and develops the student and alumni database.
- Manages the UDWF website.
- Responsible for social media outreach.
- Maintains the UDWF calendar.
- Attends monthly Board of Directors meetings.
- Attends student officer meetings.
- Assist Campus Pastor in planning student banquet.

### **General**

- Stay up to date with UMC policies and procedures in regard to Connectional Ministries

## 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](mailto:SPRCHiring@hockessinumc.org)



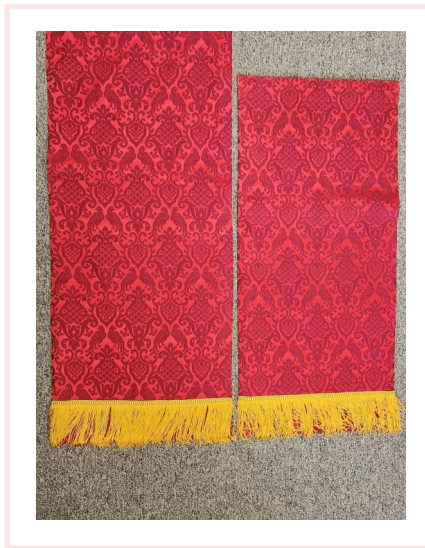
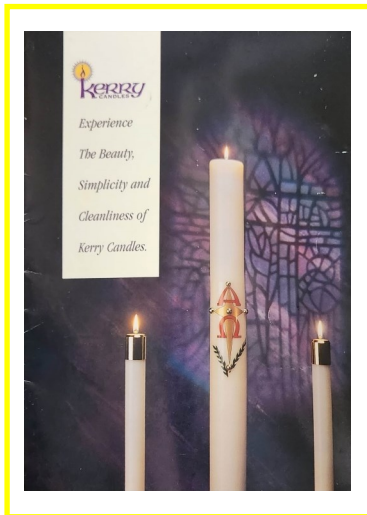
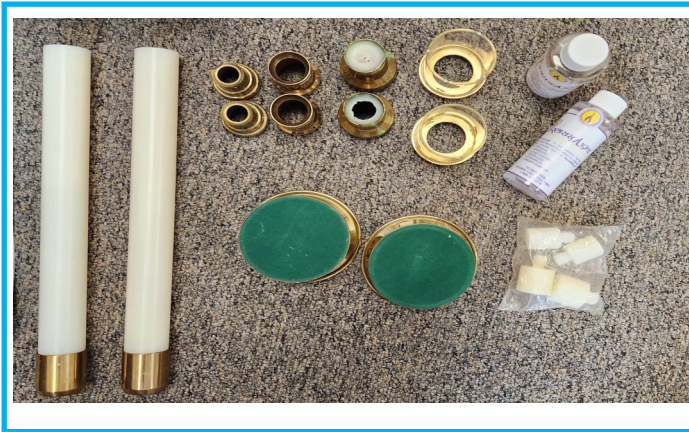
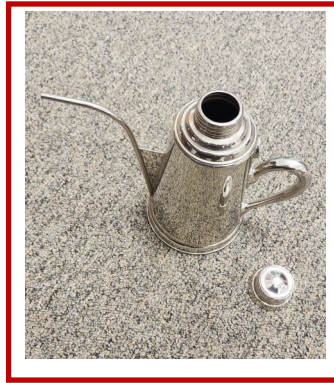
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The music ministry at St. John's United Methodist Church in Seaford, DE is searching for a piano accompanist to serve the 11:00am Sunday traditional worship service, accompanying our organ and choir.

If you or someone you know may be interested please reach out to our SPRC Chair, Larry Grantham at 302-339-1460 or our Director of Music, Douglas Rhodes at 302-877-0600.



Wyoming UMC has several items available. All are FREE. If interested, Please contact: [office@wyomingumc.com](mailto: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

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**Altar Candles:**

8 candles 1" diameter x 11" long  
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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"



St. Mark's United Methodist Church of Wilmington, Delaware is seeking a part-time organist for its Sunday morning service, other special services, and accompanying the Chancel Choir. The Sunday morning service is held at 10:00 A.M. throughout the year with choir rehearsals on Wednesday evenings during the school year. St. Mark's is a very active church family with approximately 400 members. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume as soon as possible. Email submissions are preferred (office@stmarksumcde.org )

Saint Mark's United Methodist Church  
Job Description and Specifications

Position (Part Time): Organist

Primary Position Objective: To provide organ/piano music for the traditional services, including special events, while working with the staff to promote the vision and mission of the church.

Key Areas of Responsibility/General Duties:

Provide organ/piano music during the service, including choir accompaniment, on Sundays throughout the year

Rehearse with Chancel Choir on Wednesday evenings from Labor Day through mid-June

Rehearse and accompany soloists and small groups that provide special music for the service during the summer months

Provide music for special services (e.g., seasonal programs and additional services during Lent, Holy Week and Christmas)

Work with the Sr. Pastor and Music Director to coordinate music

Attend monthly staff meetings

Qualifications:

Formal training in organ and piano through private study or higher education

Experience in choir accompaniment and working with a conductor in a choral setting

Knowledge of a varied repertoire of sacred literature

Church organ experience preferred

A background check will be required for this position since we are a Safe Sanctuary establishment

Contact Information:

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

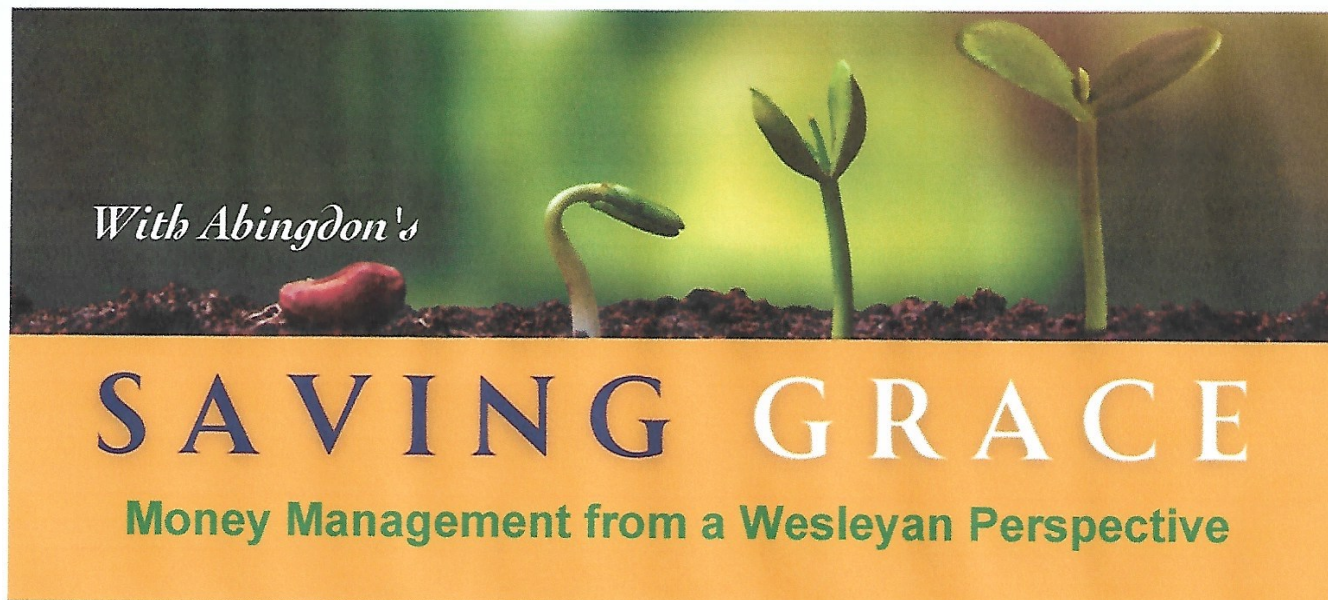
Attn: SPRC Committee

1700 Limestone Road

Wilmington, DE 19804

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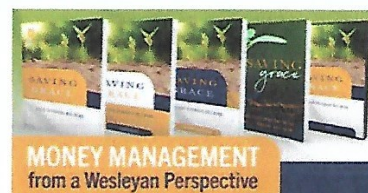
## **Starting this Coming January!**

The Delaware District is pleased to announce a seven-week training that enables you to bring "Saving Grace" to your church people in 2024, while benefitting from it, yourself.

With room for only 8 to 10 churches in this first round of training, (includes 1 clergy and 2 laypeople from each church), this seven-week class will give you all the tools necessary to share and lead a "Saving Grace" class at your church by learning the skills and tools used in the class. Your church will benefit as it trains more people to be better money managers and good stewards and you will benefit by learning best practices for your own household finance management. Pastors who attend all sessions, and who bring two laypeople to each session, will receive \$500 at the completion of the course.

Led by Mid-Atlantic UM Foundation's trained facilitator, Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones, pastors and laypeople will be equipped to teach "Saving Grace" within your congregation, making a huge difference in the lives of your parishioners and families.

The course will be taught by Zoom, so you don't have to travel in the dark. Class will be held on Tuesday nights, starting January 9 at 7:00 PM. Materials will be provided for both lay and clergy participants. To sign up, please email the instructor at [bajones15@gmail.com](mailto:bajones15@gmail.com), or call or text him at 240-498-9415.

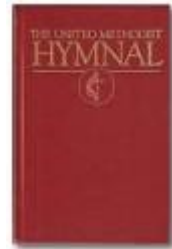


# UMC Hymnals Available

Hillcrest-Bellefonte UMC has the following hymnals available . They are free to a good home.

100 “ The Book of Hymns” copyright 1964 (Red cover)

100 “The United Methodist Hymnal”, copyright 1989 (Navy Blue cover)



Please contact Elain Murphy

[semurphy616@gmail.com](mailto:semurphy616@gmail.com)







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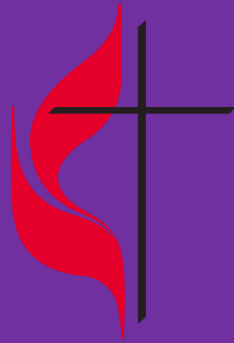
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## **JOB POSTING!!!!**

### **Part-time Church Musician**

Centennial United Methodist Church in Smyrna Delaware has an immediate opening for a part-time church musician. Degree in Music Education or equivalent experience directing a choir preferred; Selected candidates will be required to audition. Experience reading music and playing the piano to facilitate Sunday worship preferred. Preferred musical competencies includes providing a variety of musical styles; Attend a variety of community events with Pastor and choir on an as needed basis. Salary will be commensurate with skills and experience.

Email resume to: [centennialumc1876@gmail.com](mailto:centennialumc1876@gmail.com)



# Wesley United Methodist Church

209 South State Street, Dover, DE 19901

(302) 678-9626 Fax 678-9627

E-Mail [church@wesleyumc-dover.com](mailto:church@wesleyumc-dover.com)

[www.wesleyumc-dover.com](http://www.wesleyumc-dover.com)

## **Job Description: Choir Director for Wesley United Methodist Church**

**Position Summary:** September thru May part time six (6) hrs. a week position. The Choir Director is responsible for overseeing and directing the musical activities of the church choir. This role involves selecting appropriate music, rehearsing with the choir, and leading them in performances during worship services and special events. The Choir Director also collaborates with the pastor, music director and other church staff to enhance the overall worship experience and foster spiritual growth through music.

### **Key Responsibilities:**

#### **1. Music Selection:**

Select suitable choral music that aligns with the church's liturgical calendar, sermon themes, and overall worship style.

Choose music that engages the congregation, inspires worship, and supports the message of the service.

Maintain a diverse repertoire that includes hymns, anthems, spirituals, contemporary Christian music, and other genres as appropriate.

#### **2. Rehearsals:**

Conduct regular rehearsals for the church choir, ensuring consistent attendance and active participation.

Teach vocal techniques, sight-reading skills, and interpretation of music to enhance the choir's performance.

Collaborate with accompanists and other musicians to coordinate instrumental arrangements and accompaniment for choral pieces.

#### **3. Worship Services:**

Lead the choir in performances during regular worship services, including Sunday mornings and special services such as Christmas, Easter, and other significant occasions.

Coordinate with the pastor and worship planning team to integrate the choir's music seamlessly into the worship service.

Provide musical leadership by cueing entrances, tempos, dynamics, and ensuring a cohesive performance with other musicians and vocalists.

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**4. Special Events and Outreach:**

Organize and direct special music programs, concerts, or cantatas for seasonal celebrations or community outreach events.

Collaborate with other church ensembles, soloists, or guest musicians for special performances.

Actively engage with the community to promote the choir's involvement in local events and foster relationships with other churches or organizations.

**5. Spiritual Development:**

Foster an atmosphere of spiritual growth and worship through music, emphasizing the choir's role as a ministry.

Encourage choir members to deepen their understanding of the music's theological significance and its connection to worship.

Provide opportunities for personal and musical development through workshops, retreats, and other educational resources.

**Qualifications:**

- A committed Christian with a deep understanding and appreciation of Wesley's worship traditions and theology.
- Strong musical skills, including proficiency in vocal techniques, choral conducting, and music theory.
- Prefer previous experience in directing and conducting church choirs,
- Ability to work collaboratively with clergy, church staff, and volunteers to enhance the worship experience.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills to lead effectively, motivate, and support choir members.
- Knowledge of a diverse range of musical styles, including traditional hymns, contemporary Christian music, gospel, and classical repertoire.
- Familiarity with music resources and tools commonly used in the United Methodist Church, such as the United Methodist Hymnal, The Faith We Sing Hymnal, Worship & Song hymnal, and digital music platforms.

Must pass background check.

**Wesley United Methodist Church**

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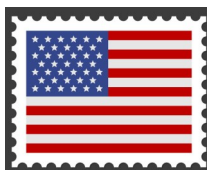
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The United States Postal Service has increased the price for a regular letter from **63¢ to 66¢** effective July 9th.



The IRS mileage rate for 2023 has been set at **65.5¢** per mile.



**The Delaware District Newsletter is published bi-weekly on a Tuesday. Articles or flyers for the next issue are due on Saturday, October 7th. 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.**

