

# Delaware District

# Newsletter

November 26, 2024  
Volume 3, Issue 24

*Happy Thanksgiving  
Blessings*

Giving thanks always  
for all things unto God

Ephesians 5:20  
KJV

*Wishing You and Your  
Family a Beautiful  
and Blessed Day !*



## “Tidbits from Tom”

November 25, 2024

A pastor friend sent this story to me last week. Before spending Thanksgiving with family and friends who may send our stress levels soaring, whether from different political views, varying theological perspectives, or just a penchant for being annoying at holiday gatherings, I would like to offer this as a mindset for the day.

Elizabeth Gilbert is the author. She wrote this:

*"Some years ago, I was stuck on a crosstown bus in New York during rush hour. Traffic was barely moving. The bus was filled with cold, tired people who were deeply irritated with one another and with the world itself. Two men barked at each other about a shove that may or may not have been intentional. A pregnant woman got on, and nobody offered her a seat. Rage was in the air; no mercy would be found here.*

*But as the bus approached Seventh Avenue, the driver got on the intercom. "Folks," he said. "I know you have had a rough day, and you are frustrated. I can't do anything about the weather or traffic, but here is what I can do. As each of you gets off the bus, I will reach out my hand to you. As you walk by, drop your troubles into the palm of my hand, okay? Don't take your troubles home to your families tonight. Just leave them here with me. My route goes right by the Hudson River, and when I drive by there later, I will open the window and throw your troubles into the water."*

*It was as if a spell had lifted. Everyone burst out laughing. Faces gleamed with surprised delight. People who had been pretending not to notice each other's existence for the past hour were suddenly grinning at each other like, is this guy serious?*

*Oh, he was serious.*

*At the next stop, just as he had promised, the driver reached out his hand, palm up, and waited. One by one, all the exiting commuters placed their hands just above his and mimed the gesture of dropping something into his palm. Some people laughed as they did this, and some teared up, but everyone did it.*

*The driver repeated the same lovely ritual at the next stop, too. And the next. All the way to the river.*

*We live in a hard world. Sometimes, it is extra difficult to be a human being. Sometimes you have a bad day. Sometimes, you have a bad day that lasts a few years. You struggle and fail. You lose jobs, money, friends, faith, and love. You witness horrible events unfolding in the news and become fearful and withdrawn. There are times when everything seems cloaked in darkness. You long for the light but don't know where to find it.*

*But what if you are the light? What if you are the very agent of illumination that a dark situation begs for? That is what this bus driver taught me: that anyone can be the light at any moment. This guy was not some big power player. He was not a spiritual leader. He was not some media-savvy influencer. He was a bus driver, one of society's most invisible workers. But he possessed real power and used it beautifully for his benefit and the benefit of others."*

We have the power to share God's light in difficult situations and are blessed with that opportunity. This Thanksgiving is not only the opportunity to share a meal in fellowship with others and give praise and thanks to God for his bounty and blessings but also to share the light of Christ with people who may only see it through us.

It won't be easy, but it is a gift we have been given. Ephesians 5:8 reminds us, "For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."

I wish you a blessed and joyful Thanksgiving, where you can share the light of Christ with all.

## **Urgent Call for Volunteers Strengthen Our Disaster Response Team Today!**

The Peninsula-Delaware Disaster Response and Recovery Team urgently needs your help. Since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, our pool of trained Early Response Team (ERT) members has drastically diminished. These teams, typically composed of six to eight members skilled in various disaster recovery tasks, are crucial for effective disaster response. Currently, only two trained members remain in our Conference, severely limiting our ability to respond to emergencies.

We need more volunteers to step up and get trained. Basic ERT training is just 8 hours, with advanced courses taking 4 hours each. Training can be arranged at your church, and multiple churches can collaborate to host these sessions. Volunteers do not need to be church members but must align with our UMC beliefs.

Click the link below to sign up for training or to get more information. The Disaster Relief Team will reach out to you with all the details you need and answer any questions you might have. Your participation can make a big difference!

<https://pendel-reg.brtaapp.com/DisasterRelief>

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### **Recovery Bible Study**

For people recovering from drug, alcohol and other addictions, the traditional church is not always the most comfortable place. But two United Methodist deaconesses are changing that with a new Life Recovery Bible Study.

On January 8, 2025, a new online group will begin that combines the best of 12-step recovery programs, the Bible, and the writing John Wesley, Methodism's founder, explained Deaconess Colleen Moskov of St. Mark's UMC in Easton.

The materials used in the group were created by Deaconess Kathy Loomis, who created curriculum for a similar Recovery Bible Study in Colorado. It is designed specifically for United Methodists in the Baltimore-Washington and Peninsula-Delaware Area to combine recovery and spirituality in meaningful and relevant ways.

The 75-minute bi-weekly sessions begin January 8th at 6:30 p.m. Those who wish to participate should contact Kathy Loomis, ([kathy.loomis@belongchurch.org](mailto:kathy.loomis@belongchurch.org)) who will send them details about the meeting a few days before the gathering. All are invited. For more information, contact Colleen Moskov at [colleenmoskov@gmail.com](mailto:colleenmoskov@gmail.com).

It can be found on the website: <https://www.pen-del.org/newsdetail/recovery-bible-study-18748243>



Greetings,

The General Book of Discipline reflects the Wesleyan way in which members of our denomination serve Christ through our doctrine and a disciplined life as a follower of Jesus Christ. Our current [Book of Discipline](#) is divided into six parts: Constitution, General Book of Discipline, Doctrinal Standards and Our Theological Task, The Ministry of All Christians, Social Principles, & General Organization and Administration.

Since the birth of our current denomination during the Uniting Conference in 1968, United Methodist Conferences outside the United States have been able to adapt certain parts of the Book of Discipline to comply with their own cultural and legal context. The General Conference is asking annual conferences to provide feedback on the 2020 Draft of a General Book of Discipline geared toward standardization and flexible adaptation around the world.

A new proposal suggests that Part VI of the current Book of Discipline be subdivided into non-adaptable and adaptable sections (Parts VI and VII, respectively). The new part VI contains that which is essential for the connection of a worldwide church. Part VII contains that which is adaptable based on context.

In other words, the General Conference is asking for feedback on what is essential for our worldwide connection as The United Methodist Church, and what is adaptable based on context. As you reflect on this, we ask you to consider whether the principle, rule or guideline only applies to your cultural context or is it something that is universal. Specifically, the General Conference is asking for your feedback on:

Chapter 1 – Local Church      Chapter 2 – The Ministry on the Ordained      Chapter 3 – The Superintendency  
Chapter 4 – The Conferences      Chapter 5 – Administrative Order      Chapter 6 – Property  
Chapter 7 – Judicial Administration

**Further details may be found on the following documents:**

[Overview of Structuring of Sections in Chapters 1-7](#)

[Proposed BOD Part VI Draft](#)

We are inviting you to take the [survey and provide feedback](#) using the survey form. The survey will remain open until **11:59 PM** on November 30, 2024. We appreciate your lending your voice via the survey and being a partner in this important work. Thank you for your time and being a partner in ministry as we “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

On behalf of the PDC General Conference Delegates, Rev. Jacqueline Davis Ford

Dear Faith Leaders,

The number of people experiencing homelessness i.e. sleeping outside, in a tent, in a car, or an emergency shelter are in crisis. The number of people experiencing this crisis is at one of the highest recorded in Delaware. It is intricately related to the rise in rents and mortgages which is intricately related to the lack of safe and affordable housing.



HOUSING  
ALLIANCE  
DELAWARE

There is more that we can do to meet this crisis head on. And we need your help to do it. First and foremost, community leaders like faith leaders need to become educated on this important topic. Here is an important way you and your community can become more educated.

Share these educational opportunities throughout the state with your community: [Faith & Housing Justice Week | HAD Site](#)

Please feel free to reach back out to me for more information. It is going to take all of us to see the humanity in each of us!

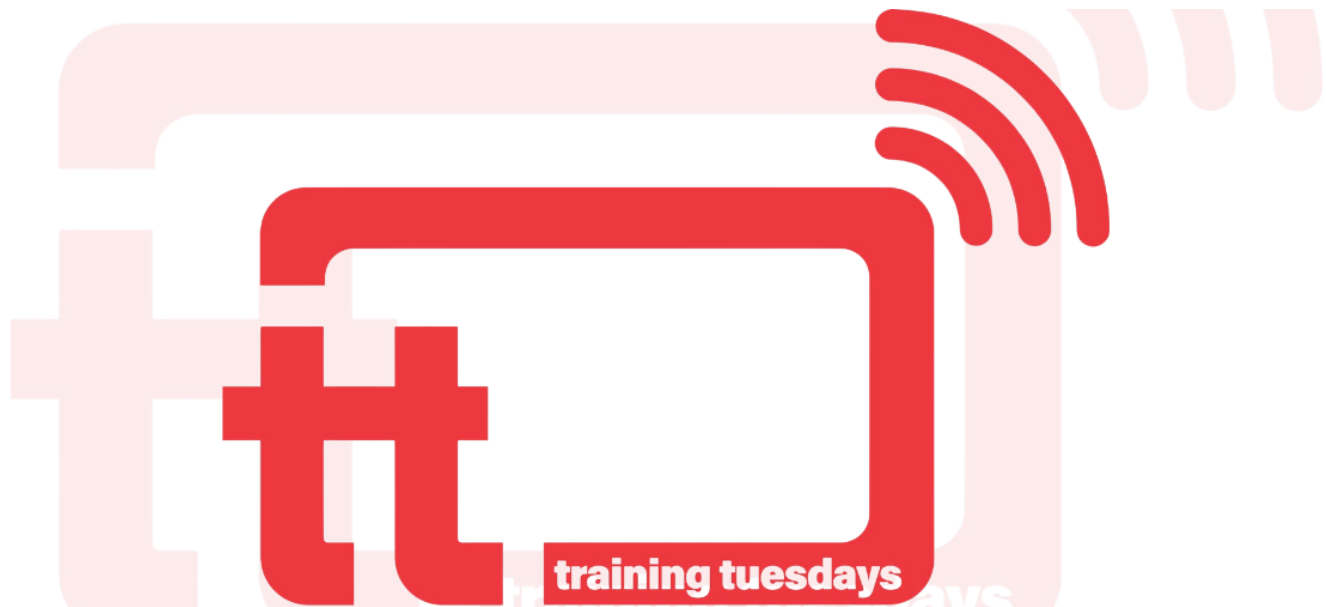
Respectfully,

Sonya  
Rabbi Sonya Starr  
She/Her/Hers  
Policy Director  
Housing Alliance Delaware  
(302)654-0126 ext. 103



### Camp Pecometh Candle Drive

If your church holds a candlelight service during Advent or Christmas, please consider donating any used candles to Camp Pecometh! Pecometh needs candles for our own candlelight Galilean services during the summer. We are happy to take any partially burned candles that would otherwise go to waste. These candles ensure that campers receive a meaningful worship experience that shows them the importance of taking God's light from camp out into the world around them. Please send any candles to Nathan Vaughn at 401 Jack Elliott Way in Centreville, MD 21617 or contact him at [nathan@pecometh.org](mailto:nathan@pecometh.org) to see if he may be



**Don't miss the next Training Tuesday: "Living Well: A Holistic Approach to a Balanced Life", December 3, 7:00-8:30pm**

Living Well is a holistic approach to living based on Christ's command to "love the Lord your God with all of your heart, and with all of your soul, and with all of your mind, and with all of your strength." (Mark 12:30-31)

You'll learn how the Living Compass, a free well-being assessment, can shape your discipleship, your life, and your faith community. This Training Tuesday is for clergy and laity who are seeking to discover a new way to live out their Christian life.



**Mark your calendars to the next training class on December 10th:**

**"Leadership and Church Administration: Mastering Meeting Dynamics"**  
7:00 PM-8:30 PM



**Don't Miss Your Potential!**

**Book your MAP**

**Consultation today!**

**[click here](#)**

## **Missional Action Planning (MAP)**

Are you are ready to see your congregation become fully vital and thriving? Missional Action Planning (MAP) offers a transformative approach to church vitality. This process is both a mind-set and a strategy, designed to help congregations discern, prioritize, and steward their efforts in alignment with the Great Commission.

MAP stimulates spiritual imagination, encouraging us to integrate whole-life evangelism and justice into our faith practice. With Jesus as our foundation, congregations can thrive and enjoy many benefits, including:

1. Increase congregation engagement and participation
2. Assist in building greater community involvement and support
3. Gain clarity and guidance on conducting effective community outreach
4. Tools to reach all generations

Start your MAP journey today! Book an appointment for your assessment and discover how MAP can lead your congregation to new heights.

At the heart of our journey is a love that heals, liberates, and compels us to join with God and neighbors to serve and renew.



### **Advent Worship Service and Open House - December 7, 2025**

Cost: Free

Pecometh is ringing in the Advent season with style. Join us for an open house and worship service on December 7. We'll have light refreshments, good conversation, and a short worship service as we celebrate the Advent season and the approaching birth of Christ. All are welcome at this event.

Learn More and Register: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/pmnmktmj/lp/f3bcb6e9-bc52-42b2-a887-b0b306a46aa8>

### **Winter Spiritual Retreat - January 7 - 12, 2025**

Cost: \$65/ for one day; from \$129 for an overnight stay (single & double occupancy offered)

Join us to practice silence & solitude, spend time on retreat with a friend or partner, or do whatever feeds your spirit. Our spiritual retreats offer flexible options for participants to set aside time away. Whether you are seeking solitude or connection (or both!), we offer a variety of optional activities and worship opportunities.

Learn More: <https://pecometh.org/winter-spiritual-retreat/>

### **Re:View Confirmation Retreat - February 7 - 8, 2025**

**Cost:** \$99 per student, \$59 per adult

Do you have a small confirmation class? Or maybe you have one or two students and you aren't sure how to run a program with so few youth. Or are you looking to add something else to the confirmation schedule?

We've got you covered! Join us in February for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and faith-formation! This retreat is designed with small churches in mind – we know how much work Confirmation is, and we want to help! You bring your students and adult leaders, and we'll provide the programming.

Learn More and Register: <https://pecometh.org/review-confirmation-retreat/>



We are excited to extend an invitation to you for the **Ignite Conference**, which will be held from March 7 - 9, 2025. This incredible event is a gathering, a journey of personal growth and transformation.

It's designed to help us explore what it truly means to carry the Gospel into our communities and the world. It will be a transformative experience for all who attend.

Throughout the conference, exceptional speakers will inspire us by challenging and encouraging us to live out our faith in impactful ways. Together, world-class worship teams will lead us in powerful sessions of praise and reflection, creating an atmosphere where we can deeply connect with God and each other.

Ignite 2025 is not just about listening and learning—it's about discovering and utilizing the unique gifts God has given each of us. Doing so can build stronger, more supportive communities that reflect His love and purpose. This conference is a chance to foster meaningful relationships, share our experiences, and support one another in our faith journeys.

Please check out the flyer using the link below for more details about the conference, and feel free to share it with others who might be interested. We truly believe that God has something special planned for us at IGNITE, and we are eager to see how He will work in our lives during this time together.

Thank you for considering joining us for this uplifting event. Your presence would mean a lot to us. We are genuinely excited about the possibilities and pray that we will all leave IGNITE 2025 renewed and inspired to make a difference in our world.



[Click here for the flyer and more details.](#)

[Video link](#)

## It's Time to Listen

November is National Native American Heritage Month, and this month and every month it's vital that we recognize that indigenous peoples' traditional ecological knowledge is core to native plant habitat work. Tribal land and wildlife managers are restoring habitat, addressing fragmentation, and studying deadly threats, yet the true scope of this work often goes unrecognized.

Indigenous people are the original stewards of the land. They have a millennia of knowledge and generational experience. Yet, the full extent of their traditional knowledge regarding wildlife and land management is overlooked, undervalued and ignored. Thinking we know better than they do hasn't worked well for us, so maybe it's time that we listen.

The Navajo Nation, with its Department of Fish and Wildlife manages the largest Indian reservation in the United States. It is about the size of West Virginia. The ironic part is somehow they manage to do this with a fraction of that state's federal natural resource funding. Despite these resource challenges, the Nation has built a native plants program from the ground up. Their goals are to restore locally sourced native seeds and plants to the landscape, conserve water, and improve the habitat for hundreds of plant and animal species.

The Navajo Nation is but one example of a tribe's contribution. The Penobscot Nation in Maine is working on conserving native wildlife. The Colville Tribes in the state of Washington are helping restore threatened species to the area. The Pueblo of Santa Ana are removing and replacing non wildlife friendly fencing and constructing crossings to reduce wildlife vehicle accidents.

Even with all their experience, tribal expertise isn't given the same respect as Western culture. It is our responsibility to listen, learn, and make room for the Indigenous people to be partners in our environmental endeavors. We need to not only recognize their vast ecological knowledge, but start letting them teach us how to be better stewards of this land.

Janet Taylor-Smith  
Pen-Del Creation Justice, chair



## Baltimore Washington & Peninsula-Delaware Area

Check out our affiliation website: <https://www.pdcbbc.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.



## Apportionments

**As of October 31st, there are 33 Churches who have paid both their District and Conference Apportionments in full for the entire year. There are 40 Churches who have paid their District Apportionments in full for the entire year. Thank you for your commitment in paying these amounts in full.**

**However, there are still 11 Churches who have not paid anything towards their Apportionment totals and we encourage you to start making payments as soon as you are able. Making payments now will help so you won't have a large amount to pay in December.**

**All payments should be sent to the Conference Office at 139 N. State St., Dover, DE 19901. Payments should NOT be mailed to the District Office.**

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**



**Illuminate** your  
congregation's potential!

### Do you think you're ready to take the next faithful step?

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Local churches are the primary way of accomplishing this. Ongoing congregational development is essential to multiplying Kingdom impact. Every two to three years, we recommend that churches assess themselves and focus on taking their next faithful step toward God's preferred future, either through new faith expressions to create new places for new people or the renewal and revitalization of existing congregations.

By being relevant and vital, United Methodists will touch more lives and draw more people to Christ. Our primary purpose is not to help churches grow, but rather we seek to help them reach more people with the Good News of the Gospel, to grow more people as gifted and called disciples of Jesus, and to send more people into the world to love and serve God and their neighbors in all they do.

We provide tools, resources, and training to help congregations more effectively make disciples for the transformation of the world. If you are feeling stuck or want to focus on building momentum toward relevance, we recommend one of **three vitality pathways**:



**[Readiness Initiative](#)** for churches who are unsure of their readiness and/or capacity to create and lead a community-focused ministry. [Register here:](#)



**[Catalyst Initiative](#)** for churches who want to discern and experiment with where God is uniquely calling them to meet a tangible need in the community. [Register here:](#)



**[A Diverse Church By Design](#)** for churches who want to be equipped for stronger multi-cultural ministry. [Register here:](#)



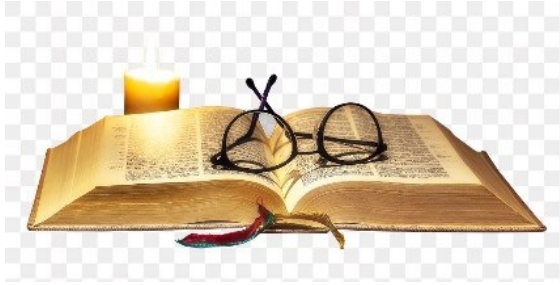
## **Level Up: One idea at a time in a masterclass on leadership**

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.

The Rev. Jack Shitama, Director of the Conferences' **Center for 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, step-by-step, from the masters, how to transform yourself and the world. The videos are on our affiliation website at: [www.pdcbbc.org/center-for-vital-leadership](http://www.pdcbbc.org/center-for-vital-leadership)



## News from the CLM Corner



### Greetings Laity,

I pray you are ready for a new Fall Season and all the blessings it promises to bring. It's a good time to update and remind your church members of the important role laity plays in the local church. Educate the members in your church by including names and titles of church leadership and what their responsibilities are ex:

SPRC – list the chair & members and briefly let them know the role of each ministry.

Lay Leader – Finance – Trustees –

This can be a simple addition to your church bulletin or separate list.

Your board of laity does an excellent job with workshops and conferences. Take advantage of these opportunities to learn more about your local church and ways you can serve.

The CLM class is one of the steps you can take toward ministry, **but you have to be prepared.**

**Church Membership, along with Church Attendance, Service, Giving, Bible Study, Basic Lay Servant Class, Advanced Classes, and becoming a Certified Lay Servant** are all requirements.

If you meet the above requirements, along with SPRC, Pastor and District Superintendent approval, you are ready to start classes to be a (CLM) **Certified Lay Minister**. Remember to document and retain all your paperwork along the way.

The next CLM class will start with Module 1 in December, 2024, with all 4 Modules completed by March, 2025.

Please feel free to call me if you have further questions.

**Brenda Tildon, CLM**  
**Director CLM Program**  
**Pen-Del Conference**  
**302-530-6422**  
**tildonbrenda@aol.com**

## Greetings Peninsula-Delaware Clergy and Laity,

The Peninsula-Delaware Conference Lay Academy Directors seek volunteers (both clergy and laity) **to teach Lay Academy classes**. The classes require 10 hours of instruction (divided over multiple days, varies per district). These classes are great opportunities for the laity in our conference to develop skills that help them minister to people in their ministry contexts. Each district offers two Lay Academy sessions per year, and we are working to offer conference-wide Lay Academy classes via ZOOM.

Please contact Kevin for more details. In your email, please include your name, phone number, email address, and the district you serve in. Also, please let us know if you can teach a conference-wide class via ZOOM.

Blessings,  
Kevin B. Chamberlain (302-236-1276)  
Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries  
[KBChamberlain@avenueumc.com](mailto:KBChamberlain@avenueumc.com)

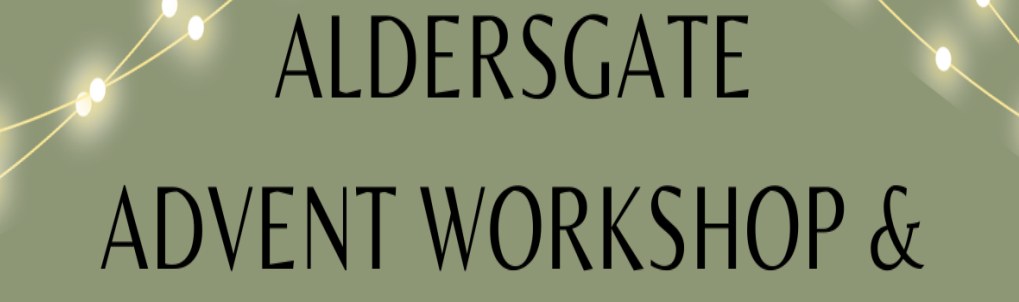
## Hello Laity,

The Delaware District Laity board is looking for a secretary and a treasurer to join our team. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm via ZOOM.

If interested, please contact:

Paul Ford at [pdougford52@gmail.com](mailto:pdougford52@gmail.com)  
Marlene Wright at [marleneawright0818@yahoo.com](mailto:marleneawright0818@yahoo.com)





ALDRSGATE  
ADVENT WORKSHOP &  
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING




Sunday, December 7

ADVENT WORKSHOP AT 6 PM

CAROLS AT 6:30 PM

TREE LIGHTING AT 7 PM



Join us to make Christmas crafts, sign  
Christmas cards, sing carols,  
enjoy hot chocolate, and our second outdoor  
Christmas tree lighting!







***Harvest Home at  
Union Wesley United Methodist Church  
32137 Powell Farm Rd., Frankford, De  
Friday, December 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.***

***Assorted Greens  
Various Meats  
Sweet & White Potatoes  
Fresh Fruits  
Assorted Cakes & Pies  
Crafts and Surprise Gift Boxes  
and more...***

***SPONSORED BY THE TRUSTEES OF  
UNION WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
(Clarksville)  
Rev. Jeanel Starling, Pastor***



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# *Barratt's Chapel*

**Lessons and Carols**  
**December 8, 2024 4pm**

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**"Joy to the World!"**





# ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14TH (5-7PM)**

*Refreshments & Activities in the Big House*

*Live Nativity*



*Hannimal Farms  
petting zoo*



*featuring Winnie the  
Moo and friends*

*Christmas Caroling*



*AND... A Very Special Guest*

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**HOCKESSIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

7250 Lancaster Pike | Hockessin, DE

[www.hockessinumc.org](http://www.hockessinumc.org) | 302-239-3030 | [churchoffice@hockessinumc.org](mailto:churchoffice@hockessinumc.org)





# Cookie Walk!

**Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Aldersgate United Methodist Church**

**2313 Concord Pike Wilmington DE 19803**

**Doors open at 9 a.m. - until cookies are gone!**

Fill a box with homemade Christmas cookies for \$15/box.

Christmas Crafts, baked goods, holiday snacks,  
and "New to You" Christmas decorations

Proceeds support Missions for Women, Children and Youth



United  
Women  
in Faith

# Annual Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 14, 2024  
5:00 p.m.

Sponsored By:

Indian Mission U.M. Church



Location:

Indian River Volunteer Fire Company  
32628 Oak Orchard Road, Millsboro, DE 19966

Homemade Baked Goods, Handcrafted Items, Fresh Produce, and Much More.

Lite Dinner Items Available:  
Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Soup, Sodas & Desserts



**Auction Begins at 6:00 p.m.**

For More Information Call:  
945-0830 or 934-7779

Please join us for an evening of food, fellowship and fun!!!!

*All proceeds go back into the community for Indian Mission UMC Mission Projects.*



**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

**DECEMBER 14, 2024**

**6:00PM**

**ST. GEORGES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
109 BROAD STREET. ST. GEORGES, DE 19733**

**LOVE OFFERING COLLECTED  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER CONCERT**

*Appearing Soon*

    [mercyswell.com](http://mercyswell.com)

# ALDERSGATE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 15, 2:00 PM

2313 CONCORD PIKE

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19803

**[WWW.ALDERSGATEDE.ORG](http://WWW.ALDERSGATEDE.ORG)**





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IN ROCKFORD PARK

# CHRISTMAS IN ROCKFORD PARK



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 · 4PM**

MT. SALEM IN ROCKFORD PARK · 2629 WEST 19TH STREET  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19806



**FEATURING:  
THE BLUE  
ROCK CHORUS**



**FREE  
CONCERT**





**St. Georges Umc**

**Christmas Candlelight Eve Service**

**December 24, 2024 @ 6:00pm**

**Join us to welcome the arrival of our newborn King!**

# Christmas Eve Services

HOCKESSIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
7250 Lancaster Pike | Hockessin, DE 19707  
[www.hockessinumc.org](http://www.hockessinumc.org) | 302-239-3030



**4pm - Children's**

**6pm - Hybrid (mix of  
Traditional and Contemporary)**

**8pm (Traditional)**

*Please join us as we celebrate the birth  
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!*

# The Dream Unfinished

  
**ELEVATION**  
ELEVATE VOCAL ARTS

Sunday, January 19th, 2025 | 3:00 PM

Mt. Salem UMC in Rockford Park  
2629 W 19th St. Wilmington, DE. 19806

Join Elevation in celebrating the legacy of **The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** with a musical tribute to his life and work, hosted in collaboration with **Mt. Salem United Methodist Church** in Rockford Park. Please register to reserve your seat ahead of the concert. We hope you will join us for this uplifting celebration!

Elevation

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No-Cost Tickets

Reserve your seat at [elevatevocalarts.org](http://elevatevocalarts.org)

Visit [elevatevocalarts.org](http://elevatevocalarts.org)  
or scan to reserve a seat at  
no cost!



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](mailto: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  
302-994-0400



## Maintenance Director Position Available

**Location: Conleys UMC,  
33106 Jolyns Way  
Lewes, DE**



**Job Description:** Conleys United Methodist Church in Lewes, DE, seeks a qualified Maintenance Director. The ideal candidate must possess skills in general maintenance areas, including carpentry, painting, plumbing, and electrical work, and must own their tools. The role requires lifting up to 50 pounds, a strong sense of safety awareness, and the capability to interact effectively with church staff, members, and volunteers on special maintenance projects.

While a candidate familiar with the church's vision, mission, values, and theology is preferred, all qualified individuals are encouraged to apply.

### Position Details:

**Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 6:30 AM to 10:30 AM

**Compensation:** This is a paid position with leave benefits available after satisfactory completion of a 90-day probationary period.

**How to Apply:** Interested candidates should email their resumes to [conleysumc@gmail.com](mailto:conleysumc@gmail.com).






# *New Castle United Methodist Church is Hiring!*



*New Castle United Methodist Church, 510 Delaware Street, Historic New Castle, DE, is seeking a part-time (15 hours a week) Administrative Assistant. This person will work under the direction of the Pastor and the Staff/Parish Relations Committee.*

The candidate will provide secretarial support to the Pastor, staff, and ministry of the church. Duties include, but are not limited to:

1. Serve as church receptionist (answering phones, screening calls, and relaying messages).
  2. Coordinate and route all mail.
  3. Update and maintain the church calendar of events and meetings.
  4. Maintain church records.
  5. Prepare and distribute weekly church bulletins and letters to members.
  6. Monitor and order supplies.
  7. Distribute food bags to clients who come to our door.
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## Qualifications:

1. The candidate must be flexible, personable, positive, and professional.
2. The candidate must be prompt, dependable, tactful, and trustworthy.
3. The candidate will be expected to learn the functions of our church committees.
4. The candidate must have or acquire knowledge of and the ability to use Microsoft Office software and be able to operate office equipment.



**Interested candidates may submit resume or inquiries to the church by emailing [newcastledeumc@gmail.com](mailto:newcastledeumc@gmail.com) and indicate “Attn SPRC Chairperson” in the subject line.**



Houston United Methodist Church is seeking a part-time piano/organ player. If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact Pastor Don Mulholland @ 302-249-0801 or email @ dmulholland73@hotmail.com

Houston UMC, 235 Broad St., Houston, DE 19954



St. Matthews By-The-Sea UMC in Fenwick Island DE has the following item available:

Baby Grand Piano: Used, in very good condition. Piano is a Zimmerman serial #376315. Asking \$600.00

or best offer. Buyer is responsible for moving/tuning. The purchase is: As is. No warranty/no guarantee.

Please contact our Trustee Chair, Terry Wildermuth at wildermut@aol.com or 703-801-9338 for any questions, or to see and play the Piano.



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