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## BUTLER DISTRICT BUCKET LIST

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### DISTRICT CALENDAR

*March 1 – Fund Balance Report due.* An Excel auto-calculation Fund Balance Report form is downloadable

*May 15 - Deadline for submitting the completed evaluation form to your district office*

*June 17 – 11:00 AM-1:00 PM -Retiree/Widows Luncheon – Bravo Cucina Italiana Restaurant*

*Butler District Webpage - <http://www.wpaumc.org/butler>*

*July 8 – 10 AM – noon - Harmony-Zelienople UMC - Pre-charge Briefing*

*July 29 – 10 AM – noon - Harmony-Zelienople UMC - Pre-charge Briefing-MAKE UP DAY!*

*September 4 – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM - Transition Seminar – WPA Conference Center, 1204 Freedom Rd, Cranberry Twp – Hickman Room*

*December 5 – Clergy Family Christmas Party – watch for details.*

*Welcome to New Pastors – watch for details*

### WPA CONFERENCE LINKS

*Keep up with upcoming events: <http://www.wpaumc.org/events>*

*Western Pennsylvania Conference on FaceBook - <https://www.facebook.com/wpaumc>*

*United Methodist Communications* Stay Connected! Receive the latest ministry tips, tools and news <http://www.umcom.org>

## 2014 APPOINTMENTS

**2014 APPOINTMENTS:** <http://www.wpaumc.org/appointments>

## OBITUARIES

**Obituaries:** - For details, see [wpaumc.org/obituaries](http://wpaumc.org/obituaries)

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



5/22/-Ronald Naugle  
5/26/-Alberta Osborne  
5/29/-Joel Garrett  
5/31/-Robert Mikesell



### MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – 2014

5/24-Erik A. & Lisa L. Hoeke  
5/24-Jeffrey & Karen Vanderhoff  
5/27-Bruce K. & Glenda L. Merritt  
5/27-David D. & Nancy H. Wilson  
5/28-Jason L. & Beth L. McQueen

## PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

- **Prayer for Missing Nigerian Girls:** Susan Henry-Crowe and Susan Greer Burton of the General Board of Church and Society offer a prayer on behalf of the more than 250 Nigerian schoolgirls kidnapped April 14 by Boko Haram. [See prayer.](#)
- The communities of Kersey & Ridgeway (Elk County, Kane District) have sustained flooding.
- After a fall last Thursday, Barbara Stinson (Dan) had surgery on her arm.
- **Death:** Evelyn June Perry, widow of the late Rev. Russ Perry, died Tuesday in Lakeland, FL. The Perrys received the 2006 Founder's Day Award from the UM Foundation of Western PA for their long-time support of Foundation activities and UM ministries in Western PA. Additional information will be posted when it becomes available at [wpaumc.org/obituaries](http://wpaumc.org/obituaries). Our District Superintendent, Joel Garrett, is recovering well following knee replacement surgery on May 5.
- Jean Robinson (Hengust) had a hip replacement at St. Margaret's hospital on May 8<sup>th</sup>. This was the 5th surgery on this hip. She has done very well and came home on Monday. She is getting rehab at home. Please keep her in prayers for continued healing.
- Kenneth Mains (Denise Mains) health concerns.
- Please keep Bishop Bickerton and all WPA Cabinet members in prayer during this 2014 appointment season.
- Please keep in prayer all clergy/families and churches receiving new appointments in 2014.

**Need the Demographics?** Through the Western PA Conference, your church can get a wealth of useful information about the community around you. [Learn more.](#)

**Ideas for Observing Memorial Day:** UMC.org offers [12 ways to observe Memorial Day.](#)

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**Ellwood City: First UMC** - The First United Methodist Church is sharing the experiences of Michael Airgood, a missionary to the Ukraine for the past four years on Monday evening June 2 at 7:00 PM at the First United Methodist Church, Crescent Avenue and 5th Street. A witness to atrocities as well as the determination of students defending their freedom fostered his love and concern for the Ukraine and its people. Please come and join us as we learn more about this troubled corner of the world through the stories of an eye witness. For further information please call 724-758-6278 or 724-758-4344.



**May 31, 2014**

**8:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

***Something for everyone!***

**Church equipment, Household Items,**

**Toys, Books, etc.**

Baden United Methodist Church

420 Dippold Avenue

Baden, PA 15005

724-869-2720

**All proceeds will benefit the Youth Fellowship Fund.**



Faith Community UMC (former Rochester: First UMC) SOCIAL HALL  
341 JEFFERSON STREET, ROCHESTER PA 15074  
ANY QUESTIONS CALL DAN @ 724-775-7729

2014  
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CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION

Upcoming distribution days; June 14, August 16, September 13, November 15 and December 13.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTION WILL BE FROM 10:00AM TO 2:00PM

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Chippewa United Methodist Church

Community Life Center  
118 McMillen Avenue  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010



CUMC Sports Leagues

3RD-6TH GRADE BASKETBALL

Chippewa UMC  
2545 Darlington Rd.  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010

For more information please contact—  
Dan Miller-dmiller@chippewaumc.org phone 724-843-4032 extension 202  
Chippewa UMC  
724-843-4828 (Church Office)  
Drop off registration forms with checks at the church office or mail to:  
Chippewa United Methodist Church  
2545 Darlington Rd, Beaver Falls, PA 15010.  
(Please make checks payable to CUMC)

**Getting a New Pastor?** Check out *50 Ways to Welcome a New Pastor*, one of several “50 Ways” resources from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership. [See the list.](#)

**Residential Licensing School:** The 2014 Residential Licensing School is scheduled for August 3-13 at Olmsted Manor Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA. [Download the application with details.](#)

## GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

**Religion-Race Action Grants:** The General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR) offers grants for innovative, bold, high-impact initiatives that will increase intercultural competency or support vital conversations about race, cultural diversity, and systemic equity. Share your idea for transforming the Church and the world. Annual conferences, churches, seminaries, and caucuses are all eligible to apply for a \$20,000 to \$80,000 CORR Action Fund grant. [Learn more.](#)

### Scholarships

**WPAUMC Scholarships:** Scholarship descriptions and application forms are available at [WPAUMC.org/scholarshipforms](http://WPAUMC.org/scholarshipforms)

**Scholarships for Christian Vocation:** The Conference UMW recently awarded three scholarships to individuals pursuing Christian vocation. [Read more.](#)

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:**

Click here [Check our classifieds.](#)

## CLERGY CORNER

Heading for a New Ministry Setting? Among several resources dealing with pastoral transition, the Lewis Center for Church Leadership offers a video resource called The Right Start. It offers ways to end your current ministry well, develop a personal transition plan, and make the most of your first days, weeks, and months in your new congregation. The Right Start has been updated for 2014. [Learn more.](#)

Need a Break? **All** of our WPAUMC camps offer free stays for clergy for a personal retreat. Since 2005, Jumonville has offered Pastime to encourage personal renewal for Christian leaders. Get details at [jumonville.org/pastime](http://jumonville.org/pastime) Wesley Woods invites clergy to stay in one of its 10 motel units and use any of the facilities. Camp Allegheny also offers a free stay. Meals are not provided. Call or email [Wesley Woods](#) or [Camp Allegheny](#).

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**Know a Young Adult Hearing a Call to Ministry?** Youth and young adults who may be discerning a call to ministry are invited to the United Methodist Center in Cranberry Twp. on Saturday, May 22 to talk with Bishop Bickerton and hear a panel of those in ministry discuss their call. [Learn more and register.](#)

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

**Peace with Justice Sunday is June 15!** Offerings received on this churchwide Special Sunday fund grants to ministries that encourage peace and cooperation in local communities and around the world. For example, thanks to a 2012 Peace with Justice grant, the Greater Hilltop Shalom Zone in Columbus, Ohio, is changing the culture of conflict and gang violence. [Read more.](#)

**March 1 - 2013 AUDIT REPORT--DUE MARCH 1, 2014** An Excel [auto-calculation](#) Fund Balance Report form is downloadable from <http://www.gcfa.org/forms> under Charge Conference forms. Audits are due in the District office by Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>. This allows adequate time for Audit Committees to complete their work.

**AUDIT THAT HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.** Many times the audit is completed but hasn't been forwarded to the district office. Please check.

*Ashes to Life, Baden, Beaver, Bethel: EauClaire, Boyers, Branchton, Center: NH, Central, Chicora, Clinton, Concord, Economy, Epworth, Faith Community (Bruin), Faith Community (Rochester), First:Butler, First: Ellwood City, First: Koppel, Freeport, Grace:NH, Harmony-Zelienople, Hilliards, Homewood, Janes, Karns City, King's Chapel, Monaca, Pulaski, Ridgeville, Riverview, St John's Spingdale, Thorncreek, Unionville, Volant, Wampum, Wesley: NC, West Liberty, Wurtemberg, Zion: Sarver.*

## **CROP** Hunger Walks

Rev. Kathy Clark is a field representative for Church World Service. She is available to help in the following ways:

Butler District will look at the possibility of hosting a district wide CROP Walk. Please let us know if you would like to be a host church in your sub-district!

- Help Communities start, revive or maintain CROP Hunger Walks, the oldest sponsor based walk-a-thon in the country
- Interpret the Blankets+ and Tools+ Programs
- Interpret the Signature Programs which focus on specific aspects of development
- Interpret the Refugee and Immigration Program
- Teach in a variety of settings (workshops, Sunday School, Moments for Mission, etc.) on aspects of hunger poverty and mission education
- Preach on scriptures related to God's mandate concerning hunger and poverty or provide pulpit supply in general

Rev. Clark is an ordained UMC pastor with previous experience as a national missionary for the General Board of Global Ministries (doing hunger education) and for UMCOR (domestic disaster response) as well as experience in pastoring churches in the WPA Annual Conference.

A list of CROP Hunger walks that will take place this fall within conference boundaries will be available soon.

Rev. Kathy Clark - Office phone: 412-422-1117

Cell phone: 412-867-5849

[kclark@cwsglobal.org](mailto:kclark@cwsglobal.org)

### HEALTH

**May is Mental Health Awareness Month.** United Methodists are encouraged to observe it in line with this year's theme, "Mind Your Health," by sharing mental health information with your local church or community, and learning ways to promote wholeness and wellness.

Visit [Mental Health America's](#) website for resources, including recovery and support services, mental health screenings, treatment, mental health information on a number of disorders, as well as practical ways to take positive actions in your daily life to promote wellbeing. You can also [click here](#) to learn the facts on mental illness presented by the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Greater Chicago

## YOUTH



### 2014 Youth Page to Annual Conference application

#### Summer Camp Registration

Registration Open for 2014 Summer Camp registration is now open through the websites of two of our WPAUMC camps – Jumonville and Camp Allegheny. Wesley Woods' will open soon.

To check the schedules and register, go to: **Click the camp name to view each site.**

[CampAllegheny.org](#) - [Jumonville.org](#) - [WesleyWoods.com](#)

**Unstoppable: A Mission Event for Young Women** (July 10-13 at Grove City College) is gathering registrations! Help the church to empower young women by spreading the word and encouraging young women that you know to attend. [Information is online - share it with others!](#)

**Bahamas WPA Young Adult VIM Team** You heard about it here first! This team is open to all young adults (age 18-36) in Western PA. Host: [Bahamas Methodist Habitat](#) Team Leader: [Stephanie Gottschalk](#) Travel dates are January 4-11, 2015 and Est. Cost: \$1400 [WPA VIM Team Application](#) and \$100 Deposit due by October 1st.

**Uth 4 Mission** is a WPA Conference-sponsored youth work camp that reaches out to those in need in the Johnstown area. [Registration](#) is still open for the July 7-11th event. Cost is \$275/each.

**Youth Mission U** is a separate service learning program for youth held at Grove City College during Adult Mission U. The brochure is attached but you can register [Youth and Adult Advisors](#)

## OLMSTED MANOR EVENTS

Continuing Education Event Schedule - <http://olmstedmanor.org/CCEF/CCEF-Events.htm>

Like Olmsted Manor? Keep up with happenings by liking [their Facebook page](#)

**Olmsted Manor Retreat Center, PO Box 8, Ludlow, PA 16333**

[www.olmstedmanor.org](http://www.olmstedmanor.org)

814-945-6512 \* [info@olmstedmanor.org](mailto:info@olmstedmanor.org)

### 2014 Tentative Program Dates for Olmsted Manor:

- June 22-26      Worship Arts Workshop
- July 13-15      Church Secretaries Workshop
- July 21-25      Retreat for Older Adults Training



WPA Conference United Methodist Ministers' Chorus



September 18, 2014  
Brush Valley U. M. Church  
Indiana District

October 16, 2014  
Central Highlands U. M. Ch.  
Washington District

November 20, 2014  
Greensburg: First U. M. Church  
Greensburg District

Thursday, April 16, 2015  
Warren: Grace U. M. Church  
Kane District

To schedule a concert, contact Rev. John V. King, Ministers' Chorus Secretary at 724-475-2660 or [johnbonnieking@verizon.net](mailto:johnbonnieking@verizon.net)

The Foundation for Evangelism

is seeking nominations for the 2014 Distinguished Evangelist of the United Methodist Church Award. With this honor, the Foundation celebrates a United Methodist clergy or lay person whose personal ministry in evangelism is recognized throughout the denomination. The 2014 Distinguished Evangelist of the United Methodist Church will join others such as Adam Hamilton, Shane Bishop, Jorge Acevedo, Charles Anderson, and Mark Beeson as exceptional United Methodist leaders who have a passion for evangelism.

Annual selection of the Distinguished Evangelist Award recipient is based upon simple principles:

1. A United Methodist clergy or layperson whose ministry is recognized for helping all persons experience God's transforming love through Jesus Christ;
2. An individual devoted in mind and heart to evangelism in the spirit of John Wesley;
3. An individual whose personal life reflects the quality and attractiveness of the Christian religion at its best.

The Distinguished Evangelist of the United Methodist Church is announced each fall. The deadline for nominations is June 4, 2014. To submit your nomination, [download this form](#).

To learn more visit [www.FoundationForEvangelism.org](http://www.FoundationForEvangelism.org) or call (800) 737-8333.

- [The Foundation for Evangelism](#)
- [Distinguished Evangelist of The United Methodist Church Award](#)
- [Download Nomination Form \(PDF\)](#)

**Pentecost, Sunday, June 8** - Throw the church a Spirit-filled birthday party with resources from [the United Methodist Board of Discipleship](#).

### Walk To Help The Homeless

You can help those who are homeless, just by walking. Join Erie United Methodist Alliance (EUMA) for the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Sat, June 7 at Presque Isle State Park. This 5K walk (and optional one mile fun walk) is presented by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield to benefit area non-profits – and we are one of them. Walk for EUMA (or support a walker) – *and 100% of your pledges/donations goes directly to fund our programs to the homeless community*. Registration is now open! Visit our website at [www.euma-erie.org](http://www.euma-erie.org) for a link to the Highmark Walk registration site.

### What Difference Does it Make?

Christian Identity in a Complex World

Sunday, June 8, 2014 from 7 pm to Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 4:30 pm

Join us in learning, sharing and worshipping as we explore who we are as Christians in the context of theology, poverty and peace-making. Speaker: Tony Campolo, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Eastern University & Founder, Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education (EAPE)

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

For details: [www.pts.edu/CE](http://www.pts.edu/CE) Questions? [ConEd@pts.edu](mailto:ConEd@pts.edu) or 412-924-1345

\$225/Full Conference ~ \$90/Day      CEUs: 1.8

Limited lodging available on campus. Register early!

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE DETAILS

#### **2014 ANNUAL CONFERENCE – JUNE 5-8, 2014-**

Clergy- Please do not schedule weddings, mission trips, vacations, etc. during Annual Conference. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

**Annual Conference Information Packet:** The packet, which was mailed to members of annual conference earlier this month, is available online. The online version has an updated phone number for those with on-campus housing questions. [See packet.](#)

**Clergy Spouse Brunch:** The focus for this year's Clergy Spouse Brunch is All God's Creatures, so in addition to sharing a delicious meal and enjoying musical entertainment, those attending will bring donated items for the Animal Rescue League's shelter and wildlife refuge. The brunch is 9:30 a.m. to 12 on June 5 in the Pew Fine Arts Bldg. at Grove City College. [See brochure with donation wish list.](#)  
[Register for the brunch.](#)

**Shoe Collection Correction** (Try saying that seven times!): Last week's e-news item about the shoe collection at annual conference indicated that "gently used or new shoes" would be collected to benefit the Erie Alliance and All God's Children Ministry. In reality, they will take shoes or other footwear like workboots in ANY CONDITION—singles or pairs. Unusable ones are recycled for the materials in them. The ministries will be paid by the pound and the unusable shoes repurposed for other uses. [Learn more.](#)

**Shoe Collection Update:** District offices have distributed clear plastic bags for churches to collect shoes to bring to annual conference. If people run out of packaging supplies, but still have shoes, don't worry. Bring the shoes to conference anyway. There will be supplies on site to package them there.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE REMINDERS

Don't forget to bring your UMCOR Kits and Used Shoes to Annual Conference!

[UMCOR Kit Collection by Eastbrook Mission Barn](#) wants school kits.

[Used Shoe Drive](#) to support Erie UM Alliance and All God's Children Ministries.

**Registered for AC2014?** Barely a week remains for you to register for the 2014 annual Conference before the late fee kicks in! Save money and register now at [wpaumc.org/AC2014](http://wpaumc.org/AC2014).

**Other AC Registrations:** Now is also the time to register for child care, Recess, Laity Academy classes (not just for laity!), and special interest group meals such as the Clergy Spouse brunch, Duke Divinity Alumni Luncheon. All the registration links are on the [AC2014 webpage](#).

**Things to Bring to AC2014:** The Mission Barn will be collecting UMCOR kits and materials and the Erie Alliance/All God's Children Ministries will collect gently used or new shoes. Trailers will be in the parking lot behind the plenary area.

[Get details on shoe collection](#)

Get kit recipes from [wpaumc.org/missionbarn](http://wpaumc.org/missionbarn)

## **YOU'RE THE KEY** to help reach others **FOR CHRIST!** **BRING A FRIEND**

**Bring A Friend**, a ministry of friendship, has been the key to effective evangelism with Billy Graham for over 60 years. It is based on the biblical account of Andrew in John 1:40, 42 (NIV): "Andrew then went to find his brother...and he brought him to meet Jesus."

**Bring A Friend** is a plan by which Christians pray for individuals they know who need Christ, cultivate friendships with them and ultimately invite and bring them to the Festival. Pastors and Church Leaders are urged to secure quantities of the **Bring A Friend** brochure and plan a **Bring A Friend** Sunday (during the worship hour) at your church.

Listed below are suggested dates to promote  
**Bring A Friend Emphasis Sundays**

**June 8**  
**July 20**  
**July 27**  
**August 3**  
**August 10**

Visit the website for helpful resource tools.

1. **Bring A Friend brochures** (Adult, Youth and Kids) are available in bulk at the Festival Office.
2. **Suggestions for Implementation** that includes a Message Outline
3. **Promo Slide**
4. **Promo Video**

**For more information contact:**

Three Rivers Festival of Hope Office  
206 Mary Street  
Carnegie, PA 15106  
Phone: 412.249.8091  
Email: [threeriversfestival@bgea.org](mailto:threeriversfestival@bgea.org)  
Web: [www.ThreeRiversHope.org](http://www.ThreeRiversHope.org)

**Aldersgate Renewal Conference:** Aldersgate 2014, a family friendly conference for United Methodists, will be held in Springfield, IL July 17-20. This year's theme is FREEDOM! Get details and register at [aldersgate2014.org](http://aldersgate2014.org)

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July 21 - UMC Night at PNC Park: Order your tickets now to see Pittsburgh Pirates tickets play the LA Dodgers on United Methodist Night at PNC Park. It's July 21, but Pirate tickets are selling fast! [Get details.](#)



Faith Night Returns to PNC Park: The second Faith Night at PNC Park is scheduled for Thursday, June 26. Game Time for the Pirates vs. New York Mets is 7:05 p.m. It's also Zambelli Fireworks Night! Get details and buy tickets at [www.pirates.com/faithnight](http://www.pirates.com/faithnight)

July 28-August 6, 2014 Algonquin Canoe Trip

It's more than just a challenge, more than just an adventure. For more information or to register, go to [www.wpaumc.org/camping](http://www.wpaumc.org/camping).

August 14-17 - The Race: Strategies for Relevant, Authentic, Christ-centered Engagement with the World

A School of Congregational Development Event

Thursday, August 14 – Sunday, August 17, 2014

Matthews United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC28105

Registration and Details at [www.scdumc.com](http://www.scdumc.com)

August 15-17 - Franklin Graham to hold Pittsburgh revival August 15th-17th, 2014

The Rev. Franklin Graham, the son, namesake and ministry heir to legendary evangelist Billy Graham, gathered with several hundred Pittsburgh-area pastors and others recently to formally launch the countdown to a three-day revival here in August. Details to be announced.

Rev. Graham is scheduled to preach Aug. 15-17 at what's being called the Three Rivers Festival of Hope, organized by an array of Protestant and Catholic churches, at the CONSOL Energy Center. "I'm going to present the Gospel as plainly and simply as I know how and give people an opportunity to respond," Rev. Graham said.

The center has a capacity of more than 19,000, depending on seating and staging configuration.

Friday – Sunday, August 22-24, 2014 – Autism Family Retreat at Jumonville Camp and Conference Center

Read about the 2013 retreat at <http://www.wpaumc.org/news/detail/964>

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**Evangelist Available to Churches:** Conference Evangelist John Zimmerman has a new website that introduces his passion, resources and availability for ministry with churches throughout Western PA. He says his understanding of evangelism is highly relational rather than traditional --“go and be” rather than “go and tell.” He wants to empower the church to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world –so much so that he’s willing to bring his RV to your church and stay awhile. Check out the video on his website [af180.org](http://af180.org).

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What do you know about **Disability Legislation & History** in the UM Church? [Take the Quiz!](#)

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**SoSA Resources for National Hunger Action Month (September)**

September is National Hunger Action Month. Plan now to make September 2014 a time for your congregation to stand together against hunger, joining with the Society of St. Andrew to see that each person in this country has healthy, nourishing food to eat. Click on our "Go to Story Online" button to get all the information, find downloads ready-to-use, and to order additional materials. [Information](#)



**Mission u:** Want to experience Christian mission in its many forms? Check out Mission u, scheduled for mid-July at Grove City College. The annual event, sponsored jointly by the Conference and the United Methodist Women, has programs tailored for those with varying interests and schedules. It's family-friendly and offers something for all ages. Get details at [wpaumc.org/2014missionu](http://wpaumc.org/2014missionu).

Mission u-July 11-13, 2014-Weekend Event  
Mission u-July 13-17, 2014-Weekday School

More information on Mission U can be found at:

<http://www.wpaumc.org/missionu>  
<http://www.wpaumc.org/newsdetail/49405>  
<http://www.wpaumc.org/eventdetail/51512>

September 27 – Butler District Fall Meeting – Details TBA

**Conference United Methodist Women** (UMW) Annual Meeting - October 18, 2014: Details to come.

### **CONFERENCE UMW: BACKPACK PROGRAM**

The Conference United Methodist Women are collecting non-perishable food items for the Back Pack Program of the Second Harvest Food Bank of NW PA. Please bring all the collected items to Annual Conference.

The food items are: 100% juice in single-serving unbreakable bottles, boxes or pouches; small boxes or bags of nutritious cereal; nutritious snack/breakfast bars/ fruit cups; small boxes of raisins or dried fruit; microwave popcorn; nonperishable single-serve microwave kids meals; individually packaged crackers/cookies; small can of tuna; pudding or Jell-O cups; single-serve macaroni and cheese meals.

For more information, call Donna at 814-866-2781.

## **“Too Amazing to Keep to Yourself”**

*Finding Your Personal Faith-Sharing Style*

*Sharing Christ with your friends ...and keeping them as friends*

**There are 4 different REGIONAL SCHOOLS of EVANGELISM  
with two keynote messages and six break-out sessions each.**

Sponsored By: WPA UMC Evangelism Team

Register Now 

**TIME:** 9:30am – 3:30pm

**COST:** Early Bird Rate: \$10/person June/July Regular: \$20/person \$10/students

**Registration includes:** Snacks/lunch, book: “Too Amazing to Keep to Yourself” & an evangelism styles survey.  
.5CEU's

### **School of Evangelism 1:**

**Sept 13** Good Shepherd UMC 9870 Rte 36 N., Leeper, PA (Kane District)

Keynote: Rev Chris Kindle (WPAUMC conference staff)

Keynote: Ken Wilson (Member of Harmony-Zelienople UMC Author of “To Amazing to Keep to Yourself.”

2 sets of 6 breakouts after lunch

### School of Evangelism 2:

**Oct 11** Saegertown UMC 620 Euclid Ave, Saegertown, PA (Erie/Meadville District)

Keynote: Rev Bob Trask (Pastor Brockway Charge, Chair Indiana District Evangelism Committee)

Keynote: Ken Wilson (Member of Harmony-Zelienople UMC Author of "To Amazing to Keep to Yourself.")

2 sets of 6 breakouts after lunch

### School of Evangelism 3:

**Oct 25** Concord UMC 285 Concord Church Road, Beaver Falls, PA (Butler District)

Keynote: Bishop Bickerton (WPAUMC Bishop)

Keynote: Ken Wilson (Member of Harmony-Zelienople UMC Author of "To Amazing to Keep to Yourself.")

2 sets of 6 breakouts after lunch

### School of Evangelism 4:

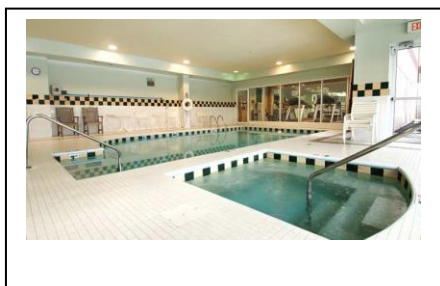
**Nov 15** Grace UMC 320 Felgar Road, Somerset, (Connellsville District)

Keynote: Rev Bill Blair (District Superintendent, Connellsville District)

Keynote: Ken Wilson (Member of Harmony-Zelienople UMC Author of "To Amazing to Keep to Yourself.")

2 sets of 6 breakouts after lunch

**Rethink Church Resources:** Rethink Church's recent national advertising reminds people that when we respond by offering our time, resources, and energy, we help meet people's most basic needs. If your church does feeds the hungry, does a community service project or ministry to meet basic needs, Rethink Church has some free videos and graphics you can download to use in worship, on social media or in newsletters. [See what's available](#)



Save this 2014 Date!

October 24-25

East Ohio

Western Pennsylvania

*Clergy Spouse Retreat*

Returns to Twinsburg, OH

Hilton Garden Inn & Conference Center **8971 WILCOX DR. TWINSBURG, OH**



Join us for great food....great activities....and great times with friends, old and new!

Refresh yourself in this bright, beautiful, relaxing hotel. Come shape your Friday-Saturday however YOU want it to be! Walks in the October woods & garden, fun crafts & valuable workshops are all yours for the taking. Or sleep in, swim and stay up all night in the well-stocked Hospitality Suite!

**PLAN NOW TO INVITE FRIENDS & JOIN US**

**WHERE East MEETS West— BUILDING BRIDGES OF**

FAITH

## 2014 Tour The Lands of the Bible with Bishop Thomas Bickerton

Holy Land: The Lands of the Bible, Then and Now!

2014 Tour with Bishop Thomas Bickerton & the Western Pennsylvania United Methodists\_November 12 - 21, 2014\_Rev.

Tom Carr is leading a group on this once-in-a-lifetime trip to the Holy Land in November.

The 10 day basic trip includes visits to Bethlehem, Jericho and the Jordan River Baptismal Site at Qasr el Yehud, Qumran, the Dead Sea, Tabgha, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Tiberias, Cana, Nazareth, Ibillin, Haifa and Jerusalem. While in Jerusalem for 3 days, we will visit numerous sites, concluding with a celebration of communion at the Garden Tomb.

The all-inclusive price is \$3198 from Pittsburgh.

There will be an information meeting about this Holy Land trip on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at First UMC in Reynoldsville in Thornton Hall. You may attend this meeting without making a commitment to the trip, but there will be the opportunity to register for those who desire so to do.

If you would like more information or a brochure, please contact Tom at 814-653-8593 (office) or 412-600-7375 (cell), by email at [revtomcarr@gmail.com](mailto:revtomcarr@gmail.com), or by US Postal mail at 506 Jackson Street, Reynoldsville, PA 15851

This trip is organized by Educational Opportunities Tours, with over 40 years of service and experience.

## MISSION NEWS/OPPORTUNITIES



### *WPA/Zimbabwe Partnership -Butler/Mutare Districts*

To learn more about the Zimbabwe Partnership, contact Sandra Matoushaya at [sandra.matoushaya@wpaumc.org](mailto:sandra.matoushaya@wpaumc.org) or 724.776.2300 ext. 249.

- Butler Mutare District Parsonage and Gwese Orphanage Trust

Please remember to send your check to the district office and we will include it in our quarterly gift to the conference.

Remember to send us your creative ideas on raising funds for the District Parsonage and Gwese Orphanage.

Thank you to those churches who continue to send funds for the Zimbabwe Partnership.

**Making a Difference in Zimbabwe:** Schools, pastoral counseling, hospitals and children's homes are all part of the outreach United Methodists are doing in Zimbabwe, as staff and directors of the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry learned during a recent visit to Africa University.

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## Elk County Flooding - ERT Teams needed ASAP

At least 50 homes have been affected and over 70 people have been in shelters due to recent flooding in parts of Elk County (Kane District.) WPA's Disaster Response is being conducted through Trinity UMC in Ridgeway. Early Response Teams are needed immediately. **ERT leaders are asked to schedule their team by contacting Trinity UMC's church office** at 814-772-5212 or [tumc@windstream.net](mailto:tumc@windstream.net) Red Cross and other agencies are still assessing the damage. We will keep you posted as our response develops. Please pray for those affected and responding. If you know of flooding in other areas, please contact Rev. Rick Nelson at 814-563-7861 or [rick@nelsonrb.net](mailto:rick@nelsonrb.net)

Consider a special offering for WPA Disaster Response. UMCOR [Emergency Offering Envelopes](#) can be ordered for FREE from [here](#)

Visit the UMCOR site for Kit "recipes"

<http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies>

UMCOR Relief Supplies Needed: UMCOR reports that as shipments of relief-supply kits continue to move out of depots, replenishing shelves to meet future emergency needs remains a concern. Last weekend, in response to Cyclone Ian, a category-5 storm that struck the South Pacific island nation of Tonga, UMCOR West Depot sent 2,000 school kits and 2,000 health kits. They were included in a mixed container organized by the Tongan United Methodist community in Salt Lake City, home to UMCOR West. Use the relief-kit instructions on UMCOR's Relief-Supply web page to purchase items for school kits, health kits, layette kits, bedding packs, and sewing kits, which are all in great demand now. Completed kits, donations of items for kits, or cash donations may be brought to the Eastbrook Mission Barn, an UMCOR depot, or the UM Center in Cranberry Twp. [Visit Mission Barn webpage](#)

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

**The 2014 conference of the International Association of Methodist-related Schools, Colleges and Universities, Saturday-Wednesday, May 24-28** - The event in Hiroshima, Japan is open to pastors as well as educators. The theme is "Peace, Reconciliation and Human Rights." [Details](#).

**African American Summit, Tuesday-Wednesday, June 3-4** - Retired United Methodist Bishop Ernest S. Lyght will be the guest speaker for Peninsula-Delaware Conference event at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, 11868 Academic Oval, Princess Anne, Md. \$25. Call the Rev. Sheila Hunley at 410-810-4612. [Details](#).

**Free webinar "Safe Sanctuaries for Camps and Retreats - Part Two," Tuesday, May 27 - 11 a.m. CT**, This training is for local church leaders who do camps and retreats as well as leaders serving at camp and retreat centers. [Details](#).

**Free webinar "Children's Ministry: Created by God," Thursday, May 29 - 10 a.m. CT**, Advice for using the "Created by God" curriculum, which teaches 'tweens about bodies, growth and development, relationships, reproduction and God's role and desire for this process. [Details](#).

**Ascension Day, Thursday, May 29** - "Ride on King Jesus" is among the litanies and meditations to celebrate Christ's Ascension from [the United Methodist Board of Discipleship](#).

**Pentecost, Sunday, June 8** - Throw the church a Spirit-filled birthday party with resources from [the United Methodist Board of Discipleship](#).

**Day 1, Sunday, June 8 and Sunday, June 15** - The Rev. Charles Reeb, senior pastor of Pasadena Community Church (United Methodist) will be the featured speaker Pentecost and Trinity Sunday on the nationally syndicated radio program "Day 1." [To listen](#).

**Free webinar "Sunday School Curriculum Review," Thursday, June 12 - 7-8 p.m. ET**, A discussion of the different types of curriculum available and factors to consider in selection, led by Debbie Kolacki, a certified Christian educator and United Methodist lay servant. [Details](#).

**Lake Junaluska Summer Youth Events, June 12 - July 20** -Lake Junaluska Youth Events will focus on being the Body of Christ through service, worship, and community with afternoons free for groups to customize their trip and explore the mountains of North Carolina. Leadership includes Shane Claiborne, Duffy Robbins, Andy Lambert and more. Register at <http://www.lakejunaluska.com/youth>.

**Aldersgate 2014 Conference, Thursday to Sunday, July 17-20** - The national conference of Aldersgate Renewal Ministries will be at the Prairie Capital Convention Center in Springfield, Ill. The theme is freedom. [Details](#).

**Prepare: A Training for New Leaders, Monday-Tuesday, June 23-24 & Summer Institute, Tuesday to Friday, June 24-27** - Both events at Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta aim to address that need by training, equipping, and building a network for new, seasoned or prospective United Methodist collegiate ministers.. Combined cost of events is \$100. [Details](#).

**Deadline to apply for CORR Action Fund grants, Monday, June 30** - The United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race will award grants of **\$20,000 to \$80,000** to "innovative, bold, high-impact initiatives" that will increase intercultural competency or support vital conversations about race, cultural diversity and systemic equity. [Details](#).

## **United Methodist Rural Advocates (UMRA) Legislative Consultation 2014**

**Who:** Lay and clergy committed to rural ministry

**When:** Tuesday, September 30 at 2:00 pm - Friday, October 3 at Noon

**Where:** Embassy Suites, 319 SW Pine, Portland, OR 97204

**Why:** Advocate for Rural Church and Community

Have input on UMRA Legislation for 2016 General Conference

Team building                      Learn what is going well in rural ministry

Identify and define roles and responsibilities of UMRA GC Volunteers

Hold Quadrennial Meeting of UMRA

Hold Fundraising Auction on Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Meet in conjunction with Rural Church Network – Tour & Lunch on Friday afternoon

Cost: \$382.00/person\*- Double Occupancy; \$650.00/person- Single Occupancy

\*Includes 3 room nights, 2 lunches and 1 dinner plus full breakfast and evening reception.  
Group room rates are available 3 days pre- and post-event only at time of registration for \$179.00/room.  
Airport shuttle, Tri-Met, and additional information will be sent later. Parking -\$12.50/day.  
For more information or to register contact: Rev. Debbie Ketcham<[revdsk@frontier.com](mailto:revdsk@frontier.com)>  
7633 SR 753 South, Greenfield, OH 45123 614-580-2382 (cell)

**Early Registration (without payment) is June 23, 2014, so we know you are interested.**  
**Registration deadline and payment due date is August 23, 2014! Make checks payable to UMRA.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lay \_\_\_\_\_ Clergy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone numbers \_\_\_\_\_  
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Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ Tour Y / N

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Please remove the 204 Gregg Drive address from you mailing lists. This was the address of the old parsonage and that property has been sold.

Email: [Butler.District@wpaumc.org](mailto:Butler.District@wpaumc.org) (Rev. Joel Garrett)

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Website: <http://www.wpaumc.org/districts/detail/24>

Send us your newsworthy items by Wednesday for publication in the Thursday edition of our weekly Bucket List



