

September 18, 2019

STATE COLLEGE DISTRICT NEWS & NOTES

Disaster Response Ministry Opportunities

When disasters happen, it is generally the local churches that provide the most immediate response to those in their communities who have a need. This basic understanding – that **disaster response is local** – forms the foundation for UMCOR's U.S. disaster training and response efforts. Building on that foundation, the Susquehanna Conference utilizes a multi-faceted approach to aid in any response or relief efforts, both within the Conference and abroad. For more instructions on how you can donate to the United Methodist Church's disaster response efforts, including giving to the **UMCOR US Disaster Response & Recovery Advance (# 901670)**, or **UMCOR International Disaster Response & Recovery Advance (# 982450)**, and for more information on disaster response ministry opportunities:

[CLICK HERE](#)

PLEASE BE SURE YOUR CLEARANCES ARE UP TO DATE

REMINDER – "[PA STATE POLICE CRIMINAL HISTORY REPORT](#)", "[FBI CRIMINAL HISTORY REPORT](#)" AND "[PENNSYLVANIA CHILD ABUSE HISTORY CERTIFICATION](#)" - All three clearances must be obtained EVERY 60 months. Please be sure yours are up to date. When you renew any clearances, please send a copy to the district office. Thank you!

Click for clearances instructions: <https://www.susumc.org/safe-sanctuaries/>

Online Training Coming to Safe Sanctuaries

“The Susquehanna Conference has partnered with MinistrySafe to deliver Safe Sanctuaries training online.

Coming on October 1st, this new system will allow you to train in Safe Sanctuaries requirements, learn mandated reporting practices, and to identify signs of suspected abuse.”

[View the MinistrySafe Demo Video](#)

PREACHING FESTIVAL – Jan 20 – 22, 2020

*Bishop's Retreat 2020
January 20 – 22
Hershey Lodge
325 University Drive
Hershey, PA 17033*

You can register online at <https://www.susumc.org/bishops-retreat/>

Prayers and Praises

Rick Bender – operation for kidney stones

Choir Director Position Open at Covenant UMC

Covenant United Methodist Church currently has a position available for a choir director. This individual would be responsible for the selection and provision of choral anthems for all regular traditional, seasonal, and special services offered by Covenant United Methodist Church. The Choir Director must possess exceptional skills in choir organization and conducting. He or she would be responsible for rehearsing with the choir, church organist/pianist, soloists, choir groups, or instrumentalists as needed in preparation for the Sunday Worship Service at 8:45 am. A complete job description and other information can be obtained by contacting Rev. Alison W. Grove, at agrove@susumc.org or by calling 570-748-8544. Starting salary is based on experience.

Rev. Alison W. Grove, Pastor

Covenant United Methodist Church

44 W. Main Street

Lock Haven PA 17745-1218

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

Joshua 24:15

**Celebrating our churches in the State College district
(I will try to publish celebrations/praises, etc in each issue, as we receive them. Please forgive me if I miss one.)**

Penns Valley Charge – St James Coburn will have a presence at the Coburn car show with proceeds to benefit church family members dealing with cancer.

Pleasant Gap – Fill the hamper project to collect gloves, mittens, scarves, etc for Pleasant Gap Elem school.

Philipsburg Grace/Morgan Run Charge – has a Soup Supper in February each year. And block parties in September.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER SUPPORTIVE FELLOWSHIP

DISTRICT RETREAT

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 – 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

SIGN UP TODAY!

Wednesday, October 9, 2019 – 6 pm - 8 pm **for Bi-Vocational only** at the District Office
(supper will be provided RSVP by October 2, 2019 to statecollege@susumc.org)

The retreat is for all pastor's serving in the State College District (Elders, Deacons, Local Pastor's, CLM's and DS hires.) I want to remind you that the Retreat is mandatory - we need to connect with one another and put it as a priority! There will CEU's for the day.

CRAFT VENDORS NEEDED

Church Hill United Methodist Church will be hosting their 2nd annual art festival on Oct 5th, 2019. The hours are 9AM -2:30PM This is an outdoor event and will take place rain or shine. We are looking for local art and craft vendors. We prefer no commercial vendors currently. Contact us at 717-667-3778 or our website at umchurchesreedsville.com for application.

EVENTS AT SPRUCETOWN UMC

177 Upper Georges Valley Road, Spring Mills

Homemade Ham Pot Pie Public Meal September 21, 2019 4-6:30pm. Ham with Freshly Rolled Pot Pie Dough, Green Beans, Apple Sauce, Cole Slaw, Rolls & Butter and Delicious Cakes. **Cost:** Adults \$10.00, Children age 6-12 \$5.00, 5 and under eat FREE **Takeouts Available**

World Communion and Dedication Sunday October 6, 2019 – We will come to the Lord's table together with Christians around the world. We will also dedicate the beautiful stained-glass shadowbox along with the Zimmerman family and friends, assisted by Pastor Jeff Mugridge. Bring a covered dish to share at the potluck lunch that follows.

Homecoming & Potluck Lunch Sunday October 13, 2019 – Our guest speaker is Rev. Brenda Leigey, newly appointed District Superintendent. Potluck fellowship meal to follow the service.

Renewing Waters Baptism and Professions of Faith service October 20, 2019 11 am – A service that allows all who are called to commit their lives to Christ through the water of baptism, renewal of baptismal vows and to join the church through profession of faith. Contact Pastor Theresa if you want to learn more, theiser@susumc.org.

Pizza at The Potter's House Night Nov. 1 What a wonderful way to spend an All Saint's Day evening! Dinner is ready at 6:30pm. We'll have assorted pizzas and drinks then popcorn for all as we watch together "A Journey to the Potter's House" with special permission from the artist, Michael Ferris. This event is not intended for ages 12 and under. Preview a sample here:

Coffee, Treats & Three Simple Rules Study Nov. 4, 11, 18 7-8:30pm Learn the basics of the United Methodist faith with the Coffee, Treats and Three Simple Rules study led by Pastor Theresa. This video and discussion format allow us to have a relaxed, casual chat over coffee and treats as we consider John Wesley's three simple rules as a way of living. Open to youth (grade 7 and up) and adults. Anyone may participate, whether you belong to this or any church or no church. All welcome! If you are able, bring a treat to share, but it is not required.

For more information about these events, visit <http://pennsvalleyparish.info/sprucetown-umc/>

Trinity Woodward
224 Trinity Lane in Woodward

FREE Community Pancake and Sausage Breakfast October 12, 2019 from 8-10am at Trinity United Methodist Church, 224 Trinity Lane in Woodward. Sponsored by Trinity's Ladies Aide. All are welcome. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. For more information visit PennsValleyParish.info or contact Molly Buchanan by email at mollysue1@verizon.net.

2019 CHURCH CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Clinton County Cluster

Sun, October 6 @ 2 pm @ Covenant

Moshannon Valley Cluster

Sun, October 13 @ 6 pm @ Gethsemane

Penns Valley Cluster

Mon, Oct 14 @ 7 pm @ Grace Centre Hall

Mifflin County Cluster

Sun, Oct 20 @ 2 pm @ Church Hill

Juniata Cluster

Sun, Oct 20 @ 7 p.m. @ Port Royal

Bellefonte Cluster

Mon, Oct. 21 @ 7 p.m. @ Howard

State College Cluster

Thurs, Oct 24 @ 7 pm @ Mt Nittany

**REMINDER to Pastors AND churches – Please make sure
Your churches are aware of the wall board to be presented
At Church conference so that no church is excluded
from having their wall board displayed.**

State College District UMC

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please send a note to statecollege@susumc.org*

Calendar

Sept 28 – State College UMW
Annual Day – Pleasant Gap UMC

Sept 24 – Bishop's Day Apart
East, 1st UMC Muncy

Sept 25 - Bishop's Day Apart
West, Good Shepherd in Tyrone

Oct 2 – Wed. Webinar: Finance
& Benefits

Oct 8 – Our Life Together
District Retreat – Krislund Camp

Oct 16 – Wed Webinar: Equipped
for Vitality

January 20 – 22, 2020 –
Preaching Festival

March 12, 2020 Supportive
Fellowship for Altoona and State
College at Church of the Good
Shepherd in Tyrone - \$35/person,
and our districts will cover cost of
lunch. CEUs for clergy and
CLMs will be available. (more
info to come)