

# STATE COLLEGE DISTRICT

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## NEWS & NOTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2017



### PASTORS SEEKING RETIREMENT AT THE 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Active Pastors under appointment (Local Church and Extension Ministry) who are considering requesting the Retired Relationship at the 2018 session of annual conference are urged to check paragraph No. 357, page 304 in the *2016 Book of Discipline*. I call your attention to the second sentence of the opening statement.

***"Requests for retirement shall be stated in writing to the Bishop, Cabinet, and the Board of Ordained Ministry at least one hundred twenty days prior to the date on which retirement is to be effective unless waived by the bishop and cabinet."***

**If you are considering retirement at the 2018 session of annual conference, please be sure to honor the time restriction.** As indicated in the *2016 Discipline*, your request should be sent to the Bishop. Please copy your request letter to your District Superintendent; with additional copies to the Rev. Suzanne Elliott, chairperson of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, the Rev. Pat Woolever, chairperson of the Board's Conference Relations Committee, and Kelly Cox, Conference Pension Officer.

If you have any additional questions, please be sure to contact your District Superintendent and/or the Episcopal Office.

Gregory C. Myers  
Assistant to the Bishop

### RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE - ONE EXCHANGE

Medicare's Open Enrollment is approaching. Open enrollment is an annual period from October 15-December 7, 2017, that allows you to change your Medicare supplement or Part D Prescription Drug plan for the following year. You will receive a newsletter from One Exchange in early October regarding open enrollment.

**If you are satisfied with your current coverage and don't plan to make any changes, then no action is required.** Your plan will automatically renew and you don't have to worry about contacting One Exchange.

The Board of Pensions will fund the HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement) in 2018 for the same amount as in 2017. As you know, any remaining funds from 2017 will roll over into 2018.

**If you have any questions**, please contact Kelly Cox, Conference Benefits Officer, at [kcox@susumc.org](mailto:kcox@susumc.org) or 717-766-5275, ext. 3401.

UMCOR – RELIEF BUCKETS

The HUB at Trinity Bellefonte has arranged for trailers and drivers to collect and deliver flood buckets to Mission Central.

**The drop-off point L** will be at [130 North Water Street](#) in Bellefonte, right off Veteran's Bridge. There will be a trailer there.

**Hours for drop-off:** Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through September 28.  
**Contact:** Linda Mundy Boone at [814-280-3852](tel:814-280-3852) for questions or other delivery times.

**From our instructions:**

Buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned. Do not use buckets that have stored caustic chemicals. Advertisements on the outside are acceptable.

From UMCOR:

- **5-gallon bucket with resealable lid**
  - Buckets from fast-food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned
  - Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner
  - Advertisements on the outside are acceptable

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT  
YOUNG ADULT GATHERING**

The young adults of the Susquehanna Conference are hosting a Young Adult gathering night at

**Sunday, September 24, 2017**  
**Christ UMC**  
[47 E. King St., Shippensburg, PA 17257](#)  
**3 - 6 p.m.**

At this gathering we will have a time of worship, fellowship with other young adults, and talk about further meetings.

Please feel free to share this information with the young adults at your church. We would love to welcome them. If they are interested but are unable to make it to Shippensburg, we will have Internet access to Skype or FaceTime, so your young adults can call into the gathering.

**If you have any questions**, please contact Audrey Wilder - [awilder@susumc.org](mailto:awilder@susumc.org).



## OUR DISTRICT

### 2017 CHARGE CONFERENCE DATES ARE SET CORRECTIONS/CHANGES TO CHARGE CONFERENCE FORMS

Charge Conference forms on the website needed a few changes and corrections. The following forms have recently been changed.

1. The checklist has been changed and updated
2. Form 4c: Local Church Officers Alternate Ministry Structure
3. Form 6: Recommendation for Pastoral Compensation:  
Section D, #2 Corrected Figures for Health Insurance
4. Reports Due Later: Day Care Exemption Due March 1 to Finance Office

Please use the most recent changes in your reports.

Bellefonte

*Charge Conference – Sun, Oct 22 @ 2 p.m. @ Pleasant Gap*

Clinton County

*Charge Conference – Sun, October 29 @ 2pm @ Woolrich*

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*Charge Conference – Sun, Nov 5 @ 1:30 pm @ Aldersgate Mifflintown*

Mifflin County

*Charge Conference – Sun, Nov 5 @ 4 pm @ First Lewistown*

Moshannon Valley

*Charge Conference – Sun, Nov 19 @ 2 pm @ Trinity Philipsburg*

Penns Valley

*Charge Conference – Sun, Nov 26 @ 2 pm @ Grace Centre Hall*

State College

*Charge Conference – Sun, Nov 12 @ 2 pm @ Mt Nittany*



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*Electronic files are best for submitting your signed charge forms (with copies for those who attend your charge conference), but if you have to send copies of your forms, PAPER CLIPS work better than staples. It makes my work much easier; when I need to scan/email/copy or shred. Thank you for your attention to this detail. AND if you are looking for your Charge name (and even church name), please check either the District Directory or the Conference Journal. Thanks!*

## LIFE AFTER LOSS

**LIFE AFTER LOSS:** A Group for the Bereaved is an educational and therapeutic course designed for persons grieving any loss by the counselors at St. Mary's Hospice, Tucson, Arizona. We offer this course at **St. Paul's UMC, State College, Pa.** starting Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, running for 6 consecutive weeks. We have been offering this wonderful course for the last 14 years and we have helped others to provide it in our area as well.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Janet Mitchell at [\(814\) 861-3917](tel:8148613917) or Karen Eklund at (814) 8549, before Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The class starts at 12:05 on Sunday,

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the church building (St. Paul's UMC, [250 East College Ave, state College, Pa.](#) Use the parking lot behind the church on Calder Way, and enter by the double glass doors, with the elevator nearby.

If you know anyone who is processing grief and loss, and is at least 3 months from the death of a loved one, this course is for those. We will process the grief cycle together, lunch is provided, materials are supplied, and there is no cost to attend. Time: 12:05 to 2:30 pm. Please join us this week, as you are able.

## GEAR UP!

### Clergy and Laity bi-district training *with Altoona and State College* *with Kay Kotan* *Director of Congregational Development*

For an automobile to run smoothly and efficiently, all systems (motor, transmission, suspension, battery, tires, climate control, etc.) must be running smoothly in synchronicity with one another.

The same is true for churches. There are nine essential systems that your church needs to run smoothly and effectively in its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Does your church have all necessary systems in place? Are they all running smoothly and effectively?

Gather your team and come for your church system tune-up.

The workshop is most effective when a team from your church attends together, as many eyes, ears, and perspectives are a part of your tune-up assessment.

Join Kay

Saturday, November 4, 2017

*from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

Good Shepherd UMC

[1650 Clay Ave., Tyrone, PA 16686](#)

Fee is \$30

*Includes Kay's book, "Gear Up," arrival hospitality, and lunch.*

For more details [view the flyer](#).

Register [online](#) by Sunday, October 29, 2017

*CEU's available*

UMW

### State College District Annual Day *Latin America – People and Faith*

Please join us on September 23, 2017

9 AM to 2 PM

At St. Paul's UMC

250 East College Ave. State College

*Speaker: Phyllis Terwilliger*



prejudice toward hope. The course fulfills a requirement for continued education for certified lay ministers, but would be profitable for local pastors, elders and church leaders.

The cost for each participant is **\$55**.

**1.0 CEU** for certified lay ministers, local pastors, and church leaders.

[View the flyer](#) for more details and to register.

## THE NECESSARY NINE: THINGS EFFECTIVE PASTORS DO DIFFERENTLY WORKSHOP

*with Kay Kotan*

*Director of Congregational Development*

October 7, 2017

*from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.*

Calvary United Methodist Church  
[4700 Locust Ln., Harrisburg, PA 17109](#)

This workshop will cover nine traits of effective pastors and two traits of effective congregations. So please begin to consider which staff, ministry leaders, or other laity you may wish to invite to accompany you to this workshop. (An SPRC rep. or two might also benefit from hearing what makes an effective pastor.) This workshop is sponsored by the Harrisburg District.

To register, call Lori Haagen, Administrative Assistant, Harrisburg District, at [717-766-8124](tel:717-766-8124) **or** email to [harrisburg@susumc.org](mailto:harrisburg@susumc.org)

Register by October 1, 2017 - *CEUs available*

## SIMPLIFIED, ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

*with Kay Kotan*

*Director of Congregational Development*

*Is your church considering going to a simplified leadership structure?*

*Have you already gone to a simplified structure, but perhaps are struggling with its implementation?*

*Do you have members serving on the simplified structure but who have not received training?*

If you have answered yes to any of these questions ... then this workshop is for you.

Join Kay on

Saturday, October 21, 2017

*from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.*

Camp Hill UMC

[417 S. 22nd St., Camp Hill, PA 17011](#)

For the workshop topics and pricing,

[view the flyer](#).

Register [online](#) by Thursday, October 12, 2017

*CEU's available*

**RECOVERY, PREVENTION, AND HOPE**  
Health and Human Services National Recovery month event  
*National experts on opioids and other addictions  
equip faith and community leaders*

October 24, 2017  
Wesley United Methodist Church  
450 Sylvan St., Marysville Pa.  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

This September in Washington D.C., the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will convene national leaders and experts to talk about the opioid epidemic and other addictions to raise awareness, encourage compassion, and reinforce the role of community and families in long-term recovery and prevention.

On October 24, 2017, we welcome you to join us at Wesley UMC in Marysville, where we will air a recording of the event followed by a speaker from The R.A.S.E. Project and a discussion designed to foster healing for individuals and families, align regional efforts, and renew wholeness in our community.

Please contact Amy Whitworth at 717-254-0368 **or** [gilmoreamy@hotmail.com](mailto:gilmoreamy@hotmail.com) with any questions or comments

**A DAY OF WESLEYAN RENEWAL**

The Northeast Jurisdiction Evangelical Connection and Evangelical Network are sponsoring a special event November 4 entitled A Day of Wesleyan Renewal. The event will be held at Crosspoint UMC in Harrisburg from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Mark Webb. The event will also include a presentation from the Wesleyan Covenant Association by Rev. Joe Dipaolo, and breakout sessions on the following topics:

- *The Church Our Communities Need*, by Rev. Cathy Boileau
- *Returning to Our Evangelical Roots*, by Rev. Bruce Fensterbush
- *Wesley's Conception of the Means of Grace*, by Rev. Dr. Ken Loyer
- *Explaining A National Debate to a Local Congregation*, by Rev. Chuck Sprenkle

The cost for this event is \$25 to be paid at the door in cash or by check made out to the NEJEC. This includes both the registration as well as the cost for lunch.

You can register online, registration closes October 28.

For more information or any questions, please contact Rev. Jim Copulos at [jcopulos@susumc.org](mailto:jcopulos@susumc.org)

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**TRAININGS**

**CHILD ADVOCACY TRAINING EVENT**

The Susquehanna Conference Commission on Child Advocacy is offering the next advocacy training event Saturday, October 14, at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, [1650 Clay Avenue, Tyrone, Pa.](#) The church is located off of I-99 at the Tyrone exit, between Altoona and State College. The event start at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast and opening plenary sessions. Following the luncheon, seminars will be offered to all participants, and information on how to begin a regional advocacy team. The event concludes at 4 p.m.







