

EZRA TRAININGS

Pastors and Lay staff/volunteers: Please join the Conference Finance Office as we review the following topics:

- Changes to 2017 Statistical Reports
- Shares of Ministry Calculation
- Shares of Ministry / 2nd Mile Giving Remittance
- Pension / Health Insurance Calculations & Remittance

| <u>Church</u> | <u>1st Session</u> | <u>2nd Session</u> |
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| Good Shepherd, Tyrone 1751 Madison Ave Tyrone, PA 814.684.2472 | Thursday, 10/19 @ 2:00 PM | Thursday, 10/19 @ 6:00 PM |
| First, Mansfield 67 E Wellsboro St Mansfield, PA 570.662.2411 | Tuesday, 11/14 @ 6:00 PM | Wednesday, 11/15 @ 9:30 AM |
| Clarks Summit, Scranton 824 Hilltop Dr Scranton, PA 570.587.4141 | Wednesday, 11/15 @ 6:00 PM | Thursday, 11/16 @ 9:30 AM |
| First Muncy, Williamsport 602 S. Market St Muncy, PA 570.546.8030 | Thursday, 11/16 @ 6:00 PM | Friday, 11/17 @ 9:30 AM |
| Chambersburg, St Paul's 750 Norland Ave Chambersburg, PA 717.267.3085 | Tuesday 12/12 @ 1:00 PM | Tuesday 12/12 @ 6:00 PM |

<http://susumc.org/index.php/ezra-trainings>

CALL TO HOLY CONFERENCEING

This year's charge conferences will be held as clusters, unless otherwise designated. Charge conferences are being called as church conferences, so all professing members may vote (and per Discipline, one does need to be present to vote.)

The conferences will be held as follows:

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| <i>Bellfonte/Bald Eagle Cluster</i> | <i>Sunday, October 22</i> | <i>2 p.m.</i> | <i>Pleasant Gap UMC</i> |
| | <i>Forms due to the office no later than Oct 8</i> | | |
| <i>Clinton Cluster</i> | <i>Sunday, October 29</i> | <i>2 p.m.</i> | <i>Woolrich</i> |
| | <i>Forms due to the office no later than Oct 15</i> | | |
| <i>Juniata Cluster</i> | <i>Sunday, November 5</i> | <i>2 p.m.</i> | <i>Aldersgate Mifflintown</i> |
| <i>Mifflin Cluster</i> | <i>Sunday, November 5</i> | <i>4 p.m.</i> | <i>Grace Lewistown</i> |
| | <i>Forms due to the office no later than Oct 22</i> | | |
| <i>Faith Bellefonte</i> | <i>Tuesday, November 7</i> | <i>7 p.m.</i> | <i>Faith Bellefonte</i> |
| | <i>Forms due to the office no later than Oct 24</i> | | |
| <i>State College Cluster</i> | <i>Sunday, November 12</i> | <i>2 p.m.</i> | <i>Mt Nittany</i> |
| | <i>Forms due to the office no later than Oct 29</i> | | |
| <i>Moshannon Cluster</i> | <i>Sunday, November 19</i> | <i>2 p.m.</i> | <i>Trinity Philipsburg</i> |
| | <i>Forms due to the office no later than Nov 5</i> | | |
| <i>Penns Valley Cluster</i> | <i>Sunday, November 26</i> | <i>2 p.m.</i> | <i>Grace Centre Hall</i> |
| | <i>Forms due to the office no later than Nov 12</i> | | |

CONFERENCE AND OTHER DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

SUSQUEHANNA CONFERENCE UN SEMINAR TO DISCUSS VIOLENCE, TERROR, AND PEACE

How should we as followers of Jesus - and United Methodists - respond to the violence we are experiencing in our communities and around the world?

What are the things that lead to peace?

An uncomfortable truth about our world is that we are surrounded by violence. Violence begets fear, and fear begets violence. Jesus famously cried over the city of Jerusalem, saying, "If only you knew on this day of all days the things that lead to peace," (Luke 19:42, CEB).

Join other sisters and brothers from the Susquehanna Conference and the United Methodist Seminar Program for three days in New York City as we learn about the connections between global and local violence, and how we can be vessels of God's peace in our communities.

See the [attached flyer](#) about the **February 4-7, 2018**, UN Seminar Trip sponsored by the Mission and Outreach Team of Susquehanna Conference. Cost of the trip is \$395 and includes seminar, bus transportation, and shared lodging at Edison Hotel in Times Square.

The Seminar Trip is limited to 20 participants - register now!

Deadline is November 1, 2017.

Contact Seminar Trip Organizer **Pastor Joe Hopkins** at jhopkins@susumc.org **or** at 570-753-8137 if you have questions or need more information.

Partial Scholarship funds may be available.

CELTIC PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND

Pilgrimage, n. - a journey to a sacred place or shrine.

Join us for a pilgrimage to Ireland, May 23-31, 2018. Explore the rich history of Celtic spirituality from the pre-Christian era through the 19th century as we visit such memorable sites as Bru Na Boinne, one of the most important Neolithic sites in the world, the Hill of Slane where St. Patrick famously lit a Paschal fire in the 5th century, and Clonmacnoise, the Cistercian monastery tranquilly located on the River Shannon. We will have opportunities to tour in Dublin, visiting the Book of Kells at Trinity University and Christ Church Cathedral, the seat of the Church of Ireland. We'll enjoy a day long retreat at the Solas Brhíde Center as we unfold the legacy of St. Brigid and learn of her relevance for today. We will enjoy scenic walks in County Wicklow at Glendalough, the home of St. Kevin where he was the first abbot, later a hermit who lived in a small cave on the side of the mountain. Tour costs include all land travel, accommodations, daily breakfast and dinner, two lunches, fees and guides.

[CLICK HERE to learn more or register](#) for the trip **or** feel free to contact Donna Hughes at hughesdo@dickinson.edu or Becky Hammell at hammellr@dickinson.edu

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UMSF CLERGY TAX EVENT

Join us ONLINE for the last CLERGY TAX WEBINAR of the year offered by The United Methodist Stewardship Foundation on November 14th from 10 AM – 12 PM. Rev. Ed Bailey, Executive Director of the United Methodist Foundation of Western PA, will lead the workshop for clergy and church treasurers on the dual status tax classification of clergy, housing allowance, and deductions. It is \$15 for registration with the option to earn 0.2 CEUs. You will only need two hours, a computer with a web camera, and a good internet connection. Register at www.umstewardship.org/events.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT

The Director of Communications, Shawn Gilgore, is the person authorized to speak to the press on behalf of the Annual Conference and your church. Shawn will not only speak to the press but help you and your congregation during a time of crisis. He is available to help guide you in dealing with the media during times of crisis.

If you need to reach him during regular business hours (8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday), please call him at the Conference Center at [717-766-7441](tel:717-766-7441) x3607.

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](http://www.camphillumc.org)

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.

BE PREPARED WHEN DISASTER HAPPENS GET ERT CERTIFIED OR RECERTIFIED

The Susquehanna Conference Disaster Response ministries will be offering ERT (Early Response Team) training at 2 locations this fall. ERT Certification prepares you to be among the first responders in a disaster after emergency personnel complete their work. This UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) training is a great way to prepare for when disaster strikes our conference or its neighbors. No prior training or experience is required. Participants will need to have a background check done prior to receiving their badge but not prior to training. The training will be offered at Good Shepard UMC, Tyrone October 7th and at Dorrance UMC, Kingston November 4th. The cost of the training is \$20.00 this will include your manual and lunch. The course can also be used to recertify ERT's who's certification has expired. Register ASAP as class size is limited. Send contact info to Curt Knouse- cknouse@susumc.org or [717-994-6294](tel:717-994-6294).

TEAMS

Jan 26- Feb 8 2018 - Sierra Leone cost \$3,700 contact Rev Jeff Fisher-missions@calvaryunitedmethodist.org

October 9-10 Wesley Forest Church Camp - Weikert, PA - Painters needed- contact rev Jeff Fisher for details- jfisher@susumc.org

Oct 29th- Nov 4- Washington, North Carolina - Pennsy Waltman - pwaltman@aol.com

SAFE SANCTUARIES

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Safe Sanctuaries training should be completed every 60 months (5 years) by clergy and each person in our churches who works with children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

If your church would like to host a Safe Sanctuaries training this fall, please know that there are many trainers available. Your district office or the conference can provide a list of trainers in your area.

It is up to the church to contact a trainer, set a date and time (allow three hours), designate a person to keep track of who registers, and provide the space and hospitality. The trainer will share the date with the conference office so the course can be available to others who need the training. The trainer will bring the training booklets, which are \$3 per person. The trainer collects the funds and cares for the paperwork.

While official training is needed every five years, every church should have at least a one-hour session once a year to review their specific church's Safe Sanctuaries policy.

If you have questions or need more information, please send an email to safesanctuaries@susumc.org.

LOCAL CHURCH HAPPENINGS

OCTOBER 8TH - REEDSVILLE FREE MOVIE NIGHT at 6:30PM

This month's movie is "What If".... Tells the story of Ben Walker who fifteen years ago left his college sweetheart Wendy), and his calling to be a preacher, in order to pursue a business opportunity. Now with a high-paying executive gig, a trophy fiancé, and a new Mercedes, he hasn't considered a family or felt the need to set foot in a church again. But God has other plans. While on a thrill ride outside the city, his new car mysteriously breaks down, and he's is

visited by a tow truck driver who claims to be an angel sent to show Ben what life would look like had he followed his true calling. **Time is 6:30PM and all are invited to come. Refreshments will be served.**

Turkey Dinner on Oct 14th 4-6PM at Church Hill UMC

Join us for a turkey dinner with all the fixings on Saturday Oct 14th Dinner is by donation and money will go towards the mobile dental lab coming to our church on the 18th. All are invited!

CURTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S

Fall Yard-N-Bake Sale

October 13-14, 2017

Friday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Saturday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Soups, Breads, Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Hotdogs, Sloppy Joes and much more
Bargains Galore!

Free Coffee/Tea

305 Curtin Village Rd

Howard PA 16841

For more information, please contact Marty Lucas @ [814-880-6654](tel:814-880-6654) or Larry Beahm @ [814-355-9588](tel:814-355-9588)

Donations of good used items always accepted



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RACHEL HELD EVANS EVENT AT ST. PAUL'S UMC, STATE COLLEGE

You're invited to come and hear author, blogger and speaker Rachel Held Evans on **October 11, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** at **St. Paul's UMC** in State College (250 E. College Ave). She will be giving a keynote talk titled, "*Keeping the Bible Weird*". This event is co-sponsored by The Wesley Foundation PSU, Lutheran Campus Ministry at Penn State, 3rd Way Collective, and Westminster Student Fellowship. **All are welcome.**

Questions? Contact Jen at jen.wesley.psu@gmail.com (Dir. Of the Wesley Foundation).

Clergy and ministry leaders are invited to a special brunch **October 12 at 10 a.m.** with Rachel Held Evans - RSVP to Jen.

