



This summer, United Methodists and friends of all ages will find inspiration, ideas for ministry and hands-on opportunities through these Conference events.

**The 2009 School of Christian Mission** at Grove City College offers a full program of spiritual growth sessions; a geographic emphasis on the Sudan; and chances to learn about Conference ministries that make a difference. The Rev. Neal Christie, of the UM Board of Church and Society, will lead the spiritual

growth study. Adults can attend a four-day session, July 13-17, or weekend event, July 17-19. A **Sampler Day** on July 14 or July 18 offers an overview.

**Mission Expedition** for children is offered during both the weekend and weekday schools. **Mission Adventure** for 6th, 7th and 8th graders will provide several hands-on experiences. **Mission Discovery** for high school youth offers a choice of building work, leading Bible School or other projects. Stella Kojo Kenyi, a Sudan native who works with the ENOUGH project ([www.ENOUGHProject.org](http://www.ENOUGHProject.org)), will lead the youth study on Darfur. Both youth programs run July 13-17. For info on the School of Mission programs and to download registration forms, go to [www.wpaumc.org](http://www.wpaumc.org) and click on Mission Opportunities.

**ūth4missions**, July 5-10 for 6th-12th graders, offers plenty of mission, fellowship and fun. Based at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, students will work on Hands On (building) or Hands Out (mentoring younger children) projects. The Adam Swiger Band will lead worship. Learn more and register at [www.wpaumcyouth.org](http://www.wpaumcyouth.org).

**Volunteers in Mission** experiences for summer include a Conference-sponsored June 20-27 trip to East Peoria, IL, to work at the Native American Fellowship Dayspring Church, a log cabin. For details, go to [www.wpaumc.org](http://www.wpaumc.org) and click on Mission Opportunities; contact Diane Miller at [Diane.Miller@wpaumc.org](mailto:Diane.Miller@wpaumc.org) or 724-652-9182. For info on trips to the Nyadire UM Mission in Zimbabwe, go to [www.nyadire.org](http://www.nyadire.org).

**Elevate** is for anyone interested in young adult and campus ministries. The event, sponsored by the UM Northeastern Jurisdiction, is set for July 10-12 at Pittsburgh's Station Square. Among the dynamic, leaders, who will share their experience and best practices, are Eric Detar and Karen Salser of Grace UMC in Indiana, PA; and Jim Walker of Hot Metal Bridge Faith Community in Pittsburgh. Register online at [www.wpaumcyouth.org](http://www.wpaumcyouth.org).

Summer is also a great time for the **Youth Worker Retreat**. Volunteer and staff youth ministry workers from across Western PA will gather Aug. 7-8 at Wesley Woods. Peggy Osbourne of Christ UMC in Bethel Park will be the guest speaker. Childcare is available. To register or learn more, go to [www.wpaumcyouth.com](http://www.wpaumcyouth.com).



## Bible Study and Prayer

Join United Methodists throughout Western Pennsylvania in studying these Bible passages from the *Revised Common Lectionary* and praying for these ministries and persons:

May 3-9

**Fourth Sunday of Easter** - *White or Gold*

**Read:** Acts 4:5-12; Ps. 23 (*UMH* 754 or 137);  
1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

**Pray for:**

- ✠ North East: Immanuel UMC, Erie-Meadville Dist., Robert Shettler, pastor
- ✠ HOME UM Charge, Connellsville Dist., James Hamilton, pastor
- ✠ Indiana: Trinity UMC, Indiana Dist., George Porter, pastor; Jude Urso, youth pastor
- ✠ Beaver Falls: Concord UMC, Butler Dist., Bradley K. Neel, pastor; Christopher T. Kindle, associate

May 10-16

**Fifth Sunday of Easter** - *White or Gold*  
**Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home**

**Read:** 8:26-40; Ps. 22:25-31 (*UMH* 752);  
1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8

**Pray for:**

- ✠ Trinity UM Charge, Franklin Dist., Richard N. Carlson, pastor
- ✠ Fishertown UM Charge, Johnstown Dist., Raymond Hill, pastor
- ✠ Monroeville UMC, Greensburg Dist., Donald W. Dotterer, pastor
- ✠ Warren: Grace UMC, Kane Dist., Kevin Haley, pastor

May 17-23

**Sixth Sunday of Easter** - *White or Gold*

**Read:** Acts 10:44-48; Ps. 98 (*UMH* 818);  
1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

**Pray for:**

- ✠ Castle Shannon UMC, Pittsburgh Dist., Susan R. Hutchins, pastor
- ✠ Roxbury St. Paul's UMC, Johnstown Dist., Wayne Sedei, pastor
- ✠ Midland Ecumenical Parish, Butler Dist., Susan Pickering, pastor
- ✠ Grand Valley & Sanford UMCs, Kane Dist., Ralph K. Culp, pastor
- ✠ Hilltop UMC, Pittsburgh Dist., Susan R. Hutchins, pastor

May 24-30

**Seventh Sunday of Easter** - *White or Gold*  
**Aldersgate Day/Heritage Sunday**

**Read:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Ps. 1 (*UMH* 738);  
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

**Pray for:**

- ✠ Dutilh UMC: Pittsburgh Dist., Jay H. Langley, pastor; Anthony Fallisi, associate; Debra Pisor, deacon
- ✠ Indian Creek UM Charge, Connellsville Dist., Paul Freidhof, pastor
- ✠ UM Community Churches, Washington Dist., James S. Markley, pastor

May 31-June 6

**Day of Pentecost** - *Red*

**Read:** Acts 2:1-21; Ps. 104:24-34, 35b (*UMH* 826); Rom. 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**Pray for:**

- ✠ Boliver & Germany UMCs, Greensburg Dist., R. Kenneth Keiper, pastor
- ✠ Fertigs UM Charge, Franklin Dist., W. John Hickman, pastor
- ✠ Croyle: Mt. Olive UMC, Johnstown Dist., Thomas Moore, pastor
- ✠ Bright Horizons UM Charge, Indiana Dist., John Snyder, pastor; Tom Budner, associate

