

Meet the New, Improved wpaumc.org

This month, a dream of many Western PA United Methodists comes true. A new and improved Conference website goes live with the promise of better connection and resources for church members, leaders, clergy and the general public.

The website is attractive and easy to navigate. Four to six “clickable” photos or videos that link to articles rotate in the feature area of the main page. Also on the front page is a United Methodist News Service feed and a menu link to more WPAUMC news and features.

The calendar and events area now offers online registration and payment. There’s a featured events box on the front

page, while the calendar allows you to click on an item and get more information.

There’s also a main page Faith in Action section highlighting individuals or church groups who are making a difference in their communities or the world. There’s a link for you to submit stories of people from your church.

The new website’s powerful search engine allows you to find whatever you need by typing in a key word or phrase. You can find logos, photos, news articles, event list-

ings, the Bishop’s biography, Powerpoint presentations or a variety of other information.

The photo gallery will allow you to download photos or other images in sizes suitable for print or screen/web publication. A video gallery will be available soon.

The new online Media Resource Center will enable you to search and find videos and multimedia courses to borrow for Bible study, parenting classes, Christian Educa-

tion, small group meetings, retreats or other settings. You can order, join or pay online. You can also review and comment on resources.

Directories of clergy; laity and churches;

our Bishop’s blog; and easy-to-find, downloadable forms, some of which you can fill out and send in online, are there, too.

Coming soon will be detailed information on how to: join or report on a Volunteers in Mission project; get involved in youth or young adult opportunities; and pursue spiritual growth.

Try the website out. Visit often, as new features will be added. Let us know what you think. Go to www.wpaumc.org.

By Jackie Campbell, WPAUMC News



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:

July 5-11

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

Read: 2 Sam. 5:1-5, 9-10; Ps. 48 (*UMH* 782); 2 Cor. 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

Pray for:

- ✠ Brush Run UMC, Butler Dist., Gary C. Bailey, pastor
- ✠ Monroeville UMC, Greensburg Dist., Tom Barnicott, pastor, Brenda Rochford, associate
- ✠ Hopwood and Brownfield UMCs, Connellsville Dist., Diane B. Olson, pastor
- ✠ Cambridge Springs & New Richmond UMCs, Erie-Meadville Dist., Jeffrey C. Bobin, pastor
- ✠ Sheakleyville Charge, Franklin Dist., Stephen M. Lamb, pastor

July 12-18

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

Read: 2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19; Ps. 24 (*UMH* 755); Eph. 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Pray for:

- ✠ Youngwood:Christ UMC, Greensburg Dist., Christopher Livermore, pastor, Michael A. Pacelli III, deacon
- ✠ Allegheny River Charge, Indiana Dist., Craig W. Peterson, pastor, Sara J. Wrona, associate
- ✠ New Paris:First UMC, Johnstown Dist., Donald E. Rudge, pastor
- ✠ Pittsfield:Otterbein UMC, Kane Dist., William R. Beatty, pastor
- ✠ Albright Community UMC, Pittsburgh Dist., Renee Mikell, pastor

July 19-25

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - Green

Read: 2 Sam. 7:1-14a; Ps. 89:20-37 (*UMH* 807); Eph. 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Pray for:

- ✠ Good Shepherd Charge, Washington Dist., William L. Parker, pastor
- ✠ Liesville & Harmonsburg UMCs, Erie-Meadville Dist., James L. Tubbs, pastor
- ✠ Unionville UMC, Butler Dist., W. Steve Morse, pastor
- ✠ Mill Run & Ohiopyle UMCs, Connellsville Dist., Thomas P. Bonomo, pastor
- ✠ Smethport UMC, Kane Dist., Robert J. George, pastor

July 26-August 1

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Green

Read: 2 Sam. 11:1-15; Ps. 14 (*UMH* 746); Eph. 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

- ✠ Franklin:First UMC, Franklin Dist., Richard K. Harry, pastor
- ✠ Allison Park:Epworth, Pittsburgh Dist., David S. Dempsey, pastor
- ✠ Valier UMC, Indiana Dist., Richard A. Butler, pastor
- ✠ Oak View UMC, Washington Dist., Jerrad R. Peterman, pastor
- ✠ Cherry Tree Charge, Johnstown Dist., Douglas Brink, pastor
- ✠ Uniontown Larger Parish, Connellsville Dist., Terence A. Teluch, pastor
- ✠ Stanton Heights, Pittsburgh Dist., Lorraine E. Williams, pastor