

Come to these Special Events!

*What does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and
to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)*

While these words from the prophet Micah seem clear, it's sometimes difficult for people of faith to apply them today. Learn more about some of the tough issues related to justice and mercy at events scheduled the weekend of Oct. 10-11.

The Rev. Jim Winkler, the executive in charge of the UM Board of Church and Society, will travel from Washington, DC, to meet with United Methodists and friends at three Western PA locations.



Winkler

Identical sessions focused on **Poverty, Hunger and the Needs of Children** will be held Saturday, Oct. 11, at **First UMC in Erie** from 9 am to 1:30 pm, with lunch included for \$5; and at Christ Community UMC in Butler from 3 to 8 pm, including dinner available for \$8.

On Sunday, Oct. 12, Winkler will preach at **St. Paul's UMC in Allison Park**. After lunch at 12:30 pm, a 2:30 pm seminar session will focus on working toward peace.

Other fall events for you to consider are:

- ▶ **Leadapalooza 2009** for youth and youth leaders to enjoy fellowship, worship together and develop leadership skills. It's on Saturday, Nov. 7, at **First UMC in Clarion**, 9:30 am-4:30 pm.



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At Leadapalooza 2009, youth and adult leaders will explore hot topics for youth, hear some cutting-edge ministry ideas and develop leadership skills.

The \$20 charge includes lunch. Register at www.wpaumcyouth.com or contact Renaye at 800-886-3382, ext. 224.

- ▶ **The 2009 Laity Gathering** featuring the Rev. Gil Rendle, author and church consultant, as keynote speaker. Focused on ministry and witness in today's culture, it begins at 9 am, Saturday, Nov. 14, at **Ingomar UMC** in Pittsburgh's North Hills. The cost is \$20, including lunch. All are welcome!



Rendle

Join us for one or more of these events. Make it a road trip, bring some friends and enjoy the splendor of God's creation along the way!

Find details at 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:

October 4-10

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Green
World Communion Sunday

Read: Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Ps. 26 or 25
(UMH 756); Heb. 1:1-4; 2:5-12;
Mark 10:2-16

Pray for:

- ✚ Aliquippa: First UMC, Butler Dist.; David D. Wilson, pastor
- ✚ Titusville: Bethel & White Oak UMCs, Erie-Meadville Dist.; Jerry L. Gray, pastor
- ✚ McKeesport: First, Kephart Memorial, & Wesley UMCs, Greensburg Dist.; Deborah L. Kociban, pastor
- ✚ Armagh UMC, Johnstown Dist.; John W. Hodge, pastor
- ✚ Brockport UM Charge, Kane Dist.; Joni K. Williams, pastor; Faith Bryan, certified lay minister

October 11-17

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Green
Children's Sabbath

Read: Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Ps. 22:1-15
(UMH 752); Heb. 4:12-16; Mark
10:17-31

Pray for:

- ✚ Belle Vernon: First UMC, Connellsville Dist.; David P. Zona, pastor
- ✚ Sugarcreek UM Charge, Franklin Dist.; John V. King, pastor; Harrietta C. Serrins, associate
- ✚ Sherrett & Wattersonville UMCs, Indiana Dist.; Sherry Mosley, pastor
- ✚ Bentleyville & Houston UMCs, Washington Dist.; Sang Kong Choi, pastor
- ✚ Wesbury UM Community; Ellen M. Rezek, chaplain

October 18-24

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Green
Laity Sunday

Read: Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Ps. 104:1-9, 24,
35c (UMH 826); Heb. 5:1-10; Mark
10:35-45

Pray for:

- ✚ Homewood UMC, Butler Dist.; Gary Hilton, pastor
- ✚ Parade St. & Spartansburg UMCs, Erie-Meadville Dist.; Jackie L. Condon, pastor
- ✚ Vandergrift: First UMC, Greensburg Dist.; William L. Kemp, pastor
- ✚ Park Avenue & Johnstown: Christ UMC, Johnstown Dist.; Arnold T. McFarland, pastor
- ✚ Tidioute: First & Tionesta UMCs, Kane Dist.; Dennis E. Lawton, pastor
- ✚ Rivers' Edge UM Circuit, Pittsburgh Dist.; Brenda K. Walker, pastor

October 25-31

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost - Green

Read: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps. 34:1-8 (UMH
769); Heb. 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Pray for:

- ✚ Mount Pleasant UMC, Connellsville Dist.; J. Timothy Hoover, pastor
- ✚ White Chapel UMC, Franklin Dist.; Ricky D. Nelson, pastor
- ✚ Bowdertown & Uniontown UMCs, Indiana Dist.; Wes Matthews, pastor
- ✚ Washington: John Wesley UMC, Washington Dist.; Harold L. Knappenberger, pastor
- ✚ WPAUMC Conference Training & Resources, Beth L. Nelson, director
- ✚ Shawnee UM Charge, Johnstown Dist.; Mark A. Griffith, pastor
- ✚ Somerset: St. Johns, Connellsville Dist.; Janice McClay, pastor