



## RETHINK CHURCH CHANGE THE WORLD

### Are you ready to help change the world?

On April 24-25, United Methodists all across the globe will go out into their communities to serve others. It's a weekend to Change the World, to demonstrate how people working together can make a difference.

"As The United Methodist Church, we have worried too much about getting numbers into our churches instead of getting the people in our churches out into the world in relevant ways," said the Rev. Mike Slaughter in his new book *Change the World: Recovering the Mission and Message of Jesus*.

"Even our smallest churches can have incredible impact when they leave their four walls to serve the needs of their neighbors, alongside of their neighbors," he explains.

**Change the World weekend coincides with World Malaria Day, April 25.** That's the day our denomination officially kicks off **Imagine No Malaria**, a campaign to eliminate the killer disease in Africa by 2015. In Western PA, the campaign is already underway.

"We all want to see change in the world and by serving our local communities, we get to see that change up close and personal. But we can also touch those we do not see and may never meet. By raising awareness and

funds, we can save lives and conquer malaria – a disease that the U.S. has already defeated," said the Rev. Larry Hollon, chief executive of United Methodist Communications.

Congregations are invited to schedule a community-based workday, participate in a Sleep-Out to End Malaria, and use World Malaria Day sermon starters for worship. A special offering is encouraged to support the fight against malaria.

To get started:

- Consider how your congregation currently impacts its community. Do you have a food pantry, a clothing closet, an ESL (English as Second Language) program, or a tutoring program?
- Schedule an activity related to either that existing ministry or launch a new outreach ministry on either April 24 or 25.
- Visit [www.rethinkchurch.org](http://www.rethinkchurch.org) for examples, ideas and additional information.
- To illustrate the impact of United Methodists in service around the world, United Methodist Communications is using Google Earth. Be sure someone registers your church's project through links at [www.RethinkChurch.org](http://www.RethinkChurch.org) as soon as it's planned so it will show on the Google Earth map.

For information on the Sleep-Out to End Malaria, go to [www.ImagineNoMalaria.org](http://www.ImagineNoMalaria.org).

### 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:

#### April 4-10

##### Easter Sunday - White

**Read:** Acts 10:34-43; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839); 1 Cor. 15:19-26; John 20:1-18 (or Luke 24:1-12)

##### Pray for:

- ✠ Creighton: Janes UMC, Butler Dist., Dawn Lynn Check, pastor
- ✠ Corry: First UMC, Erie-Meadville Dist., John A. Zimmerman, pastor
- ✠ Hillside UMC, Greensburg Dist., Raymond P. Kerr, pastor
- ✠ Shanksville & Central City UMCs, Johnstown Dist., Randall C. Newell, pastor
- ✠ Dormont UMC, Pittsburgh Dist., Annette B. Bolds, pastor

#### April 18-24

##### Third Sunday of Easter - White Native American Ministries Sunday UMC Change the World, Apr. 24-25

**Read:** Acts 9:1-6, 7-20; Ps. 30 (UMH 762); Rev. 5:11-14; John 21:1-1

##### Pray for:

- ✠ Titusville: First UMC, Erie-Meadville Dist., William J. Blair, pastor
- ✠ Rockland Charge, Franklin Dist., Shawn L. Goodwin, pastor
- ✠ Johnstown: Faith & Ferndale UMCs, Johnstown Dist., John D. Hollis, pastor
- ✠ Community of Reconciliation, Pittsburgh Dist., Denise R. Mason, pastor
- ✠ Union Roads UMC, Washington Dist., Kenneth G. Miller, pastor

#### April 11-17

##### Second Sunday of Easter - White

**Read:** Acts 5:27-32; Ps. 150 (UMH 862); Rev. 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

##### Pray for:

- ✠ Holsopple: Hopewell UMC, Connellsville Dist., Wilma G. Horner, pastor
- ✠ Harrisville UMC, Franklin Dist., William E. Hastings, pastor
- ✠ Creekside UMC, Indiana Dist., Jude Orso, pastor
- ✠ Good Shepherd UMC, Kane Dist., David S. Coul, pastor
- ✠ Claysville: First UMC, Washington Dist., Beverly M. Gross, pastor

#### April 25-May 1

##### Fourth Sunday of Easter - White World Malaria Awareness Day, Apr. 25

**Read:** Acts 9:36-43; Ps. 23 (UMH 754 or 137); Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

##### Pray for:

- ✠ Rochester: Zion UMC, Butler Dist., Orville R. Jones, pastor
- ✠ Somerset: Grace UMC, Connellsville Dist., Eric C. Raygor, pastor
- ✠ Port Vue UMC, Greensburg Dist., Randy D. Sweet, pastor; Jody Dausey, associate
- ✠ Sigel Charge, Indiana Dist., Gary L. Sheesley, pastor
- ✠ Johnsonburg UMC, Kane Dist., Jeffrey B. Little, pastor