

Erie-Meadville District

Wednesday Bulletin

2/1/12

PRAYER CONCERNS!!!

Rev. Jim Eaton, (Erie: Trinity) had shoulder surgery recently

Beverly Spore (Blooming Valley/Townville/Troy Center) had finger surgery recently

Melissa Thompson, former program director at EUMA, in St Vincent facing surgery on Feb 13th

David Patterson, son of Rev. Joe/Luann Patterson, is in US Navy deployed overseas.

Janet Sill (Corry: Evan/Elgin/McCray/Wayne Valley) had surgery recently and is home recuperating

For the **parents and family of Airman Bryan Bell**, young man killed in Afghanistan while serving his country. (Cousin of Mary Stewart, pastor at Henderson and San Juan)

Barbara Weisser, Riceville UMC, in need of liver transplant

IMPORTANT DATES!!!

Feb 3rd **Worship Workshop—St. Paul's UMC—9-3—412-486-7006**

Feb 4th **Ramps of Hope—McKean area—9AM**

Feb 4th **Gift Planning—Mead: Stone—9:30 – 814-439-4481**

Feb 5th **Hymnstory II-Zeitgrist Drama—Blairsville: First—10:45—724-910-3096**

Feb 6-8th **Joe in Cabinet**

Feb 8th **Clergy Tax Seminar—Harmony-Zelienople UMC—10-3—724-452-7670**

DISTRICT NEWS!!!

IF YOU HAVE NOT COMPLETED YOUR 'STATISTICAL' REPORTS—Do so immediately!!

The Statistical Reports are a 'critical piece' of our covenant life. **COMPLETING THEM IS A URGENT NEED. THIS TASK IS NOT OPTIONAL!** These reports are instrumental in the calculation of mission share. These reports are available on the [church dashboard](#) section of the conference website (wpaumc.org). John Wilson sent all Senior Pastors a letter containing instructions for completion of these forms. Call the District office (814-332-4533) if you need help.

SAVE THE DATE---May 20th ---District Conference (details later)

SPRING LAY SPEAKING SCHOOL-- 2012

Two separate school locations are available:

Saegertown UMC - Sundays – February 26 through March 25, 2:00-4:00PM

First UMC, Erie – Tuesdays – February 28 through March 27, 6:00-8:00PM

Register no later than Feb. 17th. To register:

- complete the enrollment form
- write check to *Erie-Meadville District UMC*,
- mail form and check: Al Richards, 2610 Saddlewood Dr. Waterford, Pa 16441

BISHOP BICKERTON ON THE DISTRICT -- Mar 22nd – CL: Trinity

Bishop Thomas Bickerton will be on the Erie-Meadville District on **Thurs, Mar 22nd** at Conneaut Lake Trinity, 240 N. Third Street, with a time of fellowship and refreshments from 6-7:30PM, followed by a presentation by the Bishop. Pastors: Please let Wanda know if you did not get the 18 page attachment to be discussed with the Bishop. Pat Morris will **NOT** be joining the bishop during the District Nights. Please inform you treasurers they need not attend.

The following is a list of the Bishop's Days on other District's:

Butler ----- February 27, 7:00pm -- Crossfire Site of Butler First 1802 N. Main St. Ext. Butler

Connellsville -- March 12, 5:00pm -- Scottsdale Trinity UMC 501 Mulberry St. Scottsdale

Franklin ----- March 20, 5:30pm -- Grace: Oil City 100 Central Ave. Oil City

Indiana ----- May 30, 5:00pm -- Marion Center UMC 204 Main St. Marion Center

Johnstown ---- February 28, 5:30pm -- Oakland 1504 Bedford St. Johnstown

Kane ----- February 12, 3:00pm -- Kane: First UMC 112 Greeves St. Kane

Washington -- March 21, 6:30pm -- Grace 420 California Ave. Coal Center

LEONARD SWEET---Saegertown UMC---Feb 12-13th

Writer, theologian and cultural historian Leonard Sweet will lead a **Feb. 12-13** event, *Ministry in a TGIF World*, hosted by Saegertown UMC, 620 Euclid Ave. All are invited to attend. Jay Michael will lead worship. For more information or to register, email:sunc@windstream.net or call 814-763-6685. Clergy may earn 1 CEU by attending both Sunday and Monday events.

Happy Birthday !!



Feb 2nd

Karen Hecht

Feb 2nd

Katlin McGarvey

Happy Anniversary !!



Feb 1st

Don & Joan Russell

BULLETIN BOARD!!!

RAMPS OF HOPE---McKean area---Feb 4th

There may be an installation in the McKean area **Sat, Feb 4th** beginning at 9:00AM. For more info: Cyndi Howland (steveshowland@yahoo.com – 814-392-1936) will be administrating this one as Debbie will be on mission in El Salvador. Let Cyndi know if you are available.

GOLDEN SNEAKER PARTICIPANTS -- ‘Take Emmaus Road’ For Lent

Congratulations on all of your contributions toward making this a successful program for the past two years! We want to continue this program, with even more participants this year. We would like to "get everyone in our congregations up and moving to meet the recommended 30 (60 for children) minutes of moderate physical activity at least five days/week." To date, there have not been many groups/individuals recording their activities online; so this message is a reminder to you all that the **‘Golden Sneaker Challenge’** is in effect this year from July 1, 2011 to May 1, 2012. Your activities (steps/miles/time) can be recorded at www.wpaumc.org/health under the "Golden Sneaker Walk Challenge" either as an individual or a congregation as long as you are participating in a church-sponsored event. Attached is a message about a recommended program, *ELCARoad to Emmaus* that would benefit you both physically and spiritually for the Lenten season as well as directions for recording your activities. We suggest that you join with a friend or a group of friends and grow together!

YOUTH PAGE FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

I know Annual Conference is 4 months away, but the Conference is always looking for young people to work as pages during the conference. Application deadline for pages is usually around April 1st. Please check the conference website for applications. To be a page at conference does not cost anything and includes room and board, as well as a pizza party with the Bishop.

CLERGY SPOUSES... SAVE THE DATE--- Nov 16 & 17

The 2012 Clergy Spouse Retreat dates have been set for Nov 16- 17, meeting at the Four Points Sheraton in Cranberry Township. This event is a wonderful chance to get to know the Clergy Spouses of our Annual Conference better and also to meet some of the Clergy Spouses from the Eastern Ohio Conference. LuAnn has been asked to serve on the Planning Committee and would encourage you to send her any suggestions you might have for the event. As the plans are made she will keep you informed. Please put the dates on your calendar and plan to join them for the Retreat. Contact LuAnn at 814-273-4082 or luannp56@gmail.com

FACILITY DIRECTOR NEEDED—Ruth M. Smith Center

“Ruth M. Smith Center, the only national mission institution of the UMW that is located within the bounds of the Western PA Annual Conference, is seeking a new facility director. For a description contact Wanda at the District Office.

2011 AUDIT REPORT--DUE MARCH 1st The **‘Fund Balance Report’** form is downloadable from the Conference web page, www.wpaumc.org, under **‘RESOURCES’**—forms. Audits are due in the District office by **Mar. 1st**. This allows adequate time for Audit Committees to complete their work.

ALLIANCE!!!

REFUGE REQUESTS – The Refuge is in need of “door-style” baby gates. Donations can be dropped off directly to The Refuge at 1033 E. 26th St., Erie. The Refuge is also still in need of a math tutor to assist a family in need. For more information, contact Mary at The Refuge, 814-454-6088.

LIBERTY HOUSE NEEDS - The veterans at Liberty House are in need of wash cloths, bath towels and men’s body wash. Sheets for twin beds are also very helpful. Donations can be dropped off at Liberty House, 550 W. 7th St., Erie, phone 814-874-3687. Thank you.

NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST!!!

GIFT PLANNING: YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH!! --- Mead: Stone--- Feb 4th

A representative from the UM Foundation of WPa will be at Mead: Stone UMC, 956 S. Main St, on **Sat, Feb 4th**, at 9:30AM to describe what is involved in establishing a legacy of faith through your will or a life-income gift. Gifts made through your will- known as **bequests**- can help you continue to fund UM Ministries. These gifts can take many forms. This seminar aims to help you understand bequests and other types of long-term gifts such as **Charitable Gift Annuities**. The UM Foundation member will also explain and answer any questions you may have regarding the roles of other professionals such as attorneys, accountants, insurance agents, or other individuals, may have in establishing your will and carrying on your legacy of faith. For more information, please contact Robert Waid at 814-439-4481. We hope to see you there!

BUMP (Bunch of UM Pastors)—Family Ties---2nd Thurs each month

Join us for BUMP (Bunch of UM Pastors) **Thur., Feb 9th**. Meet us for breakfast and fellowship the second Thursday every month at Family Ties Restaurant, 33419 N Main St, Townville at 8:30 AM. For more information, call 814-785-0100.

SWISS STEAK DINNER---Girard UMC---Feb 9th (benefit INM)

Girard UMC, 48 E. Main St, is having a Swiss Steak Dinner to benefit ‘Imagine No Malaria’ on **Thurs, Feb 9th**, from 5-7PM. Menu: Swiss steak, mash potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, vegetable, rolls, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$9.00 for adults. Under age 12 - \$4.00; under age 2 -free. Tickets at the door. For more information, call the church office Mon thru Fri from 9 to noon (814)774-3069.

STUDY OF HUMAN PERSONALITY—Erie: First—beginning Feb 13th

From Rev. John Scott UMC (retired)- I am again offering a study of human personality using the psychology of the Enneagram (9 models). The Enneagram describes human behavior with amazing accuracy. It helps people get out of the “boxes” they put themselves in. It is the single most helpful tool I have found in 40 years of parish ministry. Clergy or anyone who has important people in their life is blessed by this study. The class will be 8 Monday evenings, 7:00-8:30, at Erie: First UMC, 7th and Sassafras Streets, beginning Feb 13th. There is a tuition fee of \$35 per person or \$50 for 2 people from the same household. There is a \$20 cost for our book. -all are payable over the term of the class. (less than \$5 per session) This class is fun as well as instructive. For more information, call: 814-835-1004, or cell: 873-0068, or jscott35@roadrunner.com

ERIE CLERGY BOOK CLUB ---- Erie: First Library—Feb 20th

The Erie clergy book club will meet on **Mon, Feb 20th** at 9:30AM at the Erie: First UMC Library, 707 Sassafras St. The book this month is “The Hole in Our Gospel” by Richard Stearns. For more information, contact J. Howard Wright, Convener, at 814-452-1088.

LOVE & RESPECT MARRIAGE VIDEO CONFERENCE --- Feb 24th-25th (local E/M location)

A video seminar by Dr. Emerson and Sarah Eggerichs, "Women need Love, Men need Respect. It's as Simple and as Complicated as that", will be presented at the CL: Trinity UMC, 240 North 3rd St, Conneaut Lake, Pa 16316 on **Fri, Feb 24th** and **Sat, Feb 25th**, 2012. Cost: \$15/person through Feb 13; \$20/person after Feb 13. Contact: scottshannon2@gmail.com or 724-456-6101 Register: www.LOVEandRESPECT.com

TACO/NACHO BENEFIT DINNER—Venango UMC—Feb 25th

There will be a benefit dinner for Tom Schlosser who is going on a mission trip to Guatemala. The taco/nacho dinner will be **Sat, Feb 25th** at Venango UMC, 21472 Main St at 5:30PM. Advanced tickets for \$5.00 are available by calling Blaine at 814-398-2291.

UM MEN'S 2012 LENTEN BREAKFASTS

The following churches will provide the program and/or mediation, followed by communion, concluding with breakfast. A freewill offering will be received during breakfast. Please: **Reservations should be called to the host church the Wednesday before each breakfast.**

February 25 Asbury UMC (Erie) --- Phone: 814-833-9053 (Note: all proceeds from the love offering above expenses will be given to 'Imagine No Malaria')

March 3 Lawrence Park UMC --- 814-899-9851

March 10* South Harborcreek UMC ---- 814-899-5962 * Note the location changes

March 17* Asbury UMC (Waterford) --- 814-796-6012 * Note the location changes

March 24 No UMM as they are encouraged to participate in the ALL IN MEN'S CONFERENCE

March 31 First UMC of Erie --- 814-453-6889

VIABILITY PROCESS TRAINING

A new viability study process (old '213' Study) has been developed for use in our annual conference. Training for that process will be offered at the Camb. Springs: First UM Church, 326 S. Main St, on **Thurs, April 19th** from 9AM through 3PM. Lunch will be provided. There will be no cost. For the clergy, .5 CEUs will be offered. Please let the district office (e.mdistrict@zoominternet.net or 814-332-4533) know if you are interested in participating in the new process.

CONFERENCE NEWS

WORSHIP WORKSHOP—St Paul's UMC---Feb 3rd

On **Fri, Feb 3rd** from 9AM.-3PM, St Paul's is having a very special worship workshop directed by Rev. Joe Stobaugh from Argyle UM Church in Argyle, TX. Joe is currently an associate pastor, cantor and curator of worship, and teacher. Cost is \$20 for the day and includes materials, light breakfast and lunch. 1/2 credit CEU is also available. For more details, call 412-486-7006

ZEITGEIST DRAMA ---"Hymnstory II: Be Thou Near To Me" – Blairsville: First

Sun, Feb 5, at 10:45 A.M at First UMC of Blairsville, 50 South Walnut St, Blairsville
For More Information call 724-910-3096 Or visit: www.zeitgeistdrama.com

CLERGY TAX SEMINAR—Feb 8th Harmony Zelenople UMC

The clergy tax seminar will be held on **Wed, Feb 8th** at the Harmony Zelenople UMC, 123 N. Pittsburgh St, Zelenople from 10AM to 3PM. Registration deadline is Feb 3rd. This annual event helps clergy understand their unique tax treatment under federal law and describes changes for the current reporting period which is led by Rev. Fred Leasure. Cost: \$35 for clergy and \$10 for spouses. **Get details and sign up by visiting the Events section of www.umfoundation.org.**

WPA SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM—Grace UMC, Coal Center—Feb 18th

Please find attached a bulletin insert promoting this School of Evangelism scheduled for **Sat, Feb 18th**. Guest speakers include Rev. Eric Park and Rev, Steve Cordle, and there will be 6 breakout groups to choose from. The theme for this event is Sharing God's Story: Finding Your Personal Faith Sharing Style. Registrations begin at 8:30AM and worship at 9:30AM. See flyer for more details.

2012 LICENSING SCHOOL INFO

Dates for the 2012 **Spring** Commuter LS are: All Saturdays (9 am – 5 pm), February 25 through April 21, including two retreats: February 23-25 and April 19-21.

Beginning Retreat: Feb 23 (7-9 pm), Feb 24 (9 am – 9 pm), Feb 25 (9 am – 5 pm)

Saturdays: Mar 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Apr 14

Ending Retreat: Thu. April 19 (9 am – 9 pm), Apr 20 (9 am – 9pm), Apr 21 (9 am - 5 pm) - as listed on the registration form

The 2012 **Summer** Resident Licensing School will again be held at Olmsted.

The dates are: Sun, Aug 5, 2012 (5:30 pm) to Wed, Aug 15, 2011 (12 pm).

For more information, contact Maggie J. Foreman at cargillprime@fastmail.fm

Confirmation Class Days at the United Methodist Conference Center for 2012

Monday, **February 27**

Friday, **March 2**

Morning: 9:30 am-12:30 pm

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Afternoon: 1:30-4:30 pm

Saturday, **March 3**

Morning: 9:30am-12:30pm

Friday, **March 16**

Morning: 9:30 am--12:30 pm

Afternoon: 1:30-4:30 pm

Wednesday, **March 21**

Morning: 9:30am-12:20pm

Friday, **March 23**

Morning: 9:30 am--12:30pm

Afternoon: 1:30--4:30 pm

Saturday, **March 31**

Morning: 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Watch for updates and online registration at www.wpaumc.org

OLMSTED MANOR 2012 EVENTS:

Resilient Women!, Spring Women's Spirituality Retreat with Rev. Sharon Vandegrift; March 4-6

Paul Through Mediterranean Eyes: 1Corinthians with Kenneth Bailey, Th.D.; April 16-18

Olmsted's Pastor Academy with Rev. Dr. James Harnish; May 21-23

Church Worship Arts Workshop; June 24-28

Church Secretaries Workshop; July 8-10

Retreat for Older Adults with Bill & Lois Hiles; July 23-27

For details check out their website: www.olmstedmanor.org

ATTENTION PASTORS—MANDATORY Safe Sanctuaries Update!!! – May 11th

All active pastors and retired pastors actively serving in retirement in the Conference **MUST** take a Safe Sanctuaries Update. Even if you have had the Basic training, all clergy should plan to attend a Safe Sanctuary Continuing Education session with Rev. Joy Melton on **Fri, May 11th, at Bakerstown UMC, 5760 William Flynn Hwy, Gibsonia, at 9:00AM to 3:00PM.** Rebecca Innerst, coordinator, is offering .5 CEU for attendance. Registration is online at www.wpaumc.org. **Also please register with Wanda in District Office (e.mdistrict@zoominternet.net or 814-332-4533) to let her know you plan to attend.**

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES!!!

Take advantage of the mission opportunities that are listed on the website: www.wpaumc.org/ministries/VIM

SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE!!!

(See attached calendar!)