

Suggested Speakers and Contact Info for UMW and UMC Programs

Mission Ambassadors – 2017-2018 Geographic Mission study: Missionary Conferences of the United States [Both Mission Ambassadors are pastors and probably not available for Sunday services,]

- Rev. Pam Gardner – currently serving Wesley UMC in Erie/Meadville District – revpamelasgardner@gmail.com – 724.967.2496
- Rev., Dr. Cyndi Bloise - currently serving Jefferson UMC in Pittsburgh District – revbloise@gmail.com – 412-653-3222

Another Study Leader for Missionary Conferences

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Mission Ambassador Program and Latin America

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People with Disabilities and the Church

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Facilitating Conversations about A Way Forward

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- Diane Miller
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- **Rev. Dr. Jane Ellen Nickell**, Chaplain Allegheny College in Meadville – Jane’s [book](#), *We Shall Not Be Moved*, surveys General Conference conversations about race, gender and homosexuality throughout the history of American Methodism. (This book is a bonus book on the 2016 Reading List and can be purchased from UMW Mission Resources in hard copy or as an ebook from Amazon.) With the Specially Called General Conference coming up, Jane Ellen hopes the book can spark conversation about our church’s future. She is available to speak with UMW groups in the Conference – 814-332-2800 or jnickell@allegheny.edu.

Cynthia Hill – Conference UMW Social Action Coordinator

“Domestic Violence: Unleashing its Restraints for a Life Leading to Happiness”
 “Racial Justice”
 412-373-3153 or celaine1215@verizon.net

AI Anon – 12 step program

Elaine Borowski Ciuffoletti
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Melissa Roell – Director Ruth M Smith Center) – 814-968-3238 or km1134.mm@gmail.com

Eastbrook Mission Barn or the United Methodist Deaconess/Home Missioner Program

Katie Peterson: 724-856-8241 or ktpete@gmail.com

Kurt B. Crays, Executive Director **Erie United Methodist Alliance** – EUMA Volunteers and Staff work to provide the homeless and those in need in their community with safe shelter, basic necessities, and life skills training as they work to achieve their greatest potential. Seeking to help more than 2,000 children and adults each year, volunteers and staff are called to see each person – each heart – and their individual needs – <http://www.euma-erie.org> – 814-456-8073 – kurtc@euma-erie.org

Rita Smith – Executive Director **Connellsville Area Community Ministries** – an ecumenical ministry in mission with local churches and organizations serving the Connellsville Area School District and surrounding areas – through the Care & Share Boutique, Crisis Assistance, a Food Pantry, Trinity House, a Medical Lending program, PUMP (People Under Mission to People - volunteers repairing, building ramps, etc), the Newborn Layette program, Career Corner and Circles – <http://www.connmin.org>, 724-626-1120.

Beth Owens, His Light Her Shine (Kane District) – www.bethannowens.com – Beth seeks to encourage women to shine their God colors to reflect back to Jesus Christ, the one and only True Source. Beth uses personal experience and everyday encounters to encourage others to be His light in the ever growing darkness. Beth’s messages range from daily life applications and invitations to draw nearer and closer to Him to a deeper, more intimate story of how His grace and mercy rescued her from a life of despair and destruction.

Legacy Fund Speakers

- Donna Burkhart
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- Diane Miller – diane.miller2747@gmail.com or 814-498-2308

Rachel Allen (Certified Music Practitioner/Registered Yoga Teacher) – Topic: Raising Abuse Awareness/Trauma-informed Yoga Helping Victims – Johnstown area – 814-242-5741 or rachel@yogasong.net

Pat Hull (Johnstown District Social Action and Education and Interpretation) – Johnstown area – Topic: Alzheimer Disease and Related Dementias – 814-539-1553

District and Conference Officers make good speakers – check slate of officers for contact info.

Contact Diane Miller to borrow the half hour DVD and Discussion Guide:

“No Sanctuary: Big Business and Family Detention”

Diane Miller – 814-498-2308 or diane.miller2747@gmail.com

TED Talks make excellent “programs” – with questions to set-up the experience and debrief after seeing.

- TED is a nonprofit devoted to spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks (18 minutes or less). TED began in 1984 as a conference where Technology, Entertainment and Design converged, and today covers almost all topics — from science to business to global issues — in more than 100 languages.
- Sample Program using a TED Talk to set up a conversation on Racism or Immigration – **The Danger of a Single Story**
 - Scripture: Mark 12:30-31 (... and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these.
 - What word or phrase or feeling comes to mind when I say –
 - Peanut butter and ?
 - Protesters
 - African Americans
 - Palestinians
 - Homosexuals
 - Undocumented) immigrants
 - Nigerian
 - Chimamanda Adichie is a Nigerian immigrant
 - What might you guess about her – language – education – profession?
 - Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist Chimamanda Adichie tells the story of how she found her

authentic cultural voice -- and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding.

- View the video:
http://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story
- What surprised you about Chimamanda's story?
- How are we guilty of believing a single story is all there is?
- Close with Prayer

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