

# STATE COLLEGE DISTRICT

OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## NEWS & NOTES

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### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

Our Sympathy and prayers are extended to Rev. Gene and Cheryl McCallips and their family (Fairbrook) on the death of Cheryl's mother on June 1, 2009.

### **PASTORS MARK & SAVE THIS DATE!**

On Monday, October 26, 2009, an event entitled "Hidden Problem: The Church & Internet Pornography," will be held at the Camp Hill United Methodist Church in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Sponsored by a broad base of denominational judicatories, this event is especially provided for judicatory staff, persons responsible for boundary training, committees dealing with ordination and/or intervention issues, and pastors. The two presenters will be the Rev. Dr. Mark Laaser who is the Director of Faithful & True Ministries ([www.faithfulandtrueministries.com](http://www.faithfulandtrueministries.com)) in Eden Prairie, Minnesota and nationally recognized for his work in the area of sexual addiction, and the Rev. Dr. Stephen Treat, the Director of the Council for Relationships ([www.councilforrelationships.org](http://www.councilforrelationships.org)) in Philadelphia. More details and registration materials will follow in upcoming months.

### **SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING**

Monday, August 24, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. – Grace UMC, Lewistown

Ann Horton will present Safe Sanctuary materials. This event is especially geared for laity and their responsibilities in working with children and youth.

(Call 717-248-5311 to register)

### **GREETINGS FROM UNALASKA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!**

As we make our preparations for Vacation Bible School this summer, we are excited to use Group Publishing's *Rome: Paul and the Underground Church*. If your church has used this material, please let us know of any ideas that worked well for you. Also, if you have leftover craft supplies, decorations, or other materials for this program, please let us know. We would be interested in purchasing the materials from you.

Blessings!

Dan Wilcox ([DanielPWilcox@aol.com](mailto:DanielPWilcox@aol.com))

### **CONFERENCE OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

The Central Pennsylvania Conference Council on Ministries, Episcopal Office, Finance Office and Stewardship Foundation summer hours are:

Monday-Thursday: 7:45 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to Noon

## **HOLY LAND TRIP**

The Lewisburg District is sponsoring a special trip to the Holy Land November 30-December 7, 2009. Led by Dennis Derr and Tom Salsgiver, this trip is in conjunction with Education Opportunities. This is a specialized trip that will afford an opportunity for fellowship, study, and renewal. Several sites on the itinerary are not open to the general public. The cost is approximately \$1650 for clergy and \$1,750 for spouses. This includes air travel from JFK, lodging (double accommodations—single room supplement is \$200), plus full breakfasts and dinners and all sightseeing. The trip is only open to clergy, spouses and lay folks of the Central PA Conference.

For more information and/or a brochure, feel free to contact Dennis Derr at [dennisderr@cpcpastors.org](mailto:dennisderr@cpcpastors.org), 570-275-1427; or Tom [Salsgiver—tom@cpcumc.org](mailto:Salsgiver—tom@cpcumc.org), 570-523-9592.

The deadline is September 30, 2009.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ASBURY**

### **Silent Retreat – for Adults – July 9-11, 2009**

Leader: Anne Horton

“Listen!” When was the last time you stopped to truly listen to God? During this time of silence you will have the opportunity to experience times of reflection on scripture reading, music, nature and journaling. It is through these spiritual dynamics that we are able to turn our ears and hearts to be receptive to God.

### **Mount Asbury Family Camp – July 12-15, 2009**

Leader: Rev. Lucretia Browning

This brand new camp will encourage families to spend quality time together, as well as make new friends. There will be time spent with others in your age group, doing activities and studies together, as well as adventures such as hikes and water activities that the whole camp will do together. There will also be time set apart for families to share and grow together. Crafts, singing, worship, recreation, campfires, swimming, and tons of fun will all be a part of this new camp, so we hope to see you there!

### **How to Take Good Pictures – for Adults – July 19-22**

Leader: Jerry Wolgemuth

This experience is for the beginning photographer. Bring your digital camera ready to spend one third of your time on mechanics and two thirds on composition. Bring some of your favorite pictures to learn strengths on use of light. Awards will be given at the close of the event. Camp begins Sunday afternoon and closes with lunch on Wednesday.

To register for any of these events go to: [www.cpcumcamps.org](http://www.cpcumcamps.org) and click to register online or download the Adult Registration form and mail to: Central Pa. Conf. UMC, Camping Office, 303 Mulberry Dr., PO Box 2053, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

**VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION NEEDED**  
**GOD IS AT WORK IN CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA**

**...AND HE NEEDS US TO JOIN HIM!**

...faith by itself, if not accompanied by action, is dead.” (James 2:17)

**God** is truly working in Central Pennsylvania and **He** does need our help. The following opportunities are available to serve God by serving others.

**OPPORTUNITIES 1, 2, and 3**

After 40 years of talking about the need for a new building, Watsonstown United Methodist Church (WUMC) is at last taking a step in faith by constructing a new church. This phase of WUMC's Campus for Christ vision has begun and we're looking for volunteers to assist with framing and drywall. Week-long Volunteers in Mission (VIM) opportunities will be available as follows:

- June 22-26 – Framing
- July 13-17 - Insulation, dry wall and finishing dry wall (SEE OPPORTUNITY 4)
- July 20-24 - Insulation, dry wall and finishing dry wall

To learn more about this project, go to [www.watsonstownumc.org](http://www.watsonstownumc.org) and click on VIM Application or contact Drew Tompkins at 570-538-3358 or [amishnaber@aol.com](mailto:amishnaber@aol.com)

**OPPORTUNITY 4**

The Williamsport District Volunteers In Mission Ministry and the Pennsdale Trinity UMC are sponsoring a **MID-SUMMER PROJECT RETREAT**.

**Our MISSION:** “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

1. **Our PURPOSE:** “To share Christ's love in ways that make a Christian difference.”
2. **Our TASK:** What we do (or the physical work we do) with our abilities and is always secondary to our purpose of making a Christian difference. Although our task is distinct from our purpose, the two are joined together so that Christ may be lifted up.
3. **DATES: Monday, July 13 through Saturday, July 18, 2009.** Participate all week, several days or just one day. Commuters are welcome and are encouraged to be present for morning (after breakfast) and evening (after supper) devotions.
4. **YOUTH WELCOME:** an adult must accompany youth ages 12 to 15.
5. **LOCATION:** Pennsdale Trinity United Methodist Church, 658 Village Road, Pennsdale, PA 17756-7119
6. **PROJECTS:** Remove and replace plaster in basement of **Pennsdale Trinity UMC**; assist with insulation and dry wall hanging and finishing at the **Watsonstown UMC** church and other projects to be announced in the **Eastern Portion of the Williamsport District**.
7. **NOTE:** As one of our projects we will be working on Opportunity 2—The Watsonstown UMC church build.
8. **HOUSING:** At the Pennsdale Trinity UMC. In the fellowship hall or if desired, free tent sites are available.
9. **MEALS:** Prepared and served by our volunteers at the Pennsdale Trinity UMC.
10. **COST:** \$50 for the week or \$10 per day. Cost will cover housing, meals, t-shirts, insurance, miscellaneous supplies and outreach contributions.
11. **INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Friday, June 26, 2009, at 7:00 pm** at the Pennsdale Trinity UMC, 658 Village Road, Pennsdale, PA 17756-7119.
12. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Friday, June 26, 2009.

**For more information or to register contact:**

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