



UCLC UPDATE

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United Churches Summer Update 002

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Keeping In Touch Over The Summer

National Night Out - 8/6/19

Light up the night with fun, food, music and lights on Tuesday, August 6th this year. It's a great time to get to know your neighbors and have some fun in the name of safety.

Williamsport residents will not need to apply for a permit or pay the permit fee if you plan an event for this special night. Mayor Campana and Joseph Girardi of the Codes Dept. will allow events to happen without those formalities. However, they do need a list of the churches and businesses that will participate by July 22nd. Registration attached.

Be A Heartworks Volunteer

New volunteers are needed for Heartworks, the grief support program of UPMC Susquehanna for children, teens and their families. A 20+ hour volunteer training program is scheduled to begin late August. This rewarding volunteer opportunity does require a one year commitment to our bi-monthly Tuesday evening (5:15-8:15 pm) meetings September through May. You can check out the Heartworks website at www.UPMCSusquehanna.org/Heartworks to learn more about the program. For more information, call or e-mail Linda Bryant, Heartworks coordinator 570-220-8472 or bryantl3@upmc.edu.

Stabler's Grove Camp Meeting

Pine Run United Methodist Church will host the 84th Stabler's Grove Camp Meeting July 21-28 beginning at 7 pm each evening with Evangelist Steve Housewright. The theme is "Life Cycle Of A Christian". Enjoy special music (Gospel to Country to Contemporary), hymn singing, a special Children's and Youth Nights (see flyer).

Summer Concerts at Lamar

Lamar Lighthouse Camp continues to have Sunday night concerts beginning at 7. They are held at the Cedar Heights Brethren In Christ Church, 37 Cedar Heights, Mill Hall. The whole family is welcome and all concerts are free, a love offering is taken. 7/14 Avenue Trio, 7/21 Chiz Rider, 7/28 The Hyssongs, 8/4 The Millers, 8/11 Calvary's Mercy, 8/25 New Journey, 9/1 Mercy Run, 9/8 The Gloryway Quartet

Pancake Breakfast

Fundraiser on Sunday, July 28 from 9 - Noon at St. Joseph the Worker Parish Fleming Center, 702 West Fourth St Williamsport hosted by Knights of Columbus. All proceeds will go to help Bromwyn Kenner (a member of SJWP who is 7 and has Leukemia) with cancer treatments. Enjoy pancakes, Tony's Deli sausage, coffee and juice for \$8/adults, \$5/kids 6-15, 5 and under free. Poster attached.

Summer Ecumenical Lunch

Rev. Viking Deitrich is on home assignment from Germany and will be our speaker at noon on Wednesday July 31 at Pine Street United Methodist Church. He is the Regional Representative for Europe, the Middle East and North Africa for the ELCA, and will be telling us about his work in the Balkans and Russia, as well as projects in Jordan, the Holy Land and Cairo. The program includes a catered \$6 lunch beginning at 11:45 in fellowship hall. Free parking is available until 1:30 in the lot north of the church. Though reservations are not needed, we appreciate non-regular attenders letting us know you are coming, call 570-322-1110.

Speak Up For The Earth

It is not going to happen without you caring enough to speak up when you see people using plastic foam (Styrofoam). It is often found in restaurants, hospitals, senior citizen homes, grocery stores, churches, and perhaps your own home. Plastic foam is not biodegradable – it lasts for 500 years and is filling our landfills. It breaks up into particles and can be found in drinking water. It leeches styrene and benzene into food and drink.

You can refuse to use plastic foam take-out containers and take your own. You can speak up and suggest they change to biodegradable containers. You can also carry your own container into a restaurant for your left-overs.

Some businesses and organizations have already banned the use of plastic foam or are working toward that goal! Be sure let people know how much you appreciate their caring for our world! Check out your own church, grocery store, and favorite eateries. Encourage everyone to do all they can as stewards of God's beautiful earth. It's time to speak up!

Plastic Foam Surveys are available on our website and encourage commitment and action. Get one at www.ucl.org/other-ministries/social-concerns.

CROP Walk - The First Walk

Sunday, October 13 is the day we join together to help hunger here in our community and around the world. Plan to be part of this year's walk which is the 50th Anniversary of the First Hunger Walk! Appoint a recruiter for your congregation and watch for details.

Mental Health and the Church

We need your help enabling the faith community to develop ways to more effectively engage persons who have mental illness. We want to be able to reach out better to those with mental illness within our congregations and their families, as well as those within our community at large. Work has begun on several fronts; forming a spiritual support group and congregations observing mental health week in October.

A Mental Health First Aid Workshop teaching the skills to respond to the signs of mental illness will be held Saturday, August 17th from 7:45 - 4:45 at

the cost of \$20, which will be held at St. John's-Newberry UMC Church. Register with Rev. Leonre Hosier, lhosier@susumc.org or 570-326-5569.

Please join in this Roundtable Working Group. The next meeting is Monday, July 15 at 1 pm at St. John's-Newberry, 2101 Newberry St, Williamsport.

Classifieds

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Holy Land 2020

Rev. Lenore Hosier, pastor of Saint John's-Newberry UMC, will be leading a team to the Holy Land through Educational Opportunities from January 8-16, 2020. This trip is unique in that it is not JUST touring the holy sites but will include teachings by Rev. Dr. Gary Mason, a Methodist pastor from Ireland and the Director of Rethinking Conflict. This tour is open for adults from any denomination. Brochure and additional information available for those interested. Initial deposits due soon to hold spaces. Contact lhosier@susumc.org or 570-326-5569.

Interfaith Dialogue Commission

Recommended readings to help us better understand other people of faith who are different from us.

- *Joshua in a Troubled World: A Story for Our Time*, by Joseph F. Girzone
- *Getting to the Heart of Interfaith: The Eye-Opening, Hope-Filled Friendship of a Pastor*, a Rabbi, and an Imam, by Ted Falcon
- *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*, by Barbara Brown Taylor
- *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, and A Jew - Three Women Search for Understanding*, by Ranya Idliby
- *Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth*, A Collection of Essays Edited by Llewellyn Vaughn-Lee
- *The Tent of Abraham: Stories of Hope and Peace for Jews Christians and Muslims*, by Rabbi Arthur Wasko, Sister Joan Chittister, Saadi Shakur Chishti.
- *Out of Many Faiths: Religious Diversity and the American Promise*, by Eboo Patel