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One with Each Other

By Shawn Gilgore

Director, Communications Ministry

Do we have an instrument to play in God’s grand orchestra? The answer is a resounding “Yes!” Though we all bring a different set of skills, interests and circumstances before God, we are all part of an orchestra that is led by the divine hand of Jesus. He is the one that we all turn to for direction, for timing and to bring each of our unique perspectives and gifts together to play the melodies, harmonies and songs that He writes for us all.

Being around an orchestra can feel chaotic, those moments before the conductor raises the baton are often bridged by a cacophony of noises, sounds, and notes as the members of the orchestra tune their instruments to one note. Eventually the baton is raised, the noise falls away and a singular note rings out through the concert hall. The orchestra is now directed toward a singular goal, unity. Using each of their unique perspectives and instruments, they are all under the direction of one individual.

Jesus is our great conductor. He stands ready with the baton ready to unite us in song together. What song is He calling us to? One of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. He calls us to exhibit those to each other and to our world. We are also called to forgive one another. Colossians 3:13 instructs us “Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive.”

Many things can divide us, yet we are called to unity in Christ Jesus. He is more powerful than any of those divisions, as we seek to be One with Each Other, let us turn to his direction as our Great Conductor. You’ll hear stories of connections, change, and new beginnings at Annual Conference. These conversations and movements were not things that happened overnight, but after hearing the call of Jesus toward a new direction, these communities stepped out in faith to realize where Jesus was leading them. All of us can make a difference together, and you’ll have an opportunity to do that through these stories and through serving our local community at Annual Conference. We all have an instrument to play in God’s grand orchestra, all we have to do is follow our Lord and Conductor, Jesus Christ.

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What's Up for Today

9 a.m. – Registration Check In
This is your time to register, pick up your nametag and any other materials you’ll need for annual conference. You won’t be moving in to your room just yet. Room check in and move in will happen later on today.

9 a.m. – Pre-Conference Ministry Workshops
Two pre-conference ministry workshops: Leadership Matters with Ken Nash and Open the Floodgates! The Power of Breakthrough Prayer with Sue Nilson Kibbey will meet during this time.

10:30 a.m. – Clergy Session
Clergy will gather in the Blue Room to act on the report of the Board of Ordained Ministry, and approve candidates for ordination.

10:30 a.m. – Laity Session
Laity members will gather in the White Room for a brief orientation, to be upheld in prayer, and to celebrate the ways that churches are making disciples of Jesus Christ.

12:30 to 2 p.m. – Lunch
Lunch will be served in the Chocolate Ball Room and the Red Ball Room.

12:30 p.m. – Preachers’ Aid Society
The Preachers’ Aid Society assists clergy with emergency financial needs, and seminary debt. In 2018, the Preachers’ Aid Society provided $18,732 to nine clergy families for emergency assistance; and reduced the educational debts of seven applicants by distributing over $21,000 directly to lenders.

The Preachers’ Aid Society will gather for its annual meeting in Wild Rose A.

12:30 p.m. – United Seminary Lunch: Cocoa 1

2 p.m. – Opening Celebration
We’ll gather in the White and Blue Room to hear Bishop Park address the annual conference as we celebrate the ways we are “Better Together.”

3:15 p.m. – First Plenary
We’ll map out our agenda, lay out the rules of getting our work done, and begin our work discerning the ways the Holy Spirit is connecting us to the mission of Jesus Christ, and is leading us to live in Christ’s life together. We also vote for delegates to the 2020 General Conference. Two ballots are scheduled.

Beginning at 4 p.m. – Check in to Hershey Lodge Rooms

5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Dinner
Lunch will be served in the Chocolate Ball Room and the Red Ball Room.

5:30 p.m. – Memorial Dinner in Cocoa Terrace & Cocoa 1

5:30 p.m. – Fellowship of Local Pastors in Magnolia A, B, C, & D

7 p.m. – Memorial Service
This evening we will gather in White and Blue Rooms to offer our gratitude for the life and ministry of clergy and lay members who have finished their journey in faith and now rest from their labors.
Memorial Service Speaker

Rev. Brenda Leigey

Rev. Brenda K. Leigey is from West Decatur, Pa., where her home church is Salem United Methodist Church. While a member of Salem UMC, Brenda was blessed to serve as a Sunday School teacher, Youth Leader, Lay Leader, and Church Council Chairperson. She was blessed to be supported and encouraged by the members of her home church and family, which ultimately led her to answer God’s call upon her life to be a pastor.

Rev. Leigey graduated from Phillipsburg-Osceola High School in 1979 and DuBois Campus of Penn State in 1981. Brenda was employed by Clearfield Bank and Trust, Clearfield before becoming a certified candidate for ministry in 1989, and a licensed local pastor in 1990. Brenda furthered her education at Bloomsburg University in 1992 graduating with a Bachelor’s Degree of Science Degree in Sociology. In 1994 Brenda became a probationary and received her Masters of Divinity from Drew Theological Seminary. In 1995. She was ordained in 1997 in the Central Pennsylvania Conference. She was recommended for ordained ministry by the Salem United Methodist Church, Mt. Hope Charge. She has served the following pastorates: Brandon-Central, (Now Christ UMC, Benton) 1990-1995; Nescopeck Wesley from 1995-2000; Nescopeck Wesley with extended ministry to Albright, 2000-2001; and Philipsburg Trinity since 2001.

Brenda’s passion for youth and children and serving as a Lay Leader during her years at Salem UMC, led her to seek out where God wanted her to best serve. She started the Clearfield Cluster of United Methodist Youth and served on the State College District Youth Board and the Central Pennsylvania Council on Youth Ministries. While serving in the Lewisburg District, she served as the Lewisburg District Youth Coordinator; Co-Dean in the conference camping program at Wesley Forest and the Lewisburg District Committee on Ministry. She has also served on numerous conference boards and agencies, including the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry as the Elder’s Registrar. She has served as Chair of the State College District Committee on Ordained Ministry, Cluster Leader for the Moshannon Valley Cluster, and currently is serving as Chair of the State College District Superintendent’s Cabinet.

Brenda has focused on building relationships in the church and in the community desiring that people come to know and love Jesus, as they take the next faithful step to share it with others.

Brenda is married to Allen who is the director of the athletic department of the Curwensville School District. They are blessed with a daughter, Macala Rae.

In January 2019, Brenda was appointed by Bishop Jeremiah Park as the Superintendent of the State College District effective July 1, 2019.

Brenda gives thanks to God for the grace, love, forgiveness and mercy that she has received and experienced as she strives and learns to be a faithful follower of Jesus.

A verse from Philippians 2:1-2 (NIV)

Therefore, if you have any complaint, or any request, or any desire, or any need, make it known to the Lord.

He will make your abundance complete in all things, even in every good thing, according to His promise in Christ Jesus.

MISSION CENTRAL

Projects at Annual Conference

Mission Central will be collecting shoes of all kinds, shapes and sizes … as long as there is “life in their soles,” we will collect them!

We will also be collecting school supplies of all types. There is a specific need for single-subject spiral notebooks and composition books.

Bring a NEW backpack with you today, Thursday, May 30, to participate in part of the “Leadership Experience.”

Greetings

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S USQUEHANNA DAILY LINK - May 30, 2019

when we love as Jesus loved (and God loved us enough to die for us), then we can gather together with joy even in our disagreements.

I do love annual conference, I love seeing people I haven’t seen in a while. I love inviting old friends or striking up conversations to make a new friend. I love the singing! With all those voices raised in song, I don’t have to worry about hitting the wrong note. (I don’t like sitting in the front row, but – our dear Bishop wishes to make sure the Cabinet behaves. Thankfully for me that time is almost over.)

I love celebrating the differences we have made – new professionals of faith, new persons called to pastoral ministry, new ways for us to connect to more people, new faith communities established, people fed, buildings improved, children taught in safe sanctuaries, youths’ creativity unleashed, seniors who find a place of solace. I love the opportunities to learn, to participate in hands on mission, to gather even one specific idea to bring back to try in my congregation. (I could pass on some of the business stuff, however I do know that administration is the necessary work to enable ministry to happen. It also gives us a chance to love God and our minds, therefore I am attentive to it.)

Together we will experience vibrant worship and plenary sessions as we celebrate our common calling, remember and celebrate those who have gone before, and lift up those who have been called to various ministries across our connection. We will hear accounts of our ministries throughout the annual conference, and offer our voice and vote as we determine next steps for the coming year.

Please take the time to absorb all of what Annual Conference has to offer as we lift up our work together while at the same time gathering inspiration for our ministry back home, remembering that (in) all we do, surrounded by prayer, we are Better Together … One with Christ, One with Each Other and One in Ministry to All the World.

One with Each Other

Holy Conferencing Principles

- Listen before speaking. When you understand from another’s point of view: Speak about issues, do not dismiss persons... Share grief without being disrespectful... Pray, in silence or aloud: about decisions... Let prayer interrupt your busy-ness. Strive to accurately reflect the views of others.

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Philippians 2:1-2 (NIV)
The Disaster Response Ministry is one of this initiative is to furnish the conference’s newest disaster response trailer with the tools and equipment necessary to support early response during Annual Conference. The goal of this initiative is to provide hope and restoration in times of disaster and rely on Him to provide us with the tools we need, we can be assured He will bless us abundantly with financial support to equip it. If you are led to provide tools, ask your congregation to support their purchase from the attached list of ministry needs. The list is categorized by District. If your delegation feels called to provide financial support, please consider a free-will offering or fundraising effort to fulfill that calling.

By Doug Hoy

Disaster Response Coordinator

Disasters come in many shapes, sizes, and causes. When they occur, both physical and spiritual devastation result. It places victims in a situation where they may be unable to see the hope and reassurance of God’s promises. And, in the midst of these situations, the connectional system of the United Methodist Church can provide a message of encouragement and restoration. As 1 Peter 5:10 indicates, “The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.”

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Drop your tools and equipment in the trailer that will be located by the front entrance of the Convention Center by the loading dock. Your financial support can also be dropped off at the table or sent directly to the Conference office noting Disaster Response Ministry Advance #8055.

If we prayerfully seek God’s call to provide hope and restoration in times of disaster and rely on Him to provide us with the tools we need, we can be assured He will bless us abundantly with all of us need to “abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

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2018 - 2019 Roll of the Honored Dead

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It’s Not in My Control

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In the days and weeks leading up to our meeting time here at the Hershey Lodge, I had a single phrase running through my head: “Here we go again!” I felt equally excited, nervous, and ready to go. There is always so much to get done for Annual Conference, and most of it happens behind the scenes. My last career was in local television news, so a part of me always wants to make sure that we “put on a good show” during Annual Conference. But as we prepared this year, I thought more about this time of preparation. It feels like we have most everything in place for Annual Conference to go well. But I realize that, truthfully, it’s not in my control. Everything we do is guided by God’s hand, and according to His grace. And I am learning that there is a comfort in that space. In a lot of my previous life experiences, it was always up to me and what I could do. When you direct a tv show, it really is up to you and your team of camera operators, sound engineers, and others to put together everything that your audience sees. We will be doing that again at Annual Conference this year, but I know that I need to leave space and cede control over to the Holy Spirit. The conference is really God’s meeting time with all of us, we just have to be open to His movement. So much has happened in the past year that, after Ellie just turned one, it went so quickly! Over the last 365 days, I’ve learned how to be a parent, how to be someone’s father and how to be a better husband to my wife Meghan. I will be the first to admit that it wasn’t always easy. There were early and late nights spent with Ellie as she grew into such an adjustment. But in retrospect, those quiet moments were so special. I had gotten used to a lot of background noise and activity on a daily basis, but having to make sure things are dark, quiet and peaceful for my daughter has been a great opportunity to practice the spiritual disciplines of solitude and silence. In this year at Annual Conference, I have a sense of peace knowing that God has our time together already known and in His plans. For all the planning and preparation we’ve done, it really is up to Him. So, take the quiet moments that happen among the activity of Conference as a moment to reflect on God and what He has called us together to do. I know that I’ve learned to listen in the quiet moments. I look forward to listening with you, together.
Conference delegates in the past have elected young people as delegates, on a campaign to increase the number of young people involved with the United Methodist Church. The driving force behind this shift was the need for greater representation of young people in making decisions that affect the church. At Annual Conference 2018, less than one percent of the voting laity was under 35. There is a verse in Proverbs that is the basis of children’s and youth ministry. Proverbs 22:6 NIV reads, “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” This should not only apply to Sunday School and youth group teachings but also your example. Take a moment and think about your home church, do you have any youth involved in leadership? Not just a youth service or in youth events but also on any committees or in important decisions being made. Changes need to be made at the local home church level as well as at the conference level to improve the percentage of youth involved. We need to show the youth and young adults that their voices are important. If we don’t make them feel like their opinion counts, they won’t continue to attend, let alone be involved. Far from being the future of the church, young people are an integral part of the church right now, and members of YPMC prayerfully ask you to join them in ensuring that the youth of the Susquehanna Conference have a voice in the life of the church. Much like Paul did for Timothy, may we as one congregation mentor our young people, allow them greater opportunities for involvement in the leadership of the church, and encourage them to serve Christ boldly, passionately, with their own unique talents and abilities from the reservoir of spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit imparts upon us all.

Never did Paul consider youthfulness in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12). Paul urging him to “let no one despise you, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12). Never did Paul consider youthfulness an impediment to effective ministry, and neither does the Young People’s Ministry Council (YPMC), which has recently redirected its focus to the development of student leaders, equipping them to make disciples of their peers and serve active roles in the leadership of the United Methodist Church. The driving force behind this shift was the need for greater representation of young people in making decisions that affect the immediate life and future of the church. At Annual Conference 2018, less than one percent of the voting laity was under 18. Looking ahead to General Conference, YPMC is working with the Division on Ministries with Young People on a campaign to increase the number of young people elected as delegates, as only seven percent of General Conference delegates in the past have been under 35.

On his first missionary journey, Paul traveled eastward from Lystra, crossing over a mountain range to the region of Derbe, where he continued to preach the Gospel. Whilst in Derbe, Paul met a young man named Timothy, eventually leading him to Christ. Later, on his second missionary journey, Paul invited Timothy to join him and Silas, and from that point onward young Timothy served a vital role in the growth of the early church. Fourteen years later, whilst serving as the leader of the church at Ephesus, Timothy received a letter from Paul urging him to “let no one despise your youth, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity” (1, Timothy 4:12). Never did Paul consider youthfulness an impediment to effective ministry, and neither does the Young People’s Ministry Council (YPMC), which has recently redirected its focus to the development of student leaders, equipping them to make disciples of their peers and serve active roles in the leadership of the United Methodist Church. The driving force behind this shift was the need for greater representation of young people in making decisions that affect the immediate life and future of the church. At Annual Conference 2018, less than one percent of the voting laity was under 18. Looking ahead to General Conference, YPMC is working with the Division on Ministries with Young People on a campaign to increase the number of young people elected as delegates, as only seven percent of General Conference delegates in the past have been under 35.

There is a verse in Proverbs that is the basis of children’s and youth ministry. Proverbs 22:6 NIV reads, “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” This should not only apply to Sunday School and youth group teachings but also your example. Take a moment and think about your home church, do you have any youth involved in leadership? Not just a youth service or in youth events but also on any committees or in important decisions being made. Changes need to be made at the local home church level as well as at the conference level to improve the percentage of youth involved. We need to show the youth and young adults that their voices are important. If we don’t make them feel like their opinion counts, they won’t continue to attend, let alone be involved. Far from being the future of the church, young people are an integral part of the church right now, and members of YPMC prayerfully ask you to join them in ensuring that the youth of the Susquehanna Conference have a voice in the life of the church. Much like Paul did for Timothy, may we as one congregation mentor our young people, allow them greater opportunities for involvement in the leadership of the church, and encourage them to serve Christ boldly, passionately, with their own unique talents and abilities from the reservoir of spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit imparts upon us all.

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By Rev. Rebecca L. Holland
Chair, Disability Ministries Task Force

On January 18, 2019 the Susquehanna Conference made a huge stride in working to serve the needs of people with disabilities by establishing the Disability Ministries Task Force. The goal of Disability Ministries is to lead the Susquehanna Conference in creating a culture where people with disabilities are fully included in all aspects of worship, leadership, ministry, and mission. Disability Ministries will work to advocate for the needs of people with disabilities, empower people with disabilities, and educate members of churches and communities about issues related to disabilities and disability awareness.

Our Team

We are comprised of both clergy and laity, many of whom have disabilities themselves or loved ones who have disabilities. Many members of Disability Ministries also have extensive experience working with and empowering people with disabilities in both the church and the community.

Our members include: Rev. Rebecca L. Holland (Chair), Rev. Mitch Galloway, Rev. Craig Gommer, Rev. James C. House, Rev. Jennett Wertz, Rev. Robert Stump, Rev. Carol Gathagan, Pastor Julie Rosensteel, Mrs. Pamela Harker, Ms. Abigail Kane, Mr. Jerry Post, Mrs. Wendy Allright, Mrs. Lisa Lupold, and Mr. Jeffery Holland. Rev. Evelyn Madison (Mental Health Task Force, Chair) and Rev. Ed Zieiders (Child Advocacy, Chair) also serve in advisory positions.

We would like to sincerely thank Rev. Jennett Wertz for providing American Sign Language interpretation for the worship portions of our annual conference. Due to a series of complications, our regular ASL interpreter was not available. We are so grateful that Rev. Wertz was willing to share her interpreting skills with us.

Disability Awareness Sunday

Currently, we have a resolution before Annual Conference in order to ask the Susquehanna Conference to establish a Disability Awareness Sunday. We hope that you will support our resolution and that you will choose to celebrate Disability Awareness Sunday in your home church.

Upcoming Events

Rev. Rebecca L. Holland will be offering a seminar on accessible and inclusive worship at this year’s Bishop’s Retreat. On Saturday, November 9, Rev. Phyllis Bowers will offer a free seminar on estate planning and capital campaigns at Christ Community UMC in Altoona. Christ Community UMC was able to become accessible because of a generous gift left to us by Mrs. Gloria Brown. Come join us to learn about how your own church can use estate planning in order to raise money to renovate for accessibility.

To register, please e-mail RHolland@susumc.org

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If you look at how to make a stringed instrument, some of the same instructions translate into making disciples. You learn to "read" what or who you are working with each time. You make something that doesn’t just look great, but something useful that plays well too. You recognize you can’t make each one the same, because each has a different sound within it.

“The reason violins last so long is because they are made to be repaired,” Mark Bluett, a master luthier from York, tells people who visit him. This repair work is also part of discipleship, part of growing in faith. We work on our brokenness with the Master. We emulate plants that thrive through all conditions and use this understanding of life’s rhythms to compose ourselves too. The music that resonates in us also comes from developing expert ears, from knowing how to listen and respond.

It is a miracle that one can carve such simple things from nature to make a beautiful song. It is a miracle that God carves such simple things away from our nature to make us beautiful instruments of his great love. Disciples are made by his grace and made greater by the discipline of sharing it. We are stewards of what God gives us and he manages our results.

Let’s work together to produce fruit and praise for God, “singing and making melody to the Lord with our hearts.” As we harmonize our efforts to make and grow transformational disciples, we will celebrate being better together as one body of musicians, offering all we have with him.

Rev. Phyllis M. Bowers, Executive Director

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Thursday, May 30
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
outside the Cokesbury Store
Flood Gates: Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church
Ultimate Reliance: Breakthrough Prayer Practices for Leaders

Ken Willard
Thursday, May 30
8:30 am - 10:30 – EVC Booth
Stride: Creating a Discipleship Pathway for Your Church
Time Management for the Christian Leader

Kay Kotan
Friday, May 31
9 - 9:30 a.m. – EVC Booth
Small Church Checkup (Also signed by co-author Phil Schroeder)
IMPACT! Reclaiming the Call of Lay Ministry

LIVE Streaming Schedule

The 2019 Susquehanna Annual Conference will once again be broadcast LIVE via susumc.org

Thursday, May 30, 2019
10:30 a.m. – Laity Session
2 p.m. – Opening Celebration
3:15 p.m. – Plenary One
7:30 p.m. – Memorial Service

Friday, May 31, 2019
8 a.m. – Plenary Two
1:30 p.m. – Plenary Three
7:30 p.m. – Ministry Night Celebration

Saturday, June 1, 2019
8 a.m. – Plenary Four
1 p.m. – Ordination Service

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