Greetings and welcome to Annual Conference 2018 as we celebrate being Better Together … One with Christ.

Our theme for the 2016-2020 Quadrennium is Better Together, as we focus on the words of Christ from John 17 and our Communion Liturgy: Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.

It is great to be together, to greet familiar faces, and connect with new friends across the Susquehanna Annual Conference. Here we are reminded that we are not alone in this journey of faith and witness to our world. This year, as in the past, we will be taking significant time in the midst of our gathering to center ourselves before God in prayer.

Throughout our time together, Bishop Park will be calling us to pause our work and to be intentional in prayer together as we lift up our work in our local churches, annual conference, and our mission around the world, seeking to be Christ’s light. At times, that time...
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What’s Up for Today
9 a.m. – Registration Check In
This will be 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.

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 will gather for its annual meeting in Cocoa Suite 1.

2:15 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.

3:30 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 Christ’s life together.

Beginning at 4 p.m. – Check in to Hershey Lodge Rooms
5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Dinner
Dinner will be served in the Chocolate Ball Room and the Red Ball Room.

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

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Kay Kotan

Kay Kotan is the Director of Equipping Vital Congregations for the Susquehanna Conference UMC, and she has a passionate approach to teaching, consulting, and coaching. As one called to serve from a laity role, she offers a unique perspective for church and leadership development that is informed by her diverse background serving in corporate America, owning her own business, lay leadership in the local church, and traveling the nation as an author and speaker.

Memorial Service Speaker
Rev. Marain Hartman

Rev. Marian Hartman serves as Superintendent for the Scranton/ Wilkes-Barre District. Hartman earned a Bachelor of Science in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation from Slippery Rock University. She taught physical education in Australia for several years before entering the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. She was recommended for ministry by Gettysburg UMC, and was ordained as a deacon in 1980. Marian received her Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1981, and was ordained elder in 1982.

Hartman has served in many appointments across the Susquehanna Conference including Doylestown Charge, Grace, Hanover, McVeytown Parish; Mt. Nittany; Wellboro, and Trucksville UMC prior to her appointment to the superintendency.

While serving as pastor, she has also been active in community sports by coaching soccer, baseball, basketball, and softball in various age levels. Currently, she loves the opportunity to umpire Little League Baseball when her schedule allows, and dreams of umpiring someday in the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

Hartman also has a heart for missions. She participated in a work/study team that went to the Give Ye Them To Eat Mission, Puebla, Mexico, in 2000, and has been back every year since. Hartman has taken 18 teams to participate in the program.

Memorial Service
Thursday, May 31, 2018
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Pastor Stephanie Rupert for her love, support, and leadership during her time at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Mifflinton, by her church family
Rev. Jay E. Zimmerman on his retirement by Ellen Avey

IN MEMORY OF
Sue Ellen Adams, my wonderful and caring wife, by her husband, Ted Adams
Rev. Dr. Robert A. Brown Sr. by his wife Beth
Emogene Clouser, widow of Rev. Elmer C. Clouser Sr., by her children, Alex Haywood, Linda Runk, and Jon Haywood
Rev. Larry Cole by his wife Sharon Gensib
Rev. Arthur W. Davis by his family
Pastor Anna Fyock, by the pastors of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Mifflinton, by her church family
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A few weeks ago I was noting that the Susquehanna Conference would be meeting on the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the United Methodist Church, when a curious council member wondered aloud: “How did all that got started?”

It was a good question.

And as I’ve pondered that question’s several possible answers, I found my mind drifting to a Pentecost moment from our United Methodist story. In 1767 a great meeting gathered on Pentecost at a farm close to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, which was owned by Isaac Long. These meetings often drew large crowds of people who came to enjoy fellowship and spirited gospel preaching. By that afternoon, the crowd began to gather to hear Martin Boehm preach.

Martin Boehm was a successful farmer who came to church one day, picked up a Bible, and went home a pastor who soon found he had nothing to offer but a prayer confessing he was lost. He was plowing his field one day, he said, when he realized that Christ had come to seek and save the lost. He finished his plowing and started to come to seek and save the lost. He visibly embraced Boehm as a brother in Christ. Their meeting at Long’s Barn grew into an association of ministry that would eventually build ties with Francis Asbury and the Methodist Church before settling on organizing the United Brethren Church, one of the churches that would one day form the United Methodist Church.

The Spirit that draws us together for these few days of conferencing is greater than an act of mandated diligence, more powerful than an opportunity to re-vision our mission, and stronger than our heart’s desire that this great meeting will renew and refresh our souls. We are brought here, as Peter didn’t raise Jesus from the dead. One with Christ, we receive the grace to be “rooted” and built up in Christ, strengthened in the faith as we were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

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Greetings (CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

of prayer will be silent, sometimes guided with words of focus, and sometimes with our neighbors and friends as we support one another in God’s presence. We look forward to the variety of ways as we experience worship and plenary sessions under the umbrella of unified prayer.

We are aware, of course, that the gathering during uncertain times for our denomination, as we are unsure of what the next steps will be, for the United Methodist Church. Along with other conferences across our connection, this year we anticipate some time set aside for us to be in conversation over the Council of Bishop’s proposal from the Commission on the Way Forward, set to go to the General Conference in 2019, as a way to listen, clarify, and respond to that proposal. With this and other unanswered questions before us, we feel at times very anxious about this coming year and wonder how can all of us be attuned to God’s calling in the midst of uncertain times. As we come from different backgrounds and various understanding of all that is before us, it is important to remember that each and every one of us seeks to be tuned to Christ. The image of the tuning fork calling us to times of prayer and focus on Christ will be constant reminders of this throughout Annual Conference.

We look forward to experiencing various worship and plenary sessions as we celebrate our common calling, remember and celebrate those who have come before, and lift those who have been called to various ministries across our connection. We will hear accounts of our various ministries throughout the year and how we have been able to 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.

BISHOPS RECOMMEND (CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

generous unity by giving United Methodists the ability to address different missional contexts in ways that reflect their theological convictions. The One Church Plan removes the restrictive language of the Book of Discipline and adds assurances to pastors and Conference members who due to their theological convictions cannot perform same-sex weddings or ordain self-avowed practicing homosexuals.

The Council’s discernment process was guided by the overarching desire to strategically help the General Conference do its work and to honor the General Conference’s request for the Council to help the church find a way forward.

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Bishop Carter, who served as one of the moderators of the Commission, said the bishops are adopting a spirit of collaboration with the Commission, and an attitude of respect for the delegations who will take up this work on behalf of the whole church. The Council’s prayerful deliberation reflected the diversity of the global denomination on the matter of homosexuality and many other matters. The Council affirms the strength of this diversity and our commitment to maintain the unity of the church,” Bishop Carter said.

Full details of the plans and accompanying legislative proposals will be released as soon as final editing of the entire report is completed and translated into the official languages of the General Conference. It is estimated this will be no later than July 8.

The Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church would like to announce and offer congratulations that the Springfield/Dimock Charge in Scranton/Wilkes-Barre will be receiving the 2017

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By Skip Spangler

Susquehanna Daily LINK Editor

BEHIND THE SCENES

Looking for my Place

By Shawn Gilgore

Director of Communications Ministry

As we get together for our 2018 Annual Conference, I’m looking forward to being with all of you. It still feels like a big conference for me as your director of communications, and I hope that the work we’ve done has been up to the standards of your local churches. This won’t be my first time at Annual Conference; I served on the Media Team for Jerry Wolcott in 2010 and 2011. I remember the anticipation, the excitement, and the feeling of being in such a special place as our Annual Conference meeting.

This year is no different. I’m feeling that same mixture of excitement, anticipation, and the knowledge that we’ll all be together again for our time of holy conferencing.

Throughout my first months here at the conference, I’ve been able to meet and work with many of you, and I hope we will continue to work together for the good of our amazing God. Many things have changed, including my own family. My daughter Elisa was born on May 12, and those days spent in the hospital were indeed that same mix of anxiety, excitement, and anticipation. And over that, somehow that my mother-in-law told me is still resonating with me. She said, “Once Elisa is born, I’ll have a really hard time remembering what life was like without her.” And it is true. It feels like “Ellie” has been a part of my family for a long time now. I just didn’t get to meet her until God placed her here on Earth.

Shawn Gilgore

“Ellie” Gilgore

Elisa “Ellie” Gilgore

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It’s a similar feeling to being with all of you. I feel like I know you and that we are all part of the same family. I think that is why I’m looking forward to this year’s Annual Conference so much. There are so many members of our Susquehanna Conference family that have yet to meet, and I am looking forward to being with all of you.

So, let’s conference together in love, with respect for one another, and with our eyes, ears, and hearts tuned to what God has in store for us at this Annual Conference. Our theme this year is “Better Together . . . One with Christ,” and it couldn’t be more evident or true at this time. We are better together, and if we keep ourselves in tune with what Christ has planned for us, we will see that the future of our beloved church is bright.

I’m looking forward to seeing all of you, my “Susquehanna Conference family.”

-Shawn Gilgore

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Finding Your Way Around during Annual Conference

Confection Hall Level

Seating Chart:
White and Blue Room of the Great American Hall
Bar of the Conference - Burgundy Chairs
Visitors - Gold Chairs

For over 2000 years, Christians have rallied round a common symbol that represents our Savior, Jesus Christ—and that symbol is the cross. They come in many shapes, varieties, and sizes, but all are representing the same Jesus. This year at Annual Conference we will have many moments to remember that we are One with Christ and are seeking to be in tune with Him. Throughout our times of worship, we will take time to clutch the cross we have brought, to pray, and to remember that we are in fact, One with Christ, and seeking to be in tune with Him.

A limited number of crosses will be available at the Bishop’s Partners in Mission display table for a donation to this fund.
Jeremiah 1:4-8

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD."

Equipping student leaders is discipleship and vital to the future of the United Methodist Church.

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Our participation in any covenant of baptism requires us to guide young disciples to find the gifts God has blessed them with and to use those for God’s glory. Their creation in the womb by the Almighty mandates we embrace their ideas and commit to helping them implement them. The sacrificial love of Christ Jesus compels us to allow them to take risks, make mistakes, and be assured that the body of Christ will still love and value them unconditionally for the contributions they make.

Equipping student leaders is living grace, showing those just starting out that perfection is not a prerequisite for serving, but rather a never-ending opportunity to learn.

Being spiritual leaders for our young people also means speaking up when they are not even aware that they are not being heard. In a healthy congregation, youth participation is roughly equivalent to 10 percent of worshipping congregations. How are we as spiritual leaders and congregations doing to fulfill our purpose to engage youth who are the present and future of the church? Are they heard, or event present, on our councils and committees, in worship, in mission, in the life of the church? Do we give them a vote? Do we give them a chance?

How are we doing with this at Annual Conference? The answer is, not so well. A minimal number of young leaders will be involved this year in making decisions that will impact the immediate and distant future of the United Methodist Church. The lack of participation from our young leaders is a direct result of the change in venue and subsequent change in date. This change in date led to a 47 percent decline in young people under the age of 18 attending Annual Conference.

At Annual Conference Session 2018 less than one percent of the voting laity will be under the age of 18. Future dates that have been set for Annual Conference will continue this decline, as they fall during student final exams, end of year commitments, and graduations.

We prayerfully ask ourselves amid this Annual Conference Session, are we doing everything in our power as members to consider decisions from the viewpoint of our youth, to talk to young disciples, and to vote not just for yourself but for those who would have been in attendance if they had not lost their voice and vote? Will you [as] the body of Christ make a way forward for our youth, our prophets to the nations, our legacy?
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Enlistment and Interpretation Committee
The Board of the Ordained Ministry - Susquehanna Conference UMC

God’s Calling Event for laity

Explore the Question: “God, are you calling me?”

By Jay Jones

Have you ever wondered, “God, are you calling me?” Have you ever wondered, “What is the difference between an ordained elder, an ordained deacon, a local pastor, or a certified lay minister?” Do you know the various certified ministries affirmed by the United Methodist Church? You are invited to join us Saturday, August 4, 2018, at Lightstreet United Methodist Church in Bloomsburg for the God’s Calling Event, presented by the Enlistment & Interpretation Committee of the Susquehanna Conference of the Board of Ordained Ministry. This is a day apart for laity, as together we examine the ministry of the ordained elder, ordained deacon, local pastor, and certified ministries of the church. This event will include information in regard to scholarship and grant availability, educational requirements, seminars, and other pertinent information. This is an exciting opportunity for those discerning a call to ministry. (If you are in the candidacy process, this is a requirement for certification. This is also a requirement for those in the process of becoming a certified lay minister.)

Enroll now by downloading the God’s Calling brochure found on the front page of the conference website at www.sussumc.org or go to the Board of Ordained Ministry website at scboom.org, link onto Resources. Rev. Sandy Kraft at skraft@sussumc.org for additional information.

Location:
Lightstreet UMC
1640 Main St.
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Date:
Saturday, August 4, 2018

Time:
9:30 a.m. - 4:30p.m.

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Shared Sorrow
A Faith Community’s Response to Grief and Mourning
with Ron and Carol Swift

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An Outdoor Experience
with Beth Jones
Thursday, July 26, 6:30 p.m. — Saturday, July 28, 4 p.m.
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However and wherever we encounter the outdoors, we can discover a journey back to the ancient pathways of faith, a re-discovery of healing, hope, creativity and courage — of union between Creator and creation in simple, humble, joyful places. We invite you to encounter God’s guidance through the seasons of life and nature to release fears and burdens, receive silence, renew our joyous creativity and respond to God’s leading.

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How many times have you heard this and thought about it as a call to pay attention for something that will happen in the future? Yet staying tuned is also a way to manage our life and re-align ourselves constantly with Christ right now.

Musicians stay tuned by starting with a key note and making sure their instruments sound the same, neither too sharp or too flat. How are you managing the song your life has played so far? Are you too sharp about things that bother you? Are you too flat about the things that should?

Stay tuned! We are better together when we are one in Christ and the master musician brings our talents into harmony with his purpose. We are better together when we are one in Christ and the master composer designs our piece to play so others can be drawn into the band. We are better together when we are one in Christ and the master conductor charges our hearts to respond in a great symphony of praise and joy for his glory.

Stay tuned to how God works through us. Stay tuned to each key he gives us to use as good stewards. Listen to these words: “The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals, and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: ‘He is good; his love endures forever.’ Then the temple of the LORD was filled with the cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God.” 2 Chronicles 5:13-14

Only when we are one in Christ are we better together. We simply cannot be better together without him. As we play and sing and praise God together, stay tuned. Stay tuned to what is God is doing right now and stay tuned to what our great director has planned next.
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