

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 – HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE

10 AM–10:25 AM – FELLOWSHIP TIME – EXT.

10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

11:30 AM – TRUSTEE MTG. – LOUNGE

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 – MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DAY

CHURCH OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSED

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

9 AM – BMG – EXT.

11 AM – 2 PM – THE SHOPPE & ANNEX at RPUMC

Open for shopping *Proceeds Benefit Missions/ Outreach*

11:30-12:30PM – FREE LUNCH MINISTRY – FH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE

10 AM–10:25 AM – FELLOWSHIP TIME – EXT.

10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Altar flower openings – Altar flowers are available for the following Sundays’, February 16th and March 30th. If you would like to place flowers on the altar in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one , please contact the church office. The cost for two vases of flowers is \$30.00.

Book Club – Our December meeting was held on Friday, December 13th at 2 pm at the church. We discussed “One Summer” by David Baldacci. We had a lively, very interesting discussion. Our January meeting will be on Friday, January 10th at 2 pm at the church. We will discuss “Winter Street” by Elin Hilderbrand. If anyone has trouble getting a copy, please let me know. I hope to have access to an extra copy. Our February meeting will be on Friday, February 14th at 2 pm at the church. We will discuss “Must Love Flowers” by Debbie Macomber. If anyone has trouble getting a copy, please let me know. I hope to have access to an extra copy. We received information on the News Castle Reads event for 2025, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7 pm. We are planning to attend again this year. The author and the book (Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt) appear to be very interesting. Coming attractions include “The Wedding Planner” by Daniel Steel, “Dreamland: A Novel” by Nicholas Sparks, “Hidden Pictures” by Jason Rekulak, “The Housemaid’s Secret” by Freida McFadden, and several books by Ariel Lawson (“The Frozen River” and “Flight of Dreams”). Paul

Fellowship Time – Sunday Social meets from 10 am until 10:25 am in the Extension before morning worship. Join us for fellowship. We will have snacks, coffee and tea to enjoy. Donations of prewrapped snacks, if you are able to contribute, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Dottie & Rose

Flower Containers – We love delivering altar flowers to shut-ins and they love the visit BUT we are in need of containers. I have found the 1 lb. metal coffee cans do work very well. Please donate these so we can continue this wonderful program. Blessings, Marlene

Free Lunch – The Free Lunch Ministry program continues every Thursday from 11:30am-12:30pm. We prepare a hot lunch in take-out containers. Each person also receives a ‘bag of blessings’. Our dedicated volunteers work on Wednesday mornings preparing food and the ‘bags of blessings’ to hand out. We are averaging about 110 meals a week now. Contributions of items are always accepted. Some church members pick up meals and deliver them to family and elderly neighbors. Thank you for your contributions to this wonderful ministry.

The Shoppe & Annex – **Closed** on Thursdays beginning December 26, 2024 until Thursday, January 23, 2025. Thank you everyone for another wonderful year of continued support. Have a wonderful safe and blessed holiday season!! See you next year. *Proceeds Benefit Mission/Outreach*



Bishop LaTrelle Easterling

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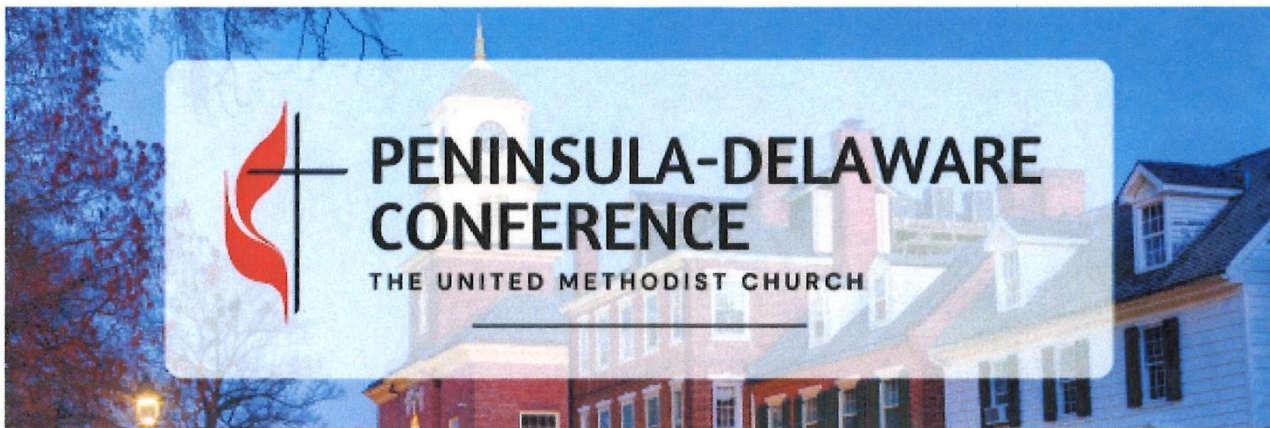
"Rejoice in the Lord: Dwell in Joy!"

This is the theme that will guide the people of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference into the new year and on to annual conference. I rejoice and give thanks for you as leaders in our churches and communities and want to engage in conversation with you about the joys and challenges you're facing in ministry. I am also excited to envision how God will continue to work through us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

I want to invite you to join me for a time of conversation on **Saturday, Feb. 1, from 9 a.m. to noon at Wyoming UMC in Wyoming, DE**. This gathering will be a time to listen, explore vision, and claim a spirit of revival and vitality.

There is much to rejoice about. I hope you'll save the date and join me for this time of sharing and joy.

In Christ's love,
Bishop LaTrelle Miller Easterling



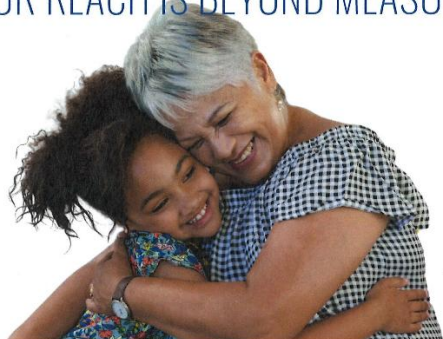
As we honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., let us remember his unwavering commitment to justice, peace, and love. In recognition of his contributions and to allow everyone to reflect on his teachings, the Peninsula-Delaware Conference Office will be closed on Monday, January 20th.

May this day inspire us to continue striving for equality and to embody the love of Christ in all that we do.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY
SUNDAY

TOGETHER

OUR REACH IS BEYOND MEASURE



WHAT ARE CHURCHWIDE SUNDAYS?

Churchwide celebrations unite us to accomplish missions that no single church can achieve alone. On these designated days, United Methodists come together to reaffirm their commitment as God's people and to support special programs endorsed by the Church. To see how your contributions make a difference, visit UMC.org/yourimpact.

GIVE TO YOUR CHURCH:
Make checks payable to your local church or donate online via credit/debit card at ResourceUMC.org/SSGive.



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Churchwide Sundays unite us in serving, giving and strengthening our faith

WHAT IS HUMAN RELATIONS DAY SPECIAL SUNDAY?

We are called to make a difference in communities where our brothers and sisters in Christ lack the resources to reach their full, God-given potential. Our contributions support the creation of a beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community development initiatives, and efforts to assist at-risk teens. On the Sunday before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, a special offering is taken to embody his vision of "the beloved community." United Methodists observe this churchwide special Sunday to honor the message Jesus lived out: every one of God's children is equally important.



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SPECIAL
SUNDAY

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY



Human Relations Day is a denomination wide Special Sunday that celebrates and raises awareness about the strength of human relationships.



A special offering is received the Sunday before Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day and contributes to building his vision of “the beloved community” by supporting ministries of advocacy and community engagement such as the Community Developers Program, United Methodist Voluntary Services and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs.



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