

Conference Focuses on Six Missions

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, saw the essence of Christianity as “simply love of God and love of neighbor.” One of his goals, says scholar, Dr. Richard Heitzenrater, was for Methodists to move “beyond a lifeless, formalized religion to one worthy of God, and that is love—love of God and love of neighbor ...”



Early Methodists were in ministry with the poor, seeing that all had clothing, food and housing. They addressed problems of child labor and health. Similar ministries continue today in Western Pennsylvania.

- **Erie United Methodist Alliance**, which serves the region; provides housing to homeless veterans; offers emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless families; operates The Rainbow Connection thrift shop; and helps to meet a variety of other needs. www.euma-erie.org.

- **Connellsville Area Community Ministries** that provides food, clothing, furniture, home repair ministries, mentoring and referrals to any who are in need. E-mail conmin@verizon.net.

- **Center for Hope**, located in Ambridge, which partners with churches and secular agencies to offer food, fellowship, prayer, mentoring, clothing, after-school tutoring, children’s activities, life skills training, and outreach to the homeless. www.thecenterforhope.com.

- **Prison Outreach Ministries**, which provides volunteers to lead Disciple Bible studies in state and federal correctional institutions throughout Western PA. www.gbqm-umc.org/wpapom/.

- **United Methodist Human Services of Johnstown**, which serves the region. The agency operates food pantries, feeding ministries, thrift shops, direct aid, layettes and hand-made items, shoes, emergency assistance, hygiene items, and homeless outreach. Call 814-539-2633 814-539-2633 .

- **Pittsburgh Northside Ministries**, which includes several local UM churches, the United Methodist Church Union, Bethany House Academy and other partners engaging in feeding ministries, childcare and education programs, housing and wellness care ministries. E-mail larry.homitsky@wpaumc.org.

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Bible Study and Prayer

Join United Methodists throughout Western Pennsylvania in studying these Bible passages from the *Revised Common Lectionary* and praying for these ministries and persons:

November 1-7

22nd Sunday after Pentecost – White All Saints Sunday

Read: Is. 25:6-9; Ps. 24; Rev. 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Pray for:

- ✚ First Bethel UMC, Pittsburgh Dist., Sandra Marsh-McClain, pastor, Austin P. Hornyak, associate, Deborah Dennick-Ream, deacon
- ✚ Wattsburg & Phillipsville UMCs, Erie-Meadville Dist., Russell D. Hixson, pastor
- ✚ Bobtown, Taylortown, & Mt. Calvary UMCs, Washington Dist., B. Gale Cobb, Pastor

November 8- 14

23rd Sunday after Pentecost – Green **Read:** Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17; Ps. 127 or 42; Heb. 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Pray for:

- ✚ Bairdford UMC, Butler Dist., Jerry Pawloski, pastor
- ✚ Belle Vernon:First UMC, Connellsville Dist., David P. Zona, pastor
- ✚ Sugarcreek UM Charge, Franklin Dist., John V. King, pastor, Harrietta C. Serrins, associate

November 15-21

24th Sunday after Pentecost - Green

Read: 1 Sam. 1:4-20, 2:1-10 or Ps. 113; Heb. 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

Pray for:

- ✚ Whitaker UMC, Pittsburgh Dist., Stanley Bolds, pastor
- ✚ Hastings & Bakerton UMCs, Johnstown Dist., Robert E. Nagy, pastor
- ✚ Volant UMC, Butler Dist., Ronald G. Naugle, pastor
- ✚ Arona & Herminie #2 UMCs, Greensburg Dist., Bruce Anthony, pastor

November 22-28

Christ the King Sunday - White

Read: 2 Sam. 23:1-7; Ps.132:1-12; Rev. 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Pray for:

- ✚ Apollo:First & Saltsburg UMCs, Indiana Dist., Richard J. (Rick) Hesel, pastor
- ✚ Tylersburg UM Charge, Kane Dist., J. Mark Hurst, pastor
- ✚ Templeton, Kellersburg, Widnoon UMCs, Indiana Dist., Jason Schweinberg, pastor, Colbert Jones and Pat Winterkawk, certified lay ministers

November 29 – December 5

First Sunday of Advent - Purple or Blue

Read: Jer. 33:14-16; Ps. 25:1-10; 1 Thes. 3:9-13; Lk. 21:25-36

Pray for:

- ✚ Albion:Calvary UMC, Erie-Meadville Dist., Melvin E. Bendig, pastor
- ✚ Wilmore & Lilly UMCs, Johnstown Dist., Valerie Conrad-Dembinsky, pastor
- ✚ Wrights & Edwards Chapel UMCs, Washington Dist., Thomas E. Hoeke, pastor
- ✚ Turtle Creek:McMasters UMC, Greensburg Dist., Susan E. Sphar-Calhoun, pastor
- ✚ Uniontown:Christ, Fairchance:Trinity UMCs, Connellsville Dist., Joong W. Koe, pastor