



June 5, 2016

What *very* exciting thing is happening in the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference that hasn't happened in quite a number of years? A multiple-day Spring Conference Meeting, of course!

No matter what the format – single or multiple day – the gathering of the churches of the conference is an uplifting occasion, and a great opportunity for bond-building fellowship, extraordinary worship, strengthening covenantal relationships, valuable speakers and workshops addressing issues that we all encounter in our ministries, AND, of prime importance, the wider church experience – something that we often miss as we focus on the ministries within our own churches. This year, the PSEC Spring Meeting will take place on June 10th, 11th, and 12th, at West Chester University. Our theme is **Working in Faith, Putting Jesus First**; our focus scripture: Matthew 25:31-46.



During the course of the weekend, we will have the opportunity to hear four exciting guest speakers, beginning Friday, when Rev. Dr. William Lentz, Pastor of Messiah United Methodist Church in Lafayette Hill, will lead a two-part session on *“Leading Between the Times.”* In our opening worship on Friday evening, Rev. Alan Miller, PNEC Conference Minister, will be our guest preacher, and on Saturday evening, we will hear Dr. Anthony Campolo, Professor of Sociology and Special Assistant to the President of Eastern University. Finally, as part of Sunday morning's Celebration Worship, our guest preacher will be Rev. Dr. James Alexander Forbes, Jr., The Harry Emerson Fosdick Distinguished Professor at Union Theological Seminary.

Also woven into the flow of the weekend are a wide assortment of practical and stimulating workshops, a conferring session to handle the business of the Conference, time to peruse exhibit tables, pool and recreation time, opportunities to be together!

It's going to be an exciting and transformational weekend for all of us! See you in West Chester!

Getting to Know :

Glenside United Church of Christ

2160 Wharton Rd., Glenside, PA 19038

Glenside UCC is a church that is growing. We are growing younger. We are growing in racial and cultural diversity. As an Open and Affirming congregation we reach out to everyone, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

Youth play an important part in our congregation. Our youth choir leads worship once a month and draws member and nonmember families. Either way, the young people know they belong here. We're preparing to send a group to the National Youth Event in Orlando and a second group of youth and leaders to serve with Appalachia Service Project to repair homes in West Virginia this summer.



"Drumming Workshop"

At Glenside UCC, on the first Sunday of each month, the children scatter throughout the congregation to gather food items that members bring for the Inter-Faith Food Cupboard and bring them to a "treasure chest" at the front of the sanctuary. The

first Sunday is Communion Sunday, and just as Christ shares bread with us from his table, Glenside UCC shares bread with our hungry neighbors. That says a lot about how this congregation understands its faith.

The members of this church love to be personally involved in mission. Every month a group goes to Old First UCC to help prepare breakfast or distribute clothing. Our youth have been involved with Appalachia Service Project for 14 years. An annual Latin American dinner raises money to help internally displaced refugees in Colombia. This year we plan to start a free community meal.

To learn more about our mission and ministry, visit our website: glensideucc.org.



Prayers are requested for Glenside UCC in Glenside and Rev. Beth G. Lyon.