



December 30, 2018

It's All About ...Boundaries

2019 Lay Boundary Training



Boundary Training is not just for Pastors...it also pertains to church members! Learn about the boundaries that should exist between church members and clergy.

Saturday, January 26th— 9:00 am—12:00 noon

@ Church of the Good Shepherd

35 W. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown

Register at: <https://psecclaybound.eventbrite.com>

Registration: \$20.00



FEB 16
12 pm - 6 pm
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Youth Empowerment Saturday

Say **YES** to loving God to loving Neighbor to loving yourself to building connections to answering God's call

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This event is being organized by the Penn Southeast Conference and will be hosted within the Philadelphia area. More details to come, but for the moment, please mark your calendars and spread the word! Our planning team includes: Josh Blakesley, Kim Kendrick, Kim Berenotto, Jonathan Bangera and John Folk.

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Date !

“Joy to the World”

The beginning of a new year always fills me with excitement and great anticipation. I'm not sure why other than it is an opportunity to start over, start anew. I especially like getting a new calendar and opening it up to the very first month of January. There is hope that this year will be filled with joy and wonder.

However, I am also aware that the beginning of this New Year does not bring joy to all people. There are those in our world who are starving and this New Year may be their last. There are those of you who are entering this New Year without a job and wondering what will happen to them in the coming weeks and months. It is an anxious time.

I was reading Psalm 148. I encourage you to take time to read it too. In this Psalm all creation shouts for joy for the wonder of a God that has created all things. It is as though every plant, animal and every person is singing “Joy to the World!”

As we enter this New Year may we stand firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens, no matter the circumstances, no matter the news headlines, we are bound to a God that loves us and wants only good for us. May we remember to praise God in all things! Because our praises to God are not determined by what is happening in our lives, it is determined by who God is and all that God has created around us and in the universe.

Even though there may be times in the coming year when we may feel too sad, or too tired, or too afraid to praise God, let this Psalm be a comfort to us that God will never abandon us. God wanted to be in relationship with us so much that *Immanuel* came and through Jesus Christ we are all reconciled.

“Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted, his glory is above earth and heaven!”

Blessings for this coming year!

- Rev. Sharon S. Morris, PSEC Associate Conference Minister



The PSEC will close books for 2018

as of close of business on

January 15, 2019. All OCWM

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by our office by the close of business on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 in order to be counted as a 2018 contribution.

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