

**CUMC NEWS**  
**October 2019**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month, instead of my normal writings, I wanted to invite anyone who is interested to attend our Heritage District Fall Conference (different from annual Charge Conference meeting) where everyone is invited to attend. They'll have worship and various church workshops. Descriptions of the workshops are included below. If you plan on attending please let me know, as well as which workshop(s) you'll be attending. If you cannot read the small print, you can go online to [shorturl.at/cuwFJ](http://shorturl.at/cuwFJ) to read more about each of the workshops.

**the HERITAGE DISTRICT**  
INVITES ALL CLERGY AND LAITY TO OUR  
FALL CONFERENCE & WORKSHOPS 2019

**Workshops**

- Benefits Are Not Boring  
with Don Emmert
- Three R's of Stewardship  
with Jeff Reagan
- EngageMI 101  
with Paul Perez
- Lay Servant Ministries  
with Laura Witkowski
- Beyond the Walls  
with Mike Desotell
- Children's Ministry  
In the Smaller Membership Church  
with Kathy Pittenger

**Saturday October 12**  
**10am-3pm**  
(check in opens at 9am)  
\$ 10 registration fee per person (includes lunch)

**@Marshall UMC**  
**721 US Hwy 27 N.**  
**Marshall, MI 49068**

**Childcare provided:**  
Please bring a bag lunch for each child. For the safety of all children please no nut products.

**Register Online:**  
**[shorturl.at/cuwFJ](http://shorturl.at/cuwFJ)**

\*descriptions of workshops given on the registration page  
\*\* workshops with fewer than 10 registered participants may be canceled.

Workshop Descriptions:

**Children's Ministry in the Smaller Membership Church** with Rev. Kathy Pittenger  
Smaller membership churches have incredible opportunities for including children in the life of the church! In this workshop we will focus on building healthy systems for children's ministry, choosing curriculum, volunteers, milestones, children/youth in worship, intergenerational ministries and more.

**Lay Servant Ministries** with Laura Witkowski  
Are you looking for a different way to serve your faith community? Have you been a Lay Speaker for decades and aren't sure what that means anymore since the program was restructured? Are you a pastor with several Certified Lay Servants in your congregation and are not sure what that means? Laura Witkowski will give an overview of the Lay Servant Ministries Program. Through this system of equipping and empowering, lay servants have the opportunity to grow in their faith and enhance their leadership skills.

**Beyond the Walls** with Rev. Mike Desotell  
In this workshop, Pastor Mike Desotell will discuss new ways of engaging the community outside your walls. Let's face it: visitors aren't pouring in through any of our doors. Today's church needs to take a

page from Jesus' playbook and meet people where they are. Topics will include starting a podcast, social media engagement, and being the church in the public square.

Note: The below workshops are focused for church leaders, finance committee and pastors.

**EngageMI 101** with Rev. Paul Perez

Join the Rev. Paul Perez for an introduction and orientation to EngageMI -- the Michigan Conference mission engagement program. Learn about EngageMI's core concept of 'ministry with,' the programs three areas of Learn, Give, and Act, EngageMI mission and ministry projects in the states and around the world, and how your local church can become an EngageMI congregation.

**Three R's of Stewardship** with Rev. Jeff Reagan

Talking about money in the Church can be daunting. In this workshop Rev. Jeff Reagan will take you through the ins and outs of successful stewardship planning.

**Benefits Are Not Boring** with Rev. Don Emmert

When topics of health insurance and pensions are raised, a spirited time is always guaranteed. We will address our shared ministry through the MI Conference Benefits Programs (health care, retirement and welfare plans), and how they are funded. As a bonus, we may even tackle a document or two in a special "Fun with Forms" segment.

Blessings,

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