



2024 Daily Circuit

Saturday June 8, 2024



Global Ministries Encourages Participation

By Audrey Stanton-Smith

Early Friday morning, Conference Disaster Response Coordinator Rev. Jim McCune got a phone call.

"They said one of the places we had tarped after a tornado in Kanawha County is ready for a new roof, so we'll build it," he said as he greeted visitors at the Disaster Response



Photo by Jonathan Nettles

booth Friday afternoon in front of Wesley Chapel. "We did four turnkey jobs in the last week. We try to be there until the job is done."

McCune and other representatives of agencies supported by Global Ministries, like Disaster Response, spoke with Annual Conference attendees during Friday's lunch break. Their Global Ministries Fair gave delegates a chance to learn how apportionment dollars work within the conference.

"These are folks on the ground level, working with the poor and bringing hope and help to those who are in need," said Gayle Lesure, a deaconess and retired Church and Community Worker.

Read more about Friday's Global Ministries Fair at www.wvumc.org.

Ice Cream Event Raises Funds for Youth

By Pam Braden

Donations received from the Friday night Ice Cream Social at the 2024 Annual Conference provide funds for the national Methodist Youth Service Fund (YSF).

United Methodist teens around the connection support youth ministries in their churches and communities through the Youth Service Fund.

The fund is completely run by teenagers for teenagers. Accumulated funds provide an opportunity for teens to apply for grant resources to empower them to plan and implement service programs that benefit other teens and youth in their local communities. Their projects may focus on impacting poverty, illiteracy, and social justice. They may also receive financial assistance to help them participate in mission trips.

Money raised from ice cream sales at this year's Annual Conference will fund the national program.

Shea James, director of Young Disciples and Outdoor Ministries, and the 19 youth

attending the 2024 WVUMC Annual Conference appreciate your contributions.

(Friday's ice cream social took place after our deadline. Check www.wvumc.org for this year's photos and fundraising updates!)



Photo by Dwayne Brown

Good sports Rev. Barry Steiner Ball, left, and Rev. Chip Bennett wear ice cream sundaes in support of the Youth Service Fund at the 2023 WVUMC Annual Conference. Check www.wvumc.org for updated photos from this year's ice cream event.

Today's Schedule

6-10 AM

Health Screening @ Gym

8:30 AM

Plenary Session
Michael Beck Teaching

10:15 AM

Memorial Service

11:30 AM-1 PM

Lunch

1 PM

Plenary Session

6 PM

Dinner

7:30 PM

Celebration of
Bishop Sandra
Steiner Ball

8:30 PM

Reception
@ Dining Hall

WVWC Connection Runs Deep

By Brandon Moll

Before West Virginia Wesleyan College President James Moore addressed the 2024 Annual Conference Friday morning, he joined Wesleyan alumni for breakfast.

“We are blessed to be your partners here at West Virginia Wesleyan,” Moore said in his greeting to Annual Conference. “Our home among the hills is your home among the hills.”

For Wesleyan alumnus Brandon Moll, that connection runs deep. “My connection to West Virginia

Wesleyan spans 50 years and three generations,” said Moll, pastor of St. Lukes/Faith Shared Ministry in the Greenbrier Wesleyan District.

Moll joined other Wesleyan alumni Friday morning in the Virginia Thomas Law Performing Arts Center to have breakfast, reconnect with others in the Orange Line, and celebrate the relationship between The United Methodist Church and the college.

Read more about the connection between the West Virginia Annual Conference and West Virginia Wesleyan at www.wvumc.org.



Photo courtesy Brandon Moll

Pictured from left, President James Moore, Brandon Moll (2001), Dewayne Lowther (1957), Dixie Helmick-McCormick (1982), Luke Spurgeon (2022), Breana Caltrider (2011), Ella Caltrider (future class of 2039), Jim McCune (1978), Kristi Wilkerson (1999), and Bill Elkins (1975).

Former Conference Secretary Makes Mark on Connection

As head of the Connectional Table, Judi Kenaston was central to the creation of the regionalization legislation which passed at the postponed 2020 General Conference.

If you want a full look at what Judi has been working on across the connection, you can find Audrey Stanton-Smith's article on her work at: <https://www.wvumc.org/news/2024/04/kenaston-addressed-general-conference/>



Photo by Melissa Paugh

New Elders, Retirees Honored

By John Langenstein

The conference welcomed its new ordained and commissioned elders with the asking of Wesley's historic questions.

We also marked the transition of faithful ministers into retirement, honoring their many years of service to God's kingdom.

“O yes, the whole world's in God's hands.” With these words, those gathered at Annual Conference began a holy time together by calling upon candidates for provisional and full conference membership before the body to answer the historic questions.

This tradition dates back to 1773 within the Methodist Church. Rev. Todd Hurley, candidate for elder in full connection, was joined by the provisional candidates, Rev. Sarah Wilmoth, Rev. Sarita Ladios Robison, and Rev. Caitlin Ware, in this solemn mark of their commitment to the work of ordained ministry.

After the congregation blessed these four ministers, the service transitioned to celebrating those who have served the conference and now are ready to retire. For the rest of this article and a full list of those retiring, please visit: www.wvumc.org.



Want help keeping track of 2024 Annual Conference business sessions? Visit our WVUMC website for daily recaps. On our Annual Conference page, just look for the drop down labeled “Daily Summary of Conference Business” and select the day's events you seek. Updates are uploaded as they are available. You will also find a digital version of this publication posted under “Daily Digest.”