

# Connecticut in Mission

Welcome to the Missions section of this newsletter. Our District has supported and continues to support many missionaries around the world. You will hear stories of missionaries and their ministries and see ways to be connected and support them.



Welcome back to the Mission section of this newsletter! We have several **HOT** mission topics for this edition

## **First, we have sisters and brothers going to rebuild in**

**Puerto Rico (Team #2 from our District)!** They leave Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be there for one week. This team has 3 from Clinton UMC, one from South Meriden and three other individuals from different districts in our Conference. They will be going to the Aricebo, Puerto Rico camp. We ask for your prayers for their travel, work and the families they will meet who were affected by Hurricane Maria. Thank you team members, for your service in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

**Second – we have another CT district team scheduled to go to Puerto Rico.** There are openings on this team, leaving October 17-24. If you have questions, or would like to learn more about participating, please call me, Jill Wilson at 860-690-1853 or email me at [jillmwilson@comcast.net](mailto:jillmwilson@comcast.net). ALL (over 18 years old) are welcome!

**Third on my mind today is about YOUTH and service! Did you know we have an ARMY of youth?** We do! And they will be in our own back yards! Read on for a message from our regional director...

*U.M. ARMY Returns To Asbury UMC!!*

*U.M. ARMY (United Methodist Action Reach out in Mission by Youth) is an opportunity for youth and adults to experience Christian growth and leadership development through service to others.*

*U.M. ARMY has been serving our communities nationwide since 1979 and is celebrating 16 years in the Northeast!!! Our mission/ministry is excited to be returning to the Greater Hartford area this summer! We will be in Forestville, CT from July 14-20 and in Wethersfield, CT August 4-10. A BIG THANK YOU to our host churches Asbury UMC and Wethersfield UMC for welcoming us in with their*

*gracious hospitality.*

*Participants ranging from ages 12-Adult come together from all over the Northeast to serve in community. U.M. ARMY can take on a variety of projects including: access/wheelchair ramps, light/medium construction, steps, handrails, drywall, wooden porch repair, small sheds, yard work, exterior/interior painting, cleaning...and more!!*

*We are always looking for new church groups and host churches! U.M. ARMY is a connectional mission/ministry and want to reach out to our church communities.*

*If you are interested in finding out more please visit our website [ne.umarmy.org](http://ne.umarmy.org) or email Gina Grubbs, U.M. ARMY Northeast North Regional Director at [ginagrubbs@umarmy.org](mailto:ginagrubbs@umarmy.org)*

*Hope to see you at one of our weeks soon!!!*

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**Fourth - is a September Date for you to hold.... September is Emergency Preparedness month.** The District will be holding/hosting a Disaster Preparedness Forum on 9.28.19 at Prospect UMC in Bristol, CT. This one day event will host workshops on Being a Ready church,

## **Disaster Preparedness Forum**

September 28, 2019

Prospect UMC in Bristol

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(also known as Connecting Neighbors), which is preparing yourself, your church and your community for a disaster, How to be an early responder, How to be a Team Leader, Disaster Emotional and Spiritual Care in an emergency, Basic Tool use/training, First Aid, and How to complete a repair project in one day. I hope you will save the date and plan to attend and bring a friend! Contact me for sign up information, or watch our Facebook page, or read the Mission Blast emails that come from Tom Vencuss, in the Conference Mission office.

**Fifth and last on my mind for this issue is to thank those who will be meeting and hosting Missionary John Calhoun later this month.** I know you will have a wonderful experience. If any of you want your church family to meet, host or have a relationship with a missionary, just let me know. They would love your support!

As always, please contact me anytime with any questions.

In Mission together!

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