

# You are invited...

Saturday, March 3, 2018

At Cornerstone UMC, Bear, DE



Peninsula-Delaware Conference Committee on Disability Ministries presents:

## ***“Putting the Pieces Together for Effective Ministries to People with Disabilities”***

**With Opening Session:**

### **“All About Autism”**

*ALL ABOUT AUTISM: Finding some answers in order to welcome and engage special children and youth*

*Autism appears to be on the rise and many questions are also quickly rising regarding its causes, characteristics, and appropriate interventions.*

*Despite all the questions, one thing is for certain: Children and youth with autism (and their parents) need to experience the welcoming love of Jesus through the church. This plenary session will include a primer on what is known and still unknown about autism spectrum disorders (ASD); some interactive demonstrations regarding the challenges with core communication, behavior, and sensory impairments; and recommendations for making church programs for children and youth with ASD more welcoming and engaging.*

*Speaker: Lori Bennett is the Clinical Coordinator of therapy services at The Benedictine School, a non-public school for students with multiple disabilities and autism. Lori is a physical therapist with a Master’s degree in Special Education: Severe disabilities and autism. She is also the wife of Reverend David Bennett and leads the “Children’s Chapel” program at Kent Island UMC.*

Breakout workshops include:

- Basics 101 for Disability Ministry
- Involving Persons Living with Mental Illness in the Life and Ministry of the Church
- The HOW of HOH: Ministry with people who are hard of hearing
- Embrace: Making community connections with those who have disabilities

#### **Schedule**

8:30 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:30 Opening worship and Keynote  
Speaker Lori Bennett

10:45-11:45 Workshop session

12 noon – 1 p.m. Lunch and Networking

**Registration cost - \$10, due by 2/28/2018**

To register, go to [www.eiseverywhere.com](http://www.eiseverywhere.com) and register online or use this mail in form. Additional questions, contact the Peninsula Delaware Conference office at 302-674.2626 or email Disability Committee Chair Rev. Rebecca Collison at [pastorbecky@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbecky@gmail.com)

For ONLINE REGISTRATION Go to <https://www.eiseverywhere.com/disabilityministry>

For MAIL IN REGISTRATION, please fill in the information below and mail this form and your payment to Rev. Rebecca Collison, c/o Wesley UMC, 102 E. Laurel St., Georgetown, DE 19947.

Be sure to make checks payable to **Pen Del Conference** , and in memo **“Disability 2018”**.

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Best Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Check if CEU’S REQUESTED \_\_\_\_\_

Accommodations needed (select one) Yes/ No If yes, please specify on line below :

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**WORKSHOP REGISTRATION.**

WRITE THE NUMBER OF YOUR WORKSHOP CHOICE IN SPACE PROVIDED BELOW

Workshop choice \_\_\_\_\_

#1. Disability Ministry 101: What it is and how it can work

#2 People with Mental Illness Matter: Involving Persons Living with Mental Illness in the Life and Ministry of the Church

#3: The HOW of HOH: Ministry with people who are hard of hearing in the local church

#4: Embrace: Making community connections with those who have disabilities