

# **The Church's Response to Society:**

## **Social Media, Bullying and Family**

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**

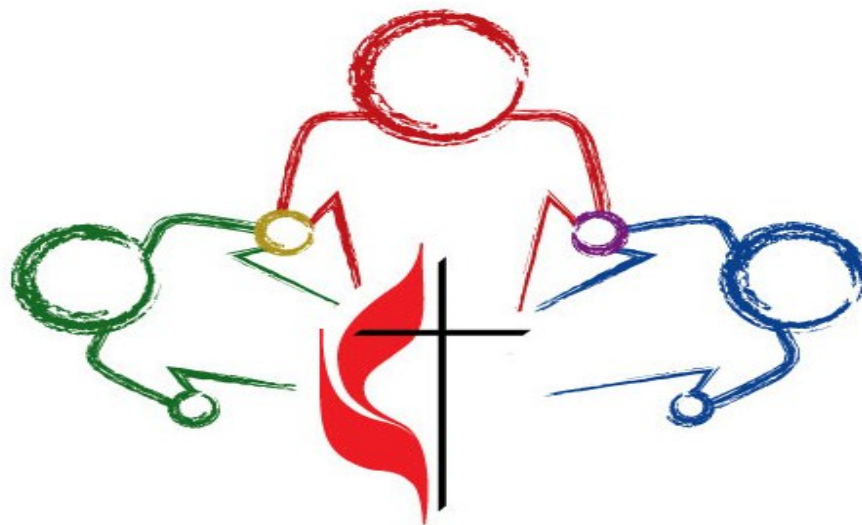
**10:00am - 3:00pm**

**Christ Community UMC**

**205 N. Duffy Road**

**Butler, PA 16001**

**Jeffrey T. St. Clair, Pastor**



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## *The Church's Response...*

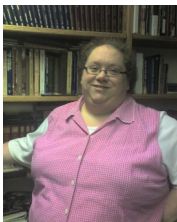
### What are the issues??

Just listen to the news each night. Inevitably you will hear at least one story dealing with topics like Facebook, suicide from bullying, or family struggles. This is the world in which we live. But we as Christians know the answers to these dilemmas: Jesus Christ. The problem is how do we bring Christ into the conversation. This one day workshop will help us to focus on the key issues facing society and give us some tools to respond. We can not bury our heads and cave to the societal pressures that tell us to keep our message to ourselves. ***We must Take action!***



*"If you have done this to one of the least of these..."* Matt. 25:40

**Our three speakers bring a wealth of life experience and training to our event. Let us introduce them to you.**



#### **BULLYING: A Christian Perspective**

##### **Gay M. Mix, Presenter**

Until you've encountered a bully, it's easy to assume that bullying is a behavior found only on the childhood playground. Far too often, however, bullying can be found at home, at church, at the office, and at any community event. Bullying happens whenever someone tries to dominate a situation through the force of will. Gay will identify the definition and behaviors of bullying, as well as seek to apply Scripture as a godly response to this epidemic wherever it may be found.

Former educator, United Methodist certified lay speaker, and trained therapist, Gay M. Mix has encountered bullying in many forms. Those encounters presented her with opportunities where healing change could occur as those behaviors were addressed head on.

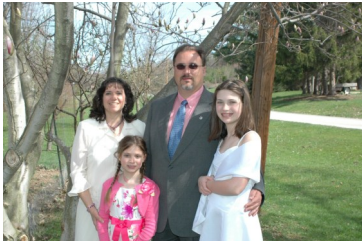
Gay received a Master's degree in Community Counseling from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2006. She has been certified as a National Certified Counselor (NCC) from the National Board of Certified Counselors and is affiliated with the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC). She has worked as a mental health therapist for partial hospitalization programs, outpatient therapy, and family based therapy programs. As a Lay Speaker, she has served at Hickory and Sabula churches near DuBois, Pa. She is married to the Rev. Dayton D. Mix, pastor of the Clarks Mills United Methodist Church. They have three children, with personal experience in both foster care and adoption. In 2011, with her husband, Gay co-taught a continuing education seminar for pastors: "Pastoral Care and Suicide."



### **The Family**

#### **Rev. Jeff Bobin, Presenter**

Rev. Jeff Bobin's passion is the family. In this time of single parent families and families run by relatives, laity have a unique opportunity to serve in these communities. Rev. Bobin will guide us on the **How's**. Jeff Bobin serves as the pastor of First UMC of Cambridge Springs and New Richmond UMC in the Erie Meadville District. He served for 11 years in the Butler District and has been in the Erie Meadville District for the last 5 years. He also served 8 years on the Conference e Staff as the Conference Facilities Manager. Prior to entering the ministry he served in several business management positions and taught at Geneva College, Beaver County and Allegheny Community Colleges. A Graduate of Geneva College and Robert Morris University with an Accounting/Business degrees and an MBA, he has his Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Spending years of study in family life and church management he has served as a trainer for a number of programs in the Conference including Natural Church Development, Disaster Response is currently working on a number of family ministry programs.



### **Social Media**

#### **Robert Penrose, Presenter**

Robert has served as a high school educator for over 20 years. He has seen the good and bad of social media on our children and will share ways on dealing with the "**negative and positive**". Robert, who serves as the WPA Conference Director of Lay Speaking Ministries, is a Biology Instructor and Head Track coach at United School District in Indiana County. Married with two daughters who are 13 and 11.

## ***Why should YOU care about Social Media, Bullying and The Family?***

***Many people will throw this away thinking I do not have young children so this does not matter to me. Some will say, I don't use social media so this is not important for me to know. But Christ calls us to minister to all the world. Thus our call is to know what is happening in the world so that we can minister to it. Come join us and learn about the issues facing the church in these three important areas.***

***This all day work-shop is open to EVERYONE...Laity, Clergy and YOUTH!***

***We hope that you will or a day of learning and fellowship.***



# Registration Info

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***The cost of the event is \$25.00.***

Which includes cost of morning refreshments and lunch snacks.

You may register online at [www.wpaumc.org/events](http://www.wpaumc.org/events)

OR

If you wish to register by mail please complete the information below

(along with \$25.00 registration fee) to:

*Conference Treasurer*

*c/o Western Pennsylvania United Methodist Conference Center*

***Attn: Social Media, Bullying & Family***

*1204 Freedom Road—Post Office Box 5002*

*5002 Cranberry Township, PA 16066*

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**MAIL IN REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POST-MARKED NO LATER THAN  
MONDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2012**