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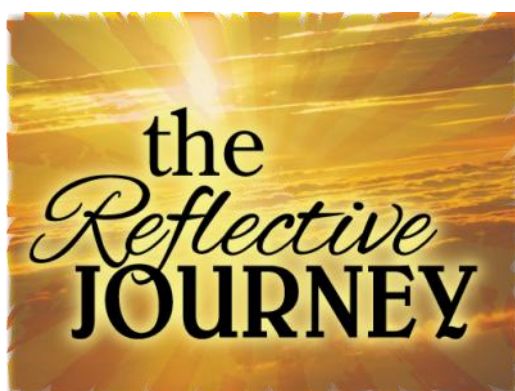


## The Madison Methodist *Message*

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### A Message from the Pastor



**O**f course if we are on a journey we are going somewhere. We have a destination in mind. Even if we don't know where we are going and finally discover we are lost, well we have arrived haven't we?!

I think of travelling into unknown territory, perhaps a walk in the woods or driving across the country. And let's say the trip is to take several weeks. Would we not check our *bearings* at least each evening? We would need to take stock of where we are in order to know where we are going. And to know where we are means we need to know where we have been. It all

helps direct us *on the journey*.

So as we enter the *journey of Lent*, beginning with our Ash Wednesday service on **February 10<sup>th</sup>**, we already know the destination. It is Easter. But to know if we are on the road to Easter perhaps we need to *reflect along the way as to where we have been and where we are*.

*Well, we do this each year! During Advent and Lent we read the same scripture* you might say. But that is the thing, the journey changes, even though the destination may be the same. The map has changed. The *road* has changed. It is not the same today as it was yesterday. We have changed.

I invite you to join us during this season on *the Reflective Journey*. It is somewhat different for each one of us each year. Easter is coming but what about the road you are on? What about the person you are? As we move toward the celebration of the Resurrection who is it God is calling you to be? Not only good questions, what if we might find the answers along the way?!

I look forward to seeing you.  
Grace and Peace,

*“In worship, fellowship and service we seek God’s peace  
as revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.”*



## Team Vital

I want to introduce you to a project that we are undertaking as a church that will produce a ministry action plan which will promote vitality and fruitfulness in our congregation and guide our work long into the future. It's called **Team Vital** and is being facilitated by The United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey.

The goal of Team Vital is to enable local churches to assess who they are as a congregation and the community around them, equip their leadership in understanding the five markers of vitality and create a ministry plan that will lead to vitality. All of which will lead to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

UMCGNJ has identified five markers of vitality:

**Worship** - Inspiring worship that invites people into a deeper faith

**Making New Disciples** - Reaching and making new disciples  
**Small Groups** - Engaging people to grow their faith through small groups

**Mission** - Engaging people in missions

**Giving** - Encouraging generosity

We will be meeting as an individual group and also with other churches in Northern New Jersey over the course of 18-24 months. During the course of Team Vital, congregational teams will engage in a dynamic process that will identify the assets that form ministry, the challenges facing the congregation and a path for engaging in the community and growing vitality. At the end of the training, each team will have a ministry plan that will guide their growth and development.

We ask for your prayers as we undertake this process for our congregation and for the future of our church.

*Lisa Carballo*

### Team Members

Robb Shoaf (pastor), Lisa Carballo, (team leader) Vivian Bull, Jeanne Eisele, Chelsea Jackson, Kathleen Keane, Keun Sik Lee,

## United Methodist Women

The Naomi Circle of United Methodist Women will be visiting the United Methodist Archives and History Center at Drew University on Wednesday, February 10, when we will see the rare 1611 King James Bible recently uncovered in the Archives. We will also have a tour of the exhibit of other discovered and donated treasures at the Archives. After our tour we will have lunch at the home of Paul and Yasuko Grosjean in Chatham. We will meet in the Church library at 10 am, and walk to Drew if weather permits. Please call Laurie Hagerich at 973-377-9407 if you would like to join us

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## Other News ... Bits and briefs

### Hoagie SALE

Support the Youth by ordering your

Hoagies for Super Bowl Sunday. Hoagies will be made fresh on Sunday Feb 7 and delivered after Service. We will also deliver to families living in the Madison area. Get your orders in by using this [link](#). Thank you for supporting our youth!



### Lent Begins February 10

We will begin our Lenten Journey on Ash Wednesday, Feb 10. As we've done in the past, a Pizza Dinner will be offered at 6:00 p.m. in the church library. At 6:45 p.m. a family-friendly service of worship and imposition of ashes will be held in the Sanctuary. Please join us for this meaningful time in the life of our church family.



### Anniversary Sunday Is February 14

We will celebrate our local heritage on Sunday, Feb. 14 with recognition of members who entered the Church Triumphant last year, memorial and special gifts, and recognition of 10- through 50-plus-year members.

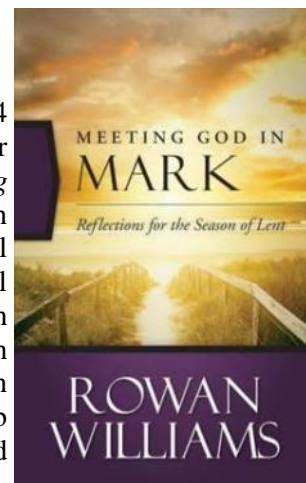
Our church was organized on February 27, 1843. Please join us on Feb. 14 to celebrate our 173rd year!

### 2016 Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2016 are in the Sanctuary for you to pick up. If you have not been assigned offering envelopes and would like to start using them for your weekly giving, please contact the church office. Your use of envelopes is greatly appreciated by our counters!

### New Book Study Begins Feb.24

Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. as we begin our study and discussion of *Meeting God in Mark* by Rowan Williams. The book study will be lead by Rev. Shoaf, and will meet weekly in the Church Library from 7:30–8:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings through March 16. Please let Robb know if you would like to attend and need a copy of the book.



February 10th

We'd love to see you!

6:00 PM—Pizza Feast  
6:45 PM—Service

### Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

The coffee hour and fellowship time after our Family Worship service is a vital element of our ministry. It's not only enjoyable, but an important part of building community. Volunteers are needed to host coffee hour on the following Sundays: Feb 7&14, Mar 13, 20, 27 (Easter), Apr 3, 10, 17 24.

The host brings a few items to eat, sets the table and cleans up afterward. Please consider if you can help on one of these dates and contact the coordinator, Natalie Dines ([dines007@verizon.net](mailto:dines007@verizon.net)) or, for your convenience you can go directly to the [SignUpGenius link](#) to sign up. Thank you!





# February 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:30 pm Trustees Meeting	3 7:00 am Men's Breakfast  8 pm AA	4  8 pm Chancel Choir	5  8 pm AA	6
7 8:30 am Early Service 10 am Family Worship 5 pm The Gathering	8  8 pm AA	9 7:30 pm Church Council  8 pm AA	10 7:00 am Men's Breakfast 10:00 UMW visit to Drew <u>ASH WEDNESDAY</u> 6:00pm Pizza 6:45pm Service	11  8 pm Chancel Choir	12  8 pm AA	13
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21 8:30 am Early Service 10 am Family Worship 5 pm The Gathering	22  8 pm AA	23  8 pm AA	24 7:00 am Men's Breakfast	25  8 pm Chancel Choir	26  8 pm AA	27
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LENTEN  
SERIES

**March Newsletter Deadline: Feb. 19**

*It's Time for the Super Bowl  
and the "Souper Bowl of Caring," Sunday,  
Jan 31 and Feb 7!*

Our "Teens Take Charge" will man the entrances to the Sanctuary, holding soup pots. They will be collecting dollars to donate to the Market Street Mission. This effort is a national event that churches across the country will be participating in on Super Bowl Sunday. It's a great opportunity to remember those who are hungry as we root for our favorite teams. Total amounts are called in to a central location and the total amount collected nationwide will be announced during the Super Bowl game.



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## The Gathering

For the past six months, *The Gathering*, a UMC Madison worship service, has been gaining traction as we collectively create a space of worship, fellowship, and an overall sense of belonging. Throughout 2016, leadership hopes to take *The Gathering* to the next level as we re-envision the collaborative process and nature of this Holy experience. As we venture onward, *The Gathering* will continue intersecting worship, fellowship, and creativity. In the upcoming weeks, we will continue sharing in potluck style meals once a month and engaging in great conversations about loving God, people, and creation. We are also experimenting with music, art, and film as a part of our collaborative process. *The Gathering* meets at 5:00pm on Sundays at the United Methodist Church in Madison NJ. All are welcome. Please check us out on FB for weekly updates.

Your friend  
**Parker**

## From the Student Assistant Pastor

Hello Everyone!

I hope you all have had a wonderful start to 2016! As we journey further into this new year, we are looking at a busy Spring for the church, with many events going on.

Among these events is our annual Souper Bowl for Caring event. The youth will be collecting financial and food donations for Market Street Mission on January 31st and February 7th. Please bring in any donations you would like to offer on one of those days.

Speaking of the Super Bowl, the youth are hosting their annual Hoagie Sale, and invite you to purchase subs for the big game! Subs can be ordered online using a link posted to the church website, or you can email me and I will make sure your order gets placed. Subs will then be available for pick up or delivery on February 7th. If you find you aren't hungry, but still want to give, donations are also welcome. All money goes to youth programming for the upcoming year!

Speaking of youth programming, our Youth Council approved a variety of projects at our January Youth Council Meeting. Some of the upcoming projects include visiting a Hindu Temple, visiting St. Lydia's dinner church in Brooklyn, continuing the Youth Book Study, hosting Stop Hunger Now and planning a visit to Soul Fire Farms in upstate New York.

In addition to these events the church will also be hosting an Eco Art Show this April, to celebrate Earth Day, and to show our appreciation for, and care of Creation. I will share more details about this project as they unfold, in the meantime if you are an artist of ANY kind and would like to consider contributing work that shows gratitude, care or concern for the environment please let me know, as we would love to have your work represented!

As you can see we have many events planned for this Spring! Yet, in the midst of all the busyness and the important work we do, let us always remember to find solace and pause in God's grace.

I am excited to embark on these programs with you as we continue to explore what it means to follow the example of Jesus, and love God, ourselves, our neighbor and the world!

**Chelsea**

# OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

*Honoring God's gift of Jesus by sharing with others*

## Lenten Speaker series returns

**D**uring the **2016 Lenten season**, the Outreach Ministry team is pleased to sponsor the **Lenten Speakers** series. Each topic will share a mission outreach seeking peace and justice. The Outreach Ministry team is working to schedule interesting speakers on topics of current interest such as Interfaith Peace and Justice, Environmental stewardship and how art and creativity can neighborhood alliances. Watch future announcements about the Easter Offering designation. Join us for the ever popular expanded coffee hour/brunch when you will have an opportunity to join in fellowship and to meet each speaker personally.

### Lenten Speaker Series



**February 21 – Peace Islands Institute** –Fatma Demirbas will give a presentation about the organization and the activities of their Center for Interfaith with churches, temples and other house of worships to provide a common ground of dialogue for every faith and non-faith tradition. Be sure to try a Turkish treat during coffee hour.

[http://www.peaceislands.org/interfaith\\_affairs/](http://www.peaceislands.org/interfaith_affairs/)

**February 28 – TBD –**

**March 6 –Laundromat Project** - Director, Kemi Ilesanmi, will speak about the organization and its work in three anchor neighborhoods of NYC. She will also talk about how the organization uses creativity as a catalyst to bring change and networking to communities, so they take greater pride and ownership of their neighborhoods.

<http://laundromatproject.org/>



*Be sure to join us following worship on these Sundays to enjoy coffee hour/brunch while sharing fellowship and conversation about our Lenten topics.*

### Other Outreach News

St.Andrews UMC Fills Need with Food Pantry

**St. Andrews UMC** in Cherry Hill, NJ, is a founding partner of the Cherry Hill Food Pantry, which was started in 2007. The pantry has grown from a small room in a church basement to a recently opened store front in a shopping center. The pantry is open twice a week, receives between 70 and 80 people each time it is open and has 900 families registered in its database. Operating much the same as the Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County, the families come in once a month to pick out the food. It also requires the hands and hearts of many volunteers to keep the pantry open and stocked for the clients. There are now 13 churches of various faiths that help with the volunteer effort. The new store front site in Cherry Hill includes six industrial size freezers and four regular refrigerators to keep the meats, fruits and vegetables cold. There is also a back entrance where food is delivered to a storage room where it is sorted.

### AFWH- *A Future with Hope Update*

To date the results include completion of restoration of 200 homes complete, 26 homes under construction, 10,713 volunteers, 15 host sites, 383 person hosting capacity, 424 home owners and families supported through case management. AFWH continues to work in communities across GNJ area.

In Christ's service,  
**Jeanne Eisele**

## News from



**F**amily Promise has recently announced that the new Our Promise drop-in center located at the Morristown's First Baptist Church on Washington Street is now in full operation providing for clients' basic needs, such as access to bathrooms, telephones and hygiene items, as well as providing case management. A very good article about Our Promise is posted on the Library bulletin board, and further information about Family Promises' programs can be accessed at [www.familypromisemorris.org](http://www.familypromisemorris.org).

Our date to help with the families hosted at St. Vincent's Martyr Church will soon be here. The families will arrive at St. Vincent's on Sunday, February 14, 2016, and our Church will be asked to provide volunteers to help for the following times:

Friday, February 19

**from 5:30 to 7 pm**

**2 or 3 volunteers are needed to provide dinner;**

**7 pm to 9 pm – 2 volunteers needed to provide companionship;**

**9 pm to 8 am – overnight volunteers are needed;**

The congregation of First Baptist Church in Madison will be providing volunteers for Saturday, February 20, so our Church will not have responsibility for that date. Please let me know if you're able to help with any of the above times or need further.

[hager1@optonline.net](mailto:hager1@optonline.net) / 973 377 9407

**Laurie Hagerich**

**UMW cont.....**and I'll give details of what to bring for lunch. The Naomi Circle will continue to collect for The Neighborhood Center of Camden, New Jersey, which is supported by United Methodist Women and the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. The Neighborhood Center helps with the needs of young adults, senior citizens, children and teenagers in Camden, a poverty stricken area in need of much support. Our Circle has been collecting funds for about 3 years, resulting in donations of \$585 to date. Donations can be made by collection of quarters in plastic medicine vials (please use your own vial) or by placing a check payable to "United Methodist Women" in the offering plate. Please note "Neighborhood Center" in the memo portion of your check. Thank you.

**Laurie Hagerich**

## Known Birthdays in February



*Vivienne Camilla Bull*

*Megan DiNorscio*

*Drew Galton*

*Jennifer Hitchcock*

*Katie McCarter*

*Kristen Paddack*

*Aubrey Mae Pasciak*

*Katelyn Grace Pasciak*

*Emily Pierro*

*Emily Scaturro*

*Daryl Anthony Vanella*

*Jill Van Hook*

*Elizabeth Van Sciver*

## Our Church Family

### People we remembered in prayer

The Hunter Family

Joe Carballo

Wade Merrick

Kay Maloney's Family

Wyatt Murphy  
(Rory's father)

Judy Chesney



**Did you know...** UMC Madison has a Facebook page? Search "[United Methodist Church in Madison](#)," and see more photos from the annual pageant show mission trip and other up-



### Fair Trade Coffee Sale — Feb. 7

*During coffee hour in the church library*

# The Madison Methodist Message

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## Worship Schedule



**Early Morning Worship**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Family Worship & Sunday School**

**10:00 a.m.**

*Childcare is available for infants and toddlers.*

**Coffee and Fellowship**

**11:15 a.m.**

**The Gathering**

**5:00 p.m.**

### Coming Up:

February 2

Trustee's meeting at 7:30 p.m.

February 7

Souper Bowl for Caring fundraiser

February 7

Hoagies made and delivered

February 10

Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins

February 14

Anniversary Sunday

Feb 21/28 and

Lenten Series

March 6

Lenten Series