

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE WELCOME REV. DR. JAVIER VIERA, the new dean of Theological School at Drew University. He comes to Drew from Christ Church, a United Methodist congregation in New York City, where he served as executive minister. Dr. Viera received his bachelor's degree from Florida Southern College, master of divinity degree from Duke University, master of sacred theology degree from Yale University and a doctorate in adult learning and leadership from Columbia University. He is the Theological School's 15th dean.

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. This special offering supports several scholarship programs administered by the General Board of Global Ministry.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation starts this month, and all 7th and 8th graders are invited to join! If interested please come to one of two information meetings today, at 9:30 AM or directly after the 10 AM service. Both parents and students are encouraged to come. If you have any questions, please contact Chelsea.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS is Sunday, Oct. 12, at the 10 AM service. All are invited to bring friendly pets to the service. *Be sure to use a leash, cage, or other means of confinement for your pet for the safety of all.* Children who do not have a pet may bring a special stuffed animal. Pets will receive an individual blessing and there will be a reception for people and pets in the courtyard following the service, weather permitting. There will be no regularly scheduled Sunday School classes that day.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2015-2017: You should have received a mailing describing the campaign this week. If not, please contact the church office (church@umcmadison.org).

UMC IN MADISON NOW HAS A BLOG! Our goal is to be in community with each other. Madison UMC laypeople and church leaders are encouraged to post poems, reflections, art and much more, as a way of sharing the joys, struggles, questions and understandings of our faith. Check out the blog at umcmadison.wordpress.com, and consider sharing by emailing your submission to madison1843@gmail.com. Questions? See Chelsea, Amy Cobb or Donna Conley.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED. We are developing a new schedule of coffee hour hosts for this year using "SignUp Genius," a convenient online sign-up tool, to schedule volunteers. If you are able to help, please sign up using the link in our weekly email or contact the coordinator, Kathy Shoaf, for more information.

DURING CONSTRUCTION the church entry driveway may be closed. Please use the Drew entry gate next to the church, circle around behind the church and park as usual.

INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY: The Pantry welcomes your continued support with donations of food, which is always needed. Please visit mcifp.org for a list of current needs.

A Fair Trade Halloween

Halloween shouldn't be scary, at least not when it comes to chocolate! Unfortunately, the majority of holiday chocolates sold in mainstream stores are made with cocoa sourced from West Africa, where forced child labor is commonplace. We are now taking special orders for organic, fairly traded chocolate minis, the perfect Halloween candy to hand out! Minis come in bite-size 4.5 gram bars and are available in Milk Chocolate (38% cacao) and Dark Chocolate (55% cacao). Order forms are available in the pews. Please place your orders by Tuesday, Oct. 21 to guarantee delivery before Halloween (free delivery in Madison).

Contact Kellie at kkrondon102@yahoo.com to place your order.

Bag of 75 Organic Fairly Traded bars (11.9oz) = \$18.00

Box of 150 Organic Fairly Traded bars (23.8oz) = \$35.00