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A Message from the Pastor

(The) Gathering

A year ago we “formally” started an “informal” worship service on Sundays. Through the gifts and talents of Chelsea, Parker, Scott and Christiana, an intimate worship service was offered each Sunday at 5 pm. The group “gathered” between 8 and 15 people together for a *simple* time of singing, prayer, reflection, and oh yes, food!

This service provides an alternative for those who are unable to join on Sunday mornings or who find a smaller group preferable to a larger one. Yet, most importantly I believe it provides another way of getting to the heart of what it means to be a community of faith.

We call this group **The Gathering**. It has a name and we can identify it by time and place. We can announce it in the bulletin, on Facebook...in the Newsletter. Yet, as so often happens, the real meaning can be found when understanding it as a verb *gathering*. It is action within this event where people are touched. It is in the participation and awareness that comes from a setting where the desire for God and the trust in one another provides experiences unknown at other times.

I believe this *Gathering* as noun or verb provides a unique way to explore our future together. And yet this is how early Christians came together- small intimate groups sharing in something that is hard to put into words.

Well, I hope we can continue to expand such experiences as we move through the Fall and look forward to the future.

Grace and Peace,



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



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On September 21 the Naomi Circle of United Methodist Women sponsored the 2nd annual ecological boat tour on the Hackensack River. The pontoon boat left Laurel Hill Park in Secaucus for a cruise up the Hackensack River on a warm and sunny day. Captain Hugh Carola was at the helm and provided a running commentary throughout the 2 ½ hour trip about the wild-life and ecology of the Meadowlands and the efforts of Hackensack Riverkeeper to prevent industrial pollution and keep the river and surrounding meadows clean for the fish and wildlife. Further information about Hackensack Riverkeeper, an independent non-profit non-governmental advocate for the Hackensack River can be found on the website www.hackensackriverkeeper.org.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 26 and we are planning to visit the Methodist Archives and History Center at Drew University to see the new exhibit "Books in the Time of Shakespeare". Curator Cassie Brand, will give a tour of the exhibit, held in conjunction with the visit of Shakespeare's First Folio (The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare) at Drew. There are many other events being held at Drew while the First Folio is there as part of a National traveling exhibition commemorating the 400th Anniversary of Shakespeare's death. You can see a complete listing of all the events on the University's website - <http://www.drew.edu/events/events/category/first-folio/> For the tour on October 26, we will meet in the Church Library at 10:30 am. If you would like to stay for lunch afterward, please bring a brown-bag lunch and we will provide coffee and beverage.

The Naomi Circle is continuing 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, an area of extreme poverty. 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. Please see me at Church or contact me by phone or email if you have a collection of quarters you would like to turn over. The donations are deposited into the United Methodist Woman bank account and a check is then issued to The Neighborhood Center. In 2015 a total of \$130 was sent to the Center and so far in 2016, we have sent \$40. I thank everyone most sincerely for their donations.

Laurie Hagerich



Any handbell players out there?

We're looking for a few players to help us out during our Christmas Eve service.

We'll be meeting for a few sessions before then. If you're interested, please email Daniel at church@umcmadison.org so that we can forward practice dates and times. Hope to hear from all of our church instrumentalists!!!

Let the church bells begin to ring!!!



Other News ... Bits and briefs

Heart & Hand

We will be meeting for breakfast at the Nautilus Diner on October 8th at 8:00 a.m. We will discuss some outreach ideas for the 2016/2017 church year. Join us on Saturday October 8th at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us.



Fair Trade Coffee Sale — Oct 9

During coffee hour in the church library

...it's that time of year again

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 9, 10:00 AM SERVICE

ALL CREATURES GREAT & SMALL ARE WELCOME!



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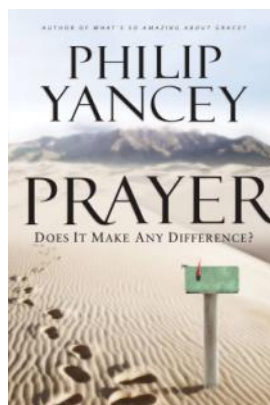
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New Members

On September 11th, 2016 Jeff Kerr, Deirdre Browne (Dee Dee) and their daughter Erin joined our Church family, we couldn't be happier. If you haven't already said hello, please do so.

Day Time Book Study...coming soon



Robb will be leading a new day time book study (date: tbd) The book in discussion will be "Prayer: Does it Make a Difference?" by Philip Yancey.

If you are interested in joining the discussion, please let Robb or the Church office know.

SHOES THAT CHANGE LIVES
You have a chance to change a life. You're invited to a party with a purpose: shoe-cutting parties recycle old blue jeans into shoe uppers. Shipped to Uganda, the uppers are then sewn and attached to soles made from locally recycled tires. Local tailors and shoemakers carefully craft the Sole Hope shoes that are then given out at medical clinics.

Take the first step to helping people in Africa... the journey begins with you, recycled jeans, a pair of scissors, and friends.

You're invited to a...

SOLE HOPE Shoe Party

Hosted by: United Methodist Church in Madison
Date: October 23, 2016
Time: 11:30 am (after services)
Location: United Methodist Church
24 Madison Ave. on the corner of Drew
Please bring: Scissors, black Sharpies, and denim jeans to donate (if you have them)
Plus a \$10 donation to sponsor a pair of shoes!

When you attend a Sole Hope Party, you get to have a great time while you help provide jobs, shoes, medical relief and HOPE to Uganda.

For more information please visit solehope.org, or contact UMC Madison to find out more about the event. All ages welcome! Tel: 973-377-1231 or E-Mail: church@umcmadison.org



October 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:30 am Early Service 10 am Family Worship & Sunday School 5 pm The Gathering	3 8 pm AA	4 8 pm AA	5 7:00 am Men's Breakfast	6 8 pm Chancel Choir	7 8 pm AA	1 Bottle Hill Day <hr/> 8
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November Newsletter Deadline: October 20

From the Student Assistant Pastor

Happy Fall Everyone!

As the weather begins to change, and leaves begin to fall, we are reminded of the constant motion of the world around us.

At the church we are in motion as well, as we kick our Fall programming into full gear!

Thank you to all who helped with Bottle Hill Day! Our booth was popular and our UNITY Project was a huge success! Be sure to stop by the library to see this beautiful project, as it reminds us how unique, yet connected we are.

As many of you know, on October 23rd we will host our 2nd Sole Hope Shoe-Cutting Party! This party and potluck will begin at 11:30 AM, after the 10am service. All are invited as we cut shoe patterns for children in Uganda. In the meantime don't forget to bring in any old jeans you'd like to donate, and spread the word so others may also donate and join in the fun!

This month also marks the beginning of our Confirmation program. This year Confirmation will include youth from 7th to 9th grade. If you have a student who has yet to sign up for Confirmation and would like to be a member of this class, please contact me as soon as possible. It is my hope that our church community will support and encourage these students, as they explore our Christian tradition and their own faith.

Lastly, I'd like to take a moment to lift up The Gathering, our 5 pm Sunday small group worship service. We've been having wonderful discussions and reflections as we worship with one another, and last month we partnered with the congregation, to host about 18 international students and their families for a welcome dinner. We thank everyone for their help with this dinner, and encourage all to check out this unique worship experience. We hope to see you there!

Thank you for your support and dedication to the various ministries and programs of United Methodist Church! I'm excited about all the Fall has to offer, and cannot wait to continue learning and growing as a community!

*In Peace,
Chelsea*

Music Ministry

A Blessing Like No Other



As leaves start to fall and we leave summer memories behind, we have much to be grateful for. The new season brings fresh air and a number of activities we find ourselves immersed in. It is hard to believe that I've been your music director and organist for a couple of months already. In such a short amount of time, I've enjoyed our exchanges and the value of music within the worship experience.

I'm particularly attracted to the idea of designing worship in a way that each member is able to contribute to a creative process that seeks to uplift our spirits and draw us closer to God. After all, it is in this journey that we grow as God's people. I encourage you to take part in my quest to enhance, expand, and further develop this fascinating ministry.

Whether you decide to join the adult choir or support your child in choir or hand bell playing, I know you'll find it to be a blessing like no other. Lastly, I'm most appreciative of your thoughts, compliments, and good wishes for the work ahead.

Please know that your feedback will always be of great value to me.

May God continue to bless you and your loved ones,

Daniel Leguizamon

Laity Sunday

This year **Laity Sunday** is on Oct. 16, 2016. Parker Jackson-Loesch has volunteered to plan this service. The goal of the service is to hear and see the "work of the people, in our church community. Parker is looking for families and individuals, young and old, who are willing to provide whatever they want for this service, whether that is a prayer, flowers or artwork for the altar, a favorite hymn or poem, or even a short word or testimony of what God is doing in your life and the lives of those around you. If you are interested, please email ploesch@drew.edu for further information.

OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM

Honoring God's gift of Jesus by sharing with others



Market Street Mission has been actively serving the poor, needy and homeless in Morris County since 1889. Part of their mission is to help their guests overcome addiction and poverty through a life centered on Christ. The programs aim at meeting the critical needs of homeless and disadvantaged men, women and children through our emergency services

program. Through the 8 to 12 month residential treatment program participants share in the daily work at the Thrift Store, Bible study, chapel service, group and individual counseling, AA/NA meetings, and computer assisted and classroom instruction. The goal is to help the guests to achieve self-sufficiency including skills to find sustainable work and shelter. Some of the accomplishments of the past year include:

- Serve **more than 90,000 meals** to homeless and underprivileged individuals.
- Provide **over 30,000 shelter nights** of care to men at our Emergency Shelter and residents in our Life Change Program.
- Hold over **400 chapel services** with approximately 80 people attending daily.
- Distribute **1,200 backpacks** filled with supplies to needy school children and teens in our area.
- Graduate **45 men** from our Life Change Program.
- Distribute approximately **2,500 winter coats** at our annual Coat Giveaway (the first Saturday of November).
- Distribute **\$35,000 in Thrift Store vouchers** to families in need.

The **Annual Coat Drive** is one of the outreach services organized by the staff, residents and volunteers to provide warm winter coats to others in need. During October, our congregation can bring in **gently used coats of all sizes** that will be sorted and distributed by Market Street Mission at the Morristown Green on the morning of Saturday, November 5th.

Adult and youth volunteers from church are sought to help sort coats on the morning of Saturday, October 22nd, at the warehouse. The coats will be displayed on the Green where those in need can 'shop' for the best outerwear to help keep them warm throughout the winter. So clean out those closets and share from your abundance.



Outreach—Feed my Lambs



Whenever and wherever disaster strikes, the presence of relief and recovery teams becomes critical to the care and return of well being for those involved. **United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)** is

the domestic and international arm of our church that is ready for immediate response to any disaster or health crisis. UMCOR is widely praised for its organizational approach that includes partnership with local and other global relief agencies. When catastrophic flooding hit Louisiana in August, the First United Methodist Church in Denham Springs was one of the only buildings in the area that didn't flood. Immediately after communications were reestablished, the church became a distribution site for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) cleaning buckets, among other supplies to anyone who needed them from the neighboring towns.

And the need across the world is growing for UMCOR Relief Supplies as reported by the Supply Depot - 15,000 cleaning buckets and 2,000 hygiene kits were recently shipped where needed within the US and across the globe.

AFWH- A Future with Hope Update



A Future with Hope (AFWH), conceived as the mission arm of the

Greater NJ Annual Conference, is dedicated to helping families with SuperStorm Sandy recovery and continues its effort to help rebuild homes and lives in our communities. Our church has supported the rebuilding effort through hands on volunteers and by preparing meals to feed the scores of volunteers that come from across the country. To date the results include completion of restoration of 244 homes, 22 homes under construction, 4 homes in queue, hosting 11,540 volunteers at 10 host sites with 284 person hosting capacity. AFWH case managers have worked with 450 families and households totaling over 1000 individuals.

October 2, 2015 is World Communion Sunday



Your gifts to the **World Communion Sunday offering** equip racial- and ethnic-minority students in the United States and international students to transform the church and communities by

providing educational scholarships for undergraduate, graduate and non-degree programs. Your contributions can be made through our church with **World Communion** clearly noted in the memo.

News from Family Promise



UMC Madison has now completed its commitment to assist with the Family Promise families at St. Vincent's Martyr Church for 3 weeks during 2016. Our last time to help was during the week of August 7, when there was a full house of 7 adults and 2 children, ages 8 and 1. Karen Jeisi headed up the meal preparation and serving, with the help of Donna Conley and Karla Tram. Kris Pfeiffer helped in the evening, and volunteers from St. Vincent's Knights of Columbus stayed overnight. Chelsea and Parker helped on Saturday morning. Many thanks to all who helped over the summer. Our next chance to volunteer with the families at St. Vincent's will be in February, 2017.

Family Promises latest newsletter had very encouraging news about Nahtrelle, one of the guests who stayed in shelter this summer. During her time in shelter, Nahtrelle has demonstrated a positive attitude and commitment in achieving her goals, one of which was to earn her high school equivalency. She did achieve this goal and is now working towards an Associates Degree in human services. Last month, she moved out of shelter and into Family Promises' Abigail House program. There was also news of a new Family Promise Board member, The Reverend A. Craig Dunn, pastor of First Baptist Church in Madison. First Baptist is a support church for St. Vincent's and recently became a host church, a very ambitious undertaking. The full newsletter can be accessed at Family Promise's website, www.familypromisemorris.org.

Please call or see me in Church if you have any questions about Family Promise or would give consideration to becoming a volunteer. New volunteers are always welcome and needed..

Laurie Hagerich
Coordinator

Society Hill Fire

The fire at Society Hill in Basking Ridge continues to leave many families coping with the devastation. They are still looking for support. Anyone interested in donating a grocery or store gift card may do so by placing them in an envelope and marking the envelope for "Basking Ridge fire". You may drop it in the offering plate and we will see it given to Nanette Carriere. Nanette will distribute them on our behalf. Any questions call Kathy Shoaf at 973-975-5755

Known Birthdays in October



Jodi Balfe
Heather Cannon
Sharon Currey
Hannah Darling
Emilia Christine Donio

Eileen Helck
William Holzer
Amy McCoy
Katherine Paige
Peter Pivarnik

Deaths

Patricia Joan Owen Warbasse,
December 7, 1935—September 3, 2016. Memorial Services was held at the UMC Madison on October 1, 2016.

Drew Events in October

Exhibits

Oct 5—Nov 6, Richard III on Page and Stage
Oct 6—Nov 6, Will and the Word
Oct 6—Dec 31, Books in the Time of Shakespeare

Performances

Oct 5—Measure for Measure (The Music of Shakespeare's Plays)
Oct 5—Nov 6, Richard III
Oct 19-29, Hamlet

Lectures

Oct 5 & Oct 29, Shakespeare's First Folio-An introduction
Oct 12, The Bridge to a New America, Jim Wallis @ 7:00 pm
Oct 13, The Origins of Journalism in the Age of Shakespeare
Oct 26, Stayin' Alive: Shakespeare and the First Folio

Our Church Family

People we remembered in prayer

John Duetsch

Rev. Clark & Traci
Callendar

Steve Faig

Families from Basking
Ridge

Joe Ragonese

David Paige

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 Worship 5:00 p.m.

Coming Up:

October 9

Blessing of the Animals

October 11

Cooking Demonstration @7:30 PM

October 23

Sole Hope (after 10:00 AM service)

Check our website for more information: www.umcmadison.org

Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks! September 11, 2016

