



The MESSENGER

Spring 2024

® **Worship Service Sundays**
at 10 AM
on [Zoom](#) and [Facebook](#)

Bible Study
Tuesdays at 7PM
Wednesdays at 12PM
Thursday; at 7pm

Friday Morning Prayer
7am on [Facebook](#)

Book Study
Third Sunday after Worship

First Friday Fellowship
Meets at 12pm on the first friday
of each month

UMC Wayne Ministers
All the members of UMC in Wayne

Pastor
Ninabeth Metcalf

Lay Leader
Don Matthews

Music Director
Peter Candela

Jubilation Ringers Director
Marilyn Creamer

Parish Drive Director
David Philp

Admin. Assistant
Nicole Force

The United Methodist Church in Wayne

Easter 2024



*Celebrating Easter,
with lovely flowers in
honor
and memory of loved
ones.*



*Good Friday Cross in
remembrance of
Jesus sacrifice,*



Church Happenings.....

On Sunday March 10th, UMC Wayne Hosted

the Wayne Clergy Interfaith "Shine a Light on Hope!"

It was blessed time together of learning, open-mindedness, and kindness. This program helps to break down walls of stereotypes and hate through dwelling on similarities between religious practice. We thank all of those who gave of their time and talent for this very special event.



Church Happenings

More Shine a Light photos...



The United Methodist Church of Wayne



Get to know your church leadership!

Church Council Chair – Janine Batta

Finance Committee Chair – Kim Grebel

Lay Member to Annual Conference – Pat Moore

Lay Leader – Don Matthews

SPRC Chair – This could be you!

Sunday School Chair – Dawn Castro

Trustee Chair – Mike Lakner

Treasurer – Christine Mercado

Church Council Members –

Anita Dispenziere, Christine Mercado, Dawn Castro, Don Matthews, Janine Batta, Kim Grebel, Michael Lakner, Nancy Kinch, Pat Moore

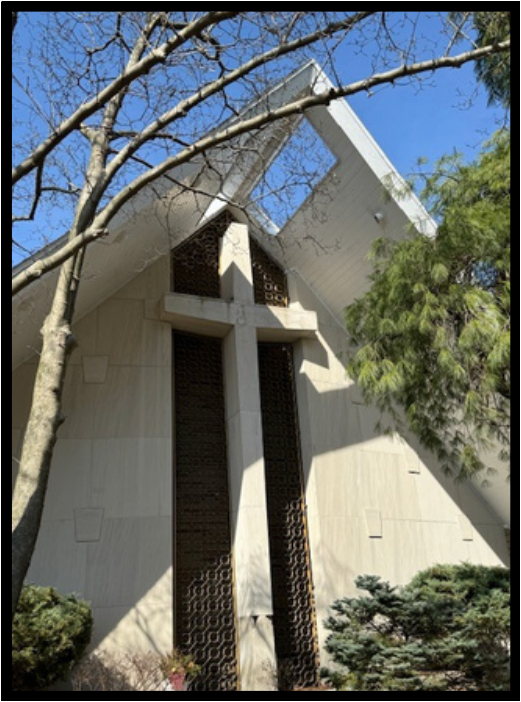
SPRC Members – Liz Tible, Gail Papadopoulos, Larry Gaines, Dianne DeVos

Trustee Members – Tim Cooper, John DeVos, Christine Mercado, Don Stone, Jason Snyder, Mike Lakner, Chuck Kloo

Finance Committee – Kim Grebel, Christine Mercado, Patty Hassler, Dawn Gaines

Nominations Committee – Darlene Fauerbach, Dawn Castro, Don Matthews, Laura Foray, Pastor Ninabeth Metcalf

If you are interested in serving in a leadership position, please see someone on the Nominations Committee who can answer your questions.



JOY & CONCERN PRAYER LIST

***If you would like to join our
e-mail prayer chain
please call or e-mail
the church office!
(973) 694-3260
office@umcwayne.org***



Lois Mougalian
Marc
John
Roy
Judy
Heather
Aunt Jeanne
Eric
Don
Alicia
Jack
Vinny
Brendan
Isabel
Dana
Kedem
Kaylee
Gia
Steven
Carol
Ryan
Carly

Emma
Steve
Kathy
Alex
Steve
Peter
Bob
Chris
Dale
Kedem
Kaylee
Gia
Heather
Hannah
Diane
Mental health issues
Addiction
Peace
That wars may cease
Our students

*God, You are a God of compassion and love.
Time after time we have experienced your care and
provision. Time after time You've answered our
prayers and met our needs— often in ways we could
never have dreamed possible.
We praise You for Your faithful love toward us.
Because we have known Your love, we come to You
with confidence, offering our prayers for the people,
creatures, and world that You love.*

First Friday Fellowship Fostering Friendships and Fun!



Many thanks to all who donated their beautiful baubles for our Easter creation. The first Friday friends had a great time, as they lovingly attached the jewels to the portions in preparation for the cross. We all gave new life to our precious jewels!



Our group met on the First Friday of April 5th to celebrate National Poetry Month. Many types of poems were shared: funny, thoughtful, poignant, famous, and personal. We composed a few limericks, and had lots of laughs over our cleverness.

Here are some of our compositions.

A Few Limericks From First Friday

“Twelve bright women from First Friday fun,
got together to write a pun.
They thought and they thought, and worked
on the spot, while eating a
scrumptious crumb bun.”

“There once was a choir from Wayne.
who thought the new hymn was a pain.
They tried again, again, and again.
It drove the director insane.”

“There once was a lighthouse on the beach.
Sailors looking to the port to reach. They
would follow the light, because it was so
bright, as they had safety to teach.”

“There once was a man that was mean..
His ears would even emit steam.
Until one night, he got a big fright,
when his skin started to turn very green!”

Easter Egg Hunt Fun!

Thank you to Sensei Lee of Koei-Kan Karate of
Wayne NJ,
for donating prizes for our Easter Egg hunt.



A special thanks to the Creamer family for donating the
Cascarones Confetti Eggs!





Redbird Mission Support:

Our church is sponsoring 3 members to attend the Redbird mission trip to Kentucky in July. All are invited to attend a luncheon after worship on Sunday, May 5 to learn more about this mission. We will celebrate Cinco De Mayo with Mexican themed food. Please plan to attend this important event. The cost is "pay as you wish", with the proceeds going towards trip expenses for our attendees.

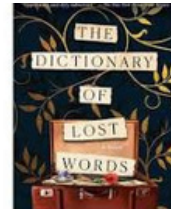
Unable to attend? Please consider donating, with your donations to the Wayne UMC, with a designation for the Redbird mission trip.

Any questions? See or contact Pat Moore, pat.moore18@gmail.com.

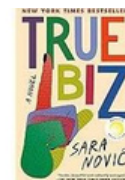
Book Club



Book Club meets the third Sunday of each month after church. Our April selection is **The Women** by Kristen Hannah. We welcome new readers to join us.



May 2024. **The Dictionary of Lost Words**: Esme a young girl collects the words discarded by her father who is collecting words for the first Oxford Dictionary some of the words related to women's experiences this novel is set in the era of the Suffrage movement, by Pip Williams
June 2024 ,We will be meeting on June 23 for our annual luncheon to celebrate a year of good reading and discussion.



True Biz by Sara Novic, follows a seismic year of a teacher and her students at a boarding school for deaf who want their parents, doctors, and politicians to stop telling them what to do with their bodies, by Sara Novic



Choral News

The New Jersey Choral Society is pleased to present our final concert of the season, "Gloryland". With music unique to our "home," this concert will highlight American songs from the tradition of Spirituals, Gospel and the Sacred Harp. Uplifting spirituals such as "A City Called Heaven," "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit," and "Bound for the Promised Land" will be featured. The American Gospel tradition will be explored with "He Never Failed Me Yet," "Oh Happy Day", and "Total Praise". A full Gospel band and rhythm section with soloists will round out the concert.

The performance date is Saturday, June 8th at 7:30 p.m. at Westside Presbyterian Church located at 6 South Monroe Street, Ridgewood NJ.

Tickets can be purchased at NJCS.org and prices are as follows:

Adult - \$40

Senior/Student - \$35

Child - \$12

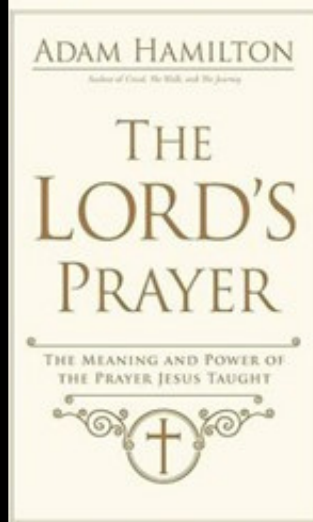
Virtual Access via Livestream - \$35-\$50

When you purchase your tickets, please let Lyn know with an email at Lyn.chanteuse@gmail.com or, a text at 973-715-3173 with the number of tickets purchased.

BIBLE STUDIES

New Tuesday Night Bible Study

Join us at 7pm beginning April 16th

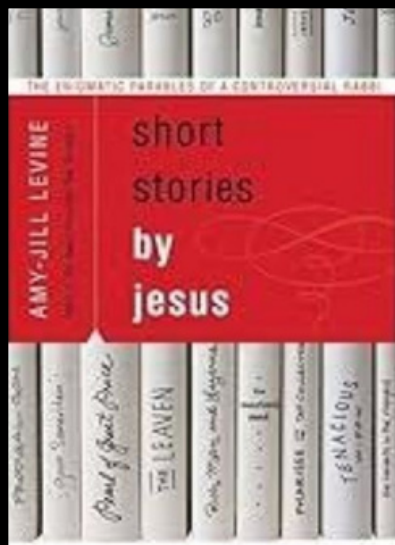


Pastor and bestselling author Adam Hamilton guides us to really know -and really pray- the Lord's Prayer. He explores each of its rich lines and their meaning in the Bible, illuminating what we ask of God and what we ask of ourselves through its words.

And he teaches us how to use it as a pattern for our own prayer life.

Join us for our new
Wednesday @12pm Bible Study

beginning
Wednesday May 1, 2024



Jesus was a skilled storyteller and perceptive teacher who used parables from everyday life to effectively convey his message and meaning. Amy-Jill Levine reveals the parables'

connections to first-century economic and agricultural life, social customs and morality, Jewish scriptures and Roman culture. With this revitalized understanding, she interprets these moving stories for the contemporary reader, showing how the parables are not just about Jesus, but are also about us—and when read rightly, still challenge and provoke us two thousand years later.

BYO Lunch and meet us in the Pastor's office

Mark Your Calendars...



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS!!

The UMW Scholarship applications can be picked up in the church office beginning in April and must be returned by May 15th.

Office Hours: 10am-3pm Tuesday-Thursday.

****Applicants must be an active member of the UMC in Wayne****

Any questions contact Nancy Kinch (973) 694-2603.



Dinner and Bingo



Please join us on Saturday, June 1st, for a baked potato dinner and Bingo event! All of your favorite toppings plus a tossed salad and dessert. We will play Bingo after dinner. There is no charge, however, if you would like to make a donation, a basket will be available.

For more information or to help out contact: Janine Batta at janinecanonico122@gmail.com
Mark your calendar for June 1st, 5-8pm. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex on the board.

A note from Lois Mougalian....

To Pastor Ninabeth and friends at
UMC,
Thank you so much for your visits,
prayers, cards, phone calls and well
wishes during my confinements in the
hospital and rehab. They meant so much
to me. I look forward to getting back
to church and seeing you soon.
Blessings and love to you all.
Lois Mougalian



Social Media News!

**We have a new presence on Facebook. Instagram and Threads!
We invite you to like and follow us!**

Our New Facebook page:

is linked to our other page. We created this new page in order to take advantage of easier posting, sharing, and cross-posting to other platforms. The link is:

[umcwaynenj](#)

Our New Instagram Page:

[@umcwaynenj99](#)

Our New Threads page:

[@umcwaynenj99](#)

2024 Last Extension Ministries Report

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

This will be my last extension ministries report to the UMC in Wayne as I will be transferring my conference membership to the New England Annual Conference. Caroline and I have prayerfully determined that when my time is done at Discipleship Ministries we would like to serve in the New England Conference.

I am just beginning my third year as General Secretary / CEO of Discipleship Ministries. I oversee the ministries of the World Service side of the agency and The Upper Room side. Of course, the biggest thing coming up for the denomination is our General Conference in Charlotte. Click on this link to see a summary of what Discipleship Ministries is working on for General Conference.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/discipleship-ministries-at-general-conference-2024>

We are gearing up for our presence at almost all of the 54 annual conference gatherings. Visit here for more information about the latest resources we will be offering:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/annual-conference-virtual-presence>

We are also working to plan SCD 2024 in Schaumburg, IL. SCD stands for SEE, CREATE, DISCIPLE, and will offer speakers, workshops, and worship experiences to support your discipleship efforts:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/reignite-your-leadership-journey-with-scd-2024>

Last but not least, for ecumenical resources for spiritual formation, please visit The Upper Room to see their latest offerings: <https://www.upperroom.org>

Even though I am moving to another conference, please feel free to reach out if I can support your ministries in any way!

On a personal note, our oldest Alex is finishing their sophomore year at Dartmouth in New Hampshire, Mason is finishing his first year at Denison in Ohio, and Emma is finishing up her sophomore year of high school. Some highlights from their activities: Mason had a lead in play *She Kills Monsters* last fall. Alex will be directing *Macbeth* in May, and Emma just finished *Mary Poppins* where she played a chimney sweep. Emma also plays trumpet and a leader in the marching band. Carrie volunteers supporting both band and theater at the high school.

Thank you all so much for all your love and support over the years. Please know we are holding the UMC in Wayne in our prayers. I trust God will continue to do good things through the disciples of the UMC in Wayne!

Grace and peace,



Jeff Campbell, General Secretary / CEO



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The United Methodist Church



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PERSONAL PROTECTION AND SELF AWARENESS PRESENTATION

Date: Wednesday May 15

Time: 7:15pm to 8:45pm

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE 6 MOST DANGEROUS WORDS ARE?

MAYBE IT WON'T HAPPEN TO ME.

HERE ARE SOME STATISTICS:

- 1. IN THE USA , A RAPE CASE IS OBSERVED EVERY 3-8 MINUTES.**
- 2. HOMICIDES CLAIM 100 LIVES PER DAY.**
- 3. AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS HAPPEN TO 1 OUT OF 30 INDIVIDUALS.**
- 4. ARMED ROBBERIES HAVE INCREASED.**

DO YOU WANT TO BE A VICTIM?

COME AND LEARN HOW TO BE MORE PROACTIVE THEN REACTIVE.
This program is for women and teens

Apatzis Theodore

7th Dan black belt in koei kan

3rd Dan black belt in jujitsu

Advanced level 4 in operational Krav maga

Advanced police instructor of the Hellenic police.

Asp tactical weapons instructor

Erc instructor

Tcr tactical combat rescue

Sensei Lee Feinstein

Koei_Kan Tournament Director

Dojo Cho of Wayne Koei-Kan

(973)202-6190

Koei_kan_nj@yahoo.com.

Date: Wednesday May 15

Time: 7:15pm to 8:45pm

Cost: \$20 checks or cash.



Other ways to help those in need...



Dear Friend,

While several organizations are collecting various items for those in need, one item that is too often overlooked and is very much in need is diapers.

The PCC/Community Outreach Team (COT) has begun conducting its annual "No Child Wet Behind Diaper Drive" running through Mother's Day, May 12th. This year's collection will benefit local groups and The Father English Center in Paterson.

We would very much appreciate your help by simply spreading the word within your congregation concerning this collection.

Donations can be brought to the church glass breezeway entrance Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. and Sundays, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Additionally, donations may be purchased locally or through Amazon and delivered to the Packanack Community Church, 120 Lake Drive East, Wayne, NJ 07470.

Should you have any questions concerning this drive, please call the church at 973-694-0608, email at office@packanackchurch.org or contact me directly, info below.

Thank you for helping us to help others.

Best regards,

Stephen Rusiniak
email: stephenrusiniak@yahoo.com cell: 551-206-5822

Member, PCC/COT