



The MESSENGER

Summer 2024

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

Bible Study
Tuesdays at 7PM on summer break
Wednesdays at 12PM
Thursdays at 7pm on summer break

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

Book Study
On Summer Break!

First Friday Fellowship
will meet again September 6th

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

Church Picnic, 6/30/24



*Our church picnic
was a great day
together.*



*Special thanks to all who
helped out, cooked food,
and attended the picnic!*

*A good
time was
had by
all!*





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

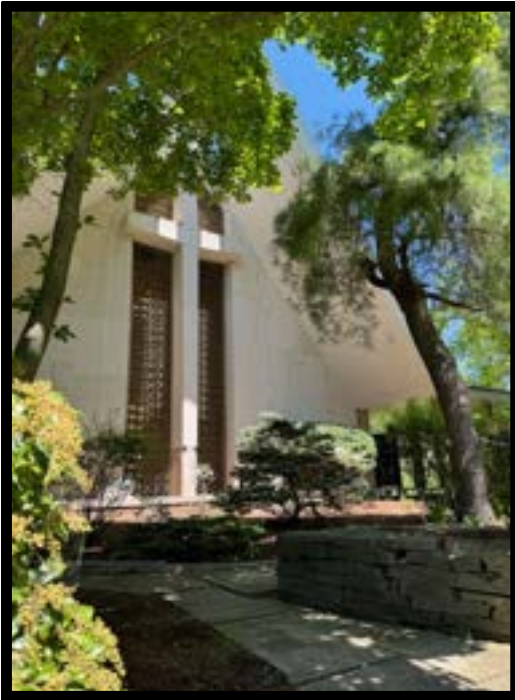
If you are interested in serving in a leadership position, please see someone on the Nominations Committee who can answer your questions.

Giggle and Grow Graduation 2024!

On Thursday June 20th, Giggle and Grow celebrated its' 11th graduation! Over 50 parents and guests attended the ceremony. We graduated 33 students. We wish them all well as they move on to kindergarten. Giggle and Grow will be entering their 12th year anniversary this September.

In addition Giggle and Grow gave out its first scholarship to Wayne Hills High School student, in memory of Barbara Michaelson's mom, Cynthia Niz. The scholarship is called the Cynthia Niz Giggle and Grow Early Childhood Scholarship. Ariana Mariani is the recipient of the scholarship and will be attending William Paterson University in the fall.





JOY & CONCERN PRAYER LIST

Laura F
 Beverly W
 Lois M
 Marc
 John D
 Roy
 Judy
 Heather
 Aunt Jeanne
 Eric
 Don
 Rachel
 Vinny
 Brendan
 Isabel
 Dana
 Kedem
 Kaylee
 Gia
 Steven
 Carol
 Richard
 Carly

Emma
 Steve
 Kathy
 Austin
 Steve
 Peter
 Bob
 Chris
 Dale
 Rick
 Lori
 Aunt Elaine
 Joann & Don
 Heather
 Hannah
 Diane
 Landon
 Mental health issues
 Addiction
 Peace
 That wars may cease
 Our students

***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***



*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!



The First Friday group will be going out to lunch on Friday July 12th, at noon.

We look forward to this time together.

The destination is **High Societea House** in Wayne. One of our preschool teachers, Laura, her son is the owner.





Choral News

The 70th Annual Choir Festival

You are invited to experience God's love
through the gift of great music on
Saturday, July 20th at 7pm.

Be a part of one of the largest summer choral
worship experiences on the East Coast, joining
voices with hundreds as we sing anthems and
hymns to the glory of God. The Ocean Grove
Choir Festival is a unique choral worship event
for singers of every generation.

The festival features renowned conductors and
guest musicians. It is held in Great Auditorium
with the accompanying sounds of the Great
Auditorium organ.

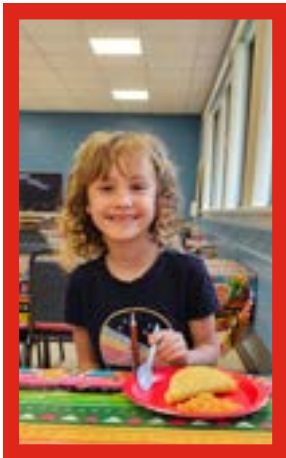
Invite your singing friends and join us for a
worship event not to be missed!

The Great Auditorium
21 Pilgrim Pathway
Ocean Grove NJ 07756



Redbird Mission Support:

We had a successful luncheon after worship on Sunday, May 5 to support Red Bird mission. It was a Cinco De Mayo theme with Mexican food. We raised \$295 towards our trip in July!!



Book Club News



Book Club will be off for the summer!

We look forward to our first fall book in September:

The Light Pirate by Lily Brooks-Dalton

Climate change accelerates, pushing Florida into a future where hurricanes are fiercer, rising sea levels reshape the landscape, and the state faces apocalypse. The story follows the Lowe family and Wanda, an unusual child born during a catastrophic storm, as they navigate the collapse of civilization. The novel is a Dayton Literary Peace Prize Nominee for Fiction (2023) and explores themes of survival, family, and the beauty and violence of an untamable wilderness.

Summer Sermon Series

Join us for our Summer Sermon Series

Living in Wonder and Trust
Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

6 Sunday's beginning July 14th



Mark Your Calendars...



RUMMAGE SALE COLLECTION

We have begun collection for the Rummage Sale, collection will go from
7/1/24-9/10/24.

Please bring all of the clothing items you would like to sell during the Rummage Sale to the “Choir Room” and housewares/home decor to the French Chapel.

Mark clothing as necessary, “women’s, men’s, or children” & bring your items to sell in either garbage bag or box.

Clothing should be like-new, gently used, or cleaned.

We are accepting: clothing, household items, home decor, small appliances, jewelry, hats, scarves, pocket-books, toys, sporting goods, holiday decor, yarn, handheld tools antiques, Lenox, baby items, puzzles, games.

We are NOT accepting the following:

VCR tapes, DVD’s, CD’s, Socks (only new), Undergarments (only new), Belts, Ties, Gloves (only winter), Electronics, Bowling Balls
Books, Magazines, Cook Books, (only children’s books), Curtains/Curtain Rods, Bedding, sheets, comforters, Stuffed animals, Furniture.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

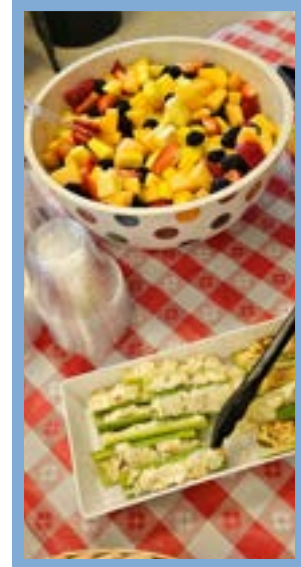
Baked Potato Bingo

On June 1st from 5-8pm we gathered in Fellowship Hall for a **Baked Potato Dinner!** We enjoyed baked potatoes, toppings, salad and homemade desserts. And....**BINGO!** Fun was had by all, and congrats to our lucky winners!



CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Father's Day Fellowship



In honor of our Fathers, and Father-like figures, we hosted an after service fellowship. Special thanks to all who helped out and provided food. It was a special time for all to enjoy!





Jubilation Ringers Update, from Marilyn Creamer

I want to recognize the members of the Jubilation Ringers and express my sincere thanks to them for all their hard work through this past church year. Between October 2023 and June 2024, we rang twelve anthems, both sacred and secular. Ringers this year include Beth Willer, Lyn Sentkowski, Liz Tible, Pat Moore, Cathy Nalesnik, Christine Mercado, Pastor Ninabeth, Olivia Mercado, Aidan Creamer, Aaron Mercado, Laura Foray, and Brian Creamer. Also, my thanks to our Music Director, Peter Candela, for his ongoing support of the bell choir and for his organ and percussion accompaniment on several pieces. Despite many other obligations, this group makes time almost every Sunday after worship to practice.

Bell music has been a part of worship at Wayne UMC for more than 40 years and I hope it will continue for many more. Although it is unusual, the Wayne UMC bell choir has always been intergenerational; some of our current ringers started when they were 10 years old! We are always looking for new members to ring with us and a few people have already expressed interest for ringing in the Fall. You do not have to be able to read music to join, although it is helpful. We will “buddy” you with an experienced ringer to show you the techniques. Learning to ring a bell itself is easy, but working together to create a beautiful sound takes time, patience, and practice. If you are interested, please let me know. You can reach me at dmbcreameryahoo.com or 973-934-6229.

The Grieves Memorial Garden

The Grieves Memorial Garden has been in existence for over 30 years, where the continual upkeep has been provided by the various committee members and volunteers throughout those years. Because of the continual growth and aging of the natural environment, along with the deer population, professional services are needed at this time. If anyone in Wayne could recommend a reputable landscaping company, please contact either Ginny Perazzone (973-632-9441) or Don Stone (973-879-5423) with the information. Thank you.

VBS/STEAM CONVENTION

Saturdays July 13th and 20th, August
10th and 17th

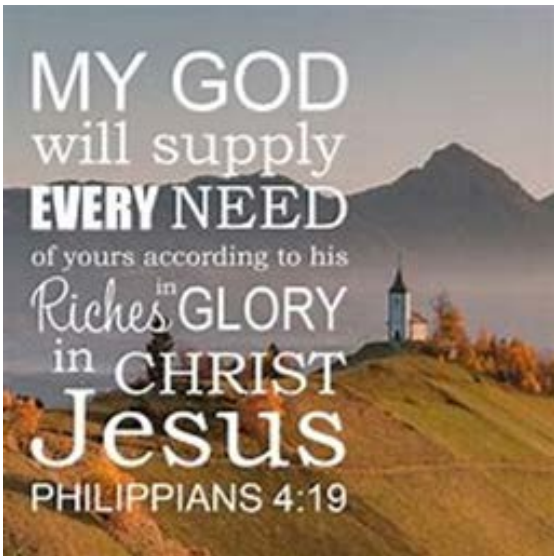
9am to Noon

All ages welcome! Come explore: science,
technology, engineering, mathematics, the arts,
and humanities.

email Chrissy with Questions.

Chrissy@umcwayne.org

Message from the Finance Committee



At UMC Wayne we continue to work toward financial stability. We are dependent on the faithful pledges of our church family, our tenants; Giggle & Grow, Koie-Kan Karate, AA, Quality Landscaping, and the rental of the house. The rental incomes provide 41% of our overall receipts. Praise God!

However, we have found this season of ministry fiscally challenging. Our average weekly giving of \$2,206 is lower than our need of \$3,008. The council is working on additional fundraising opportunities to help offset the shortfall. We need your help as well!

Remember the story of the widow's offering?

Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who's been putting money in the treasury. All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on."

Mark 12:41-44 Common English Bible

"The widow's story asks what we think we should be doing with our money, and what we should be doing with our time. It also reminds us that how much trust we have in God is sometimes contingent on how much trust we have in the community, particularly the people who claim that they represent God." - Amy-Jill Levine

I can share from my personal experience that when I had the courage to give a little back to the church (even when times were tough financially for me) I grew in my faith and saw my blessings multiply. Not to sound cliché but I felt like I was putting my money where my mouth was to further God's kingdom. I want everyone to have the ability to learn what an awesome God we have! We can't do that if we don't have the funds to continue our ministries.

I hope you consider what God has provided for you and what you can share to further his kingdom.

The Finance Committee
Kim Grebel, chair

Dawn Gaines, Patty Hassler, Mike Lakner, Pastor Ninabeth Metcalf, Don Matthews, and Christine Mercado

SAVE THE DATE.....SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th

We are having our dinner and silent auction (and band) at The Village Inn in Wayne. The tables are round and seat 10 so tell your family and friends to save the date as well.

Flyer coming soon....

A note from Lyn regarding what is needed for the auction:

Hello Friends!

I am organizing the Silent Auctions aspect of the October Dinner Fundraising Event that Janine has already put before all of us. We already have some great "big ticket" items:

- New Ladies Bike has been donated.
- New electronic device (yet to be determined) will be donated as a result of a relationship that one of our congregants has with a local generator contractor who has done multitudinous work in her condo and there are additional jobs on his list!
- Bill Walmsley has very generously agreed to donate a residential window washing service. The parameters of that service have yet to be determined. But, it will be awesome.

Silent Auction Basket Ideas - we hope that each basket will be valued at around \$75 retail so that we can have a minimum starting bid of at least \$50. Higher, if possible, depending on the contents in the basket. We hope for attendees to keep outbidding each other. We hope to have a total of 10 items to bid on including the above ones already mentioned.

One thing we want to mention is that we don't expect any one individual or family create the entire basket unless they wish to do so. Any number of Church Members can band together and combine forces to donate items for a basket. Perhaps one of our multi-generational families will create a single basket. We do ask that all items be new.

- Basket of Cheer with various wines and/or hard liquor
- Craft basket for children
- Basket of children's books
- Basket of items/clothes for a newborn
- Basket of pet items
- Basket with a theme of Thanksgiving or Christmas
- Basket of home décor (table linens, candle sticks, etc.)
- Family Game Night Basket
- Handmade Crochet or Knit with some other items for a "Cozy Night"
- Italian Night basket that contains gourmet oil and vinegar, a pasta bowl, specialty dried pastas, pasta sauce, wooden spoons, kitchen towels, etc.

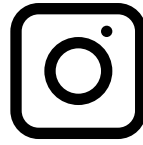
Services – Perhaps you are, or have a friend or family member who can provide a service such as:

- Certified Public Account who can donate time to prepare a tax return
- Attorney who can donate preparation of a simple will
- Music teacher who can provide 6 weeks of beginner piano lessons
- Ditto above for beginner guitar lessons

Another great donation is tickets to a professional sports event. Some of us may have seasons tickets to one of our locals. Perhaps there is a game where you know you cannot attend. It would be great if it was donated for this event.

Monetary Donations will be accepted so that we can purchase items, if necessary. We will also need large baskets that you have lying about and no longer need. 2 volunteers are needed to provide some assistance in assembling the baskets and create labels for the baskets and the auction sheets the week before the event. This will be done at Lyn's condo. Lunch/Snacks and Beverages (including wine) will be provided. It will be a fun time together to build the baskets.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me, Lyn Sentkowski. My email address is lyn.chanteuse@gmail.com or see me at church during Fellowship time (not here today but will be on 7/21 and most weeks after that).



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](#)

