



A Season of Creation
15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024

UMC in Wayne

99 Parish Drive Wayne, New Jersey 07470

Email: Office@umcwayne.org Phone: (973) 694-3260

Website: www.umcwayne.org Watch on Facebook: UMC.Wayne

Join us on Zoom: [Meeting ID: 823 9591 4126 Passcode: 092827](https://umcwayne.org/zoom)

*Love all God's creation, the whole and every grain of sand in it.
Love every leaf, every ray of God's light.
Love the animals, love the plants, love everything.
If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things.
Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day.
And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love.*

~ Fyodor Dostoevsky from the Brothers Karamazov

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Look to the mountains; look to the hills!

All: Love comes to us with joy!

Leader: The world is filled with beauty.

All: Flowers appear on the earth, birdsong brightens the day.

Leader: Crops yield their produce in abundance, the air is filled with sweetness.

All: The summer of God's love is with us.

Leader: Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls.

All: Arise and sing for joy!

OPENING HYMN

Morning Has Broken

UMH #145

Morning has broken, like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the word.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden.
Spring in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning
God's recreation of the new day

OPENING PRAYER

Creating God, you are the source of summer's splendor; the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers, and sweet sound of birdsong.

We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all of your wonders.

As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, DEVICES, AND GYM BAGS!

SCRIPTURE READING Song of Songs 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away,
for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

MESSAGE

Falling In Love

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord,
if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Creator God, we confess we have not honored your Creation;
we have not loved it as you have loved us.**

We have thought ourselves separate, not part of your Creation.

Forgive our ignorance and arrogance, our greed and destructiveness.

Bring us again into the oneness of your Creation;

**forgive us, heal our fears and transform our desires, and shepherd us to be
good stewards of the gift of life.**

WORSHIPING GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

***Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. X2***

***And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. X2***

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share.
Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern
for all in need in Your world.**

Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

We are here because Jesus has called us – strangers and friends, locals and visitors, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious.

It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers and invites to his table where, in bread and wine, he meets us and through him we, who are different, are joined to each other. So come, not because you understand, but because you are understood. Come, not because of how you feel, but because God has food for you. Come, not because you deserve a place, but because Jesus invites you, just as you are.

COMMUNION

Pastor Ninabeth: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Pastor Ninabeth: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor Ninabeth: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Before anything was created, you were God.

...

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join the unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is Jesus, ...

in union with Christ's offering of love, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, ...

Through your Beloved Child Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, all loving God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

Here Comes the Sun

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right
Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right
Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right
Here comes the sun, here comes the sun
It's all right, it's all right

BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY

POSTLUDE

TODAY AFTER WORSHIP

***Please join us as we continue our worship
with food and conversation in fellowship hall***

***Thank you for financially supporting our ministry.
We offer many ways to give:***

In the sanctuary or by mail.

Online at www.umcwayne.org

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/umcwgiving>

Text "GIVING" to 973-447-3223

QR Code:



ANNOUNCEMENTS September, 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS September 2nd – September 8th

Monday September 2nd

AA mtg @ 7:30pm in Fellowship Hall (Room 8)

Tuesday September 3rd

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday September 4th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Bible Study @ 12pm Fierce, BYOLunch

Grace Café @ 6:30pm BYO Dinner

Friday September 6th

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

First Friday Fun and Fellowship @12pm BYOL

Sunday September 8th

Worship with Baptism and Confirmation @ 10am

Save the Date!!

Sunday September 15th

Worship and Sunday School Kickoff!

Silent Auction Update

While we are postponing any dinner event to raise much needed funds, we are still accepting donations towards the silent auction that will be a part of any future event.

Everything that has already been donated, as well any future donations, are graciously accepted. Please see Lyn to confirm what is needed.

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS



We do not need any more clothing hangers and shopping bags. Thank you so much for your generosity!

See insert for sign up for much needed opportunities to help!!!

Collection for the Rummage Sale, continues through

September 21st 2024. Sale Day, 9/28/24!!!

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** collecting: Electronics, Furniture, Books (only Children's books allowed), Stuffed Animals. Thank you!

DONATIONS OF **CLOTHING** CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE **CHOIR ROOM OR CENTER TABLE** in the **CHAPEL/LOUNGE**. **HOUSEHOLD ITEMS** CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE **FRENCH CHAPEL**. Church office hours are Tuesday-Thursday 10-3 and we can help you carry in your donations.



**Help make our biggest
outreach ministry a
success!**

Set-up on Sept. 24, 25 & 26 in the evening - 6:00 - 8:00PM.

Date(s): _____ Time Available: _____

Set-up on Friday, Sept. 27 – 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Time Available: _____

Assistant with Sale on Friday, September 27- 6:00-8:00pm

Time Available _____

Sale Day, Saturday, September 28th

8:30 AM – NOON _____ 11:30-3:00 PM _____

I can help during this time: _____

Clean-up: 3:00 PM till we are done: _____ I can help till: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Return this page to church office, or offering plate. Any questions,
see Beth Foster, Gail Papadopoulos, Liz Tible or Lynn OBrien.**

First Friday Fellowship News

The First Friday fellowship group will resume meeting at 12 noon on September 6th. All are welcome to come and share stories of summer adventures, experienced recently and long ago. Please BYO lunch and beverage.

Dessert will be provided by Lynn O'Brien.

Looking ahead, our October gathering will have a guest speaker who worked at the American Bible Society in NYC, and is active in her Lutheran Church. In November, we will share some fun science facts (thanks, Dianne D, for your fact about raccoons and their food habits).

The words and music in our liturgy, hymns, and songs are by:

Cover Photo by [Todd Trapani](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Morning Has Broken. ONE LICENSE: 198845

Here I Am, Lord Dan Schutte Here I Am, Lord lyrics © Sony/ATV Music Publishing LLC

Here Comes the Sun. Songwriters: Doc Pomus / Mort Shuman Here Comes the Sun lyrics ©

Unichappell Music Inc., Sm Publishing (poland) Sp. Z O.o., Harrisongs Ltd

CCLI License # 3179963, CCLI Streaming License # 20349948

UMC Wayne Ministers

All the members of UMC in Wayne

Pastor Ninabeth Metcalf

Email: PastorNinabeth@umcwayne.org Cell: 908-391-2561

Don Matthews – Lay Leader

Peter Candela – Music Director

email: peter@umcwayne.org

Marilyn Creamer – Handbell Director

David Philp – Parish Drive Director

Nicole Force – Admin. Assistant Email: office@umcwayne.org



ATTENTION BAKERS AND BUYERS!!

Because of your generosity in previous years, our Bake Table was huge success! We raised \$600 for the General Fund.

Once again, you are asked to contribute to the Bake Table at the Rummage Sale, on 9/28/24. Items that typically sell best would be: Loaf Breads, Large Cookies, (6 or so in a bag), and Brownies (6 or so on a plate). Also, 8x8 cakes and plates of cupcakes are very popular!

Cupcakes can be arranged: 5 or 6 on a plate.

All items must be wrapped! Please indicate if nuts are in your items! *Items can be dropped off Friday after 10am and placed in the back of the sanctuary.*

Please fill out and tear off bottom portion of this page and return it to the church office. We look forward to all of these delicious treats!

Thank you for baking!

Yes, I can bake for the bake sale

Name & Phone _____

I will bring _____

Nut Free Yes/No

Questions? Please contact Valerie Batta, 973-227-2938