



# The MESSENGER

Early Fall 2024

®Worship Service Sundays  
at 10 AM  
on Zoom and Facebook

### Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7PM resumes October 1st  
Wednesdays at 12PM  
Thursdays at 7pm resumes October 3rd

**Friday Morning Prayer**  
7am on Facebook

**Book Study**  
Sunday September 15th

**First Friday Fellowship**  
Friday October 4th at 12pm

**Christian Meditation**  
Thursdays at 6:30pm beginning  
October 1st

**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

**Administrative Assistant**  
Nicole Force

# The United Methodist Church in Wayne

## Summer and Early Fall Highlights



*We had a beautiful  
Baptism of  
Rayna Lynn Barnes!  
Welcome Rayna!*

*Summer Sunday  
School Fun!*

*Making "Mental Health  
Shaker Jars"*



*O Joyous Baptism  
and Confirmation Day!*

*Aidan Creamer for baptism  
and confirmation.  
Shea Hill & Kaydence Larsen  
for confirmation*



# UMC in Wayne Worship

**Sunday September 15**

*Creation as Divine Revelation  
A Meditation on Psalm 19*

**Sunday September 22**

*What One Person Can Do  
The UMC in Wayne 1st annual  
Fashion Show!*

**Sunday September 29**

*Celebrating Youth*

**October 6**

*Blessing of the Pets*



**4 Week Worship Series  
All Creatures Great and Small**

*Celebrating our creative, generous,  
and joyful community*

**Beginning October 27th**

# Baptism & Confirmation



God Bless  
Rayna Lynn Barnes



Congratulations Confirmands:  
Shea, Aidan (Baptism and Confirmation) &  
Kaydence!



## 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***



Laura F	Emma
Beverly W	Steve
Lois M	Kathy
Marc	Austin
John D	Steve
Roy	Peter
Judy	Bob
Heather	Chris
Aunt Jeanne	Dale
Eric	Rick
Don	Lori
Rachel	Aunt Elaine
Kedem	Joann & Don
Gia	Mental health issues
Steven	Addiction
Carol	Peace
Richard	That wars may cease
Carly	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.*



**Save the date!**

**Our Annual Church Conference is  
October 6th at 11:45 in Fellowship Hall!**

At this conference we do the important work of approving our leadership team, assessing our ministry and mission, and celebrating all the great things that have happened this past year.

We are excited about what is happening at the UMC in Wayne!  
The Holy Spirit is indeed in this place!  
And We Need You to be part of the new things God is doing!

**Get to know your 2025 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** – Tim Cooper

**Sunday School Chair** – Dawn Castro

**Trustee Chair** – Mike Lakner

**Treasurer** – Christine Mercado

**SPRC Members** – Tim Cooper, Dianne DeVos, Anita Dispenziere,  
Larry Gaines, Cathy Nalesnik, Liz Tible, Gail Papadopoulos,

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

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

**Leadership Development Committee** – Deb Foray, Beth Foster, Dawn Monroe,  
Lynn O'Brien, Pastor Ninabeth Metcalf

**Worship Chair** – Nancy Kinch

**Scouting Coordinator** – Brian Creamer

**Outreach Chair** – Anita Dispenziere

**Nurture Chair** – Liz Tible

**Music Director** – Peter Candela

# First Friday Fellowship Fostering Friendships and Fun!

The First Friday fellowship group resumed meeting at  
on September 6.

All are welcome to attend our gatherings. Please **BYO** lunch  
and beverage. We meet at noon on the first Friday of the  
month.

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).



Photo from our time together at High Societea House in Wayne.

# Rummage Sale Update!

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**HELP NEEDED!!!**  
**RUMMAGE SALE**

**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.](#)



**ATTENTION BAKERS AND BUYERS!!**

Because of your generosity in previous years, our Bake Table was huge success! We raised \$600 for the General Fund last year. 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 label if nuts are included 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 *offering plate*.** We look forward to all of these delicious treats! Thank you for baking!

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

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Yes, I can bake for the bake sale!

Name & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring \_\_\_\_\_

Need a Reminder? Yes/No



# Message from the Finance Committee

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*Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ~ Mark 2:4-5*

Four friends moved by an overwhelming sense of compassion and love for their friend. Four friends willing to pick up their corner of the blanket and bring their friend into the healing presence of Jesus Christ. Four friends determined and unwilling to be stopped by crowds, unwilling to say, "Sorry, we can't do it, maybe next time."

A rather well-to-do woman approached her pastor and asked if her gift of \$500 would be sufficient. The pastor's wise response was, "Does your gift represent the blessings God has given you?" The lady took the check back and departed without saying a word. A week later she returned with a check for \$5,000 and asked the same question. The courageous pastor gave the same reply and once again she took the check back and left. The pastor wondered if he would ever see her or the check again. But the scene repeated itself the following week. This time the check was for \$20,000. In response to her inevitable question, "Is it enough?" the pastor, swallowing the lump in his throat, gave his standard reply. This time with a smiling face full of joy, she replied, "Yes, pastor, this represents God's blessings to me."

This woman had the overwhelming desire, to do her share, to pick up her corner of the blanket and bring her church, her community, her friends, the world, into the healing presence of Jesus the Christ.

As we move into the fourth quarter of our fiscal year we are challenged to meet our financial obligations. We have experienced a few months of loss in our rental income and our weekly giving is lower than expected. On a positive note, we made some improvements on our rental home using gains we had from investments so can expect higher rent from a future tenant. We are grateful for an abundance of donations for our rummage sale and look forward to our upcoming silent auction; both are significant fundraisers for us. But these three sources of income are not enough.

Today we are courageously asking you to consider how your gifts and talents can help our church bring healing and wholeness, through Christ, to our beautiful and broken world. Each of us has been blessed in different ways and to different levels. God simply asks us to pick up our corner.

We invite you into a time of prayer as you answer these two questions:

Does the gift I am considering truly and fully represent how God has blessed me?  
Am I willing to pick up my corner of the blanket?

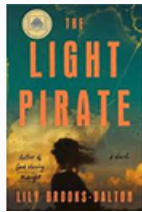
*Grace and Peace to you!*  
*The Finance Team*

## Book Club

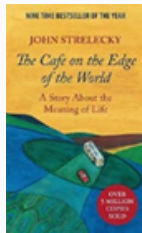
Meets on the third Sunday (subject to change for holidays) after our church service.  
All are welcome to join us for a meaningful discussion and fellowship.  
We will be providing light refreshments for coffee hour on the Sunday's we meet.

*Hebrews 10:24-25*

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,  
not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging  
one another and all the more as you see the day approaching.*



September  
**The Light Pirate**  
by Lily Brooks-Dalton



October  
**The Cafe on the Edge of the World:  
A Story About  
the Meaning of Life**  
by John Strelecky



November  
**Searching for Sylvie Lee**  
by Jean Kwok



January  
**Tapestry**  
by Beth Duke

**Book Club Continues...**

**February**

**The Lost Book of Names  
by Kristin Harmel**



**March**

**Great Circle  
by Maggie Shipstead**



**April**

**The Prayer Box  
By Lisa Wingate**



**May**

**The Bucket List  
by Rachel Hanna**



**June**

**Missing White  
Woman  
by Kellye Garrett**



**Please find descriptions of each book on  
the table in the back of the sanctuary.**



## **Jubilation Ringers Update** **by Marilyn Creamer**

The Jubilation Ringers are looking forward to presenting beautiful bell music to enhance our worship services in the upcoming months. Our first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 15th. Say "Hi" to everyone, grab a quick bite and something to drink, then join us in the sanctuary no later than 11:30. I especially encourage people who might be interested in joining, but may be hesitant, to come, stand next to one of our ringers, and watch and listen. We have a lot of fun learning and sharing this special music. Please reach out to Marilyn Creamer for more information.

You can reach me at [dmbcreameryahoo.com](mailto:dmbcreameryahoo.com)  
or 973-934-6229.



## **A Music Minute by Peter Candela**

Psalm 96:1

“Sing a new song unto the Lord, all you people of the earth, sing to the Lord.”

Choir will be singing at select services this upcoming fall and winter season.

We invite you to join in the fun!

Music reading is helpful, but not a requirement. Peter will rearrange the music to get the greatest sound of our group of singers!

All voice parts are welcome: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass.

All are welcome sing, be it on a regular, or occasional basis. Most of the rehearsals will be short sessions before the Sunday service. We aim to rehearse: 9:30-9:45, but sometimes 9:15-9:45. For special Holy days, we may have an added evening rehearsal (Christmas, Good Friday, Easter etc).

Anyone interested, please email Peter at [peter@umcwayne.org](mailto:peter@umcwayne.org)

# Community News and Events

Dear UMC in Wayne Community,  
I hope you all are doing well. I wanted you to know that I am doing my cabaret again! I haven't had a chance to get out there for a while but I promise that when I do, I will stop by.

Miss you all.

*Megan Thomas*

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**  
**YOU'D BE SURPRISED**  
The music of Irving Berlin  
*Megan Thomas*  
with Phil Hall (Musical Director)

**TRIAD THEATER**  
155 WEST 72nd ST (2nd FL)  
Between Amsterdam & Columbus Ave.  
to purchase tickets visit:  
www.TRIADNYC.com

Tuesday October 1st @7:00pm  
\$30.00 - cover & \* 2 drink minimum \*

Warm your "Wintry Night" with our exciting classical, jazz, spicy calypso and latin, and more!  
Holiday concert Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 pm  
First Presbyterian Church,  
722 East Ridgewood Ave, Ridgewood, NJ

**The Ridgewood Singers**

**Welcome, singers, music professionals and music lovers,  
We are a friendly, long-established community chorus which has  
rehearsals on Mondays from 7:15 to 9:15 pm at the  
First Presbyterian Church, 722 E. Ridgewood Ave, Ridgewood, NJ.**

**Questions? Contact us at [theridgewoodsingerschorus@gmail.com](mailto:theridgewoodsingerschorus@gmail.com)**

**The winter holiday concert will be performed on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 2 pm.  
Rehearsals start on Monday, Sept. 9, 2024 at 7:15 pm.**

Shine a Light on  
Hope



JOIN US FOR AN ENLIGHTENING EXPERIENCE!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

2 PM - 5 PM AT THE TURKISH CULTURAL CENTER

7 DOIG RD, WAYNE, NJ 07470

This event is the third of a series exploring Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, and Hinduism, aiming to reduce antisemitism, Islamophobia, ignorance and hatred by highlighting shared values and embracing differences to foster greater understanding.

Free event with food, offering dedicated programs for youth and adults!

In partnership with  
the Wayne Clergy Council.

RSVP [here](#).

Don't miss out on this insightful event!

For more information, visit our website, [peaceislands.org](https://peaceislands.org)

Or reach out to us at [info@peaceislands.org](mailto:info@peaceislands.org)

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Greetings from

# BSA Troop 101



Established in 1916 and continuously chartered since 1934, Troop 101 is a Scout-led troop based out of the United Methodist Church in Wayne. We are one of the oldest troops in NJ, who combines the original and modern values of Scouting to create an outstanding program for our Scouts.

We meet every Friday during the school year, camp ever month, have one week of sleep-away summer camp as well as several events that we participate in and around Wayne and northern NJ. Our leaders are dedicated to keeping our Scouts earning, learning and safe - and parents are welcome to join our leadership as well!

We are always looking for new members, and as of September 1st, 2024 we are part of a pilot program for combined troops in Scouting BSA. This means we accept both boys and girls for our troop, and allows for all members of your family to be a part of Troop 101. Come and learn more at our next meeting!

When: **Every Friday, September through June**

Where: **United Methodist Church, 99 Parish Drive, Wayne**

Time: **7:30 - 9:15 PM**

Who: **Boys & Girls ages 11-17 (or starting 6th Grade)**

**For more info, reach out to our Scoutmaster, John Cotte, via email at [scoutmaster.of.101@gmail.com](mailto:scoutmaster.of.101@gmail.com)**



SCAN ME

**Why wait?  
Sign up  
today!**



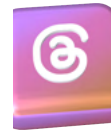
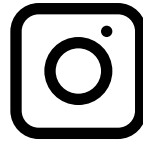
# Giggle and Grow Summer Fun!



**Foam Party!!**



**We had so much fun playing together this summer!!**



## **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](#)**

