



# The MESSENGER

## Late Fall 2024

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

**Bible Study**  
Tuesdays at 7PM  
Wednesdays at 12PM  
Thursdays at 7pm

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

**Book Study**  
3rd Sunday after worship

**First Friday Fellowship**  
Friday December 6th at 11am

**Christian Meditation**  
Thursdays at 6:30pm

### **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

## *Fall at UMC Wayne*



*We welcomed fall and marvel at the Lord's heavenly paintbrush!*



*Our September Rummage and Bake Sale were a great success! Special thanks to all the hands that made it happen!  
More photos inside...*

# UMC in Wayne Worship

## Ongoing Thursday Evenings

Christian Meditation @ 6:30pm  
in the Sanctuary

## Tuesday November 26th

Interfaith Service @7pm  
Shomrei Torah  
30 Hinchman Ave, Wayne

## Sunday December 1st

Advent begins!

## December 18th

Blue Christmas  
6-8pm  
in the Sanctuary

## December 24th

Christmas Eve  
4:30pm - Family Christmas with  
Parish Drive  
7:pm Communion Service with the  
Jubilation Ringers

*The United Methodist Church in Wayne*

## CHRISTIAN

## Meditation

Join us on Thursday evenings @ 6:30pm for 20 minutes,  
in our Sanctuary, as we study and practice different  
forms of Christian meditation.

Meditation also known as contemplation is the practice  
of deepening our relationship with God.

10minutes of meditation increases our ability to focus,  
reduces stress and anxiety, helps us to control our  
emotions, and inspires creativity.

## BLUE CHRISTMAS

ON THE LONGEST NIGHT  
OPEN SANCTUARY  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH  
6PM-8PM

WE INVITE YOU TO COME,  
LIGHT A CANDLE, PLACE AN ORNAMENT ON OUR TREE,  
AND SIT AS LONG AS YOU LIKE.

A BOOKLET CONTAINING PRAYERS, POEMS, RITUAL,  
MEDITATIONS, AND SCSSRIPTURE WILL BE AVAILABLE  
IN THE THE NARTHEX.

QUIET PEACEFUL MUSIC WILL BE PLAYING THROUGHOUT THE EVENING

Mark your Calendar...  
Blue Christmas

*Taking Time to reflect and  
remember this Christmas  
season.*

December 18th  
6-8pm



# "ALL AGES" PLEDGE POSTER

great or small, every gift makes a difference!

HERE ARE THREE THINGS WE LOVE ABOUT The UMC in Wayne

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_



Cool Fact: A monarch butterfly's heart is about the size of a sewing needle (it's long and thin)!

HERE ARE THREE WAYS WE CAN HELP The UMC in Wayne

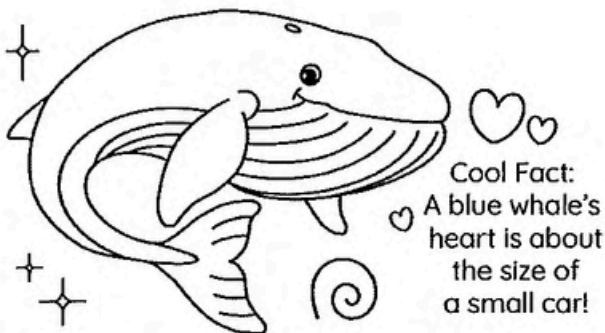
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HERE ARE THREE WAYS WE CAN HELP THE WORLD

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HERE ARE A FEW WAYS WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Send handwritten thank-you notes to organizations doing great things
- Collect gluten free and/or low salt items for the Wayne Interfaith Food Pantry
- Play an instrument in worship
- Team up for a neighborhood clean-up
- Have a Hot Cocoa Stand and give the proceeds to a great cause
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O God, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

+ PSALM 104:24



November 14, 2024

Dear Beloved Friends of the UMC in Wayne,

On behalf of the United Methodist Church in Wayne's "All Creatures Great and Small" stewardship team, we're writing to share the good news about this year's campaign, and to invite you to help with this important, joyful work.

Last week you received a letter from Pastor Ninabeth, reflecting on how being a "steward" isn't just about giving a gift – it's about protecting a path, watching over a house, helping to take care of what matters most for the wider community.

In Psalm 104, an ancient song of celebration, the singer praises God as the creator and caretaker of every creature, from the biggest whale to the smallest sparrow, blessing all of us with breath, life, nourishment, and a bright and beautiful world. In fact, Psalm 104 is the first time in the Bible the word "Alleluia!" (meaning, "Praise God!") is used, an exclamation inspired by the beauty of creation.

*Alleluia!* For creating, redeeming, and sustaining the birds of the air and fish of the sea.

*Alleluia!* For creating human beings in the divine image, called to be stewards: protecting the most vulnerable, caring for those in need, speaking up for the unheard.

*Alleluia!* For creating the gift of the UMC in Wayne, a community called to this protecting, caring, and speaking up – not for our own benefit alone, but for the love of the world. Hallelujah for stewardship!

Enclosed are both a pledge card for your prayerful consideration, and an "all ages" pledge poster, perfect for coloring, posting on the fridge, and/or adding to the Communion table next Sunday! Our hope is that our hearts are filled with gratitude for the gifts in our lives and the call to be generous and good stewards, so all our neighbors might thrive.

In Joy and Hope,

*Kim Grebel, Patty Hassler, & Tim Cooper*  
The "All Creatures Great and Small" Stewardship Team



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the earth is full of your creatures. + Psalm 104:24

# Rummage/Bake Sale Fun



So many great treasures and finds at the Rummage Sale this year! Our littlest shopper, Ava who will be turning 2 December 4th, found a few items to take home!

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the Rummage and Bake Sale 2024!

We raised \$5000!  
~Gail, Beth, Lynn, Liz



A BIG thank you to the bakers who contributed to the bake sale!

The final total was \$707!  
You outdid yourselves!  
~Valerie Batta

# Laity Sunday and Pastor Appreciation



Laity Sunday is a time when we can take part in leading our worship service. We thank those that stepped out and served on this special day!

# Laity Sunday and Pastor Appreciation



It was an honor to be able to show appreciation to our Pastor for all of her selfless work for our congregation. She has a heart for both God and people. We love you Pastor Ninabeth!



## 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***



Peggy and Erin  
Don  
Lois M  
Marc  
Robert  
Roy  
Judy  
Heather  
Aunt Jeanne  
Eric  
Faith  
Maureen  
Kedem  
Gia  
Steven  
Carol  
Richard  
Carly

Emma  
Steve  
Kathy  
Austin  
Steve  
Peter  
Bob  
Chris  
Mike  
Rick  
Lori  
Aunt Elaine  
Don  
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.*





**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 Kloof,  
Christine Mercado, Jason Snyder, Don Stone

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

**Spiritual 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!

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Our October gathering had a fabulous guest speaker who worked at the American Bible Society in NYC, and is active in her Lutheran Church. For our November meeting, we enjoyed learning about various science facts. Everyone had something to contribute and we thank Dianne for this fun topic!

Let's Go Paint!



The First Friday group will be holding their December meeting at Painting With A Twist In Montville. We will meet there on Friday, December 6, at 10:45 and will be painting from 11-1. Cost is \$40. We will be painting a beautiful, serene Christmas scene, all materials will be provided. Feel free to bring snacks and drinks. We're all looking forward to a fun time and some beautiful pictures to get us into the Christmas spirit.

Advent / Christmas Thoughts and Memories



The Advent and Christmas season often brings back wonderful memories of the past, and thoughts of the present and future.

Over the past few weeks, our congregation's thoughts and memories have been collected to put into a booklet to be enjoyed during the season. In addition to our own submissions, it will include our favorite hymns, poems, stories, and much more. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Merry Christmas to everyone.



## The United Methodist Church of Wayne Advent/Christmas Thoughts and Memories

During the Advent/Christmas season  
we are all busy.

Not only with preparations for celebrating the  
birth of Jesus, but with all of our work that  
comes each day.

Take time during this season to read and enjoy  
these thoughts and scriptures,  
as we celebrate the birth of our Savior,  
Jesus Christ.

Remember, Faith, Joy, Peace, Love- and let  
those words guide us through the coming year.

Amen!

# UMC in Wayne

## Advent & Christmas Worship Series

### ON THE WAY TO

# BETHLEHEM

*‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.’ — Luke 7: 27b*

We are so often focused on the destination in our travels. “Where are you going?” is the most common question upon hearing that someone is heading out of town. While the destination is perhaps the impetus for deciding to “go,” it is often the journey itself that offers the most memorable moments—frustrating or delightful. This Advent season, we will pay attention not just to the destination of Christmas, but also to the places where events occurred that led to a starry night on which a child was born who would change the world. And we will ponder our own milestones—the progress and the potholes “on the way.” This worship series is based on the book, “On the Way to Bethlehem” which is our Advent and Christmas Bible Study”

Sunday December 1st @ 10am: Rome: A Place of Longing (Hope)

Sunday December 8th @ 10am: Jerusalem: A Place of Waiting (Peace)

Sunday December 15th @ 10am: Nazareth: A Place of Simplicity (Joy)

Sunday December 22nd @ 10am: Bethlehem: A Place of Humility (Love)

Christmas Eve Tuesday December 24 @ 4:30pm & 7:00pm: The Manger: A Place of Care

Sunday December 29th @ 10am @ 10 am: Persia: A Place of Return

# Advent & Christmas Bible Study

## ON THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM

**The journey to Christmas begins in Rome.**



On the Way to Bethlehem follows the long journey to Christmas. The story begins in Rome with a decree issued from the seat of worldly power for a census, setting into motion events leading to the birth of the Savior of the world in a town that represents the very opposite of worldly power, Bethlehem.

Author Rob Fuquay provides insight into the geographical and historical significance of Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, along with the important characters through whom the Christmas drama unfolds. You will be drawn into those places in a way that helps you experience the spiritual truths each location holds. The reflection we give in these places prepares the heart and soul to experience wonder, awe, mystery, and joy.

*Choose any of these times to join in this study:*  
*Tuesday Evening @ 7pm in person in the Pastor's office or on Zoom*  
*Wednesday @12pm BYO lunch in Fellowship Hall*  
*Thursday Evening @7pm in the Pastor's Office*

## 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.

Book club meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month all are welcome to join us.

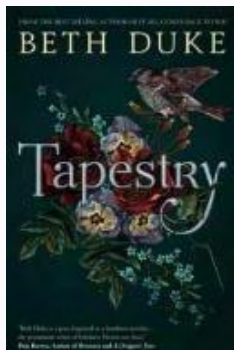
We provide the refreshments for coffee hour in room 8.

*Hebrews 10:24-25*

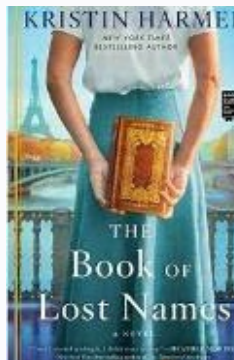
*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the day approaching.*



November  
Searching for Sylvie Lee  
by Jean Kwok



January  
Tapestry  
by Beth Duke

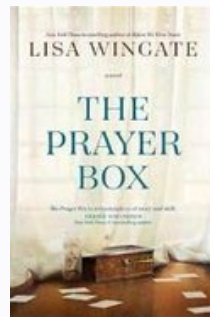


February  
The Lost Book of Names  
by Kristin Harmel

**Book Club Continues...**



**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.**

# Upcoming Christmas Choral Concerts



## **The Ridgewood Singers**

Our winter holiday concert will be performed on  
Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 2 pm.

First Presbyterian Church, 722 E. Ridgewood Ave, Ridgewood, NJ.  
Questions? Contact us at [theridgewoodsingerschorus@gmail.com](mailto:theridgewoodsingerschorus@gmail.com)

## **The New Jersey Choral Society**

### **"Illuminare" Holiday Concert Live Performances:**

December 14th, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Wayne NJ  
December 15th, Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley Church in Wayne NJ  
December 17th, Tuesday at 7:30pm at West Side Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood NJ

### **"Illuminare" Holiday Concert Virtual Performance:**

December 17th, Tuesday at 7:30pm Virtual Streaming Access (sales close 12/16/24)

Tickets can also be purchased at the door on the day of the concert subject to availability. \*Please note that virtual ticket sales will close on 12/16/24 \*

<https://www.njcs.org/concerts>

## **An Ars Musica Holiday**

Saturday, December 14, 2024, 7:30 PM- 8:30 PM

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

155 Linwood Avenue

Ridgewood, NJ, 07450

[arsmusica.org](http://arsmusica.org)



# *Silent Auction*

All are welcome to bid on a variety of baskets available at our silent auction. Come shop for yourself or for holiday gifts. All proceeds go towards the ministry and mission- work of our church.

The bidding ends on November 24.



# Silent Auction Baskets



# UMCOR Hurricane Help from Giggle and Grow



Special thanks to our Giggle and Grow teachers and families who participated in filling Hurricane Relief Buckets to help victims of Hurricane Helene and Milton.



G&G are collecting unwrapped Toys for Tots!  
The collection box is by the G & G entrance.



## Troop 101 Eagle Court of Honor for Dillon Thomas Kaleda

**Saturday November 2nd, 2024**

For his Eagle Scout Project Dillon lead 15 volunteers to rebuild the lower patio at our church! We are so grateful for Dillon and his team!

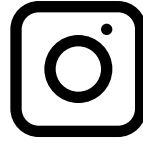
We invite you to take some time to sit and enjoy this renewed space, located outside of the "Underground"; the Boy Scout and Karate meeting space.



Isaiah 54:13

"All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children"





## **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](#)**

