

The United Methodist Church in  
**Wayne**



**Thanksgiving Sunday!**  
**November 24, 2024**

**UMC in Wayne**

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**PRELUDE**

*Parish Drive*

**WELCOME**

**INTROIT**

*My Lord, What a Morning*

*Jubilation Ringers*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven: *(Ephesians 1)*

**All: who knew you and chose you before the world began;** *(1 Peter 1, Ephesians 1)*

Leader: who loves you so much that he calls you his own children; *(1 John 3)*

**All: who has brought you from darkness into light and filled you with his glorious power;** *(Colossians 1)*

Leader: who has prepared an inheritance for you that will never spoil or fade; *(1 Peter 1)*

**All: who encourages and strengthens you in every good deed and word;** *(2 Thessalonians 2)*

Leader: who comforts you in your troubles so that you can comfort others. *(2 Corinthians 1)*

**All: This is our God, the ultimate source of all things, and the One for whom we live.** *(1 Corinthians 8)*

**Let's worship God together!**

**OPENING HYMN**

*We Gather Together*

UMH #131

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Giver of life, for sunshine and showers, we give you thanks; for food and drink, we give you praise; for clothing and shelter, we bestow our gratitude. Gather our worries and our burdens this day, and shelter us from fear and despair. Help us rest assured in your arms, knowing that your loving care is enough. It is enough. It is enough. Amen.**

**THE BASKET**

## **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

Trusting in god's tender mercy, let us open ourselves in honesty towards God.

## **UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**God of abundant love, sprinkle the tears we have sown with your mercy and hope, that we may reap a harvest of joy; replace our selfish dreams of wealth and prestige, with gratitude for what we have, that we may find contentment in life. Turn our dreams to you, O Lord, and remind us of the abundance you offer, for you have done great things for us, turning our tears into shouts of joy.**

*Silence is kept*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Through Christ, God's love has done great things for us. Through Christ, God's grace restores our life and makes us whole once more.

## **GOSPEL READING Matthew 6:24-34 NRSVUE**

“No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore, do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

**MESSAGE**        *Saying Thank You!*

**SONG**                *All Good Gifts*                *UMC in Wayne Choir and Parish Drive*

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE**

**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.**

**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***

***Doxology***

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.***

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Giver of all good things, we thank you: for health and vigor, for the air that gives the breath of life, the sun that warms us, and the good food that makes us strong; for happy homes and for the friends we love, for all that makes it good to live.**

**Make us thankful and eager to repay, by cheerfulness and kindness, and by a readiness to help others.**

**Freely we have received; let us freely give, in the name of him who gave his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Give Thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks***

**CLOSING SONG**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

*UMH #694*

**BLESSING FOR THE JOURNEY**

**POSTLUDE**

*Parish Drive*

## **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](http://www.umcwayne.org)*

*<https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/umcwqiving>*

*Text "GIVING" to 973-447-3223*

*QR Code:*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS November, 2024

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS November 18 - 24

#### Monday November 25<sup>th</sup>

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

#### Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Wayne Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 7pm

At Shomrei Torah WCC

30 Hinchman Avenue, Wayne

Or [ShomreiTorahWCC.org/livestream](http://ShomreiTorahWCC.org/livestream)

#### Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Happy Thanksgiving!

#### Friday November 29<sup>th</sup>

Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

#### Sunday December 1st

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion Worship @10am

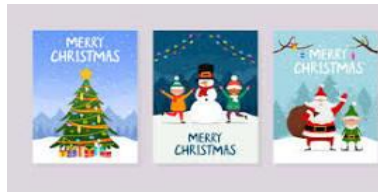
### Last Week's Snack Attack Basket; Building God's World



*Please don't forget to take a **pledge card** off the back table today. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you can be a steward for this campaign. Thank you and God Bless you!*

An easy way to give back this holiday season...All **submissions must be sent before 11/24/24!!**

All that is needed: **NEW Christmas cards and envelopes.**



Please send to:  
EPAUMC Prison Ministry  
PO Box 820  
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0820



**Our Silent Auction closes at Noon this Sunday, November 24th.**

All bidding sheets will be removed at that time. Winners will be announced during our Fellowship Time. *If you are a winner and will not be at church on November 24th, or need to leave before Noon, you will be notified by phone or email.*

**We ask that you pick up your basket no later than December 8th.**

Payments are cash or check only and we ask that you make payment at the time you get your basket.



### **Christmas Poinsettia Orders**

Make sure to fill out the envelope and attached form for your **Christmas Poinsettia!** Envelopes and forms are located in the church on the back table.

Please return all envelopes to the plate or to the church office.

**Orders must be in by 12/9/24!!**



### **First Friday Event**

**REMINDER: The group will go to Painting with a Twist on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 11-1pm.** Sign-up sheet in the narthex on the bulletin board. Please make all checks out to: Painting with a Twist.

You can return your payment to Sue Whitty via in person on Sundays or by mail at:  
**Susan Whitty 22 Kevin Rd, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035. Email: sueandtiger@verizon.net**

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

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# On the Way to Bethlehem

## **Advent & Christmas Worship Services**

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)

Tuesday December 24th @ 4:30pm and 7:00pm The Manger: A Place of Care

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