

The United Methodist Church in
Wayne



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In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

~Matthew 5:16

**PRELUDE
WELCOME**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Guide us, Holy One, into an unclenched moment,

All: a deep breath, a letting go of heavy expectancies, of shriveling anxieties, of dead certainties,

Leader: that, softened by the silence, surrounded by the light, and open to the mystery,

All: we may be found by wholeness, upheld by the unfathomable, entranced by the simple, and filled with the joy that is you.

OPENING HYMN

My Lord, What a Morning

UMH #719

OPENING PRAYER

O Holy One, I hear and say so many words, yet yours is the word I need. Speak now, and help me listen; and if what I hear is silence, let it quiet me, let it touch my need, let it break my pride, let it shrink my certainties, let it enlarge my wonder. Amen.

THE BASKET

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, Grant me your peace, for I have made peace with what does not give peace, and I am afraid. Drive me deep, now, to face myself so I may see that what I truly need to fear is

my capacity to deceive and willingness to be deceived,

my loving of things and using of people,

my struggle for power and shrinking of soul,

my addiction to comfort and sedation of conscience,

my readiness to criticize and reluctance to create,

my clamor for privilege and silence at injustice,

my seeking for security and forsaking the kingdom.

Lord, grant me your peace. Instill in me such fear of you as will begin to make me wise, and such quiet courage as will enable me to begin to make hope visible, forgiving delightful, loving contagious, faith liberating, peace-making joyful and myself open and present to other people and your kingdom. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 12:49-56 Common English Bible

“I came to cast fire upon the earth. How I wish that it was already ablaze! I have a baptism I must experience. How I am distressed until it’s completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, I have come instead to bring division. From now on, a household of five will be divided—three against two and two against three. Father will square off against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; and mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Jesus also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud forming in the west, you immediately say, ‘It’s going to rain.’ And indeed it does. And when a south wind blows, you say, ‘A heat wave is coming.’ And it does. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret conditions on earth and in the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret the present time?”

MESSAGE

HYMN

Abide With Me

UMH #700

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

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

How Shall I Come Before the Lord

W&S 3124

How shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself with heart our poured?
And shall I come with offerings?
What shall I give? What shall I bring?
Will finest gifts bring God's delight?
Will wealth bring favor in God's sight?

What must we be? What must we do?
What does the Lord require of you?
Let justice shine in all your ways.
Let loving-kindness rule your day,
that, as this earthly path you trod,
you shall walk humbly with your God.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, faithful and gracious forever, You love us more than we love ourselves. You call us to walk with Christ, and be more than we ever thought possible. Take our gifts. Receive our thanks. Accept our praise: through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

See The Morning Sun Ascending

UMH #674

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

I want to send out a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed to our coffee hour fellowship. Many of you have brought an item or two, helped set up and clean up, or simply helped me set up the tables, which has really made it easier for me.

In order to make sure that we don't have too much (is this even possible?) or too little, I would appreciate it if you could let me know when you will be bringing something to contribute. If you can't catch me at church, please feel free to text me.

It is very nice that more people are staying for our fellowship and enjoying each other's company and building a stronger faith community!

Thank you, Liz Tible (973-444-5804)

WIN – Wayne Interfaith Network

Attention! The food pantry is running low on many items. It seems that during the summer months, it is difficult to stock the shelves. This is just a little reminder that the WIN pantry is an ongoing 12-month mission project. One of the items that is most needed are CANNED PROTEIN items. Also, please check the expiration date on all items when contributing. Thank you to everyone who continues to donate weekly.

Proverbs 22:9 “Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor”



If you are interested in making the **Prayer Squares** that were mentioned at the 8/10 Service, there are instructions for those who crochet and/or knit at the back of the sanctuary.



Calling all Bakers!

We are in need of baked goods for our

Bake Sale on September 27th!

Please see Lyn Sentkowski for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS August 2025

CALENDAR OF EVENTS August 18th – 24th

Monday August 18th

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

Tuesday August 19th

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Wednesday August 20th

Bible Study @ 12om in Fellowship Hall BYO Lunch

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Thursday August 21st

Karate @ 5pm in the underground

Friday August 22nd

Friday Morning Prayer and Devotion @ 7am on Facebook

Sunday August 24th

Worship @10am

The Thirsty Table meets after worship in Fellowship Hall

The First Friday Fellowship group

will meet on Friday, September 5 at noon in fellowship hall.

Our theme is "Show and Tell".

Please bring an old, new, borrowed, or blue item that is dear to you and be willing to tell us about it.

As always, BYO lunch and beverage. Dessert will be provided.

All are welcome to join our fun group!

Rummage Sale Dates:

Set up for the sale September 23, 24, 25 from 6pm – 8pm
and Friday September 26th from 9am – 5pm

\$5 Pre-sale is Friday September 26th 6pm – 8pm

Regular Sale is Saturday September 27th 8:30am – 3pm

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

In the sanctuary or by mail.

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The Thirsty Table

Thirsty for a deeper understanding in your faith journey?
Join us for a conversation among friends;
asking questions, sharing faith stories and Godwinks!

What is a "Godwink"?

It's synchronicity, a moment of grace, a glimmer of hope,
an answered prayer, a feeling of being guided by the Holy Spirit.

You will find us after worship in fellowship hall at the table with the Bibles.

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

Today's liturgy is adapted from Ted Loder. The Prayer of Dedication is written by Brian Wren.

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There are 2 current local mission opportunities where the Wayne UMC can participate.

The first is a collection of school supplies, as coordinated by The United Way of Passaic county. Any of the supplies listed below, plus new backpacks, can be dropped off in the Narthex basket. Team up with friends to assemble a whole kit, or donate individual items, as you are able.

The collection ends on Sunday, August 24.

- 1 package of sharpened #2 pencils
- 24 package of crayons
- 12 pack of colored pencils
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 one subject spiral notebook
- 1 pack of lined loose leaf paper
- 1 ruler
- 2 pink erasers
- 4 folders
- 2 glue sticks

The second mission opportunity is for the Wayne UMC to partner with the Heart and Hands mission, based in St Timothy's Lutheran Church on Valley Road in Wayne.

Please explore their website at:

<https://www.heartnhandsmision.org>

to learn about their valuable ministry to the community. If interested, we can tour their space and meet the volunteers on Monday, September 8.

Please see Anita Dispenziere for more information.