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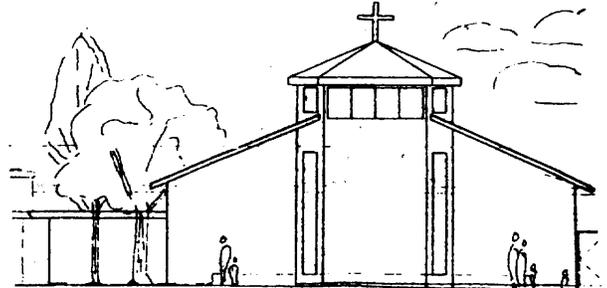
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*Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:00 a.m.*

*In a hostile, hurting world we reach out to share kindness and laughter. Our spirituality is based on Jesus and his love and compassion. We provide a community of support and healing where all are welcomed and valued regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, disability, gender, or economic status. In a world where people feel they can love only those who are like themselves, we seek to celebrate the uniqueness of every human being.*

*"Making Room in the Circle"*



**OCTOBER, 2022**



Greetings!

I moved to New Jersey from Southern California almost ten years ago. One of the things that has held my constant amazement here is the change in seasons, especially fall. The changing of leaves is nothing I had ever experienced before moving here. A friend had recommended I go for a hike at Jockey Hollow in Mendham Township. I was a bit reluctant as I was going in October and it sounded a lot like Sleepy Hollow.

Headless horsemen aside, the drive to Jockey Hollow was awe inspiring. The huge canopies of trees covered the road. There were only a few spaces where one could see a brief glimpse of the day blue sky. The trees had created a green and brown ceiling above me. The wind created a force that gently moved the leaves from the branches as they rained down in front of me. There was beauty in the transformation, beauty in seeing a glimpse of creation. Transformation is hard work. Sometimes we find ourselves stuck in the old, while things change around us. If we look away, we might miss the beauty in change, the beauty in creation, the hope in the movement of the Spirit. Let us allow ourselves to be transformed with the guidance of divine love.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Marissa

[pastormarissavdv@gmail.com](mailto:pastormarissavdv@gmail.com)



## **Saturday, October 8th – Church Garage Sale and Shred Event –**

Garage Sale will be from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on Saturday. This year in addition to all of the gently used items for sale, our **Bake Sale** will be returning as well as our **Hot Dog Lunch**. Set up will be Friday, night, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. If you have some small items to be sold, please bring them to the church on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and they will be added to the "church table". Tables are \$25 each. If you can help out during the day, we can use you! Speak to Barb or Connie if you want a table or can help out. Please bring your bake sale contributions as early as you can on Saturday.

**Absolute Shredding will be there from 12-2 p.m.** This is a fundraiser for our church so shredding will be \$12.00 per (computer paper) box and \$10 for smaller bags.



Youth Group will be meeting **Sunday Oct. 2nd and Sunday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>** from 6-8pm. All youth from 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us. We will have dinner (breakfast for dinner on Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>!), games, and a discussion about some of the theological themes in the TV show Stranger Things (forgiveness, redemption, community). We hope you will join us! Have questions? Please contact Aimee Letsch ([awletsch@verizon.net](mailto:awletsch@verizon.net)) or Pastor Marissa ([pastormarissavdv@gmail.com](mailto:pastormarissavdv@gmail.com))

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**Bodies, Borders, and Boundaries in the book of Esther.** This study will be six weeks. There will be **two class options**: one will be in person on **Monday nights in the sanctuary at 7pm** and the second will be **online (Zoom) Tuesday mornings at 10am.** **The Bible Study runs through October 18<sup>th</sup>.** Want to join the class? Please contact Pastor Marissa

at [pastormarissavdv@gmail.com](mailto:pastormarissavdv@gmail.com)

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Looking back... In September we were blessed with Dr. Susan Elbin and her knowledge of Turkey Vultures. Thank you so much for sharing your expertise.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 7:00 P.M.**

We will have a short business meeting followed by Connie Keller talking to us about IT and answering all our questions on what we need more information about, what we have trouble understanding, etc. She is taking our queries and answering them.

Reminder, if you are not a member of UMW, please email me at [betsyadams@live.com](mailto:betsyadams@live.com) if you are interested in participating in this month's hybrid of in person and zoom program.

Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day	Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup> – Halloween
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GET WELL wishes to those of you who are ill, and  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those of you celebrating in September with Diane Anastasi and June Schnetzer.

God Bless,  
Betsy Adams  
[betsyadams@live.com](mailto:betsyadams@live.com)

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**Laity Sunday** is **Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** – If you would like to volunteer to take part in the service, please contact Connie Keller ([connie@mhmlender.com](mailto:connie@mhmlender.com)) or Darryl Sokolowski ([dsoko40@gmail.com](mailto:dsoko40@gmail.com))



### Stewardship Sunday is Coming!!!

Stewardship Sunday is coming on **Sunday Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>**. We have some special services planned as well as a special Fellowship Hour on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. You will receive a stewardship letter the week of Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>. Together we can use our time, treasure, and talents! Have questions? Please contact Betsy Adams ([betsyadams@live.com](mailto:betsyadams@live.com)) or Connie Keller ([ckeller@optonline.net](mailto:ckeller@optonline.net))

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### Sign Committee

The Trustees are looking to put together a church sign committee to revisit the project that was put on hold due to the pandemic and bring it to fruition. If you would like to be part of the church sign committee, please contact Steve Blake ([blakeblakesr@aol.com](mailto:blakeblakesr@aol.com))

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Anyone aware of a **Prayer Concern** is invited to contact Doris Bradley at 973-887-3219 who will put the **Prayer Chain** into action. If Doris cannot be reached, please contact Pastor Marissa. If you would like to add your name to the people who receive the prayer chain, please speak to Betty Polen

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### Church Offerings:

If you are more comfortable attending worship online, or live at a distance, please try to keep your pledge up to date. You can send your pledge to the church. The address is:  
Parsippany United Methodist Church  
903 So. Beverwyck Rd.  
Parsippany, NJ 07054  
You can also use our PayPal link ---



To make it easier for the Congregation to keep up with their financial pledges to the Church, a **PayPal link has been added to the PUMC Homepage**. If you've never used PayPal before, it's an easy and secure way to send a payment over the Internet. You can use your bank account or a credit card to make your payment, and PayPal takes a small transaction fee. For more information or a quick demonstration on how to use this new tool, please speak with Justin Cogan. You can use this link: <https://www.paypal.me/parsippanyumc>

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**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR ON SPECIAL OCCASIONS** – If you want to remember or honor a special occasion in your life by putting flowers on the altar, please get in touch with Connie Keller. You are certainly welcome at any time to place flowers on the altar. Contact information: Connie's cell: 973-568-5404; email: [connie@mhmlender.com](mailto:connie@mhmlender.com)



Greetings: The second quarter giving statements have been sent out. If you did not receive yours, please contact me at [padams4pumc@outlook.com](mailto:padams4pumc@outlook.com). Thank you to everyone for their generous support of the church during the first half of this year of transition.

Also, I am **looking for new counters** to count the offering after church on Sundays starting in September. If you are interested and can help with this please contact me. Training will be provided.

Paul Adams  
Financial Secretary

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**Zoom Wednesdays at 1:00 pm and Fridays at 12:00 pm**

Many people may still feel wary about the risks of visiting shops, church or even leaving our homes. This is especially true if you have a disability or long-term health condition that makes you more vulnerable to the effects of coronavirus. Losing face to face contact with people can feel stressful and worrying. That's why on Wednesdays and Fridays we join on Zoom in the hopes that seeing a friendly face can help us feel more connected. On Wednesday, Joanne Rich checks in with those online seeing how people are doing. On Friday, Betsy Adams leads the group with a question of the week to open discussions and maybe find out something new about your church family. We end asking if there are any prayer requests you have. If you are looking to make connection with people, our Wednesday and Friday groups may be ideal for you. **Emails are sent out the day before meetings for you to follow the link.** If you have any questions, please reach out to either Joanne or Betsy.

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**CHURCH CALENDAR and SCHEDULING EVENTS**

The church calendar on our website [www.parsIPPanyumc.org](http://www.parsIPPanyumc.org) has been updated. If you want to schedule an event, you need to look at the website calendar to see if the date is available. All requests for use of the church facilities need to be approved by the trustees. Please contact Pastor Marissa for more information.

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**Anyone interested in becoming a member** of the Parsippany United Methodist Church, *where there's always room in the circle*, is invited to speak to Pastor Marissa.



**Our church website** is at ParsippanyUMC.org. You can find all the newsletters, as well as a calendar that gives the times of events held at the church. You can also find a little church history, a listing of all the plays we've produced at the church, and a summary of the various church fellowship and mission groups.

If you aren't presently on **Facebook**, consider joining with a secret identity so you can be a member of the Parsippany United Methodist Church Congregation Group and received day by day prayer concerns and announcements and other postings regarding the life of our church.

**FACEBOOK LIVE** – Our services are on Facebook Live every week. If you are interested in furthering the ministries of our church by helping out with our Live broadcasts, please reach out to Connie Keller or Darryl Sokolowski.



Parsippany United Methodist Church is now on Instagram. To find us, search - Parsippany\_umc

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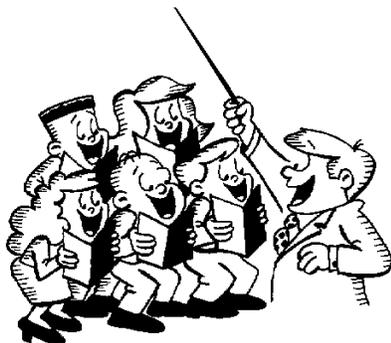
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**Consider becoming a part of one or more of our Musical Groups here at church:**

**Bell Choir** – rehearses Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please speak to Barb Bradley or Aimee Letsch - or just show up on Thursday and see what happens!

**Choir** – rehearses Thursdays at 7:45 p.m. We always have an "open robe" for anyone who loves to sing. We sing in 4-part harmony, so if you've sung in your high school chorus or any other equivalent, you have a great start! Speak to any choir member or Barb Bradley if you're interested.



## Our Outreach to Those in Need



On the second Thursday of every other month our church provides a meal for the people living temporarily at **Homeless Solutions**. If you would like to volunteer as a server, please speak to Laurie Wilken or Connie Wallace. If you would like to help cook speak Tom Albert or Justin Cogan. Our next opportunity to serve is **October 13th**.



**Parsippany Emergency Food Pantry** – Denise White is now delivering our donations to the Emergency Food Pantry in Parsippany. You can bring your donations of non-perishable food items to the church any Sunday. Denise takes the food over as the bin gets filled up. Supermarket gift cards are also welcome. This is a very easy way to give back to the less-fortunate in our own township.

On **Saturday, October TBD** our church once more takes its turn volunteering at **Interfaith Furnishings**. Please let Garrett Belanus or Pastor Marissa know if you can volunteer your time to help move donated furniture to the homes of people who could not otherwise afford it in Morris County.



<b>OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Betsy O’Grady	12 <sup>th</sup>	Abi Dadaian
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3 <sup>rd</sup>	Linda Routhier	14 <sup>th</sup>	Jahn Schnetzer
5 <sup>th</sup>	Spandan Patel	16 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Chauhan
6 <sup>th</sup>	Diane Anastasi	18 <sup>th</sup>	Donroy Gounaud
8 <sup>th</sup>	June Schnetzer	19 <sup>th</sup>	Brenden Laux
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jean Montecuollo	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Devin Bradley
10 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Hawkins	24 <sup>th</sup>	Carrie Correale
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bert Morris	25 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy Isaacks
12 <sup>th</sup>	Nicole Dadaian	26 <sup>th</sup>	Muriel Christal
		30 <sup>th</sup>	Alyssa Letsch

<b>OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES</b>	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy & Henry Isaacks
17 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. Jeff & Sarah Edwards

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