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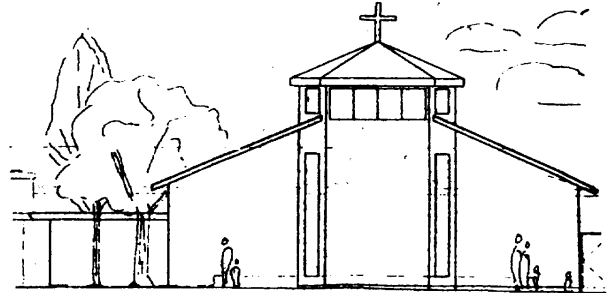
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*Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:00 a.m.*

*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"



SEPTEMBER, 2023

From the



Greetings!

There are so many mixed emotions as we move into the fall season. As we move into fall it signals that summer is over, the warmth of the long summer days dissipate as we slowly wake up from our season of summer hibernation.

Fall is the time of year for harvest. The seeds that were planted in the spring and have been growing through the summer will soon be ready to harvest. PUMC has a lot of opportunities coming in the fall, the time of Harvest. We will be celebrating the kid's going back to school on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> with our Blessing of the Backpacks service. We will also be having a host of special services: Laity Sunday, World Communion Sunday, and Blessing of the Animals. We will have a Bible Study with the theme of Revival as we move into crafting attainable goals for the church in the coming weeks and months. We will also have opportunities for community at our ham dinner, garage sale, trivia night, and Interfaith Thanksgiving service.

This time is indeed a time for Harvest. It is also a time to reflect on what has been planted and what will continue to grow in the coming weeks and months. How will we together continue to nurture the seeds that have been planted? I invite you to think together on what it means to grow and what it means to harvest in the coming weeks and months in the life of the church.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Marissa  
[pastormarissavdv@gmail.com](mailto:pastormarissavdv@gmail.com)

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**Spare Change Campaign:** If you've been collecting your spare change over the summer, now is the time to bring it in to church! Let's see how well we all did!!



Mark your calendars and please join us on **Sunday Sept. 3rd** during our 10am service for a Blessing of the Backpacks. Youth and children will stay in the entire service and experience the backpack blessing plus they will hear and see The Parable of the Sower during the **interactive sermon**. There are also other surprises in store. This is a service that shouldn't be missed!

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### Hymnal and Bible Fundraiser

We would like to purchase some Worship and Song Hymnals for the sanctuary. The Sunday School is also in need of some new children's bibles. How can you help? We are hoping to purchase 25 hymnals (\$16/each) and 15 bibles (\$20/each). We will be collecting money until mid-September. If you would like to donate to this fundraiser, please contact Connie Keller ([connie@mhlender.com](mailto:connie@mhlender.com)). She accepts cash, check, Venmo, and Zelle. Also, if you would like to dedicate one of the books, please ask Connie for a form. Thank you!!

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Looking back... We had the chance to meet in July and August for Ladies Night Out. We ate and had a marvelous time just being out and together. Anyone not a member but would like to become one, please email me ([betsyadams@live.com](mailto:betsyadams@live.com)).

**SEPTEMBER 6th – 7 p.m.**

We will be led in a bible study by our very own Donna Miceli. She will be leading a study on Matthew 14:13-21 The Feeding of the Four Thousand. I encourage you all to attend. **Please bring your own snacks!!** We will be meeting on **both** Zoom and in our fellowship hall. **If you would like to attend via Zoom, please follow this link:**  
[United Women in Faith Zoom Link](#)

Sept. 4 – Labor Day	Sept. 11 – Patriot's Day
Sept. 10 – Grandparent's Day	Sept. 22 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Autumn

GET WELL wishes to those of you who are ill, and HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those of you celebrating in September with Betsy Adams, Connie Wallace, Connie Keller, and Pat Winz.

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





## Revival Bible Study

Join us for our Fall Bible Study as we read and discuss Adam Hamilton's book "Revival". In it we will hear how John Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to 21st-century Christians calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed. Wesley's story is our story. It defines our faith and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion. This Bible study will be six weeks.

Here are the dates for the Monday night in person at the church at 7pm: Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

Here are the dates for the Tuesday morning Zoom at 10am: Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>

We would love for you to join us at this Revival Bible Study! Please let Pastor Marissa ([pastormarissavdv@gmail.com](mailto:pastormarissavdv@gmail.com)) know if you plan to attend.

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## Charge Conference

Our Annual Charge Conference will be on **Saturday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at Butler UMC from 11-12:45pm.** The primary responsibility of the Charge Conference in the annual meeting shall be to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church. All leaders and members of the church are invited to attend.

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- Laity Sunday – October 1<sup>st</sup>
- Blessing of the Animals – October 15<sup>th</sup>
- Ham Dinner – October 28<sup>th</sup>
- Garage Sale and Shredding – November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Trivia Night – December 9<sup>th</sup>

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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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Many thanks to all the people who assisted us with our Summer Sunday Program. Special thanks go to the following for working on projects that kept the kids entertained this summer: Elizabeth and Marissa Cogan Lynn Agre, Michele Chaffee, Penny Beil, Betsy Adams, Jo Rich and Maidie Erickson. We appreciate your time and your talent.

**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)

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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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**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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**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

Instagram



**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 12th**.



**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.



<b>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Anna Larsen	9 <sup>th</sup>	Betsy Adams
1 <sup>st</sup>	Carissa Bramley	9 <sup>th</sup>	Connie Wallace
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chip Chaffee	10 <sup>th</sup>	Bob van der Valk
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amanda Piccolo	12 <sup>th</sup>	Karina Barreto
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Erickson	17 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy Bostwick
6 <sup>th</sup>	Anita Laux	19 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Winz
7 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Adams	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jennifer DePietro
7 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Miloslavsky	27 <sup>th</sup>	Keith Anastasi
8 <sup>th</sup>	Connie Keller	28 <sup>th</sup>	Ben Chauhan
8 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Krisa	28 <sup>th</sup>	Glen Post
9 <sup>th</sup>	Greg Elbin	29 <sup>th</sup>	Vincent Bianchi
		29 <sup>th</sup>	Mariahna Suzan

<b>SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</b>	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Susan & Nick Valcoff

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