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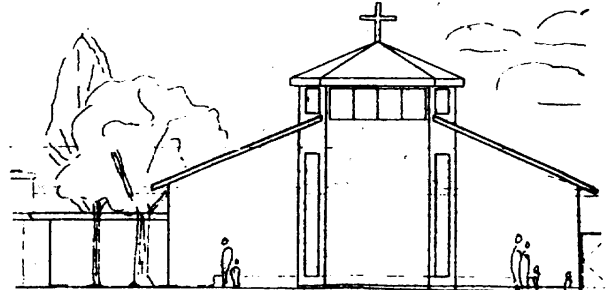
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Sunday Worship Celebration: 10:00 a.m.

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, 2023

From the



Greetings!

It was my grandpa's birthday last month. One of the things I remember most about my grandpa is the fishing trips we used to go on. He was a true fisherman. If you were invited along to the fishing hole with him, you were required to bait your own hook, cast your line, and clean your fish.

On one of the many fishing trips I went with him on, we both brought a book, something to read until the 'fish got to biting'. I was reading my book (I am sure it was one of those choose your own adventure books popular in the 80's), when I asked my grandpa what he was reading. The book he had was covered by a homemade book cover so I couldn't see the title. In true grandpa fashion, he first asked me what I was reading. I explained the choose your own adventure book and then inquired again about what he was reading. He smiled and told me his book was filled with adventure, mystery, and love. I thought to myself, "What is this book???" He smiled then turned it around, and I could see it was his well-worn bible.

My grandpa was a man of faith who demonstrated what it meant to honor and love God. I don't remember if we caught anything that day, but I do know sometimes in the quiet moments with your communion of saints the divine light of God shines through, and it is something that cannot be ignored.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Marissa

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Blessing of
the Animals

Our Blessing of the Animals service will be **Sunday Oct. 15th** at 10am. We can't wait to meet your furry, scaly, and feathered friends! This service will be **held outside, please bring a chair**. If it rains, we will hold it in Fellowship Hall.



HAM DINNER - Saturday - October 28, 4 to 7 p.m. Our famous ham dinner featuring our wonderful mac and cheese! We'll need help for this major fundraiser. Help is needed to set up, serve, work in the kitchen and clean up. Please see Barb Bradley or Connie Keller if you're interested in lending a hand. **We also need homemade CAKES to serve for dessert.**

Tickets will be available for purchase soon. Tell your neighbors and friends!

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Our Annual Charge Conference will be on **Saturday Oct. 28th 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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All Saints Sunday

All Saints Day is **Sunday Oct. 29th.** This is a day to celebrate and remember the people who have died and made an impact on our lives. If you want to have one of your saints' names read during the service, please contact Pastor Marissa, a picture is also welcome.

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Looking back... In September we were blessed to have Donna Miceli talk to us about the feeding of the 4000 men plus women and children. Thank you so much Donna for sharing your expertise.

Anyone not a member but would like to become one, please email me (betsyadams@live.com).

OCTOBER 4th – 7 p.m.
We will have a short business meeting followed by Donna Miceli talking to us about Red Bird Missions, one of programs we support.
 If you are interested in participating in this month's hybrid of in person and zoom program, please contact me at the address below or follow this link:
[UWF zoom link](#)

Oct. 8 – World Communion Sunday (at PUMC)	Oct. 31 – Halloween
Oct. 9 – Columbus day (obs)	

GET WELL wishes to those of you who are ill, and
 HAPPY BIRTHDAY to those of you celebrating in October with Jean Montecucollo and June Schnetzer.

God Bless,
 Betsy Adams 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 18th, 25th, Oct. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

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

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

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Saturday, November 11th – Church Garage Sale and Shred Event –

Garage Sale will be from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on Saturday. In addition to all of the gently used items for sale, we will feature our **Bake Sale** and **Hot Dog Lunch**. Set up will be Friday, night, November 10th at 7 p.m. If you have some small items to be sold, please bring them to the church on Friday, November 10th and they will be added to the "church table". Tables are \$25 each. You can sell garage sale items, or craft items. 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. in front of the church. \$10.00 a shopping bag or \$15 per paper box. This is a fundraiser for our church. All proceeds will be split 50/50 with Absolute Shredding and our church.



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TRIVIA NIGHT IS COMING IN DECEMBER! Put your thinking caps on and start getting your teams together! Only \$10.00 per person. A maximum of 8 per table. Remember the date is **Saturday, Dec 9 beginning at 7:00 pm**

Desserts and refreshments will be available. Tell your friends and neighbors, let's fill Fellowship Hall!! If you want to help with this event, please reach out to Connie Keller 973-568-5404

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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.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The Interfaith Clergy Council will be hosting a Thanksgiving Service this year. This year it will be held around the corner at **St. Andrew Lutheran Church** on **Monday Nov. 20th at 7pm.**

The Council has decided to add a mission component to the service this year. We will be assembling 75 Thanksgiving bags for the Parsippany Food Pantry. Our church has been tasked with bringing **75 boxes of stuffing.**

Can you help us meet our goal of 75 boxes of stuffing? We will be collecting the stuffing throughout the month of October. Please put it in the collection box at church. Our check out our weekly email blast for the Amazon link. Have questions? Please contact Pastor Marissa

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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@mhlender.com

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CHURCH CALENDAR and SCHEDULING EVENTS

The church calendar on our website 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.



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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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

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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 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.



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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES	
10 th	Kathy & Henry Isaacks
17 th	Rev. Jeff & Sarah Edwards



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