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Changing the World.

We'd love to see you come back to church this Sunday.

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March Lay Participants

	Liturgist	Ushers
03	Linda Wilson	Connie Palme, Don Palmer
10	Connie Palmer	Carol Orzechowski, Yvonne Pagan
17	Laura Conrad	Patti Taber, Nathan Enwerekowe
24	Cathy Winner	Laura Conrad, Bill Conrad
31	Patty Callanan	Debbie Apgar, Dottie Ewing

Trustee of the Month: Mike Lamberson



Dear friends in Christ,

In this season of Lent, I invite you to reflect on the selfless love that Jesus demonstrated through His sacrifice on the cross. This love is a reminder that we should strive to be selfless and love one another as we love ourselves.

One of the most fascinating examples of selflessness in nature can be found in the anatomy of ants. You may know that ants have two stomachs: one for their own food (the midgut) and one for the food they collect for the colony (the crop). The second one, known as the social stomach, allows ants to share food with fellow ants, larvae, and queens. By sharing their resources with others in the colony, ants demonstrate their loyalty and commitment to the colony's greater good.

This act of sacrifice and caring for others is something we can learn from during Lent. Just as Jesus, the Son of God, gave Himself up for the sake of others, we should practice using our resources for the benefit of others.

During Lent, we can become more aware of the needs of those around us and look for opportunities to help. We can offer a listening ear to someone going through a tough time, pray for those seeking spiritual comfort, take time to celebrate the success of others, or share a kind word or smile. Through these acts of love and care, we can embody Jesus's selflessness in our own lives.

During this special time of year, let us be reminded of the love of Jesus and strive to make this world a better place through our sacrificial and caring love for one another.

Blessings,
Pastor Jisun



Meditations of a Church Mouse . . .

By Karen Hochman

I am looking forward to spring. Even though this winter has not been that cold or snowy, I'm ready to see the green shoots pressing up through the soil. I was inside with a head cold for three weeks in January. The fact that we had several long stretches of gray days (eleven days for one stretch), didn't help too much.

So, I made my easy through the January blahs reading several books, watching some interesting documentaries, and quilting, quilting, quilting. Hand quilting takes a long time and the quilt I'm working on is 86" x 86". It takes patience and perseverance (to finish). I need the sunshine to feel energized and to get myself in gear. My dining room (my workspace) faces south and is filled with natural light (when it is sunny) and is where I prefer to sew and quilt most of the time.

I know spring is coming as I am preparing for my guild's annual show. I have agreed to give a talk this year even though I am not thrilled about public speaking. I have been anxious about it and have prayed about it. And the next day the ending oozed into my head. I would like to share it with you. It refers to the quilt top used for the quilt I have been putting together.

The piecer of this quilt top was a blessing for having the courage to piece circles. They are hard to cut and sew evenly. I do not know her name. She is anonymous.

The antiques dealer from whom I bought the top is a blessing because she saw the value of the courage it took the piecer to persevere and finish this top. She saw Perfection in its imperfection. She was its first rescuer.

I, too, have become a blessing for seeing this quilt top and loving its design and The choice of fabrics from men's shirting with its soft and muted colors. (It reminds Me of a sunny beach day.) This unknown quilter passed on her courage to me. She Reached out from the past and challenged me to finish her quilt...to find a quilting Pattern that was flexible enough to enhance her courageous piecing.

This is where I get my inspiration. This is why I quilt. The souls and creative hearts Of those who come before me and those who share their time and talents with me Here and now, I hold in my heart. Then I add my heart and talent to theirs and pass it on to those who come after me.

Hopefully there will be love, comfort and warmth under this quilt. That is my Blessing that goes with this quilt after I am gone. God bless this quilt.

And God bless all of us quilters who see the value of the bits and pieces and scraps and See their possibilities. Who share in community with those we know and love and with Those we don't know but are in need of a little comfort to wrap around themselves for a Little while. Wrapped in stitches of love and then to pass it on. God bless our quilts and Those who receive them. And God bless us quilters each and every one!

Our faith community is much the same. We are born into this life to learn how to love each other, share in our faith and pass it on the next generation. Bless us, Father, each and everyone!



EASTER FLOWER
ORDER FORM

I would like to order the flowers to enhance the altar On Easter morning.

Donor's name as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

_____ Daffodils @ \$10.00 each	Total _____
_____ Tulips @ \$10.00 each	Total _____
_____ Easter Lilies @ \$15.00 each	Total _____
Final Total _____	

PLEASE DO THIS IN (please print clearly)

Memory of _____

Or In Honor of _____

Please give this order to Connie Palmer. Or Mail to

Wesley United Methodist Church

1500 Plainfield Avenue

South Plainfield, NJ 07080

Orders will be taken on Feb. 25th, March 3, and 10th.

Flowers may be picked up after the service on Easter morning.

Make checks out to Wesley United Methodist Church.

Wesley Church Online needs Volunteers

Wesley Church Online (WCO) the brainchild of Pastor James Lee designed to deliver a quality Church service during the pandemic will be 4 years old this March 22, 2024. With the pandemic shutting down the world which made it not possible to worship in person; Wesley UMC under the leadership of Pastor James brought Wesley's worship service to the congregation in their Livingroom by streaming the church service over the internet. The goal was to create and record a quality church service for all to view on Sunday Morning or anytime during the week.

Then on September 21, 2021, Wesley UMC transitioned from Livestreaming to an in-person church Service since it was safe for people to gather again. As before, the goal was to create a high-quality Livestream production of the Sunday Worship service for those people not ready to attend in-person worship. In 2021 the Livestream team consisted of a production supervisor to monitor the service and make sure the Livestream worked, 2 camera operators when needed and a video switcher operator and projection operator who managed what was displayed on the screens. These volunteers needed to be available every Sunday to ensure a quality Livestream production of the Sunday Live Worship Service.

Since 2021 the Volunteer Team for Wesley Church online has downsized considerably with team members graduating from High School and moving on to college. The WCO Team is looking for new team members who can volunteer one or two Sunday's a month to help with this valuable mission of Livestreaming the church Service on Sunday.

You do not need to know anything about Livestreaming, a church service; we will train you. You just need to be willing to learn when to push a button to change a camera shot or move along a slide or turn on or off a microphone. All the technical stuff is the responsibility of the Production supervisor.

Pastors may change at Wesley UMC but Wesley Church Online is a valuable mission to spread Gods word to those who cannot make it to a church for a Sunday Church Service. We need volunteers to keep this outreach going into the future.

If you are interested in learning more about serving on the Wesley Church Online Team, please see John Biggs after church or email me at J.Biggs@wumcsp.org .

Wesley News



Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday School will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday; March 24 after the 10:30 am Worship Service. Children and parents will meet downstairs in the Assembly Hall. All children ages Nursery to 6th Grade are invited to participate. Looking forward to a fun activity Donations of plastic eggs and candy that will fit in the plastic eggs are appreciated.



March Schedule for Youth Group

Sunday 3/3/24 @ 7-8:30 pm Bible Study and Games
Sunday 3/10/24 @ 12:30 pm Joint Meeting with Christ UMC at Wesley
Sunday 3/17/24 @ 7:00 pm Easter Egg Prep for Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday 3/24/24 @ 7:00 pm Bible Study and Games
Sunday 3/31/24 Easter Sunday - No Youth Group



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship: March 24th @ 9:00 am/10:30 am
Maundy Thursday: March 28th @ 7:00 pm
(Fellowship Hall)
Good Friday: March 29th @ 7:00 pm
Easter Sunrise Service: March 31st @ 6:30am
(Spring Lake Park)
Easter Sunday Worship: March 31st @ 10:30 am
(Note: There will be no 9:00 am service.)



Combined Youth Group Meeting

On Sunday, January 28, Christ UMC in Piscataway played host to an invigorating Combined Youth Gathering, drawing around 20 enthusiastic youths. The event was a vibrant blend of engaging games, heartfelt fellowship, and meaningful devotional sessions. Participants bonded over shared experiences and forged new connections within the community.

The success of the gathering has set the stage for future events, with the next one scheduled for Sunday, March 10, at Wesley UMC. These gatherings serve as vital opportunities for young members to strengthen their faith, build relationships, and deepen their understanding of their spiritual journey.



Musical Talents

We are looking for musical talents who are willing to play during Sunday Worship. If anyone is interested, please contact YK Director of Worship



February Care Package

Thank you so much for helping us create care packages. With your help, we were able to assemble 14 baskets and deliver them to people in the congregation. The recipients expressed their gratitude for your loving care, and they said it really warmed their hearts.



“Thank You” Note from South Plain Field Social Service

I am writing to all of you with tremendous gratitude and appreciation. Words cannot express how much your support and kindness has meant to our department, and specifically, the food pantry. Not long ago, we were so low on food and could not provide for our residents. Due to the increased need for support, the demand was high, but the means were low. Your donations have not only restocked our shelves, but have helped us sustain, allowing us to continue to help our neighbors that are in need. I truly appreciate all that you have done, and all that you continue to do. My true hope is that you are all aware of the incredible positive impact you all have made on this community. Many Thanks, Heather Barry



Together in Mission: We make a difference in 2023!

We volunteered 144 hours at **Hillsdale Food Bank**.

WUMC Men’s Club was Awarded \$4000 in Scholarship for higher Education pursuits.

Pastor’s Discretionary Fund was able to spend \$1,690 to help those in need.

We donated \$1,200 worth of Shop Rite gift cards for **Women Aware**.

We blessed **homeless people** with so many pairs of socks.

We donated \$775 to support **United Methodist Communities**.

We donated \$480 to support **Heifer Project**.

We shared 6,240 lunches with **Bianca Flowers** in Plainfield and 11,500 lunches with **Bread Makers** in Elizabeth in partnership with New Dover UMC.

We collected \$2,596 for **UMCOR** and for **Special Sundays** (Native American Sunday, World Communion Sunday, and Peach with Justice Sunday).

We blessed **40 elementary and middle students** with backpacks filled with school supplies.

We filled 10 flood clean up buckets for **UMCOR**.

We donated \$3,940 to support students and teachers at **the Education Center in Nyagidha Village in Kenya**.

We donated \$3,600 to **South Plainfield Social Service** and **Starfish Food Pantry**.

The Youth Group collected \$537 for **South Plainfield Social Service** through Tackle /hunger.

We donated \$6,800 diaper to **Makers Place**.

We blessed 4 families through our **Angel Tree** mission (60 plus Christmas gifts and \$800 store gifts card).

We donated 55 pairs of pajamas and 65 books for **children in the foster care system**.

We collected \$1,500.63 for **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**.

We delivered 11 fruit baskets for **older and shut in members** of our congregation.

March Prayers of Petition

Name	Requested by	Relationship	Reason
David King	Karen King	Family	Healing, Strength
Danielle Hughes	Diane Ranger	Family	Strength
Janet	Kathy Winner	Family	Strength
Dale Brown	Pastor	Member	Health, Strength
Tony Protocollo and His Family	Penny Vogt	Family	Peace, Comfort
Jeff and Krissy Uhler	Bill Brooks	Family	Health
Alan GaNun	Kathy Kavka	Member	Healing, Strength
Susan Harper	Connie Palmer	Friend	Strength
Judy Roseman	Pastor	Member	Healing
Phoebe Andes	Pastor	Member	Healing, Strength
Galanie Family	Stephanie Galanie	Brother, Family	Health, Strength
Al Da Cruz	Judy Roseman	Partner	Strength
Brian Grohs	Linda Bohl	Family	Strength
Family of Jean D. McRae	Ron Winner	Friend	Comfort, Strength
Margo, Jerry Mann	Rebecca LaPoint	Family	Healing, Strength
Ainsworth Philips	Dale Brown	Family	Health, Strength
Javanka Larcheveaux	AJ Clervoix	Family	Healing, Strength
Family of Muriel Drake	Pastor	Member	Peace, Comfort
Connor Chin	Pastor	Member	Healing
Susan Stoloff	Pastor	Newcomer	Healing
Dottie Harding	Pastor	Member	Strength
Lajin Nam	Pastor	Family	Health
Bob and His Family	Laura Livingston	Friend	Healing, Strength
Scott and His Family	Laura Livingston	Friend	Healing, Strength
Wayne Johnson	Connie Palmer	Member	Strength
Family of Cal Schimpf	Karen Hochman	Family	Peace, Comfort
The Family of Marques Hudson	AJ Clervoix	Friend	Peace, Comfort

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:00am Small Group Leaders 10:00am CPR Training
3 Communion Sunday 9:00am/10:30 Worship 10:30am Sunday School 12:00pm Lenten Study (Leader: Dale Brown) 2:00pm – 6:00pm Girl Scout High Awards Ceremony 7:00pm Youth Group	4 11:30am AA 6:00pm Boy Scout 7:00pm Sharon’s Small Group	5 9:00am Lenten Study (Leader: Pastor Jisun) 7:00pm – 8:30 Lenten Study (Leader: Chris S. & Angel P.) 7:30pm Lenten Study (Leader: Michelle Biggs)	6 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:30pm Stephen Ministry Meeting	7 10:00am Knit & Kneel 6:30pm Wesley Choir rehearsal 7:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:30pm Lenten Study (Leader: Celis Benko)	8	9 8:00am Small Group Leaders
10 Baptism Sunday / Daylight Saving Time 9:00am/10:30 Worship 10:30am Sunday School 12:00pm Lenten Study (Leader: Dale Brown) 12:30 pm Youth Group	11 11:30am AA 6:00pm Boy Scout 7:00pm Sharon’s Small Group 6:00pm -9:00pm Court of Honor Boy Scouts 309	12 9:00am Lenten Study (Leader: Pastor Jisun) 7:00pm – 8:30 Lenten Study (Leader: Chris S. & Angel P.) 7:30pm Finance Meeting	13 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:30pm Mission Meeting	14 10:00am Knit & Kneel 6:30pm Wesley Choir rehearsal and 7:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:30pm Lenten Study (Leader: Celis Benko)	15	16 8:00am Small Group Leaders 9:00am Brunch Affair
17 Baptism Sunday 9:00am Men’s Club 9:00am/10:30 Worship 10:30am Sunday School 12:00pm Lenten Study (Leader: Dale Brown) 7:00pm Youth Group	18 11:30am AA 6:00pm Boy Scout 7:00pm Sharon’s Small Group	19 9:00am Lenten Study (Leader: Pastor Jisun) 7:00pm Lenten Study (Leader: Chris S. & Angel P.) 7:30pm Lenten Study (Leader: Michelle Biggs)	20 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Trustees Meeting 7:30pm Stephen Ministry / Worship Meeting	21 10:00am Knit & Kneel 10:30 Nursing Home 6:30pm Wesley Choir rehearsal 7:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:30pm Lenten Study (Leader: Celis Benko)	22	23 12:30 pm New Member Info Session
24 Palm Sunday / New Member Reception 9:00am/10:30 Worship 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt ----- 31 Easter Sunday 6:30am Sun Rise Service 10:30am Worship	25 11:30am AA 6:00pm Boy Scout 7:00pm Sharon’s Small Group	26 7:00pm Lenten Study (Leader: Chris S. & Angel P.) 7:30pm Church Council meeting	27 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Wesley Choir rehearsal 7:30pm Bell Choir rehearsal	28 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	29 7:00pm Good Friday Service	30