



**Mamaroneck
United
Methodist
Church**

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November 2015

Letter from the Pastor

Dear Friends at Mamaroneck UMC,

October was an extra busy month at church, so I want to personally thank all of you who did so much here at the church and in the community as part of our ministries and outreach. We had a youth and parents gathering, Pumpkin Painting sponsored by the Sunday School, a huge Tag Sale, and a weekly discussion series began centered on an inspirational documentary series called "Belief" from Oprah Winfrey, giving glimpses into the faith journeys of persons around the world and from different faith traditions. All are welcome (see calendar). We supported a local Midnight Run through provision of sandwiches, and we began to plan for our November collection of food for the pantry.

As we move into November, I encourage you to focus on gratitude. You might try some journaling about what you are thankful for. See if the practice of writing brings up things that you didn't expect. Maybe there are things that you are grateful for which you didn't realize until you started to write and reflect. I have personally found that writing can be a great tool for making new discoveries! When we open up new insights and open up to new levels

of gratitude, our lives change for the better. We are more positive and bring out the positive in others.

Another helpful practice is to share with at least one other person that which you are grateful for and hear their expression of gratitude. Doing so is a way of encouraging one another on our journeys. Something another person says may also remind you of something you had not fully recognized in your own life for which you might offer up thanks and praise to God. Every day, there are so many reasons to be thankful! I want to thank all who worked so hard on our Tag Sale. We raised over \$3,700 from this heroic effort and helped some families in need.

This Sunday, November 1st, we will give thanks for saints past and present and also begin collection of our Time and Talents cards. These cards were mailed out, but there will be more available. We hope you will fill one out to help me as your new Pastor get to know your passions, gifts and talents. I look forward to reviewing each card personally.

See you in church!

Joyfully,

The Rev. Karen A. Burger, Pastor

November Birthdays

- 1 Diane Lewis
- 3 James Gill
- 3 Maya Wintermantel
- 7 Emma McGreevy
- 7 Tiara Garcia
- 9 Cameron Brooks
- 9 Marge Coffin
- 9 Ellen Keleman
- 9 James Lyon
- 10 Linda Lyon
- 11 Alyssa Pantilieris
- 11 Millie Speciale
- 12 Lanie Jones
- 12 Harriet Moraes
- 13 Marion Groetch
- 16 Austin Camerini
- 16 Steve Gill
- 16 Eliza Jennings
- 18 Colleen Gardephe
- 19 Eric Stephani
- 22 Kristin Blechta
- 23 LaVerne Barney
- 23 Ben Gould
- 23 Henry Hobbs
- 24 Exenia Pirrone
- 25 Sara Solomon
- 27 Coralie Joseph
- 30 Kris Pegno

November Anniversaries

- 1
Alan & Marilyn Borst
- 13
George & Susan Coffin
- 22
Ronald & Joan Katen

Church Community News

- ◆ Norm Peck recovering from hip surgery at the Osborn.
- ◆ Carol Bloom upon the death of her mother.
- ◆ Ellen Keleman & family upon the death of her father.

All Saints Sunday Table of "Beloved Dead"

On Sunday, November 1st, we will honor loved ones who have passed by bringing in their photos. You are invited to take part if you wish. Robbin Clarke will be preparing a table where these photographs will be displayed so that we may tell the stories of these loved

ones and keep their memory alive among us. Who would you like to remember on November 1st with the church family? You may bring a framed photo, or we have frames available for 3X5 photos. Your photograph will be returned to you.

From the Trustees...

As 2015 rolls to a close, the Trustees would like to recap the projects they have completed this year. In the category of routine maintenance, we have done tree trimming, continued the monitoring of our pest control systems to prevent termites in our wooden buildings and cleaned the gutters twice a year on all our buildings. We also made some repairs to the parking lot where a section was sinking. On October 24 we had "clean out day". Just as you might accumulate "stuff" at home over the years, the church also accumulates "stuff". With the help of a dumpster we were able to dispose of much of those unwanted items.

Prior to Pastor Karen's arrival, we replaced the carpet in the family room and stairs and had the hardwood floors on the first floor cleaned.

In 2015, our major projects included the replacement of exterior rotten wood on the Education Building and the painting of the entire exterior. We installed outside LED lights in the parking lot to provide security and cost savings. The glass windows in the kitchen were replaced with insulated

thermal windows. Again, this was done in an effort to save energy.

And finally the unexpected major project was the rebuilding of the combustion chamber in our main furnace. Fortunately, the fall weather remained warm while we had no heat, especially for the nursery school, and the work was completed just before the first cold spell hit.

All the work that the Trustees are able to do depends on income from the Endowment Fund. While the fact remains that our property and building require more work each year than we can fund, the Trustees are proud of their efforts to do some major projects each year. We are also thankful to the generous people who because of their love for this place and their vision left money to the Endowment Fund. Perhaps you would consider a gift to the fund whether in your lifetime or as a bequest in your will. Thank you to this year's Trustees who work so well together and share in the responsibilities of the job. - Scott Dieter, Bruce Meighan, David Barney, Heather Capelle, Vonnie Sullivan, Ben Browning, Greg Haviland and Sandy Hobbs.

Coming In December

December 6— Sew 'N So's Annual Christmas Sale

December 13— Christmas Pageant

December 20— Hot Cocoa and Caroling Social

December 24— Christmas Eve Services

5:00p.m. Family Service

7:00p.m. Candlelight Service

11:00p.m. Candlelight Service

December 25— Christmas Day



"Open House" Parties with Pastor Karen and Ron Burger

Bruce Meighan and Amy Brelia hosted a gathering in October for church members and community to spend time with our pastor and her husband Ron. It was a lot of fun! So we are doing it again. On Sunday, November 8th, our host and hostess will be Steve Gill and Sue Gill at 90 Disbro Lane, New Rochelle. The party begins at 7:00

p.m. On Sunday, December 6th, our host and hostess will be George Leopold and Sonoko Aoyagi, located at 15 Salem Drive, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Try to make at least one of these parties or attend all. It's also a great way to get to know other church members in a home setting. If you need help with directions, please contact the church office.

Kairos Outside

Kairos Outside is an international Christian ministry designed to support the female family members of men and women who are or have been incarcerated. Because families of the incarcerated "do time" right along with their loved ones, this ministry offers a free weekend retreat to qualifying women where they can receive support and strength.

Kairos Outside New York City is an international program which has been servicing New York City and its outer boroughs for the past 6 years. The next retreat will be **November 13 - 15, 2015** at Bishop Malloy Retreat

Center in Jamaica, Queens, New York.

What can you do in support of this worthwhile ministry?

- Be a guest on the weekend if you have a loved one who is incarcerated or if you have been incarcerated yourself.
- Be an Angel and help prepare for and/or serve on the weekend.
- Give financial support, as the weekend is FREE for our guests.
- And most of all give prayers for guidance, courage, and love for these wonderful

women and continued strength for the journey!

For more information visit our website at

www.kairosoutsidenyc.org

Or, talk with Coralie Joseph, Cathy Sullivan, Carole Smyth or Marjorie Brooks.

You may send donations to:

Kairos Outside NY
PO Box # 1
Larchmont, NY 10538

Opportunities for Renewal

Every time we do something concrete toward dedicating ourselves to God, we experience an inner renewal. On Sunday, November 1st we will begin collecting Time and Talents cards that you have filled out, sharing how you experience God's call in your life. What are you good at? What do you love to do? Filling out one of these cards helps the Pastor and other leaders of the church know how we might team up with you for ministry. You don't have to know how your particular spiritual gifts and talents match with ministries. Simply asking God and

yourself (or others) what they are and sharing them is an opportunity for God to work in your life in a new way. Beginning to share these cards on All Saints Sunday is a nice way to honor those who have gone on to heaven and who may have inspired you to use your gifts for God or helped you to cultivate a particular gift or skill.

Then on Sunday, November 15, we will give you an opportunity in the service to bring the second card, the Pledge card, to church for our Consecration Sunday. In order to have a

strong church with an impact on the community, both local and global, we depend upon the generosity and financial dedication of members and friends. Your giving to God through Mamaroneck United Methodist Church enables us to move into the future as a center of spirituality and service here in this Sound Shore community. It is a way of expressing your commitment to be a part of this church's life and witness to Christ's love and power to transform lives.

Calendar Reminders

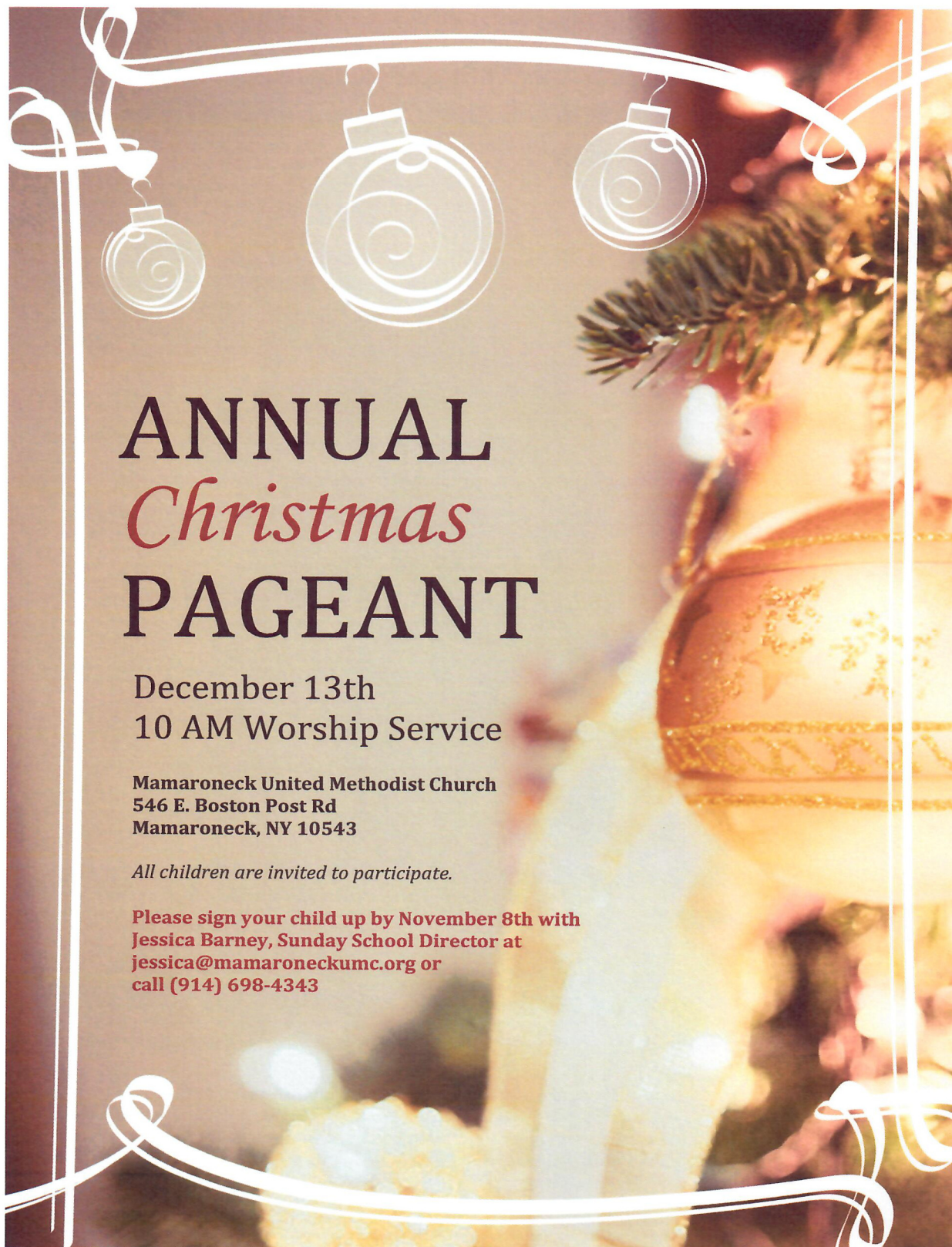
1. *Set your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31, to return to Eastern STANDARD time (from Daylight Savings Time).*
2. *Don't forget to VOTE on Tuesday, November 3. The church is a polling place, so the office will be open November 3, but the parking lot may be busy.*
3. *The church office will be CLOSED for Veteran's Day on November 11, and for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27.*

November 2015

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>1</p>  <p>8:00 A.M. Communion 10:00 A.M. All Saint's Sunday 11:00 A.M. Nurture Committee 7:00 P.M. "Belief" Discussion (church house)</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Food Pantry Meeting (church house)</i></p>	<p>3</p>  <p><i>Election Day</i></p> <p>7:30 P.M. Bell Choir</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:30 P.M. Adult Choir</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:00 A.M. Communion 10:00 A.M. Worship 7:00P.M. Open House with Pastor-at the Gill's</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30 P.M. Bell Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Veteran's Day: Office Closed</i></p> <p>7:30 P.M. Adult Choir</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:00 A.M. Communion 10:00 A.M. Consecration Sunday Worship 7:00 P.M. "Belief" Discussion (church house)</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:30 P.M. Bell Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:30 P.M. Adult Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast Manhattanville College 7:45 a.m.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00 A.M. Communion 10:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Sunday Worship 12:00 Youth Food Pantry Collection 7:00 P.M. "Belief" Discussion (church house)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30 P.M. Bell Choir</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30 P.M. Adult Choir</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Church Office closed</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:00 A.M. Communion 10:00 A.M. UM Student Day Worship and offering 7:00 P.M. "Belief" Discussion (church house)</p>	<p>30</p>					

Annual Christmas Pageant-December 13



ANNUAL *Christmas* PAGEANT

December 13th
10 AM Worship Service

Mamaroneck United Methodist Church
546 E. Boston Post Rd
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

All children are invited to participate.

**Please sign your child up by November 8th with
Jessica Barney, Sunday School Director at
jessica@mamaroneckumc.org or
call (914) 698-4343**

United Methodist Student Day Special Offering, November 29

Meredith Leigh Paul is eager to help developmentally challenged children find their voice and communicate with others. She wants to give them what she has received from the **United Methodist Student Day offering**: the gift of hope.



"I want to work with children with special needs as a speech pathologist; that's what is on my heart," says the 20-year-old college student from Raleigh, N.C. She is a recipient of the Rev. Dr. Karen Layman Gift of Hope Scholarship, funded by the church-wide special offering.

The scholarship aids United Methodist students at accredited colleges who have shown leadership in their church. Indeed, they become gifts of hope for a denomination in dire need of more young leaders to chart its course into the future.

Paul studies speech pathology at the University of North

Carolina at Greensboro. When she was 15, she began helping children with special needs, working after school and during summers in local parks and recreation programs.

"I learned patience and endurance, how to encourage them and recognize progress," she recalls. "The longer you work with these children, the stronger the emotional bond you build, and communication is a huge part of it."

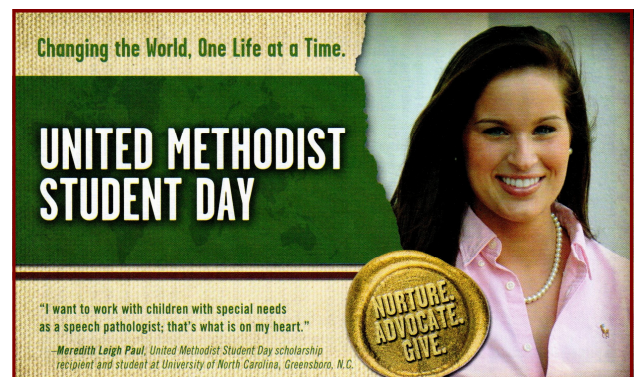
Paul has been a youth leader at Windborne United Methodist Church in Raleigh for several years. She says she feels "blessed and grateful" for her scholarship, especially when many other students have had to surrender their academic dreams because of rising costs and shrinking financial aid.

"It's nice to know your church is there for you. It strengthens my faith."

Your gifts to **United Methodist Student Day** help students like Meredith Paul continue their education and their faith journey as they strive to make a difference in the world and discern what God has planned for them.

We will receive the **United Methodist Student Day offering** on Sunday, November 29. Please be generous. Your gifts support students like Meredith Leigh Paul in their commitment to making a difference in our world.

Thanks!



United Methodists support special ministries with six special offerings during every year, including five others in addition to the UM Student Day Offering described above.

Thanks for your support of these ministries. Our church gave the following amounts for these offerings already this year.

Together with other Methodists in the U. S., our gifts make a difference!

Christmas Pageant

It's that time of year when we begin to prepare for our Sunday School Christmas Pageant! We will begin our preparations starting this Sunday, November 1st during Sunday school. Please be sure to let Jessica Barney know if your child would like to be in this year's Pageant. Heather Capelle will be bringing her skills and experience to the Pageant, and we can't wait to see it presented during the 10:00 a.m. church service on Sunday, December 13. Let's share together in the wonderful story of Christ's birth in Bethlehem! For more information, contact Jessica Barney at jessica@mamaroneckumc.org or Heather Capelle at heathercapelle@gmail.com.

Food Drive

The Larchmont/Mamaroneck Food Pantry needs our help. With the closing of the A&P location just before the annual food drive (the weekend before Thanksgiving), there is a need to fill the void. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items (no glass please) including cereal, canned goods, and canned/dried milk, to the Lower

Church Parlor on Sundays prior to Thanksgiving. Thank you for your help!

Also, on Sunday, November 22

from 12-1:30p.m., we are looking for people to collect food donations outside of the Larch-

Food Drive



mont Stop & Shop. Youth are particularly encouraged to take part in this event.

**WELCOMING RELIGIOUS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS
ANNUAL WESTCHESTER/FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

**THANKSGIVING
DIVERSITY BREAKFAST
RESPECTING OURSELVES,
RESPECTING OTHERS**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2015
7:45 to 10:00 am (doors open at 7:30 am)
Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY**

HONORING THOSE WHO STRENGTHEN OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY:

Monsignor Alan Detscher, *St. Catherine of Siena Church*

Joel Fridovich, *New Rochelle Alternative High School*

Ayse Keskin, *Turkish Cultural Center*

SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO:

Clifford Wolf,

AJC Westchester/Fairfield Interreligious and Intergroup Relations Co-Chair

**Tickets \$16 in advance; \$20 at the door
RSVP at www.ajc.org/westfair/diversity2015**

**For more information contact AJC at 914.948.5585
or the Westchester Jewish Council at 914.328.7001**

ASL Interpreter available upon request.

CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSE ROOTS AND SHARED VALUES

Our mission: To love God with all our heart, and mind, and soul, and strength,
and to love our neighbors as ourselves

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Monday thru Friday
9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Pictures from the Tag Sale

