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Letter From The Pastor

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

October is an exciting month at Mamaroneck UMC! We kick off the month with observance of World Communion Sunday on Sunday, October 4th with an international flavor to our service. Then on Sunday, October 11th, we will hold our Blessing of the Animals Service at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, featuring preaching, music and animal blessing. Don't miss this special service! You don't have to be a pet guardian to attend; everyone is invited to bring pet food which will be donated to a local animal rescue. Come pray with us for the animals of our local community and help us greet any who are with us for the first time!

Also in October we will hold a Family Fun Night with Pumpkin Painting and Refreshments. This is being organized by Jessica Barney and the Sunday School staff and will be held on Sunday evening, October 25th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please RSVP to the church office so we will know how many are coming and invite your friends and neighbors. Adults welcome too! We are seeking to build relationships and fellowship here, and events that involve our children and youth are a wonderful way to do so. Our Youth Group will meet for a Pizza Party with the Pastor on Sunday, October 4th from 5 to 7 p.m. Parents are

welcome! Then in November, we will have another "Meet the Pastor" event, from 7 to 9 p.m. This is our second gathering, and there will be more so that all can attend one.

Autumn is a season of transition from summer to winter. It is a time when we experience colorful leaves and this year even a colorful moon. We are in a transition time in which we are seeking to bring out the gifts and talents of our members to be used for the glory of God. As your new pastor, I am enjoying getting to know all of you and already I am impressed with your amazing stories, background and experiences in life and the ways you have been serving the Lord together through the years. Thank you for the welcome you have given me and my husband Ron and for your prayerful support for our work together.

Please continue to share with me what is meaningful and important to you, and I know God will use this time together for the upbuilding of God's kingdom in the Sound Shore communities.

In Christ's Service,

The Rev. Karen A. Burger, Pastor

October Birthdays

- 4 Charlie Fraioli
- 5 Mark Colangelo
- 5 Susan Orand
- 6 Mindy Wintermantel
- 13 Caitlin Morelli
- 17 Paul Gardephe
- 19 Susan Fraser
- 19 Morgan Shaner
- 20 Kari Latino
- 21 Jack Phillips
- 21 Eileen Humphreys
- 21 Norma LaRoza
- 23 Joanne Massi
- 28 Micaela Morelli
- 30 Betsey Barney

October Anniversaries

3
Bill & Brynne Shaner

21
Bruce Meighan & Amy Brelia

Church Community News

Our condolences are expressed to...

- The Connor family upon the passing of Mervyn "Bud" Connor,
- And to Phil and Rose Paregian upon the passing of their sister-in-law Barbara Apelian.

Prayers continue for these families for God's comfort to abound.

Congratulations to...

- Phil and Rose Paregian's granddaughter Christine, on her recent wedding.
- Jacob Keleman upon joining the Oratorio Society of NY. Ellen Keleman is also a member of this group. Their next performance will be on Nov 2 which is Filas Requiem. Please see Ellen for more

information.

- SoulShine on numerous performances recently in the local community...rock on!

We pray for the rapid recovery of...

- Sandy Hobbs
- Violet Haviland
- Norm Peck



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday October 11

10:00A.M.

In the Sanctuary

**Bring your favorite Animal to be Blessed
Dogs, Cats, Birds, Reptiles... All Crea-**

tures Great and Small are welcome!

**Please bring an extra package of pet food to donate
to the local pet rescue.**

**Mamaroneck United Methodist Church
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Mamaroneck United Methodist Church Family Fun Series

Pumpkin Painting

October 25th at 5-7P.M.

MUMC Lower Church Parlor

546 E. Boston Post Rd Mamaroneck, NY

Kids of all ages can come and create a jack-o-lantern to usher in the fall. Enjoy apple cider and other snacks while you paint. Children can come in their Halloween Costumes.

Register with Jessica at Jessica@mamaroneckumc.org by October 17th.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 11, 2015

10 A.M. During Worship

A service of worship (in our sanctuary) to bless and remember the animals that grace and bless our lives with their unconditional love and devotion.

Bring your dogs, cats, birds, fish, hamsters, guinea pigs, turtles, snakes, and all other non-human friends in your life to have them blessed by the pastor.

Please bring a package of pet food to donate to the local pet rescue.



October Highlights

- **October 4th World Communion Sunday and Demo of New Church Website in Coffee Hour after 10:00 Service**
- **October 4th Pizza with the Pastor-The youth and their parents are invited for Pizza to discuss youth group plans for the upcoming year. Lower Church Parlor 5:30-7p.m.**
- **October 11th Blessing of the Animals Service in the Sanctuary, 10:00 a.m.**
- **October 17th Tag Sale**
- **October 18 SoulShine service**
- **October 19-21 Pastor Karen on Work Team with Bishop, Sheepshead Bay, Hurricane Recovery Rebuilding**
- **October 22 Workshop Led by Pastor Karen for Women in Ministry: "Getting Published: Widening the Circle of Ministry" (a workshop for the clergywomen of the NYAC sponsored by "Women in Ministry," but laywomen are also invited to attend who have an interest in writing.) 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
- **October 25 Pumpkin Painting/ Apple Cider Social 5-7p.m.**
- **October 31, 10 a.m. Annual Charge (Church) Conference, all are invited to attend as we share highlights of the past year and goals for the year to come and elect persons to positions of responsibility in our church, such as Board of Trustees. The Pastor's salary is also set annually at the Charge Conference. Come have a cup of coffee with us and light refreshments as we meet with our District Superintendent or her assistant, the Rev. Dr. William Smartt, for this celebration of discipleship.**

October 2015

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

				1	2	3 UM Women Annual Meeting- Fordham 9am-3pm
		7:30 p.m. Bell Choir	7:30 p.m. Adult Choir			
4 8:00 A.M. Com- munion 10:00 A.M. WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 11:00 A.M. WEBSITE DEMON- STRATION	5	6	7	8	9	10
		SPPRC Meeting 7:30pm	7:30 p.m. Bell Choir	7:30 p.m. Adult Choir		
11 8:00 A.M. Com- munion 10:00 A.M. Tradition- al Worship 10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Animals	12  Columbus Day (Office Closed)	13	14	15	16	17 Tag Sale 9AM-4PM 
		7:30 p.m. Bell Choir	7:30 p.m. Adult Choir			
18 8:00 A.M. Com- munion 10:00 A.M. SoulShine Worship	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Women in Ministry writ- ing Workshop 10 A.M.		
25 8:00 A.M. Communion 10:00 A.M. Traditional Worship  Pumpkin painting/ Apple Cider Social 5- 7pm	26	27	28	29	30	31 Charge Con- ference 10:00AM
		7:30 p.m. Bell Choir	7:30 p.m. Adult Choir			

World Communion Sunday Offering, October 4

Serving others is important to Erin Adachi-Kriege. The sophomore at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., makes it a point to be involved in mission work.

Her hometown congregation — Epworth United Methodist Church, Berkeley, Calif. — planted the seed. “I attended church every Sunday and was there for other activities throughout the week,” Adachi-Kriege recalls. “Church was, and still is, a very big part of my life.”

As a teen, she served as a youth group leader. “The church encouraged me to become involved in my community,” she says.

While Adachi-Kriege has not decided on a major, her studies likely will center on service. “I will want to have a career,” she notes, “where I (can) be active in my community and work to benefit it as much as possible.”

Adachi-Kriege, who is Caucasian and Filipino, was grateful to receive the World Communion Sunday Ethnic Scholarship.

World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God’s children. The offering benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.



United Methodists relate to **World Communion Sunday** by informing qualified people, especially youth and young adults, to apply for scholarships and by giving generously to the special offering, which often enables first-generation students to attend college.

Your Generous Gifts Provide:

- World Communion Leadership graduate scholarships for graduate national & international students; (General Board of Global Ministries);
- Ethnic Minority Scholarship Program: Undergraduate scholarships for Ethnic Scholarships for national and international students within the U.S. (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry) and
- Ethnic In-Service Training (non-degree) (General Board of Higher Education and Ministry).

Please be generous on Sunday, October 6. Adachi-Kriege and others like her are counting on us to help her serve others in the name of Christ.



MUMC GIANT TAG SALE

Saturday, October 17

9AM-4PM



rain or shine



Toys. Clothing. Furniture.



Tools.

Electronics. Books. Jewelry.



Housewares. Sporting Goods. CD's.
Linens. Bric a Brac & Much Much
More.

From the Trustees

As summer drew to a close, the Trustees were confronted with the news that the main furnace for the sanctuary, upper and lower church parlors and the education building was no longer working. The furnace, which is housed in the education building, is the original dating back to the mid-1950's. Needless to say, this was not welcome news. The combustion chamber needs to be rebuilt at a cost of \$13,000. This work will be done the week of October 5 and until it is completed there will be no heat.

Each time we come to the church whether for worship, a social activity, meeting or rehearsal, we take for granted that the heat will be on, the lights working, the water running. None of these are very "glamorous" items but the reality is that they are essential to the life of the church and obviously none

of it is free. The Trustees ask that each time you come to church and these utilities are functioning you remember that each and every one of us needs to help with the cost. After all it is only fair, as we each enjoy a warm sanctuary in the winter, that we each contribute something. We encourage you each week as the offering plate is passed to make some contribution to the life of the church. One of the misconceptions we must overcome is that "someone else will take care of it." But there is no "someone else", only each and every one of us.

So we look forward to having a heated building by the middle of October and returning our lives at MUMC to normal. And hopefully a less cold winter!

From the SPPRC-Apportionments

If you have been involved with the business side of the church you have probably heard the term apportionment bandied about.

What are apportionments you ask? You could equate them to taxes you pay to run the local, state, national government and supply services to the community. There is a formula "tax rate" that is applied to each church to determine each church should pay.

If a church is in good financial condition each dollar you give would be divided in this fashion. About 84 cents would stay with the church. About 16 cents would be designated to cover Shared Ministry Apportionments. 12 cents goes to the NY Annual Conference budget and 4 cents to the general church's operating expenses and world wide mission initiatives.

Apportionment money supports the clergy outside the local church, the district superintendent, the bishop and their staffs & expenses. It supports administration of the conference finances among other administrative expenses, it supports world wide outreach and local campus ministries.

Other areas supported with apportionment monies are the Black College fund, African University and the Ministerial Education Fund, so vital in supplying pastors for our churches.

I've not gone into great detail about these apportionments and how essential they are but it is a fact that if our church is

to succeed in its mission apportionments must be paid. I'm sad to report that we only paid 42 percent of our apportionments last year (2014) and have not paid anything this year.

If a church pays 100 percent of its apportionments a small amount of their assessment is set aside for a contingency fund to make up for churches (like us) who don't pay their apportionments.

DO WE REALLY WANT to be a church that has to be "carried" by other churches? I ask you to search your pockets and see if you can do more in your pledge to MUMC. We need to rally behind our new and wonderful Pastor Karen to find new members and bring back friends who have left and dig deeper in our own pockets so we can pay ALL our bills.

In an earlier letter I told you that I increased my pledge by \$10 a week. Since then I found that I could increase that giving even more. I hope you can do likewise and help us pay our apportionments.

May God bless us and Pastor Karen and Ron as we strive to keep MUMC the vital, caring place it has been through out all these years.

Blessings,
Alexander N. (Norm) Peck, Chair ;
Staff/ Pastor/Parish Relations Committee

Kairos Update

Matthew 25:35-40

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 - I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 - When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

If the above passage from the Holy Bible resonates with you, you might consider ministering to those in prison as my friend Coralie Joseph has been doing for more than fifteen years. Coralie joined a team of like-minded, Spirit-filled, Christian men and women to bring God's love and hope to women in prison.

I never cease to be amazed at how brave she and her cohorts were to do that.

Coralie is now retired, but when she worked, she was a Guidance Counselor in The Bronx. On practically a daily basis, Coralie's eyes were opened to the impact that having a loved one in jail has on the children and families of the incarcerated. As Coralie says, "When someone is in prison, their families are in prison with them."

It is a prison of shame, pain, loss, and more often than not poverty.

In counseling these young people Ms. Joseph would see formerly successful kids become unfocused and apathetic. Something major was going on at home. Often it meant that a close family member was in jail.

Coralie had it on her heart for a long time to do something for these kids to address the issues they were facing in the only way she knew how. With much prayer and discernment and seeking God's guidance, she began a chapter of Kairos Outside in New York City. Kairos means "God's

Special Time."

Kairos Outside is an international prison ministry which ministers to women who have a loved one in prison. They are the mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, girlfriends, and adult children of the incarcerated.

Kairos Outside provides a forum for sharing, praying and healing for these women. Twice a year -- once in May and once in November -- Kairos Outside (NYC) hosts approximately thirty women for a weekend retreat -- all expenses paid.

It can become intense for the guests. The weekend retreat consists of small group sharing and listening to speakers share about their own journeys. They also have opportunities to speak with spiritual counselors one-on-one, and have fun (yes fun!), singing hymns, enjoying wonderful food and more. After a guest has attended a weekend, they can "give back" by serving as a team member or a "day angel" on upcoming weekends.

The women are shown an abundance of love, care and respect by the team members. At the end of the weekend retreat, they are encouraged to form small "prayer and share" support groups in the hope that they will learn a new way of living and start to trust and stop isolating as they reach out to each other and share their everyday challenges.

They will then learn to put aside any shame they may feel and come together and listen to each other, support each other, and begin the healing process. And best of all: their recovery impacts their children.

If this resonates with you, and you'd like to know more about Kairos Prison Ministries International (KPMI), especially Kairos Outside, call my friend Coralie Joseph 914-834-5104. She will be happy to share with you about her favorite subject, making a difference in the lives of the loved ones of the incarcerated.

-Cathy Sullivan

Matthew 25:39-40

*When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?
Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*

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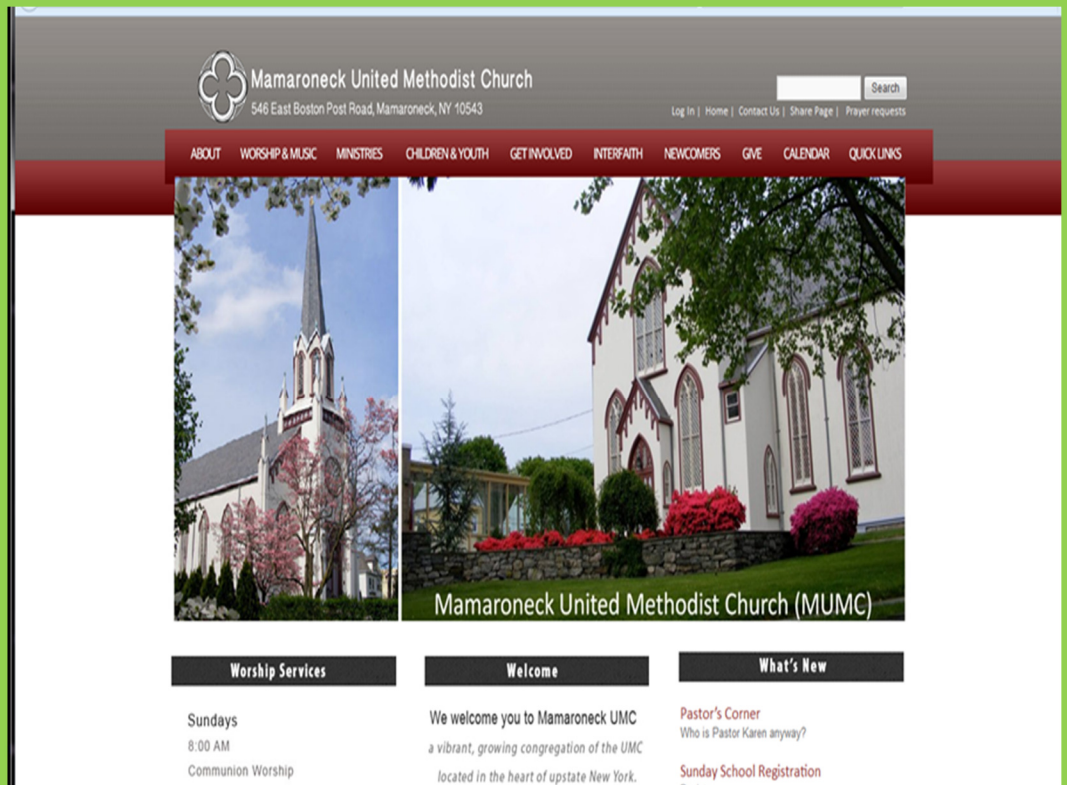
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New Website Demonstration

Following Worship on October 4, 11:00a.m.
Please join us for a demonstration of Mamaroneck United Methodist Church's New Website.

And join us for a special coffee hour.
Thank you to Marjorie Brooks and the Communications Committee for all of their hard work over the past year on this exciting new Website!



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