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Enjoy God's Palette

I know the 60's Motown singing group, The Temptations, sang "I've got sunshine on a cloudy day—and when it's cold outside I've got the month of May."

I can almost hear you guys singing the rest of that number one hit, "My Girl." Well, May is a special month for me, no doubt. It is the month I was born. It is the month I enlisted in the Army and met my new mother, Sergeant Hidell—at least that's what he said as we stumbled off the bus in Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

May is a special month; however, there is just something about the month of June.

Did you know that during the Month of June people celebrate Paul Bunyan Day (imagine

that), National Dairy Month (just love those cows), National Ice Tea Month (sounds ridiculous to me), National Candy Month (more ridiculous), Flag Day and, of course, Father's Day?

There are lots of observances this month, not to mention Pentecost Sunday and Trinity Sunday.

In this **Link**, I am going to create another celebration—though it may not catch on or be recognized by the rest of the country—I am going to name it "God's Palette Month." Not Pilates or Pirates, I said Palette—you know, like the one used by an artist?

Why? Because it is during June that I observe God busily at work splashing the full spectrum of colors all over the place. I often point out the sky and clouds to my wife. The varying sizes, shapes and colors. Wow.

Then there are the flowers in full bloom. Spectacular—breathtaking, I tell you. There are varying shades of blue, red, green, yellow—the color wheel gone crazy. Then there is God's living creatures that habitat my back yard—Blue Jays, Robins, Cardinals, Black Birds, Sparrows, Finches; God's Palette at work as I sip my morning coffee.

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WORSHIP IN JUNE

- June 4**—Rev. Dr. Charles Ferrara, *Overcoming Through the Power of Pentecost*, Philippians 4:10-13
- June 11**—Rev. Dr. Charles Ferrara, *Being Patient in a Very Impatient World*, Colossians 3:12-14
- June 18**—Rev. Dr. Charles Ferrara, *The Blessing of a Father's Love*, Ephesians 6:1-4
- June 25**—Rev. Dr. Charles Ferrara, *Relationship vs. Religion: There is a Difference*, Matthew 10:34-39



Circle of Concern

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Geri Sheridan in Brookhaven Health Care Facility, 801 Gazzolla Drive, E. Patchogue, NY

Alice Zahnd in Gurwin Jewish Nursing Facility, Commack, NY

Ed Dew in Sunrise Assisted Living, Waverly Avenue, Holbrook, NY.

Pray for our church and her future directions!

Make a prayer request at
PatchogueUMC.com

Church Picnic

Our annual church picnic, hosted by the United Methodist Men will be held Noon, Sunday, June 11. It will be at the home of Carol Jansson, 374 Oak St., Patchogue. That's east of Rt. 112.

There will be a 4 foot deep pool, water slide, a bounce house and cotton candy. Everyone is invited to bring a swim suit and towel. Parents are responsible for watching their children in the pool.

The men are serving burgers, franks and soda. Bring a side dish.

God's Palette (From Page 1)

Even the clothes people wear in June are vibrant. Just this morning I saw some guy walking down Main Street with a 60s Tie-dye shirt that included colors I never saw before. Pink tops and purple shorts, yellow shirts and Cobalt Blue pants. June is just packed with life and colors.

Now, before you think I am a little strange focusing on the color of someone's shorts—don't misinterpret where I am headed. My whole point is to encourage each of you to fully enjoy the month of June and God's Palette. Don't rush so quickly through the day and before you know it—it is July.

Savor each and every day of June by recognizing God's presence in the midst of it. Remember the Garden of Eden? It is all created as God's gift to us. Receive that gift and thank Him every day.

Got to go—I have company, a male and female Blue Jay. Happy God's Palette Month! In His Grip,

—**Pastor Chuck**

Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of someone or an event, please notify Gail Hoag. Contact her at church, call 631-654-0038, or email gbhoag@optonline.net. The flowers will be yours to take home.

—**Gail Hoag**

June Birthdays

June 9 Nicholas Lyons

June 15 Lynne Rice

June 17 Josh Jansson

A Father's Day Prayer

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing.

Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect. Let us praise those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

—**Kirk Loadman**

United Methodist Church of Patchogue

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 9:30 a.m.—ESL 7-9 p.m.— Pentecostal MF 7:30 p.m.—NA	3 7:30 p.m.—AME Service
4 10:00 a.m.— Communion Worship 11:30 a.m.— Church Council 12:30 p.m.— Pentecostal MF 5:00 p.m.—AME	5 7:00 p.m.—AA	6 9:30 a.m.—Al Anon 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7-9 p.m.— Pentecostal MF 7:30 p.m.—AA	7 7:30 p.m.—AME Service	8	9 9:30 a.m.—ESL 7-9 p.m.— Pentecostal MF 7:30 p.m.—NA	10 7:30 p.m.—AME Service
11 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School Noon—Picnic at Carol Jannson's 12:30 p.m.— Pentecostal MF 5:00 p.m.—AME	12 7:00 p.m.—AA	13 9:30 a.m.—Al Anon 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7-9 p.m.— Pentecostal MF 7:30 p.m.—AA	14 7:30 p.m.—AME Service	15	16 9:30 a.m.—ESL 7-9 p.m.— Pentecostal MF 7:30 p.m.—NA	17 7:30 p.m.—AME Service
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Manchester Attack: 'Turn from evil and do good'

British Methodist church leaders were among those praying for the families and young victims of the May 22 bombing at a concert site in Manchester, England. The Rev. Roger Walton, president, and Rachel Lampard, vice president, of the British Methodist Conference, joined others in expressing horror that young people and children were targeted while leaving an Ariana Grande concert at the Manchester Arena.

The attack by a suicide-bomber has claimed 22 lives so far and injured nearly 60 others. The BBC called it the worst terrorist attack in Britain since the July 7 bombings in London in 2005.

"We give thanks for the emergency services and for the many ordinary people who demonstrated compassion in responding to those caught up in the tragedy," Walton and Lampard said. "We ask the Methodist people to hold the people of Manchester and beyond in their prayers as we remember the words of Psalm 34, 'Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.'"

The Rev. Andrew Lunn, chair of the church's Manchester and Stockport District, and the Rev. Paul Martin, chair of the Bolton and Rochdale District, said that Methodists in the Manchester area "are united with many others in their sense of shock, and in their prayers for all those who have been bereaved, wounded, or traumatized."

Lunn and Martin pointed to #WeStandTogether, a movement in Manchester that draws together people of many faiths and backgrounds. "In a diverse city, one thing we can be sure of is that people in Manchester will not let this event divide us," they wrote.

The Rev. Kathleen LaCamera, a United Methodist minister and member of the New York Conference who lives in the Manchester area, called the bombing "a terrible, terrible event in every way."

LaCamera, a hospital and mental health chaplain, was busy responding to community needs the day after the attack with her mental health team, which is based only 5 miles from the Manchester Arena.

The chapel at Methodist Central Hall in the city's Northern Quarter was open throughout the day for quiet reflection and prayer. Thomas Kemper, top executive, United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, sent a message of shock and solidarity to the Methodist Church in Britain. "May we fight violence and hatred everywhere and overcome evil with love," he said. "There is no other way."

Top executives of the World Council of Churches and the Conference of European Churches issued a joint statement encouraging prayer for and solidarity with the bombing victims and their loved ones.

"We honor a God who is life-giving, who sustains and redeems," the statement said. "Such horrors as hap-

pened last night encourage us to affirm this truth even more strongly." The six presidents of Churches Together in England, whose members include the Methodist Church, offered prayers for strength and courage.

"Our faith teaches us that even the worst of evils can never defeat love, so we pray that the people of Manchester, of all faiths and none, will discover a renewed unity as they respond to this atrocity with compassion, dignity and hope."

—Linda Bloom, UMNS

Methodists Respond To Migration

A United Methodist leadership body took two actions to boost ministries that relieve the suffering caused by forced migration.

On May 20, the Connectional Table designated \$100,000 of the denomination's contingency funds — with the possibility of an additional \$100,000 next year — to help United Methodists stand with immigrants.

The day before, the group joined the denomination's Council of Bishops in backing "A Global Migration Sunday Offering," to raise still more funds, which will directly aid migrants and refugees.

The group set the date for the special day of prayer and offering for migrants to be the first Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3 this year. That means the collection will occur during the season when Christians around the world remember that even Jesus and

his family were at one time refugees on the run from political violence.

The Connectional Table is a 59-member international body of clergy and laity that coordinates mission, ministry and resources at the denominational level. It has the authority to distribute money from the denomination's World Service Contingency Fund to help special projects.

Both the advocacy work and the Advent offering are intended to address an increasingly pressing need. War, famine and economic upheaval mean more people are on the move than at any time in world history.

According to the United Nations, some 65.3 million people are not living in the country of their birth. Of those individuals, the United Nations recognizes 21.3 million as refugees — people who would face serious threats to their life or freedom if they returned to their home country. For the church, such migration poses both a huge moral challenge — and a chance for revitalization, Connectional Table members said.

"I think this is something we can rally around," Thomas Kemper told United Methodist News Service. He is the top executive of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, the denomination's mission agency, and a nonvoting member of the Connectional Table.

Providing hospitality to migrants, he added, "is something the prophets called us to do; it's something Christ called us to do."

If you want to spread the good news of Jesus Christ, he added, welcoming the immigrant is a good place to start.

The United Methodist Church would not have its growing congregations in Vietnam today without the warm welcome U.S. church members offered Vietnamese refugees, Kemper said. Those refugees, in turn, helped bring the Wesleyan flavor of Christianity to their land of birth.

That revitalizing trend continues in other ways. The Rev. Jacob Dharmaraj, president of the National Federation of Asian American United Methodists, said that Nepali refugees recently started a United Methodist congregation in Syracuse, New York. The church is averaging more than 60 in attendance.

He added that there are now so many United Methodists from the Middle East, they have their own caucus group.

"When we talk about creating 1 million new disciples and starting new congregations," he said, the denomination's work with immigrants "is one of the best things that's happened."

The Advent offering will go to the denomination's Global Migration Advance, a fund set up in 2014 for donors to designate gifts specifically to support migrants around the globe.

Kemper stressed that this is not a "Special Sunday" — special offerings the denomination collects each year. For now, the request is only for a one-time collection — not unlike what many churches do in response to a natural disaster.

The \$100,000 in contingency funds will go toward organizing advocacy work in U.S. annual conferences and jurisdictions, said the Rev. Lysette N. Perez. She is a Connectional Table member, pastor in New Jersey, and

the president of MARCHA, the denomination's Hispanic/Latino caucus.

"Right now, the majority of people are working on their own, and we need a way of coordinating together," Perez told UMNS.

"Many of our churches provide services, but they aren't organized to change the law and change the environment for immigrants in their communities."

Monalisa Tui'Tahi, a Connectional Table member who is also an immigration attorney in Los Angeles, said the rise of deportations in the United States has created a crisis. But the church can help.

"There are parents who stay awake at night wondering what will happen if they go to work in the morning and they don't come home," Tui'Tahi told the Connectional Table. She also represents the Pacific Islanders National Caucus of United Methodists.

"It's for those parents we want to say that we have a clinic where we can help you write out a power-of-attorney so if you get picked up, someone can pick up your kids at school.

Wisconsin Area Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, president of the Global Ministries board and a Connectional Table member, emigrated from Korea to the United States in 1982.

He said he always has considered himself "the fruit of American mission" and wanted to bring that missionary fervor back to the United States as an immigrant-community leader.

"We are facing such a radical challenge in global migration, but I think the church is able to make this journey together."

—Heather Hahn, UMNS

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Don't Forget Your Pledge

A Note About Restoring Hope

Our Restoring Hope capital campaign was completed several years ago but funds may continue to be contributed. All Restoring Hope contributions go to the Trustees who have continuing building expenses but no other revenue source. \$500 a month in Trustee funds go to pay off our boiler loan. Contributions can be made to either "Restoring Hope" or "Trustees".

Peace with Justice

In June, we recognize one of the United Methodist Church's special Sundays, *Peace with Justice Sunday*.

I find that the phrase, 'Peace with Justice,' is one that gives me a little inspiring lift. To me it's a 'feel good' phrase. But, like so many words and expressions we hear over and over again, it becomes little more than a catch phrase, buzz words that we hear with part of our mind, experience a visceral reaction to—whether positive or negative—and then tuck away without further thought.

How rarely do we say, 'What does that mean'? What is peace? What is justice? Can you have peace without justice?'

The dictionary defines 'peace' as "the absence of conflict or tension, a state of tranquility or quiet, public order or security, freedom from disturbance or war."

Certainly, when we think of peace, we would consider all of those elements as contributing to peace. On the other hand, that definition could also describe a totalitarian society that allows no dissension, no different ideas or beliefs or actions; where everything is definitely neat and orderly, but operating under a cloud of repression. Is there something more to peace.

In John 14, verse 27, Jesus spoke of peace to his disciples: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let your heart be not troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Henri Nouwen wrote that "Jesus' peace doesn't only mean absence of war. It is not simply harmony or equilibrium. His peace is the fullness of well being, freely given by God.

Peace is shalom—a wholeness, a well being of heart, mind, body, and spirit, individually and communally. It can exist in the midst of a war torn world, even in the midst of unresolved problems and increasing human conflicts. This is no easy peace, but it is everlasting and it comes from God."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "Christ opened up the way to God and to our brother. Now, Christians can live with one another in peace; they can love and serve one another; they can become one." So, peace is less the absence of anything, and more to do with the presence of God in all aspects of our lives, individually and communally. God's peace, expressed through Jesus Christ, is reconciliation with God, and with each other. It is love and community and servanthood and wholeness.

And what of Justice? The dictionary defines justice as "conformity to moral principles or law; just conduct; merited reward or punishment; the administration of law, authority, jurisdiction." I suspect that when we think of justice we tend to accept the part of the definition that speaks to reward and punishment and to the administration of law. Most often when people say things like, 'I want to see justice done' they mean retribution or vengeance. They are talking about the application of human law.

We are all familiar with the symbolic image of Justice—blindfolded,

with scales. Impartial, balanced, objective. In reality, human frailty often devises laws and interprets them according to agendas of power, control, and intolerance.

Dr. Martin Luther King, in his "Letter from Birmingham Jail," speaking of how to determine a just law from an unjust one, wrote, "A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law."

He goes on to quote St. Thomas Aquinas, who said, "An unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law or natural law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust."

So, as with peace, justice is more about the full integration of God's moral law into all aspects of our lives, both individually and communally, than with the meticulous application of often flawed human legal and other values.

The prophet Micah said, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6: 8)

So, Peace and Justice both flow from the eternal heart of God and can be manifested through our flawed human selves when we open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and let love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control form and direct our lives, individually and communally.

—Barbara Becker

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Welcome Summer

Summer is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. The air holds a vibrancy that winter seems to lack; the sky appears more blue and the future feels more promising. From golden sunshine to beautiful flowers, summer can warm even the coldest heart. Welcome summer with these inspirational quotes that fully embrace the beauty of the season.

Great Bursts of Leaves

"And so, with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer."

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Summer Afternoons

"Summer afternoon—summer afternoon; to me, those had always been the two most beautiful words in the English language."

Henry James

Clouds Float Across the Sky

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time."

John Lubbock

Summer Was Our Best Season

"Summer was our best season: it was sleeping on the back screened porch in cots, or trying to sleep in the treehouse; summer was everything good to eat; it was a thousand colors in a parched landscape."

Harper Lee

Rich Heritage of Beautiful Memories

"All in all, it was a never-to-be-forgotten summer —one of those summers which come seldom into any life, but leave a rich heritage of beautiful memories in their going—one of those summers which, in a fortunate combination of delightful weather, delightful friends and delightful doing, come as near to perfection as anything can come in this world."

L.M. Montgomery

Breeze is Blowing

"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken."

James Dent
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