

The Link



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The United Methodist Church of Patchogue

June 2009

Edited By George Hoag

Annual Conference

"The Annual Conference is the Basic Body of the Church.." (Paragraph 33, Article II, the 2004 Book of Discipline) The 2009 Annual Conference Session will be held on June 10-13 at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY. This is the 209th session of the NYAC. Under the theme "For Such A Time As This: We Are a Beloved Community of Hope", we will celebrate our vision and our work as the connectional church in mission.

On Saturday, we will also celebrate the Annual conference with the Lay Speakers of NYAC whom our Bishop Jeremiah Park invited to come and share their faith and ministries in their churches. And, Bishop Richard Wilke, (one of the originators and developers of Disciple's Bible study), Rev. Dr. Safiyah Fosua (Director of Invitational Preaching Ministries of the Discipleship Ministries of the General Board Of Discipleship) and Rev. Dr. Kwasi Kena (Director of Evangelism of the GBOD) are invited to be the guest preachers for worship services.

This year's conference is more important and more special to me. In "the Service of Ordination" being offered on Saturday, June 13, I will be ordained as an elder in full connection

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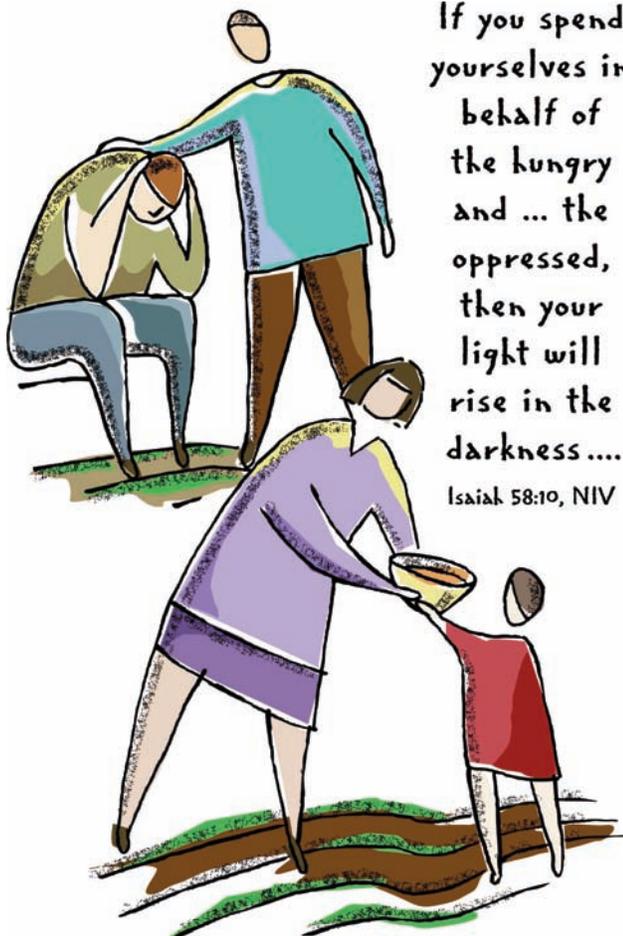
Worship in June

June 7 (Trinity Sunday)—Isaiah 6:1-8, John 3:1-17; "Be Born from Above", (Rev. In Koo Chung)

June 14 (2nd Sunday after Pentecost)—1 Samuel 15:34-16:13, Mark 4:26-34; (Lay Speaker)

June 21 (Father's Day, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost)—Psalm 9:9-20, Mark 4:35-41; (Lay Speaker)

June 28 (4th Sunday after Pentecost)—2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27, Mark 5:21-43; "Who Touched Me", (Rev. In Koo Chung)



If you spend
yourselves in
behalf of
the hungry
and ... the
oppressed,
then your
light will
rise in the
darkness....

Isaiah 58:10, NIV

Circle of Concern

For Guidance:

Lisa D., Barbara McAllister, Joe Brentlink, David & Lori Purificato, Ray Gallo, Ray Clark, Maj. Don Cornwell stationed in South Korea, Cat Placement and Rescue, Brenda Bonfe D'Angelo, Christy Wood, Lois Wood, Samantha, Michael Dellazizzi and family, Michael Amarati, Philip Demacos, Pat, Joanne.

These Who are Hospitalized:

Josh Boneventure, Christine Quinn's cousin Frank, Nana Grace, Nancy Marshall, Deborah Belmonte, Baby Joseph, Mary Siino & Al Bonfe in Florida hospitals, Hazel Freely and Anthony Butera.

These at Home:

Betty Hansley, Cliff McLean, Joan Welsh, Joseph Weinzettle, Eric & Pat Carlson, Nancy Rogers, Martha Campanile, Natalie Burnett-Lynch, Kathleen Chodorski, Philip Crandall, Kyra McCarthy, Lucille Barthelme, Debi DelRossi, Belle Barile, Tom Furman, Lisa Lopez, Dorotea Sanchez, Mary Jones, Ruth Masem, Shirley Scalice, Florence Carde, Frank Westerland, Elizabeth Biederman, Paul Rice, Grace Richardson, (Diane Adone's mother), John, and Mike Welsh, Kitty Dayton and Kathie Wells.

These who are in Rehab or Nursing Care Facilities:

Alice Zahnd in Patchogue Nursing Center, 25 Schoenfeld Blvd., Patchogue, NY; Anna Satterly in Brookhaven Health Care Facility, 801 Gazzola Drive, East Patchogue, NY 11772; Lew and Kitty Brunnemer in Cedar Lodge Nursing Home, 6 Frowein Road, Center Moriches, NY 11934; Gerry Flood in St. James Nursing Home (Room 269) 273 Moriches Rd., St. James, NY 11780; Doris Shrimpton in Bellhaven Nursing Center, 110 Beaverdam Rd., Brookhaven; Hazel Nargi in McPeak's Adult Home, 286 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue; Marian King in Sunrise Assisted Living, 2 Hills Rd., E. Setauket, Rm. 2; Anna Bonfe, Rm. 201, Cunningham Bldg., Loretto Rest, 708 E. Brighton Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205; Toby Miller (Room 213B) in Affinity Skilled Living and Rehabilitation Center, 305 Locust Avenue, Oakdale, NY 11769; Joan Simpson, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, 101 Elm Street, Sayville, NY 11782.

Pray for our church and her future directions!



Lift up your church with your prayers, presence, gifts and service.

Conference (from Page 1)

in the annual conference. I am thankful for God's guidance and for support and prayers of all the members in our church.

I would like to invite all of you to join the time for celebration of our connectional church in mission and the ordination service. I ask for your prayers for the conference.

May God's abundant blessing be with all of you.

Love and peace,

—Pastor In Koo Chung

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our new Prayer Shawl Ministry is off to a great start. So far, four shawls have been made and blessed at the Healing Ministry Prayer Service led by Selma Graham.

You can crochet or knit a shawl or make a monetary donation to the ministry. The stitch is easy and anyone interested in learning can contact me. I pray for the person I am making the shawl for before I start, while I am making it and then it is blessed at the prayer service. This is a wonderful way to let people know we are praying for them. It is something they wear or keep on their bed or chair. They can be made for anyone. A child could receive a blanket instead and for a teen it could be a scarf.

Each shawl costs about \$20 to make. If you make a donation, mark your check "Prayer Shawl Ministry" and include the name of the person and what the prayers are for, healing, strength, joys, etc. Contact me at 631-730-3656 or leave a message at church.

—Denise Whalen

United Methodist Women

Many thanks to all who purchased the flowering bulbs, as well as those who sold them. Additional thanks to Suzi Conti, who coordinated the submission of the order and follow up. We realized a net profit of nearly \$600.00.

The UMW is presently working with our ESL teacher, Jean Romeo, to develop a list of appropriate educational materials for the ESL class. We will then purchase them for current and future use. The class meets every Friday evening, from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. There is a dedicated core of students who contribute as they are able to help defray the cost of the teacher's pay.

Just a reminder: the annual UMW retreat will take place from 10/2 - 10/4/09 at Camp Quinipet on Shelter Island. The theme this year is "Sisters and Saints" - a tribute to the grace and love and strength of women through the ages, including those in our own personal heritage. The cost is a modest \$140.00, which includes four meals prepared by the camp food service. (No lugging boxes of food, preparing and cleaning up - yippee!) The retreat is always a combination of spiritual growth and just plain fun. For more information, speak to Barbara Becker or Joan Curtis. All are welcome, including friends or family.

—**Barbara Becker**



Stewardship

May was a very busy month for our Church. Both the yard sale and Golf Outing were postponed due to rain. The all Church Yard Sale was a great event. Steve Rice chaired the fund raiser that generated \$1,195 for our Church. Bob Prince worked with Steve in picking up items from the membership and organizing the event. Many good stewards gave of their time for this event. Ray Henson mowed the lawn at the parsonage for each Saturday. The following gave much of their Saturday: Barbara Becker (who donated the Dunkin Donuts and coffee), Barry Burrell and his daughter Lisa, Al Eid, Dave Hollowell, Carol and Bruce Kirschner, Jean and Jim Miller, Lenny Pearson, Stevey Rice, Bob Rogers, Carolyn (Willis) Falvey and Paul Falvey. Lisa and Stevey ran the toy table at the sale. Steve Rice would like to thank you, the congregation, for the outpouring of support for this fund raiser.

June Barile organized the picture taking of our members for the next Pictorial Directory by Olan Mills on May 8 and 9. Many of our congregation sat for portraits. If you could not make these dates, and want to be included in the Directory, please contact our administrative assistant, Chris. She is available Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 AM to 2 PM, at 475-0381, to make arrangements on providing a three by five inch photo of any format, that will be sent to Olin Mills. Many volunteers helped to make the photo sessions run smoothly: Pastor In Koo Chung, Barbara Becker, Elizabeth Biederman, Carolyn Willis Falvey, Dave Hollowell, Jean and Jim Miller, Steve Rice, Geri Sheridan, and Linda Werner. Thanks again to June and we all will be awaiting our new Pictorial Phone Directory this Fall.

The Golf Outing was bigger and better this year. With money still to be collected, we have cleared more than \$15,000. The success of this event to a large part is due to the efforts of Ed Klingel. Ed brought in a large number of the sponsors and when it was difficult to obtain golfers, he started using his persuasion to obtain more. Many others made this the major fund raiser for our Church.

Linda Werner coordinated the unprecedented number of basket prizes – 37. Barry Burrell, Betty and Steve Rice, brought in sponsors and golfers. Thanks to Pastor Chung for his efforts in obtaining golfers and as our counselor. We are indebted to the many volunteers who gave up a day to serve our Church: Cecelia Alvarado, Barbara Becker, Barry Burrell, Lorraine Brenner, Hoy Chae, Dave Hollowell, Trudy Mansfield, Jean Miller, Lenny Pearson, Betty and Steve Rice, Bob Rogers, Steve Shadbolt, Kathie Wells and Linda Werner. We'd like to thank Christine Saas, our Office Assistant, who went above and beyond her duties in recording spread sheets and tracking donations. Peter Halliwell played in the outing and was our MC for the prize presentations at the luncheon. Also we want to thank all those who prepared baskets for the Golf Outing. Thanks be to God.

—**Dave Hollowell**

United Methodist Bishops Advocate Comprehensive Immigration Reform in US

Bethesda, Maryland, May 14, 2009—The full Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church has appealed to the President and Congress of the United States to support "comprehensive immigration reform" that would, among other goals, provide pathways to citizenship and reunify families separated by current policies.

A "Statement on the US Immigration Situation" was adopted on May 8 during a meeting of the council in Bethesda, Maryland. It builds on an earlier appeal issued a few weeks ago by a group of two dozen active and retired bishops.

The bishops said they as a group are "committed to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform that is humane and effective and that upholds the human and civil rights of immigrants."

A petition for comprehensive legislative reform on immigration in the US is also contained in a resolution adopted last year by the denomination's General Conference, which meets every four years to conduct United Methodist business. A second resolution on global migration takes a stand in favor of justice and equal treatment for immigrants and refugees everywhere.

The new statement from the bishops lays out five components of comprehensive immigration reform in the US. In addition to a pathway to citizenship and reunification of families caused by deportation or detention, those points are:

- Increase the number of visas for short-term workers to come into the US States to work in a safe, legal, and orderly way.
- Extend legal protection to all workers who come to stay for a certain period of time as well as for those who stay permanently including the right to bargain for higher wages, to protest against poor working conditions, and to preserve their human rights as workers, be they documented or undocumented.
- Eliminate privately-operated detention centers, which are not regulated by the federal or state governments, and end all indiscriminate raids.

—**United Methodist News Service**



Triquetra—This early symbol for the Holy Trinity is formed from three equal arcs. The arcs represent equality, the continuous line expressing eternity and the interweaving represents indivisibility. At the center is a triangle, another symbol of the Trinity. Because of its beauty and simplicity, the triquetra is often used as a design element in church architecture.

The Summer Day

Who made the world?

Who made the swan, and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper?



This grasshopper, I mean—
The one who has flung herself out
of the grass,
The one who is eating sugar out
of my hand,
Who is moving her jaws back and
forth instead of up and down—
Who is gazing around with her
enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?

Tell me, what is it you plan to do

with your one wild and precious life?

—**Mary Oliver**

Celebrate your life! Witness for your faith!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>2</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 10 a.m.—Church School / Communion Wor- ship	<i>8</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>9</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>10</i> Annual Conference, Hofstra	<i>11</i> Annual Conference, Hofstra	<i>12</i> Annual Conference, Hofstra	<i>13</i> Annual Conference, Hofstra, Pastor's Ordination
<i>14</i> 10 a.m.—Church School / Worship Last day of Church School Church Picnic	<i>15</i> Pastor's Vacation through 6/21 7 p.m.—AA	<i>16</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> 10 a.m.—Worship/ 11:30 a.m.— Finance 7:00 p.m.—Healing Service	<i>22</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>23</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i> 10 a.m.—Worship 11:30 a.m.— Trustees 2:00 p.m.— Memorial service for Barbara Bonfe	<i>29</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>30</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery				

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Come On Out To A Ball Game



Our Church's softball team, the Souls (a joint team with Bayport UMC), plays its home games on the field behind James Wilson Young Middle School on Sylvan Avenue in Bayport.

They'd love to have their church family there to support them and cheer them on. Upcoming home games are listed below. Call Don Kolacki at 363-6499 for more information or visit the league website at www.escl.net for a complete schedule and directions to away games.

All games start at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 1st

Tuesday, June 2nd

Monday, June 8th

Monday, June 15th

Monday, July 6th



"This would've looked so good on my résumé."



“GOD has made this
JESUS,
whom you crucified,
both LORD
and CHRIST.”

ACTS 2:36, NIV

UMC.Org Reviews: *Star Trek*

Director: J.J. Abrams; Production Company: Paramount Pictures; Cast: Eric Bana, John Cho, Ben Cross, Bruce Greenwood, Leonard Nimoy, Simon Pegg, Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Winona Ryder, Zoe Saldana, Karl Urban, Anton Yelchin; Rating: PG-13 for sci-fi action, violence and brief sexual content.

By Gregg Tubbs

UMC.org—In one sweeping move, the venerable Star Trek franchise has boldly gone where it has never gone before—back to square one. Star Trek, the new feature length prequel to the original series, tackles the daunting task of honoring the traditions and characters of the past while launching them on an exciting new course for the future. The film succeeds fabulously with some keen casting, youthful bravado, and a little time-shifting sleight of hand. Best of all, the story retains much of what made Star Trek special and enduring in the first place: the optimistic view of the future, the intriguing interplay of emotion versus logic, and the stirring camaraderie of colorful characters.

Helmed by ace TV director J.J. Abrams (*Lost*, *Alias*), *Star Trek* is an imaginative origin story that traces the path of the core characters from the original series to show how they end up serving together aboard the starship Enterprise. As expected, the story focuses on the two main characters, James T. Kirk (Chris Pine) and Mr. Spock (Zachary Quinto), and it is their stories that go back the farthest. In fact, Kirk is introduced at birth in a nifty bit of revisionist history that shows his own father as a brash young first officer on a starship under attack. As the elder Kirk takes over command during an ambush, his pregnant wife evacuates in a tiny shuttlecraft. Staying aboard to fight and give his wife and son a chance to sur-

vive, Kirk's father's bravery and courage offers a foreshadowing of the heroics that await the son.

We first meet Spock, half-human and half-Vulcan, as a youth struggling to suppress his emotional side and achieve the perfect rule of logic that guides the Vulcan people. Spock turns down a coveted position in the Vulcan ministry of science to go to Starfleet Academy after a minister expresses surprise that Spock has managed to transcend his human failings and achieve so much.

A feisty and rebellious Iowa farm boy, the young Kirk has a penchant for getting into trouble and goading Starfleet cadets into bar fights. After witnessing one such bar fight, Captain Pike challenges Kirk to live up to his father's legacy by joining Starfleet.

Fate seems to draw Spock and Kirk together as the two meet at Starfleet Academy. When the cocky Kirk arrives determined to complete his officer training in record time, Spock is already an established academy commander and instructor. Different as night and day, the two with the fleet's armada engaged elsewhere, Spock, Captain Pike (Bruce Greenwood) and a group of raw recruits—including Kirk, who was suspended and not supposed to be on the mission—set out aboard the brand new U.S.S. Enterprise in response to a distress call.

The beauty of this film is how it embraces the familiar and expected and makes them feel fresh. As it streams along, the film introduces younger versions of old characters: Dr. Leonard "Bones" McCoy (Karl Urban), Lt. Uhurah (Zoe Saldana), Scotty (Simon Pegg), Checkov (Anton Yelchin) and others. With each entrance of a new character, there is a delicately balanced flood of familiarity and rush of newness. None mimics the cast of old, but somehow

alludes to how each will grow into those familiar characters.

At times, the main plotline involving a vengeful Romulan (Eric Bana) who time travels to the past to destroy the future seems merely serviceable. But *Star Trek* has always been more about character than story, and fans old and new will delight in how this storyline sets this endearing group of character off on their journey together. As always, the differences and unique skills of each character become assets rather than barriers.

The *Star Trek* franchise has traditionally been about ideas as well as characters, and their mission "to explore new worlds" always forced them to explore ethical and personal dilemmas, differing cultures and alien standards of morality. Thankfully, this has also been retained. The film focuses on its two deeply conflicted lead characters. Kirk rebels against his heroic father's legacy. A brilliant but insolent under-achiever, Kirk struggles against taking on his father's mantle and the responsibility that comes with some of his natural abilities. Does he fear failure or simply desire to be his own man?

Spock also has his own "parent issues." Growing up as a scorned "half-breed," he must choose between emotion and logic. Throughout the course of the film, it is clear his emotions are not yet in check. Quinto's Spock often smolders with a labored sense of restraint, in contrast to Leonard Nimoy's cold logic in the original.

The film is also a reminder of *Star Trek*'s optimistic, almost utopian vision of the future. In contrast to dire, dystopian sci-fi classics from *Star Wars* to *Terminator*, *Star Trek* envisions a world where races and worlds coexist in relative harmony, and where the members of Starfleet are explorers as much as soldiers. Such a vision that lifts the spirit and predicts that our better nature will "live long and prosper."

Celebrate your life! Witness for your faith!



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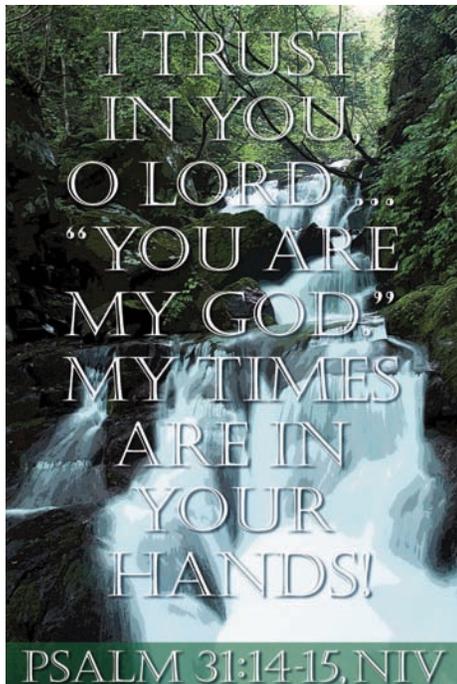
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- This Month's Birthdays*
- June 2 Shannon Leahy
 - June 4 Robert Lindquist Jr.
Megan Hyman
Aspen Chase
 - June 7 Joseph Famulari
Brendan Collazo
Billy Hacker
 - June 9 Autumn Meyer
Nicholas Lyons
 - June 13 Jocelyn Furman
Jennifer Furman
 - June 18 Gavyn Cesarino
 - June 22 Katelyn Erdmann
Donal Morrissey, Jr.
 - June 23 Emily Weiss
 - June 25 Brandon Gessow
Logan Fudal
 - June 28 Matthew Stawecki

Last Day of Sunday School



June 14 will be the last day of Sunday School and there will be a moving up ceremony for 3rd and 4th graders during the 10:00 a.m. service in which 3rd graders will receive a Bible. Also, the children from last year who did not receive Bibles will get them at this time. Sunday School teachers will also be acknowledged..

The next **Link** will be a combined July/August edition. The deadline is June 19.
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