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Edited By George Hoag

Our New Journey

“Today, we all are starting a new journey together, we are in a difficult situation, and we will meet other difficult situations and obstacles. However, don’t be afraid; don’t be disappointed, but rather have hope because God is with us. Have hope because God is making the journey with us. Have hope because God is leading us. Don’t look back. Don’t be afraid of something in front of us. Let’s go forward. Let us make the journey together. This is the journey of hope.”

This is the conclusion of my first Sunday’s sermon at UMC of Patchogue delivered in July 2008. I can clearly remember the first Sunday at UMC of Patchogue. I can still remember very warm and welcoming greeting from the whole congregation, special music during the Service, and the Coffee hour, and the delicious cake, etc.

It is true that we all have made the journey of hope together for two years. Some of you started this journey from the beginning with me and some of you joined us later, but we all have made this journey together. We tried not to be afraid of something in front of us, we didn’t look back, instead we believed God’s promise, God’s

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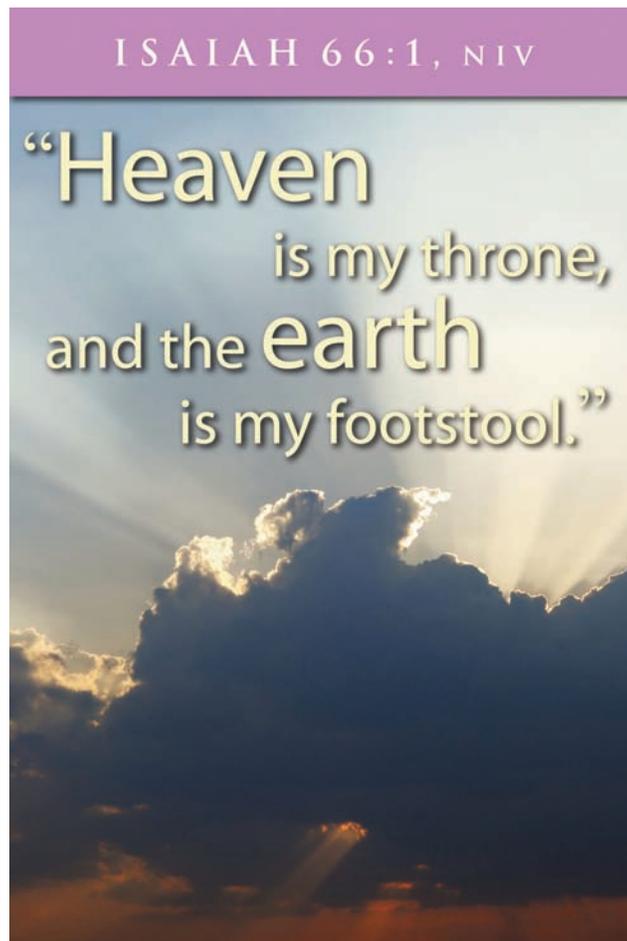
Worship In June

June 6—(2nd Sunday After Pentecost; Color: Green); Psalm 146, Luke 17:11-19; “Your Faith Made You Well”, Rev. In Koo Chung.

June 13—(3rd Sunday After Pentecost; Color: Green); Psalm 5:1-8, Luke 7:36-8:3.

June 20—(4th Sunday After Pentecost; Color: Green); Acts 2:42-47, Luke 8:26-39, “What Makes a Great Church?”, Rev. In Koo Chung.

June 27—(5th Sunday After Pentecost; Color: Green); Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20, Luke 9:51-62.



Circle of Concern

For Bereavement:

Gerry Flood and Anna Satterley.

For Guidance:

Lisa D., Barbara McAllister, Joe Brentlink, Ray Gallo, Ray Clark, Maj. Don Cornwell stationed in South Korea, Cat Placement and Rescue, Christy Wood, Lois Wood, Michael Dellazizzi and family, Michael Amarati, Philip Demacos, Joanne, Robert C. Hiene, the Americo Family, Philip Crandall, Rose Conti and Dean Butera's mother, Bob Pignataro, Irene and Scott Schwartzberg, the Mansfield family on the death of their cousin Rachel Gilligan, Holly Nelson, Elizabeth Biederman's cousin, Jody, that Jody has a healthy delivery and Dylan has no kidney complications at birth, Mario Conti, Don De LaVergne (Linda Werner's nephew), Carol Knapp, and Kevin O'Donnell for comfort and healing over the loss of a loved one, Ron Bose for his broken leg bone, Lisa Prince, the family of Alex Pearson. He is in a nursing home and is the father-in-law of Lenny Pearson.

These Who are Hospitalized:

Josh Boneventure, Christine Quinn's cousin Frank, Nana Grace, Nancy Marshall, Bertha Smith, Lee Hollowell, Mary Payne, John Prodan, Marino Rice, Alice Titus, Harry Watson, John Casale, Debbie Fiore, Kathy Hollowell and Patrick Diamond.

These at Home:

Betty Hansley, Joan Welsh, Joseph Weinzettle, Pat Carlson, Natalie Burnett-Lynch, Kathleen Chodorski, Philip Crandall, Kyra McCarthy, Debi DelRossi, Belle Barile, Tom Furman, Lisa Lopez, Dorotea Sanchez, Mary Jones, Mike Welsh, Hazel Freely, Dave McKendrick, Timothy Oliva's Aunt Susan, John Krulger, Shelly Granger, Marie Lino, Marta, Donna Herrick and Philip Rudolph, Mike Amodio, Jytte & Nils Forensom (Geri Sheridan's relatives in Denmark), Robert Dodge, Suzanne Olivotti-Dodge and Shelly Granger.

These who are in Rehab or Nursing Care Facilities:

Alice Zahnd in Patchogue Nursing Center, 25 Schoenfeld Blvd., Patchogue, NY; Kitty Brunnemer in Cedar Lodge Nursing Home, 6 Frowein Road, Center Moriches, NY 11934; Doris Shrimpton in Bellhaven Nursing Center, 110 Beaverdam Rd., Brookhaven; Hazel Nargi, Rachel Nason 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; Connie Halliwell, Our Lady of Consolation, 111 Beach Drive, West Islip, NY 11795.

* Please contact the Church Office if someone should be removed or added.

Stewardship



The Golf Tournament was a great success this year and involved many Church members. Linda Werner organized the gathering of prize baskets. With the help of Barbara Becker, Wendy Hollowell, and Betty Rice, twenty baskets were wrapped for the fund raiser. A special thank you to all who gave baskets to raise money for this year's fund raiser. Some people gave a few hours, while others worked the whole day. Babette Bishop worked with Betty Rice at the registration of golfers. Betty and Steve Rice both obtained prizes and goody bag items. Lenny Pearson obtained many prize gifts and a lot of used golf balls given as gag gifts.

The following observed the hole-in-one holes on that sunny, yet chilly day: Janet and Jerry Alt, Barry Burrell, Brenda Klingel & grandchild Sasha, Lenny Pearson, Betty Rice, Bob Rogers, Joanne & Steve Shadbolt and Linda Werner.

George Hoag was our accountant/banker. The hero of our tournament was Ed Klingel. Ed got most of the fifty golfers. He also gathered the lion's share of the sponsors. After taking care of the many details of the day, he ended the event as our MC. Thank you Ed, and all who supported this major fund raiser.

We are all thankful for our mothers and thankful to God for all the people who entered our lives to show us the way. Many people made this year's Mother's Day a little nicer. Ted Davies

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

and Bob Prince had a special Mother's Day Geraniums plant sale by the UMM. In total, seventy-two were purchased in memory or to honor our mothers. Barry Burrell, Bob Rogers and I unloaded them Saturday morning. Later, Jerry Alt, Carla Gibson, Margaret & Bob Prince and Bob Rogers wrapped and arranged them around the altar. Steve Rice provided the carnations given to each of our wonderful moms. Thanks to all who helped make this a special day.

Don Kolacki is phenomenal as our Children's Moment speaker. Each week he comes up with a new and colorful way to show how Jesus guides our lives. Recently he compared speaking on a cell phone to talking to Jesus through prayer. On Mother's Day, he reminded us that Jesus while hanging on the cross, asked an apostle to take care of His mother, Mary, when he was gone. Don, we love those children's moments, and please tell us kids, old and young, more.

Our MYF, under the direction of Carla Gibson is dynamic. Recently they made pizza pies at Papa John's on Medford Ave., Patchogue. A retreat at Camp Quinipet on Shelter Island has brought about more contacts with the MYF's in our sister churches. On June 5 they will be going to Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey. It features Christian bands that day. So many people wanted to go that a bus was chartered. The MYF is the future of our Church. We take great pride in their desire to join us in fellowship.

Carla is planning a summer beach day and another outing to Splish-Splash. She hopes to see your teenager there.

The fourth Wesley Dinner was held

on May 21. Our dinners are held on the fourth Thursday of each month for all who would like a home cooked meal.

Chef Steve Shadbolt and family have made some really great meals. Our volunteers make everyone feel welcome. Trudy Mansfield is now scheduling people to serve particular dinners. It is hard for some of us to understand the hunger these people must endure. It is only when we see how much they eat, and remain slim, that we begin to appreciate their plight.

If you have extra food above and beyond what you give to Jim Miller for our Church's Food Pantry, please give it to the Wesley Dinners. You can contact Barbara Becker, Carol Kirschner, or Steve Shadbolt or call the office at 475-0381 to make arrangements to donate food. Wesley Dinners are part of our outreach to the community and is funded by us. All donations will be appreciated. We do ask that if you have frozen items, to please label and date them. That way we know how long we have before using the food.

Our Food Pantry is directed by Jim Miller. Every Tuesday morning from 9 to Noon. Jim dispenses your food donations, those from local supermarkets, and purchases items with the money he receives. He needs large brown paper shopping bags. If you have any, please bring them to Church. Remember to bring your food donations every Sunday. Thanks.

We would like to thank our sexton, Ray Henson, for all his good work. Recently we had to have the state mandated Back Flo Valve inspected. It failed because of sediment in it from last year when Milro broke our water

line coming into the Church. A plumber could have been called, but Ray dismantled, cleaned and put it back on line. Thank you Ray.

In March our Church was hammered by two strong northeasters. We have just received a partial insurance settlement that will allow us to begin roof repairs. We expect additional insurance money to cover interior damage. The roof repair work should begin soon.

This June the old boiler will have to be shut down. Workmen will have to inspect it to determine the extent of the problem and how to fix it. We will keep you updated.

Pastor In Koo Chung and his wife Jin will be leaving us the end of June. On June 20 we will have a farewell reception right after Church. All are invited to say good bye and to wish them well. Please put this date on your calendar and join us. I know that they would like to see you before they move to his new post at a eastern Connecticut parish in July. Hope to see you there!

May God be with you.

—**Dave Hollowell, Stewardship**

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New Journey (from Page 1)

guidance and God's help and we went forward and we are still going forward.

We also have prayed together, we have worked together, we have loved one another, we have helped one another, we have encouraged one another, we have supported one another, and we have reminded one another of the promise of God toward our congregation.

It is true that we faced some difficult situations and obstacles, but it is also VERY TRUE that God always has been there leading us, helping us, and encouraging us. God blessed our church financially, God blessed our Youth group and Sunday School, and God blessed us with new members and new leadership, and God blessed our lives. God blessed abundantly our congregation and our lives.

As a pastor of UMC of Patchogue, during two years of the journey with all of you, I personally experienced God's love, blessings, and faithfulness more than any time in my life. I really thank all of you, who made this journey together with prayers and beliefs.

I am leaving UMC of Patchogue, but I believe our journey of hope is not ended but rather it will continue with new vision and new strength. I pray that UMC of Patchogue can realize God's dream and grow a healthier and stronger faith community. All the loving memories of our time together will remain in my heart, and all of you and UMC of Patchogue will be in my sincere prayer.

May God's grace and love be with you always.

In Christ,

—Pastor In Koo Chung

Meet Paz Maldonado

Paz Maldonado is a slim, neatly dressed young man with a bright smile. We talked one evening before the ESL class, since Paz is a student in that class.

Six years ago, at the age of twenty four, Paz immigrated from El Salvador, in Central America. He shares a home with his mother and three brothers in the area. He and one of his brothers work as landscapers; the other brothers work as masons. Familiar occupations for many immigrants on Long Island. What is a little different about Paz is that he was a teacher in his native country, certified to teach grades one through six. When asked if he enjoyed teaching, his face lit up. "Very much!", he said. "So, why did you leave?" His face lost some of its glow. "Very low salaries." "The government pays very little." He proudly showed me his ID card that listed his profession as teacher.

So, like so many others who cannot sustain a decent living in their native lands, Paz made his way to the United States. He is fortunate to have family to live with, share expenses, and receive emotional support. Still, the often backbreaking work of landscaping, while providing a better income than he could ever earn in El Salvador, is a far cry from teaching. Paz has a dream, though. He sustains himself with the hope that someday he might become a citizen of this country and he will be able to once again enthusiastically teach young minds. He knows he must gain a good command of English and so not only attends our ESL class, but also goes to BOCES classes two nights a week. He clearly has been studying hard, since his English was more than good enough to provide me with all this information. (Heaven knows, my command of Spanish could not have gotten us much further than "OLA".)

When I asked Paz what he missed most about his native country, a wistful look made him seem much younger than his thirty years. "My grandparents," he said. "I miss them a lot."

My hope is that Paz achieves his dream. He seems to be exactly the kind of person who will be an asset to this community and to his adopted country.

—Barbara Becker

A Stitch Of Faith Prayer Shawl Ministry

I am happy to say that I have had help with making prayer shawls from Kathie Loris and Linda Stawecki. They are truly angels—we have not had many money donations so we usually supply the yarn our selves. Thank you ladies for your dedication.

I have a story to share—

Linda had made a prayer shawl for Anna Satterly. I blessed it and kept it in a bag, not knowing how to deliver this to someone I did not know. On this past Sunday, Mother's Day, I decided I had to give this shawl to Anna, so off I went to the nursing home. I had never been there before and was directed to Anna's room. She was not able to speak and was being fed by a nurses aide.

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<i>20</i> 10 a.m.—Worship <i>Counters: Debbie Kolacki and Kate Weber</i>	<i>21</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>22</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> 5:00–6:00 p.m.— Wesley Dinner 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 10 a.m.—Worship 11:30 a.m.— Finance 7:00 p.m.—Healing Service <i>Counters: Brenda Klingel and Joanne Shadbolt</i>	<i>28</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>29</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>30</i>			

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Catholic-Jewish Court Is A Sign of Change

Of the 111 justices who have served on the U.S. Supreme Court, 91 have been Protestant. But if Solicitor General Elena Kagan is confirmed as the 112th justice, no Protestants will sit on the nation's highest court for the first time in history.

Kagan, who is Jewish, would join a bench that already includes six Catholics and two Jews.

The good news is that it's a significant turning point in a country where Catholics and Jews have faced centuries of discrimination because of their faith.

For some observers, the news is also bitter-sweet because a tradition of influential Protestant voices that has included United Methodist Justice Harry Blackmun will be missing from the court.

"Certainly, prejudice against Roman Catholics and Jews has been greatly reduced in recent decades, and we can and should be thankful for that fact. I seriously doubt the vast majority of Americans are concerned about the religious background of Supreme Court justices," said Jim Winkler, the top executive of the United Methodist Board of Church and Society.

"Nevertheless, I hope President Obama will give serious consideration when making future appointments to the court to naming a Protestant. Balance on the court is important," he said.

Transcending quotas

At one time, presidents would determine who was best to fill an unofficial "Catholic seat" or "Jewish seat" on the bench.

Religious diversity has not always been easy. Justice Louis Brandeis received a chilly reception when he became the first Jew appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1916. Fellow Justice James C. McReynolds refused to shake the

hand of or even speak to Brandeis for his first three years on the court and likewise shunned Justice Benjamin Cardozo, the court's second Jewish justice.

If Kagan is confirmed, as expected, she will join fellow Jews Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer. Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Sonia Sotomayor are all Catholics.

Blackmun, who served from 1970 to 1994, was the most recent United Methodist to serve on the high court. Four other members of the United Methodist Church's predecessor churches served on the court. They included John McLean, who served 1830-61; Lucius Q.C. Lamar, 1888-93; Frederick Vinson, 1946-53; and Charles Whittaker, 1957-62

Does it matter if the court no longer has any Protestant justices?

Not much, say some observers.

"It sounds obvious, but I think the court is a court of law and the justices' job is to answer questions of law," said H. Jefferson Powell, a professor of law and religion at Duke University.

"In one sense, of course, who you are influences the way you answer questions of law. Complex legal issues can't be answered algorithmically. But a court of nine people can't be a truly representative body of the wider U.S. public."

The U.S. Constitution specifically bans a "religious test" be required to hold any office in the United States, and that's how it should remain, Powell said.

Faith matters

Religious views have some influence, observers said.

"After all, religious values have a way of affecting what people define as justice," said William B. Lawrence, dean of Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of

Theology in Dallas. Lawrence was Blackmun's pastor at Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., after the late justice retired from the Supreme Court.

Nevertheless, Lawrence thinks the absence of Protestants on the court won't make much of a difference.

"Protestant is such a multivalent term," he said. "It includes Quakers, Baptists, Pentecostals and Episcopalians. It's hard to say what brand of Protestant we have in mind. ...One can make the case that Southern Baptists have more in common theologically and ideologically with Roman Catholics than they do with United Methodists."

Justice Harry Blackmun Powell said while religion often informs how justices might go about making legal arguments, it rarely has an impact on their individual decisions.

He pointed out that the Catholic Sotomayor is widely expected to vote more often with the court's liberal bloc that includes Ginsburg and Breyer than her co-religionists Scalia and Alito.

Powell formerly served as principal deputy solicitor general in the Clinton administration and knew Kagan, who was a White House adviser. He thinks she is an "excellent" choice.

"I think this change should not excite any comment or cause any pause."

Retired United Methodist Bishop Melvin Talbert agreed.

"I would not want us as Protestants to begin a rallying cry for more Protestants on the court," said Talbert, who formerly served as president of the National Council of Churches.

He was delighted, he said, when he learned that Kagan had clerked for Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first African American on the Supreme Court. "What I'm looking for is someone who is going to do justice."

—Heather Hahn, United Methodist News Service

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A Stitch of Faith (from Page 4)

I explained the prayer shawl and told her that Linda had prayed for her as she made this beautiful shawl. Anna had tears in her eyes, as did I. On my way out I ran into her daughter, whom I do remember sitting behind on Sunday mornings. She thought she remembered me. I explained the shawl and that it was made for her mom by Linda and she thanked me and said “mom is not good”. I would not know until four days later when I received the e-mail that Anna had gone to be with the Lord, how close she was to the end of this life to begin her new life with our Lord.

I truly believe the Lord sent me on that special day and that just maybe Anna needed the shawl to pass. I have seen this before in my own experience. I have helped the passing of two loved ones with my shawls.

This prayer shawl ministry is truly rewarding..

If you know of someone in need of a shawl—and remember that they can also be made for a celebration—upcoming wedding, baby-christening, graduation—please put a request in the offering plate with a name and the request for prayers. If you are able to make a donation, the average price for a shawl or blanket is \$20.00.

Thank you for your support. Help us to help others.

—Your sister in Christ, Denise Whalen