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## The United Methodist Church of Patchogue

June 2011

Edited By George Hoag

### Thank You

Words cannot express my appreciation to everyone for the outpouring of love that I received for my 40th birthday.

I never dreamt that I would be the pastor of this great church for almost a year now. But I also never thought I would have so many members and friends who would love and support me and my family. I have a long list of thanks to convey to God today.

And we had a great Holy Week here at Patchogue UMC, by far one of my most memorable. It was encouraging to see so many people worship and praise God on Easter Sunday morning. I am so grateful to all the leadership. Thanks to all of those who attended.

We now must continue our journey without hesitation so we can emerge as a victorious church. And I am excited about the activities that we have planned for the spring. As we prepare to complete a challenging time, I believe that God has something special for us to do and to receive.

I look forward to continuing our striving towards excellence together. Again, thank you for your love and support.

—**Pastor Sanchez**

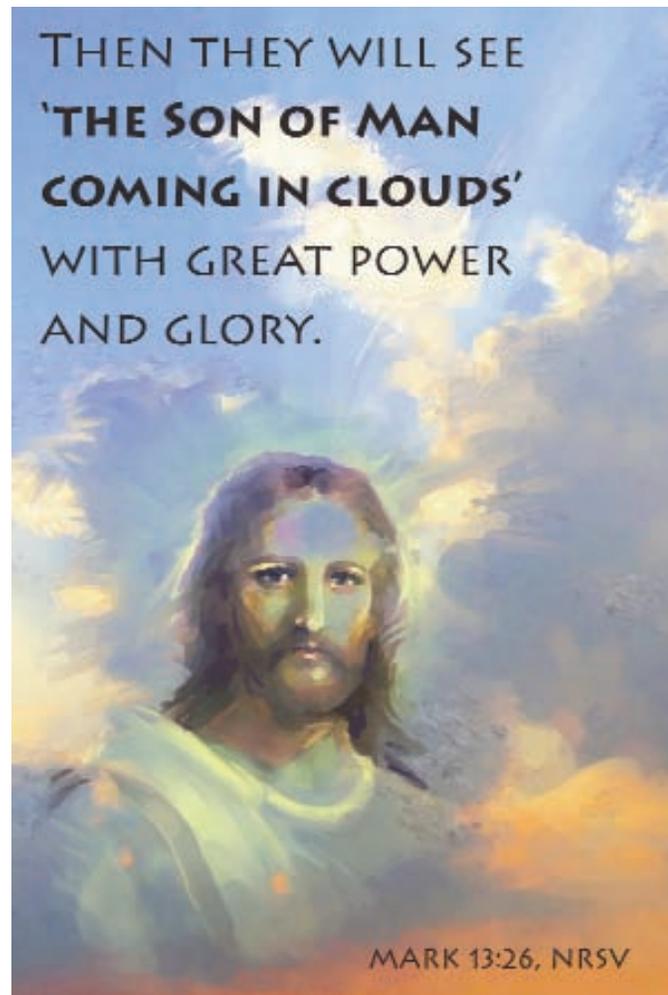
### Worship In June

**June 5**—Rev. Ernesto Sanchez: *Prayer for the People*; John 17:1-11, Psalm 68:1-10.

**June 12**—Rev. Ernesto Sanchez: *The Language of the Heart*; Acts 2:1-21, Ezekiel 36: 26-28.

**June 19**—Rev. Ernesto Sanchez: *The Bookends of God's Promise*; Matthew 28:16-20, Daniel 3:52-56.

**June 26**—Lay Speaker Ernest Ikpe; Matthew 10:40-42, Genesis: 22:1-14.



# Circle of Concern

## ***For Bereavement:***

For the Family and Friends of Anna Bonfe. For the Family and Friends of Gary Olsen. For the Family and Friends of Antoinette "Tony" Romeo, owner of Ruland Funeral Home., Rose Fiore.

## ***For Guidance:***

Lisa D., Barbara McAllister, Ray Clark, Maj. Don Cornwell stationed in South Korea, Cat Placement and Rescue, Christy Wood, Michael Dellazizzi and family, Michael Amarati, Philip Demacos, Joanne, Robert C. Hiene, the Americo Family, Rose Conti, Holly Nelson, Don De LaVergne (Linda Werner's nephew), Kevin O'Donnell for comfort and healing over the loss of a loved one, Lisa Prince, the family of Alex Pearson, he is in a nursing home, he is the father-in-law of Lenny Pearson, Joan, the Neuman family, Nancy Rogers for comfort and healing, Wildredo Franco, Mary (co-worker of Betty Rice), Monica, Patrick Keena, Sheila Dreaper, Frank Whalen, Walt Stawecki's mother, Theresa Rubano, Sofia and her family, Megan Prince, Dayne Davis, John Casale, Courtney Sweeney (Pat Carlson's daughter), Our Troops and Veterans, Dean and family, Jean Eid, Rachel Nason, all those who have lost their jobs, Eileen Paduano, Carlos Alvarado, for the Nations of Africa, Tim and Paul, Christine, Mr. Bralla, Pete and Carol Moore, prayers of comfort for police and fireman and all those who risk their lives to make ours safe and better, Glenn Hollins, Raquel Miller, Emma Easley, Tom, Mike, Matt, Brian, Justin, Ray Anderson, Lori, George Werner, Irene Catalino, for all the people of Japan, Libya and other middle Eastern countries. Amanda Lee Domale's brothers: one is in Afganistan and the other is leaving for Iraq, Bonnie Abbott's upcoming operation, Justin and Dean Angell, Pat, Lisa, Ben and baby Anna., Emmaus Teams and Pilgrims. Prayers for the victims of the severe weather down south.

## ***These Who are Hospitalized:***

Josh Boneventure, Frank, Nana Grace, Nancy Marshall, Bertha Smith, Lee Hollowell, Mary Payne, Harry Watson, Debbie Fiore, Patrick Diamond, John Vanderzalm, Layden John Clark, Candice Sweeney, Mary Zatorski, Dan, Peter Moor (Kathie Loris' father), Ernest Boyd, Chris, Phil Ianello, Carol Georke, Emily, Sue Buck, Earl Hartsfield, Mike D., Joseph Hawthorne., Emma Rasley, Mr. Tallon, Angelo, Kelly Seeman, Rebecca Hendersen, Jim Pew, Gil Brown, Pat Ward, Grace Richardson (Dianne Adone's mother), David Vincent, Pat, Randy Rogers, Christina Broom, Barbara Asmus.

## ***These at Home:***

Betty Hansley, Joan Welsh, Joseph Weinzettle, Natalie Burnett-Lynch, Kathleen Chodorski, Kyra McCarthy, Debi DelRossi, Belle Barile, Tom Furman, Lisa Lopez, Dorotea Sanchez, Mary Jones, Mike Welsh, Timothy Oliva's Aunt Susan, John Krulger, Shelly Granger, Marie Lino, Marta, Donna Herrick and Philip Rudolph, Jytte & Nils Sorensen (Geri Sheridan's relatives in Denmark), Robert Dodge and Suzanne Olivotti-Dodge, Sandy Burrell, Ted Davies, John Casale, Mr. O'Keefe, Lorraine Greco, Paul Rice, Sharon Kaminski, Emily Navidad, former

Patchogue Village Justice, Donald Howie, John Layton, Grace Richardson, the Moultrre Family, William Loris Sr., Dave Hollowell, Kim Farrel's daughter, Ceil Witt, June Barile's parents, Marilyn Franco, Richard Sangiovanni, Muriel Vilar, Janet Higby, Guillermina Alverio (Pastor Sanchez's mother.), Jim Miller, Catherine Interrante, Holden Lentini.

## ***These who are in Rehab or Nursing Care Facilities:***

Alice Zahnd in Patchogue Nursing Center, 25 Schoenfeld Blvd., Patchogue.

Kitty Brunnemer in Cedar Lodge Nursing Home, 6 Frowein Road, Center Moriches, NY 11934.

Hazel Nargi in McPeak's Adult Home, 286 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue.

Anna Bonfe, Rm. 201, Cunningham Bldg, Loretto Rest, 708 E. Brighton Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205.

Nancy Rogers in I.C.F. , S. #1, wing C, 283 Route 25A, Shoreham, NY 11786

Rachel Nason in McPeak's Adult Home, 286 N. Ocean Ave., Patchogue.

*Pray for our church and her future directions!*

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The next edition of ***TheLINK*** covers two months, July-August. The deadline for contribution is June10. Please e-mail your copy to [gbhoag@optonline.net](mailto:gbhoag@optonline.net).

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

## Stewardship

Our good stewards have stepped up to the plate again, faithfully serving Jesus and our church.

Our Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays every week of the year helping to serve the Patchogue community. Jim Miller works hard collecting and purchasing needed food. We are fortunate that some dedicated good stewards support this important outreach mission. The IRS provides car loads of food every 2-3 weeks. The Bayport Methodist Church provides food and money several times a year. Patchogue Rotary has given Jim a check once a year for the Pantry. Our church family provides a good portion of the food and funds to purchase what is needed. There has been an increase in the number of people coming on Tuesday mornings in need of food and clothing. Thanks to your generosity we are feeding and clothing those in need.

The Wesley Dinners are a classic example of the loaves and fishes parable. They began with a grant of \$2,000 in 2009 yet today they have fed over a thousand people but still have over \$1,800 in their account. We have received large donations from Island Harvest. A grant of \$2000 is coming to Wesley Dinners through County Legislator Jack Eddington's office. Beginning in September, Wesley Dinners will be doubled, provided the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Thanks to the many volunteers and especially our chef, Steve Shadbolt and family for their dedication. We are grateful, too, to Jerry and Janet Alt who have provided a brand new 100 cup coffee pot for our kitchen.

As we get older, it seems that we sometimes lose our ability to hear well.

Many years ago, there was a system installed in the sanctuary to aide those with hearing problems. Thanks to Linda and George Werner, four new hearing assisted head sets were introduced just before Easter. On Easter Sunday, four of the sets were in use. Thank you George and Linda.

The red brick walkway between Church St. and S. Ocean Ave. was installed by our MYF back in the 1980's. After 25 years of hard traffic and weathering, the tiles are starting to disintegrate. Barry Burrell, Ray Henson, Lenny Pearson, Steve Rice and I replaced ten percent of them on May 10th. Many more will have to be replaced each year.

Barry Burrell, our newest Trustee, has become our coordinator with contractors for repairs of the church and parsonage. We thank him for replacing the bulbs in our cross in Wesley Hall. Now we can see it lit up.

Debbie and Don Kolacki reacted to our church office request for emergency food for those who come when the Food Pantry is not open.

I was there one Wednesday when an obviously hungry man pleaded for something to eat. Fortunately there was one last package of emergency food. Thanks to the Kolackis, we now have a new supply of food packages to feed the hungry. Thank you for your compassion.

Tom Bracken, our Finance Secretary, championed the last matching grant campaign. It ended successfully with more than \$10,000 being raised. Tom is running this matching grant campaign using "bricks" to fill an outline of the church. These bricks will be in \$50, \$100 and larger amounts. Already \$2,050 has been donated. Please buy

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your brick and let us match this new grant. Our outstanding bills are over \$26,000.



Help has come for our 100 year-old inefficient boiler. On May 14th,

we had our first Murder Mystery Dinner, *A Family To Die For* by Lawrence Boddy, who also produced and directed it. Larry and his fellow actors: Victoria Gooden, Ann Morelli, Laura Parrella and Christopher Fretto entertained us with a fun filled night of theater and good food. Seven of our own thespians took part in the play. They were Tom Bracken, Wendy Hollowell, Betty and Steve Rice, Jelixa Sanchez, Geri Sheridan and Frank Whalen. Barbara Becker helped set up, Denise Whalen proctored the fun quiz given during dessert, and Bonnie Abbott provided the door prizes, and obtained 15 cooked chickens as a gift from Sam's Club.

The delicious chicken dinner was prepared by Chef Steve Shadbolt with the able assistance of his wife, Joanne and daughter, Courtney, and Lenny Pearson. Lenny supplied Wesley Hall with new curtains also. Betty Rice obtained a donation of Duncan Donuts from the Main Street Patchogue location. Like many others, she also brought in a home made dessert. We Methodists love our sweets. The Brick House Brewery donated two big trays of mashed potatoes. Robertaccios Funeral Home also gave a donation.

With most of the proceeds counted,  
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we raised \$1,400 towards a new boiler. Many more volunteers worked to make it a success. Dawn Hollowell designed the posters. Chris Saas worked tirelessly promoting the play, working on the program and writing thank you letters. Our MYF and their advisor, Carla Gibson served all the food and helped clean up. These helpers were Willow Helmkamp, Lilla, Jelixa and Abdiel Sanchez, Kyra Cash and Courtney Shadbolt. We would also like to thank Marge Miller who won the 50/50 and graciously gave the money to the boiler fund. Thanks to everyone who made this event a success. May God bless all of you.

Don't forget the picnic on June 12th directly after church at the Holtsville Ecology site. This will be another fun filled social event.

—**Dave Hollowell**

## The Church Treasurer's Lamentation

We gather together to fight over money,  
The Trustees and Finance both want their fair share.  
We all seek God's promise of milk and of honey,  
But when it is cash, we all tear out our hair.  
Beside us to guide us, we have Pastor Tito,  
He asks us for harmony, knowing it's best;  
But Finance and Trustees (and, Lord knows, even me, too)  
Have passionate agendas, the heck with the rest!  
I'm tired of scrambling to pay all the late fees,  
The half-year-old bills that our cash won't allow,  
The darn early payrolls, the grass and the snow,  
My commitment must be over, O Lord, take me now!

—**Tom Bracken**

## What's Cool In Sunday School

The fact that our school year is almost over boggles my mind. This has been an insanely busy, gratifying, and wonderful experience for me. I want to thank all the Sunday School teachers for all their hard work and support. Thank you to all the parents who helped out whenever I needed them. And thank you to my wonderful church family for all your love and support.

There are a few dates that I'd like to make you aware of.

**June 5**—There will be a moving-up ceremony for our children who will be entering the third grade next year. Bibles will be given to those children. Also, there will be a small ceremony of appreciation for our Sunday school teachers.

**June 12**—Confirmation Sunday, Church picnic, and the last day of Sunday School

**July 11-15**—Vacation Bible School will be held from 9:00-12:00.

If you are interested in helping out with Vacation Bible School or would like to teach next year, please see me after church or call me at 730-8520.

—**Elizabeth Biederman, Sunday School Superintendent**

## More Sunday School News

Our 3rd-5th grade Sunday school class is a small but energetic group. This semester, we studied the teachings of Jesus with a special emphasis on his parables and watched a Claymation movie about Jesus' life called The Miracle Maker. We also learned about the seasons of Lent and Easter; our class loves crafts and enjoyed making

projects such as rainbow colored crosses to remind us of Jesus' love for us. On Palm Sunday we had a "walk" in our classroom to different stations which stood for the days in Holy Week.

A special thank you to Dave Hollowell and Ray Hensen for providing the Sunday school classroom with a chalkboard and additional outlets for our TV and computers. Thank you also to all those who donated furniture for our classroom and to Marilyn and Wilfredo Franco who obtained a TV and computer monitors for the room.

We encourage our parents to bring their children to Sunday school each week so they can grow in their faith.

—**Debbie and Don Kolacki, 3rd-5th Grade Sunday School teachers**

## New Website Address

**Our website can now be found at a new, easier to recall destination: PatchogueUMC.org.**

Our old address continues to work for now but eventually we will be completely converted to the new address. Make a note of it.

All of our worship services are video live streamed through a link on the website. When live services are not in progress, the live link will take you to a recording of our last service. Previous services are also available.

## Help For The Hard of Hearing

With a generous donation by George and Linda Werner, our church has purchased a hearing assistance system. Congregation members can request an individual headphone receiver to more easily follow the service.

# United Methodist Church of Patchogue

## June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 7:00 p.m.—Bible Study	<i>2</i> 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<i>3</i> 7:00 p.m.—NA 7:00 p.m.—Recovery	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> 10 a.m.—Communion Worship/Third Grade Moving Up Ceremony 11:30—Church Council Counters: Linda Werner and Dave Hollowell	<i>6</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>7</i> 10 a.m.—Noon—Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.—Recovery	<i>8</i> 7:00 p.m.—Bible Study	<i>9</i> 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<i>10</i> 7:00 p.m.—NA 7:00 p.m.—Recovery	<i>11</i> 4:00 p.m.—UMW Tea
<i>12</i> 10 a.m.—Worship/Confirmation Last Day of Sunday School 12:00—Church Picnic  Counters: Lenny Pearson and Carol Kirshner	<i>13</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>14</i> 10 a.m.—Noon—Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.—Recovery	<i>15</i> 7:00 p.m.—Bible Study	<i>16</i> 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<i>17</i> 7:00 p.m.—NA 7:00 p.m.—Recovery	<i>18</i> 9:30 a.m.—UMW Meeting
<i>19</i> 10 a.m.—Worship  Counters: Carolyn Willis Falvey and Kate Weber	<i>20</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>21</i> 10 a.m.—Noon—Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.—Recovery	<i>22</i> 7:00 p.m.—Bible Study	<i>23</i> 5:00 p.m.—Wesley Dinner 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<i>24</i> 7:00 p.m.—NA 7:00 p.m.—Recovery	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 10 a.m.—Worship  Counters: Brenda Klingel and Joanne Shadbolt	<i>27</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>28</i> 10 a.m.—Noon—Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.—Recovery	<i>29</i> 7:00 p.m.—Bible Study	<i>30</i> 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal		

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June 12

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## Methodist Denomination Faces Sizeable Budget Cuts

While the U.S. Congress is hammering out a 2012 budget, United Methodists are engaging in a yearlong effort to craft denominational budgets for the years 2013 to 2016.

Unlike protracted budget debates on Capitol Hill, two groups responsible for denominational budgets concluded their scheduled May 9-12 meeting one day early.

The 40-member General Council on Finance and Administration and the 60-member Connectional Table quickly accepted proposed "realistic" overall budget reductions of 6.04 percent presented by a GCFA committee and line-item recommendations for denominational agencies worked out by their top staff executives.

The two bodies voted to reduce World Service, the fund that supports the ministries of the general agencies, by 6.6 percent.

After the two bodies approved the provisional budget of \$603 million for all seven general apportionments, they agreed to meet again July 27-29 in Nashville to review the budgets before sending them to the 2012 General Conference, the top legislative body of the 12 million-member denomination.

In the meantime — in consultation with agency executives — three GCFA members and three Connectional Table members will consider the financial implications of proposals expected from the Interim Operations Team and the impact on provisional budgets approved at the May meeting in Nashville.

### Reduced funds

Reductions in the number of members in U.S. congregations and declining revenue already have forced general agencies to eliminate some staff positions and programs. The number of staff positions in 13 general agencies has decreased every year, from 3,139 in 1971 to 1,384 in 2010.

While budgets for the agencies have increased over previous years, the income has not kept pace with inflation. Now, for the first time in the history of the denomination, even the best-case budget projection called for a reduction in the actual dollars available for the seven general church apportionments for the 2013-16 quadrennium.

Agency staffers were asked to prepare detailed budgets for pessimistic, realistic and optimistic amounts.

Factors that go into budget projections include: church membership, inflation, per-capita disposable income, "giving elasticity" (percent of giving from increased revenue), net spending and the U.S. gross domestic product.

During the previous week, a finance committee of the Council of Bishops proposed asking GCFA and the Connectional Table to recommend the most pessimistic projection calling for a 14.8 percent reduction in World Service monies. Some bishops, who struggle to get their churches to pay 100 percent of their apportionments, favored the lower budgets. After considerable debate, the proposal was defeated.

There were also recommendations at the GCFA and Connectional Table meeting to propose the 14.8 percent reduction and to save the balance for emerging ministries. With the understanding that the proposed budget will again be reviewed in July, those recommendations were defeated by a sizeable margin.

### Some reductions already in place

Some agencies have already agreed to reduce future costs by: 1) sharing finance and human resources personnel; 2) freezing salaries; 3) reducing staff and programs; 4) asking staff to pay a higher percentage of health-care insurance; 5) holding virtual board meetings; 6) publishing electronic newsletters; 7) printing only on demand; and 8) utilizing online tools and websites.

Agency staff and officers say that proposed budget cuts in the 2013-16 quadrennium will reduce: 1) disaster-recovery funds; 2) diversity and justice ministries; 3) interfaith relations; 4) communications; 5) the number of new churches; 6) revitalization efforts in existing congregations; 7) efforts to improve global health; 8) scholarship and education funds; and 9) leadership training and spiritual-development opportunities.

A Connectional Table review of the agencies found that they have been working together to provide resources to local churches and annual conferences in spite of reduced financial resources.

### Change proposed for apportionment system

An Apportionment Structure Study Group asked the two organizations to consider recommending a single United Methodist Fund to replace the present seven apportionments. The group proposes listing all agencies and ministries supported by the one fund and their percentage of the total.

### Two cents of every dollar

Slightly over a penny of every dollar given by local church members in the United States supports the ministries of general agencies through the World Service Fund. A total of 2 cents goes to all seven general apportionments, including World Service. About 8 cents supports programs in the district, annual (regional) conference and jurisdiction, and 90 cents is retained by local churches for administrative costs and ministries.

According to the General Council on Finance and Administration, the 7.7 million members in some 35,500 churches in the United States had expenditures totaling \$6.2 billion in 2009. Of that total, churches paid \$126.3 million (2.03 percent) to seven general church apportionments (79 percent of the \$159.3 million budgeted).

—Rich Peck, *UM News Service*

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## UMW



All women of the church, of all ages, are invited to attend a High Tea on June 11, at 4:00 p.m. In addition to the traditional menu—scones, tea sandwiches, cakes, cookies, and, of course, a variety of teas—we will have a program that celebrates the vital and joyous role of women in our church. The afternoon will conclude with a mini auction, conducted by Joan

Curtis. (Dr. J). For those of you who have not experienced Joan's auctioneering skills, well, let's just say you're in for a treat.

The regular monthly meeting will be held on June 18 (Sat.) at 9:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

October will be here before you realize summer's come and gone. The UMW retreat will take place at Camp Quinipet, Shelter Island, from Sept. 30 through Oct. 2. It is always both an opportunity for spiritual growth and for sharing a good time with good women. There are a small number of vacancies. If you are interested in attending, please see me or Joan Curtis or Lorraine Brenner. A \$25 deposit will hold your spot. If you can't come for the full 3 days, just come on Saturday, if that works better for you. Rates are prorated and include food.

—Barbara Becker



6/1 Shannon Leahy  
6/3 Megan Hyman  
6/4 Aspen Chase

6/7 Joseph Famulari

Brendan Collazo

Billy Hacker

6/9 Autumn Meyer

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6/13 Jocelyn Furman

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6/18 Gavyn Cesarino

6/22 Donal Morrissey, Jr.

6/23 Emily Weiss

6/25 Brandon Gessow

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6/28 Matthew Stawecki