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The United Methodist Church of Patchogue

May 2010

Edited By George Hoag

New Pastor July 1



In Koo Chung, our pastor for two years, will leave our congregation at the end of June to take a church in

Canton, CT, closer to his wife's student home in Boston. To replace him, N.Y. Annual Conference Bishop Jeremiah J. Park, with the approval of our local Staff Parish Relations Committee, has appointed Rev. Ernesto Sanchez. Rev. Sanchez now serves churches in Central Islip and Hauppauge. He and his wife Ivette, their 16 year old daughter Jelixa, and 12 year old son Abdiel, will be moving into the parsonage about July 1.

Ernesto Sanchez was born in Brooklyn New York on a Mother's Day, May 12, 1971. His parents moved there from Puerto Rico. He has a sister Marisol, a year older. The Sanchez family moved a lot as Rev. Sanchez recalls, so he got used to traveling at a very early age. Rev. Sanchez also lived in Newark, New Jersey and San Francisco before moving to Puerto Rico in 1982 where he remained until 2005 before returning to the Big Apple. As a young

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Worship In May

May 2— (5th Sunday Of Easter; Color: White); Psalm 67, John 14:23-29; "Our Mothers", Rev. In Koo Chung

May 9—(6th Sunday Of Easter; Mother's Day; Color: White); Psalm 148, John 13:31-35; "Jesus New Command", Rev. In Koo Chung

May 16— (Ascension Sunday; Color: White); Acts 1:1-11, Luke 24:44-53; "On Christ's Ascension...", Rev. In Koo Chung

May 23—(Pentecost Sunday; Color: Red); Acts 2:1-21, John 14:8-17; "Church Be Alive and Soar", Rev. In Koo Chung

May 30— (Trinity Sunday; Color: White); Psalm 8, John 16:12-15; "Trinity", Rev. In Koo Chung



**"Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and...
honor and glory and praise!"**

Revelation 5:12, NIV

Circle of Concern

Stewardship

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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.)

These Who are Hospitalized:

Josh Boneventure, Christine Quinn's cousin Frank, Nana Grace, Nancy Marshall, Bertha Smith, Lee Hollowell, Mary Payne, John Prodan and Connie Ott's grandson, Roberto (Bayport UMC), 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; Anna Satterly in Brookhaven Health Care Facility, 801 Gazzola Drive, East Patchogue, NY 11772; 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, 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.

This year's Holy Week ending Lent was a spiritual and glorious event. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday carried us through a period of introspection, self examination and repentance. The moving Good Friday evening service was made more meaningful after the readings from "The Passion of Jesus Christ" and by Debbie Kolacki's presentation of the Stations of the Cross.

The pain and anguish that Christ suffered for our salvation moved all who attended.

Many helped to make Holy Week possible. Our beloved pastor In Koo Chung guided us through this most holy time. Geri Sheridan made our sanctuary a special and beautiful place to worship. A lot of the work of arranging was done by Lenny Pearson with the help of our women and men, who wrapped the plants for our Easter Plant Sale.

The Palm Sunday Breakfast was a great success. Many good stewards worked to feed our congregation literally and spiritually. With the guidance of Bob Prince at the breakfast and then at the plant sale on Good Friday and Saturday, we raised money to do God's work. Ted Davies worked behind the scenes ordering the plants and setting up deliveries. The sale provides funds for scholarships for our college bound young adults. Remaining funds are donated to the Church general fund and to sponsor the Church Picnic. On a personal note, I want to thank those members of the Confirmation Class for their support in setting up and the breaking down the tent. As many of us are gray and aged,

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

carrying tables becomes a challenge. Our youth made this task so much easier. Thank you.

Our Sunday School and Youth Fellowship is a beehive of activity this spring. Superintendent Barbara Schroeder has focused our children's awareness of world hunger through many programs. Our kids have raised over \$1,600 for the Heifer International, and World Vision Famine Relief Programs. Carla Gibson, MYF leader, and the Confirmation Class raised money for these funds through the kids obtaining sponsors for the 30 Hour Famine. Raquel Miller is shepherding a "Chores for Change" program where our kids get paid for chores and then donate the money toward world hunger. Francesca Artus began a "Hearts for Haiti" program, derived from valentines, to raise money for Haiti. All these programs will run through June. Let us all join our children in doing our Lord's work in feeding the hungry.

Child care is provided in the Church nursery each week for infants and toddlers up to the age of 3. The nursery is located off Wesley Hall. Please ask an usher for assistance if you need help locating the nursery.

There are Sunday school classes for children ages 3 through high school each week, except on Communion Sundays (the first Sunday of each month) when the children stay and participate in the communion worship service. The children and youth attend the beginning of the worship service on the other Sundays and leave for classes after the children's message.

Carla Gibson is planning a MYF (Methodist Youth Fellowship) outing

to Great Adventure for June 5. A number of Christian bands will be playing in the park that day. If enough people are interested, a bus could be chartered. Would you like a fun filled day in a great amusement park? Please contact Carla at 750-3557 or talk to her after Church. Chaperones would be appreciated. Thank you Carla for all you do.

The second Wesley Dinner was held on March 25. There were almost as many attending this one as in February. More flyers and reminders need to be given out. Forty plus meals were served. Many came back for seconds and take-home meals were given to those requesting them. Thanks again to Steve Shadbolt and family for preparing the meal. Lenny Pearson was in charge of the March meal as Steve was out of town. Volunteers are now being invited to work on assigned Thursday evenings. Praise be to God that we have more dedicated stewards willing to work than we need at each dinner.

We need ushers. Steve Rice is coordinating our ushers for Sunday services and special events. The job description entails being in Church on Sunday at 9:30, passing out bulletins, greeting old friends, making new ones and taking up the collection. Please call or talk to Steve in Church and be an usher once a month. Steve's telephone number is 445-7977.

March was a stormy month. On Saturday, March 13th, our Church was battered by a severe Northeaster. Winds were clocked at over sixty miles an hour. These tore slate shingles off the belfry and other roofs. The wide copper flashing in several areas was torn back or left hanging precariously. The torrential rain literally poured into the Church in some areas. A second

severe storm on March 29-30 unleashed six inches of rain that caused more damage to our grand old Church. The insurance company was contacted and their adjuster has visited for a survey of the damage. Proposals were obtained for the repairs and we hope to begin repairing the damage soon.

Barry Burrell and I made emergency repairs to the large flat roof above the south east corner of the sanctuary. It was blown up in the first storm and rolled back exposing a large area. On Sunday March 21, Kevin Leahy, Bob Prince, Steve & Brian Shadbolt and I removed a loose four foot section of capping over the sanctuary bathroom. Barry replaced the burned out receptacle that provides light in our outside sign facing South Ocean Ave. That circuit also controls the rear of the sanctuary receptacles, foyer and bathroom lights. Thanks to all who helped to patch or meet with contractors.

May God be with you.

—*Dave Hollowell*

Golf Tournament



Our Golf Classic 2010 will be held Monday, May 10 at Bellport Country Club.

The tee off time this year is 11:00 a.m.

Brochures are available in the church office. This is a major fund raiser for us. We need golfers and also tee signs sold. Please think about your golfer friends, vendors and colleagues. We are also collecting baskets as raffle prizes.

The deadline for the June edition of **The Link** is May 14. Please e-mail your copy to gbhoag@optonline.net.

Celebrate your life! Witness for your faith!

New Pastor (from Page 1)

man coming from a very poor family, Rev. Sanchez had many struggles and challenges to face. During his childhood and younger years in spite of everything, he was always known to be a big dreamer. At the age of 17 he started to become very musically inclined and learned to play various instruments. Music was his passion, but little did he know that that was not God's entire plan for his life. Pastor Sanchez comes from a long line of Pastors in his family, eight to be exact. Because of this he never really thought of being called into ministry as his calling for he thought that eight was enough!

Rev. Sanchez was very shy so even the thought of being in public was not in his particular list of favorite things to do. The truth is that God was really calling him to follow and it took some time to accept this call but eventually he surrendered his life along with all his dreams, talents and gifts, trusting that God knew what he was doing. Rev. Sanchez started his life in the ministry as a music minister at his local church. In 1998 he started his process for candidacy for the pastoral ministry and studied in the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico where he graduated with his Master's degree. He started his pastor ministry in Puerto Rico where he ministered in Palo Seco, Maunabo for five years before coming to serve in the New York Annual Conference in 2005. Since then, Rev. Sanchez has served many churches in Long Island East/West District (Franklin Square, Hauppauge, Central Islip, Jamaica Queens) Rev. Sanchez has also served in many other capacities giving workshops for churches in

the area of worship and spirituality, praise and worship. He is also a NCD coach of the NYAC. One thing pastor Sanchez is very proud of is being an eternal Social Worker. This was in fact his first professional job. He holds a BA in Social work. At the present time Rev. Sanchez is a Doctoral Candidate at Drew University and is expected to graduate in May 2012 (D.Min Worship, Preaching & Spirituality).

Rev. Sanchez is still a big dreamer and a man who has a great love for God and family and the people he serves. He gives his whole heart in an effort to touch people's lives with the hope and love God has to offer.

Hoy Chae Has a Joy

His granddaughter is a contest finalist. Here's her story:

Hello everyone!! My name is Samantha Pae and I am Mr. and Mrs. Chae's granddaughter. This contest was for the Olsenboye collection for JCPenny by Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen. I am only fifteen but fashion designing has always been a big part of who I am and this has offered me a great opportunity to carry out something that I am extremely passionate about. I was selected as one of the ten finalists for this contest. On the website (www.jcp.com/olsenboyecontest) you can vote for your favorite sketch to be designed as a part of their collection. It would mean the world to me if I had your support and your vote for this contest. All you have to do is visit the site and click vote. You need to fill out the information such as your name and your e-mail address. My drawing is the fifth sketch located at the top right corner. You select it and then submit your vote. For those who vote, thank you sooo much for your support!!!!

Annual Conference

"The Annual Conference is the Basic Body of the Church.."
(Paragraph 33, Article II, the 2004 Book of Discipline) The 2010 Annual Conference Session will be held on June 9-12 at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY. This is the 210th session of the NYAC. Under the theme We Are Building Up a Healthy Body of Christ, we will celebrate our vision and our work as the connectional church in mission.

On Saturday, last year we celebrated 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. On Saturday (6/12), this year Bishop Park is specially inviting all the persons who joined our church since 2004. The Annual Conference is putting together a spectacular outdoor "Festival of Ministries in Action" highlighting all the ways the NYAC serves God's world. Bishop Park is expecting 5,000 United Methodists gathered in one place to celebrate the MOMENTUM (Magnificent Opportunities for Mission Employing Newly Transformed United Methodist) of MINISTRY.

I would like to invite all of you to join this great event, the time for celebration of our connectional church in mission and the ordination service. Confirmation class students, parents and some other lay members are planning to attend the event. Please pray for the conference and participate in it.

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

Love and peace,

—Pastor In Koo Chung

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Debate Raises Questions About Church's Voice

The debate over health care reform has touched off deep emotions in the U.S. public, but it has also sparked a separate—and equally passionate—set of reactions among United Methodists.

As Congress grappled with the legislation, many United Methodists were surprised to hear U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi cite the church as a supporter of reform. On her Web site, she more specifically listed a church agency, the Board of Church and Society, in a long roll of organizations supporting reform.

In the days that followed, United Methodist leaders fielded calls and e-mails from church members who were either elated or angry about the church's role. Many were confused. Who decided The United Methodist Church supports health care reform? Why is my church involved in a political issue? What authority does the Board of Church and Society have to speak for the church?

The controversy over health care reform creates a timely opportunity for answering those questions.

General Conference speaks

The United Methodist Church speaks through its General Conference, a legislative assembly that meets every four years. About 1,000 delegates from around the world gather to set policy and act on other business on behalf of the 11 million-member denomination.

The delegates are elected by their regional conferences, and they represent the cultural, political and theological diversity of the church. The U.S. delegates, for example, include Republicans, Democrats and independents.

The United Methodist Church has a long

tradition of speaking on current issues and world problems, dating back to the earliest days of the Methodist movement and its founder, John Wesley.

Every General Conference since 1972 has adopted and updated a set of Social Principles that addresses contemporary issues from a biblical and theological foundation. The principles are not considered church law. They are “intended to be instructive and persuasive in the best of the prophetic spirit.” The principles are a “call to all members of The United Methodist Church to a prayerful, studied dialogue of faith and practice.”

Since situations change, each General Conference also adopts resolutions that address specific problems and opportunities. These resolutions, based on the Social Principles, are included in a Book of Resolutions. The 2008 volume contains over 1,000 pages; 20 pages address health-care issues.

Statements on health care

General Conference has spoken many times on health care-related concerns over the years. The Social Principles—also addressed to nations in Africa, Asia and Europe—declare, “We believe it is a governmental responsibility to provide all citizens with health care.”

The 2008 General Conference reaffirmed concerns expressed by previous sessions about the number of uninsured Americans and the cost of insurance that keeps minorities in the poverty cycle. During its meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, the legislative body advocated for “a comprehensive health care delivery system that includes access for all, quality care and effective management of costs.”

Finally, the gathering charged the United Methodist Board of Church and Society “with primary responsibility for advocating health care for all in the United States and

for communicating this policy to United Methodists in the USA.”

Board of Church and Society

Operating from a building across the street from the U.S. Capitol and the Supreme Court building, the Board of Church and Society's primary responsibility is to “seek the implementation of the Social Principles and other policy statements of the General Conference on Christian social concerns.”

Responding to that mandate, the agency continued to advocate for what it considered the best plan to provide health care for all Americans. Jim Winkler, top staff executive for the agency, led efforts to pass legislation that would provide insurance that would provide such care.

No need for agreement

In Congress, the debate divided United Methodist representatives, with some supporting the bill and more opposing it.

Every United Methodist has a right to petition General Conference to amend the Social Principles and, if a majority of delegates agree, the statements will be changed by the 2012 assembly.

Very little United Methodist money is involved in advocacy efforts. Only 3.1 cents of every dollar goes to support all the ministries of the denomination, and only a portion of that amount supports the entire program of the Board of Church and Society—and work on health care represents a small portion of the agenda of that agency. Church members have many options for expressing viewpoints and concerns in the church. They can directly contact their pastor, bishop, the appropriate general agency or one of the many church-affiliated organizations and unofficial groups that represent specific causes in the church.

—UMNS Commentary, Rev. Rich Peck (Retired)

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The Next Challenge

Our 2010 Budget includes a \$10,000 income line labeled “The Next Challenge”. It’s modeled on the “Challenge of Caring” campaign of 2009, a matching contribution program in which an anonymous member of the church pledged \$10,000, and the rest of us matched the pledge, all within 90 days.

That \$20,000 made a critical difference in the financial health of our church. Now, a totally unexpected gift has come from a former member in the amount of \$2,500. In addition, a second member of our congregation has pledged \$1,000 which means we have \$3,500 to match.

Because the summer months are our slowest for contributions, we hope to have the lion’s share of the Challenge completed by June 30. Our budget calls for receipt of \$9,000 by June, and the remaining \$1,000 by September. I suppose that’s why we call this a Challenge!

As before, any money contributed to this campaign would be above and beyond your normal planned contributions (pledged or otherwise). All of the money received from the Challenge will go directly to the general fund, in order to meet our ongoing operating expenses for 2010. Your Finance Committee has done the best it possibly can to keep all expenditures reasonable. The income is badly needed. Please, talk it over with your loved ones, and search your hearts to see how much further you can travel along the extra mile.

—Tom Bracken