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The United Methodist Church of Patchogue

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Edited By George Hoag

The Truth of Stewardship

The Need of the Giver to give seems to be more compelling than we make of it, so it seems. As we approach this month of November, we also start getting ready for our Annual Stewardship Campaign here at Patchogue UMC. One of the strangest-sounding truths of stewardship is that the need of the giver to give is greater than the need of the receiver to receive. At first, it sounds strange. Well in fact yes very but true. Great artistic works come forth because of the need of the artist to give the gifts within them. Have you ever wondered why they call the Dead Sea by such a designation? I mean, hey "DEAD SEA". Not necessarily an uplifting title. Even the Dead Sea is a dead sea because it is a dead-end, and has no outlet. It continually receives water but never gives water. So if you think of this, this really makes a point on the importance of giving. Just like roses which are made by God are intended to give to others its beauty and fragrance, we my friends are also made to share our gifts of Time, Talent and Treasure. This month I'd like to share with you a Stewardship Dedication a fellow colleague shared with us that seems to fit our situation.

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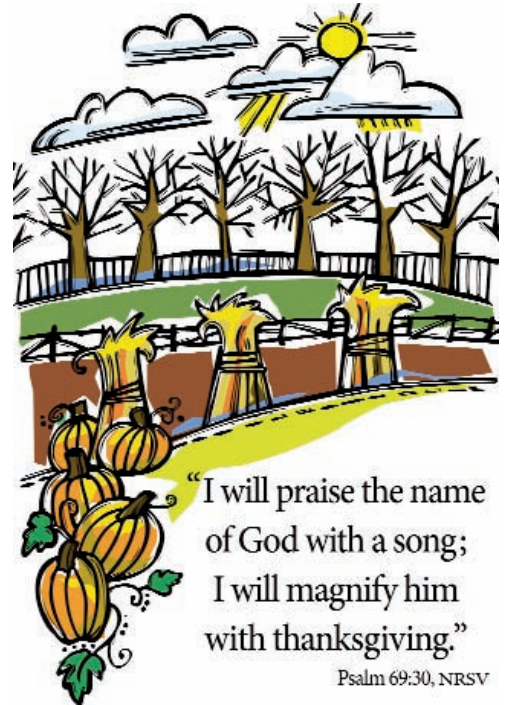
Worship In November

Nov. 6—Rev. Ernesto Sanchez:
Grace as Images of Comfort, Wisdom
6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Nov. 13—Rev. Ernesto Sanchez:
Well Done!, Psalms 128:1-5, Matthew
25:14-30

Nov. 20—Guest Speaker Joan
Curtis, Matthew 25:31-46, Ezekiel
34:11-16, 20-24

Nov. 27—Rev. Ernesto Sanchez:
Keep Conscious, Isaiah 64:1-9, Mark
13:24-37



"I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving."

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

WITH OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURE.

NOVEMBER 20 WILL BE STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY.

CONSIDER HOW YOU CAN **BE A PART OF**

BY SHARING GOD'S GIFTS.

INDIVIDUALLY AND TOGETHER,

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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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, Mary Zatorski, Dan, Peter Moor (Kathie Loris' father), Ernest Boyd, Chris, Phil Ianello, 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), Pat, Randy Rogers, Christina Broom, Barbara Asmus, Nancy Rogers, Krystan Lenhard, Glenn Hollins, Susanna Davies-Pepper, Glenn Schwartz, Todd Skwirz, Carol Kirschner's sister, Linda, Mike Welsh and Joyce Ferrante, Caroline Moore.

These at Home:

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, Emily Navidad, former Patchogue Village Justice, Donald Howie, John Layton, the Moultrre Family, William Loris Sr., Dave Hollowell, Kim Farrel's daughter, Ceil Witt, June Barile's parents, Marilyn Franco, Muriel Vilar, Janet

Higby, Guillermina Alverio (Pastor Sanchez's mother,) Jim Miller, Catherine Interrante, Glen Adone., Geri Sheridan, Arthur Rice and Bob Saas.

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

These who are in Rehab or Nursing Care Facilities:

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

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

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

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!

Hear Our Sermons and Watch Our Services On Line

Click on the Links at www.PatchogueUMC.org

The deadline for contributions to the December edition of TheLINK is November 11. Please e-mail your copy to gbhoag@optonline.net.

If you haven't been getting e-mail messages from us, it means we don't have your address. Please send your e-mail info to patchogueumc@yahoo.com or call the church office.

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

Stewardship



It has been an eventful summer and fall. We lost our 100 year old boiler in August. It died. Our

Administrative Assistant's husband, Bob Saas had a quadruple bypass and is doing well. The many fund raisers have challenged us more then ever before. Thanks to the grace of God and many good stewards, we have survived and flourished.

The yard sale was a great success. More then \$1200 was raised that went a long way to pay bills that accumulated during the summer, when pledges temporarily fall off. Many people came to help set up, work, and many came back to help clean up. It was great to see such a turn out of volunteers. Our great pastor not only opened his home to us, he barbequed a great lunch for us. A testimony to the caliber of our youth was when two who helped to deliver some furniture were given a substantial tip. They graciously donated it to the church. Steve Rice, Bob Prince and I would like to thank all those who donated items or worked to make this year's yard sale a great success.

The next fund raiser was the Salvation Army Band Concert on Saturday, October 22. Lenny Pearson was the driving force behind this event. She provided the funds to bring the Band to us. This will be the furthest East the band has performed. An inter-denominational choir from Patchogue will perform for our entertainment. Lenny has worked hard to bring this exceptional band to us.

She also patched the water damaged

walls and ceiling of the sanctuary and then began painting those areas with some help from Ray Henson. She also worked with Chris Christian, Jose Garcia, and me to trim the neglected shrubs. Thank you Lenny for all you do in support of our church.

We would like to thank Bob Rogers for staining the outside staircases of the old building. On Saturday, Oct. 15, Chris Christian, Jose Garcia, Ray Henson, Bill Loris, Linda & Walt Stawecki and I replaced more then twenty of the disintegrating red tiles of the Friendship Walk. It was installed by the MYF some two decades ago.

Our MYF has been busy this fall. Carla Gibson and our dedicated youth are helping with the Chinese Auction. Carla, Elizabeth Biederman and Kate Weber are co-chairing the Fall Festival on Nov. 6. Like an old time country fair, it includes pie judging, crafts, games and lots of food. A great time for all. An Ice Skating Outing will take place on Nov. 12.

The Chinese Auction is set for Nov. 3 at our church. Barbara Becker, June Barile and Geri Sheridan have worked hard to organize and run this event. We want to thank all who donated items and /or worked on this fund raiser. More information will be in the December LINK.

June Barile will present our second Christian Concert on Nov. 5 with again Revelation Seven as the headliner. The concert benefits the church.

Our Bible Study Classes are well attended. Debbie and Don Kolacki's group meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 in the choir room of Wesley Hall. Pastor and Carolyn Willis Salvey are organizing a daytime Bible Study for

Fridays at noon.

Please call the church (475-0381) for more information. Carolyn has installed a recycling bin in Wesley Hall for cans, bottles and plastics.

Kathie Wells, Church Treasurer, and Tom Bracken, Financial Secretary, have served above and beyond for the last three years. Kathie has stepped down as Treasurer to be co-chair of Stewardship. Her focus will be to encourage the giving factor of stewardship. God wants us to give of ourselves through our tithes, time and talents. Lynn Jones will be picking up the mantle of Treasurer.

We want to thank Kathie for her hard work and ask you to support her new role in stewardship. Thank you Lynn for your fidelity. Tom will continue as Financial Secretary and we want to thank him for the hundreds of hours he works at this for our church.

This years' Stewardship Campaign will begin in November. Kathie Wells will have a church wide mailing outlining what is planned. Information will be in the Sunday bulletins.

The old boiler was dismantled by American Environmental Solutions in early October and removed to allow a more efficient boiler to take its place. Brian Pendergast, the owner of this company, provided invaluable help to us when we had to remove the buried oil tank a few years ago. George Hoag and I met with a large number of contractors and the National Grid. Ed Klingel provided the contractor, Bianco Plumbing & Heating, that won the contract. Our Trustees decided to go with a natural gas fired boiler. This was for several good reasons. First, gas

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Celebrate your life! Witness for your faith!

The Truth of Stewardship (from Page 1)

Stewardship Dedication

My church is composed
of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly,
if I am friendly.
Its pews will be filled,
if I help fill them.
It will do great work,
if I work hard.
It will make generous gifts
to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people
into its worship and fellowship,
if I invite and bring them.
It will be a church of loyalty and
love, of faith and noble spirit,
if I am filled with these things.
With the help of God,
I shall dedicate myself to the
task of being
all the things
I want my church to be.
I shall dedicate myself to
becoming a steward
of God's gifts
and gratefully share my time,
talent and treasure
to carry out God's plan.

Blessings and remember whose you
are. Shalom!

—Rev Ernesto Sanchez



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR
YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."

EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

Stewardship (from Page 3)

is cleaner burning and has a much smaller carbon footprint than fuel oil. Gas is also two thirds the cost of a comparable heating unit of oil. The final clincher is that there are more than two hundred years of gas reserves right here in the US.

Although a large expense, approximately \$40,000, the new boiler will pay for itself in five years. The increased efficiency and savings of gas over oil should save the church nearly \$10,000 a year. We borrowed \$46,000 from the New York Conference. They provided a \$4,000 grant to us to help in the endeavor. The Conference loan is for ten years and does not have any penalties for paying it off early. We hope to pay this off in five years through a new Capital Campaign being planned that will end in 2016, the 225th anniversary of the founding of our congregation.

We have received a matching grant from the New York Sacred Sites Fund for \$25,000 to repair the belfry. We have a year to raise the funds to match this grant. One novel idea to help us raise funds was to ask for donations to the church in lieu of gifts at a birthday party. This raised over \$1000 for one good steward. Many of us may want items as birthday or Christmas presents, but do we really need them. Please think of your church and have a party that gives our church a much needed gift. Checks should be made out to the church with the boiler, belfry or the general fund recorded in the memo area. If enough people give of themselves, we can pay off the boiler and belfry, get over this bump, and get on with ministering to our community.

—David Hollowell

UMW

It seems like it was just summer a few days ago, and now Thanksgiving is right around the corner, with Christmas not far behind. And if it's almost Christmas, it's time for the annual UMW Holiday Fair. This year the Fair will be held on Saturday, December 3rd, from 9 - 3. As always, there will be a number of vendors selling a dazzling array of potential holiday gifts. In addition, baked goods, gift baskets, 50/50, light breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase. Come and enjoy what one of our vendors called "the friendliest" of its kind.

Proceeds from the Fair help to support UMW missions that have included Wesley Dinners, INN's transitional housing program, scholarships to graduating seniors, among many others.

Our regular meeting will be held on Nov. 19, at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome.

Please remember to recycle bottles and cans in the recycling can in Wesley Hall. Thank you!

—Barbara Becker

Wesley Dinners

This will be the 5th year that our church has provided a free meal on Thanksgiving. What a joyous occasion. Since the holiday falls on the Thursday that Wesley Dinner would normally occur, the Wesley crew will again coordinate. Steve Shadbolt will capably direct the action in the kitchen, but since this is an all church project, we need many volunteers, as well as cooked turkeys and side dishes. Sign up sheets will be posted in Wesley Hall. Let us join together in this sharing of generous hospitality

—Barbara Becker

United Methodist Church of Patchogue

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 6:00 p.m.—Chinese Auction	<i>4</i> 7:00 p.m.—N/A 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>5</i> 7:00 p.m.—Rev 7 Concert
<i>6</i> 10 a.m.— Communion Worship/Sunday School <i>Counters: Linda Werner and Dave Hollowell</i>	<i>7</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>8</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<i>11</i> 7:00 p.m.—N/A 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> 10 a.m.—Blessing of The Animals Worship/Sunday School 11:30 a.m.— Finance/Trustees <i>Counters: Lenny Pear- son and Carol Kirshner</i>	<i>14</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>15</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<i>18</i> 7:00 p.m.—N/A 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>19</i> 9:30 a.m.—UMW
<i>20</i> 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School 3:00 p.m.—BAFFA concert <i>Counters: Carolyn Willis Falvey and Kate Weber</i>	<i>21</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>22</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Community Thanksgiving Meal	<i>25</i> 7:00 p.m.—N/A 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School  <i>Counters: Brenda Klingel and Joanne Shadbolt</i>	<i>28</i> 7 p.m.—AA	<i>29</i> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<i>30</i>			

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All God's
Creatures

November
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Harvest Festival

Children's activities

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Homemade Pie Baking Contest

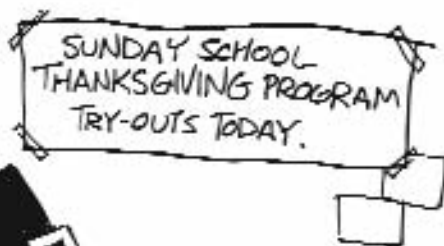
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"I found our turkey!"

A Prayer For Thanksgiving

O God of all Creation: You have cared for the earth, and have filled it with your riches. Abundance flows in your steppes, through the pastures and wilderness. You provide for our land, softening it with showers, bathing it in light, and blessing it with growth.

The hills sing with joy; the meadows are covered with flocks; the fields deck themselves with wheat; and together they glorify your name!

On this occasion of our Thanksgiving, we as a nation take rest from our labors to consider your many blessings. We thank you for our freedoms, and for the opportunity to contribute our skills, our attributes and our values toward the good of society.

We thank you for the mixture of our cultures, blending us into one people under God. Help us to be a light unto other nations, and to further the cause of freedom and justice all over the world.

We remember those who are less fortunate than we. We lift up in prayer the victims of poverty and racism, and all those who suffer from forms of political and economic oppression. Let the word that goes forth from our mouths speak of your peace, and let us proclaim our hope in Christ as Savior of all humankind.

We pray that you will bless all those who gather here, as we have come to experience your presence among us. Give us your guidance, O God, and empower us for your work. For we claim nothing for ourselves, but return all honor and glory unto you, and offer our thanks and praise. Amen.

—From "Prayers for God's People", Thomas P. Roberts, editor

Is The Connection Fraying?

Recently someone "deeply involved in budgeting" for a local church contacted United Methodist Communications seeking financial information. When we suggested contacting the conference treasurer, the response was complete lack of knowledge about who, or what, a conference treasurer is.

This is not an isolated occurrence. We often encounter United Methodists who are unaware of how our connection works, what it is doing in the world or what it teaches.

Is the connection connected?

An anecdote does not make a trend. However, when asked by United Methodist Communications researchers if their local church understands the concept of connectionalism, only 18 percent of pastors and 12 percent of laity strongly agree that they understand it. When clergy and laypersons are asked individually if they understand the church's structure, 38 percent of clergy and 17 percent of laity strongly affirm that they understand it.

Couple this with participation in connectional giving and the story is consistent. The most widely observed offering in the church is One Great Hour of Sharing, yet only 28 percent of United Methodist congregations participate in it. This is the highest rate of participation for any of the general church offerings.

At a time when global realities call for deeper understanding of our inter-relatedness and interdependencies, the fraying of the connectional system of The United Methodist Church is a cause for concern. The lack of awareness about how we are connected from the local church to the annual conference

and from the annual conference to the general church is important, not only to us as a faith community but also to the world.

Let me illustrate. It is noteworthy that the World Health Organization is reporting that malaria is claiming fewer children today than in previous years. What does this have to do with the connection? I believe when the people of The United Methodist Church entered into the fight against this killer disease, we encouraged others and helped, along with other partners, to focus on something the world could do together: tackle a disease of poverty.

It was our scale partnering with others of scale that gave hope that together we could alleviate human suffering and death in a global movement. Our connectedness was, and is, an immeasurable asset in the mission to embody the leading causes of life, to quote Gary Gunderson's marvelous phrase.

If we reclaim an understanding that the connection is about making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world (that's scale), and that discipleship is expressed through missional outreach to the world (that's scale), we can participate with God in the transformation of the world (that's real scale).

I know there are many complex reasons the connection is fraying. But I'm asking a simple question. What if the connection were viewed less as a bureaucratic organizational model that's a drag on finances and more as a life-giving movement for the healing of the world? What if we viewed it, interpreted it and embodied it in this way? What might happen?

—Rev. Larry Holton, UNMS

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November

A Christmas Carol

On December 9th and 10th, we will be presenting a production of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. Most of us have read this classic or seen one of the many film versions—my favorites were the classic 1950's one with Alastair Sims and the 80's version with Albert Finney. Our production has been adapted by Larry Boddy, who presented the Mystery Dinner Theater event last spring. The sanctuary, with its beautiful Victorian ambiance and Christmas decorations, will provide an atmospheric setting for the play. A number of the parts are being performed by church members. There may still be opportunities for you to be involved, including behind the scenes, selling refreshments during intermission, securing ads for the program, etc.

We hope this will be a good fundraiser, as well as an enjoyable experience. Any questions, speak to me or Wendy Hollowell.

—**Barbara Becker**

Sunday Morning Bible Study The Greatest Story: Jesus

All are welcome to join us as we journey through the Gospel narratives— Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John— in this exciting 16 session exploration of the life and ministry of Jesus.

We will meet at 8:30 AM in Wesley Hall beginning Sunday, Nov. 6.. The cost for a study book is \$15; please contact the church office to sign up: 475-0381 or patchogueumc@yahoo.com.

—**Debbie Kolacki**



- Nov. 2 Kimberly Mansfield
- Nov. 6 Devin Keeley
- Nov. 10 Kiley Keeley
- Nov. 11 Nicole Burch
Christian McMillin
- Nov. 12 Eliza DeCarlo
Kyle MacDougall
- Nov. 16 Melanie Randall
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