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220 Years
in 2011

TheLink



The United Methodist Church of Patchogue

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Edited By George Hoag

Our Purpose

Hi there Patchogue UMC family. I want to take this time to introduce an important topic that I will be covering as part of this year's Vital Church Call to Action. It seems necessary to always be aware of our purpose as the body of Christ. Soon we will be starting a set of leadership and congregational workshops, Bible studies and training to really sink in to the underlying purpose of the church. Well what is it? The truth is it's still the same, to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. But how do we do that? The most visible way God knits people into the community of Christ and draws people into the relationship with God is through congregations that fulfill the ministry of Christ in the world. Fruitful congregations repeat and improve on these five basic practices: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.

The practices are basic and fundamental. But it's the adjectives that make these words come alive, because they stretch us and cause us to ask ourselves, "How are we doing in practicing these qualities of ministry in our congregation? How might we do better?"

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Worship In October

October 2—Rev. Ernesto Sanchez: *The Devil in the Details*, Philippians 3:4b-14, Isaiah 5:1-7.

October 9—Rev. Ernesto Sanchez: *A Difficult Parable Filled with Surprises*, Matthew 22:1-14, Isaiah 25:1-9.

October 16—Rev. Ernesto Sanchez: *How Do We Decide?*, Matthew 22:15-22, Isaiah 45:1-7.

October 23—Rev. Ernesto Sanchez: *The Great Debate*, Matthew 22:34-46, Exodus 22:20-26.

October 30—Rev. Ernesto Sanchez: *True Greatness*, Matthew 23:1-12, Micah 3:5-12.

Church Council Approves Boiler Replacement



Well, we got a hundred years out of it. Not bad. The one million btu unit, pictured here, that has heated our sanctuary since 1911, finally developed multiple leaks this summer that couldn't be repaired. We will replace it with a one million btu gas fired unit.

Negotiations with contractors were not yet complete at press time, but the Church Council on Sept. 18 approved the borrowing of \$50,000 to cover the anticipated cost. Our plan is to raise that money, and more, in a capital campaign over the next 5 years. The campaign will complete in 2016, just in time for the 225th anniversary of this congregation.

We expect the new, much more efficient system to save considerably on fuel costs.

Rejoice in
the Lord
always:
again
I will say,
Rejoice.

Philippians 4:4, NRSV



Circle of Concern

For Bereavement:

For the Family and Friends of Annie Leddin.

For Guidance:

Lisa D., Barbara McAllister, Ray Clark, Maj. Don Cornwell stationed in South Korea, Cat Placement and Rescue, Michael Dellazizzi and family, Michael Amarati, Philip Demacos, Joanne, Robert C. Hiene, the Americo Family, Rose Conti, Holly Nelson, 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, Wilfredo 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, 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, Irene Catalino, Amanda Lee Domale's brothers one is in Afghanistan and other is leaving for Iraq, Bonnie Abbott's upcoming operation, Justin and Dean Angell, Pat, Lisa, Ben and baby Anna, Emmaus Teams and Pilgrims, Heather Reiss, James Wright's Grandmother, Barry Burrell and Linda, Stephen Martin, Rosalie Rosen, Lori Purificato, Ashley Lauren and Jose Garcia. For those in our church community who are fighting against cancer, Chrissy and Ed Leddin as they wait for their baby boy to be born, Ernest Ikpe's brother, Ihanga, safe journey back to S. Africa, Linda Morgan. Prayers of comfort and strength for the People of Norway, Luigi, Maureen, Tom Mansfield and friends.

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, Bob Saas.

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

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!

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

Stewardship

Our church, like many today, has been and is challenged. In August, our 100 year-old boiler ceased to function. Our first pastor in 1791, Ezra Tuttle, needed a pulpit and furnishings for our first of five churches. He dismantled his bay boat and built them. When our present church was opened and the leaders needed funds for the first mortgage payment, they held the congregation hostage until the money was raised. We won't hold you hostage, not physically, but we hope that in your heart we will somehow find the money for a new more efficient boiler. We are pursuing every possible grant and fund raising project. We need your support for all these fundraisers.

We expect the boiler project to cost about \$50,000. We have been meeting with boiler contractors and contacting sources for grants. There is a silver lining around this dark cloud. A new more efficient boiler will pay for itself in fuel savings in less than five years.

There are a lot of fund raisers scheduled for this Fall. Some will be for the general fund to help pay outstanding bills. The Salvation Army Band Concert on Oct. 22, 7 PM will be a great event. Lenny Pearson, a long time bell ringer during the holidays, was able to schedule the band for our church. A visual program of the work done by the Salvation Army will accompany the concert. Please attend and support this concert which will supply one of the premier bands on Long Island. Great live entertainment for a worthy cause!

Come to the Chinese Auction on November 3rd at 6:30 PM at our church. Barbara Becker and Geri

Sheridan are running this with June Barile's assistance. We need new or lightly used items, gift baskets, gift certificates from businesses, cookies for refreshments, and above all your help. Please bring them into the church as soon as possible. We need at least 200 items. If you need to have items picked up, call the office at 475-0381 and let Chris know. This will be a fun event and important fundraiser for the year.

The Bats in the Belfry Halloween party will be at church on Sunday, Oct. 30 right after the service. Barbara Becker suggested this fun event for kids of all ages as a fund raiser for our new boiler.

The MYF will be having a Fall Harvest Festival outing in October. Probably they will go to the White Post Farm on a date to be announced.

From 7 to 10 PM on Nov. 5 enjoy a Christian Concert chaired by June Barile. There will be a \$10 admission and it will be live on the internet. Rev 7 and associate artists will be headlining. Please join us in praising the Lord with music.

There are many at our church who work hard for our Lord. Ray Henson has given liberally of his time and talents at the parsonage. Steve Rice, Bob Rogers, and many others helped out at the Men's Yard Sale. Others who go unrecognized include Lorraine Brenner and Betty Rice, who faithfully dole out refreshments during Coffee Hour. Thanks to them for making Coffee Hour a great place for socializing after worship.

Our Dec.10 fundraiser, Charles Dicken's Christmas Carol is developing thanks to director Barbara Becker and producer, Larry Boddy. We are in the

process of casting characters. We need you. If you would like to act, see Barbara Becker or Wendy Hollowell. We also need a fiddler, a spotlight, costumes, microphones, props, set design, etc. Please HELP. Call Barbara at 475-1792 or Wendy, at 475-5339 if you can help. Bonnie Abbott has agreed to do the publicity, and we will also need a program designer. This play will be open to the public and be one of our greatly needed fundraisers.

Our outreach to the community thru Wesley Dinners and the Food Pantry has been given another welcomed donation. Chairperson, Barbara Becker and the dedicated committee received half of a \$750 donation from the Patchogue Rotary Club. The Food Pantry received the remaining money. Both needed these funds and will put them to good use. Wesley Dinners need you! Before they can go to a second meal each month we need more volunteers, especially someone who can cook for a large number of guests. If you can volunteer to help, please contact Barbara or Trudy Mansfield. Thank you for your support.

Our Administrative Assistant's husband, Bob Saas, suffered a heart attack and had a quadruple bypass in September. Bob is recuperating well. Our prayers go to both of them. Chris will be working from home for a number of weeks, while Bob continues to regain his health. Chris's title does not fully describe how important she is to us. Some good stewards manned the

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The deadline for contributions to the November edition of **TheLINK** is October 14. Please e-mail your copy to gbhoag@optonline.net.

Celebrate your life! Witness for your faith!

Our Purpose (from Page 1)

Now these are practices. They're not qualities that some churches have and some don't. They're not phases that, once we get them done, we can move on to something else. These are practices that we have to learn and improve upon constantly. These are the activities that are so critical to the mission of the church, that failure to perform them in an exemplary way leads to congregational decline and deterioration. Let's stay tuned for the starting date of the Bible Study of Five Practices of Fruitful Congregation by Bishop Robert Schnase. Stay Tuned and blessings to all.

—**Pastor Sanchez**

United Methodist Women

Beginning in early October, the UMW will be serving only Fair Exchange coffee during coffee hour. This is coffee grown and sold by cooperatives of small farmers in Colombia, Mexico, South America and Africa. There are fewer middlemen in the process and the growers receive more of the profits. It is therefore, more equitable and just. We hope you will enjoy the coffee and appreciate that our church, in one small way, is helping to support a more just food system.

Starting in October, the UMW will be recycling bottles and cans used during various events held at the church. Recycling is a critical part of working to restore health and balance to our planet's environment. Carolyn Willis will be coordinating this effort. Please remember to use the bins that will be placed in Wesley Hall. Thank you!

Our next meeting will be held on Oct.15, 9:30 AM.

—**Barbara Becker**

The Chinese Auction Needs Your Help

Our Chinese Auction, one of our major fundraisers, is scheduled for Nov. 3. We will be holding it in Wesley Hall this year. In order to have a successful event, we will need a wide variety of auction items—at least 250.

We need your help in securing these donations. Here are some suggestions:

Create a gift basket or gather items for one. There are all sorts of possible themes:

Basket of Cheer
Craft Items
New Baby Basket
Pet Gifts
Cook's Supplies
Toys
Tea Time
Spa Basket
Gourmet Basket

Ask a local merchant, where you frequently shop, to donate a gift certificate or merchandise. Merchants to ask include:

Hair Salons
Supermarkets
Service Station
Restaurants
Hardware Store
Card Shop
Clothing Store
Sporting Goods
Health Food Store

Businesses are often very willing to accommodate a good customer.

Do you have an unopened, never used gift that you have no room for and will probably never use? Regift it to the Chinese Auction.

With your help, we can have an excellent event. Any questions, speak to Geri Sheridan or Barbara Becker.

Stewardship (from Page 3)

phones and office for several weeks, while Chris did her magic through the computer: bulletins, flyers, etc. We would like to thank Barbara Becker, George Hoag, Lynn Jones, Geri Sheridan and others who were willing to help.

The loss of our boiler and replacing it is a major challenge. We can do this! The 2003 Restoring Hope Campaign generated more than \$160,000 and speaks of your fidelity. Today we face a serious economic downturn. Our recession pales in comparison to the great depression. We triumphed over the depression, as we will over this set back. A new Capital Campaign is being planned to pay for the loan to obtain a new boiler and other needed repairs. It will be a five year plan that ends in 2016, the 225th anniversary of the founding of this congregation. The new campaign bespeaks of your fidelity and brings pride to all those who have labored so hard to make this a viable and great church.

May God bless and keep you.

—**David Hollowell**

Thanks for all your help with the Parsonage Yard Sale on Sept. 17. It raised \$1300.



United Methodist Church of Patchogue

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Emmaus Women Training
2 10 a.m.— Communion Worship/Sunday School <i>Counters: Linda Werner and Dave Hollowell</i>	3 7 p.m.—AA	4 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	5	6 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	7	8
9 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 a.m.— Finance/Trustees <i>Counters: Lenny Pear- son and Carol Kirshner</i>	10 7 p.m.—AA	11 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	12	13 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	14	15 Emmaus Men Training
16 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School <i>Counters: Carolyn Willis Falvey and Kate Weber</i>	17 7 p.m.—AA	18 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	19	20 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	21	22 7 p.m.—Salvation Army Band
23 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School <i>Counters: Brenda Klingel and Joanne Shadbolt</i>	24 7 p.m.—Charge Conference 7 p.m.—AA	25 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 6:30 p.m.—ESL 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	26	27 5:00 p.m.—Wesley Dinner 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	28	29 Emmaus Men Training
30 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 a.m.—Bats In The Belfry <i>Counters:</i>	31 7 p.m.—AA					

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**Blessing of the
Animals**

All God's
Creatures

November
13



Worship
the
Father
in
spirit
and
truth.

John 4:23



"The love of money is the root of all evil?
Is that the whole Treasurer's Report?"

What's Cool in Sunday School

Well our school year has started and boy are we going to be busy! First off, I'd like to welcome Marilyn Franco who is our newest Sunday School Teacher. She and Suzanne Olivetti-Dodge will be teaching our Pre-K through 2nd grade class. Thank you so much Marilyn for helping out our kids.

After many years of Service, Kathy Loris will not be returning as our Middle School Sunday School teacher. She will be missed and I hope she returns next year after a well-deserved break. Catherine Weber and I will be the teachers for her class.

Save The Date:

Harvest Festival—Nov. 6, 12-5 PM.

We are still working out the details but we will be having a pie judging contest, 50/50 raffle, as well as crafts and games for the kids. Keep an eye on the Sunday School bulletin board in the cloud room for more information. If you would be interested in helping out, please call the church office.

And, as always, if anyone is interested in teaching our kids about God's love for us, please see me or contact the church office.

—**Elizabeth Biederman,**
Sunday School Superintendent

What Does Global Citizenship Look Like Today?

A new survey that looks at American attitudes towards global citizenship underscores the increasing sense of connection people have with international events.

The 2011 Global Involvement Survey finds that one in five U.S. adults follows international news closely, with almost

half (48 percent) following international news at least once a day. Our interest and consumption of international news seems to grow with our age and probably our exposure to the world. The heavy consumer of international news tends to be a male, over 55 years old.

Some of the major stories we have seen in the past six months have literally rocked the world -- Japan's earthquakes, Osama bin Laden's death, struggling European and U.S. economies, collapsing Arab regimes, famines and drug wars. These are more than regional events; their shockwaves are felt on an international scale.

The global stories that attracted the most attention in recent months were the Japanese earthquake and related disasters, and the death of Osama bin Laden. Other closely followed stories included Libya's efforts to overthrow Moammar Gaddafi, the Arab Spring, Mexico's drug wars and the recent royal wedding.

Economy Trumps Terrorism as Top Concern

But with all these stories grabbing media space, the top international issues in the world today are economic weakness and unemployment, with one-third of respondents ranking the economy and lack of jobs first. It appears that issues that can affect our livelihood rank higher than even terrorism, which was listed as the most important issue by 16 percent.

Those who follow news closely seek out more sources of news. Older adults are much more likely to view traditional media, such as television and print, while young adults are more likely to get news from online sources.

Responding to Global Issues

Some 60 percent of the survey respondents agree that the world is more

interconnected today. Undoubtedly, the tremors from real earthquakes, terrorist events and tumultuous economies seem to be felt in towns throughout America. Not surprisingly, most adults expect the U.S. government to take an active role in addressing international issues related to human suffering, such as providing famine relief, ending genocide, promoting clean water and eradicating disease.

Respondents, however, felt that leadership in addressing global issues of hunger and poverty should be assigned to the United Nations, international medical organizations and governments of countries suffering from the problem.

When looking at world health and diseases of poverty, the most widespread and serious concerns were perceived to be HIV/AIDS (64 percent), malnutrition (53 percent) and obesity (49 percent).

When asked where they turn when disasters happen, 52 percent tend to turn to U.S. and International Red Cross organizations first. Church and religious organizations were second (29 percent), indicating the important role faith-based institutions play in serving both local and global needs.

Getting Involved Personally

The top activities for personal involvement are donating money (86 percent), donating items (71 percent), volunteering time (46 percent), purchasing from a non-profit (38 percent), sharing information (36 percent) and praying for a group or issue (33 percent). Women are more likely to take part in all areas of community involvement, particularly prayer.

The survey, commissioned by United Methodist Communications, was conducted June 10-18, 2011, among 870 adults 18 years of age and older.

—**Rev. Larry Hollon, UMNS**

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Army music scholarships and emer-
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New York City so the quality should be
excellent.

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This is the first full concert of this
kind in the area in the past 20-25 years.
So, come and join us—good music,
good people, good deeds. Hope to see
you there.

—Lenny Pearson



“Your life is safe in the care
of the LORD your God, secure
in his treasure pouch!”

1 SAMUEL 25:29, NLT



- Oct. 1 Matthew McGrath
- Oct. 2 Ryan Campbell
Edison Chae
Jessenia Deabreu
- Oct. 4 Marc Freiwirth
- Oct. 5 Jasmine Famulari
- Oct. 9 Brittney Gross
- Oct. 10 Dylan Ficurilli
- Oct. 13 Ronell Purificato
- Oct. 15 Skyla Shaw
Eric Wertz
- Oct. 17 Jarid Butler
- Oct. 20 Brian Shadbolt
Brittany Ficurilli
Zakkariyya Rowe
Jake O'Brien
- Oct. 27 Amanda Schiavone
- Oct. 29 Justin Martin