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## The United Methodist Church of Patchogue

November 2009

Edited By George Hoag

### On Our Journey of Hope

Greetings in Christ.

I would like to give thanks to God for all the blessings that God has given us in the year of 2008 through 2009. I also thank all of you for your supports and prayers for all the ministerial works of our church.

I have experienced many joyful and hopeful moments during my first year of ministry at UMC of Patchogue. I can confess how faithfully God has been at work in our church beyond our expectations and abilities. Even in the midst of very discouraging and disappointing situations, we have experienced God's steadfast love and grace toward our church in very concrete ways. God's restoring spirit has been gracefully working among us and God's empowering spirit has been calling us to participate in God's work with strength and hope.

In particular, looking back at the financial situation of our church with thankfulness, I find God's spirit working through each of us to build up our church together. Last year, total pledging units/families went up from 48 to 62 units/families and the amount of pledges also went up from \$53,908 to \$72,506. I believe, it was not just a con-

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### Worship In November

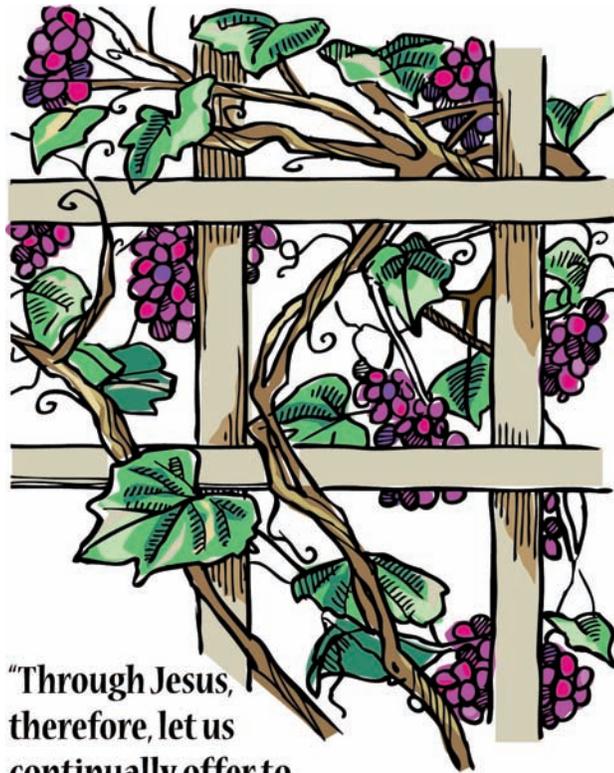
**Nov. 1** (Communion Sunday, All Saints Day)—Isaiah 25:6-9, Mark 12:38-44; "Who is generous?", Rev. In Koo Chung

**Nov. 8** (23rd Sunday After Pentecost)—Psalm 127, Matthew 6:19-21

**Nov. 15** (Confirmation Covenant Sunday, 24th Sunday After Pentecost)—1 Samuel 2:1-10, Mark 13:1-8, Rev. In Koo Chung

**Nov. 22** (Stewardship Sunday/Thanksgiving Sunday)—Joel 2:21-27, Matthew 6:25-33; "Thanksgiving", Rev. In Koo Chung

**Nov. 29** (1st Sunday of Advent)—Jeremiah 33:14-16, Luke 21:25-36; "Be alert at all times", Rev. In Koo Chung



**"Through Jesus,  
therefore, let us  
continually offer to  
God a sacrifice of praise —  
the fruit of lips that confess his name."**

Hebrews 13:15, NIV

# Circle of Concern

## **Bereavement:**

The family of Toby Miller.

## **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, Pat, Joanne, Robert C. Hiene, the Americo Family, Philip Crandall, Rose Conti and Dean Butera's mother. Toni.

## **These Who are Hospitalized:**

Josh Boneventure, Christine Quinn's cousin Frank, Nana Grace, Nancy Marshall, Baby Joseph, Bertha Smith, Shelly Granger, Bob Tenaglia, Corinne Burdett, Cheryl Keeley's mother in law, Marie, Louis Adone, Lee Hollowell, Steve Mulderig's mother and Mary Payne.

## **These at Home:**

Betty Hansley, Joan Welsh, Joseph Weinzettle, Eric & Pat Carlson, Natalie Burnett-Lynch, Kathleen Chodorski, Philip Crandall, Kyra McCarthy, Debi DelRossi, Belle Barile, Tom Furman, Lisa Lopez, Dorotea Sanchez, Mary Jones, Frank Westerland, John, Mike Welsh, Hazel Freely, Dave McKendrick, Paul Rice, Timothy Oliva's Aunt Susan, Rosemarie, John Krulger, Shelly Granger, Brayden Lasko, Steve Rice, John Keeley, Bruce Kirschner, Marie Lino, Marta.

## **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; Joan Simpson, Good Samaritan Nursing Home, 101 Elm Street, Sayville, NY 11782; Connie Halliwell, Bellhaven Nursing Home, 110 Beaverdam Rd., Brookhaven.

## **You Call Us From Our Settled Ways**

O God, you call us from our settled ways, out of old habits and rutted traditions. You call us into the land of promise, to new life and new possibilities.

Make us strong to travel the road ahead. Deliver us from false security and comfort, desire for ease and uninvolved days.

Let your Word and Spirit dwell in us that your will may be fulfilled in us for the well-being and shalom of all.

Amen.

—**Vienna Cobb Anderson**

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

## **UMW—Come to the Fair!**

On Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., the UMW will hold a Christmas/Holiday Fair. All sorts of potential gifts for giving will be available, including gift baskets, jewelry, decorative items, and baked goods.

There will also be an expanded version of the popular White Elephant table, with bargains galore. Continental breakfast and lunch will be available. Lunch will include Cecilia Alvarado's yummy chili. Don't miss it.

If you would like to have a table to sell crafts or other items, contact Dianne Adone. If you would like to donate White Elephant treasures, contact Jean Miller; baked goods, Joan Curtis; gift baskets, Selma Graham. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there.

—**Barbara Becker**

## **Thanksgiving**



On Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, our church will provide a free dinner to the community. This is the third year for this event and we hope to serve even more people than last year.

The wonderful thing about this dinner is the opportunity it provides for us to work together as a faith community and share our time, food, and work with those in need. Please check the sign up sheets and participate as you are able.

—**Barbara Becker**

The deadline for the December edition of **The Link** is November 13. Please e-mail your copy to [gbhoag@optonline.net](mailto:gbhoag@optonline.net).

## Our Journey of Hope (from Page 1)

siderable increase in number but a growth of a sincere expression of our gratitude for God's blessing and our responsible commitment to God's ministry.

In the winter of 2008, a member of our church decided to donate \$10,000 as a matching fund and we organized a special project called "Challenge of Caring" to invite every member in our church to raise an additional \$10,000. Thanks to this anonymous generous contributor and all the participants in this matching fund project, we could raise successfully \$20,000 which enlivened our financial situation. I believe, participating in the project with one heart, we all experienced the unity of our faith community toward our journey of hope.

I remember many members of our church who faithfully have supported our church financially and express my sincere thanks to all of them. My special thanks go to the woman living in Pennsylvania who occasionally visited our church and made a contribution for our church with other members of her prayer group as well. Everyone's supporting and caring heart for our church has made our church be a strong and faithful community.

I am thankful that we have had these great experiences of giving and sharing last year, but I have to say that we need much more support from you for the financial health of our church. We couldn't fulfill our responsibility to pay for the apportionment in full this year and we couldn't set to work for the necessary fixing jobs for our church building. According to the finance committee's report, we need at least \$30,000 more to cover our minimum expenses for next year. We also need far more funds to realize our passion for more outreach ministries and to improve our educational ministries for the future of our church.

Now, the time is here again for us to step up and commit to the financial health of our church for the year to come. We are indeed a family, and as a family of UMC of Patchogue, we are called upon to make the mission and ministry of the church possible. Now is the time for each of us to consider how big a role our church and our church family plays in our lives and how big a role each of us plays for building up this great faith community. Please take time to prayerfully consider your financial commitment for 2010. Please fill out and return the pledge card by mail or in the offering plate on Sunday.

Thank you for your support and prayers for our church.

May God bless each of you.

—Rev. In Koo Chung

## Quotable Quotes

Our callings are not simply secular means of making money or a living, but are God's means of utilizing our gifts and interests to his glory."

—a paraphrase of Martin Luther

"Most people learn the joy of giving by first receiving."

—Robert Wuthnow

"Alas, how many, even among those who are called believers, have plenty of all the necessities of life, and yet complain of poverty!"

—John Wesley

"When it comes to giving until it hurts, most people have a very low threshold of pain."

—Anonymous

"There are two tragedies in life. One is not to get your heart's desire. The other is to get it."

—George Bernard Shaw

"The afterlife in which Americans receive their just rewards for the virtue of hard work is found at the shopping center."

—Paul L. Wachtel

"For the most part, we do not consume the goods we buy. We display them, flaunt them, hoard them; we incorporate them into the self..."

—Robert Wuthnow

### Patchogue Cooperative Nursery School FAMILY FALL FUN FEST Nov. 7th 11 a.m.—4 p.m.

\$7.00 per child or \$5.00 with a non perishable food item. Adults are free

ALL FOOD ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PATCHOGUE  
PATCHOGUE COOPERATIVE NURSERY SCHOOL invites you to come check out our Building Blocks Program for children who are 19-36 months. Program is held on Tuesdays from 10-12.  
For more information call 475-6131.

## Stewardship

Our Church Stewardship Campaign this year is the first three weeks of November.

Please come to Church and pray on your pledge for next year. Our Lord gave so much for us, now let us honor him.

The old outside oil tank near the church office was removed back in June and we finally seeded the area. An intrepid foursome thought it would be a couple hours' project, since we had a rototiller. Unfortunately it broke down. Jim Miller, Walt Stawecki, Steve Cacioppo (landscaper), and I spent more than five hours digging, raking, weeding and seeding the two damaged areas. Walt supplied the grass seed. We want to thank the United Methodist Women for sharing the refreshments of their meeting with us.

We are grateful to Ray Henson, our sexton, for his donation of time and materials in the patching of the leak in the roof of Wesley Hall near the windows facing Church Street. Ray has been busy beyond his allotted duties replacing the flushing systems of

Church toilets clogged by the water main break when Milro removed the oil tank. Two other plumbing problems at the parsonage has occupied many of his part time hours.

The all Church Yard sale on Saturday, October 10 was a success. We raised \$665. A host of other yard sales and the lagging economy brought in less than last year. Pastor Chung cooked hot dogs with steak strips for the many volunteers. Bob Prince and Steve Rice did what they could, since they were recovering from surgeries. The volunteers who collected items from the congregation were: Barry Burrell, Peter Halliwell, Kevin Leahy, Bob Prince, Steve Rice, Bob Rogers, Steve Shadbolt and myself.

The hard workers at the sale were: Al Eid, Barbara Becker, Barry Burrell, Carolyn Willis Falvey, Carol & Bruce Kirschner, Ed Klingel, Patty Livingston, Jean & Jim Miller, Lenny Pearson, Betty, Steve, and Stevey Rice, Wendy and Dave Hollowell, Joanne, Steve, Britney & Brian Shadbolt, and Denise & Frank Whalen. It was decided that \$500 of the proceeds would go to help pay for the new boiler and oil

tank in the parsonage. Thank you to all who donated items and their time to this event.

The week before our yard sale Barbara Becker was asked if she could help a woman who Senior Adult Protective Services were afraid might lose her apartment. Barbara with her sister, Patty Livingston and Jean Miller helped the woman straighten up her apartment. On the Saturday of the yard sale Barbara, Barry, Brian & Steve Shadbolt, and Frank Whalen removed an old couch for her and installed a newer one.

Blanket Sunday, Oct. 11, was a great success. We had a special service focused on the humanitarian programs of the Church World Services. Kathleen Burton, Associate Director and Regional Coordinator of Church World Services, described their many programs that respond to disasters across the globe. Over five hundred dollars was raised to support this worthy work. Money is sent to the disaster area to buy blankets, food and shelter locally to help the damaged economies as well.

—Dave Hollowell

### United Methodist Church of Patchogue Annual Giving Commitment

Name _____
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<b>I (We) pledge the following contribution for 2010:</b>
Amount \$ _____ to be contributed <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly
<input type="checkbox"/> Annually on this date _____
<b>I (We) will pay this amount:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> By Cash or Check <input type="checkbox"/> By Electronic Transfer <i>(Fill out form at right)</i>
Signature _____

<b>Agreement For Electronic Transfer</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> I (we) authorize the deduction of this contribution from my (our) checking account (EFT). <b>Please include a voided check with this form.</b>
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*Celebrate your life! Witness for your faith!*

# United Methodist Church of Patchogue

## November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10 a.m.— Communion Wor- ship/Sunday School 11:30 a.m.— Finance Committee	<b>2</b> 7 p.m.—AA	<b>3</b> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<b>4</b> 7:30 p.m.—Bible Study	<b>5</b> 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 a.m.—Church Council	<b>9</b> 7 p.m.—AA	<b>10</b> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. —UMW Holiday Fair
<b>15</b> 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School	<b>16</b> 7 p.m.—AA	<b>17</b> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:30 p.m.—Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School 11:30 a.m.— Trustees 7:00 p.m.—Healing Service	<b>23</b> 7 p.m.—AA	<b>24</b> 10 a.m.—Noon— Food Pantry 7:00 p.m.—AA 7:30 p.m.— Recovery	<b>25</b> 7:00 p.m.— Ecumenical Thanks- giving Service at Temple Beth El	<b>26</b> <b>THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10 a.m.—Worship/ Sunday School	<b>30</b> 7 p.m.—AA					

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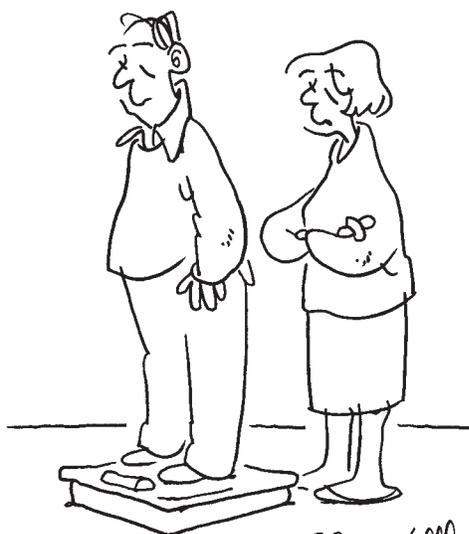
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**"No one who  
puts his hand  
to the plow and  
looks back is fit  
for service  
in the  
kingdom  
of God."**

**Luke 9:62, NIV**

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church office.

## Commentary: U.S. Needs Health Care vs. Sick Care

By Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders\*

The United States has the best "sick care" system in the world, but our "health care" delivery system is lacking. We have the best doctors, the best hospitals, best academic health centers, best nurses, the best drugs, and we are leaders in research.

Our problem is that the system is not available to all of our citizens. In addition, our health care is not equitable, coherent, comprehensive and cost-effective, nor do we have choice. The United States has 5 percent of the people of the world and 25 percent of the world's wealth. We are the richest country in the world and the only industrialized country that does not provide health care for its entire people.

Health care, which now consumes 17 percent of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product, or \$2.4 trillion in 2007, continues to grow in its appetite for our economic resources, while the United States continues to fall in overall health care for its citizens in comparison with the remainder of the industrialized world.

We do not have the best health, ranking 46th in life expectancy, 42nd in infant mortality and 57th in overall goodness and fairness as compared to 192 other members of the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation.

If the rest of the industrialized world can manage to serve all its citizens on less, why can we not?

### Lives at risk

The lack of access to health care for so many is literally bankrupting our people and endangering all our lives.

We have depended upon employers to carry much of the burden of health insurance over the years. However, now we find

in this global economy that they are at a disadvantage trying to compete with countries that have a public health care system. Health insurance expenses are the fastest-growing cost component for employers. Unless something changes dramatically, health insurance costs will overtake profits.

President Obama's desire for a health care plan is one that improves coverage for the 45 million to 50 million uninsured citizens, contains costs, and offers high quality, cost-effective, equitable, portable and affordable care for everyone.

### Physicians, heal this system

Physicians must become involved in population health. Health is influenced by factors in five domains, which are genetic, social circumstances, environmental exposures, and behavioral patterns and health care. The single greatest opportunity to improve health and reduce premature death lies in personal behavior.

We must dream big; our vision is for healthy people in healthy communities with a health care system that is right for all of our citizens. It needs to be available, affordable, accessible, patient-centered, prevention-focused, purpose-driven and solution-oriented. It must empower individuals to take care of themselves, foster responsibility and human dignity, improve health and enhance quality of life.

Any new health care system must contain a provision for a public health care policy; this is a single-payer system. People who prefer private insurance can always purchase it instead of purchasing a public health care policy.

We also must provide education to promote health maintenance, preventive measures in order to thwart disease, basic dental health care, mental health care, emergency services and necessary medicines.

### A public option

Ask Medicare patients if they would like

to give up their insurance and I think few would answer in the affirmative. Public health care is well liked in the United States. People who do not receive Medicare may not know that each person pays almost \$100 per month for the insurance, which is deducted from Social Security checks automatically. After a yearly deductible, Medicare pays 80 percent of most medical care but not dental care. There is a prescription Medicare (Part D) that is separate from other Medicare and has a variety of plans.

A public health care policy would likely be similar to purchasing Medicare. With Medicare, about 98 cents of every dollar paid in payroll taxes are spent on actually providing health care. When you look at the private insurance companies, it is more like 80 cents. The rest goes to administrative expenses and profits. There are many additional costs imposed on the doctors and health care providers themselves, who have to deal with a fragmented, complex system in which they have to negotiate, amend, or cajole payment from many different insurers.

Both business and individuals are breaking under the strain of our very expensive health care system. We must overhaul our system now; its condition is beyond tweaking to make it function for our people. We have tried to tweak the way we perform health care for many decades with disastrous results. We have tried HMOs, PPOs, indemnity with an assortment of public health systems to catch some of our people who fall between the cracks. It has failed while costing us precious lives, health and money of our people along the way.

We need an overhaul of the health care system to save lives, money and American business.

*\*Elders, a United Methodist, served as the U.S. Surgeon General under President Bill Clinton from 1993 to 1994*

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11/19 Briana Levine  
11/24 Sabrina Chae  
11/27 Matthew Masem  
11/28 Jake Scala  
Ricky Siems

## Need a Ride?



We have a number of parishioners who can not come to Church due to lack of transportation. Barbara Becker and Dave Hollowell already pick up parishioners and need your support to assist the rest of those who want to attend Church.

If you can give another parishioner a ride to Church on a part time or regular basis, please call the office 475-0381, Barbara (475-1791), or Dave (475-5339). Thank you.

## A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day  
We bow our hearts to You and pray.  
We give You thanks for all You've done  
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your  
Son.

For beauty in nature, Your glory we see  
For joy and health, friends and family,  
For daily provision, Your mercy and  
care

These are the blessings You graciously  
share.

So today we offer this response of  
praise

With a promise to follow You all of our  
days.

—**Mary Fairchild**