Maynard Messenger

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"Praying Our Way Forward"

by Pastor Patricia

Dear Maynardites,

As you know, for many years, the United Methodist Church has struggled with the question about the full inclusion and acceptance of persons of different sexual orientations and identities. For us at Maynard Church, and legally in this country, the question is settled. But our denomination stretches around the world — there are United Methodists throughout Africa, Latin America, Asia, and Europe, and in parts of our own country where there simply is not that same understanding as we do of the nature of God's magnificent, creative diversity.

One year from now, January 2019, United Methodists from around the world are going to gather for a special session to discern and decide on how and if we can stay one denomination or have some form of separation because of our standing on this question. There is a group of people, called The Commission on a Way Forward, which has been meeting now for two years. They will propose a plan for those assembled to discuss. Our bishop, Gregory Palmer, is a part of that group.

Every conference has been assigned a week to focus their prayer energy on praying for that commission and for the denomination. Ours in West Ohio is the week of January 7-13, 2018. The bishop has asked us to pray that God will shine a light on the way forward for The United Methodist Church to embrace unity and the enormous mission that God has asked us to share in.

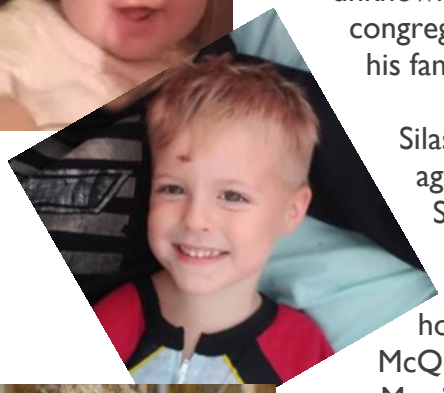
Here is his note:

"We all have different rhythms and practices in prayer. However, I am asking that to the extent possible we devote 12 – 12:15 p.m. for ***Praying Our Way Forward***. Please know that you are invited to pray whenever you can and as much as you can each day the week of **January 7-13, 2018**. Please follow this link for ***a prayer for the week and a prayer for each day that offers a specific focus*** (see pg 9, prayers copied there). Please share these prayers with your congregations and prayer partners. You will also be able to post your own prayers on the Prayer Wall on the conference website.

"Thank you in advance for joining this holy conspiracy. As always I am,

"Your servant in Christ Jesus,"

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer



A Very Loved Little One Is Gone

5/22/14—12/31/17

On New Years Eve, our dear little Silas died, apparently from an unknown heart condition. This congregation grieves for Si and his family.

Silas "Si" Deacon Barnett, age 3, went home on Sunday, December 31, 2017, surrounded by the ones he loved holding his "Lighting McQueen" car. Si was born on May 22, 2014, in Newark, Ohio. He attended C-Tec Preschool in Newark. Si has touched many hearts and is bringing a whole community together. He is survived by his parents, Nichole and Joe; brother Bentlee (due on April 29, 2018); grandparents, Beth and Jim Dodd, Sr.; Sherry and Joseph Barnett, Sr.; Mama B; and Grandma Oney; aunts and uncles, James "Juice" Dodd, Jr.; Jessica "Auntie" Dodd; Uncle "Z"; Ashley Barnett; Bobby Gemienhardt; Marci, Destiny and Rob; lots of cousins; Godparents, Madison and Nate Stevens; dogs, Bo and Ty.

A celebration of Si's life will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, January 7, 2018, at Maynard Avenue United Methodist Church Private family inurnment.

You can send a note to Joe and Nichole at 4005 Old Cooper Mill Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

In honor of Si, please wear your RAIN BOOTS on Sunday.

If you would like to see notes to the family, or write something online, you can do so at:. **www.rutherfordfuneralhome.com**.

or click on: **Silas "Si" Deacon Barnett - View Obituary & Service Information**.

New Website URL

Still "in progress" but check out our new website thanks to Meaghan and Mickey, sister and a friend of Ashleigh's!

www.maynardaveumc.org

Celebrating 70 years of The Advance: God's love at work in the European migrant crisis

In 1948, the world was still reeling from the devastation of World War II. Amid the ruin, United Methodists decided to band together to bring the hope of Christ to a world badly in need of hope. That year, General Conference declared a commitment to "a world-wide Advance in which Methodists may share in a ministry of relief and in carrying the Gospel of Christ to the peoples of the earth."

So often we think of accomplishment in terms of "getting." But a full life — a life of abundance — is more about giving than getting. One of life's great blessings is the opportunity to be a part of God's work of bringing hope and healing to a world that desperately needs it.

For 70 years, United Methodists have participated in that work through The Advance. The Advance has continued in every corner of the world, in every crisis, from war to famine to terrorism to climate change to ongoing injustice. The Advance has been connecting the generosity of United Methodists with more than 300 missionaries and over 600 mission projects.

At The Advance website, you can search United Methodist-related projects to find the best fit for your generosity. **The Advance** ensures that 100% of every gift reaches its intended mission or ministry through accountable channels you can track online.

Christmastime is a joyful season for most of us as we gather with friends, family, and fellow church members. **But what would make our joy more complete?** Make your year complete? Give it away. Give through **The Advance** today.

Your generosity — and the generosity of thousands of United Methodists giving alongside you — makes a great difference in the world. Thanks to you, hope and healing are advancing in the name of Christ. You'll find extra satisfaction in the fact that 100% of your gift went to the projects and/or supported the work of missionaries around the world.

CAN News
Wed. 12/20/17

The Advance
Advancing hope in Christ's name

CAPITOL AREA NORTH
West Ohio Conference

District Leadership Training Day—Mark Your Calendar

2018 CAN and CAS District Leadership Training Day

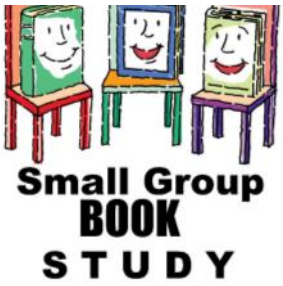
Saturday, February 3, 2018,
9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
at **Powell UMC,**
825 E. Olentangy St., Powell, OH

This year we are offering
24 WORKSHOPS.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Every year we have 350 – 400 people attend this training.
You don't want to miss it!

Maynard Avenue Small Group Book Study



A new year begins for the bi-monthly Maynard Avenue Small Group Book Study. Amy Radcliff sent several books for us to consider.

- *By the River Piedra I Sat Down and Wept* by Paulo Coelho
- *Dinner with a Perfect Stranger* by David Gregory
- *Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold
- *The Dance with the White Dog* by Terry Kay
- *Elsewhere* by Gabrielle Zevin
- *Mother Teresa: A Life Inspired* by Wyatt North
- *Rent Collector* by Cameron Wright

Check them out on line and please let me know as soon as possible which book you would like to read in January and discuss in February. That'll give you six weeks to read the book.

We will meet in the parlor at 7 p.m. on February 15. Bring a snack to share if you'd like.

Happy reading!!!

Claudia Erlenbach
church sec'y

P.S. A list of titles and their synopsis was sent out via email on 1/6/17. Let Claudia know your choice after reading each one.

Each week, check out news articles that are pertinent to those in the West Ohio Conference. Go to: **newsnet@westohioumc.ccsend.com**

UMCOR Provides Millions in Grants for Hurricane Recovery

As many are aware, 2017 has been historic in the amount of hurricane damage experienced by the United States and the Caribbean. Over $40 million is available to UMCOR for hurricane and disaster relief, with more than $7 million of it already distributed for immediate recovery needs.

The recovery from Irma, Harvey and Maria will take years, requiring significant financial resources to help families and communities be fully restored, so the disbursement of funds will continue well into the future. In addition, more than $100,000 has been provided for communities recovering from wildfires in California, and more will be needed as fires continue to destroy homes and businesses. Thank you, West Ohio, for your generosity in donating money, kits, and time to help those in need!

NEWS Net
The e-Newsletter of The West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church

UMCOR
United Methodist Committee on Relief

NewsNET
Wed. 12/20/17

New Year's Covenant Prayer

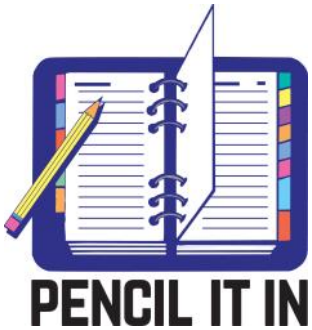
(Ed: *An excerpt from Bishop Ough's New Year's letter. The entire article can be read at* ***http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/a-new-years-letter-from-council-president-bishop-bruce-ough.)***

So, as we enter into 2018 and trust that God will provide a future with hope, I invite all United Methodists to renew our covenant with God and one another, as we join Methodist people throughout the ages in praying the Covenant Prayer, which in part reads:

> Lord, make me what you will,
> put myself fully into your hands;
> put me to doing, put me to suffering,
> let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
> let me be full, let me be empty,
> let me have all things, let me have nothing.
> I freely and with willing heart
> give it all to your pleasure and disposal. Amen.

May God add God's blessing to our journey together as a covenant people and grant us a blessed New Year.

Bishop Bruce R. Ough, President
Council of Bishops
The United Methodist Church



Special Days, Annual Events, and Months of Celebration

New Year — January 1

Human Relations Sunday — January 14 (Sunday before MLK, Jr. Day) (Special Sunday with offering)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day — third Monday of January

Black History Month — February

Women's History Month — March

UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) — March 11 (fourth Sunday in Lent) (Special Sunday with offering)

Native American Ministries Sunday — April 10 (third Sunday of Easter) (Special Sunday with offering)

World Malaria Day — April 25

Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month — May

Heritage Sunday — May 24 or the Sunday preceding

Peace with Justice Sunday — May 27 (first Sunday after Pentecost) (Special Sunday with offering)

Hispanic Heritage Month — September 15-October 15

International Day of Prayer for Peace — September 21

World Communion Sunday — October 7 (first Sunday in October) (Special Sunday with offering)

Children's Sabbath — second weekend in October

Laity Sunday—(third Sunday in October)

Organ and Tissue Donor Sunday—second Sunday of November

Thanksgiving — fourth Thursday of November

United Methodist Student Day — November 25 (last Sunday of November) (Special Sunday with offering)

Giving Tuesday — first Tuesday after Thanksgiving

World AIDS Day — December 1

Men's Ministry Sunday — Sunday designated by the congregation

United Methodist Vocabulary Quiz

Facebook is filled with quizzes of all kinds but I've not seen this one: Ten questions to see how much you know about being a Methodist. Share with others.

More quizzes are available at **www.umc.org/quizzes.** I haven't tried any of those yet.

1. What is the person called who assists in a worship service, including the lighting of candles?

- ❒ Server
- ❒ Greeter
- ❒ Acolyte
- ❒ Usher

2. A way to partake of the elements in the Lord's Supper is:

- ❒ Intinction
- ❒ Carefully
- ❒ Reaffirmation of faith

3. If you are outside the church and want to enter the sanctuary, what do you usually go through?

- ❒ The front porch
- ❒ The threshold
- ❒ The upper room
- ❒ The narthex

4. What is a station?

- ❒ A military checkpoint
- ❒ A cable television channel
- ❒ A pastor's only church

5. When local churches send part of their offerings to their district and conference, it is called…

- ❒ Tithe
- ❒ Apportionment
- ❒ Investment

6. Before we have a relationship with God, he offers us what kind of grace?

- ❒ Prevenient grace
- ❒ Amazing grace
- ❒ Justifying grace

7. What's the name of the four -year period after each General Conference?

- ❒ Olympiad
- ❒ Fortnight
- ❒ Quartet
- ❒ Quadrennium

8. If you want to serve as a local pastor, deacon, or elder, you would apply for what?

- ❒ Permit
- ❒ Candidacy
- ❒ Admission

9. What do we call the bread and wine used in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

- ❒ Components
- ❒ Elements
- ❒ Delicious

10. If you want to know what United Methodists believe, you would start with what section of The Book of Discipline?

- ❒ The index
- ❒ Articles of Religion
- ❒ List of bishops
- ❒ Nicene Creed

(answers on page 8)

United Methodist Vocabulary Quiz Answers

1. What is the person called who assists in a worship service, including the lighting of candles? The correct answer is acolyte. Typically, the role of acolyte is filled by a young person, but adults are allowed to serve as acolytes, too. The local pastor can decide who serves and what duties are appropriate.

2. A way to partake of the elements in the Lord's Supper is: The correct answer is intinction, the act of dipping the bread into a chalice filled with wine, then eating the moistened bread.

3. If you are outside the church and want to enter the sanctuary, what do you usually go through? The correct answer is the narthex, the part of the church building that connects to the entrance door of the sanctuary.

4. What is a station? The answer is a pastor's only church. A station is a pastoral assignment that is made of only one local church. This is in contrast to a circuit, which contains two or more churches.

5. When local churches send part of their offerings to their district and conference, it is called… The correct answer is apportionment, a long-standing tradition in The United Methodist Church.

6. Before we have a relationship with God, he offers us what kind of grace? The correct answer is prevenient grace, a presence that does not depend upon our actions or response.

7. What's the name of the four-year period after each General Conference? The correct answer is quadrennium. The quadrennium is the four-year period after each General Conference during which the church carries out the policy and plans approved during that General Conference.

8. If you want to serve as a local pastor, deacon, or elder, you would apply for what? The correct answer is candidacy, a discerning and preparatory period of time for the candidate. Those who want to serve as local pastors, deacons or elders use this time to explore their calling. During this time, the candidates also guided and evaluated by their annual conference.

9. What do we call the bread and wine used in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper? The correct answer is elements, the bread and wine used in the Lord's Supper.

10. If you want to know what United Methodists believe, you would start with what section of The Book of Discipline? In 1808, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church passed the first Restrictive Rule, ensuring that the Articles of Religion may not be changed. To this day, the articles are printed unchanged in each edition of The Book of Discipline.

Bishop Gregory V. Palmer

(Ed: ***This is an edited version of Bishop Gregory V. Palmer's prayers. You can check out the website to get the full unabridged version.)***

For the Week of January 7-13, 2018:
Revealing God,

As the Star of Bethlehem guided the wise of long ago to the light of the world, Jesus Christ, so guide your church in this season by the light of your love to glorify you, engage the mission, and serve our neighbors.

We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the members of The Commission On A Way Forward:
Gracious God,

We give you thanks for these thy servants who seek to serve us all through this labor of study, prayer, discernment, and design.

Help them one and all to see each other, the church and the world you love so much. Give them patience, wisdom, insight, and creativity to see what has not yet been. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

For the Mission of the Church:
Missionary God,

You relentlessly pursue us for relationship. You unceasingly love us.

Send us with faith, courage and compassion into the world as both sign and invitation of the transforming relationship available to all through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Unity of The United Methodist Church:
Healing God,

We believe that in Christ Jesus, you have and still are tearing down the dividing walls of our hostility.

Look upon your church called United Methodist with mercy, compassion and forgiveness.

You alone are our peace and our hope.

Make us one in glorifying you, in proclaiming your name throughout the cosmos and in extending your mission of new creation everywhere. Amen.

2017 Advent and Christmas at Maynard in Pics

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2018 Maynard Avenue UMC Leadership Team and Committees

Lay Leader — Hope Roberts

Leadership Team — Leo Soboslai, Chair

Treasurer	Andy Alderman
Trustees	**to be named by trustees**
Worship	**Bryan Babcock**
Finance	Claudia Erlenbach
Staff Parish	Kristen Smith
Nurture	**Connie Bloor**
"2350"	**Lyndsey Johnston**
Community Connections	Mary Wilbur
Peace with Justice	Connie Hammond
A Good Start for All	Charity Romero Rose
Donna B's	Shelli Hazel
At Large	Anna Borsick
All in One Community	**Hope Roberts**
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Maria Bernal

Requested to serve as At-Large Lay Members from Capital Area North District:
Leo Soboslai, Kerry Ragsdale, Ernie Robinson

Trustees — Chair to be named by Trustees (Leo Soboslai calling meetings)

2018	2019	2020
Don Wagner	Diana Kubovcik	**Jeff Bohling**
		Will Elkins
		Elly Rea
		Leo Soboslai

Gardener/Landscaping: Laura Leach
Safe Sanctuaries Review Team: Diana Kubovcik, Laura Leach, Charity Romero Rose, Mary Wilbur, Pastor

Staff Parish Relations — Kristen Smith, Chair

2018	2019	2020
Abby Vaile	Jared Reitz	Lauren Hazel Smith
Leo Soboslai	Kim Wagner	**Joan Krause**
Kristen Smith		

By virtue of office:
Lay Leader: Hope Roberts
Lay Member of Conference: Maria Bernal

2018 Maynard Avenue UMC Leadership Team and Committees (cont'd)

Outreach

Peace with Justice – Connie Hammond

Community Connections — Mary Wilbur, Chair

Love One Another Ministries	Mary Wilbur
Shut In Reach Out	Julie Strauch
SoHud Block Watch Connector	Michael Lindner
Neighborhood Services, Inc. Liaison	Randy Smith
Pride	Pride Team
All in Community (Outreach to Ohio Reformatory for Women)	**Hope Roberts, Diana Kubovcik, Caitlyn Smith Elkins, Sandy Gaston**

A Good Start for All

A Good Start, Kindergarten Readiness Program and non-profit corporation	Charity Romero Rose, Director
Board Members	Abby Vaile, Jared Reitz
Program Volunteers	Kerry Ragsdale, Dan Saneholtz, Abby Vaile, Vanessa Luu

Finance — Claudia Erlenbach, Chair

Finance Committee

Treasurer	Andy Alderman
Chair of Church Council	Leo Soboslai
Lay Leader	Hope Roberts
Representative of Trustees	**Elected in 2018**
Representative of Staff Parish Relations	Kristen Smith
Financial Secretary	Jan Soboslai
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Maria Bernal
At Large/Fundraising	**Elizabeth "Ibby" Fisher**

Fundraising

Donna B's: Shelli Hazel, Director

Kristen Smith	Stacy Brannan-Smith	Anna Borsick
Leo Soboslai	Jared Reitz	Claudia Erlenbach

Back up: Hope Roberts, Connie Bloor

Yard Sale2018

Lyndsey Johnston	Connie Bloor	Bethany Torres Mann

A Touch of the Holidays Bazaar

Lyndsey Johnston	Ashleigh Rea	Connie Bloor

Counters

Claudia Erlenbach	Laura Leach	Jan Soboslai
Connie Bloor	Chris Nelson	Kit Green

Auditor: Lyndsey Johnston

2018 Maynard Avenue UMC Leadership Team and Committees (cont'd)

Nurture — Connie Bloor, Chair

Pre-K to 2nd Grade	Lyndsey Johnston
Children (3rd thru 7th)	Natalie Snarr, Lyndsey Johnston
8th to 11th	Jared Reitz, Abby Vaile
12th Grade and College Students	Bethany Torres Mann, Josh Mann
Sisters in Spirit	Amy Radcliff
All Welcome Sunday School	Kerry Ragsdale
Small Group Book Study	Claudia Erlenbach
Youth Group	Lyndsey Johnston, Rory Smith
Weekday Bible/Theology Group	Pastor
Safe Sanctuaries Team	**See Trustees**

"2350" Getting the Word Out about Maynard Avenue — Lyndsey Johnston

Lyndsey Johnston Leo Soboslai Claudia Erlenbach
Website Consultant: Meaghan Rea

Nominations — Pastor, Chair

Lay Leader	Hope Roberts
Leadership Team Chair	Leo Soboslai
Claudia Erlenbach	Stacy Brannan-Smith
Diana Kubovcik	**Caitlyn Smith Elkins**
Kerry Ragsdale	Pastor

Worship — Bryan Babcock, Minister of Music/Liturgical Arts, Chair

Planning Team	Joan Krause, Bryan Babcock, Michael Lindner, Hope Roberts, Stacy Brannan-Smith, Pastor
Sacred Time Out (STO)	Kerry Ragsdale and Shelli Hazel, coordinators
Choir Director	Bryan Babcock
Bell Choir Director	Michael Lindner
Liturgical Dance	BJ Jackson
Audio	Pink Pinkley, Leo Soboslai, Natalie Snarr
Visuals	Michael Lindner, Ashleigh Rea, Brennah Soboslai
Communion Stewards	Linda Clark, coordinator Lawrence Luu, Chris Nelson, Maria Bernal
Ushers Coordinator	**To Be Recruited**
Acolyte Coordinator	Linda Clark
Acolytes	Children and Youth
Breakthrough Prayer Initiative	Pastor, Hope Roberts, Joan Krause, Leo Soboslai, Stacy Brannan-Smith
Additional Prayer Leaders	Amy Radcliff, **Mary Wilbur**, Kerry Ragsdale

January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	**2** 1 p.m.—Pastor's Bible Study 7 p.m.—Sacred Time Out Bible Study Worship With US	**3** 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous 5 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Choir	**4** 7 p.m.— Leadership Team Meeting	**5** 8 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous	**6** 10 a.m.— Donna B's 10 a.m.—Nat'l Fed of the Blind 1 p.m.—Bells Handbell Choir Donna B's
7 9:30 —Sunday School 10:30 —Worship 12—Martial Arts 2—Silas Barnett's memorial service followed by potluck	**8** 5 p.m.—Tutoring 6 p.m.—Website 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	**9** 1 p.m.—Pastor's Bible Study 7 p.m.—Sacred Time Out Bible Study Worship With US	**10** 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous 5 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Choir	**11** 7 p.m.— SoHud Block Watch meeting	**12** 8 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous	**13** 10 a.m. — Donna B's and 1 p.m.—Bells Youth Group—6 p.m. Handbell Choir Donna B's
14 9:30 —Sunday School 10:30 —Worship 12—Martial Arts 2—Visit encampments Donna B's	**15 Martin Luther King Day** 8 a.m.—Red Cross—Smoke Alarm 5 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	**16** 1 p.m.—Pastor's Bible Study 7 p.m.—Sacred Time Out Bible Study Worship With US	**17** 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous 5 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Choir	**18**	**19** 8 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous	**20** 10 a.m. — Donna B's 1 p.m.—Bells 6 p.m.—Youth Group Handbell Choir Donna B's
21 9:30 —Sunday School 10:30 —Worship, 12—Martial Arts 12—Finance Meeting 12—Donna B's open	**22** 5 p.m.— Tutoring 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	**23** 1 p.m.—Pastor's Bible Study 7 p.m.—Sacred Time Out Bible Study Worship With US	**24** 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous 5 p.m.—Tutoring	**25** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	**26** 7 p.m.— Peace with Justice Study Group 8 p.m. — Narcotics Anonymous	**27** 10 a.m. — Donna B's 1 p.m.—Bells Handbell Choir Donna B's
28 9:30 —Sunday School 10:30 —Worship 12—Martial Arts 12—Trustees Meeting	**29** 5 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	**30** 1 p.m.—Pastor's Bible Study 7 p.m.—Sacred Time Out Bible Study Worship With US	**31** 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m.—Choir			