



Birthdays
July

- 2-Jim Hirschberg
- 5-Lee Hines
- 8-Michael Salerno
- 10-Linda Tomppert
- 15-Dave Peraza
- 16-Damaris Burton
- 17-Carol Comerford
- 19-Nancy Weiss
- 22-Jo-Ellen Hazan
- 23-Janice Weir
- 26-Phil Van Praag
- 27-Amy Kovner

August

- 6-Kendra Rosenbaum
- 24-Karin Logrieco

September

- 1-Jeff Kovner
- 3-Chris Hirschberg
- 5-Sandy Cardiello
- 17-Rick Grove
- 20-Marian Brower
- 25-Thea Kitley
- 25-Pastor David
- 30-Violet Orteni



***The United Methodist Church of
Port Washington***

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Beloveds,

Grace and peace to all of you this summer season. What a spring it has been, and a glorious season of Easter. From the salmon dinner on Maundy Thursday, to the Sunrise Service in Harbor Acres, all the way through Easter worship later that morning, the Spirit is truly alive in this place. On a personal note, since serving in the New York Annual Conference in the past nine and a half years, Easter Sunday is the first Sunday where more than 120 people gathered together for worship at once in a congregation I've served!

It is also notable to mention the number of guests over the spring has increased, especially those with children. Last fall, our custodian and I took out two pews from the back of the sanctuary for the small children's area in the back with the playpen, and a table with books for younger kids. I know change can be difficult. It's a message I preach often and struggle with myself, but this visible sign as you enter the sanctuary declares that we are a congregation that places value on the inclusion of small ones in worship when parents desire to have their

kids with them.

This past Sunday, June 23rd, we celebrated the beginning of summer after worship with a cookout, and though it was the best day sunshine and weather wise we've had in probably two weeks, we filled the six picnic tables in the courtyard and had roughly two hours of fun and fellowship on the lawn. It warms my heart to see the all of you engaged with one another, sharing stories, laughing with each other, and having a great time. I look forward to many more Sunday afternoons like this in our future!

That said, being a church that looks towards the inclusion of all, there is an area where our denomination is lacking drastically. Full-inclusion of our LGBT+ sisters and brothers has been further fractured within the last few months, and what this boils down to is a continued stance of open discrimination. We've learned from our recent past, as well as current times, in this country that discrimination has been and continues to be a problem for many in our culture and society to the point that it must be called out for what it is, and that is the fact that it is wrong. The words of the Bible are openly used to prove, to put it nicely, a narrow theological understanding of the radical love of Christ – a love that is only reserved for a select few. For me, I see this type of theology arising from those who instead seek a protectionism stance when it comes to "church." This is obviously counterintuitive to the gospel message Jesus brought to the world, openly showing us that it is not just about us, but about all our sisters and brothers regardless if they don't look like us, act like us, speak the same language as us, or conform to our norms like us.

There is a love and compassion that we are called to where we won't live in a country where animal shelters offer better living conditions than detainment camps on our southern border. There is a love and compassion that we are called to where we seek change in our laws that actually express what it means to be a Christian. As a people of faith who follow the word of God, there is nothing wrong with an immigrant Christian, a Korean Christian, an African-American Christian, a Caucasian Christian, or any other label we place in front of whatever type of Christian we are, except a hateful Christian. Someone who judges others based upon their faith has already chosen and deemed someone else as less than themselves, and we know this has been proven wrong through the words and actions of Christ; for he healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

And for a people such as ourselves, may we rejoice that even though we are a broken part of Creation, our God has seen us fit for redemption because of the goodness that we have instilled in our hearts from our birth. May we cherish this and be willing and open to share it with others as we continue to live out the covenant we made, or that which was made for us, at our baptism to accept the freedom and power God gives each of us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. Let us all strive to do so.

In Christ's peace, Pastor David

UMCPW Office hours:

MONDAY: 9:00 AM through 2:00 PM
TUESDAY: 9:00 AM through 2:00 PM
WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM through 2:00 PM
THURSDAY: 9:00 AM through 2:00 PM
FRIDAY: **Office closed**

Pastor David's office hours:

MONDAY: 9:00 AM through 1:00 PM
TUESDAY: 9:00 AM through 1:00 PM
WEDNESDAY: 9:00 AM through 11:00 AM
THURSDAY: 9:00 AM through 11:00 AM
FRIDAY: **Day off**
OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

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The church email is:

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**Podcasts of Sermon, blogs, and
upcoming events.**



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Look What's Happening

Church Council Meeting – Tuesday, July 9 @ 7:30 pm – church office.

Kang BBQ – Sunday, July 14 after Sunday worship.

Outdoor Worship – Sunday, July 21 @ 10 am in courtyard.

Monday August 5 to Friday August 9 – floor cleaning – please try to not use the church building during this week.

Guest speaker – Pat Rush – Sunday, August 18 – Sunday Worship

Guest speaker – Young Heo – Sunday, August 25 – Sunday Worship

Labor Day – September 2, office closed.

Sundae Sunday – September 8 after worship in courtyard



Left – family and friends enjoying a Mediterranean style dinner with salmon. Thanks to everyone who prepared a dish to share!



Right – grilling the salmon for the Maundy Thursday Service and Dinner.



Left – Holy Communion set up for Maundy Thursday



Above – Easter Sunday
Bonnet & Hat Procession



Above –
Summer Kick-
Off Picnic with
the new picnic
tables.



Right – UMW
Dinner at
Harbor Links.

Right - The new grill donated by Lee Fertitta.

Bottom - Ten new picnic tables donated for the church to use.





Left – Volunteer tomatoes from last year’s crop! These grew on their own.



Right – one of the three apple trees planted last year for Earth Day. All three are loaded with apples already!

Bottom – Carrots growing!



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