

PRAYER REQUESTS

In Need of Prayer: Henry & Barbara Repp, Albert Hoff, Peg Coats, Mary Kate Sinclair, Ryan Mayer, June Decicco, Anne Handy, Charles Tice, Floyd Brendler, Bill Miller, Dakota & Family (motorcycle accident), Dan Rutan, Elizabeth Roe, Cathy Lawrence, Claus Seebeck, Charles Wilson Jackson IV, Lois McCue, Rhonda Kays, Joyce Post, Carol Wallenburg, Cindy Rich, Dot Kerrick, Allison Stappel (Linda Plimpton's granddaughter), Andrew Bianco (11 year-old cousin of Eve Cornwell), Peter Hartmann (Jane Hartmann's son), Bill Coe, Mildred Rohel (Elaine Eberhart's Mom), Richard Brizendine, Ralph Porter, Angela Woods, Dottie Gilbert, Eleanor Windt, Joanne Martin, Shirley McCracken, Sawyer Vaughan, Donna Morris, John Wilson, Stephanie Walter, Willard Repp, Paul Rafalco, Tina Simon, Lori Bischoff, Ted Cosgrove, Edward Kuhn, Beverly Kays, Kim Best, Beth Simmons, Peter Mahler, Jaclyn Holmberg, Lynn Anderson, Theresa Iliff, Martha McConnell (Stephanie Hontz's mother), Daniel Allen (Dorothea Johnston's brother), Herb Caton (Donna Meisinger's Uncle), Walt Wilinski, Dan Finkle (Donna Meisinger's nephew), Patricia Hefferan (Unity Choir), Diane Bozzone, Molly Young (Rev. David Young's Daughter), Christopher Parsons (Kathleen Meredith's brother)

ANDOVER NURSING - Margaret Miller
FOREST MANOR - Betty Lawrence
OUT-OF-STATE - Gladys Heckman

Members and Friends at Bristol Glen, The members of our military and their families.

If anyone listed above can be removed, please notify the church office.

If anyone removed needs to be placed back on the prayer list, please let us know.



WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Coffee Fellowship

All are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshment after this service in Holland Hall. Today's Coffee Hour Hostess - Page Mackisoc

Please give **prayer request cards** (located in pew racks) to the ushers.

Do you have a significant date to celebrate, or a special person to remember or honor? Place **altar or chancel flowers** for display during worship on a date near that special day. Fill out an altar flower order form (under the Flower Chart in Holland Hall) and leave it in the church office. If you prefer to provide your own display, please contact the church office.

Today's chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Marion Ackerman from the Schierloh family

TODAY'S SPECIAL OFFERING

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Provides for our Pastor to assist families and individuals to meet emergencies in times of need.

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH THRU YOUR PURCHASES: GROCERY CARDS



Remember to purchase your Shop Rite or Weis grocery cards after worship - a great way to help our church! Please see Linda Plimpton.



Open Saturdays 9 am - 1 pm

****Donations are welcomed!****

Did you know that Pastor Todd writes two devotions per week? Go to <http://www.lifegivingwaterdevo.org/> and sign up to have them delivered to your email address.



Life-Giving Water
A Biweekly Devotional



The UMW of Newton will be holding a **Pull-Ups Drive for Head Start** beginning in September. We will be making a bin available for the collection of Pull-Ups in sizes 4T and 5T. All donations from the congregation would be greatly appreciated and we thank you in advance!

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Our Mission

**Transform the world with God's love
by being and making disciples of Jesus Christ.**

Our Vision

Reaching and serving all people with God's message of hope.

September 23, 2018

10:30 AM

18th Sunday after Pentecost

A Service of Worship

* Please rise, in body or in spirit. Large print Hymnals are available from the ushers. Hearing Assistance devices are available.

PRELUDE Christie Spriggs

GREETING Mark Hontz

* CALL TO WORSHIP Katelyn McDade

Draw near to God, and grow strong in God's presence.

Seek God's wisdom, and know joy as God draws near.

Live as trees planted by living waters, and Christ will give you peace.

Rest in the shade of the Tree of Life, and Christ will lead you home.

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

* HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" No. 158

OPENING PRAYER Katelyn McDade

Source of wisdom and understanding, plant us by your streams of living water, that we may bear the fruit of peace and mercy in the seasons of our lives; root us in the soil of your grace and compassion, that we may reach out our hands to the needy and speak with gentleness to the sorrowful; nourish us in your righteousness, that our actions may reflect your presence in our living and in our loving. Place your wisdom and understanding within us, that we may be far more precious than jewels to those in need of your healing love. **Amen.**

ANTHEM "Grace" Chancel Choir

Lord, as I seek your guidance for the day, I find my thoughts unyielding, confusion crowds my way;

But then when I bow to you, the challenges you guide me through, your promises are ever new, I claim them for today.

Your will cannot lead me where your grace will not keep me, your hand will protect me. I rest in your care.

Your eyes will watch over me, your love will forgive me, and when I am faltering, I still will find you there.

Each new day's design is charted by your hand and graciously revealed as I seek your Master plan. Keep my foot steps faithful when from you I go. Return me to the joy that your blessings can bestow.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pastor Todd Lattig

THE LORD'S PRAYER

No. 895

RESPONSE TO PRAYER "Day by Day" Chancel Choir
 DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS & SPECIAL GIFTS Pastor Todd Lattig
 ANNOUNCEMENTS Mark Hontz
 FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION - Please complete the registration book as it is passed!
 * PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST - WELCOME TO ALL!
 * HYMN OF PREPARATION "Standing on the Promises" No. 374 (Vs. 1 & 4)
 * SCRIPTURE READING "Romans 4:1-12" Katelyn McDade
 This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God for this Word!

* GLORIA PATRI No. 71
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen. Amen.**

TODAY'S MESSAGE "The Plan: Expansion Project" Pastor Todd Lattig

OFFERTORY "Hills and Valleys" Christie Spriggs

* DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION Katelyn McDade
 Wise and loving God, you are the source of goodness in our lives.
 Thank you for your Wisdom, your creation, and your Word.
 Thank you for your Son, Jesus who draws all these gifts together in his teaching, in his death, and in his resurrection.
 Receive our offerings and our gratitude this day, and give us the wisdom to use our gifts and our very lives to fulfill your desires in the world.
Amen.

* HYMN OF CELEBRATION "Thine Be The Glory" No. 308 (v. 1& 3)
 * BENEDICTION Pastor Todd Lattig

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
 No. 3104 v. 1 & REFRAIN
 (The congregation is invited to join the Chancel Choir in singing.)
**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I
 once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see. My chains
 are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.
 And like a flood his mercy reigns, unending love, amazing grace.**

POSTLUDE Christie Spriggs

**Family Promise - Volunteers Needed this week contact
 Roger Tanis for more information 973-670-3044**

**Manna House - Volunteers Needed
 Tuesday 10 am to 1:30 pm**



SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 4:1-12

Abraham was, humanly speaking, the founder of our Jewish nation. What did he discover about being made right with God? If his good deeds had made him acceptable to God, he would have had something to boast about. But that was not God's way. For the Scriptures tell us, "Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith."

When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners. David also spoke of this when he described the happiness of those who are declared righteous without working for it:

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight. Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of sin."

Now, is this blessing only for the Jews, or is it also for uncircumcised Gentiles? Well, we have been saying that Abraham was counted as righteous by God because of his faith. But how did this happen? Was he counted as righteous only after he was circumcised, or was it before he was circumcised? Clearly, God accepted Abraham before he was circumcised!

Circumcision was a sign that Abraham already had faith and that God had already accepted him and declared him to be righteous—even before he was circumcised. So Abraham is the spiritual father of those who have faith but have not been circumcised. They are counted as righteous because of their faith. And Abraham is also the spiritual father of those who have been circumcised, but only if they have the same kind of faith Abraham had before he was circumcised.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Starting Tuesday, September 18th

**6 pm in the Media Center
 or 1:00 pm at Bristol Glen**

Interrupting Silence

By Walter Brueggemann

Sign up today using our [Google Docs Link in your weekly email](#), by calling 973-383-4450 or emailing us at office@newtonumc.com!

Check out the trailer on FaceBook!

MANDATORY AD COUNCIL MEETING 9/26 7 PM



CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 7th

Immediately After Worship

Please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of the church!

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Today	9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Praise Service Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service
	2:00 p.m.	Unity Choir Rehearsal
	2:30 p.m.	Barn Hill Service
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Monday		
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Manna House
	12:00 p.m.	Transportation Hearing SCCC
	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study at Bristol Glen
	6:00 p.m.	Fall Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
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Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Prayers & Stitches
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Lyme Support Group
	7:00 p.m.	Choir
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Friday	2:00 p.m.	Lydia Circle
	6:30 p.m.	Organ Lesson
	7:00 p.m.	UMW Girls Night Out
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Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Bargain Basement
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Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Praise Service Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service

Last Week Worship Attendance Total: 117
 Worship - 75; Joy Service - 15, Sunday School - 1
 Bristol Glen TV viewers - 22 - Barn Hill - 26

Today's Worship Service

Worship Reader Katelyn McDade
 Acolytes Alexa Babcock, Susanna Hontz
 Katelyn McDade, Anne Mohan, Gemma Mohan
 Sound Crew Claus Seebeck, Jay Morrison
 Video Camera Operator Jen Phlegar

Next Week's Worship Service

Worship Readers Susanna Hontz

MINISTRY TEAM

Pastor Rev. Todd Lattig
 Pastor Emeritus Rev. Dr. H. Alden Welch
 Lay Servants Joseph Capitulik, Mark Hontz, Kathleen Meredith
 Director of Music/Organist Henry Repp
 Music Coordinator/JOY Service Christie Mazurkiewicz
 Office Administrator Delia Mason