

Order of Worship  
Sunday, June 21, 2020

The Greater New Jersey Annual Conference is offering this week's worship as the pastors are on renewal leave.

PRAYER CONCERNS: Marilyn MacRae, Anne Grogan (daughter of Dee Dee Langshaw), Audrey Cutone (mother of Jay Taylor), Barbara Engelbrecht, Sue Geissler (friend of Melissa O'Donnell), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), John Chwastyk (husband of Kim Chwastyk), Mary Raroha, Jessica (niece of the Hoffners), Nancy (mother of Denise Gatton).

WHAT'S GOING ON...

Please email the church office if you would like a church event posted and sent it to:

[Joan@meetwithGod.com](mailto:Joan@meetwithGod.com)

"PASTORAL RENEWAL LEAVE" – last two weeks of June. Given the stress and increased pressures brought on by the pandemic, Bishop John Schol has urged pastors to take a special COVID-19 renewal leave during the last two weeks of June beginning on June 21. During that time, the staff of the annual conference will be providing the online worship services for June 21 and June 28 via Facebook and YouTube. Pastor Tom has also encouraged the staff responsible for First Church's online worship to take this as a time apart as well, recognizing the incredible amount of work that they have put in. Please join with him in thanking Norm Dorrell, Donna Banes, and especially Kathy Clawges for their amazing work in making Sundays special through online worship that began in mid-March! Should ministry needs arise during those two weeks, Pastor Tom will be available.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – June 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom. This meeting will be an opportunity for information and communication. Pastor Tom will report on what has been happening at the church in the past three months. We will also have a report from the Finance Committee/Treasurer, Missions Commission, and The Reopening Team, plus time for questions and answers, comments and concerns, hopes and prayers. As with all Church Council meetings, this will be open to all members of the church. Zoom Call-In Information will be provided in the Sunday bulletin on June 28, 2020. Pattie Gritzan, Chair of Church Council

"INVITATION TO PRAYER" – Every day at 8:46 AM and 8:46 PM through July 9th – The bishops of The United Methodist Church have called on all United Methodists to act now by using their voices, pens, feet and hearts to end racism and to take a stand against the oppression and injustice that are killing persons of color. All are asked to surround the issue in prayer at 8:46, both in the morning and at night, through July 9. It was 8 minutes and 46 seconds that it took George Floyd, an African American, to be killed on the streets of Minneapolis on May 25th.

REMINDER TO HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY GRADUATES – Next Sunday we will list the names of the 2020 High School and College or University graduates. You can submit their names, name of High School or College/University to [Joan@meetwithGod.com](mailto:Joan@meetwithGod.com).

COMING SOON – The Blessing Challenge. Give a blessing, be a blessing and tell us how you are blessed!

VIDEO PRESENTATION – Please watch the video presentation by the FUMC Reconciling Team to celebrate PRIDE month. Go to FUMC's YouTube channel to view or see the video on FUMC's Facebook page. We celebrate and affirm the LGBTQ community today and EVERYDAY.

FUMC FARMERS – We have set up 3 garden plots on the church grounds behind Pastor Tom's parsonage for members of our church community to sow and grow. They are prepared and ready for planting. All you need is the plants. We are hoping to build community through this outreach, eventually growing the number of plots and involvement to the point that we would have produce to share with our local food pantries. Contact [kmentzer@me.com](mailto:kmentzer@me.com) or [trklkk@comcast.net](mailto:trklkk@comcast.net) if interested and to talk about water source and other details. Premium topsoil for the gardens was graciously donated by Leonberg Nursery.

STAY CONNECTED – Our weekly virtual coffee hour will not meet for the next two Tuesdays, June 23rd and 30th.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – Now more than ever, your blood donation is essential! The next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Monday, June 29 in Fellowship Hall. If you are blessed with good health, please consider sharing that blessing with someone in need. To make an appointment and review the measures the Red Cross is taking to ensure your safety, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). All donors will be temperature checked upon entry and must wear a face covering. If you come without a mask, one will be provided for you. Additionally, blood donations are now screened for COVID-19 antibodies. Thank you for being a hero to someone in need.

“GIFTS AND TALENTS NEEDED” – Videographer. FUMC Communications Team is looking for people to assist in taking and editing videos and adding subtitles and/or music, for posting on our website, Facebook Page and other social media. Please contact Pattie Gritzan at [pgritzan2@verizon.net](mailto:pgritzan2@verizon.net) for more information.