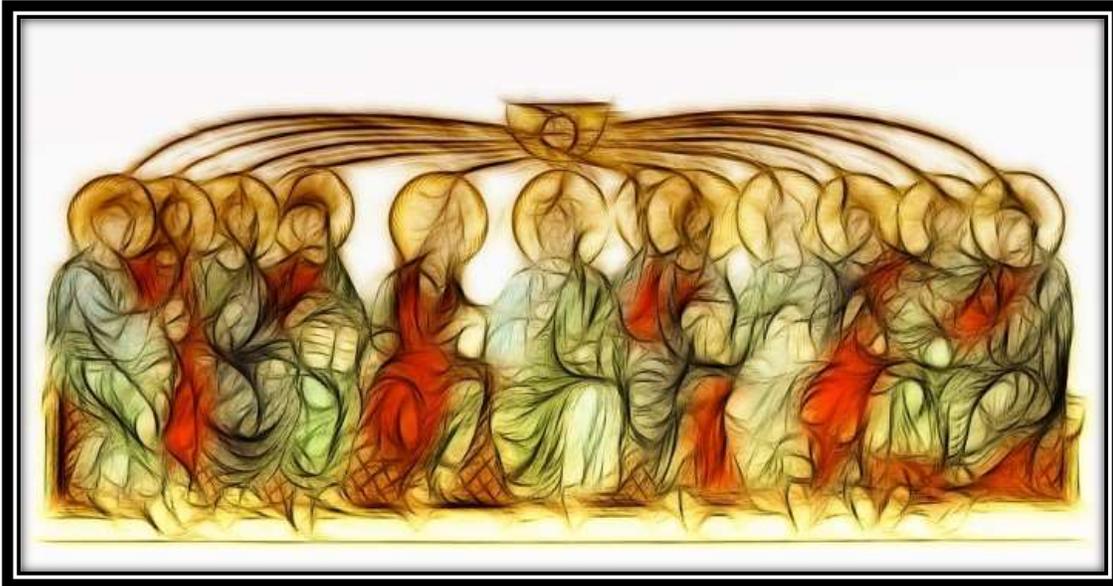


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“Your calling may be to find new ways to tell the story of redemption, to create fresh symbols that will speak of a home for the homeless, the end of exile, the replanting of the garden, the rebuilding of the house.”

-- N.T. Wright, *The Challenge of Easter*



## Wear red on June 9 for Pentecost

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE



Pastor  
Russell

## Offspring

*The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son brings joy to his father, but a foolish son brings grief to his mother. Ill-gotten treasures have no lasting value, but righteousness delivers from death.*

*The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry, but he thwarts the craving of the wicked.*

*Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth. **Proverbs 10:1-4 KJV***

It doesn't seem that long ago that I left home. I didn't much note that my departure, as the last of seven children, put my parents into the category of what we now call "empty nesters."

Quite a few social and economic upheavals separate the 1980s from today, and still, this year some will become empty nesters as so many have before.

I now have a much deeper appreciation for the emotional shift my parents were required to make. But unlike my parents' generation, when children left and did not expect to return, now we are experiencing the "boomerang generation." The shortage of positions

that fit educational qualifications, the impossibility of affordable housing, whether due to mortgages becoming harder to obtain or the high cost of rent means we have a growing population of young adults returning to live at home with their parents.

In previous generations a sure declaration of a girl having become a woman would be setting up her own home. The presumptions regarding when a person becomes a fully-fledged adult have become entirely vague over the last couple of decades. When does a boy become a man?

Economically, today's young adults are having to take their place in the

world in truly unorthodox ways.

Good parents certainly set out to rear their children to be independent, hoping that in the process they pass on some wisdom, and enable them to lead good and fruitful lives.

But surely today that wisdom must have to do with higher virtues much more than it does with the tactics of getting ahead – the world has changed just that much.

We don't know this new-fangled economy, how it really works or even how long it will last, but we do know the value of character.

**(Column continues below)**

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### (Continued from above)

And that's what lies at the heart of humanity's relationship with God as the Christian faith understands it.

God loves each one of us as a mother loves a child. God's commitment to us is unconditional – God simply wants what's best for each one of us. And to make that possible, God gives us Fatherly guidance, and the freedom to do with it as we choose.

Wouldn't life have been easier had God simply created us puppets? I wonder, but I'm not for a moment interested to give away God's gift of freedom.

The granting of freedom isn't an easy option - there's always an element of risk, and for a

parent maybe also an element of loss.

But it's the only way to see our children fully



fledged, and that's our mature decision as much as theirs.

Ruth Duckis is an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ. We've used her prayers in worship from time to time.

Here is one of her prayers fitting to the day:

*"In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name. Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change. We thank you for gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen."*

**--Russell J. Atkinson,  
Pastor**

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## WORSHIP NOTE



Photos by Alex Mullin

## Celebrating with our Confirmands

On Jan. 13 and Jan. 27, Pastor Atkinson invited the congregation to join in a spiritual blessing for the church's two Confirmands, Patrick Quinn (top photo, third from left) and Mike Regan (bottom photo, center). The two boys will complete their Confirmation journey and be recognized at the June 9 Pentecost service for their work as they become full members of the Methodist community. Confirmation is an individual's first public affirmation of the grace of God in baptism and acceptance of that grace by faith. The Confirmands are have been taking classes with Pastor Atkinson on Christian doctrine, theology, Methodist history, stewardship and Bible study.



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## Church Membership

### Bound in God's Far Purpose

*Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;  
in each loss or triumph lose or triumph all. Bound by God's far purpose in one living  
whole, move we on together to the shining goal.*

**Frederick Lucian Hosmer, 1908**

Have you considered joining Drexel Hill United Methodist Church? We would love to count you with us.

If you have been attending Drexel Hill Church for a while and would now like to consider membership, then a discussion group with you in mind will be meeting on Sunday, July 7 and 14, 9 a.m., in the Pastor's Study. Make your interest known to Mr. Atkinson.

For those of you who have been attending for years without joining, please inform Mr. Atkinson – there is a way for your name to quietly slide onto the church rolls – but nevertheless, all United Methodists get up in front of the congregation at some point and promise to support the ministries with prayers, presence, gifts, and service.

By God's good blessing, we have been put here together to share this time and place. We would rejoice to have you join.

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## Be an Altar Flower Angel

**You can be an angel by delivering altar flowers to someone who could use some beauty in their day. You can also provide those flowers. Ask Sally Mullin or Cindy Carper for an open week. The cost this year to order flowers is \$30. Be an Angel.**



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## June Sunday services

### **Sunday, June 2, Ascension Sunday (Communion)**

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 (UMH 781) Ephesians 1:15-23;  
Luke 24:44-53

Sermon: "Open Minds" *Pastor Atkinson*

312 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

324 Hail Thee, Festival Day

178 Hope of the World

### **9 June Pentecost (and Confirmation Sunday)**

Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-27

Sermon: "Take a Look Overhead" *Pastor Atkinson*

62 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

369 "Blessed Assurance"

500 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

### **Sunday, June 16, Peace with Justice Sunday**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; John 16:12-15

Sermon: "Citations" *Pastor Atkinson*

**PRE-SERVICE HYMN-SING June 16, 23, 30**

147 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

2145 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

144 "This is My Father's World"

### **Sunday, June 23, Second Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:1-15a; Luke 8:26-39

Sermon: *Rev. Nancy Hawes*

358 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

57 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

### **Sunday, June 30, Third Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Luke 9:51-62

Sermon: *Rev. Nancy Haigh-Ross*

117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

2214 "Lead Me, Guide Me"

696 "America the Beautiful"





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Photos by David Bjorkgren



Continuing an annual tradition, the children of the church offered flowers to all the women in attendance for Mother's Day services May 12, also known as the Festival of the Christian Home. Women also played an important role during the service, as Gardia Daniels offered a passionate readings from Acts 9 and Revelation

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## Tuesday Morning Faith Bible Study

Our Tuesday morning Bible Study/Faith Formation Class will hold a season-ending brunch Tuesday, June 4, 9:30 a.m., at Tank and Libby's Restaurant, 1011 Pontiac Road Drexel Hill (Pilgrim Garden's shopping centre)

## Bacon, Toast, and the Heavenly Host!

One last breakfast before the summer break! If you've got an appetite for the Word of God and a good breakfast, come on out to the Perkins Restaurant, 706 N. Lansdowne Avenue in Drexel Hill (just a short hop from the high school) the first Thursday of each month. Led by Pastor Russell, the devotional breakfast begins at 9 a.m. The last breakfast before summer break takes place Thursday, June 6.



### *The prayer chain.*

Each week in our church bulletin, an insert provides the names of those for whom prayers have been requested.

When the church office is made aware of a need, or when someone we know requests prayer, prayer chain members are notified. Those on the prayer chain are contacted by phone or e-mail. As we go about our daily activities, each of us takes some time to think about and pray for those who need our prayers.

If there is someone or something you like to add to prayer requests, contact the church office at 610-259-2104, or email [office@dhum.org](mailto:office@dhum.org). To be part of the prayer chain, notify the church office and provide an email address or a way to notify you when requests are made.

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## Get Involved!

Worship is a blessing. Our Drexel Hill United Methodist Church is so much more! Are you looking for a way to serve through our congregation? Here is a list you might consider:

### Activity:

Delivering altar flowers  
 Helping with communion  
 Ushering  
 Singing in the choir  
 Community lunch (project RSC)  
 Prayer Chain  
 Hand out lunch on the Parkway  
 Addressing Gun Violence  
 Community Outreach  
 Helping in the Sunday school  
 Maintenance of the building  
 Gardening  
 Media/digital/newsletter  
 Prepare after-church refreshments  
 Counters for the Collection Plates  
 And anything else you can think of.

### Contact:

Cindy Carper  
 Sally Mullin  
 Charles Webb  
 Dan Matarazzo  
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If you don't use email but would still like to reach out to serve in an activity, just contact Pastor Atkinson at 610.259.2104 and he will get you in touch with a leader in your interest area.

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## Lemonade and conversation



With the warmer months come cool beverages and conversation. Be part of the team that's making social time after church such a big hit. We're looking for volunteers who can offer a few minutes now and then before and after church to help set up/clean up.

Will train! No experience necessary! Benefits include: First dibs of refreshments, access to gossip and a chance to create a friendly, welcoming place for your fellow church-goers.

You'll find a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and you can talk to Jane Todd (or email her at [janedt@verizon.net](mailto:janedt@verizon.net)) for more details.

We continue to welcome everyone to join us in the Narthex after service for a few minutes of coffee drinking, socializing and worship service critiquing.

*The following thank you note was received at Drexel Hill United Methodist Church:*

April 25, 2019



**Dear Friends of the Drexel Hill United Methodist Church,**

I want to thank you very much for your lovely Easter card. I truly appreciate your thoughtful ness.

I now have been in remission for two years; truly a blessing with God's good graces I continue to thank Him for being so good to me.

However, I'm just getting over the Shingles—very, very painful. I am still experiencing some residual pain, but at least the worst is over.

Once again, thank you again for your prayers and thoughts at this joyful time of the year.

Sincerely,

**Pat Casey**

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## BLAST FROM THE PAST

This beautiful collectible plate features a rendering of our church when it was still known as Broad Street Methodist Church in Drexel Hill. The plates were sold to help raise money for a building project at the church.

**Plate photo  
by Alex Mullin**



Here's what was happening at our church during the time period this fundraiser was likely taking place, in the early 1960s:

**1961:** Mrs. Schultz began teaching a new Sunday School Class for single young people in either business or college.  
 --Attendance on Easter Sunday was 1,360 and Sunday School was 573.  
 --The McBurney Chapel was renovated and redecorated during the summer months.  
 --Mr. Wetherill formed a new Men's Choir.  
 --The mortgage was paid off in July.

**1962:** A Missionary Conference was held March 17, with Rev. Manchester from Africa in attendance.  
 --On Oct. 21, the Consecration Service for the new Educational United and Renovated buildings was held.

**1963:** The Civilian Defense authorities were given approval to use the church as a shelter and to stock it with food and supplies at no cost to the congregation. A stretcher was purchased to be used in case of emergencies.  
 --Openings were cut in the baffle in the choir loft to facilitate soloists making easier entrances and exits.  
 --Barbara Price became the first Girl Scout to receive the God and Community Award. It was presented in appreciation of her service to the church.  
 --The Adult Fellowship refurbished and redecorated the Social Hall.

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## IN THE GARDEN

### GARDEN CLUB UPDATE FROM BARBARA O'CONNELL

As summer takes root, the plantings along School Lane, Burmont Road , Bloomfield Avenue and next to the patio outside the narthex are really showing some enthusiasm.

New perennials and annuals were set in the ground on Friday, May 3.

The monthly Garden and Grub group continues to meet the **THIRD FRIDAY** of every month; tending the beds at 10, scrubbing up, then getting a bite to eat (bring something from home or grab a bite from Wawa). The new group for the first time on May 17. The next gathering will be June 21. Contact Barb O'Connell at 610-544-2759 if interested in joining or want more information.



### File photos



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## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Annual AIDS Benefit Concert Saturday, May 4

On May 4, the church hosted its annual AIDS Benefit concert. This year's concert, "Ray of Hope", raised more than \$600 for Family and Community Services of Delaware County, which provides health services and support to those living with HIV/AIDS in our area. Visit [www.fcfdc.org](http://www.fcfdc.org) to find out more.

The concert featured the chancel choir along with soloists, quartets, and instrumentalists. Once again, the DelChordians entertained us with selected numbers from their barbershop quartet repertoire.

One of the choir pieces, "Recollection of Joy," was a favorite of choir member Lois Smith, who recently passed away.

A special thanks to Helen Campbell for organizing the post-concert reception.



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## FOOD BANK



Our Outreach Committee's food bank ministry continues to accept donations of nonperishable foods for the Upper Darby Food Cupboard. We have been very fortunate - the fortunes of needy families in our community could be uplifted by our pilgrimage to deeper faith. Please bring canned and boxed foods such as: cereal, tuna, Jell-O and pudding, pasta, soup and canned pasta meals. Our Drexel Hill United Methodist Church food chest is kept in the narthex.

## RSC LUNCHEON BIDS FAREWELL

After five years of providing a monthly, hot catered lunch, hygiene products and clothing, the time has come for Project RSC to say farewell.

Thank you to the many church volunteers who helped to set-up, serve the food, clean up, and especially meet and greet our guests. Project RSC would not have happened without you.

Thank you to the staff of Drexel Hill United Methodist Church for all of their support: Pastor Russell Atkinson, Administrative Assistant Rasheedah Abdullah, and Sexton Anthony Jenkins.

Project RSC fulfilled its mission statement to honor God, help people, and bring joy to all who participated.



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## WELCOME CHURCH ON THE PARKWAY (REDUX)

For the past two years, on the last Sunday of the month, sandwiches and snacks have been collected by our congregation for those in Philadelphia having a tough time and delivered to them at Aviator Park across from the Franklin Institute under the auspices of the Welcome Church on the Parkway.

This monthly ministry will end for us on Aug. 25.

Starting with the next program year, Drexel Hill UMC will be taking responsibility for just two Sundays a year: 2019 will be Aug. 4 and Nov. 3.

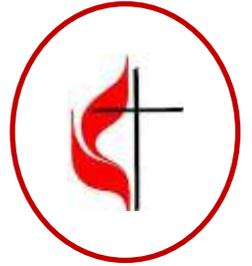


We'll make and distribute lunches and contribute to the services at Aviator Park on those days.

The Welcome Church on the Parkway is a blessed ministry. Volunteers are welcome to join for the next visit, scheduled for June 30.

If you'd like to make difference in the lives of others, please contact Pastor Atkinson.

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(The following article comes from the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference website)



The Rev. Junius Dodson (right), General Secretary of UMC Discipleship Ministries, and five other UMCNext conveners lead a press conference after the event. Seated (from left) are: the Rev. Adam Hamilton, the Rev. DJ del Rosario, the Rev. Ginger Gaines-Cirelli and Karen Prudente.

## Centrists, progressives see 3 paths for the UMC

By John W. Coleman

“If not us, who? If not now, when?”

Several speakers repeated those challenging questions at the UMCNext conference, May 20-22, hosted by Church of the Resurrection UMC (COR) in Leawood, Kansas. No doubt, others have also. Who will stay in The United Methodist Church and try to make it better? Who will leave to chart a new denominational path? And when—right now or before or after the next General Conference in May 2020?

At least 11 lay and clergy members of the Eastern PA Conference attended the historic, closed-door meeting of more than 600 participants from every annual conference. Each was nominated or self-nominated and then selected, from more than 2,000 nominees, to be invited to the conference. All attendees were to pay their own expenses to avoid using church or conference funds. [SEE MORE](#)



## AROUND THE WORLD

(The following article comes from the People of the United Methodist Church website)

# Jane Marshall, revered composer, dies at 94



By Sam Hodges

In the early 1950s, Jane Marshall was a young homemaker and Methodist church choir member, albeit one with an unusually strong music background.

She decided to write an anthem.

The grand slam result was “My Eternal King,” published in 1954 by Carl Fischer Music. It became one of that venerable sheet music company’s all-time bestselling anthems and remains popular with choirs across denominations.

Marshall would go on to write more than 200 anthems, hymns and other sacred music works.

A revered figure among fellow United Methodist musicians, as well as the broader church music world, Marshall died May 29 in Dallas at age 94. [SEE MORE](#)



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 Children's and Graduate's Sunday	3 Boy Scouts 7 pm	4 Bible Study End of Season Brunch 9:30 a.m.	5 .	6 Devotional breakfast 9 am	7	8
9 Pentecost/ Confirmation Picnic on patio	10 Boy Scouts 7 pm	11	12	13	14	15
16 Father's Day	17 Boy Scouts 7pm	18	19	20	21 Garden and Grub Club 10 am	22
23 Church on Parkway 2 pm	24 Boy Scouts 7pm	25 Trustees 7 pm	26	27	28	29

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