



# Circuit Rider

## June 2021

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

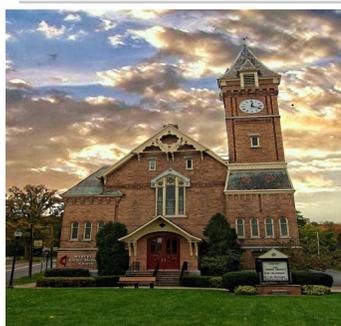
9:30 AM

Join us for virtual  
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## Light for the Path

*"Let your light shine before others in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify God in heaven."*

Matthew 5:16

## Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church

What comes to your mind when you hear the term Annual Conference? Perhaps, many of you would think of one of these three things: Annual Conference as 1) a regional body, 2) an organizational unity, and 3) a yearly meeting. As I am waiting for the yearly meeting of the Upper New York Annual Conference soon in June, I want to explain to you about the Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church. I have quoted the following information from [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org).

### Annual Conference as a Regional Body

The annual conference is described by the church's Constitution and *the Book of Discipline* as the "basic unit" of the church. In the United States, an annual conference may cover an entire state, only part of the state, or even parts of two or more states. There are also three missionary conferences in the United States, which rely upon the denomination as a whole for funding. The United States has 54 annual conferences supervised by bishops in 46 episcopal areas. There are 75 annual conferences in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines, supervised by 20 bishops.

### Annual Conference as an Organizational Body

In the U.S., the annual conference has a central office and professional staff that coordinate and conduct ministry and the business of the conference. It likely has a director of connectional ministries, treasurer, directors of program areas (such as camping), communications director, and other staff as deemed appropriate for the annual conference and as required by *the Book of Discipline*. Clergy and laypersons may also serve on conference boards, commissions, and committees.

## **Annual Conference as a Yearly Gathering**

Each year an equal number of clergy members and lay members attend their conference's annual conference session for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference, which may last 3-5 days. These sessions include reports of past and ongoing work; adoption of future goals, programs, and budgets; ordination of clergy members as deacons and elders; and election of delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences (every four years). The bishop presides over these meetings.

## **When & How in 2021?**

The yearly gathering of the Upper New York Annual Conference will be held between Thursday, June 17, and Saturday, June 19 in 2021. Both clergy members and lay members will meet virtually. We will worship, talk, and vote online. Doesn't it sound exciting and amazing? I took a pre-conference training hosted by GNTV in May and learned about how to vote online with a personal ID number by using online tools.

## **Lay Member to Annual Conference Sessions**

Lay member to AC usually serves for four years. As a representative of the MUMC congregation, Mary Tanner will participate in all votes and sessions this year. Mary will share her very first report with the whole congregation during worship on Sunday, June 20.

## **Prayer Requests**

Please pray for *Bishop Mark Webb, Rev. Bill Gottschalk-Fielding*, and three participants from MUMC: *Sung Ah Choi (Clergy), Mary Tanner (Lay member), Robert Mueller (Lay leader)*, and for 2021 AC sessions to be a Spirit-led and joy-filled time for three days.



Participating in the Annual Conference sessions always requires both clergies and lay members to have tremendous physical, emotional, and spiritual strengths. When I think about all the hard work and spiritual and intellectual labors that Bishop Mark Webb and Rev. Bill Gottschalk-Fielding have performed for many years, I strongly feel that they need prayer supports from many prayer warriors. Please keep them in your prayers until we finish the 2021 Annual Conference sessions. Also, please pray for Mary Tanner, Bob Mueller, and me, your pastor, to experience joy, peace, and unity in Christ as being in the body of Christ with the other 1,800 people.

Friends! We are the connectional and global church. We have done great works together and will continue to do the ministries of Christ together as descendants of John Wesley. I hope and pray that you are proud of being Wesleyans as I am always. May the Lord bless you and yours abundantly in the new month of June!

*From Pastor Sung Ah Choi*

## Worship in MUMC

We offer three types of worship every Sunday.

1. In-Person Worship: No more pew reservation required. Just come and worship with us on Sundays! Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

2. On-line Sunday Worship: You might notice a new link (<https://www.facebook.com/MarcellusUMC/live/>) in the email blast for Sunday Worship this week. This slightly different link should bypass Facebook's request to sign into an account, so that even those without a Facebook account can easily view the live stream worship on Sunday morning.

3. Phone in Worship: For those who using a computer proves to be a challenge, you can now phone in to LISTEN to the worship service.

Step 1: Dial 1-646-876-9923

Step 2: Meeting ID: 843 6138 2213 #

Step 3: Password: 681404 #

Step 4: Listen, and Enjoy the Service!



## June Liturgists Schedule

6/ 6 Scott Tanner

6/13 Bob Mueller

6/20 Holy Ireland

6/27 Mary Tanner

## Ambassadors/Ushers

Tom Lathrop, John Dorio, & Dave Martin

## Revised Worship Guidelines



MUMC Church Council met on Thursday, May 21, and revised worship guidelines. Please see below.

Church pews are separated between the vaccinated and the unvaccinated. As congregants enter the church, they will see signs and may choose their seat. A record will not be kept regarding whether congregants are vaccinated or unvaccinated.

### Vaccinated side of the church:

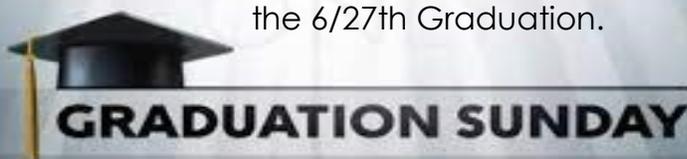
- Masks required to be worn all through the worship service
- Every other row will be used and labeled so that congregants know where they may sit
- No distancing will be required within the row
- Congregants may choose the row to sit in

### Unvaccinated side of the church:

- Masks are required to be worn all through the worship service
- The 6-foot distancing requirement will be maintained and the pews will be labeled so that congregants know where they may sit
- Congregants may choose a seat to sit in

## Sunday, June 27

Please let the church office know if you have any high school or college graduates so they can be recognized at the 6/27th Graduation.



## INR (Imagine No Racism) Virtual Training Schedule

ZOOM ID: 935-6961-5142

PW: 766654 for

Session 2- Thursday, June 3

Session 3- Thursday, June 10

ZOOM ID: 940-9023-8624

PW: 634249 for

Session 4- Thursday, June 24

Session 5- Thursday, July 1

Session 6- Thursday, July 8

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## Red Cross Blood Drive Is coming back to MUMC in JULY.

\* When: Saturday, July 24, 2021  
(8 AM to 12 noon)

\* Where: Wesley Hall

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## Sunday Fellowship After Worship

MUMC will resume Sunday fellowship  
on the first Sunday of June.

We will meet on the point  
(weather permitting), and there will be  
cookies, lemonade, joy, and laughter  
provided for all.



MUMC will have  
the second chicken BBQ  
of the year on **Saturday, June 19.**

## Thrift and Gift Shop News & Hours

-Tuesdays 9:30 AM ~ 5:30 PM

-Thursdays 10 AM ~ 2 PM

-2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month  
10 AM ~ 2 PM

## Virtual Prayer Room

Wednesday at 11 AM

ZOOM Prayer Room

Meeting ID 875 2232 6302

Meeting PW 993070

*Psalm 66:19*

*“But truly God has listened; he has attended  
to the voice of my prayer.”*

**Do you want to receive a prayer or pray  
with other prayer warriors?  
Come and join us in the virtual prayer  
meeting.**

## Church Meetings in June

6/ 2 Worship Team (Zoom)

6/ 8 Trustees (Wesley Hall)

6/15 S/PPRC (Wesley Hall)

6/16 Finance Team (Wesley Hall)

6/23 Church Council (Zoom)

- Praise Band Rehearsal on Wed @ 6 PM

- Virtual Prayer Room on Wed @ 11 AM

## June Birthdays



- 1 June Ast  
David C. Bailey Jr.  
Doreen Bailey
- 7 Jessica Shaffer Eberly
- 9 Bonnie Hanyak
- 10 Dick Tuttle
- 12 Griff Williams
- 16 Laura Egli-Delahanty
- 17 Bob Agostini  
Darlene Hyde
- 18 Connie White
- 21 Carol Martin
- 22 Mike Burt  
Ryan Long
- 26 Harmony Frost
- 29 Lynette Clere

## June Anniversary

- 9 Bob/Peg Shields  
(Happy 65th!)
- 10 Ken Hall/Charlotte Pape
- 12 Kevin/Melody Wade
- 20 Joe/Ann DeCapio
- 21 Tom/Lydia West
- 24 Glen/Holly Ireland
- 26 Dick/Pat Lathrop
- 29 Bob/Pam Mueller

## MUMC Prayer Chain

### Please Keep the Following Loved Ones in Prayer:

Helen Clarke, Jeannette Beck, Connie White,  
Ginger Evans, Ron Ramsden,  
Cathy Mehlenbacher, Joy Buffan, Joyce Doig,  
Evelyn Riggall, Betty/Don Sherman, & Tom Brown

### Military Personnel and Families:

Chad Hardenburgh, Zachary Smith, Matthew Barnes,  
Kristen & Brian Walter, Sgt. Jeffrey Lumley

### Do you have a prayer request? .

If you have a prayer request, please contact  
Cathy Mehlenbacher  
at (315)741-4172 or cmehl8432@gmail.com.

## Thank You from Global Ministries, UMCOR

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—Thank you! And, through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes, General Secretary  
Supporting UMCOR—Where Most Needed

Declare Your  
*Love*

FLOWERS TO REMEMBER  
YOUR "I DO'S!"



## Marcellus United Methodist Church Mission:

*We welcome, encourage and equip all people to experience God's love and grace through Jesus Christ.*

## Marcellus UMC Vision Statement to Support Our Faithful Mission

As a faith community seeking God's direction for discipleship, we are called to:

### Welcome all people by:

- Creating inspiring worship, relevant to daily life, through music and the Word
- Inviting people to worship service and church activities
- Participating in ecumenical events
- Honoring diversity and our unique perspectives
- Appreciating that God speaks to people differently
- Inspiring worshippers to share Christ's love with others

### Encourage one another by:

- Visiting the sick and homebound
- Praying for the church and its people
- Offering personal assistance
- Utilizing laity of all ages
- Offering Gifts and acts of service to neighbors near and far

**"Let your light shine before others in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify God in heaven."**

Matthew 5:16

**Sunday Worship  
9:30 AM**

### Equip all people by:

- Presenting a variety of small group learning opportunities
- Offering Sunday School classes for all ages
- Providing strong leadership for education
- Encouraging activities to apply lessons learned
- Providing information by communicating in a variety of ways



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