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As Christians, we must follow the example of Jesus Christ and His disciples, who challenged both the political and religious structures of their times in order to bring justice for those marginalized and show mercy for those who are suffering the sin of injustice in our society.

Rev. Sammy Arroyo

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CHRIST ON A WHITE HORSE



Revelation 19: 11 – 16: Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white

and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

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RESETTING PRAYER PAGE

The Prayer Page in our weekly bulletin is going to be reset on the first Sunday in October. If you know someone who should remain on the list, contact Joann at (609) 693 – 5222 or laceyumcnj@gmail.com. In addition, if you know someone who should be removed or added to the list, let Joann know also.

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Join us on Sundays at 9AM for virtual worship!

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/LaceyUMCNJ/>

Or Web: laceyumc.org

COURAGE WILL STILL PREVAIL AT THE 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

“Be strong and of good courage, and act. Do not be afraid or dismayed; for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the Lord is finished.” – 1 Chronicles 28:20

When the original in-person Annual Conference was in the planning stages, it was decided that the theme would be courage. The differences over the place of the LGBTQ community in the United Methodist Church, the stirrings of a schism that ensued and the bold, risky steps that some people made solidified this decision.

Now months later when plans are being amended to accommodate a virtual Annual Conference on the mornings of October 5 and 6, the theme of courage resonates even more loudly throughout GNJ.

The virtual Annual Conference will still have the traditional service of remembrance, the reading of appointments, an offering and ordinations, but it will be abridged to accommodate the online format. In part this will be done by accepting questions via online prior to the start of the conference.

Six Legislative Information Sessions were held to give GNJers an opportunity to learn more about the upcoming legislation, get their questions answered and feel more confident about their votes on October 6.

“We realize the apprehension that’s associated with having a virtual Annual Conference, but safety is still our top priority. I’d much rather meet in person, of course, but that’s just not possible right now with the uncertainty still surrounding the pandemic,” said Bishop Schol.

He added, “These sessions are a chance to digest what you’ve learned, engage with others and then feel good about the decisions you make at Annual Conference.”

At the forefront of those legislations is the newly-released A Journey of Hope Plan, an initiative developed in consultation with leaders and experts from across the country and more than 100 leaders from GNJ including ethnic caucuses, GNJ leadership and GNJ staff to take a proactive role in ending racism. This legislation was discussed at both the afternoon and evening sessions on September 17.

Also, on the schedule is legislation for Camp Aldersgate, the overall budget, the closing of 13 churches and more. Online voting will occur on October 6 before adjournment at 12:30 p.m.

Much like David told his son in Chronicles that it is time to act with courage knowing that God is by your side, the Greater New Jersey Conference is hoping to come together in October and get the work finished so that together local churches can work on the transformation of the world.

Heather Mistretta

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Saturday, October 24



8am – 2pm

\$10 per space

Bring Your Own Table

Rain or Shine!

Set-Up 7:00am

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SHOP WITH BOSCOV'S AND RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR CHURCH

Through Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends" promotion, if you shop at a Boscov's store or online on October 14th or October 15th, they will donate 5% of your total purchase price to the Lacey United Methodist Church. Of course, you have to make sure that you let them know that LUMC is the non-profit organization where you would like the donation to be given. There will be a list of organizations at the register and online.

In addition, you will get 20% off most items in the store, with a few exceptions. The departments that are offering the 20% include Ladies Apparel and Accessories, Handbags, Shoes (Ladies, Men and Children), Athletic Footwear (Ladies and Men), Men's Apparel and Accessories, Ladies and Men's Coats, Lingerie, Robes, Sleepwear, Bras and Panties, Children's Apparel, Girls and Boys Apparel, Juniors Apparel, Young Men's Apparel, Candy and Cards, Trim-A-Home, Fine Jewelry, Bridge Jewelry, Fashion Jewelry, Watches, Cosmetics and Fragrances, Domestic, Luggage, Flatware, Dinnerware, Glassware, Curtains and Drapes, Lamps, Oriental Rugs, Mattresses, Home Décor, Pet Gifts, As Seen On TV and Boscov's Salon Products.

Items from the following departments are available at 10% off: Small Appliances, Vacuum Cleaners, Heaters, Ready-To-Assemble Furniture, Toys, Juvenile Products, PPE Products, Housewares, Furniture and Recliners and Boscov's Optical.

A discount is not available on the following: Travel Center, Eye Exams, Tempur-Pedic, Stearns & Foster, Vionic, Sperry, adidas, Nike, Levi's, Champion, Fine Jewelry Clearance, Salon Services, Boscov's Restaurants, Boscov's Hearing Centers, Gift Cards, Layaway Payments and Payments on your account.

These discounts cannot be combined with other discounts, certificates or redeemed for previous sales. No adjustments can be authorized to items previously bought. These discounts also don't apply to exchanges or refunds.

Unlike the "Friends Helping Friends" event of past years, there are no tickets that have to be bought in advance to attend the event. The donation for each non-profit organization is coming directly off each individual purchase price. If you have any questions, contact Dawn Slate at musicmds@yahoo.com or (609) 296 – 6252.

GARAGE SALE ON OCTOBER 2

I hope many get to see this because it is close to the publication date of this newsletter. On Friday, October 2nd, the Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe will be hosting a garage sale behind the Lacey United Methodist Church between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. They are expected to be selling furniture and plenty of other goodies.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SET TO BEGIN OCTOBER 4

On Sunday, October 4th, Sunday School will return to the Lacey United Methodist Church live. The plan, which was discussed at a September meeting, is for the sessions to be live and virtual. The sessions are expected to begin in Fellowship Hall and then move out into the parking lot by the garages. On the first Sunday of each month, the children will leave the church after the children's message (as they would on any other Sunday) and then be brought back in time for communion. All children are expected to be wearing masks. In addition, due to the attendance restrictions in church, those families who will have children attending Sunday School are required to make reservations with Joann by calling (609) 693 – 5222 during the week before each session.

DRAMA CLUB ZOOM SESSIONS TEMPORARILY POSTPONED

Due to the sporadic attendance at the recent Drama Club Zoom sessions, I have decided to stop the sessions temporarily and retool. While the youth that were involved in the Zoom classes expressed an interest to continue, a recent poll that I took by email showed a greater interest for live sessions. I am currently working on a plan to try to bring this to fruition. The Covid numbers have been steadily increasing throughout Ocean County and I want to do everything I can to ensure that this will be done in a safe manner, even if it means waiting a little longer before setting a return date.

God Bless,

Dominic Gregoria

“Uh, last night put the heavy on me

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Woke up and I'm feeling lonely

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This world gotta a way of showing me (Showing me)

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Some days it'll lift you up

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Some days it'll call your bluff

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Man, most of my days I ain't got enough

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And all I know

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Is You're my only hope”

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TobyMac

God of infinite mercy hear our prayer!

In this time of perplexity and fear, we ask you to give us the courage to take care of one another as Jesus did. For those who are ill, especially those who are frightened and alone, for those who cannot access healthcare, for those who are homeless and lost, hear our prayer!

During our sadness and grief, we ask you to give us words to comfort one another. For those who are dying and for those who have already died from this virus, for those who tend them and for those with no one to tend them, hear our prayer!

During our own anxiety we ask you to give us the courage to support one another as you would. For those who are unexpectedly unemployed, for employers who share what they can, for our government and financial institutions and those who lead them, hear our prayer!

During our struggle to ensure a healthy future for all who live on this planet, we ask you to give us the hope that surpasses our current understanding. For healthcare workers, spiritual leaders and our faith communities, for artists and poets, for prophets and teachers, hear our prayer!

During our growing awareness that all life on Earth is connected, we ask for the heart to respect and cherish all life. That all peoples recognize that we are all your children, hear our prayer!

We trust in you and your power working in us. Please hear and answer our prayers. Amen!

Cynthia Serjak

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