

SQUARE TIMES

REFLECTIONS

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Dear Friends,

As I discern the needs in our immediate community, I find that our neighbors can most benefit from support in navigating the stresses of life in this post pandemic era. Ministering to the emotional needs can help awaken minds and hearts to God's spiritual presence. Stress is often a distraction from hearing God's voice. As we look to the future for next year, plans are now underway to extend two opportunities to our neighbors in this community.

In the Fall of 2025, we have plans in place to host a free seminar by Dr Michael Bradley. Dr. Bradley is a nationally recognized specialist in adolescent behavior and parenting, an award-winning author, and a charismatic public speaker who has enthused standing-room-only crowds from Connecticut to California. He serves as a resource for mental health professionals, educators, and parenting groups. He has appeared on over 400 radio and television shows, including CNN, The Today Show and Good Morning America, and has been interviewed by USA Today, The Philadelphia Inquirer, and Parents Magazine. I am very familiar with Dr. Bradley's work. I booked him for a community event I hosted in the past and can testify that he is indeed a dynamic speaker. He will be speaking to our audience on the TOPIC: SPECIAL FORCES PARENTING:

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RAISING POST-PANDEMIC TEENAGER.

We are currently looking into the possibility of planning a mission trip in 2025. Youth in the community will be invited to join us. A representative of two mission organizations will come to share details concerning their missions organization. Appalachia Service Project brings thousands of volunteers from around the country to rural Central Appalachia to repair homes for low-income families. United Mission boasts that it is more than mission work. They promote spiritual growth and leadership development in youth and young adults. Participants combine their strengths and resources to meet home repair and maintenance needs for low income, elderly and disabled homeowners who are physically and financially unable to make needed repairs themselves. Age requirements for each of these mission organizations is 6th grade and up.

We have big plans for 2025. We cannot do this without the help of the Lord. Please keep all these plans in prayer.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Vicky Allen

NEW Bible Memory Verse:

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." [Isaiah 40:31](#)



Our 2024 Church Charge Conference has been scheduled as follows:

Sat. November 2, 2024

@ Sanctuary UMC 1346 E. Prospect Avenue, North Wales PA

10:30 A.M. -11:45 A.M.

Presider: Rev. Brad Leight

North Wales: Sanctuary UMC, Warminster: St. Andrews UMC

Phila: Summerfield/Siloam UMC, **Montgomery Square UMC**, Chalfont UMC

Michael J. Bradley, Ed.D



Dr. Michael J. Bradley is a licensed clinical psychologist with a doctoral degree in psychology from Temple University. He is a member of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Pennsylvania Psychological Association (PPA), and is a Diplomate and Fellow of the American College of Forensic Examiners. He is also certified as a Master Addiction Counselor by the National Certification Commission for Addiction Professionals (NCCAP). His own on-going training qualifies him to offer continuing education units (CEU's) at the seminars he conducts for professionals. In addition, he has been invited to speak before health professionals all across North America.

Earlier in his career, he was honored with the William Penn Human Rights Award, Commission on Human Relations, for a national demonstration project he created and directed which proved that “loser” teenagers with terrible deficits such as drugs, truancy, pregnancy, and aggression can be turned around with compassionate, respect-based treatment.

In addition to public speaking and continuing his private practice, Dr. Bradley serves as a consultant to schools, providing risk assessments and offering training in parenting and violence-reduction. As a crisis intervention manager, he is often called upon to address the traumatic impact that events such as natural and accidental death, suicide, and murder have upon school communities.

Over his 30-year career, the stories of courage and hope Dr. Bradley encountered became the basis for his bestselling book, *Yes, Your Teen Is Crazy! - Loving Your Kid Without Losing Your Mind* and its companion, *Yes, Your Parents Are Crazy! A Teen Survival Guide*. These garnered five awards each, being recognized by such prestigious parenting groups as Parents' Choice and the National Parenting Center. His third book continues in the tradition of the first two by drawing inspirational stories from his case files. *The Heart & Soul of the Next Generation: Extraordinary Stories of Ordinary Teens*, released in the fall of 2006, was also awarded the National Parenting Center's Seal of Approval. A fourth book, *When Things Get Crazy With Your Teen: The Why, the How, the What to do NOW!*, was published in 2008. His fifth book, entitled *Crazy-Stressed: Saving Today's Overwhelmed Teens with Love, Laughter, and the Science of Resilience*, was released in 2017.

Dr. Bradley's respect-based philosophy is at the heart of the presentations he has given to thousands of parents who are seeking ways to communicate with their adolescent children. It is also something he has practiced daily as he and his wife have raised their two children, a 27-year-old son and a 21-year-old daughter.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Save the date! The UMW/United Women in Faith at Montgomery Square will host a community wide yard sale on July 20th, 9am - 1pm. The UMW work all year to raise funds for various non-profits. Due to a request for help with ongoing financial concerns, the yard sale has been scheduled as one of two fundraisers in which the

total funds raised will be donated toward the general budget of Montgomery Square UMC. Yes... the church itself, is also one of the missions of the UMW.

Space for this event is \$20. Bring your own table or for an additional \$10 you may rent a table from the church. You can set up early! If you do not want a table or space then you can support this effort by coming out to shop. There will be lots of good food for sale and sweet baked goods can be purchased at the bake sale table! A bouncy house will be set out for the kids to enjoy.

To reserve space/table contact Ginny at the church office: [\(215\) 996-0640](tel:2159960640) Ginny has limited office hours so if you do not get an answer please leave a message and she will call you back.



And this good news of the kingdom
will be proclaimed throughout the world,
as a testimony to all the nations..

MATTHEW 24:14, NRSV

UMW—Women of Faith
SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING FOR THE
COMMUNITY YARD SALE: Sat, July 6. Bring lunch to
the 12:30 PM meeting. All women are welcome.

UMW continues to offer Giant gift cards. Wawa coupons are back! We ask you to support this Giant/Wawa program, as it helps fund our missions.



SATURDAY, JULY 20, 9 AM—1 PM

The Community Yard sale is coming up quickly. Thank you to those who have signed up for spaces. Help is also needed in many areas. Thank you to those who have already signed up to help in a number of ways. Home-baked goods are needed. Help with set up and clean up needed. Help with food prep and sales, baked table, etc., are needed. If you are looking for a way to help, let us know either in person or signing up at the welcome desk, if you haven't already. Thank you!

A NEW FEATURE:

In an attempt to update the congregation on our financial status, we have started a weekly update in the bulletin, and will provide a monthly year-to-date status. See that summary below.

Categories	Church Financials thru June 23, 2024		
	Year-To-Date		Annual Budget
	Jan 1 - June 23, 2024	YTD Budget	
Income	\$49,573.47	\$46,402.02	\$98,602.75
Expenses	\$61,216.00	\$65,277.83	\$139,856.65



INK RECYCLING

Bring your used ink and toner cartridges to church and place them in the green topped recycling bin in the Great Room. We are able to return them to Staples, up to 10 per month. Staples recently switched to a point system, with each recycled item now worth 100 points.



Bring your ink cartridges!



LOG - IN FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

You are invited to the Montgomery Square United Methodist Church Sunday Morning Worship live streaming on YouTube. The instructions for joining us online have changed. Please click the link or copy and paste the link to join the service from the Montgomery Square UMC website

<http://www.montgomerysquareumc.org/>

- July 1 Sandy Carling
- July 3 Pat Buckley
- July 3 Al Lupino
- July 3 Karina Schmitz
- July 6 Brandon Spencer
- July 16 Rebecca Peters
- July 18 Mark Stover
- July 22 Shannon Kelly
- July 22 Suzanne Kelly
- July 23 Ed Scheetz
- July 24 Bobbie Hollowell
- July 27 Jacob Krewson

- July 22 Jennifer & Tom Frohlich
- July 24 Carl & Cindy Vassia

- Aug 4 Mark & Joy Stover
- Aug 12 Yinka & Lola Abinusawa
- Aug 12 Brian & Samantha Craig
- Aug 14 Tom & Ginny Craig
- Aug 20 Matt & Bobbie Hollowell
- Aug 21 Todd & Afua Davenport

- Aug 1 Angelica Porro
- Aug 2 Rob Buckley
- Aug 4 Yvette Jones
- Aug 4 Yvonne Jones
- Aug 6 Lizzy Schindele
- Aug 10 Linda Scheetz
- Aug 11 Jessica Alvarado
- Aug 12 Jason Scheetz
- Aug 13 Colleen Lester
- Aug 13 Kunbi Rudnick
- Aug 13 Carl Rutledge
- Aug 19 Kathy Crane
- Aug 22 Matthew Brown
- Aug 25 Joanne Lupino
- Aug 29 Cindy Alvarado



ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY INFORMATION NEEDED.
IF YOU DON'T SEE YOUR NAME, WE NEED YOUR INFORMATION.
EMAIL CHURCH OFFICE:
msqumc@verizon.net

Dear Friends,

We continue to search for ways to minister to our younger families. This year, we will offer scholarship assistance for summer camps at the Eastern PA Conference's four Camp & Retreat Centers. All children and youth who attend our Sunday School program are eligible to apply. A \$200 grant will be given to each of the first two applicants (2 from Chalfont and 2 from MSQ) who sign up to attend one of the camps. (see pastor). Tap on link below to see the camp schedule.

Each camp promises to be a season of enjoyable, exploratory experiences. A Christian community at summer camp provides children with structure and support, while providing a deeper awareness of their place in God's world. Young campers come alive in a welcoming community with others. Many express feeling loved and accepted at camp, when they struggle to experience the same feelings in school or other social settings.

Through interactive experiences with the natural world, campers develop a sense of wonder and desire for environmental stewardship of God's creation. Engaging with the unplugged world builds new skills and encourages curious, creative interaction with the world. It's not just a getaway; it's a journey packed with faith, leadership, and creativity, all wrapped up in the beauty of nature in beloved sacred camp communities. Our sites are truly God's Place Apart. Transforming Lives.

<https://www.epaumc.org/wp-content/uploads/EPA-UMC-Summer-2024-Combined-Schedule.pdf>

Carson Simpson Farm: csfarm.org/215-659-0232

Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center: gretnaglen.org/717-273-6525

Innabah Camp & Retreat Center: Innabah.org/610-469-6111

Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center: poconoplateau.org/570-676-3665

In Christ Love,
Pastor Vicky Allen



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—Bulletin announcements, by
Thursdays, 12:00 PM

—Square Times submissions
for next issue due 15th of month

Praising God, Making
Disciples, Caring For All



American Red Cross

BLOOD DRIVE
FRIDAY, AUG 9, 12—5 PM
PLEASE SIGN UP!

For those interested in on-line giving, you can go to our website for a direct link.

