



# The Beacon

First United Methodist  
Church Of  
North Andover

APRIL 2024

## From the Pastor's Desk

As I write this we have had another flooding rain, which seems to be the theme of the weather this late winter and early spring. On some of the few warmer and sunnier days I have wandered out into my backyard for the first time in months, and begun picking up sticks left on the ground by the winter storms. I also noticed that a few spring plants are just beginning to come up. It's early still; I hope they don't get damaged by the cool weather that we know is still to come in early April. But it was a welcome sign of the coming spring.

In this season we celebrate the great truth of our faith – that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and in doing so gives us new life as well. From ancient times this wonderful Christian affirmation has been celebrated in the spring of the year. It is fitting that as nature begins to put forth new life around us during this season, we Christians celebrate a God who gave us new life in the form of his Son.

Just as a few warm days in late March do not end the battle with the cold weather, so the Resurrection of Jesus Christ did not end our challenges with sin and separation from God. But it made the decisive difference, and is a continuing encouragement to us in our faith.

May we all be encouraged by the signs of spring around us and may the Resurrection we celebrate in this season fill us with hope and courage.

*Rev. Mack*



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in Sanctuary or via Zoom  
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## WORSHIP IN MARCH/COVID INFORMATION

**COVID UPDATE** — As COVID and other respiratory viruses are still with us, while we are not requiring masks, those who prefer to wear them are welcome to do so. **We continue to ask that you stay home if you are not feeling well**, until you are better or have a negative COVID test. The service will still be offered on Zoom if you choose to remain at home. **The same Zoom login will be used every week at 10:30 AM.**

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84390216459>

Or dial 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 843 9021 6459



**We will share in Holy Communion on April 7.** In the church we will receive by safe and distanced intinction. Those who are **worshiping at home** are invited to prepare some bread and juice for yourself and your family.

**SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT YOUTH CHRISTIAN ED:** Beginning April 7 Youth Christian Ed will resume meeting in their usual room upstairs. **HOWEVER, no class on March 31 or April 14.** PLEASE BE SURE to call or text Carrie Mazza at 617-257-1780 before your first week of attendance.

## Just for Fun

sun-gazing.com  
TIMEBACKWARDS

A GRANDFATHER WAS WALKING THROUGH HIS YARD WHEN HE HEARD HIS GRANDDAUGHTER REPEATING THE ALPHABET IN A TONE OF VOICE THAT SOUNDED LIKE PRAYER. HE ASKED HER WHAT SHE WAS DOING. THE LITTLE GIRL EXPLAINED: 'I'M PRAYING, BUT I CAN'T THINK OF EXACTLY THE RIGHT WORDS, SO I'M JUST SAYING ALL THE LETTERS, AND GOD WILL PUT THEM TOGETHER FOR ME BECAUSE HE KNOWS WHAT I'M THINKING.'

See also Romans 8:26. Please note: National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 2



Thanks to Andrea for submitting this



## Christian Education News for Lent

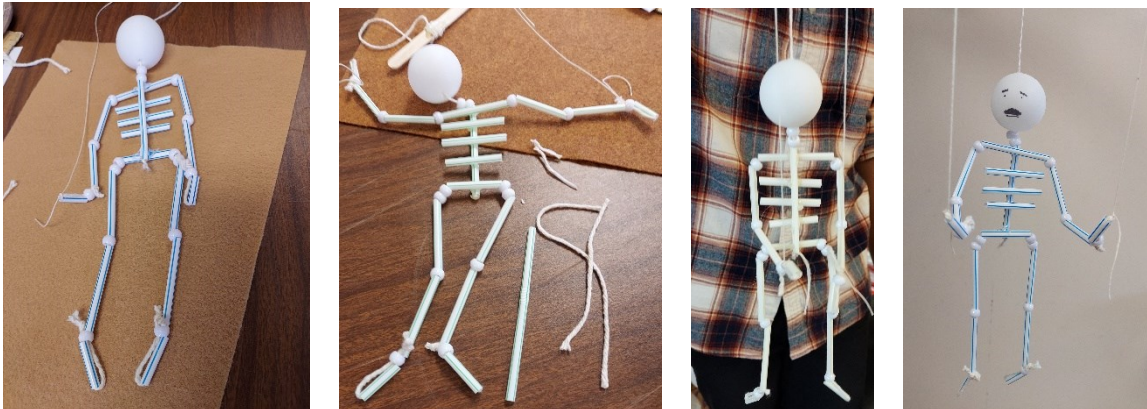
During Lent we used the curriculum *Discover Your Gifts – Youth* by Ruth Vander Zee to learn about spiritual gifts and their purpose. The course included a lengthy questionnaire to help us determine what our own mix of spiritual gifts might be. Our crafts included two items that used colored craft sand. In one craft, we applied sand to a sticky back fish figure and for the other craft, sand was poured into a 3D cross:



For Palm Sunday, we used a plastic petri dish to create a mini diorama that included Romans 5:8:



We had a lot of fun making the craft for a lesson on Ezekiel and the Valley of Dry Bones. This craft was a skeleton marionette made from plastic straws, pony beads, string, and a ping pong ball:



Carrie Mazza





## Praying for General Conference (Continued from March)

General Conference will be held in North Carolina this spring, from April 23-May 3. Our District Superintendent has suggested daily prayer for all the conferences, bishops, and NEUMC delegates involved. Here is her list for April—May.




- April 1- Pray for Bishop John Schol.
- April 2- Pray for the General Board of Christian Unity and Interreligious Dialogue.
- April 3- Pray for Philippines Central Conference.
- April 4- Pray for the Southeastern Jurisdiction.
- April 5- Pray for the Volunteers at General Conference.
- April 6- Pray for Rev. Dr. David Calhoun, clergy alternate to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.
- April 7- Pray for Uchenna Awa, lay alternate to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.
- April 8- Pray for Bishop Héctor Burgos-Núñez.
- April 9- Pray for the General Commission on Religion and Race.
- April 10- Pray for the Northern Europe and Eurasia Central Conference.
- April 11- Pray for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.
- April 12- Pray for Rev. Dr. Cristian De La Rosa, clergy alternate to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.
- April 13- Pray for Roberta Bragan, lay alternate to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.
- April 14- Pray for Rev. Charlotte Pridgen-Randolph, clergy alternate to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.
- April 15- Pray for Galen Schad, youth observer to the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference.
- April 16- Pray for the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.
- April 17- Pray for the North Central Jurisdiction.
- April 18- Pray for the Susquehanna Conference.
- April 19- Pray for the General Commission on United Methodist Men.
- April 20- Pray for the South Central Jurisdiction.
- April 21- Pray for the Peninsula-Delaware Conference.
- April 23- Pray for the Upper New York Conference.
- April 24- Pray for the General Commission on Finance and Administration.
- April 25- Pray for the Autonomous and Concordat Methodist Churches.
- April 26- Pray for the Judicial Council.
- April 27- Pray for the Western Pennsylvania Conference.
- April 28- Pray for United Methodist Communications.
- April 29- Pray for the Baltimore-Washington Conference.
- April 30- Pray for the General Board of Church and Society.
- May 1- Pray for the New York Conference.
- May 2- Pray for the United Methodist Publishing House
- May 3- Pray for the Retired Bishops.
- May 4- Pray for The United Methodist Church.



## Native American Ministries Sunday April 14

Thank you for your generous gifts to Native American Ministries Sunday (NAMS). Year after year you have supported this ministry, and we are grateful for your generosity.

An offering is taken on this Special Sunday to support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities. The offering allows The United Methodist Church to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Last year, United Methodist congregations generosity delivered **over \$243 thousand** towards these ministries:



**25%**  
of your donation  
funds scholarships  
for Native Americans

**25%**  
of your donation  
funds outreach and  
ministry grants

**50%**  
of your donation  
remains in the local  
Annual Conference

# NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

We affirm Native Americans and their contributions  
to society and The United Methodist Church

- ⇒ **Fifty percent** of the funds collected on Native American Ministries Sunday remain in the Annual Conference to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the conferences. To assist in developing these programs, each conference has a Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM). These committees seek to advocate for ministry with and by Native Americans to share the diverse culture, history and traditions of Native peoples.
- ⇒ **Twenty-five percent** of donations received fund scholarships designated scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology. A significant shortage exists of Native American pastors and trained professionals and these scholarships provide development, implementation, and assessment of a higher education recruitment/retention for Native Americans.
- ⇒ **Twenty-five percent** of the donations collected are used to create beneficial programs. These funds allow the UMC to partners with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Some of those efforts include mentoring programs, peer support systems, funding for economic development projects, and restoring traditional and historic ways that bring forth new leaders for Native American communities.

Submitted by Paul Carlotto  
Missions Team Member



## CALL FOR QUILTS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Wow! Time is moving fast! In another month we will again be making a donation of quilts and blankets to help little ones in need to keep warm. Time to finish all your quilts and blankets that you are creating.

On **Mother's Day, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, we will **gather what you've created** and they will be blessed during our worship service. The quilts and blankets will be distributed to Fina House and Heading Home (formerly Horizons for Children). Each and every quilt and blanket that we had available in November were distributed so **we are starting fresh** with collecting more. Your help is needed! If you want to try something new, here's your chance. We do have fabric, sewing machines, sewing tools, etc available for use if you want to learn to sew a quilt cover. It is as simple as cutting some fabric and sewing straight lines. If you want to try crocheting a quilt edge with some simple stitches we have some fleece and yarn available so you can try it. Please **reach out to Lynn or Ave if you are interested in learning** a new craft that will give you a chance to support our Quilt and Blanket outreach efforts.

We are focusing on **smaller sized quilts are appropriate for newborns to 5 years** old. Please bring your creations to church **by May 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you, Lynn Satriale



## Earth Day 2024

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It has been celebrated globally on April 21st for the last 44 years, in almost 200 countries with events coordinated by the Earth Day Network. The North Andover Sustainability Committee has observed Earth Day over the years by hosting a town wide cleanup day. The 2024 date for the **North Andover cleanup day is set for April 21<sup>st</sup>**. If you want to support the North Andover Earth Day cleanup, please check details with Lynn. If you want to participate in the cleanup that your hometown has arranged, please check with your town directly for details.

First UMC has participated in the North Andover observance of Earth Day for several years now. When possible, we have coordinated our activities on the same weekend as the town observance. This year **we will be arranging a separate date for the cleanup of the church property**. The details of when this will be happening will be shared once that date is set. Please keep an eye out for the announcement of the date that we will hold our event.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

- Lynn Satriale



## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY



Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the family of Flora Manning, faithful member of this church since November 1989, who died on February 26, 2024. According to her wishes, services will be private.

Full obituary is at <https://www.pollardfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Flora-Manning#!/Obituary>

## COFFEE AND CONVERSATION AT PANERA

You are invited to join the monthly gathering at the corner table at the Panera across the street from the church for Coffee & Conversation. This informal time of sharing is held on the **second Tuesday of each month**, so our next gathering will be **from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon on April 9**. Stop by to exchange ideas or just to visit.



## HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS



In April we have two birthdays that we know of:

- 11 - Alex Coffill
- 16 - Barb Weigel

Happy birthday to you both! If you also are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month, **congratulations and best wishes to you.**

**If we don't have your birthday/anniversary and you'd like to have it published in the Beacon, please send or phone your special day(s) into the office ASAP but certainly by April 26 for the May newsletter. Thank you!**

## DIAPER COLLECTION INTERIM REPORT

Thanks to everyone who donated diapers and kids' underwear this year. Looks like our church has donated around 1,791 diapers, 96 undies, and 762 wipes to date (pre-Easter) and so far a total of around 8,000 from other churches. The Pop Your Trunk event was supported by one person. Once Andrea has final totals from FUMC and all churches we'll let you know!





## A Thank-You From Our D.S.



February 21, 2024

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that God who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:3-6).*

Dear beloved siblings of First United Methodist Church,

On behalf of Bishop Peggy Johnson and the New England Conference of The United Methodist Church, I sincerely thank you for your 100% of 2023 Mission Shares. Your participation in and commitment to our connectional ministry and mission has been the sure evidence of grace and the beacon of hope in the midst of challenging times. I thank and praise God for your faithful and generous partnership in our connection for the sake of the gospel. It is a joy to serve an work with you as your district servant, especially in such a time as this. It has certainly been a season when we learned and witnessed that we are better together and need one another for the work of the gospel.

It is still not certain what the future of the world or of the church will be like. But I join St. Paul in sharing the confidence in God who surely began a good work in you and me as United Methodist followers of Jesus Christ. I am more than certain that God will continue to bring the future of God's Love, Justice and Peace wherever we partner together with God and with one another.

Thank you once again for your faithful partnership in the gospel. May we pray with joy and gratitude whenever we remember one another as United Methodist partners in Christ.

Blessings,

Rev. Megan Stowe, District Superintendent  
Commonwealth West District  
New England Conference of The United Methodist Church





## They're Back: First Timers and Music Camps at Mechuwana!



**First Timers Camp** June 23-26 For Campers Finishing Grades 2-4  
**Middle School/Senior High Music Theatre Camp** July 28-August 3 Grades 6-12

Do you have a child, grandchild, student who you think would love to have their first camp experience at Mechuwana this summer? Do you have a child who has come to Day Camp but thinks they would like to stay overnight at camp to enjoy campfires and make new friends?

**First Timers Camp** is back for the first time since 2019...and we hope you will encourage your second, third, or fourth grader to give it a try! We have two seasoned Camp Deans, Rev. Michele St. Cyr and Todd McKinley, who have been part of Mechuwana for many years, and they are ready to welcome your child for three nights and two and a half days, which we hope will be their first of many Mechuwana memories.

We are also excited to that this year's **Middle School/Senior High Music Theatre Camp** will once again have performances on Friday night AND Saturday morning!

If you or someone you know is in Grades 6-12 and loves to sing, dance, act, work behind the scenes, laugh, make new friends, and perform a full-scale musical for audiences at the end of your week, then this is the camp for you! **We hope to see you July 28-August 3 for Music Theatre Camp!**

If you have younger children (grades 3-8), we have a music camp for them, too! Elementary/Middle School Music Theatre camp (July 14-19) is filling quickly so be sure to sign up soon!

Sign up today for these or one of the many other camps by visiting the website.: [mechuwana.org/summer-camps](http://mechuwana.org/summer-camps). **Questions?** Contact us at 207.377.2924 or [mechuwana@fairpoint.net](mailto:mechuwana@fairpoint.net)



## Request for Help from our D.S.

Hello beloved friends in the Commonwealth West District,

As you may know, I am a member of the Conference Committee on Leadership and Nominations. This year, there are quite a few openings still available on both Conference and District Committees. Although some of these openings have been publicized through the Catalyst and eClergy News, I thought I would like to make a personal request for you to pray about if you or someone you know might be a good fit for the following committees.

For Conference Committees, the openings are for 2 year terms (renewable up to 8 years) unless otherwise stated. If you are interested, please fill out this form:

<https://neumc-reg.brtapp.com/NominationandTalentForm>

Conference and Associate Conference Lay Leader(s)- This is a 4-year term.

New England Conference Lay Leader Rich Hughen will step down as of July 1. The Annual Conference will elect a new lay leader at the upcoming session in June. If you are feeling called to serve as either the Conference Lay Leader or Associate Conference Lay Leader, please contact Leadership/Nominations Committee Chair Karen Cassidy, and she will lead you through the process of nomination. Her email is [kdcassidy@msn.com](mailto:kdcassidy@msn.com)

[Read more](#)

Archives and History- 2 vacancies (particularly looking for people of color)

Church and Society- 1 vacancy

Communications- 5 vacancies

Congregational Development- 2 vacancies

Discipleship- 1 vacancy

Equitable Compensation- 3 clergy and 3 laity vacancies

Finance and Administration- 6 vacancies (this is a 4-year term, because the term doesn't end until the Annual Conference session following General Conference, we've had an exceedingly large turnover.) We are hoping to include more women and people of color onto this committee.

Global Ministries- 1 vacancy (meets monthly for 90 minutes on zoom)

Higher Education- 3 vacancies

Leadership and Nominations- we need a Commonwealth West representative (can be clergy or laity)

Native American Ministries- 1 vacancy (prefer to have someone with indigenous heritage)

Religion and Race- 1 vacancy

Status and Role of Women- 3 lay vacancies

Trustees- 1 lay woman and 1 clergy (preferably looking for person of color), meets quarterly for a full day on Saturday

Young Adult Ministries- 1 vacancy

**Openings in District Leadership:** If interested, please talk to DS Megan Stowe

New District Lay Leader(s) 4-year term

Committee on Ministry (meet all day 1x monthly Sept-November, Jan-May via zoom on Thursdays) 1 or 2 laity

Lay Servant Ministries (plan the lay servant courses taking place in CW and via zoom) Multiple vacancies

Church Building and Location- need lay or clergy women on the committee, meet as needed via zoom

Finance and Mission Share Review Committee- meet several times a year to support churches in the Mission Share Relief Program

Blessings,

Megan



## A Thought For Easter

### Why Did Jesus Fold the Napkin?

This is one I can honestly say I have never seen circulating so; if this touches you, you may want to forward it.

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection? I never noticed this....

The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed separate from the grave clothes. Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, 'They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!' Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in.

Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying to the side.

Was that important? Absolutely!

Is it really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition.

When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it...

The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished. Now, if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table.

The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, 'I'm done.'

But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because..... The folded napkin meant, 'I'm coming back!'

He is Coming Back!

So; if this touches you, you may want to forward it. And praise the name of Jesus!

(Shared from Facebook by Andrea Vannett)

# April 2024

## Church Activity Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 <b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion SPRC follows coffee fellowship	8 NO Missions Meeting	9 Coffee & Conversation @ Panera 10am-12noon  Church Council 7pm	10	11	12	13
14 <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m. <b>Native American Ministries Sunday</b>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m.	22	23 General Conference begins (runs through May 3)	24	25	26	27
28 <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b> Choir Rehearsal 9:30 a.m.	29	30		<b>Every Sunday:</b>	8:45 a.m. Youth Christian Education	Coffee Fellowship following worship
CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE						



# April 2024

## Building Use Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00-8:00PM AA Room 500	2 7:00-9:00PM GA Room 500	3 IMC Senior Lunch 10-2 WH  5:00-8:00PM AA Room 500		5 10:00AM ICM Prayer Service WH	
7 11:00AM—3:00PM Intercultural Mission Church Worship Service WH Rooms 500 & 400	8 6:00-8:00PM AA Room 500	9 7:00-9:00PM GA Room 500	10 5:00-8:00PM AA Room 500	11 6:00-8:00PM AA Room 500	12 10:00AM ICM Prayer Service WH	13
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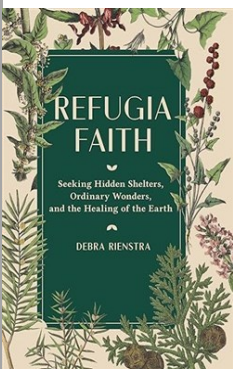


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Connected is a publication of the New England Conference of The United Methodist Church. This monthly insert is designed put Conference news directly into the hands of our local church members.



### Join online book study on climate change & theology



You are invited to join a six-week inter-church book study on climate change and theology offered by the [Green Church Movement](#) of the New England Conference.

The book is [Refugia Faith: Seeking Hidden Shelters, Ordinary Wonders, and the Healing of the Earth](#) by Debra Rienstra, Published by Fortress Press, 2022.

NEAC Creation Care Task Force member Peggy Drew will lead the weekly online study April 3 to May 8. A UMC Global Ministries EarthKeeper, Drew is a lay servant at Main Street UMC in Nashua, NH. She has an MA Spiritual Formation and MA Theological Studies.

Participants are expected to attend all six sessions and have the capacity to read ~40 pages each week.

To learn more or register, visit [www.neumc.org/events](http://www.neumc.org/events)

## Getting ready for AC

The 2024 New England Annual Conference will be Thursday to Saturday, June 20-22. This will be a hybrid session online via Zoom or in person at the DoubleTree Boston North Shore in Danvers, MA. The session will be streamed live on the NEAC YouTube channel.

This year's theme is "Co-Creating Justice & Joy" and our guiding Scripture is Isaiah 58:6-14, The Message.

The 2024 Clergy and Laity sessions and the Preachers' Aid Society Luncheon will be June 19.

As we prepare for the session, here are some opportunities to participate:

### Nominate a Ziegler Preacher

The Wilbur C. Ziegler Award for Excellence in Preaching is awarded each year at the New England Annual Conference session to a person who demonstrates excellence in preaching the whole Gospel, addressing both personal and social salvation. The honoree is invited to preach during the Annual Confer-

ence session in June. Deadline for nominations is Tuesday April 30, 2024.

### Celebrate laity social justice action

The New England Conference Board of Church and Society will present the John Bryant Award for Excellence in Social Justice Action at the 2024 New England Annual Conference in June. This award will honor a lay person (non-clergy) who lives in New England and embodies the vision of social justice as interpreted by the [United Methodist Social Principles](#). Nominations will be accepted from groups or individuals within the New England United Methodist Conference.

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## Getting ready for the 2024 New England Annual Conference session

# Enter to give the Laity Address at AC

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Deadline for nomination submissions is Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

Find Bryant and Ziegler nomination forms at

[www.neumc.org/CSawards](http://www.neumc.org/CSawards)

### 2024 Laity Address Challenge

The Conference Board of Laity is pleased to invite all laypersons in the New England Annual Conference to enter the Laity Address Challenge to have an opportunity



## 2024 Laity Address Challenge

to give the Laity Address at the 2024 Annual Conference. The Laity Address is tentatively scheduled for Saturday morning, June 22, either in person or pre-recorded. The deadline to submit your proposed address and video is May 5.

For additional information on how to submit your entry or to ask any question about entering the challenge, please email Co-Associate Conference Lay Leader, Ruby Blake at [msrube65@gmail.com](mailto:msrube65@gmail.com) or call 617-953-6964.

## Peace with Justice Sunday is May 26

Your support for this special offering funds programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions on identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities. Your donations provide funds for three different grants for United Methodist congregations and organizations. Your generosity is transforming our social impact. Learn more at [esourceumc.org](http://esourceumc.org)

Special Sunday



## Do you feel called

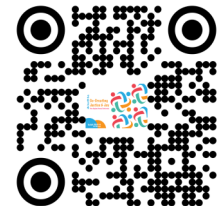
### ... to serve as Conference Lay Leader or Assoc. Lay Leader?

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Conference Lay Leader or Associate Conference Lay Leader, please contact Leadership/Nominations Committee Chair Karen Cassidy, and she will lead you through the process of nomination. Her email is [kdcassidy@msn.com](mailto:kdcassidy@msn.com)

Scan the QR code to get all the latest news and info on



## Let's Connect

Do you have a story to share? A feature idea? A question to ask? Contact Beth DiCocco, Conference Director of Communications, at [communicate@neumc.org](mailto:communicate@neumc.org) or (978) 682-8055 ext. 150



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