



Pastor's e-Note

Morristown United Methodist Church (5/18/2017)

Greetings on this pleasant day. I am thoroughly enjoying this week's warm weather. As I drive around for my pastoral work, I am noticing that trees are covered with full green leaves. The green color of this season energizes my spirit, and hope it is blessing you as well.

Last Sunday was Mother's Day. We had a beautiful worship to honor all of our mothers. Our Jubilation Bell Ringers and Chancel Choir blessed us with their wonder-full music. And, our Asbury Children's Choir and Moms sang a special number "My Mother's Love," which was written by Sarah Michal's music teacher, and it was especially inspiring. Needless to say, after they sang this beautiful piece, I had difficulty collecting my emotions and continuing on with the next part of the service. If you haven't seen it, please go to the church website at www.morristownumc.com. Thanks to Sarah for sharing this inspiring peace in honor of mothers.

Last Sunday, we welcomed the following new members – Matt and Jacqueline Zeller (children: Evan and Celia); Jeanne Turse; and Ruth Mugane who was also baptized as a new Christian. We welcome you, friends!!

The Greater New Jersey Annual Conference session will meet from this Sunday through Tuesday next week at the Wildwoods Convention Center in NJ. This is an annual meeting of pastors and lay representatives from all of our 600+ congregations in our greater NJ area. From our church Pastor Charles, Jack Scharf, Lee Schubert, Jane Rehmke, Charlie Buck and I will be attending on your behalf. The chosen theme for this year's gathering is REJOICE. We will hear some

of the innovative new ministry initiatives, receive reports from various entities of the Conference, make important decisions, approve the budget, and elect officers/leaders.

One important event is the ordinations of new clergy. Our own Pastor Charles Perez will be commissioned as a new Provisional Elder by Bishop Schol at this ordination service. He has worked very hard to pass the examination for ordination, and the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry is now blessing him with its approval and affirmation. Congratulations to Pastor Charles!

Next Sunday, as I am preparing for my presentations at the GNJ Annual Conference, Jack Scharf has graciously agreed to preach. His message is always inspiring, engaging and uplifting. So, please come and hear his message and support him with your presence and prayers.

Have a blessed week and weekend. See you in church.

**Peace and Grace,
Brandon**