



Pastor's e-Note

Morristown United Methodist Church (6/7/2017)

The Nueva Esperanza Ministry turned one year old last Sunday. We had the most memorable and Spirit-filled worship celebration. I was grateful to have Rev. Dr. Steve Bechtold, Rev. Hector Burgos (the preacher in the service), Rev. Sonia Cancel, Rev. Onay Lopez-Diaz, and Dr. Jennifer Cho who blessed us. We baptized a child, confirmed four youth of their faith, welcomed three new members, and blessed sixteen young people as a new Nueva Esperanza Soccer Team. Our young people gave a powerful witness through their drama presentations. We celebrated Rev. Charles Perez's commissioning as a new Provisional Elder in The United Methodist Church. The praise band was awesome. I want to celebrate particularly our Chancel Choir who came and sang a special anthem in Spanish. Yes, in Spanish for this occasion! Thank you all.

I want to take a moment to lift up the diligent and faithful work of Rev. Charles Perez. He is to be commended for his very fruitful ministry among our young people through sports ministry and seeking to reach out to their families and other Latino/Hispanic friends in the community. Please keep our Nueva Esperanza Ministry in your daily prayers.

This weekend will be jam packed with many activities and ministries at MUMC.

This Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. is the Variety Show. It is a good and fun way of raising additional funds to support our upcoming ASP Mission Trip. Please come to the church Fellowship Hall and enjoy it with your friends. If you can, we'd love to have you bring goodies or desserts to share.

This coming Sunday is Pastor Jennifer's last Sunday at the Newton First UMC. As many of you know by now, she is going to the Bridgewater UMC as its new Senior Pastor as of July 1. I will be with her as her husband to render my support and greet everyone for the last time in that beautiful church.

For our church, this Sunday is Choir Festival Sunday. All of our choirs will be featured and we will be blessed by their anthems and presentations. Our own Jack Scharf will be delivering a powerful message in my place. So, come on down. Let's make it our first priority on Sunday morning to be in God's house for worship.

As Psalmist said, "Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord now and forever more." May this be your prayer and belief.

**Rejoicing With You,
*Brandon***