



Morristown United Methodist Church

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Last evening, Jennifer and I attended the “Miracles Everywhere” Dinner Fundraising event at the Annual Conference’s Mission and Resource Center in Neptune. I gave a presentation on the Next Generation Ministries as a way to inspire those present.

I began my speech this way: “Good evening. I bring warm greetings from the Next Gen Ministries of GNJ. Whenever I talk about the Next Generation Ministries with my clergy colleagues, laity and community leaders in GNJ, I sense enthusiasm and hope in the air! I think of young people like Jack Tironi and Hayoung Kang who have responded with a resounding ‘YES’ to God’s call to the ordained ministry within The UMC. I think of Victoria Cattano, a third-generation United Methodist and a vibrant young Christian leader who is serving the Lord with such joy and dedication. And I think of those 20 Nueva Esperanza Soccer Kids in Morristown, who have decided to follow Jesus Christ as enthusiastic young disciples, and who are learning to run not only for soccer but for Jesus as well. And, I think of more than 1,300 high energy youth gathered at the IGNITE Conference.”

Our church is raising up a new generation of enthusiastic and committed disciples of Jesus Christ. We do it through our Sunday School for children, youth and adults, our choirs for all ages, Youth Ministry, ASP Mission, and Nueva Esperanza Ministry. I see these ministries in action on a regular basis, and I am excited and grateful.

The Greater New Jersey Annual Conference will be holding its annual meeting from this coming Sunday till next Tuesday at the Wildwood Convention Center. Pastor Charles, Jack Scharf, Rolf Frantz, Harriet Jane Olson, Jan Rehmke, and I will be attending. On Monday, I will present a report to the Annual Conference on the Next Generation Ministries, and I will share our Morristown UMC story in my remarks. Please pray for me.

This coming Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church. I invite you to wear something in red color (red socks are acceptable) when you come to church. Jack Scharf will deliver a powerful message on Pentecost, so please come and celebrate with us.

I want to highlight the Joint Worship Celebration on Sunday, May 27th. We will celebrate the 2nd anniversary of our church's Nueva Esperanza Ministry and the Confirmation of 15+ youth. We will have a nice lunch after the service. Those of you who are able, please bring your favorite summer salad and/or desserts to share. We will provide sandwiches and delicious Spanish cuisine, along with drinks.

It is good to serve the Lord with you and in your midst. Let the Lord add more joy and energy into our hearts as we proclaim his good news with words and deeds. God bless.

Pastor Brandon