

What's the News?

January 2021

HAPPY ☆ NEW YEAR

Worship During Clergy Renewal



What's going to happen while Rev. David Lehmkuhl (and all the other pastors in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference) are on clergy renewal leave? Who is doing worship? How will we connect with the worship service?

Great questions! Here are the answers.

Bishop John Schol and the team at the GNJAC have prepared the services for January 3 and 10, so that we will have worship while our pastors are on leave. If you remember the services provided by the Raritan Valley District back in the spring, you can expect that two January services will be engaging and inspiring. You won't want to miss them!

Also, did you know that our Conference has a linguistically diverse community of people? The other week, Dave mentioned that it has around *nine* different language groups. Because of that, our Conference is offering both the January 3 and January 10 services in three largest linguistic groups: English, Spanish, and Korean. There is a different link for each language.

The Spanish worship service is led by Superintendent Héctor Burgos; the Korean worship service is led by Superintendent Sang Won Doh and the English worship service is led by Bishop John Schol. The entire worship service is in the designated language except for the Bishop's message, which is in English with Korean subtitles in the Korean service and Spanish subtitles in the Spanish service.

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Small Groups During Clergy Renewal

In addition to the two worship services provided by the Conference, we will be able to participate in two small group gatherings during clergy renewal. The sessions will be convened by Bishop Schol on Zoom on the Wednesday after each service and will be in English only.

January 6, 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM – Bishop Schol will lead participants as they go into small group breakout sessions for further conversation and prayer with one another based on the text and theme for *Your Epiphany*.

Zoom link:

<https://gnjumc.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b2ab2248b91542a5f476025fe&id=74d33c73d8&e=00e23e3245> Passcode: 415290

January 13, 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM – Bishop Schol will lead participants as they go into small group breakout sessions for further conversation and prayer with one another for *You Are the Epiphany*.

Zoom link:

<https://gnjumc.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b2ab2248b91542a5f476025fe&id=edfba2a36c&e=00e23e3245> Passcode: 415290

For more info go to:

<https://www.gnjumc.org/epiphany-services/epiphany-services-small-groups/>



Worship During Clergy Renewal, Cont'd.

WEEK 1 – YOUR EPIPHANY

January 3 at 10 AM. God is speaking to you and wants you to know the purpose and meaning God has for your life. God speaks to you as you turn outward through observing, quieting and curiosity. People will find themselves in the worship through scripture, story and sacrament. The sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated and worshipers are invited to bring bread and juice or water as they participate in the worship.

Connect Via YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rLbYss_Rv2U

Connect On FUMC's Zoom:

Link:

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71083844703?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71083844703?pwd=bWpqUnNyWHhIN3FDV21hMTNaTTd2QT09)

[pwd=bWpqUnNyWHhIN3FDV21hMTNaTTd2QT09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71083844703?pwd=bWpqUnNyWHhIN3FDV21hMTNaTTd2QT09) Passcode: 089893

Check in at 9:45, watch the service together, then stay on Zoom for fellowship time with FUMC friends.

WEEK 2 — YOU ARE THE EPIPHANY

January 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM. God speaks through you to others. God wants you to be the voice of God through your conversations and actions. God is able to speak through us as we say 'Yay God, yes God and yahoo'. Worshipers will understand just how important they are to God and the world. The baptism of Jesus and our baptism are strong themes in the worship.

Connect on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Zlfe400TDc>

Connect on Zoom:

PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE A DIFFERENT ZOOM LINK FOR WEEK 2!

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89517687466?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89517687466?pwd=aWdoY0NSdDJEUdlycWtTRHFVVRjdqZz09)

[pwd=aWdoY0NSdDJEUdlycWtTRHFVVRjdqZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89517687466?pwd=aWdoY0NSdDJEUdlycWtTRHFVVRjdqZz09)

Passcode: love

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A New Name for an Old Friend

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) of Somerset County is changing its name! It now will be known as **HOME of Somerset County, Inc.** The name HOME is an acronym for Housing. Outreach. Multifaith. Empowerment. HOME explains that the name embraces the “four components of our commitment to help homeless and low-income families gain independence and end the cycle of poverty.”



Keep your eyes open for dates and information out helping HOME in 2021.

SHIP Sails in January!



Our SHIP (Samaritan Homeless Interim Program) team will meet on Wednesday, January 27 at 11:00 AM. They will follow CDC guidelines while making sandwiches and stuffing brown bags with fruit, snacks, and more.

Want to help or get more info? Contact Judy Smith at judyholc@verizon.net.

FUMC Bible Studies

Thursday Night Bible Study: The Acts of the Apostles. Begins January 21, 7:30 PM, read the exciting story of what happened after Pentecost and discuss what it has to do with us today.



Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study: Basic Jesus. For people who wonder about Jesus: who he is, what he did, why is he the center of Christian faith? Begins January 20, 3:00 PM.

Both groups are on Janet's Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/986500515>

Poinsettia Dedications 2020

Name	Message
Bonnie & Jeff Crosby	In memory of our parents.
The Doremus Family	In memory of Norma Doremus.
Debbie Doremus	In memory of my mom, Norma Doremus, and friends, Nell & Kathy Atwater.
Dottie Proskura	In memory of loved ones.
Melissa Sadin	In loving memory of Ann Gorton Horan and Gail Sadin. We love and miss our mothers and grandmothers everyday.
Judy Smith	In memory of my parents, Fred and Christine Holcombe.

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Also donating to SHIP are Frank and Jessica Dell'Orto.

Thanks go out to all of those who supported our efforts this year by purchasing a poinsettia, donating and tirelessly volunteering at SHIP, and through the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Please know that your gifts will make a great impact to those in need.

