

Piti, piti, zwazo fe nich li.

Little by little the bird builds its nest.

Haitian proverb



THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019 • 11:00 AM • ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service for Haiti

WELCOME TO YOU!

WELCOME TO ALL COMING TO WORSHIP!

Everyone, including children of all ages, is invited to full participation in the engaging worship and outreaching mission and ministry of the church.

Take the opportunity to register your attendance in the maroon folders passed along the pews.

Personal hearing devices and large-print bulletins are available from the ushers.

We strongly encourage all persons to sing the gender nouns and pronouns they prefer in referring to God. The congregation's responses are printed in **bold type**.

UMH - United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS - The Faith We Sing Hymnal

SEEDS - Seeds Upon The Wind

CENTERING THOUGHT (*Haitian Proverb*)

Yon sil dwet pa manje kalakou.

One finger can't eat okra.

GATHERING AND PRAISE

Prelude

Haitian Music Offering

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this service of worship is being held on the traditional lands of the Lenni-Lenape people, and we pay respect to elders past and present. We affirm the sacredness of Native people, their languages, their cultures and their gifts to the church and the world.

**Adapted from UMC 2016 Book of Resolutions*

Welcome and Announcements

Please sign and pass the maroon folders.

Call to Worship

Litany of Solidarity from February 6, 1994

"Service of Solidarity with Haiti"

God, you promise a future full of hope,

O God, be with the Haitian people.

God, you promise to gather all people together,

O God, be with the Haitian people.

Until their homeland is safe and justice is done,

O God, be with the Haitian people.

Until families are reunited and poverty overcome,

O God, be with the Haitian people.

Until democracy is restored and peace prevails,

O God, be with the Haitian people.

From our fear of speaking for justice, risking for justice, challenging our government to do justice,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From indifference, lack of perseverance, racism, blind nationalism, preoccupation with self-interest only,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Toward the exiled, the imprisoned, the voiceless,

Open our hearts, O God of compassion.

Toward people in hiding, the poor and oppressed, the persecuted, those who daily live in opposition to tyranny,

Open our hearts, O God of freedom, and make us one family of our children over all the earth. Amen.

Opening Hymn

*Standing with body and spirit
"Fill This Place"*

Fill this place with the praise of the God of all grace

Lift him high, glorify the ancient of days

O ye saints, lift your voice, lift your head and rejoice

God is here, fill this place with praise.

Morning Prayer (*In Unison*)

Written by Terri McNamara

Dear God,

We are grateful for a people who continue to worship you in spite of disease, hunger, hurricanes and earthquakes.

We are grateful for a people who are wounded but not defeated, who lament, but don't despair, who pray, and trust that you are with them still. We are grateful for those who are strong enough to welcome the stranger with a smile and nod, though that stranger has better clothes, better health care, safer water. We are grateful for those whose dignity is stronger than the indignities they live with every day. We are grateful for those who listen for your voice even as they remember the voices of those lost when the ground moved and buildings fell, and their lives were changed forever. Be with these people, Lord. Continue to help them know your love through your spirit, through human compassion. Grant them the resources they need — food, water, shelter, clothing, that they may continue to be faithful witnesses to your grace. Amen.

Passing the Peace

This is God's house, a place of peace, a place where hurt gives way to healing, and brokenness to new life. **We enter as strangers. We leave as friends.**

The peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

Everyone is invited to share a joyful sign of Christ's peace as a sign of reconciliation and community.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading

John 14:23-29

He left that place and entered their synagogue; a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, "Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?" so that they might accuse him. He said to them, "Suppose one of you has only one sheep and it falls into a pit on the sabbath; will you not lay hold of it and lift it out? How much more valuable is a human being than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the sabbath." Then he said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and it was restored, as sound as the other. But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him. When Jesus became aware of this, he

departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them, and he ordered them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

"Here is my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not wrangle or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. He will not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick until he brings justice to victory. And in his name the Gentiles will hope."

Musical Meditation FUMCOG Chancel Choir
"Requiem" by Eliza Gilkyson arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Honoring 25 Years of Solidarity with Haiti

Introduction and Reflection

Karen Clark

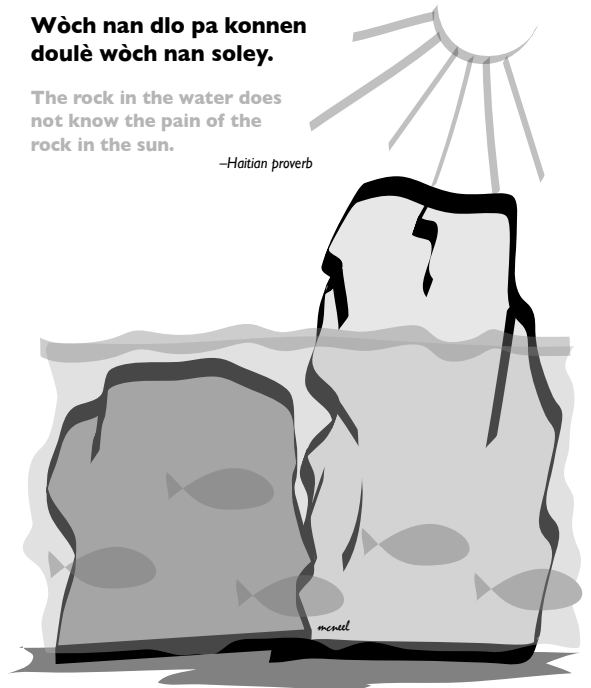
Recognition of all members of the delegations

(please stand if able)

**Wòch nan dlo pa konnen
doulè wòch nan soley.**

*The rock in the water does
not know the pain of the
rock in the sun.*

—Haitian proverb



I Remember As If It Were Yesterday

by Ted Walkenhorst

"I will be forever grateful for the opportunity this church afforded my daughter Beth and me to visit Fondwa and Haiti. Although the year was 1997, the experience was so vivid I remember it as if it were yesterday. I consider it an honor to have met and learned from Father Joseph Philippe. He is the truest example I know of a person living out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is good to know that FUMCOG has sustained and expanded its support for Fondwa, Father Joseph and his ministries."

PV and the Fondwa Orphanage

David Miller

Reflections on Haiti From My Journal

by Rodney Chonka

from his first trip in June 1996

"Sampling the radio waves on my first day in Port au Prince, I come across fabulous stuff: Radio Tropique FM, RFI (Radio France Internationale, Creole stations, Spanish Language stations, music from Cuba, from the Dominican Republic, Creole folk stations - an incredibly wide diversity of music - from reggae to soukous, to Olivia Newton-John to Kompa to Salsa, and no commercials!"

Observations at the early morning Mass with Father Joseph presiding:

"Mass began around 7:30 AM and lasted about an hour and a half with lots of singing by the choir accompanied by two conga drums - the only instruments..... Throughout the service and Father Joseph's extended homily, there was much interaction with the children as today is International Children's day."

"After the service, portrait photography began in earnest - after one young fellow asked to be photographed, that set off a chain reaction and all of a sudden, Dave, Susan and I were snapping pictures left and right I had to stop after a few minutes for fear of running out of film!" *(Pre- digital camera era!)*

Tour of Port-au-Prince:

"The first stop was St Jean Bosco in downtown Port-au-Prince where "Titid" (Jean-Bertrand Aristide) gained notoriety for his mission to the poor and spoke

out against the abuses of the dictatorships and where he barely escaped death himself when the [Tonton] Macoutes stormed the church after being warned of impending terror because of his strong stance against tyranny. The church was burned, scores of people were shot - either killed or wounded - yet amidst this terror, a miracle: a pregnant woman disemboweled by one of the attackers was rescued, the baby survived and is now enrolled in a school in Boston."

We visited many other sites of vicious attacks by agents of the tyrannical regimes, but there were also some places of hope:

On the road to Fondwa:

"We made it through to Carrefour which was absolutely jammed with vendors and pedestrians along the sidewalks and on the road with colorful tap-taps, trucks, vans, motorbikes, bicycles and any other type of conveyance that could squeeze into the congested road..."

"Lastly, on a very uplifting note, we stopped by the orphanage started by Aristide some years ago, which even itself was the object of terrorist attacks, but which somehow survived and has graduated many orphans giving them a chance to succeed the wider world.... What an impressive throng of young boys - well-fed, well-mannered, bright and full of hope!"

*When a person is drowning
is not the time to teach him
how to swim.*

-Haitian Proverb



Musical Meditation

Fabienne Rene

Offering/Offertory

Fabienne Rene

Reflection:

Brianna Chapman

Offertory Response

Altenor Vaval

Reflection:

Andy Snover

Offertory Prayer**What's On My Mind**

by James F. McIntire
after his visit in February 1995

*Prayer of Consecration from February 5, 1995:
"Commissioning of FUMCOG Haiti Delegation"*

During my recent trip to Haiti with a FUMCOG delegation, we travelled a long winding road from the coastline up into the mountains. Standing up in the back of a large truck took some balancing as the highway twisted and turned and climbed and dipped through hills of brown, the result of the denuding of forests over the past years. We had left the crowded capital of Port au Prince with its traffic jams, local street merchants, children walking to school and now we were in a rural part of Haiti.

It was my first day in Haiti and my first exposure to a developing world culture. The sun was hot and my eyes were taking in more than my mind could immediately process. Many of my thoughts were heavy-how can people live in such crowded urban conditions, how do children survive with limited schooling, where can everyone find enough food for the day, isn't there some way out? I was preoccupied with my reflecting. We rounded a bend in the road and there she was.

Another member of the delegation pointed her out to me - a young Haitian woman standing in the middle of the other lane, dancing. Her eyes were closed, her hands were raised, her feet were moving, and her face was filled with smiles and joy-joy beyond anything that my thoughts at the time were allowing. She danced. We heard no music, but she certainly did. She danced. My spirits were lifted as I suddenly recognized the joy of life that I sometimes tend to ignore. She danced -- and so did my heart.

What takes me back there? The sound of children outside my office window as they head home from school. The satisfaction in my daughter's eyes when we color together. The hug of a friend on Sunday morning. The little pleasures of life that I often overlook.

The dance of my heart when life is at its best. Now maybe I'll spend more time dancing in the street.

O God,

**who out of nothing brought everything that is,
out of what we give and are bring more of what we
dream but haven't dared, directing our power and
passion to creating life where there is death; putting
flesh of action on bare-boned intentions; lighting
fires against the midnight of indifference;
throwing bridges of care across canyons of
loneliness; so we can look on creation with you
and hear you call it very good;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE OF COMMUNION**Communion Hymn** *Standing with body and spirit*

Haitian Blessing Sung at the Table

"Manje sa, ou voye ba nou a, Papa, manje ki bay lavi"

This food, which you send to give us,

Father, it is the food which gives life."

COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

This is God's table; all are welcome to receive communion.

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers,
bringing your Communion Offering, which will be our Haiti
Offering this morning. All elements are gluten-free.*

LEADER: God is with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

LEADER: Open your hearts.

PEOPLE: We open them to God and to one another.LEADER: *Let us give thanks to God.***PEOPLE: It is right to give God thanks.**

LEADER: It is right and our very joy, O God, to thank you and praise you for the love that gives all things birth. You open your heart like a womb and the universe

comes to be. You fashion a home on Earth for all manner of living things. You shape us in your image and breathe into us your breath, making us truly kin across all our differences. When we forget we are kin and exploit each other, you take the side of those oppressed and work to set them free.

And so, with all your people on earth, with all who have gone before us and live in your presence, with all creation itself, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**PEOPLE: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and grace.
Creation pulses with your glory.
Blessed are all who share your breath.
Hosanna in all the earth!**

LEADER: Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your Christ, Jesus, who worked among an oppressed people. His touch healed those broken in body and spirit, and welcomed those unwanted elsewhere. He taught a way of sharing and considering others and seeking your justice and peace above all things. At his table, all were welcome, and so all are welcome at the table we now share. As he broke bread, so we now break bread. As he passed the cup, so we now share the cup together. As he formed disciples into a body of resistance to the ways of injustice around them, so we become one body seeking justice in our world as we share this meal in recognition of the ministry of Jesus and the ministries you give to us.

When he passed the cup, he said, “Take, eat. My body is broken for you.” When he passed the cup, he said, “Drink from this, all of you. This cup seals God’s new covenant. Do this in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of the work of Jesus to renew your covenant of justice, we share this meal with the prayer that you will be present in our ways and shape them toward the healing of our world, that you will shape us into one people—of hope, of praise, of work to mend this broken world—even as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**PEOPLE: Christ, dying, destroyed our death;
Christ, rising, restored our life;
Christ, coming anew, unshackles the future.**

LEADER: On us gathered here and on this sharing of bread and cup, pour out your Spirit of life and love, of justice and peace, of welcome for all. In that Spirit, renew us in hope. In that Spirit, give us strength and patience. In that Spirit, make us one—one with each other and one in your work—until all shall eat in peace and all shall join in praise.

**PEOPLE: This we ask as one body with one voice,
sharing one heart and one hope and one commitment to your ways.
All praise be yours, living God. Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Mother-Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

**Haitian
people
do not
want aid,
they want
justice.**

Paul Farmer



Communion

Reflection: Jeanna Murat
Timoun se lespwa demen -
Children are the hope of the future.

Excerpt from “The Gluepot Kingdom”
sermon by Ted Loder on February 6, 1994

You see, to have life is to be in community, to be glued to everyone in this world. To see it that way, to live it that way, is to keep hope alive and have hope keep us alive.

That’s what solidarity with Haiti means. We are one people, one family and we cannot live without each other. That’s what solidarity with Guatemala and El Salvador and South Africa and North Philadelphia means. The word is hope, a verb and a vision. Dr. King was right when he said, “The human family is caught up in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny.”

Hope is clear: in Christ a new order has broken into this world and the day is coming when Haitians will have democracy. It may not be in our lifetime, but the day is coming when democracy will come to Haiti. The day is coming when Bosnians and Serbs, North Koreans and South Koreans, will have peace, when Arabs and Jews, Hindus and Moslems, black and white, men and women, Latinos and Asians, poor and rich, gay and straight, will be one family. That is the hope that keeps us alive and we keep alive.

SENDING FORTH

Closing Music “Dream a World” Freedom
(see lyrics next page)

Benediction *Standing with body and spirit*
Prayer of Thanksgiving spoken by Ted Loder on
February 21, 1993 during Haiti’s President-In-
Exile, Father Jean Bertrand Aristide’s visit

Pour out your spirit upon us, O Holy One, that in solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we may dare a new way of being in this world, until sacred hopes, too long deferred, be fulfilled for the

Haitian people, all people, everywhere. So shall the common humanity for which you create us and hold us accountable, become beautiful beyond all telling of it, yet evident in our joyous living of it; through Jesus Christ our brother and Lord. Amen

Postlude Haitian Music Offering



Liturgist: Wayne Snover

Ushers: Bonni H. Zetick, Krista Hansen,
Tim O’Connell, Lyle Rosenberger, Ruth Thornton

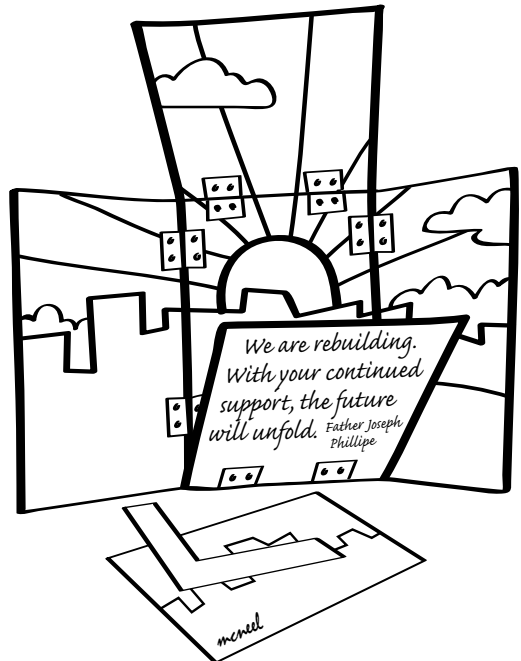
Audio: Willie Little

Meet & Mingle: In Pilling Hall

Linger Lunch:



The flowers on the altar are given by
Janet & Lyle Rosenberger on the occasion
of their 60th wedding anniversary.



Freedom “Dream A World” Lyrics

Verse 1:

Dream a world where everything’s gold
So money means nothing
And you can’t sell your soul
I dream a world where we all grow
Learn from our past and let things go
Nobody’s homeless and nobody’s cold
Not desperate for nothing so nobody stole
I dream a world that we can be proud of
But that can’t exist if we forget about love

Chorus 1:

Oooooooooooooooooo
Oooooooooooooooooo
Just march along
Oooooooooooooooooo
Oooooooooooooooooo
Just march along

Verse 2:

Dream a world where everything’s gold
So money means nothing
And you can’t sell your soul
I dream a world where we all grow
Learn from our past and let things go
Everyones healthy and nobody’s stressed
No reason for sadness so none of it’s left

Bridge:

I dream a world that’s not far away
And I dream a world
For you I have prayed

Chorus 2:

I dream a world
Oooooooooooooooooo
Oooooooooooooooooo
I dream a world
Oooooooooooooooooo
Oooooooooooooooooo
I dream a world

**HISTORICAL TIMELINE OF
FUMCOG’S DELEGATIONS TO HAITI**

First Haiti Delegation December 12-19, 1992

“Liberty and Justice for All:

The Struggle For Democracy in Haiti”

Ted Loder, John Chapman, Fred Clark,

Dick Cox, Pat Haff, and Beverly Lucas

February 1993 President Aristide preaches at FUMCOG

October 28 1993 Second FUMCOG delegation:

Protest; Witness in Solidarity;

Assist asylum seekers with National Lawyers Guild
Fred Clark and Pat Haff, 12 days.

Met with Theresa Patterson, director of Haiti Parish
Twinning Program, who introduced them to Fr. Joseph
who in 1988 founded the Peasant Assoc. of Fondwa (APF).

April 1994 Administrative Board votes FUMCOG

Twinned to the Peasant Association of Fondwa

(9/19/94 U.S. Invasion returns Aristide to power)

February 1995 Established

twinning relationship with Fondwa

Ray Torres first of 10 trips,

Bill Norton, Joseph Price, Pat Haff, Jim McIntire

Later that year another delegation to Fondwa.

1996 FUMCOG delegation

1997 First FUMCOG Youth delegation

1998 March delegation

1999 FUMCOG delegation

APF/FONKOZE/Cuba affiliation

& birth of Educational Tourism program

June 2000 2nd FUMCOG Youth delegation

2001 May delegation

2006 June 1-8

2008 February

2012 March

2015 June

2018 June 18-24

2019 Carillon Recital Series

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Mondays



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• **JULY 1** •
Alex Johnson

Dallas, Texas

Tower tour afterwards

• **JULY 8** •

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BELL DUO

Liesbeth Janssens & Rosalie D'hollander

Antwerp, Belgium

• **JULY 15** •
Gijsbert Kok

The Hague, The Netherlands

• **JULY 22** •
Dick van Dijk

Utrecht, The Netherlands

• **JULY 29** •

THE TREBLEMAKERS
Lisa Lonie & Janet Tebbel

Philadelphia Duo

Open tower & tours afterwards

5
Carillon
Recitals



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The Salt of the Earth . . . Reflections on Haiti by Tamie Scalise

On June 19, 2018, a delegation of sixteen people traversed the narrow, steep roadways that led to the rural village of Fondwa, Haiti. Banana trees and terraced gardens rolled across the mountainsides and into the valley, connected by a network of walking paths. On market days, the whole mountain awakened early with women and children balancing heavy loads on their heads, donkeys carrying an overflow of goods, and motorcycles piled with whole families. Once I even watched a motorcycle drive with a squealing pig tied to the backseat! All this abundance was the fruit of a people who lived daily off the spirit of community and hard work. Our team experienced a taste of this joy and camaraderie while sharing in the labors of a road improvement project. We joined local farmers in digging out a steep mountain wall next to the road in order to construct a retaining wall that would prevent erosion. Beneath the hot sun, we shoveled and pick axed and spread the dirt to rebuild the roadway. With our shovels in hand, we danced. We danced to the spirit of community that celebrates the abundance of God and gives praise to her grace.

Out of this grace pours the inspirational passion of a people to organize, collaborate, and plan for local development. The mission of the Association of the Peasants of Fondwa (APF), soon to celebrate its thirtieth anniversary, is alive with an emphasis on harvesting opportunities in rural communities throughout Haiti instead of a focus on

emergency relief. The seed-work of APF, Fonkoze, and the University of Fondwa is producing new fruit. The vision is to cultivate Local Development Committees throughout all of rural Haiti and educate leaders committed to giving back to their communities. In the spirit of peasant farmers, they seek to identify and harvest the local resources, the “salt of the earth” which God has already provided. In a place that outwardly exhibits extreme poverty, Father Joseph and the leadership of APF believes in the abundance of its people, the land, and the work of the Spirit that fuels vision. Father Joseph explained, “Whenever I look for something and I don’t find it, I create it.” The creation is not of his own making; instead, teams of educated leaders empower the people, and together they pour out their gratitude through actively giving back to the community.

While the work of APF is rooted in the mountains of Fondwa, in the hearts of a peasantry in Haiti, the true harvest extends beyond the shorelines of Haiti. The message of Fondwa is for the world. Father Joseph shared in his sermon that the invitation is for everyone “to discover your own spirituality, the purpose of your life, to identify how many gifts that you have received in your entire life and what you have been doing with them.” The invitation is for us all to be “the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13). Empowered. Appreciative. Giving back.

Photos by Tamie Scalise



A Life-changing Experience...

Going to Haiti was an opportunity for a new experience and to live around a different culture. We stayed in Port-au-Prince, and then we went to Fondwa which is in the mountains. The traffic was very different in Haiti, and we were inches away from an accident with a firetruck when we first got there. We got up to Fondwa going on some very narrow and steep roads. The view was a landscape of mountains covered in farmland. It was incredible. Our group worked on an erosion project with the people from the village, and we were able to get a lot of work done. We worked together well even with our language barrier, which was pretty cool. When we went to the University of Fondwa, we met with the students who were very bright and passionate. Our group also got to go to the orphanage, and the kids there were full of life. Going to Haiti was a life changing experience because the people were so kind and happy even though they have so little. I admire how the Haitians help their communities. I would suggest for anyone to go who would like to have a larger perspective of life. *Ben Chapman*

Fond(wa) Memories...*Bob Coombe*

This picture is filled with Fond(wa) memories of this congregation's long time relationship with our brothers and sisters in Haiti. This was my first trip to Haiti, where I experienced the joy of the people, the beauty of the land, the strength of community, the hope that grows out of faith, and the generous hospitality of the Association of Peasants in Fondwa. They welcomed us, fed us, transported us, and introduced us to some groundbreaking initiatives to building a community that addresses the needs and hopes of the people.

We carried with us the love, support and generosity of the FUMCOG congregation. Here I am presenting Sr. Claudette a new laptop computer. Tamie organized a group of techy kind of people and downloaded programs and data on the computer so it was in working order upon arrival. The Srs. were pleased to receive it and use it for their work. It is amazing the joy we feel in giving a gift, in receiving a gift, and having a sense of sharing in ministry that is about building community and working toward economic justice. We are blessed to bring home their gratitude, humility, and servant ministry.



Dr. Elizabeth examines the medical supplies we brought to Fondwa.

At right: Our group relaxes in the hospitality enjoyed by everyone.

Photos by Tamie Scalise



Sun Houses *by Marion Brown*

One of the experiences in Haiti that has very much stayed in my mind is when Sister Claudette described where she and other nuns lived. I wondered if they had some sort of convent or sister house. Here in Philadelphia we often see large Catholic church complexes that include schools and convents where the nuns live. Well, Sister Claudette smiled and laughed as she explained that they lived in 'sun houses'. We visited their sun house and small chapel. Houses were more often shacks with dirt floors and tin roofs, roofs that could easily blow off in a strong wind. Sister Claudette smilingly told us about their sun houses: the sun shines in through the holes in the roof, so they refer to them as sun houses! We wondered then about the rain, and she smiled and said 'that too!' I am in awe of people who live in sun houses and can be so upbeat, especially in the rainy season! Life in the spirit! Wow!



Terri McNamara Ben Chapman Dale Council Jeanna Murat



Envisioning Haiti *by Jeanna Murat*

The land of my descendants, Haiti was "prosperous" and immense with all that its inhabitants needed and/or wanted. We hold the truths of the impact of enslavement, colonialism, development and natural disasters. Haiti is not poor.

In truth it is a land and culture magnanimous with many riches. Quite simply, my people continue to suffer because they are black, fought for their freedom, gained independence and are being used as a capital gain of the "developed" world, specifically United States. Despite, the factors that continue to fail many Haitians remain resilient, resourceful and determined.

*Bondye bon.
Whatever God does is for the best.
Whatever is, is good.
(Haiti's eternally optimistic fatalism.)*

As a daughter of Haiti, the Pearl of the Antilles, I see the beautiful majestic mountains, the calm of water, a land with complex yet beautiful history and a rich people with great pride, intelligence and generosity. Over time, *(cont. next page)*



Fr. Joseph Philippe Photo by David Fonda

Father Joseph, Fondwa, Fonkose and FUMCOG ... *A History* by Ray Torres

In the early 1990's **Dick Cox** and **Fred Clark** pushed the **Race and Religion Committee** to hear the cry of the Haitian boat people and how unjustly they were being treated.

In 1993 when President Aristide was in exile, we had him preach here at **FUMCOG**. We wanted a more personal connection with Haitian and reached out to Teresa Patterson with the Parish Twinning Program. She connected **Pat Haff** and **Fred Clark** with the **Peasant Association in Fondwa** founded by a priest, **Fr. Joseph Philippe**.

That was in 1993 and FUMCOG agreed to Twin with the Peasant Association of Fondwa, known as the APF. In February of 1994 I joined our first delegation to Fondwa with **Bill Norton, Joseph Price**, Pat Haff and Fred Clark. A few months later, Fr. Joseph shared his vision for a bank for the organized poor, that became Fonkoze. He asked Fred Clark for \$250 to pay for some food for a large assembly of peasant leaders to discuss his idea for a bank. Then he asked the church for a grant of \$2,000 to incorporate a nonprofit that would provide financial services to the organized poor. We set up the Fonkoze Development Fund to raise capital for the bank, we struggled. Fr. Joseph set up **Fonkoze USA** and our **Beverly Lucas** joined the board and the capital came in mostly from Catholic sisters.

Fonkoze is now the largest micro-finance bank in Haiti with 45 branches, more than any other bank in Haiti. 250,000 members and a staff of over 1,000.

With the Peasant Association we asked Fr. Joseph what is the hardest part of your work and he said that finding funds to paying the staff that runs the Peasant Association and we agreed to help with that mission. We also helped put out the newsletter for the APF, Fr Joseph would write it in French and send it to **Rodney Chonka** who would translate it into English, **David Fonda** would get it printed and the Haiti committee would have a mailing party.

Beverly Lucas was tired of all the work to put a delegation together and along came **Rev. Tamie Scalise**, who said, Yes, I can do it" This past June a delegation of 16 people went to Fondwa.

The **Julia Morgan Fund** of FUMCOG headed by **John Riggan** and the trustees faithfully funded projects in Fondwa. The **United Methodist Women** of FUMCOG have also been very generous over the years. Please pray about being part of our Haiti committee and giving to the work in Haiti for we have been transformed by hearing Jesus, in the cry of the poor.

(cont. from previous page) each time I am blessed with going home it will be an experience of a lifetime that will be transformative. The moment spent with the members of FUMCOG at FONDWA still continues to impact my thoughts, decisions and interactions with others. Most importantly, it helped to question my views, norms and ideology

about life, serving others and my walk of faith. In the span of a week, I was able to be overwhelmed with joy, sadness, disappointment, frustration and awe. I am thankful for each of those emotions because they carry with them lasting memories. I learned that serving others is not only giving of what you possess or the time you have. It is a deep reach within to give of what

you do not even have. I am thankful to the Sisters of St. Antoine of FONDWA for teaching me to understand the beauty of serving others, showing me how to truly love those around me and how to walk in complete faith. I now know that the true riches in life is serving others and living in community with those around you.



June 2, 2019

Seventh Sunday of Easter

What's happening at
FUMCOG

Please Keep in Prayer...

Family and friends of **Joanne Palmer**, who passed away on Wednesday, May 29. A memorial service is being planned... **Carol Ward**, who had major abdominal surgery on May 30th... **Robin McCombe** and **Bryan McCombe**, daughter and brother of Rob McCombe, for health concerns... **Ray Sveen**, who is suffering with several health problems and constant pain... **Walter** and **Betsey Pankoe**. Betsey continues to recover from shoulder surgery, and Walter has possible heart, liver and/or pancreatic problems. Please send **Liam Sharpe** prayers for healing. Liam is the grandson of Nancy and Bill Tkacs, working through a prolonged recovery from concussion... Sylvia Bolden's brother, **Linton Taylor**, who lives in Seattle, WA... Beverly Lucas' sister, **Kimberly Chalmers**, who is recovering from brain surgery and stroke...

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 16 MORNING WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10:00 AM

Graduation Celebration next Sunday, June 9
FUMCOG wants to celebrate all 2019 graduates (*high school, college; higher education*) in June! Please send names of graduates to **Jeanna Murat** at fumcog1@gmail.com.

Summer Nursery Volunteers

Many hands make for light work! Please help us staff the nursery during the 10 AM worship service for a week or two over the summer months. Volunteers are needed beginning June 16 through Sept. 1, 2019. Contact Nancy Tkacs or Tamie Scalise about when you are able to volunteer. *Thank you! Peace and blessings for the summer!*

Congratulations to John Stuetz

Sixty Philadelphia School District teachers have won 2019 Lindback Foundation Distinguished Teaching Awards. FUMCOG's **John Stuetz** is the eighth-grade ESOL teacher at Mayfair Elementary School. He teaches speakers of more than five languages, and he has developed proficiency in Portuguese and Spanish. He focuses on social justice issues and strives to support families in very practical ways.

Sunday, June 2

Haiti Worship Service

Celebrating 25 years of our relationship to Haiti with spoken word, art, and music
Service of Holy Communion

Monday, June 3

7:15 pm Admin. Council

Sunday, June 9

11 am Worship

Bob Coombe preaching
Graduation Celebration
All-Church Picnic

Thu., Fri., Sat.,

June 13,14,15

UMC Annual Conference, Oaks, PA

For more information
see delegates Barbara Revere,
Celeste Zappala, Clarita Krall,
Ray Torres, Bob Coombe
Tamie Scalise

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS!

Sunday, June 16

10 am Worship

Tamie Scalise preaching
Tamie's Last Day at FUMCOG!

Our women's restroom is located through the fellowship hall from the sanctuary. Signs for restrooms for both genders are located at the end of the hallways in the education building. Our gender neutral/unisex bathroom is located at the end of the hallway behind the stage in our fellowship hall.

End of Season Sale at the *Fumcog Bazaar!*

To thank all our customers, the Bazaar in Pilling Hall is offering a sale on all merchandise during these closing dates: May 26 and June 2. Come early to purchase your favorites! Look ahead to gift giving occasions over the summer and into September. And know that each purchase contributes to this description from one of our suppliers of how you are helping:

SERRV wrote in their Annual Report

Why it all mattered...

"Every customer purchase and donation in 2018 helped sustain a string of happy occurrences... from empowering women and sending children to school, to aiding the sick and disabled, planting trees and building wells. We believe in sustainable employment and fair wages because we know that behind every meaningful job are meaning-filled lives. Thank you for helping us empower those lives and communities around the world!"

Food for Neighborhood Services!

The cupboards of the food pantry are empty!

Non-perishable, food donations (canned goods, cereals, spaghetti sauce, etc.) are being collected in big white buckets in Pilling Hall.

See Barbara Sveen for more info.

The United Methodist Neighborhood Services appreciates the continued generosity, of our congregation, in the donations of food. The number of people being serviced is increasing and the food supplies are often low. Your donations truly make a difference. Thank you.

Women's Saturday Circle June 8. All are welcome!

The Women's Saturday Circle will meet **Saturday, June 8, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., at the home of Faye Ross.** This is an informal gathering which warmly welcomes any interested FUMCOG woman. For more information call Faye at 215 247-8059.

Please join us for a chance for all women in the church to relax and share in conversation. **All are welcome!**

The Concert of Lower Merion Symphony Sunday, June 9th, 2019 3:00 PM

at Welsh Valley Middle School,
325 Tower Ln, Narberth, PA
with guest artist William Polk
Ludwig van Beethoven:
Violin Concerto in D major

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky: *Symphony No.2*

Join FUMCOG members **Bill Norton** and
Ruth Thornton for this exciting concert.

Pat Squire's Book Talks

Due to popular demand we are SOLD OUT! But don't worry, you can put in your order and Jean will print more. Just call or email the church office>

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, June 22, 2019

7th Annual Marion Taylor Workday

FUMCOG continues to support URDC's home repair program for low-income and senior homeowners in Germantown.

Please mark your calendars.

Questions?

John Bustard & Bonnie Andrews 215-843-3581

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

RECONCILING UNITED METHODISTS COMMUNITY WORSHIP

Pre-Ordination Vigil

Friday, June 14, 5:45 pm
Greater Philadelphia Expo Center
100 Station Ave., Oaks, PA 19456

Wear Rainbow Colors!



Dear FUMCOG Friends – WHYY is once again looking for groups to volunteer for their summer fund drive/phone bank!

Here are the expectations:

1. All volunteers must be comfortable entering pledges onto an online computer form and have basic keyboard proficiency.
2. Volunteers need to stay for the duration of the shift you select.
3. Please arrive at the time specified for training purposes.

Please let me know ASAP if you are interested and your available days and times (see the open time slots below). Thanks!

Nancy (ntkacs@gmail.com, 267-408-0942)

Wednesday, June 19 ~ 2:15pm to 8pm

Friday, June 21 ~ 2:15pm to 8pm

Saturday, June 22 ~ 7:30am to 12pm

Monday, June 24 ~ 2:15pm to 8pm

Tuesday, June 25 ~ 2:15pm to 8pm

Thursday, June 27 ~ 2:15pm to 8pm

Friday, June 28 ~ 2:15pm to 8pm

Saturday, June 29 ~ 7:30am to 12pm

Creations in Clay: A Benefit For The Earth

Sale of Ceramic Art by Mark Smith

June 22-23

Bowls, plates, mugs, tiles, garden sculptures and more



**Sat/Sun
June 22 & 23**

**11 am - 5 pm
147 Tennis Ave
Glendide, PA
19038**

Contact: Mark Smith
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- **Director of Publications:** Bruce McNeel
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