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### Rev. Denyse Barnes Visiting UMCPs Sunday

In this "Summer of Curiosity" in which our congregation is presently engaged, one of the opportunities for new ministry that continues to engender passionate interest the moment the words come out of my mouth is "ministry with LGBTQ youth." Effectively reaching out to LGBTQ young people - especially those struggling with identity and family acceptance issues - with the Good News of God's inclusive, compassionate, and life-giving love for all is something many here deeply wish to try.

I am thrilled to announce the opportunity to learn more is soon on its way! The Rev. Denyse Barnes, the Associate Pastor of Hollywood UMC (in Hollywood), is coming to be our special guest star this Sunday, September 8! Denyse, herself a member of the LGBTQ community, is preaching at our pulpit on Sunday morning and will then lead a presentation entitled "Creating Safe Spaces for LGBT Youth and Young Adults" in our Fellowship Hall. The latter will last about 90 minutes, and a light lunch will be served.



Sunday's presentation will help us learn the language and vocabulary relevant to LGBT+ young people, as their needs are somewhat different from older LGBT adults. It will also provide us the opportunity to brainstorm with Denyse some next steps for creating a relevant, safe space ministry for our community. Denyse has had quite a bit of experience in this important arena, and we are very fortunate to have her to ourselves to bend her ear all day! :)

In addition to serving at Hollywood UMC, Denyse has recently also been appointed LGBTQ+ Advocacy Coordinator for the Cal-Pac Conference. I am very pleased that Bishop Hagiya has made so public - and official - the need to provide this bold, prophetic leadership as our denomination moves through a messy, transformative time of creating a new church that truly embraces ALL.

There is so much to learn, and great relationships to be dreamed and forged, this Sunday, September 8. I hope you will be able to be a part!

Pastor Jane

## All-Church Retreat Next Month @ Camp Sky Meadows

Are you well? Wellness is so much more than your physical health; it also includes your emotional and spiritual health! And the church wants to help you be well:

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life...Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."  
Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message)

You are invited to participate in a wellness retreat from Friday, October 4th to Sunday, October 6th at Camp Sky Meadows (located about 90 minutes away in the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains). This is a weekend dedicated to wellness - physical, spiritual, and emotional. Spend some time relaxing in nature, connecting with God and others in the church, and exploring how we might become more 'well'.

Early bird registration is \$35/person through Sunday, September 8th (when it jumps to \$40/person). [Click here to register today!](#)

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### More Exciting UMCPS LGBTQ Events coming in September!

Transgender Health & Wellness Center Open House and Mural Unveiling- Friday, September 6, 6:30-8:30 pm. 35325 Date Palm Drive, Suite 143, Cathedral City. The Center, a recipient of our Stonewall 50th Anniversary Commemoration offering and an organization with whom we are developing ever-closer relations, has lovely, spacious new digs. Let's celebrate with them!

"For They Know Not What They Do" opening the 2019 Cinema Diverse Palm Springs LGBTQ Film Festival- Thursday, September 19, 7:30 pm. Camelot Theaters, Palm Springs. This critically-acclaimed documentary tells the experience of four LGBTQ young people and their religiously conservative families. UMCPS IS SPONSORING THIS FILM! Come, and bring your friends. Tickets are \$13.50 and can be purchased online through the Cinema Diverse website:  
<https://psculturalcenter.org/filmfest>.

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### United Methodist Women Annual Celebration on September 21

The United Methodist Women of UMCPS will be hosting the annual celebration meeting of the East District United Methodist Women on Saturday, September 21st. Our very own Pastor Jane will be the guest speaker and will serve communion. All are welcome to attend!

The event will last from 9:30 to 2 pm. Registration will take place from 9:30 to 10:25 with a continental breakfast. A lunch will also be served followed by the business meeting and election. The cost of registration is \$15 through September 15th and \$20 after September 15th. Please contact Vera Glur if you plan to attend. [Click here to email Vera Glur.](#)

As part of their mission work, the United Methodist Women will be collecting UMCOR hygiene kits that will be given to the coordinator for Asylum programs in Calexico. [Click here to see the list of needed items.](#) Donations are most appreciated and can be brought to the church office Monday through Thursday.

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### Men's Clothing Needed for Feeding Ministry Guests

The church has several feeding ministries that take place during the week. During these ministries, guests have access to a meal, toiletries, and a clothing closet. But

we have a problem! Most of the guests who attend are males and our closet is bare!

Do you have men's shorts, t-shirts, or short-sleeved clothing that you can donate to the closet to help support the feeding ministries as well as the guests who attend?

Donations can be brought to the church Sunday through Thursdays.

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## Children, Youth, Family Bowling Recap

Children, youth, and families in the church got together one awesome Saturday in August to have some fun bowling together. Thank you to everyone who attended and participated! All together, there was about 25 bowling-bodies! [Click here to see pictures.](#)



We can't wait for another fun event!

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## "The Sabbath"- New Book Study Begins Wednesday!

Pastor Jane and Rabbi David Lazar are going to be co-leading a book study on the book "The Sabbath" by Abraham Joshua Heschel. This book is a beautifully composed classic that explores Jewish practice, tradition, and scriptural understandings of God's command to "remember the Sabbath and keep it holy." There is so much to learn, talk about, and explore regarding our own ways of observing the very sacred container of time we call "Sabbath."



Have you signed up? [Click here to sign up today.](#) The study begins this Wednesday in the Walker-Smith building at church and will last from 5:30 to 7 pm.

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## September is National Preparedness Month

Are you prepared for an emergency? September is National Preparedness Month, so here is a great opportunity to start getting prepared.

[Click here to see a recommended list of items.](#)

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## In Case of Emergency!

Because there are a number of UMCPs members and friends who are the only members of their immediate and/or extended families living in the Palm Springs area, Pastor Jane and members of the Care Team thought it might be helpful if the church could hold emergency contact information for those who wished. For some, if there were an emergency in which they could not give their contact

information themselves, no one would know how to get in contact with their relatives.

Whether you are single or married, live near family or live many miles away, please consider providing UMCPS with information on how to contact the people who know you best. Be assured that all of your information will be held in strict confidence. It will only be accessed in case of emergency. [Click here to provide the church with contact information.](#)

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September 4- Mercy Estigoy  
September 7- Richard Dresp  
September 10- Jim Kubath  
September 13- Angelica Gutierrez  
September 16- Jody Diaz  
September 16- Dee Childs  
September 22- Pastor Jane Voigts  
September 28- Anthony Childs  
September 30- Jack Davis



September 10- Jim & Maxine Kubath  
September 10- Richard & Sharon Dresp

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### Sunday Attendance and Coffee Hour

Attendance for the last two weeks of worship:

- August 18- 103
- August 25- 100

Coffee/Fellowship Hour Responsibilities for September:

- September 8- Finance Committee
- September 15- SPRC
- September 22- UMW
- September 29- Endowment & Social Justice

