



# MOUNT KISCO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## THE NEXT CHAPTER

Parker H. Prout, Pastor

Late June - July 2018



- +Choir Rehearsal Sundays 9:15 am
- +Sunday Worship Service at 10:15am
- +Nursery Care, Sunday School and Youth Education available



- June 24<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Goodbye Sunday for Pastor Parker
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Communion Sunday  
Welcome Rev. Joanne Utley to UMCMK
- July 8<sup>th</sup> Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
- July 15<sup>th</sup> Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
- July 29<sup>th</sup> Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



**Farewell Picnic for Pastor Parker,  
June 24<sup>th</sup>**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> Welcome Rev. Joanne Utley**

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If your contact information has changed, please contact us so we can stay in touch!

**New Summer Office Hours**  
**Monday thru Friday**  
**10:00AM – 1:00PM**

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## Farewell and best wishes to Pastor Parker Prout



Pastor Parker has been appointed to the Southeast Dutchess Cooperative Parish effective July 1. In this role he will be lead pastor of Pawling UMC and work in parish ministry with Rev. Sun Joo Kim, primary pastor of Verbank and Poughquag UMCs, and Pastor Kathleen Meyerson, pastor of Dover Plains and South Dover UMCs.

Parker was recognized at the NY Annual Conference earlier in June along with other pastors who have reached the classification of “retired clergy”. Despite that title, he will in an active part time ministry role in SE Dutchess as pastor at Pawling and as administrator of the cooperative parish.

“I will always cherish my experience as sole pastor at UMC Mount Kisco in many ways” Pastor Parker shared earlier this month. “I learned a lot and grew into the pastoring role with the support of the MK congregation during the three years I’ve been here. The spirit and Christian love shared with me and with others in the community, make UMC MK a special church, one that can do even more in discipleship, mission and ministry in the years ahead”. He added, “And, of course, I wouldn’t think of telling people to buy a pumpkin anywhere else!”



*Pastor Parker,*

*On behalf of our congregation at the UMC Mt Kisco, we sincerely appreciate all the gifts and graces you've brought to us the past three years. We've truly been blessed. Your leadership, your very relevant sermons, your organization skills, plus your focus on the community outside the walls of our church have really taken our church to a higher level of discipleship as well as your sharing with us all the good times and challenges we've faced together in both our spiritual and personal lives.*

*You will be greatly missed but we know God has big plans for you at your next appointment at Pawling UMC in addition to your management duties with the area's Co Op churches.*

*"For I know the plans I have for you" (Jeremiah 29:11)*

*You and your family will always be dear to us and we will definitely keep in touch.*

*Best Always , May God bless you abundantly now and, in the years, to come,*

*The UMC Congregation.*

## Welcome Rev. Joanne S. Utley



On July 1, Rev. Joanne S. Utley will become the 46<sup>th</sup> pastor of the UMCMK. Pastor Joanne is a native of Ohio and has 20 years ministry experience. Prior to her ministry career she worked in journalism and held different professional assignments in New York, Massachusetts and Ohio. She holds a BA degree from Ohio University and a master's degree in divinity from Drew Theological Seminary in New Jersey.

Rev. Utley will be joining our church at a time when the community is experiencing a growth in diversity. Pastor Joanne is passionate about caring for her neighbors by meeting them where they are, creative worship that engages all the senses, and Christian education for all ages. She looks forward to the opportunity to be a part of a truly collaborative environment where a diversity of ideas, opinions, and beliefs is encouraged and embraced. She will spend part of her time working as the New York Annual Conference Communications Coordinator and Newsletter Editor of *The Vision*. Please take the opportunity to give a warm welcome to Pastor Joanne.

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

**A special Thank You from Joanne Hall  
For all that contributed**

**Joanne brought 48 kits down to the Annual Conference at Hofstra University in  
June! This is 15 more than last year!**

**Summer Church Office Hours**

**Beginning Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> the new summer church office hours will be  
10:00AM – 1:00PM**

**The church can always use extra volunteers during the summer months to help  
Art with indoor and outdoor tasks. If you know any students home for the  
summer that would like to volunteer to help us, please have them call the  
office, 914-666-5014.**

**The office has a new website and we would like to share it with you**

**[www.mountkiscochurch.org](http://www.mountkiscochurch.org)**

**please check it out and let us know what you think. The site will feature our  
monthly newsletters, up to date calendar of events, and blog postings. If you  
are interested in contributing interesting articles to our blog, please call the  
office.**



### A Message from our Music Director

It has been a year since I joined the staff here at UMC Mount Kisco, and I'm very happy with the work we've done so far. Again, I'd like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome. A huge thanks to Heather Kent, Kooki Laux and Raymond Wray for their consistent dedication to our choir, and to the many other volunteer singers who helped make our latest Easter and Christmas holiday services so successful.

Summer can feel like a slow time at UMC, especially with out-of-town vacations, ASP, etc. Many of our members volunteer for church projects and committees throughout the year, and they make such a huge impact on the weekly service and events— so when any of those people are missing at service, it's really amazing how their absence can be felt. But that's just the nature of the summer season— to take advantage of the weather to travel and spend time with our families, and do missionary projects, etc.

**What I would REALLY like to do this summer is hear from you about your musical ideas:** What songs or hymns would you like to hear at church? Is there a song outside of our repertoire that you think might work for a service? Are there any favorite songs by Christian music artist that you listen to? It's always fun to find song material outside of the box to fit the themes of our services and would love to compile any ideas that the congregation may have to use at some point. Please know that I am always very open to your input and hope you will come find me at the piano or at coffee hour.

So, if you have any singing friends in the area, again let me know— and if YOU have any interest in singing with the choir, rehearsals are at 9:15 am before each Sunday service, or you can e-mail me at [PJMartinez@aol.com](mailto:PJMartinez@aol.com).

Thanks so much and see you on Sunday!

Paul Martinez, Director of Music  
United Methodist Church of Mount Kisco

# New York Annual Conference Session Hofstra University-June 7-10, 2018





- On Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> William Mattis May was baptized by Pastor Parker. William is the son of Melissa Porter and W. Ryan May. He is also the great grandson of Mrs. Shirley Porter.



- On Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> we celebrate and acknowledge the youth of our church for their participation in Christian education. It has been my pleasure working with your children as we explore the teachings of our Lord through the Bible. The “Deep Blue” UMC curriculum reaches, empowers and equips children, with grace-base resources that help them grow in faith. I look forward to continuing as we sail on the Deep Blue Ship, and join Asia, Edgar, Kat, and Caleb as they explore and encounter God all over the world. There is even a Deep Blue APP for you to download this summer to stay connected.

**Congratulations;**  
Alexander and Miranda Kent  
Ella & Leila Armstrong  
Emily Alcala

**With our Lords Blessing Lisa Porter**





On April 15<sup>th</sup> the church introduced a new way to follow the order of worship during the Sunday service. A new projector was installed in the sanctuary, so the congregation can follow as each part of the service is projected on the wall above the choir loft. Hymns, prayers and scripture readings can be read without using the bulletin or hymnals by following the projection on the wall.

Under the direction of Ross Porter, the projector was installed high above the sanctuary, running wires to the back-pew work station. Donald McCann, Jr. played a huge role in this and we thank him for his technical expertise during the installation. Thanks also to Stu Beck who played a part helping to run the wires through the attic of the sanctuary. Special thanks to Shirley Porter for her support of the entire project.

We have heard good reviews so far about the projector and someone has said it adds a whole new energy to the church service!

**Ross Porter**



## Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry



You can also help regularly by donating breakfast cereal, pasta, rice, tinned food. Please make sure cans are not dented and are not out of date.

If you would like more information, please contact or speak with Lisa Porter on Lisa's email is [wrporter115@verizon.net](mailto:wrporter115@verizon.net)

## CoDA



We welcome you to Co-Dependents Anonymous, a program of recovery from codependence. The only requirement for membership is a desire for healthy and loving relationships. We have all learned to survive life, but in CoDA we are learning to live life.

<http://nyccoda.org/>

Held here Fridays at 1pm in our Education Room. For more information please contact [iddance@gmail.com](mailto:iddance@gmail.com).

## WORKERS AVAILABLE AT NEIGHBORS LINK



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### JUNE

2<sup>nd</sup> Ella Armstrong  
5<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Gyaw-Ruckert  
Juanita Gyaw-Young  
  
12<sup>th</sup> Joanne Hall  
Cammie Summers  
14<sup>th</sup> Armella Ferrara  
15<sup>th</sup> Coryn Porter  
17<sup>th</sup> Karina McKitrick  
22<sup>nd</sup> Parker Prout  
Bisi Shobanjo  
25<sup>th</sup> Samantha Ruff  
28<sup>th</sup> Kirk Summers

### JULY

13<sup>TH</sup> Nancy Beck  
24<sup>th</sup> Kaitlyn Summers  
25<sup>th</sup> Timothy Laux  
31<sup>st</sup> Alexa Grace Hall

**Does the office know when your birthday is? Please let us know if you haven't done so already.**