



Faith. Family. Fellowship. Music.
Congers United Methodist Church

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Bishop Alfred Johnson, Pastor

Sunday Worship
January 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.
Celebration of the Baptism of the Lord
Dedication of 2026 CongersUMC Church Officers



Bold print: read in unison

*Stand in body or spirit

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal)
TFWS (The Faith We Sing)

ENTRANCE

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Cheery Villaseñor

GREETINGS AND WELCOME

Frances Reid

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

People: We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Leader: Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

People: We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God. Come!

Leader: Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

People: We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Leader: Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

People: This is the Day, This is the day we come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025.

***OPENING HYMN**

"This is The Day" 3x

UMH #383

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Sky-shattering God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus, but viewed it as a nice story which begins Jesus' ministry. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service; and therefore it is easy for us to dismiss this as a nice story and nothing more. Yet you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. We know that often we have behaved in some very unloving ways and in some behaviors which do not promote your love and peace. Forgive us for our blindness. Turn us around. Help us to be people who not only recognize the light, but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in your name. For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

SILENT MEDITATION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE, GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

*Offer each other the gift of forgiveness: "In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven."

WELCOME FIRST OR SECOND TIME WORSHIPPERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

(Please fill out a CongersUMC Connect card)

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF CHURCH AND COMMUNITY (see page 3)

PRAISE DANCE

"Wade in the Water"---Habiebbah Benton

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DEDICATION OF CONGERSUMC 2026 OFFICERS (*see Leadership List on the last pages*)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE OF SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT

With grateful hearts, we thank God for calling you to serve among us.

We rejoice in your willingness to lead, guide, and labor for the sake of Christ's kingdom.

As your church family, we pledge our prayers, our encouragement, and our partnership in ministry.

We will walk beside you in faith, share in the work God has given us, and join you in proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, We commit ourselves to work together as one body,

To love boldly, serve joyously, and lead courageously as we form disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, for peace, and for God's justice through Congers United Methodist Church, AMEN.

PROCLAMATION

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Take Me to the Water/God is a God"

Jayon Anthony

PRESENTATION OF OUR MORNING MESSENGER

Bishop J

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

Sonya Burnham

MESSAGE

"Just Add Water and Stir"

Shantelle Williams Johnson,
Greater New Jersey UMC Conference Lay Servant

RESPONSE

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF COMPASSION/ PASTORAL PRAYER

You are invited to lift names for prayers of celebration or concern;
respond with "Thanks be to God/ Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers"

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

As we prepare for our offerings, if you are visiting, please take a moment to fill out our "Connect Card" in the back of the pew in front of you. Place it in the offering plates as pass on to any member or Bishop J.

For your giving convenience, Congers UMC now has online giving with Givelify:
go to <https://www.givelify.com> designate Congers UMC. Or, Use our QR code
by pointing the camera on your cell phone to this image:



PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

"Lord, we consecrate these gifts to You. May they be used to proclaim the good news, to feed the hungry, to clothe the poor, to comfort the brokenhearted, and to strengthen the work of Your church. Let every coin, note, and resource be a seed planted in fertile soil, producing a harvest that glorifies Your name. Amen.

*RESPONSE

"Amen" (2X)

TFWS #2072

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

*SENDING SONG

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

UMH #133

*DISMISSAL WITH TABLE BLESSINGS

POSTLUDE (*Please be seated*)

Acolytes carry the Light into the world!

thank you

We thank our Worship Team Leaders:

Musician: Jim West

Worship Leader: France Reid

Morning Messenger: Shantelle Williams Johnson

Scripture Reader: Sonya Burnham

Praise Dance: Habiebbah Benton

Communications/Sun. School: Cheery Villaseñor

Facebook Coordinator: Roberto Villaseñor

Hospitality: Carole Anderson
and Congers Church Team

Welcome to Congers UMC. We are happy to have you with us. Join us for a time of food and fellowship after worship service in the fellowship hall.

Today

This is the **Baptism of the Lord Sunday**. We celebrate the day Jesus was baptized and heard the voice from heaven: "*This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.*" Matthew 3:17 NRSVUE} We also remember our baptism and our call to beloved and to serve God and neighbor.

If this is your first or second time with us, please fill in your name, email address, and/or cell number in the "**CongersUMC Connect Card**" in the back of the pew in front of you. Kindly place it in the offering plates or give it to any member.

You may also access this form digitally with our "Connect" QR code.
We hope to see you again.



*Please be aware that we use **Facebook Live for our worship services**. If you are uncomfortable being screened or having pictures taken of yourself or family members, please let our Communications Team (Cheery Villaseñor or Bishop J know).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE

COMPASSION PRAYERS

- Please keep in heart and prayer church members, families, and friends who stand in the need of prayer. You can find the complete list on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. (If there are additions, removals, or amendments to this list, please let Pat Williams know.)
- We pray for God's Peace and Justice throughout our country and throughout this world; such as the ongoing wars between Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Iran, The Congo, Somalia and other parts of Africa, and other parts of our world. Global issues, such as, immigration, atomic energy, women and children abuse, active shootings, climate change, attacks on democracy, disarmament, food insecurity, the unsheltered, etc.



SERVICE

- If you didn't bring your non-perishable food item to be donated to **PEOPLE TO PEOPLE**, this Sunday, and you would like to donate, bring it next week or see Francs Reid, coordinator, for more information.



FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 10am:**
Martin Luther King Birthday Sunday
- **Sunday, January 25, 2026 following Worship**
CongersUMC One Board Meeting
- **Sunday March 22, 2026**
CongersUMC celebrates: **140TH ANNIVERSARY!!!**
- **Joshua: "Sight and Sound Production"** Lancaster Cnty, PA
Saturday, June 13, 2026, with Spring Valley UMC, Info: please contact Shantelle Williams Johnson at poohtell@gmail.com. (to date: 3 CongersUMC members attending, join us!)



Marion Julmis (1/10)
Roger Edwards (1/19)
Lila Villaseñor (1/21)





Dedication of 2026 Officers of CongersUMC
Sunday January 11, 2026



2026 Leadership Team of CongersUMC
Elected October 19, 2025

Dedicated January 11, 2026, 10am Worship Service

One Board Council 2025

	Begin	End
Frances Reid <i>Church Council Chair</i>	11/1/2025	12/31/2027
Evelyn Jaeger <i>Administrative Secretary/Trustee</i>	11/1/2025	12/31/2027
Carole Anderson <i>SPRC Chair/Trustee</i>	11/1/2025	12/31/2027
Marion Julmis <i>Finance Chair/Trustee</i>	11/1/2025	12/31/2027
Micheal Miller <i>*President/Trustee</i>	11/1/2025	12/31/2027
Estelle Vasquez <i>Member</i>	11/1/2025	12/31/2027
Cheery Villaseñor <i>Communications & Children/Youth/Sunday School</i>	11/1/2025	12/31/2027
Patricia Williams <i>**Financial Secretary/Trustee</i>	11/1/2025	12/31/2027
Jayon Anthony <i>Member/Trustee</i>	11/1/2025	12/31/2027
Evelyn Jaeger <i>Lay Leader</i>	(to be formerly elected) 1/25/26	12/31/2027
Shantelle Williams Johnson <i>Lay Member to the Annual Conference</i>	11/2025	12/31/2027

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Non-Voting At Large Members:

Sonya Burnham, *Treasurer/Trustee*
Les St. Louis, *Trustee*
Marvin Benton, *Trustee*
Bishop J, *Pastor Ex-Officio*

All Committee Chairpersons/members

Begin 11/1/2025

End 12/31/2027

Nominating/Leadership Development

Bishop J, *Chair*
Jennifer Julmis
Pat Williams
(Evelyn Jaeger, *Lay Leader*)

Trustees

*Micheal Miller, *President*
Sonya Burnham (*Associate Member*)
Evelyn Jaeger
Les St. Louis (*Associate-member*)
Marvin Benton (*Constituent-member*)
Pat Williams
Jayon Anthony
Marion Julmis
James Reid

Finance Team

Marion Julmis
Sonya Burnham
Pat Williams

Assigned Leadership**Music Team**

Jayon Anthony, *Leader*,
Shantelle Williams Johnson
Jackie DeSouza
Cheery Villaseñor

Spirituality Development Coordinator

Rev. Dr. Stacey May

Social Holiness Coordinator

Linda Cantillano

Covenant Group Coordinator

Dorothy Miller