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### WELCOME RECEPTION FOR OUR NEW PASTORS

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a welcome reception for Pastor Spencer Broce & Minoo Kim and their families on Sunday, July 10 following the 11:00 a.m. service

(noon).

We welcome individually wrapped/packaged savory (such as small sandwiches, filled rolls) or sweet items, and can help with the packaging. You

need not be available for an entire block of time, please note in the comments section.

To sign up for any of these events, please use the camera on your phone to scan the corresponding code which will take you to our signup sheets.

1. Open your camera app; 2. focus on the code you wish to use; 3. tap on the highlighted square.

## **GET TO KNOW OUR NEW PASTORS**



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We want you to have an opportunity other than Sunday morning to spend time with our new pastors, Spencer Broce and Minoo Kim. A number of individuals or groups have volunteered to host an event where you can spend some time with our new pastors and possibly their spouses.

Listed are the links to sign up for one of the events that currently has space available. These events will take us through the middle of August and then we will evaluate and possibly add other events early this Fall. If you have any questions about these events, please contact Karen Wells or Tom Bradley.





- 1. July 14 7:00pm: Dessert at the Hoffman's
- 2. July 22 6:30pm: Potluck at the Keppler's
  - 3. July 28 8:00pm: Dessert at the Baird's
  - 4. August 4 1:00pm: Cookout at the Bradley/Gregory's

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### **MEET OUR NEW PASTORS**

## Our new lead pastor, Rev. Spencer Broce, comes to us with 25 years of professional experience in the United Methodist Church. He began in professional ministry at Beulah UMC, in

Chesterfield, Virginia as an Associate Pastor. His next appointment was to Calvary UMC in Salem, VA as their solo pastor, and most recently served as the pastor of Lebanon UMC in Hanover County, VA.

Pastor Spencer grew up not far from St. Stephen's in Dale City, VA where he worshiped at Good Shepherd UMC. He graduated from Gar-Field HS before attending the University of Virginia, receiving his B.S. in Religious Studies. Soon after, he attended Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, where he earned his Master of Divinity degree.

Pastor Spencer is married to Lori, and they have two daughters, Gavyn and Morgan. Lori grew up in Suffolk, Virginia before attending James Madison University. Following graduation she followed her call to teach Special Education. Their daughters, Gavyn and Morgan, are also JMU "Dukes." Gavyn just graduated this past spring with her Bachelor's in Health Sciences as she heads to Veterinarian Technician school in the fall. Morgan is a rising Junior at JMU, also in Health Sciences, and is pursuing certification as a Physician's Assistant. Their family is rounded out by their beloved rescue dog, Ginger, who is incredibly affectionate.



When Spencer first "heard" his call to ministry, it was to help others

grow in faithful discipleship of Jesus Christ, and remains so to this day. If you asked him what he would want others to know about him as a pastor, and as a person, he would likely respond, "That I love Jesus and want to help others to love him as well."

Favorite Verse: Romans 8:38-39

- First Job: Delivering the Potomac News, Prince William County's afternoon newspaper
- Hobbies: Any excuse to be outside, but particularly landscaping, fishing, and learning to kayak
- Coffee or Tea? Yes! Coffee, dark roast please. Tea, Earl Grey, hot. IYKYK

# Our new associate pastor, Rev. Minoo Kim, comes to us with 7 years of professional experience in the United Methodist Church. He began in professional ministry at Good

Shepherd UMC in Dale City, Virginia as an Associate Pastor. His next appointment was to serve as a church planter in Fairfax, VA, and most recently served as the pastor of St. Mark's in Manassas, VA.

Pastor Minoo (pronounce me·noo) spent his teen years growing up not far from St. Stephen's in McLean, VA where he worshipped at KUMC of Greater Washington. He graduated from McLean HS before attending Emory University in Atlanta, GA receiving his B.S. in Religion and Sociology. Soon after, he attended Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC where he earned his Master of Divinity degree.

Pastor Minoo is married to Grace Lim, and they have one daughter, Sena (pronounce seh·na). Grace grew up in Atlanta, Georgia before attending Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Following graduation, she



started working in Washington D.C. and attended Georgetown University for her Master of Public Policy. Grace currently works for the Department of Treasury. Their daughter, Sena, turned 2 in March 2022. Sena plans to attend St. Stephen's Preschool this coming fall.

When Minoo first "heard" his call to ministry, it was to help others witness the kingdom of God revealed within them. Minoo likes to use the metaphor of journeying to describe Christian Discipleship and he is looking forward to journeying together with the congregation of St. Stephen's.

Favorite Verse: Luke 17:20-21

- First Job: Busboy at a Korean Restaurant in Tysons, VA
- Hobbies: Currently looking for one after retiring from playing basketball

Coffee or Tea? Hot latte in the morning, black coffee in the afternoon.



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#### **Prayers on Moving Day**

While our pastors are each moving at different times, the official moving day for pastors in the United Methodist Church is

June 29th. This year is an eventful "moving day" at St. Stephen's.

We are celebrating the gifts that Pastors Rob, Jiyeon, and Forrest have shared with us, and we are planning ways to

welcome Pastors Spencer and Minoo. Please also join the congregation in praying for all five pastors and their families as they make these meaningful transitions.

We will have twenty-four hours of prayer over "moving days," June 29th and 30th. There will be a sign-up poster in the gathering space, or you can sign up by using the QR code.

Prayer is powerful! Thank you!



#### **Our June 26th Guest Preacher**

**Youtha Hardman-Cromwell, Ph.D** is a retired elder in the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church.

She was pastor of Woodlawn United Methodist Church (1986-1989) after graduating from Howard University School of Divinity. In 2015 she retired from Wesley Theological Seminary (Professor of Ministry and Mission, Emeritus), where she had served as administrator and faculty since 1998, She loves to teach and preach and is excited to be back at St. Stephen's.



"Who can ascend to the hill of the Lord?" A communion of sinners and saints! WE are on a quest in mixed company, seeking God's face together, not on our own strength and righteousness, but on the companionship of fellow adventurers who are experiencing the merciful love and vindication of God.

- Adapted from Rosalind C. Hughes

"The commandment to love God with all my heart and to love my neighbor as much as I love myself knows no end. Christ came that you and I might have life and have it abundantly."

- Youtha C. Hardman-Cromwell