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Hark the Herald Angels Sing

PASTORS CORNER

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Psalm 85:6 (NIV)

I just came home after preaching to a congregation about revival. Although it was exhausting physically and emotionally, it was an uplifting experience both for the church and me. I thanked God for using me as a preacher for His Word.



When Rev. Shim at Harvey Memorial UMC invited me to lead a revival meeting there, I immediately answered, "YES!" I didn't even think about it twice; not because I was an expert on this topic, neither have I lots of experiences of revival meetings, but because I just wanted to be a part of revival that would renew me, that would bring fresh air into my relationships with family, that would revive our churches and communities.

I would like to share with you what I have spoken about there with a prayer that you too would be blessed with it.

On the first night, I preached on three things that are essential in our walk with God. Without them, our life as a believer would be boring and lethargic. First, take **God's Word** seriously. Jesus says that we cannot live on by bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God (Matthew 4:4). Do you live on God's Word every day for your soul? Remember that without it your soul starves. Next, **cry unto God** in prayer and God will answer you and show you great things (Jeremiah 33:3). When was the last time you and God had a serious conversation in your room? Third, have no idols before God. **Put Him first.**

On the second day, I spoke about three things that would revolutionize our walk in God if we put them into practice. First, **tithes** (10% of your income to the Lord). Tithing is not about money but it is about trust in the Lord. It is an act of declaration that God is our financial security not our savings in the bank. Next, **forgiveness**. Forgive all those who harmed you in the name of Jesus. Why? If you don't, your sins will not be forgiven (Matthew 6:15) and you won't get into Heaven. Never heard about it before? Here's why: because if you don't forgive, your sins remain not forgiven, then they will block your entrance to Heaven where no sins are allowed. Third, **thankfulness**. I have spoken about this five times already this year at church, so you don't need another reminder. Just remember that attitude of gratitude makes your life much easier before God and people. It is good for your spirit, soul, and even body.

As our two big Holidays are coming fast, may God richly bless you and your family. Remember healthy church begins with healthy you.

See you at church!

Kyewoon

For Hospital Visits

-Operations: If you wish to have me pray for you before your operations in person, please let me know the following:

1) In advance

-Unless it is an emergency, let me know in advance, because most of the time my schedule is already filled.

2) Date and time of operation**3) Place of operation****4) Duration of your stay after the operation**

-Coordinating visits for same day surgeries is difficult. If I am not able to come, I will make a follow up call to you after the operation.

5) Clear indication of your wish for me to be there

-Do not assume that I will somehow find out your wishes through someone else.

For House/Nursing Home Visits

-I will do them upon request.

Contact Information

-If possible, talk to me in person. If that is not possible, the best way to contact me is through email (pastork.choi@gmail.com) or phone call at my home at 609-597-7107, as I am not always in the church office.

My decision to visit patients in person at the hospital or operating room is made day by day, based on my schedule and the degree of urgency. Understand that there are over three hundred members whom I minister to. Therefore, I simply cannot satisfy everyone's needs and wishes at all times. I will do my best to be there for you. In case I am unable to pray for you in person, I will follow up with phone calls or cards. Thank you.

-Rev. Kyewoon Choi

CHRISTMAS SEASON :HELP WANTED:

- **Your Worship Committee is looking for some Christmas enthusiasts who are willing to help with decorating our Sanctuary this year.**
- **Advent Candle Lighters**
- **Multilingual Readers/Speakers**

Please contact Jody or Cheryl (Church Secretary) to join the committee.

MORE HELP WANTED

- **USHERS**- Want to Usher but not sure what to do? Come to our “All you wanted to know” meeting Sunday, **November 9th, 9:45A.M.** in Large Classroom. We’re looking for our “pros” to come as well for your input, insight and suggestions.
- **GREETERS** –

Contact Jody Endebrook/Worship Chair

MUSIC NOTES by Vel

The **choir** will be presenting the cantata “The Advent of Hope, the Birth of Peace” by Robert Lau and Stephen Andrews at both services on Sunday December 21st.

YOU are invited to come and sing with us for this special presentation. We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

The **Junior Bells** will be ringing for the family worship service at 7:00 PM on Christmas Eve. We will have our traditional half hour of special Christmas music beginning at 10:30 PM prior to the 11:00 PM service.

The **choir** and **Intermediate bells** will be participating in the **Madrigal** dinner on Dec. 7.

Please consider coming and singing with us.

LAY LEADER

*“I thank my God always when I remember you in prayers.
(Philemon 1:4)*

What a blessing it has been to me serving as your Lay Leader these past 5+ years!

All the fun entries and those Hymn sharing posts! We had fun! I have gained more than ever given and I do thank God often for you. And here I go again! This time humming “They’ll know we are Christians by our Love. “Know it? Hum with me or better yet, **sing!** “We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord. We will work with each other, work side by side. And we’ll guard each man’s dignity and save each man’s pride, and they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love... yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.” (Peter Scholtes 1938-2009). Yes, they will know us by our love. Thank you for the opportunity of serving with you – in good times and in bad – thank you for your patience and kindness, encouragement and support, and let’s not forget those hugs! Most importantly, thank you for sharing your love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, without whom we have and are nothing, and thank you for showing me time and time again the joy of being part of the “Can do people of the can do Church!”

Blessings and Hugs Sweet Church Family – Blessings and Hugs! Jody Endebrook

**THE HOLY SPIRIT RINGERS****2014-2015 SCHEDULE**

November Practices: 6th, 13th, and 20th

November Performance: Sunday the 23rd, both services

December Practices: 4th, 11, and 18th

December Performance: Wednesday the 24th Christmas Eve

January Practices: 8th, 15th, 23rd and 29th

January Performance: Sunday the 25th, both services

February Practices: 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

February Performance: Sunday the 22nd

March Practices: 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th

March Performance: Sunday the 22nd, both services

April Practices: 9th, 16th, 23, and 30th

April Performances: Sunday the 5th (Easter Sunday)
and Sunday the 26th, both services

May Practices: 7th, 14th, and 21st

May Performance: Sunday the 24th, both services

Interested? Call Joe 609-488-1786 or 609-339-0847

THANKS FROM THE JONES FAMILY

Thanks to all our Church Family for your caring, support and mainly your prayers for the past three plus years during the terrible fight against cancer by our courageous, strong, Rosie M. Jones, our sweet daughter-in-law. We know she is at peace with our Lord, and whole and painfree. The Miracle we prayed for was that we had her longer then the original prognosis. God bless you all and your families and again thanks, and celebrate Life! Please do keep Wayne, Gwendolyn and all the Joneses in your prayers for strength, understanding and peace. The following was on her memory card:

AFTERGLOW

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny ways.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done. Amen.

Luv, Wayne, Gwen, Louise and Rick Jones



The first few months of school go by so quickly; it's hard to believe that we are already

getting into Thanksgiving. We are so fortunate to have Ms. Kimberly Rule, a speech language pathologist from Southern Ocean Medical Center, who will come to the school and perform a speech evaluation for all interested parents. We will also have a special Pilgrim visitor to discuss her Mayflower voyage and help us make a delicious cranberry relish. Each of our classrooms will discuss God's many gifts to us as a reason to celebrate Thanksgiving. Mrs. Benson's pre-k class will make a beautiful turkey decorated with feathers that the families create expressing reasons they are thankful for their child. Before the holiday the classes will celebrate together with a Thanksgiving feast!

December will be such a short month this year. All of the classes will learn about Jesus' birth and will experience the joy of giving to those in need. We will be traveling to Southern Ocean Center and Barnegat Rehabilitation and Nursing Center to sing carols and distribute wreaths that the children decorate. All the classes will celebrate with parties and a show for their families and of course everyone is welcome to attend our pageant on Thursday December 18th and Friday December 19th.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Lisa Mower
Director

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Wow! Here we are in the Months of November and December! So many wonderful Services are in the works!

- Sunday, November 2nd, All Saint's Day, at both services, we will remember our loved ones who passed this last year.
- Wednesday, November 26th, Thanksgiving Eve. We are invited to join our Methodist brothers and sisters 7:00P.M. at the Kynett UMC Beach Haven, for this special service of Thanksgiving.
- Sunday, November 30th, First Sunday of Advent. Advent Candle Lighters needed for all the Sundays of Advent! There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary. Please help us celebrate these precious Sundays of Advent.
- Sunday, December 21st, at both services, our Senior Choir will be presenting our Christmas Cantata "The Advent of Hope, The Birth of Peace" (Robert Lau & Stephen Andrews).
- Wednesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve Services 7:00 & 11:00P.M. Christmas Concert starts at 10:30P.M. to welcome all to Service.

During this busy time, we are in need of Greeters and Ushers – especially for Christmas Eve Services. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex (entry way). And we are looking for our bi and multi-lingual members who are willing to Read Christmas Eve (if interested, please contact Jody).

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped this last year in worship services. Greeters, Ushers, Readers – to the Committee members, to our Communion Stewards, for the many who add special touches to our services – and I think all would agree – special thanks to our Pastor, Kyewoon Choi, for his vision, to Vel Gamble our Music Director and to Joe DelVecchio Director of our Holy Spirit Ringers. And a **BIG** thank you to **YOU** our Congregation – helping us to fulfill the mission set before us in the Book of Discipline "drawing on the rich gifts of the congregation and the wider Christian tradition, designing worship that consistently expresses the congregation's devotion and discipleship with creativity and passion so that when we worship we may truly love God with *all* we have and *all* we are, in body, mind, soul and strength." (Worship Guidelines – Cokesbury 2012).

Blessings and Hugs!

Jody Endebrock, Worship Chair

EXPENDABLE CHURCH PROPERTY

This is third and final article on the different types of property that we utilize at the Manahawkin United Methodist Church. This article will discuss expendable property. Expendable property is property that is consumed in use, or loses its identity in use and includes; supplies consumed in the maintenance of the church to include oil, paint, fuel, and cleaning materials; office supplies to include paper, pens, pencils, crayons, scotch tape, paper clips, and file folders. Other items include light bulbs, candles, paper towels, toilet paper, and hand soap. How did you do? Did you get some of these items? Are you surprised at what expendable items are?

Over the past several months we have discussed real property, church property, church equipment, and now expendable property. My hope is that you have gained a better understanding and appreciation for all the things that make up our church.

In my first article on real property I substituted the word facility with the word church. In conclusion I will now substitute the word church with the word home. As you think back on all the types of property and their importance consider how relevant they are to you and your home. As a home owner you have many items of each type of property to purchase, maintain and care for.

Your Board of Trustees is here to ensure the operation, growth and expansion of our church's mission and outreach to the community continues. As your Board of Trustees we ask for your continued support through your time, talents, and services. With your help we can continue to preserve the past and plan for the future of our church.

Roy George, President/ Board of Trustees

MISSIONS

The garden has been put to bed for the winter. We supplied St. Stephen's Food Bank as well as the Barnegat Food Bank with much produce, despite the ground hogs best effort to eat it all.

We gathered:

1. Lettuce - 15 gallon bags
2. Spinach - 6 gallon bags
3. Squash - 49 summer and zucchini
4. Peppers - 203 approx. of banana, bell, and cubanelle
5. Cucumbers - 10
6. String Beans - 19 quarts (the ground hogs favorite)
7. Eggplant - 15
8. Tomatoes - 26 Shop Rite bags and 2 bags of green
9. Winter Squash - 23

Thank you to Rich Mueller for getting the soil and also spreading it with James McShea, and Art Hill in the rain. The Schovanecs rototilled it and gave us wonderful tomato cages. The Warmbiere and Art, put up a new fence to hopefully deter the animal problems we had this year. James McShea painted the vegetable boxes so they were impervious to bugs. Janet Estelow came to weed at her convenience because she liked doing that sort of thing. Our biggest thanks go to Mildred Plant who came faithfully on Tuesday evening and Saturday morning to plant, weed, and pick.

And Saturday morning. The Hanns, and Rob Schmidt also took ground Hogs to new locations. Thank you again everyone. Without your help, we wouldn't have been able to help so many.

It is now time to fill shoeboxes for "Operation Christmas Child". Pick up your box, and letter so you will know what to put in it. (No chocolate please) Fill it as you wish and put girl or boy on the outside cut from the letter. Please also include a donation for shipping and return to the church by Monday, November 17th so they can be passed along before Christmas. This may be a child's only joy for the year.

Also, we will have our hat and mitten tree set up in the Fellowship Hall entrance. Bought or home made will be delightful and are distributed locally.

Thank you for all you do to help others!!
Art and Lovisa Hill, Mission Chairs

FOOD BANK

Letter to MUMC :

"We thank you again for your generous contributions for the St Stephens Food Pantry. We are overwhelmed by your continued support of our food pantry. Our recipients are thrilled about the fresh vegetables."

Sent by: Deborah Carr
Food Pantry Coordinator



SHOPRITE GIFT CARD PROGRAM

(great Holiday gift)

The ShopRite gift card program is going well. This is the program where the church buys gift cards from ShopRite at a 5% discount and then re-sells them to the church members and friends at face value. The cards are then spent like cash, for full value at any ShopRite. Cards come in denominations of \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00. Since starting this program in January, the church has earned \$1,335.00, with approximately 25 families participating. See Millie Plant, or call 609-597-8026 if you would like to join us in this very easy way of earning money for the church.

KNITTERS The knitters group continues to meet at 3:00 PM Wednesday afternoons in the Lounge.

We make sweaters for "Knit for Kids". There is also a crochet pattern available. We welcome anyone interested in participating in this project.

If you have any questions, you can ask Vel, Millie Plant or Lovisa Hill.

TEEN CHALLENGE PHILADELPHIA

Letter to MUMC:

"As the summer is coming to a close, we thank you for sharing with us by allowing the Teen Challenge of Philadelphia Women's Choir to sing and share what the Lord is doing in their lives on August 24th, 2014. They truly enjoyed the congregation, the worship, and the Spirit of God which dwelt richly throughout the service. But most of all they enjoyed the time of fellowship afterwards and the freedom in Christ to enjoy the day outdoors with the members of Manahawkin United Methodist Church. Memories that they will not soon forget. We pray that many souls will be won to Christ by your ministry and ask that whenever you think of Teen Challenge, pray for the students and staff that they will keep their eyes on Jesus the "author and finisher of our faith".

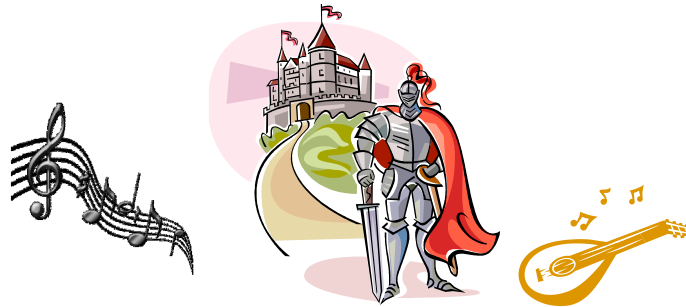
Sent by Sherry McMillan Public Relations
Teen Challenge, Philadelphia

PRAYER GROUP

"Unless The Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain." Psalms 127:1

Madrigal Dinner

Sunday, December 7, 2014 4:00 pm



Alanahawkin United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Come One ! Come All !

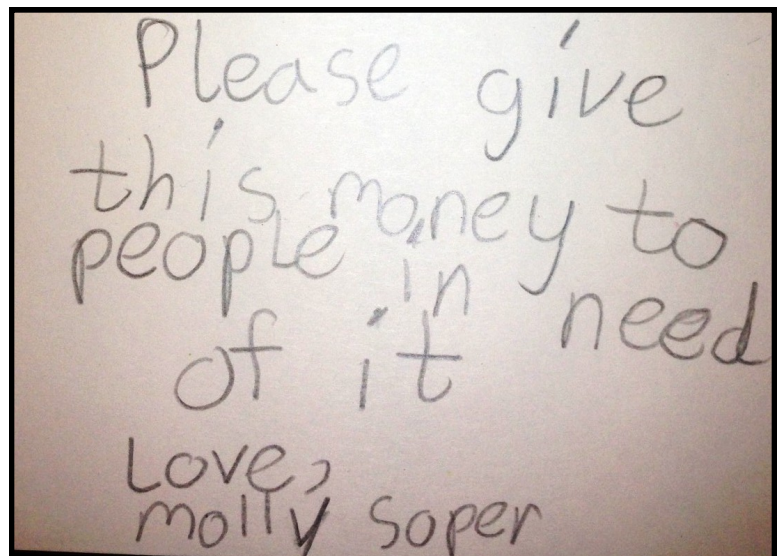
Enjoy a fun family evening with dinner, music, laughter and Christian fellowship. The cost is only \$25.00 per adult and \$12.50 for children under 13. This includes a sit down dinner of soup, pork, chicken, potatoes, vegetable and bread, all served family style in a medieval tradition. While you dine, you will be entertained by a Christmas play, a choir of carolers, a troupe of handbells, wandering minstrels and jugglers. With Thanksgiving past and Christmas quickly coming, why not sit back, relax and let someone else do the cooking.

The money raised will be used for a complete upgraded sound and video system for the sanctuary. Assistance is really needed. If you can sew costumes, please contact Gerilyn Vangi or Cheryl Juwoto. If you would like to be a "serving wench" please contact Pauline McShea. If you can help with publicity, please contact Edna Winans. If you would like a part in the play (the parts are very small and require no memorization), can help with decorations, sell tickets, post flyers, or have any suggestions, please contact Shelly Sheft.

We had madrigal dinners about 15 years ago and they were a great success. Let's try and make this an annual tradition.

A SPECIAL GIFT FROM A SPECIAL GIRL

Last Sunday, Molly Soper (Barb Soper's granddaughter) donated \$25 that she made from the lemonade stand to help the needy.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Submitted by Rosemary Molinaro, Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday School continues to go well each week and our children are having a wonderful time.

On **October 19 we celebrated Laity Sunday**. Since there was only one service, Sunday School classes were cancelled, However, the children were asked to participate in this very special service, and as always, we had a wonderful turn out. Readers of Gospel passages were Nicole Kondrk, 8th Grade, and Paige Fischer, 4th Grade. They both did a great job reading God's word.



The Junior Bell Choir, although separate from Sunday School, is made up of children in the Sunday School program, under the direction of Vel Gamble. What a blessing to hear the children play the bells!



All the Sunday School children gathered at the altar and performed the song "He's got the whole world in His hands." Large globe balls, baby dolls, sun and moon were used to demonstrate the words of the song. What a joyful noise was made to the Lord that morning !

KIDS IN CHURCH:

A child came home from Sunday School and told his mother that he had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took his mother a while before she realized that the hymn was really "Gladly The Cross I'd Bear."

SmileJesus loves you!



The following week, **October 26**, was our **annual Trunk or Treat Sunday**. This year, we combined it with our pumpkin patch. We are so grateful and appreciative of the families who decorated their trunks and filled them with lots of treats for the children. We had over forty students and their brothers and sisters fill their bags with M&M's, Snickers, Kit Kats and more. God blessed us with a beautiful fall day and everyone enjoyed being outside.



Stop by our Sunday School bulletin board in the Main Hallway to see more fun pictures of the day!

SUNDAY SCHOOL UP-COMING EVENTS:

Thanksgiving: On Sundays, November 9, 16 and 23 the children will be collecting food for the local food pantry for Thanksgiving. We will have a display at the side of the Altar for collection of your food donations. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Christmas: **SAVE THE DATE!** Our **Christmas Pageant** and Family Ham Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 14th, at **5:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall. More details to follow.

December 21st – Birthday Celebration for Jesus! All children invited to attend.

December 28th – Christmas Break. No classes. One Service. Please try to attend with children.

I take this opportunity to wish all our church families and friends a Thanksgiving with much to be thankful for, and a Christmas filled with the gifts of peace and love that Jesus gave to us. They are the gifts that need no size or color and would never be exchanged or returned! God bless us all.

LAITY SUNDAY REFLECTIONS by Rosemary Molinaro

While riding in my car on one of many trips to Pennsylvania, I had nothing but the radio to keep me company for the 5 hour round trip that I have made on just about a weekly basis to see my daughter and granddaughters.

On this one particular trip, I started paying more attention to the songs on the radio, and in particular, the song titles and authors. I began to realize that, even though this was not a Christian Music station, the songs had some powerful messages. Now keep in mind, these were mostly love songs, written about a new love, a lost love, how love makes us feel or just looking for love. And as songs came on, I began to notice that the titles could very well be coming from or being said to Jesus. So I started to put a conversation together with Him on my way home from Pennsylvania. Of all the songs I heard, I was able to use 30 titles or Artist. For those of you who remember the show, Name that Tune, this is kind of a twist on that show. See if you can name the tune that is mentioned.

So, here is the conversation between me and Jesus on Sirius XM Radio.

Well, Lord, I'm **ON THE ROAD AGAIN**. Thank you for such an **AMAZING** day! The sky tonight is crystal clear, without a single cloud. The stars are so vivid on this **HOT AUGUST NIGHT**. The parkway has its usual amount of crazy drivers, but I'm not about to lose my **LIFE IN THE FAST LANE** so I will stay clear of them as I travel **HOMEWARD BOUND**.

I waited a while to see if Jesus would respond. **SAY SOMETHING**, Lord, so I know you are with me. And Jesus answered **"ALL OF ME, LOVES ALL OF YOU. ALL YOUR PERFECT IMPERFECTIONS."**

Wow, that was some opener! I love You too, Jesus. But some days I have a really hard time facing things. Sometimes I feel like I am on a **TRAIN** going in **ONE DIRECTION** to nowhere. I feel like my **FAITH** is a **HILL** that I can't seem to climb, and all I do is **CRY**. It's **THE STORY OF MY LIFE**, Lord. There are times **when I feel so all alone, and I'm sinking like a stone**, and I just can't **Carry On**. You know Lord, I'm only **HUMAN**.

Jesus answered. You got to **KEEP YOUR HEAD UP. YOU'RE NOT ALONE. STAY WITH ME** and I will love you **UNCONDITIONALLY, FOREVER AND FOR ALWAYS**.

Jesus, I said, this is **A GREAT BIG WORLD**. And lately there is so much suffering going on. I sometimes wonder where You are. I want so much for **PEACE** in our world. I want all people to wake up and say **IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY**. But sometimes I see no **HOPE IN FRONT OF ME**. I want to be strong; I don't want to be **LOCKED OUT OF HEAVEN** because I've lost my faith. Lord, I **NEED YOU NOW**.

AS LONG AS YOU LOVE ME, I will always be there for you, Jesus said to me. And I will always be watching. I may send you **ANGELS IN BLUE JEANS**. Yes, Jesus said, I see what is going on in the world today. I see the hate and anger, the violence that comes from that; I see how people have lost the value of life and how far away they have moved from Me. And sometimes I even think that it is all **GONE, GONE, GONE**. But I will never give up. I will be right here until everyone can say this is the **BEST DAY OF MY LIFE** and that they are all truly **HAPPY!**

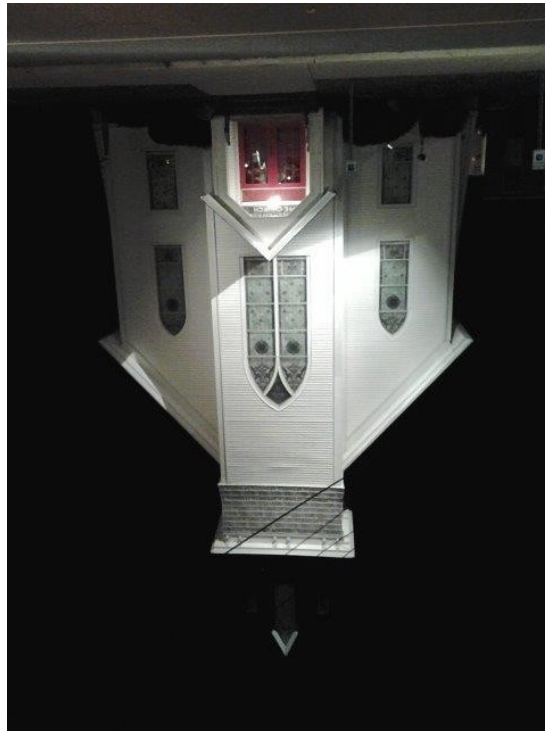
Thank you, Jesus, I feel much better; we're home now. Thanks for riding with me tonight; You certainly made the trip much easier.

SONGS/ARTISTS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

On the road again – Willie Nelson
 Amazing – Josh Kelley
 Hot August Night – Neil Diamond
 Life in the Fast Lane – The Eagles
 Homeward Bound – Simon and Garfunkel
 Say Something – A Great big world
 All of me, loves all of you – John Legend
 Train (Artist)
 One Direction (Artist)
 Faith Hill (Artist)
 Cry – Faith Hill
 Story of my life – One Direction
 Carry on – fun.
 Human – Christina Perri
 Keep your head up – Andy Grammer

You're not alone – Maria Miller
 Stay with me – Sam Smith
 Unconditionally – Katie Perry
 Forever and for always – Shania Twain
 A Great Big World (Artist)
 Peace – O.A.R.
 It's a beautiful day – Michael Buble
 Hope in Front of me – Danny Gokey
 Locked out of Heaven – Bruno Mars
 Need you now – Lady Antebellum
 As long as you love me – Back Street Boys
 Angel in blue jeans – Train
 Gone, gone, gone – Phillip Phillips
 Best day of my Life – American Authors
 Happy – Pharrell

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