



# ***THE CROSSWORD***

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**July-August 2015**

*Open Hearts*  
*Open Minds*  
*Open Doors*



## ***QUALITIES TO LIVE BY***

*Faithfulness*

*Generosity*

*Patience*

*Love*

*Joy*

*Peace*

*Kindness*

*Gentleness*

*Self Control*

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**PASTOR'S CORNER**

Bless your enemies!

Well, you are about to read my recent unwanted and annoying adventure in my garden (6 ft. x10 ft.). My family started with a great dream of lots of good, home-grown, chemical-free, vegetables such as egg plants, zucchini, cucumbers, tomatoes, and green peppers. So, in May, the ground was tilled, fences were erected, buckets were in with fresh pot soil that guaranteed 60 days of richness in quality. There I planted all these vegetables expecting bountiful crops. I even promised to share my great crops with members and friends at church!

Move your time table to a month later. Up until two weeks ago, everything was great; all plants were growing healthy. One afternoon I noticed that half of the three zucchini plants' leaves were eaten by some critters! It was pathetic! (See picture below.) I was shocked and mad, although the attack was expected. My family immediately went into investigation and came to the conclusion that it was the family of four or five groundhogs underneath our shed.

That's when my physical work started; shoveling to stuff groundhog tunnels and putting up fences around the shed. Being a city boy, I was never good at or used to this kind of work. All I wanted to do for my garden was watering and enjoying the crops! Well, now I discovered



that gardening involves much more than that. As far as groundhogs are concerned, normally, I love God's creatures. Yet this time, my family declared all-out war! We got some good advice (both from friends and Youtube) how to catch, remove, or even

to kill them. From bubble gum, to moth balls, to traps, and even bombs! Well, we tried them all except bombs! We also fenced the entire shed to stop their traffic. We even stuffed their tunnels with hard-to-chew materials and dirt. They didn't seem to work, because, today I saw a couple of groundhogs around my garden. When I chased them away, they got through the fence with no problem!

At this point, I pray that the Lord have mercy on my vegetables. In the meantime, I bless my groundhogs every day following God's command (bless your enemies!). By the way, I still would like to share my crops at the end of the season - whatever survives pests and groundhogs. Anyone want tomatoes and cucumbers?



Have a wonderful summer and see you at church!  
Kyewoon

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

A sincere thank you to all who participate in our wonderful Services! We'd be lost without you! And we'd be remiss if we didn't once again thank our Music Director, Vel Gamble; our Holy Spirit Ringers Director, Joe DelVecchio, our Choirs and Musicians for their dedication and hard work and of course, for our Pastor, Kyewoon Choi.

Although it seems things are coming to an end, rest assured it is not so. Your Worship, as well as many other Committees, are still busy at work planning many fantastic Services and activities to come. Please stay tuned to our weekly announcements posted in our Bulletin and on our web site: [www.manahawkinmethodist.org](http://www.manahawkinmethodist.org)

The summer months provide an excellent opportunity to serve as Greeters, Ushers, Readers and Acolytes. We're always looking for the help and some new faces and talents to grow and serve. Maybe consider joining our Worship Committee? We'll meet again the end of August ~ if interested, please mention it to Pastor Choi or one of us ~ we would love to have new members join us.

Last, but never least, we could never end without thanking each of you ~ for all you do and are!

Blessings and Hugs for a Happy Summer!  
Jody Endebrock/Mary Sue Pignato  
Worship Co-Chairs

**MISSIONS**

Our trip to the Appalachian Service Project in Guyan Valley, W. Va, was very successful. Nine people elected to serve others who were in great need. We divided into two groups of five and four and replaced shower fixtures and pipes, wallboard and insulation, moved overhead lights, and replaced a subfloor that had moldy carpet and rotted joists. Both homeowners were disabled with multiple disabilities and Nancy and Hilliard were very happy we were there. Next year, consider giving some of your time.



Our garden is growing and the first sighting of a groundhog happened while picking edible pea pods. We have given 6 quarts of pea pods, and 37 gallon bags of lettuce, spinach, and kale. Some of these were shared with the congregation. California Sweet 100s cherry





tomatoes were donated and taken home by those who didn't have any. Our produce that is still growing are: tomatoes, peppers, squash, beans, eggplant, potatoes, cucumbers, and broccoli.

The Preschool after school program planted some of these vegetables plus two strawberry plants. Thank you preschool!!

We are in the garden every Tues. evening at 5:00 and every Saturday morning at 9:00. Please come and work in your garden to weed or harvest. When we take the food there is always someone registering to receive the priceless packages. Your gifts of food given at the entry way, is also so appreciated. For June we are collecting cereal and shelf stable milk, and in July, it is canned chili, stew, and spaghetti. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!

Your mission committee Art Lovisa Hill



### **MUSIC NOTES by Vel**

The annual choir picnic will be held on Saturday, August 15 at 2:00 PM at Cheryl Conti's home. Anyone interested in the choir is invited to come and to bring their significant other. Please let Cheryl or Vel know if you can come, so that we can plan food. You may leave a message at the church office or call either of us at home.



Junior Bells are suspended for the summer as the bells are being refurbished.

They will resume after Labor Day. All Youth who have finished first grade are eligible to join. Please be thinking about joining and putting bells on your weekly calendar.

Vel



**MEN'S BELL  
CHOIR  
FATHER'S  
DAY  
WELL  
DONE!!!!**

## **Manahawkin Methodist PRESCHOOL**

Our goal at MMP is to educate the "whole child". We don't "just" develop a child

academically but also socially, emotionally, spiritually and physically. As I make my way in and out of the classrooms each day I see children making friends, solving their own conflicts, mastering things like cutting or skipping and I feel proud of their accomplishments. Even the smiles and the greetings I receive each morning tell me that the children are developing into confident, friendly children that love school and want to learn; what a beautiful thing to see!

We officially ended our school year on June 17<sup>th</sup> with our Pre K graduation ceremony. While the school will remain closed for the summer, we will be very busy preparing for September. We will be moving classrooms and preparing to hold an Open House in September. Please continue to pray for God's blessing upon us as we strive to do what is pleasing to Him.

Lisa Mower, Director

### **VACATION**

(Thoughts to live by)  
Kenneth Schorr

It's that time of year ---- VACATION! A time to get away from it all (and sometimes everyone) and do whatever and whenever. An escape from the everyday problems in our lives.

Sadly, all too many forget to take the Lord with them on vacation. We get caught up in the moment; we forget to pray, read our Bibles, attend church, to thank the Lord for all the blessings throughout the year including this vacation time.

The Lord does not take a vacation from us; He is there 24/7, everyday. Even when vacation is over and we return to our problems (no, they did not go away), as Jesus said, "I will never leave or forsake you." So pack your bags, enjoy your vacation and remember to take Jesus with you. Better still; why not take Jesus with you everyday, no matter where you go?



**2015 UMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT**

Thursday May 28, 2015 Fish was the title of this 2015 conference. There was reference throughout the conference "Throw your net on the other side of the boat and you will find some fish John 21:6 We had over 1500 people in registered and attended the conference. This was a record number. We were reminded that we must cast our nets in new and untried waters in order to live our mission of making disciples of Christ for the transformation of the World. We heard from Rev Nicole Caldwell- Gross, director of Missions and Multi Cultural Ministries. She delivered an inspiring sermon which focused on how the church remain hopeful amidst many challenges. Moving our nets to our congregations and into our communities within the stream of our own spirit may upset the current but still Jesus is persistent in calling each of us to cast our nets onto the other side. After her sermon we were served communion. I would say there were about 1500 people in the room ..

This was the 178 year of the Methodist church in New Jersey Rev. Dr. Robert Williams from Drew University is head of Archives and history of the United Methodist Church. He has stated that all churches should have an up to date history. He would like some papers from all the churches. We started in the first annual conference on Wednesday April 26, 1837. "An anniversary or review of the past must also be forward looking. And he hopes the conference will not develop amnesia and forget its history.

We voted for the delegates for the general Conference and the Jurisdictional conference. I knew 4 delegates. Lynn Catersoon, John Bishop, Steven Quigg. He does flying in the Congo to help people get better and does other missionary work. Plus Rosa Williams, Conference Lay leader. all the delegates were voted in for both conferences.

Conference Preacher and teacher Rev. Andrew Forrest FROM Murger Place, Texas, . He lead us into a deeper teaching for the UnChurchd. He shared how he felt and how we should use 3 simple words to make changes in our church. Communities and our live **LOVES GOES FIRST.**

Bishop John Schol opened his Episcopal address. With the great things happening in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference, for the first time in 45 years we have a gain in membership. He said I have no words to say but t o thank all of you. He talked about how the Methodist churches have gone out and helped 150 Sandy victims their homes and 55 more homes are being worked on.

The irony of humility is that once you claim it, you don't have it. We need to be a church that serves and witnesses. We will be a creative minority, who with humble hearts seek to live out what it means to be the hands and feet of JESUS Today. We will be the shining light of service and witness for the Greater New Jersey conference.

After he finished and said a prayer. After lunch we were in a time of conferencing. This is when the budget for the 2016 budget was passed. WE are scheduled to payoff the new conference center by the end of 2015. This will save the conference over \$1.7 million dollars over the next 25 years .the

Key legislation was brought before the conference on how the Greater New Jersey conference will handle human sexuality and the commitment to cultural competency. In the true spirit of holy conferencing the legislation was passed by the whole body of people there. In addition, we passed legislation put forth by the Black Methodists for church renewal to create a task force and promote dialogue regarding equal justice, restorative justice and racial justice.

There were 8 different workshops to go to. I chose STOP HUNGER NOW. There 200 of us that made up food bags for Nepal. Soy beans, dried veg. vitamin and rice went into each bag. Then they were sealed and put into boxes. We did 30,000 bags in two hours. It was a great feeling, we were doing something for people in Nepal. This would be a great event for our Church to do. We had an offering for the Mission fund campaign and raised over \$100,000 which now stands at more than 5 million dollars for the Future of Hope, Imagine no Malaria and mission work in our local churches.

We had a memorial service for all pastors who have gone to their home in Glory. There were over 30 names and Rev. Carol Ann Wagg was named. It was nice to see her picture and the remembrances of all. We also celebrated 31 clergy who are retiring this year. Their combine service was 726 years of service to congregations.

19 candidates participated in the ordination and commissioning service We celebrate and welcome these new spiritual leaders with a special service recognizing their journey into ministry. With 1500 clergy and laity we were inspired by the music of Mark Miller and the festive choir. The conference attendees left the conference ready to "cast their nets on the other side."

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cheryl Lynn Juwoto Manahawkin United Methodist Church. Conference delegate.

**PICNIC IN THE PARK**

1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Bring your dinner, games and friends and join us for evenings of fun and fellowship. A. Paul King Park, Manahawkin

**Manahawkin United Methodist Church Men's Club**

All men of the church are invited to attend the MUMC Men's Club breakfasts held on the third Saturday of the month often at the Stafford Grill in the Holiday Inn. Gathering time is 8:30 AM. Come join us for mutual support and take part in some of our activities to help others.

**SAINT STEVEN'S FOOD PANTRY**

Received a thank you letter from the Parish Administrator and Food Pantry Coordinator Deborah Carr. "Thank you once again for your generous donations. We so appreciate all the food you collect for us. Our recipients were surprised and grateful for the fresh greens. (lettuce, spinach and green beans which were washed and packaged.



**KEEPING YOU IN THE LOOP:****FAMILY PROMISE (FP)****WE CONTINUE TO NEED YOUR HELP!**

Summer is here and we are getting very close to our Family Promise commitment.

**Reminder:**

We will be the Host Congregation for Family Promise of Southern Ocean County on August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 9<sup>th</sup>. We continue to need more help from the congregation with the following areas.

**Set Up** - help needed for about one to two hours August 2<sup>nd</sup> around 3:00PM-4:00PM. We need to get beds out of a trailer and set them up in designated rooms of the church. FP guests will arrive around 5:00PM

**Tear Down** - help needed for about one to two hours on August 9<sup>th</sup> about 7:00AM (before 8:30 church service). We need to return beds to the trailer and reorganize classrooms before Church Service begins.

**Sleep Over volunteers** - needed 2 congregation members per night – so far we only have coverage for 3 nights.

**Donate: Twin size bedding** – TWIN SHEETS AND COMFORTERS/BLANKETS. New or gently used twin size bedding will be welcomed. Currently we only have 2 comforters – we need 12 more comforters. We have twin sheets for 6 guests and need 8 more sets of sheets.

**Donate:** Lunch items - bread, mayo, mustard, lunchmeat/cheese, peanut butter & jelly, individual chip snack bags.

**Donate:** Beverages - water, milk, coffee, juice sip boxes, soda ...

**Donate:** Evening Snacks - cookies, pretzels, brownies ...

**Bedding linen washing** – to begin Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> (several volunteers needed)

FP Coordinators – **We would like to have one person designated as the Meal Coordinator.**

Host Coordinator: Beth Schenck

Supply Coordinator: Marian Assur

Activities Coordinator: Pauline McShea

Meal Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_?

Please consider lending a hand to help us reach our hospitality goals for the homeless. Reaching out, lending a hand, and opening our hearts ... this is our commitment to the local Family Promise organization. If you have any questions or want to donate food/bedding or help please email me at [kf2bq@comcast.net](mailto:kf2bq@comcast.net) or call my home phone number 609-296-3000.

Host Coordinator,  
Beth Schenck

**PRAYER GROUP**

"The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy" Psalm 147:11

**SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION**

Congratulations to the Scholarship recipients. We wish them all the best as they continue their education.

Audrey Eismann (History)

Dylan Lamb (Culinary Arts)

Tyler Harkness (Biology)

Jeydon Lowe (Health)

Jill Hazley (Dental)

Brianna Mathis (Elementary Education)

Kevin Kaufman (Engineering)

Eric Ray (Mathematics)



Nathaniel Eismann, Eileen Mahan





### LETTER FROM FAMILY PROMISE

We would like to thank you and your members for the very generous contribution of \$200 to Family Promise of Southern Ocean County, Inc.”

“As you may know, we have over 30 congregations and local community groups in southern Ocean County participating in our mission to provide temporary shelter and hospitality with re-housing families in our community that have become homeless. ...Our Goal is to restore our guest families to permanent housing.” Thomas G. Dunn Secretary

### Sunday School News

Submitted by: Rosemary Molinaro  
Sunday School Superintendent

A beautiful, harmonized rendition of the Star Spangled Banner was sung by Adina and Krista Paciello.



On May 24<sup>th</sup>, our Sunday School children honored our Veterans for Memorial Day with a Flag presentation at both services. Each branch of the armed forces, as well as our POW/MIAs were represented.

The girls sang a cappella and if you heard them, I am sure you would agree that not many professionals who attempt to sing our national anthem, have done a more outstanding job!!!! ***Thank you, Adina and Krista for sharing your beautiful gift with us.***



On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, we closed another wonderful year of Sunday School. Throughout this school year, fifty six children came through the doors of our church to learn about and draw closer to our Lord; they shared their unique personalities and talents and together we made friendships and became a wonderful church family.

We congratulate our graduates from Prek, Kindergarten, Sixth Grade, Eighth Grade, and High School.

This year, Class of 2015 High School Graduate, Audrey Eismann, will be leaving us to go on to college. Audrey has been a faithful student in Sunday School, and we all wish her the very best as she goes on to pursue her degree.

***Audrey, we hope you will come back and visit us when you have the chance; you will be missed!***





Third and Fourth Graders received their Adventure Bibles. Pastor Choi reminded them of the importance of reading their Bibles and learning the Word of God.

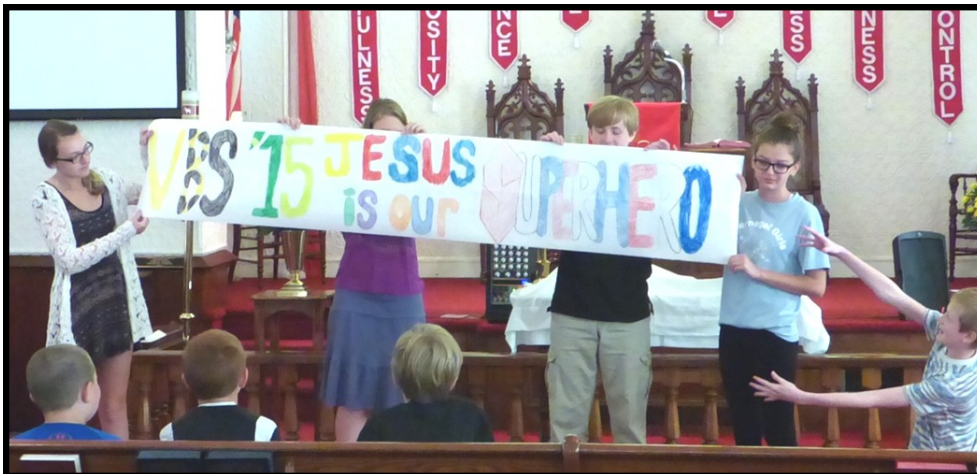
I give a heart-felt and sincere thank you to our teachers, Leila Tyger, Holly Kadlubowski, Marissa Barry, Lorraine Hart, Beth Schenck, Pauline McShea and Vanessa and Randy Estelow. I also thank all our Sunday School families and our Church Family who have been so supportive throughout the year. I thank my husband, Bob, who carries out all my ideas for props and construction!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer. Remember to see God each day in even the smallest way and know that He loves you and is with you. See you in September!

### **KIDS IN CHURCH**

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby-sitter

***Look.....up in the sky.....it's a bird, it's a plane.....its..... JESUS, OUR SUPER HERO!!!!***



This year's VBS theme is "Jesus is our Super Hero." During our week of VBS, we will spotlight the super heroes who followed Jesus and learn how we can be super heroes for Jesus too.

Children entering Kindergarten to entering Sixth Grade are eligible to attend the program. However we invite our older kids to come out and be a part of VBS by being leaders and helpers.

Adult helpers are always needed as well.

Registration form is available on line at our website <http://ss.manahawkinmethodist.org/>

**JULY 20 – 24<sup>TH</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 PM.**

**JOIN US ON FRIDAY, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> FOR OUR CLOSING PICNIC CELEBRATION!**

**CONFIRMATION****Confirmation Class 2015**

On Sunday, June 14, four youths (Ethan Applegate, Krista Paciello, Charles Ray, and Shelby Swensen) were confirmed after a three month-long class and officially joined our church as full member. They completed lessons on God, Ten Commandments, Jesus Christ, Atonement, Holy Spirit, Church, and much more. Pastor Choi, Randy and Vanessa Estelow (co-teachers) are proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing them grow in their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. We also would like to thank Rosemary Molinaro for her help in making beautiful stoles for the confirmands.

**YOUTH GROUP**

As June comes to an end, so does our youth group year. We have had a great year with lots of fun memories. This year has been even more special for us, with the birth of our son Randy Estelow Jr aka RJ. Here are just a few activities that the youth group did this year:

Oct- We went pumpkin picking at Argos Farm.

Nov- We had our Spaghetti Dinner.

Dec- We went Christmas caroling to all of the shut-ins with Pastor Choi.

Jan- We hosted our New Years Eve Ball for the Sunday School Students.

Feb- We had a movie night and ate pizza and watched the movie Jumanji.

Mar- We had our lock-in. We stayed up very late and had a blast playing games.

May- We had our Car wash.

June- We have our end of the year party.

As our year closes the youth group kids are not finished just yet. They are tasked with running Vacation Bible School this year. This year we chose a Superhero theme... Jesus is our Superhero. It will run from July 20-24 from 6-8. So send out your little superhero's for a week of fun and learning. We can't wait to see what fun activities we have planned for next year.

God Bless

Vanessa and Randy Estelow

**MUMC Resident Poet Norma Paul****FOG**

Serpentine,  
Coiling up from the ground,  
Creeping grey fingers  
Force back the sunrise,  
Smother its approach in  
Thick feathered blankets,  
Hold morning  
In suspense.

--Norma Paul  
May 8, 2015



The following letter of request submitted by Regina Appiah-Mends (member of MUMC)

She will be happy to answer any questions and accept checks for this vital cause.

**SUCCESS  
WE  
RAISED  
ENOUGH  
MONEY  
TO FUND  
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WELL  
MORE WELLS  
ARE  
NEEDED**



**Appeal for Funds to Support Clean Water Projects for Rural Areas in Central Ghana**

The Mfantseman Association of N.J. is a mutual support group, made up of indigenous Fantis from the Central Region of Ghana. The Association however extends its membership to persons from any region of Ghana.

The primary mission of the Association is to make meaningful contributions to our local community in New Jersey. We seek to provide outreach support services for deprived people and communities that reside in Ghana.

Members of the Association deliberated on embarking on a project that will be beneficial to the welfare and well-being of the community and its people. In collaboration with the elders in some of the communities in the regions, the members agreed upon funding the constructions of well water systems in selected areas in the Central Region. The Central Region of Ghana is the third poorest region in Ghana in terms of access to basic human services and prevalence of diseases derived from the absence of a good water supply.

Our commitment to the project is bolstered by our knowledge that the prevalence of serious water borne diseases - like diarrhea and dysentery - in these communities could be reduced by the provision of clean water levels. The World Health Organization reports that over 3.6% of the global disease burden can be prevented simply by improving water supply, sanitation and hygiene. With the recent outbreak of Ebola, we all now know how small the world has become and disease can easily affect other people in other countries.

We have done the feasibility studies and concluded that we will need about \$20,000.00 for the constructions of the well water boreholes. All labor towards the construction will be provided by the local community. There will be no administrative costs or overhead paid out of the funds. All of the funds will be used for the project.

We are kindly asking you to donate generously toward this cause. We believe that it provides an excellent avenue to help our less fortunate families and friends else where in the world. You can give in honor of a loved one living or deceased loved one as well. **Please make check payable to Mfantseman Association of NJ.**

Please note the Association will have a Gala on September 19<sup>th</sup> 2015 to thank everyone who generously contributed to our fundraising. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Victor Eson-Benjamin  
Chairman of the Project Committee

**SHOPRITE GIFT CARD PROGRAM**

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 \$2,347.50, with approximately 25 families participating.

<b>CALENDAR</b>
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**July Calendar**

- Communion: Sunday, July 5, both services (Dedication of New Flags)
- Pastor on vacation: July 6-July 19.
- Church Picnic, Tuesday, July 7 and 21, at 5:30 P.M. at A. Paul King Park
- Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, July 12 at both services
- Men's Breakfast: Saturday, July 18, 8:15 A.M. at the Horizon Diner on Bay Ave.
- VBS: July 20-24, 6 – 8 P.M.
- Baptism: Sunday, July 26, at 11 A.M. service
- No Trustees Meeting in July
- Worship Hours: All Sundays Two Services
- Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.
- Pastor's Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 A.M.
- Secretary Hours: Monday and Wednesday—9 A.M. to 12 Noon. Thursday 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

**August Calendar**

- Communion: Sunday, August 2, both services
- Hosting Homeless Families: August 2-9
- Church Picnic, Tuesday, August 4 and 18, at 5:30 P.M. at A. Paul King Park
- Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, August 9 at both services
- Men's Breakfast: Saturday, August 15, 8:15 A.M. (Place TBA)
- Choir Picnic: Saturday, August 15, 2 P.M.
- Preschool Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 18, 7 P.M.
- Trustees Meeting: Thursday, August 20, 7 P.M.
- Worship Hours: All Sundays Two Services
- Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.
- Pastor's Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 A.M.

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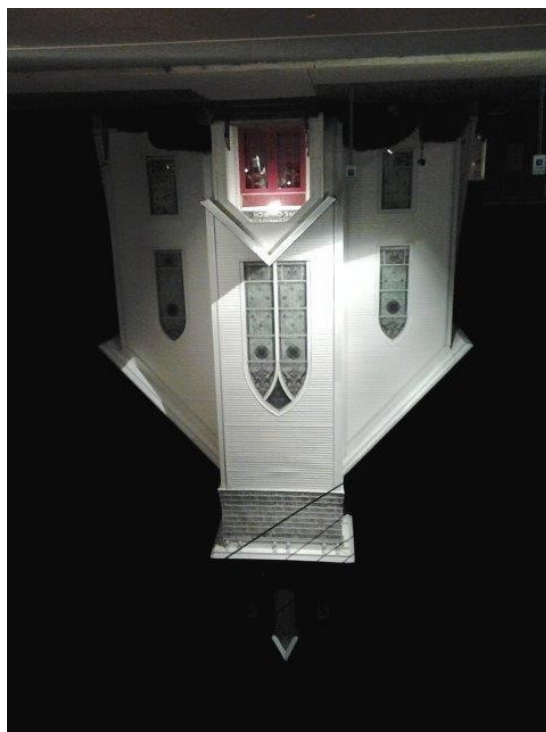
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