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Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

2017 - The Year of Jubilee



PRAY FOR OUR NATION AND IT'S LEADERS

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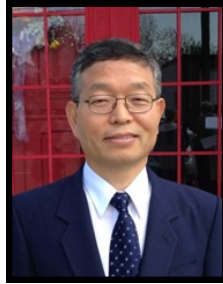
PASTOR'S CORNER**The Year of Jubilee Mid-Report**

Love from your heart!

"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above."

– Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



Summer is here! In my backyard, the birds, plants, trees, even squirrels and ground hogs are all alive and active! I enjoy this season very much (except the mosquitoes).

Around my house, different flowers pop up every week. Each flower blooms at their own pace and time according to God's ordained order.

Recently, I have been enjoying primroses, roses, and daylilies. About two weeks ago, I cut a stem of primrose that had several flowers on it. I placed them in a vase so that my family could enjoy it. I noticed at night that the bright yellow flowers closed up. Sure enough, in the morning, they opened up as wide as they could. I was amazed with such divine order in nature. In fact, if anyone manipulates the opening and closing of flowers, I don't think the flowers would appreciate it. It would be unnatural.

A spiritual analogy: Our hearts responding to the Lord's love are like flowers opening up to the Sun. Each time we pray, praise, read God's Word, serve, and worship the Lord, it is voluntary and willing. Our love and devotion to the Lord must be from our heart. No one can force us to love God against our own will. Neither does God. Each one of us must desire to love the Lord. Until that moment, God is patiently waiting. When it happens, it does so wonderfully and naturally. I remember many years ago when I first fell in love with my wife. I was crazy about her. No one made me love her. It just came so naturally.

Same goes with our love and devotion to God and His work. No one, even God, can or will force us to worship and love and keep His Word. God loves those whose hearts are fully devoted to the Lord, who desire the Lord in their hearts and worship Him. Only that kind of love and devotion count.

I will think of you and pray for you every day this summer. I also want you to think and consider your relationship with God as you enjoy the flowers in your yard or in the vase. Open up your heart willingly to the Lord and start worshiping and serving Him out of your heart.

Have a safe and cool summer and see you at church!

Yours in Christ, Kyewoon



5... 4... 3... 2... 1... **BLAST OFF TO VBS!!**

This year we will BLAST OFF into God's Galaxy as we embark on a Mission of Faith! Should you choose to accept this mission, our launch starts on July 17 and runs until July 21, from 6-8pm each night. Lessons, crafts, games, snacks AND A WHOLE LOT OF FUN will be included at our Space Station as we explore God's Galaxy. Hope to see you there!

ALL SYSTEMS GO! Registration is now open at <http://ss.manahawkinmethodist.org/>!! Invite family, friends or anyone who may be interested to join us! The program is for Kindergarten (or age 5) through 6th grade. Anyone over 6th grade who would like to participate is invited to join in on the fun as a VBS Helper! **We could use some extra helping hands as well as a CPR certified individual to attend one or more nights.**

REMINDER: We suggest early arrival on the first night to ensure a quick and smooth registration process.

For any questions or if you are able to help, please contact Marissa Barry at sundayschoolmumc@gmail.com.



Attention all

"QUILTERS"

We meet every Wednesday in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30.



Music Notes by Vel

First I want to express a sincere thank you to all who participated in our music program during the past nine months; Singers, bell ringers and instrumentalists. A special thanks to Joe DelVecchio for his devotion to the Holy Spirit Ringers.

Our annual choir picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 26th at the home of Cheryl Conti: 1164 Windlass Drive. It will begin around 2:00 pm. Meat will be supplied. Others are invited to bring a salad, dessert or anything else you wish; just let Cheryl know. RSVP by 8/13 to 609-078-8785. All are welcome, spouses, children and anyone who might be interested in joining the choir. Come meet us and give us a try.

In the meantime, join us Sunday mornings in making a joyful noise to the Lord. See you in church

SPECIAL EVENT!!! FRIDAY AUGUST 25TH, 7:00pm SUMMER CONCERT TO BENEFIT HARP (Handicapped Accessible Restroom Project)

Please mark your Calendars, tell your friends and come.



KNITTERS/CROCHETERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Our group meets from 3:00-4:00 pm every Wednesday afternoon to knit and fellowship. However, you do not need to attend our group in order to contribute hand made items to our project of knitting for Kids. If you don't know how to knit, we'll be happy to teach you. We make items as small as caps for newborns to size 14 sweaters and blankets, that are distributed by World Vision's Knit for Kids program.

"World Vision is a Christian Humanitarian Organization dedicated to working with children, families and their communities worldwide to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ, we serve alongside the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people. World Vision serves all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender."

They also have a new program by which you can give your handmade items directly to a special child whom you can know and communicate with.

Please consider joining us.

Prayer Group

Entrust your ways to the Lord, Trust Him and He will act on your behalf. Psalm 37:4-5

MIRROR, MIRROR

(Thoughts to live by)

By Kenneth Schorr

Remember the movie Snow White when the wicked Queen looks into the mirror and asks, "Mirror mirror on the wall who is the fairest of them all?" In denial and proud, she sees herself as someone who is kind, caring, loving, compassionate and benevolent. No doubt she portrayed that image to those around her. However the mirror knew what was really in her heart; exposing all the things she was not. The mirror was calling her to task; to change. She refused and in the end paid the price.

What about those around us in our jobs or school, in our community or even the church; what or whom do they really see or hear? Is it someone who speaks or acts as the Christian they profess to be? Put it another way; do we practice what we preach if in fact we preach it at all? Are we too in denial? While we maybe able to hide the real "me" from others, we cannot hide from God! He knows who we really are, seeing into our hearts and minds! And make no mistake; He will hold us responsible and accountable! Are you willing to pay the price?

I would challenge everyone (myself included) to look into the mirror and ask, "Mirror mirror on the wall, in honesty, am I truly a Christian after all? Put aside the pride; don't be in denial. Have the courage to ask yourself these questions; do I follow His ways or my own way; do I serve Christ or am I self serving; do I forgive? If you are not the person you should be, pray and ask the Lord to show you what needs to be changed and how. Confess and ask for forgiveness. Anyone can change if they really want to. Do you?

HARP

We have begun the Handicapped Accessible Restroom Project and we need your support. We will be moving walls, enlarging stalls, adding grab rails, and adding blown air hand dryers. You can see the plans for the project on the wall in the hallway. This is quite an undertaking and will cost about \$30,000. However, the upgrade is greatly needed and will be a benefit to all. We had planned to complete the project during the Summer but we are a little bit behind.

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We will also have fund raisers such as pancake breakfasts



NEW SHOP RITE CONTACTS (Alison O'Brien and Lynn Demenchuk)

This is the program we have with Shop Rite. The Church purchases gift cards from Shop Rite at a 5% discount, then we resell them to the congregation and friends at face value, so essentially, Shop Rite gives us 5% of everything purchased with these cards. Since starting this program in January of 2014, Shop Rite has given us \$4,185.00. Orders are taken on the first Sunday of each month, with cards being given to the purchasers and money collected on the second Sunday. You only pay for the cards when you receive them. Checks must be made payable to MUMC with Shop Rite in the memo. The cards come in denominations of \$100.00, \$50.00, and \$25.00. They can be used at any Shop Rite and never expire. We usually have extra cards if you forget to order them on the first Sunday and would like to help with this easy way of adding to our church income. Profit for March and April will be \$255.00 when all these cards are sold.

See Lynn at the 8:30 service or Alison O'Brien (alisonobrien74@comcast.net) at 11:00 if you would like to participate in this program. It is an easy easy way of paying for your groceries.

SUMMER WARRIORS

Once again, Spring has sifted down into heated days, days when you and I and our progeny lift our eyes in gratitude for the warmth of friendship, of family, of our many loves.

Among our tribes, somehow a fighting spirit survives as we tackle zika-filled insect life, hatred-filled rifle-toting villains

in and among our days of woe,
our nights filled with pleas and prayer.

Come together here and now.
Let us bow our stiffened necks to
confess our lack of innate resolution, our
total grief for wrongs still to be made right.

Let us join arms and voices to
stand together
to strive for good in our
future dreams of destiny.

--Norma Paul



**Keeping YOU in the loop:
Family Promise
August 13th through August 20th**

REMINDER – we need your help!
Please sign up or call Pauline, Beth, or Angela to let us know how you will lend a hand.

Again this August our church will be serving as the Host Congregation for Family Promise of Southern Ocean County. **Our hosting week is August 13th through August 20th.**

As a reminder our commitment is to open our doors in the spirit of compassionate hospitality to nurture the homeless. We will be asked to feed and provide sleeping arrangements for as many as 14 or as few as 2 homeless individuals during our Hosting Week.

The task of hosting our FP guest families for seven nights requires many volunteers. We had amazing support from the congregation last year and hope to have the same enthusiastic support this summer. If you offered to lend a hand last year please consider lending your support again this year.

Here are a few ways you may lend a hand.

- Set Up - help needed for about one to two hours **August 13th 4:00PM**
- Tear Down - help needed for about one hour **August 20th about 7:00 AM**
- Sleep Over volunteers - (needed 2 congregation members per night)
- Evening meal – provide food, set up, serving, and clean-up
- Morning clean-up – trash removal, tidy up kitchen ...
- Evening fellowship or activities (several volunteers each evening)
- Bedding linen washing – to begin Sunday August 20th
- Donate: Breakfast items - bagels, butter, cream cheese, cereal, bananas etc...
- Donate: Lunch items – bread, lunchmeat/cheese, individual chip snack bags ...
- Donate: Beverages - water, milk, coffee, juice sip boxes, ice tea ...
- Donate: Evening Snacks - cookies, pretzels, brownies ...

Please consider lending a hand to help reach our congregation's hospitality goals for the homeless. Reaching out, lending a hand, and opening our hearts ... this is our commitment to the local Family Promise organization.

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if you have any questions or want to volunteer, donate or help in anyway please contact either:

- Pauline McShea at 609-296-0346 or email Mcshea.oceanmist@gmail.com
- Beth Schenck at 609-296-3000 or email kf2bq@comcast.net
- Angela Lowe at 609-713-9881 or email angela@comprotech.com

As always thank you for helping ... **YOU** do make a difference in the lives of homeless families within our community.

Family Promise Coordinators,
Pauline McShea, Angela Lowe and Beth Schenck

Our MUMC missions help each other!

Family Promise coordinators would like to thank the Loads of Love Mission for their support.

Through the generosity of the Loads of Love Mission all bedding (sheets, blankets, and comforters) used during Family Promise hosting week was freshened up with a free laundry service of a wash and dry! Thanks for helping our FP hosting week kickoff with a fresh clean start!

LOADS OF LOVE MISSION

continues to be a success

Thanks to Pauline and Jim McShea, Beth and Bob Schneck, Pastor Choi for supporting this mission. Tonight's (Jun 29th) Loads of Love Mission was hopping busy! Every washer and dryer was spinning and tumbling nonstop. Our LOL mission spent **\$153.50** to help many families with laundry needs. Every family expressed thankfulness for our Church's laundry mission.

Please add the LOL families to your weekly prayer sessions.

Some families are simply struggling with a broken washer but others are burdened with difficult daily situations. One parent with two children is living in a tent in a campground and struggle with many issues. Another parent with five children also struggles with housing upkeep as well as other stressful concerns.

Thank you, Beth

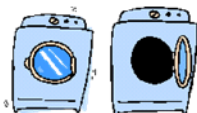
Next events are Aug 31st and Sept 28th,

5:30 (set-up) 6:00 - 8:00PM event.

Volunteers needed (emwinans@comcast.net)

HELP!!! WE NEED MORE QUARTERS

***Look for the container in the back of
the
Sanctuary***



We wrapped up another great school year with lots of fun activities. For the first time we visited Fusaros to see how pizza is made, make our very own pizzas, and enjoy a slice while we waited for them to cook. It was a great time and an experience that we won't soon forget. Children in our Beginner class did a great job performing their favorite songs and were presented with Character awards according to their own special gifts endowed by their Creator. What a wonderful way to say goodbye. Our Preschoolers also put on a show for their parents. Not only did they sing songs and recite poems but they also showed off some of the skills that they learned throughout the school year. It was impressive to see how much they happily learned. Of course no year would be complete without our Pre K graduation ceremony. We celebrated the 26 graduates with songs, poems and the presentation of diplomas and wrapped it all up with a reception in Fellowship Hall. We are very proud of the Class of 2017 and truly believe that they are "a promise to be anything God wants them to be" as they sang for us!



There are still spots available in some of our classes for the 2017-2018 school year. If you know someone looking for a Christ centered preschool where each child will be loved and nurtured and will learn not only the 3 R's but to love and respect one another, send them to our website manahawkinpreschool.com

Lisa Mower, Director

GARDEN MISSION

Our blueberry bushes are quite heavy with fruit. We may expand the end of the garden and purchase more bushes.

**MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS!**

Scholarship Recognition Sunday

On June 18th, the Manahawkin Methodist Scholarship Committee represented by Eileen Mahan and Nancy Jones, distributed seven scholarship checks in the amount of \$550.00 each. Thanks to church-sponsored fundraisers and private donations, five people were awarded the “Emily Eismann Memorial Scholarship” as follows:

Makenzie Kalsch: granddaughter of church members Lee and Marlene Kalsch; graduate of Southern Regional High School; enrolled in the Technical Theater Program at Westminster College of the Arts, Rider University.

Jazmin Krueger: continuing education recipient, member of MUMC; Culinary Arts Major; currently enrolled at Ocean County College for academic courses.

Margaret Miller: great granddaughter of church member Millie Plant; graduate of Roxbury High School; enrolled in the Nursing Program at East Stroudsburg University, College of Health Sciences

Connor Williams: member of MUMC; son of church member Gerilyn Vangi and grandson of Church member Shelly Sheft; graduate of Barnegat High School; enrolled in Ocean County College, majoring in Game Development and Design – Computer Science

Evan Williams: member of MUMC; son of church member Gerilyn Vangi and grandson of church member Shelly Sheft; graduate of Barnegat High School; enrolled in Drexel University, Physics major.

Thanks to the donations by the “Edward W. Jones Memorial Scholarship”, two people were awarded the “Edward W. Jones Memorial Scholarship” as follows:

Laura Jones: continuing education recipient; granddaughter of church members Edward and Nancy Jones; enrolled full-time in Temple University; anticipated graduation date 5/10/18; currently majoring in Biology; post graduate goal is to focus on Animal Sciences.

Ariana Williams: continuing education recipient; member of MUMC; daughter of member Gerilyn Vangi and granddaughter of Shelly Sheft; currently enrolled in the Moore Institute of Art and Design, majoring in Animation and Game Arts.

Congratulations to all these young people as they go on to their respective colleges/universities and careers. May the LORD watch over and bless them and their families. They have much for which to be thankful and celebrate.

Submitted by,
Eileen Mahan
Scholarship Committee Chair



Manahawkin United Methodist Women
Acknowledges and Honors
Jane Lownsbury Haines

As representative of the Manahawkin UMW, I would like to acknowledge and honor Jane Lownsbury Haines for her long years of service to the Manahawkin United Methodist Church, the UMW, and Stafford Township.

Originally from the Wissinoming section of Philadelphia. Jane moved to Manahawkin in 1946 when she wed Herbert W. Haines and joined the Manahawkin UMC that same year. She and Herb became the proud parents of 5 children (4 boys and 1 girl) – Jay, Herbie, Sheridan, Dale and Eva Jane.

Along with Jane's duties as a "domestic engineer", she and Herb were self-employed as owners of a local gas station and mechanic's shop. Jane served as office manager and handled U-Haul rentals while Herb worked on cars and pumped gasoline. What a Team!!!!

As a member of the MUMC from 1946 until the present, Jane as and is active in a number of ways.

- She taught Sunday School Kindergarten classes from 1946 to the mid 1980's – approximately 40 years. During that time she also served a number of years as Sunday School Superintendent.
- Jane initiated Vacation Bible School for 2 weeks, 5 mornings per week in the summer. There were no evening classes.
- She has been a long-time member of the UMW which was formally known as the Ladies Aid, then became Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS), and then became known as the United Methodist Women (UMW). In the early to mid 1990's, Jane was part of the Sarah Circle which was a UMW group which met in the evenings enabling working women to participate.
- Jane served several times as President of the Ladies Aid and WSCS. Since the Ladies Aid/WSCS was in charge of the entire Mother's Day service, Jane as president, delivered a "few" sermons in her day.
- She has served at least once on every committee within the church. Some may not even exist with name changes or consolidation of responsibilities.
- During the late 1950's and early 1960's, Jane worked hard on fundraising efforts for what is now Fellowship Hall and the Education Wing. This included organizing roast beef dinners at the firehouse and going street to street, door to door soliciting funds.
- In 1976, Jane chaired a week-long US Bicentennial Celebration within our Church. Activities were organized every night to celebrate our Country's 200th Birthday.
- The annual church anniversary lunches held in March found Jane involved in a big way. The ladies followed very strict traditional menu which always included a turkey salad made with Helman's mayonnaise, The recipe is in our TIME CAPSULE.
- For a couple of years, Jane chaired the Christmas Decorations for the Sanctuary Committee which included lots of support from various church members. The decorations were always spectacular and inspirational.
- The Angel Food Ministries was another endeavor greatly supported by Jane.
- She still continues to be a Red Cross Volunteer in the Canteen during the Emily Eismann Blood Drives held here.
- Also, Jane continues to be active in quilting projects

Other Areas – Stafford Township/Community Activities 1946 to present

- She is a member of the Bethlehem Chapter, #4, Order of the Eastern Star, located in Barnegat, past Matron (twice), and Past Grand Representative for the State of New Jersey to the Order of the Eastern Star. Jane actually became a member in Pennsylvania, before moving to Manahawkin.
- She belongs to the Knit Wits, a neighborhood knitting and crocheting club.
- In the early years Jane served as a member of the Stafford Township Fire Company, Ladies Auxiliary
- She was a Cub Scout mom for many years with the 4 boys.
- Jane and her husband Herb were both very involved with Stafford Little League.
- She was a Stafford Township PTA and Past President
- She also belonged to the Southern Regional High School PTA
- She and Herb served on the first Stafford Founders Day Committee for Manahawkin
- She was a past member of the Stafford Historical Society
- She was a Girl Scout Leader for years, which also included District Chairman for Ocean County
- She was a past member of Southern Regional High School's Marching Band – Parents Organization
- She was a Past Grand Marshall in the Stafford Founder's Day Festivities

SHE IS A ONE WOMAN ARMY

In closing, WE HAVE A TREASURE HERE IN THE MANAHAWKIN MUMC, namely Jane Lownsbury Haines. Jane was awarded a Lapel Pin which has a "Cross" on it, as a token of our esteem, appreciation, and love.

Thanks to Eva Jane for all of her valuable input.

Submitted by, Eileen Mahan

Confirmation Class 2017

After three months (12 weeks) of lessons and activities, four youths were confirmed on Sunday, June 11: Paige Fischer, Anna Mower, Stephen Swensen, Jr. and Devon Yanci (See the pictures).

They learned about basic doctrine of Christianity such as Trinity, Bible, Prayer, Church, Worship, Work and Tithes. They also participated in Cardboard Box City Project sponsored by Family Promise.

I also would like to thank teachers, Randy and Vanessa Estelow, who worked with me in the past four years.

Please keep the confirmands in your prayers as they start their own journey to Heaven.



Thanks,
Kyewoon Choi, pastor

Left to Right:

Devon Yanci
Steven Swensen
Anna Mower
Paige Fisher

July Calendar

Worship Hours: All Sundays, Two Services, 8:30 and 11 A.M.

Communion: Sunday, July 2, both services

Staff Parish Relations Committee: July 1, Saturday, 10 A.M. to Noon

Wedding: Saturday, July 8, 1:30 P.M.

Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, July 9 at both services

Church Picnic: Tuesday, July 11 and 25, at 5:30 P.M. at A. Paul King Park

Men's Breakfast: TBA

VBS: July 17-21, 6 – 8 P.M.

Loads of Love: Thursday, July 27, 6 – 8 P.M.

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.

Pastor on Vacation: July 9 – July 25

August Calendar

Worship Hours: All Sundays, Two Services, 8:30 and 11 A.M.

Communion: Sunday, August 6, both services

Preschool Committee: Tuesday, August 1, 7 P.M.

Staff Meeting: Monday, August 7, 11 A.M.

Church Picnic, Tuesday, August 8 and 22, at 5:30 P.M. at A. Paul King Park

Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, August 13 at both services

Family Promise: August 13 through August 20

Worship Committee: Monday, August 14, 7 P.M.

UMW Planning Committee August 15th, 10 A.M.

UMW Nurture Committee, August 22nd, 12:30 P.M.

Teen Challenge: Sunday, August 20, at both services

Summer HARP Benefit Concert, August 25th, 7:00 P.M. (light refreshments)

Choir Picnic: Saturday, August 26, 2 P.M.

Church Picnic with one service: Sunday, August 27, 10 A.M.

Loads of Love: Thursday, August 31, 6 – 8 P.M.

Men's Breakfast: TBA

Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, August 15, 7 P.M.

Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.

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We will also have fund raisers such as pancake breakfasts between services. Come early and come hungry for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast for only \$5.

Please pray about what God would have you give to support this worthwhile project.

In Christ,

John Parker

Help Wanted



**Greeters,
Ushers**



**Candle
Lighters**



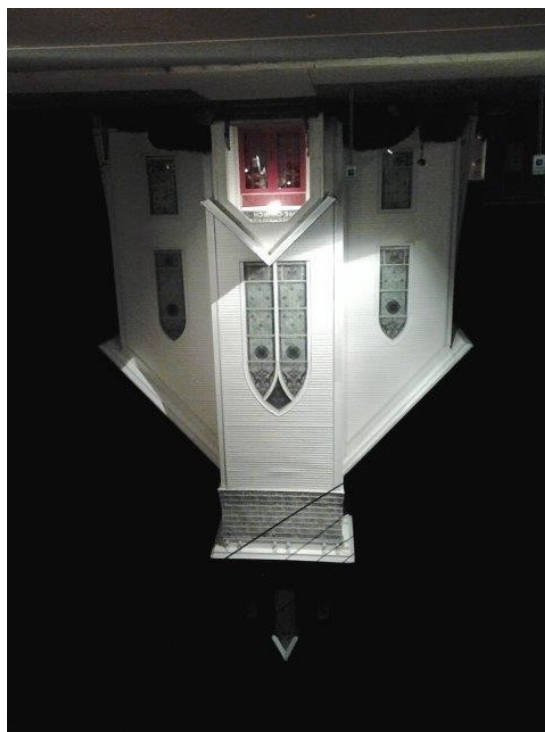
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