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May/June 2017

Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

2017 - The Year of Jubilee



Matthew 6 28-30: Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: ²⁹yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God doth so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? (ASV)

Matthew 6:25-27 "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn't life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?"



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

Jesus *said to him, **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me"** (John 14:6, NASB).

"and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32, NASB).



Who will set us free? Jesus will, because He is the Truth!

If you remember, last January, as pastor of MUMC, I declared this year to be the Year of Jubilee. Although people associate Jubilee with joy, the original meaning of Jubilee is 'release,' 'return,' or 'freedom.' Joy comes only after the release or freedom is realized. I have been exhorting the congregation to experience Jubilee throughout the year in the following three areas of life: **freedom from spiritual bondage, from illness and disease, and from financial debt.**

I am very happy to report today (April 25, 2017) how God answered our prayers and demonstrated His power among us so far: One member is cancer free. Another member walked again without cane. A third member's arthritic wrist was healed during Sunday morning worship. Another member's lump in the eye was gone after being prayed for. Two more members praised the Lord as their broken relationships for years with family members were miraculously restored. If you want to know more, please ask me, I will share with you more detailed stories.

My mind is really blown away with God's mighty acts among us. Now, I get even bolder than before to go into God's throne room in prayer and ask Him to continue His great works among us. But, God won't do it unless we ask Him to. Therefore, let us keep ringing the ears of our Heavenly Father so that He may release us from the bondage we are under whatever it may be. Let us not give up on our petitions until we are all free in all aspects of life.

I look forward to hearing more testimonies from God's people how Jesus has released them from bondage to freedom throughout the year! Let us offer our sacrifices of joy and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father in 2017 and beyond! Amen.

See you at church.

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P.S. On the last Sunday of each month, at both services, a healing service will be offered for those who need restoration and renewal in their health. Please be there and pray with me.



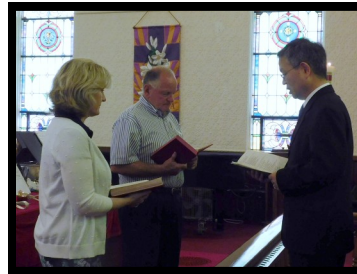
New Members L/R:

Brian Sprague, Harry Paul, Ray O'Brien, Alison O'Brien, Susan Paul.



New Members L/R:

Barbara Brennan, Sonia Gonzalez, Bob Taylor



New Members

Allison and Ray O'Brien

WE WANT TO "MUG" OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Oh, I think that should be we want to GIVE a mug to our new members! Whew, that's more like it! And we would like our church family to be a part of the "mugging." For a donation of \$5.00, you will receive a 15 oz. MUMC coffee mug for yourself, and also sponsor a mug for a new member. Mugs will be on sale each Sunday while supplies last. Please complete the order form found in the bulletin, along with your donation.

You can also contact Rosemary Molinaro at 609-698-1251 or e-mail Blkbtys@verizon.net.

As always, thank you for your support and generosity.

(We promise no one will be arrested for participating!)

**Attention all "QUILTERS"**

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

**MUSIC NOTES by Vel**

Many thanks to all the choir members for their dedication and hard work during the Lenten/Easter season. Also to all the youth that participated in Bells during the past year. WELL DONE!

CONGREGATION ALERT!

We have another special program coming up on Sunday, June 4th at 4:00 PM. The choir will sing the cantata "Our Father by Pepper Joplin"; It is based on the Lord's Prayer. Holy Spirit Ringers will do several special numbers and the Youth Group is planning a spaghetti supper following the concert.

Please mark your Calendars, tell your friends and come.

Help Wanted

**Greeters,
Ushers**



**Candle
Lighters**



Readers

Sign up sheets in Narthex

REMINDER**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.

IMPLOSION

(Thoughts to live by)

by

Kenneth Schorr

Watching a building being taken down is a remarkable sight. Rather than doing so by means of an explosion, instead, the building foundation is weakened by explosives allowing the structure to implode or to fall from within.

Many scholars and historians feel that ancient Rome fell from within. Although challenged by outside civilizations they feel that because of the immorality, the corruption and arrogance in its political system, perverted justice, paganism, oppression of the people including violation of their civil and human rights and greed, just to name a few, ultimately Rome destroyed itself.

When looking at our society today we have to ask ourselves, are we walking down that same road and for the same reasons; will we fall from within? Look around at what is happening in our society and government. Are we afraid to call sin for what it is because of the political and financial backlash? Why did our new Congress try, in closed session, to do away with the Ethics Board, which holds them responsible and accountable? How much more do we ignore doing for the least of these and without exception? Why do we allow bills being passed in closed session that may violate the civil rights of some individuals? Has greed, money and materialism become our god? Abraham Lincoln once wrote, "We have been preserved these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God!" James Madison warned, "There are more instances of the abridgement of freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachment by those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

The Book of Proverbs gives us much insight into the problems we face and what to do about them, as do other Scriptures. How often do we read them? How often do we ask ourselves what can I do to help bring about change? Silence is not golden! Not only ancient Rome but also Nazi Germany are prime examples of what can happen.

It is written God allows something to happen --- sometimes in response to ungodliness. Allowing things to run their course in an effort to bring people to repentance. Has that time come?



SHOPRITE GIFT CARD PROGRAM

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 Lovisa Hill at the 8:30 service or Millie Plant at 11:00 if you would like to try this easy way of paying for your groceries.



FAMILY PROMISE

Our Family Promise hosting week will be August 13th thru August 20th.

Our church has served as a Host Congregation for Family Promise of Southern Ocean County for the past

two years. As with previous years we need lots of help to feed and care for our Family Promise guests during their stay at our church. Please consider helping out! Contact Beth Schenck, Pauline McShea, Angela Lowe, or the church secretary if you can offer food donations, make a dinner or join in on fellowship evenings. More specific details for food donations etc. will be announced as we get closer to our hosting week.

If you think you might like to get involved with our Family Promise mission, please contact Beth Schenck (609) 296-3000 kf2bq@comcast.net, Pauline McShea (609) 296-0346 Mcshea.oceanmist@gmail.com, Angela Lowe (609) 713-9881 angela@comprotech.com or give your name and contact information to our church secretary Cheryl Conti (609) 597-7666 admin@manahawkinmethodist.org.

Thank you for your support!

Submitted by Beth Schenck

L/R: Rich and Tina Winans
Beth and Bob Schneck
Paulene McShea
Vel Gamble
Far Right: Pastor Choi



A special thank you to Rich Mueller and some Men's Club volunteers for getting the new topsoil and spreading it throughout the garden. Thank you to the Schovanecs for rototilling. Anyone interested in helping is welcome. We meet every Saturday at 9:00 AM and Tuesdays at 5PM. Seven people came to start the cleanup of the garden on Saturday, April 22nd. They were Lisa, Lovisa, Don, Jane, Jo-Eva, Art, and Janet who took the picture. Hope to see you!!



MISSIONS:

GARDEN: (Art & Lovisa Hill coordinators) Saturday, April 22nd, Earth Day, at 9:00 AM we began the clean up and preparing our garden for planting. We have a new gate and sprinkler system both designed by Don Estelow.



MISSION WORK PROJECT: (Don & Janet Estelow coordinators) Appalachia Service Project Trip to West Virginia is scheduled for a May 17- 20. As of the date of this printing, we have 6 volunteers ready and excited to tackle house projects. Check the Missions Bulletin Board for pictures of our trip.

Family Freedom Walk: (Don & Janet Estelow coordinators) This Fundraiser is to help rebuild lives and families impacted by addictions. Anyone interested in walking or rocking for 1 ½ hours on Saturday, May 13, 2017, contact Don and Janet Estelow @ 609-597-2015. We will meet at MUMC at 1:30 on 5/13 to carpool to America's Keswick in Whiting, NJ.

3:00 Registration/3:30-5:00 Walk or Rock
5:00-6:30 Closing Ceremony and Complimentary Dinner
To sponsor a walker or rockers, place cash or check in a "Family Freedom Walk" envelope and put it in the collection plate.

Loads of Love: (Edna Winans coordinator)

Congratulations to Edna for receiving the Laity Recognition Award for her ministry in our church. We are blessed to have her constant witnessing and sharing of her faith in our church and in our community.



Manahawkin Methodist PRESCHOOL

We had a special visitor to MMP this spring; Hopscotch the bunny. Hopscotch comes from Meridian Health and teaches us the importance of exercising to stay healthy. Here we are getting warmed up to "Bunny Hop" our way to good health!



Our favorite children's librarian was back to read spring and Easter stories. Retired Ocean County Librarian, Susan Good, made several visits to our school much to the delight of students and teachers alike.

The final months of the school year are upon us and we expect to be very busy. All classrooms will be watching their caterpillars grow and be reborn as butterflies. What a beautiful continuation of the resurrection we discussed at Easter. The warmer weather will push us outside again to enjoy much more of God's creation in the form of bugs, worms and new plant growth. There is so much to learn even on the playground!

In May we will take 2 walking field trips to the Philadelphia Pretzel Factory and to Fusaros to watch the pizzas being made (and of course to make sure that they taste delicious). Our Pre-K students will honor their Mothers with a special tea party and the parents will honor the teachers with a teacher appreciation luncheon.

In June we will have a school-wide end of the year picnic and will see our Pre-K classes graduate. We wish them success in Kindergarten and wherever God leads them in the future. As always I would like to thank those of you who support the preschool with your prayers. It has been a great year!

Lisa Mower

WORDS OF THANKS

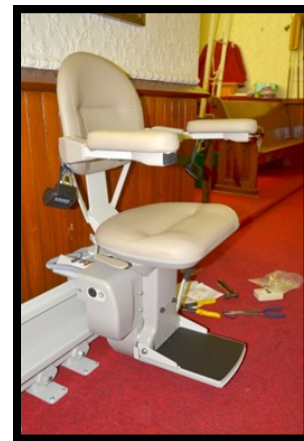
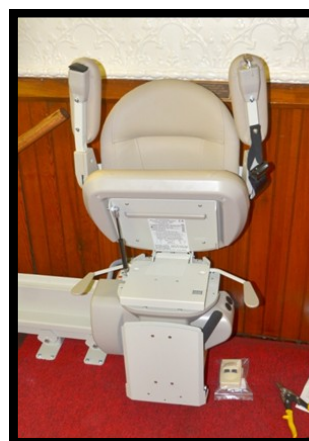
ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN THE PURCHASE OF OUR NEW BRUNO CHAIR LIFT FROM MOBILITY 123.

WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT, UNDERSTANDING, PATIENCE AND PRAYERS IN OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE ACCESSABILITY CAPABILITY OF OUR CHURCH.

MAY IT NOT ONLY FULLFILL THE NEEDS OF OUR MEMBERS TODAY; BUT THOSE OF OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND VISITORS TOMORROW AND IN THE FUTURE.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU FOR WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED.

THANK YOU



Submitted by Marissa Barry

Sunday School Superintendent



Thank you to all those who attended the Sunday School's event, "What Easter Means to Me". The kids did a wonderful job presenting their artwork and we all had a blast at the Easter Egg Hunt! Thank you also to all those who helped with the event, especially the Youth Group!

PAST EVENTS: "What Easter Means to Me" and Easter Egg Hunt: **UPCOMING EVENTS:**



We are quickly approaching the end of our year! We've been so blessed with all the fun we have had this year and look forward to planning next year's lessons and events. These children are our pride and joy and seeing the love they have for the Lord warms our hearts. We thank God for our Sunday School children and teachers and for the privilege of watching them learn and grow in their faith. Please join us in continued prayers for our Sunday School program, its children, teachers, Pastor Choi, and all those who volunteer and support us throughout the year!

Sunday, May 28 at 8:30am and 11:00am Service- Memorial Day Flag Ceremony

Thank you so much and we have enjoyed and continue to look forward to sharing in all these special upcoming events with the children, their families, and our church family!

It's not too early to begin thinking about VBS! We have started our planning meetings for this year, so if you would like to participate, please let me know! We appreciate all the help that we can get! This event is always a lot of fun, and this year won't disappoint either! The theme will be announced at the last day of Sunday School in June. **VBS will run from July 17 to July 21.** Any child (age 5+) may attend and registration will start in June. If you would like to help but can't volunteer time that's OK! Keep a lookout for announcements during church and fliers in the vestibule for items we need collected and/or donated for VBS. We truly appreciate and thank you for your support!

We continue to ask our church community to help us grow our Sunday School membership by spreading the word about our program and events, reaching out to those in the surrounding communities, and passing on an invitation to children whom you know of who may be interested to join our program!! All welcome ages 4+ on up!! Thank you!

Any questions can be directed to Marissa Barry, Sunday School Superintendent, SundaySchoolMUMC@gmail.com

Proverbs 22:6- Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.



MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS!
YES, OUR CHURCH NOW HAS TWO (2) SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The original Scholarship in memory of our home grown **EMILY EISMANN**

The “additional” 2nd Scholarship in memory of member **EDWARD W. JONES**

Both scholarships are available to seniors graduating from area high schools and those individuals who wish to continue and/or want to begin their trade or college-level education.

EMILY, a beautiful “young” teenager, passed much too young and didn’t have the chance to go to college, but achieved so much and inspired so many others in her short life... a lovely, beautiful and caring person.

Ed passed last summer at 85 years of age. He spent his life encouraging individuals to continue their education. He was a “night” student at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania for 18 years, graduating in 1976 with his three children attending the graduation ceremony. This was a significant achievement as Ed worked his way up through management level in the fast moving computer environment while also being a husband, father, coach and family Patriarch, Choir and Choral group(s) member, plus an Elder in the Somerset Presbyterian church for Education and the Church Nursery School before moving to Manahawkin 18 years ago.

**CONTACT EILEEN MAHAN, SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRWOMAN
 OR PASTOR CHOI FOR “APPLICATION” INFORMATION!**

LOADS OF LOVE MISSION

continues to be a success

On April 27th we :

Paid \$183.75 for various Washes and Dryers

Thanks to Pauline and Jim McShea, Beth and Bob Schneck, Janet and Don Estelow, Jennifer Eismann, Edna Winans and of course Pastor Choi for supporting this mission. We are serving new people as well as repeat customers.

Next events are May 25th and June 29th,

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**



UMW Activities



The Manahawkin United Methodist Women (MUMW) continues to be involved in numerous activities. All women of the church are automatically members of the MUMW. However, more participating members are encouraged to attend monthly meetings and to become involved in mission work and spiritual development. Each monthly session includes fellowship, program (issues), and business updates and plans.

In January, Emilie Spendiff and Dottie Silvestri presented a program on Fair Trade, which was based on one of the issues discussed in the book “Refuse to Do Nothing”. As a result, letters were sent to Wendy’s CEO and local manager to encourage this food chain to buy from farmers who are part of fair trade practices (fair wages and prices). Otherwise, we would join others who are boycotting Wendy’s.

In February, Joyce Trainor and Eileen Mahan presented a program on Climate Justice, Part 1. They emphasized God’s beautiful creation of the world and humankind’s responsibility of caring for His creation as stewards of His gift.

It was with regret that the March meeting was cancelled because of extreme weather conditions. Pastor Choi was scheduled to present on inspirational Lenten message.

Lynn Dash was our guest speaker in April. She is active with several Monmouth County groups which advocate on behalf of climate/environmental /concerns. Her presentation was informative and gave numerous suggestions about how we can be involved as individuals as a group. This meeting was attended by members of the Tuckerton UMC and additional women from our own church. It was a great turnout for this special program.

The UMW annual Sub Sale is scheduled for April 28th. The proceeds will be contributed to the Camden Neighborhood Center, which is one of our on-going mission activities.

On May 1st, the annual Mother/Daughter Dinner will be held in Fellowship Hall at 6:30PM. This year the Men’s Group will be providing and serving the dinner. Thank you, men, for stepping up to the challenge. The evening’s entertainment will be a talent show which includes ten musical acts, coordinated by Norma Paul and MC’d by Rich Mueller. Many thanks to all who will be providing their talents.

On May 9th, Norma Paul and Eileen Mahan will be presenting a program on Latin America, Part 2. Social justice issues will be highlighted. These issues are consequences of oppression and unfair labor practices as revealed in the history and culture of the people.

The UMW Annual Picnic is scheduled for June 13th at noon. The location will be announced. At the picnic, secret Prayer Pals will be revealed, and new ones will be selected. All women of the Manahawkin UMC are welcome to attend this social event. Just bring a sandwich. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

The Cooperative School of Christian Mission (Mission U.) will be held at Georgian Court University, July 7th-9th. UMW Units from multiple churches will be studying the following topics: 1) A Conventional Community, 2) Geographic-The Missionary Conferences of UMW, and 3) Issues- Climate Justice. These Studies will be incorporated in local UMW programs.

The Manahawkin UMW will be having it’s 2017-2018 planning meeting on August 15th. Time and place will be announced.

This has been a busy and productive year, so far. Hopefully, more women will take part in UMW activities in the coming months. Thanks to all who so generously give of their time and support.

Submitted by Eileen Mahan



Blood Drive in Memory of

Emily Eismann

At: Manahawkin United Methodist Church

In Fellowship Hall

Thursday, June 22, 2017

1:00pm to 6:00pm

See Marian Assur at church for an appointment

or

call her at

609-204-2370

or

Call the American Red Cross at

1-800-GIVELIFE

(1-800-448-8543)

or

make your own appointment on the web site

RedCrossBlood.org

Who can Donate Blood – It is important that you feel good when you donate blood. Healthy people who are at least 17 years old and weigh 110 pounds or more are usually eligible to donate blood. Federal regulations require that donors wait 56 days between regular whole blood donations.

Please remember to bring proper identification to the blood drive.

Consider being a Power Red Donor (formerly Double Red Cell Donor) if you are type O or B. To be eligible you must be:

Male – at least 130 pounds and 5'1" tall

Female – at least 150 pounds and 5'5" tall

Anyone interested in being a **Power Red Donor** Call or See Marian Assur for an appointment

Also on the day of the drive there will be the need for support help. Registration, canteen, set up and clean up.

If you have a little computer knowledge and want to help schedule appointments

Please call or see Marian Assur

Remember: The need is constant.

The gratification is instant.

GIVE BLOOD

Events for May 2017

Worship Hours: All Sundays Two Services 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
Mother-Daughter Dinner: Monday, May 1, 6 P.M.
Preschool Committee, Tuesday, May 2, 7 P.M.
National Day of Prayer: Thursday, May 4, 11 A.M. – 12 Noon
Communion: Sunday, May 7, both services
Staff Meeting: Monday, May 8, 11 A.M.
UMW: Tuesday, May 9, 1 P.M.
Keswick Walk: Saturday, May 13, TBA
Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, May 14, at both services
Church Council: Monday, May 15, 7 P.M.
Appalachia Service Project: Wednesday through Saturday, May 17-20
Appalachia Service Trip Presentation: Sunday, May 28, at both services
Annual Conference: May 21-May 23 in Wildwood, NJ
Loads of Love: Thursday, May 25, 6 – 8 P.M.
Choir practice: Last day of rehearsal before summer, May 31, 7 P.M.
Trustees Meeting: TBA
Men's Breakfast: TBA
Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.
Holy Spirit Ringers: every Thursday, 7 P.M.
Pastor's Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 A.M.
Pastor's day-off: Fridays
Secretary Hours: Monday and Wednesday—9 A.M. to 12 Noon. Thursday 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Events for June 2017

Two Services on all Sundays
Holy Spirit Ringers: June 1, End of Year Party
Wedding: Saturday, June 3, 3 P.M.
Communion Sunday, June 4, at both services
Last Day of Sunday School: Sunday, June 4
Choir Cantata with Dinner: Sunday, June 4, 4 P.M.
Preschool Graduation: Friday, June 9, 9 A.M. – 12 Noon
Confirmation: Sunday, June 11, at 11 A.M. service
Shoprite Gift Cards, Sunday, June 11, after both services
Finance Meeting, Monday, June 12, 7 P.M.
UMW Year-End Lunch: Tuesday, June 13, 12 Noon
Father's Day: Sunday, June 18
Scholarship Recognition: Sunday, June 18, at both services
Loads of Love: Thursday, June 29, 6 – 8 P.M.
Men's Breakfast: TBA
Trustees: TBA
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Heads up: VBS: July 17-21, 6-8 P.M.

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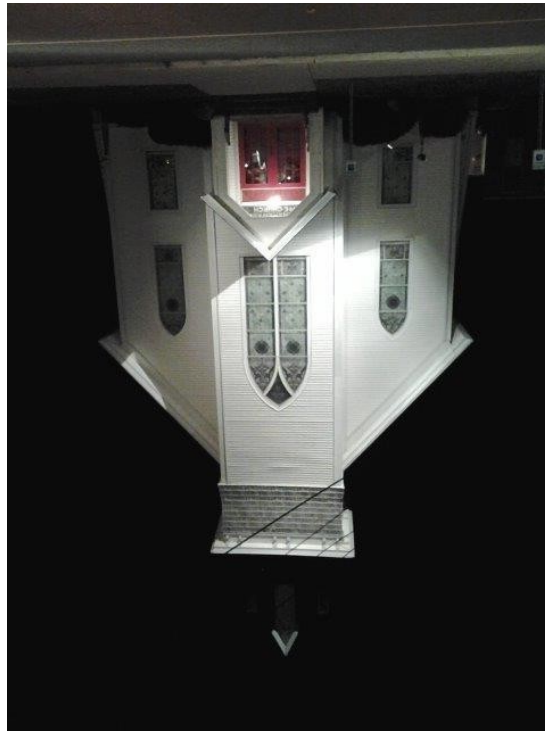
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