



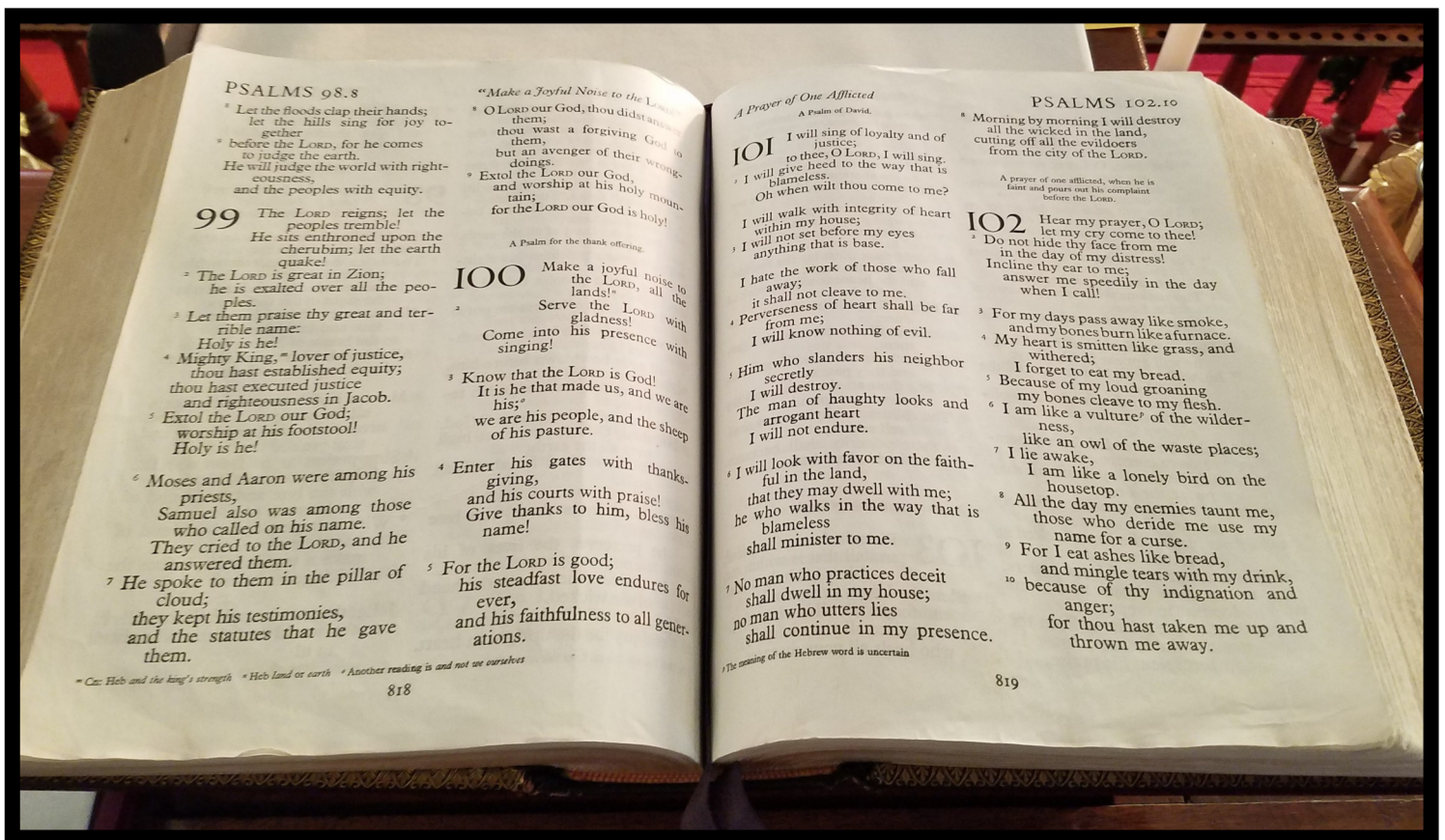
# THE CROSSWORD

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**January/February 2018**

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

## 2018 - The Year of the BIBLE



*For mothers, wives and children, for home and country pride  
Our flag will guard the freedom of land and ocean wide*

Jan 1, 2018

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### PASTOR'S CORNER

As pastor of MUMC, I have been designating each new year's goal for the congregation: for 2014, it was "the year of gratitude". For 2015, it was "the year of knowing Jesus." For 2016, it was "the year of prayer". For 2017, it was "the year of Jubilee." For **2018**, it will be **the year of the Bible** (reading, to be exact).

I also present an action plan/challenge to every member and friend of MUMC: that is, to **read the entire Bible once this year**. For those who do, I would like to record their names and the date of finish on my book called, "The Book Club." It is a hall of fame for those who indeed have accomplished this feat. Since 2013, 13 people got inducted (see the list at the bottom). I also look forward to recording the names of children who have finished their children's Bible.

MUMC's official membership is 274. So, may I say that about 5 % of the church finished reading the entire Bible? Let me tell you that we can do better than that. Don't get me wrong: I am grateful and proud of our congregation in many aspects. However, I also believe that we can do even better. Hmmm... I wonder if in 2018 we can bring it up to 20 % of the membership, that means **FORTY** more believers in Christ who would take up this challenge and do it? (or, how about 100%? 😊)

This challenge may sound insurmountable, but you don't have to despair, because once you know how to read the Bible in a systematic way, you would realize how easy it is. Here's one way to do it: spend each day only 15 minutes. If you spend 15 minutes everyday for a year with the Bible, before you know it, you will finish the entire Bible in a year. I am a living proof of that. Ask any of the 13 inductees, they will testify to that as well. I will also provide another tool to accomplish it. In fact, this one helped many individuals to finish the Bible. It is our 365 Day Bible Reading Planner (pick one up from the Narthex). All you have to do is to start using it. As you go along each day, you mark those chapters you have finished reading that day. Once you are done with reading the entire Bible, you simply let me know the date of finish and which translation you read (for example, KJV, NIV or Living Bible), and you will be inducted (and I would like to buy a lunch for you!)

I cannot overemphasize the importance of getting into God's Word everyday. Why? Because that's where you find God who is the source of love, joy, peace, wisdom and strength. I don't know any serious believer who

doesn't take seriously or owe to God's Word for spiritual growth and nourishment.

So, how many lunch engagements should I make this year? Hopefully, more than **FORTY** 😊.

Kyewoon



### **Bible Hall of Fame** (in order of finish)

Millie Plant  
David Armstrong  
Dottie Silvestri  
Lovisa Hill  
Art Hill  
Mary Vy Snyder  
Elenore Humphries  
Regina Appiah-Mends  
Ken Schorr  
Judy Schorr  
John Parker  
Lisa Steeger  
Lorraine Price



### **Music Notes by Vel**

Many thanks for all the cards and gifts I received over the Christmas holiday. Also, thanks to all who participated in our Christmas cantata and music program. It is truly my honor and pleasure to serve as Director of Music in the Manahawkin United Methodist Church.

Now – on to the New Year! My best wishes to each of you for a healthy and blessed 2018!

Junior and Praise Bells will resume practice on Monday, January 15. Anyone in 2nd grade or above who is interest in learning to play bells is invited to come to Junior Bell practice at 4:30 on Monday afternoon. It is helpful to me to know in advance if you plan on coming, so that I can have music prepared for you .

Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 10th. New members are always welcome. No prior experience is necessary; only a wish to praise God in song. We will soon be preparing for the Lenten/Easter services, so please come and join us.





### QUILTERS

Are you looking for a fun service project with others? The Quilters are looking for more help on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 2:30 or any combination of time between.

If you can make a needle and thread go up and down to make a small running stitch, then you can quilt.

We get our quilts from people in the area who hear that we "hand quilt." They are charged by the size and the amount of patterning done on the quilt. Our money goes to help fund church projects or charities that we all agree are valuable.

Please bring a needle, scissors, and thimble if you use one. Also we eat a bag lunch at noon so bring a mug for hot tea if you desire. Several people come to eat lunch with us and if that is all you can do, please feel free to come.



In our picture are Iris Steinmetz, Jane Haines, and Mildred Plant. Lovisa Hill took the picture. Dottie Silvestri, Sunwoo Choi, Barbara Force, Susan and Maryellen Hauge are supporters and

visit often.

Hope to see you soon! The Quilters

### HOLIDAY

Extinction of peace pelted last New Year's Eve,

for which there can be no apology.

Poking at the wound of regret  
will not make it better.

In spite of the fear entangled therein,  
imagine another outcome.

The gold of healing shimmers,  
a gift within our grasp.

Grab hold with me now to  
contemplate what might have been.



Norma Paul



Well, Manahawkin United Methodist Church, we did it!

We housed the biggest group yet. There were 5 families and they all found new homes.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you from Beth Schenk, Angela Lowe and myself for all your hard work and dedication to Family Promise. Without all of you, cooking, sleeping over, buying food, washing bed linen, and the list goes on! In the coming weeks, we will be looking to help other churches with meals and sleep over hosts. If interested, ask Beth, Angela or myself.

We are looking forward to the summer of 2018. Hope to see repeat volunteers and maybe some new faces.

### God Bless Us All

Pauline McShea, coordinator

Beth Schenk and Angela Lowe, co coordinator's and Kyewoon Choi, Pastor.

### Operation Christmas Child

#### Where in the world did your shoebox go!

Merry Christmas from Operation Christmas Child. Around the world, thousands of children had a Merry Christmas by receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox for them to open.

We thank the congregation for your generosity of either filling a shoebox (64 boxes total) or giving a monetary donation to this great cause.

A new twist to 2017's OCC was the option of finding out what country was your shoebox delivered to. By going to Samaritans Purse web site, you could make a donation and choose the option to discover the destination of your shoebox gift.

You then receive an email to connect you to their "Follow Your Box Look-Up Tool". Our "shoebox" was shipped to The Dominican Republic.

We are interested in finding out the destination of your shoebox. We will be posting a sheet on the Missions Bulletin Board, across from the Pastor's Office, for you to write your name and the destination for your shoebox.

Children from around the world thank you for their shoebox.

Don & Janet Estelow –  
Missions Co-Chairpersons





### **United Methodist Women (UMW) Events and Activities**

**On Tuesday, December 12th**, Approximately 28 people attended the UMW Annual Christmas Luncheon held at Calloway's in Staffordville. A good time was had by all; the food and service were great; and everyone had fun singing Christmas Carols. Thanks to Alice Rosalen, Lovisa Hill, and Ruth Farley for handling all the details for our lovely time together.

**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018** – Local meeting in Fellowship Hall at 1:00PM:

Program #1: Adult and Child Slavery in the USA and Abroad.

Leaders: Emilie Spendiff and Dottie Silvestri

Program #2: Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

Leader: Eileen Mahan

**Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 10AM**

The Ways and Means Committee will meet at the home of Eileen Mahan, Ocean Acres

**Sunday, February 11th, 2018**

A special collection will be made in support of the Camden Neighborhood Center at both Worship services. A donation of \$2.00 per adult would be appropriate, Joyce Trainor will coordinate this event which includes a guest speaker.

**Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018** – local meeting in Fellowship Hall at 1:00PM:

Program: Living as a Covenant Community, Part 1

Leader: Joyce Trainor

**Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

World Day of Prayer will be held at 1:00PM at Tuckerton United Methodist Church.

Approximately nine area churches will participate, including Manahawkin.

Submitted by

Ellen Mahan MUMW President

### **Prayer Group**

Remember the Lord in everything you do and he will show you The Way. Proverbs 3 Vs 6 (Good News Bible)



This was a busy month for the Sunday School as we celebrated Jesus Birthday and conducted our pageant, “’Twas the Evening of Christmas”. We reflected on the birth of our Lord and Savior and prayed for continued blessings in the coming New Year! Marissa Barry



### **REMINDER: KNITTERS/CROCHETERS URGENTLY NEEDED!**



Our knitting group will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00PM. We make knit and crocheted items for “Knit for Kids” which is now under the auspices of World Vision. You are welcome to make whatever items you are most comfortable making. We have made newborn baby caps, blankets and sweaters. They can be knit or crocheted, whichever you enjoy doing. We get together for about an hour on Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 to 4:00 PM, and enjoy visiting while we knit. Many of us also work on our items at home, but that again is your option. You are also welcome to make items at home without joining our group and donating them to us for delivery to knit for kids. Please consider this ministry. Remember Christ saying: Inasmuch as you have done for one of the least of these my children, you have done it for me.” Many babies die for lack of a warm cap or blanket. Many children have never had a new piece of clothing to call their own. To date we have sent over 200 sweaters to Knit for Kids. Please consider helping us to help them.



MARKED  
(Thoughts to live by)  
By Kenneth Schorr

It was perhaps one of the darkest moments in the history of the civilized world. Under the Nazi government, the civil and human rights of those who were Jewish were violated and few if any cared. They were a marked people; forced to wear the Star of David on their clothes, as well as on their homes and business. As time went on others would be marked. Again few would speak out, afraid of the political and financial backlash. Thank God nothing like that could happen here; or could it? Are we approaching the beginning of another dark moment? Read on!

At the time of Jesus' betrayal and arrest, Peter, like the other disciples were marked men; identified as followers of Jesus. When challenged, Peter would deny (Matt. 26: 69-75). When pushed would we (you) take a stand or would we (you) deny Jesus? How strong is your faith?

While on a recent trip, there was a sign in the airport that read, "As of January 2018 you can no longer use you driver's license as identification to board a domestic flight; a new form of identification would be required." Some states have already started making the change. Facial scanning of all citizens is also under development by Homeland Security. In addition, U.S. passports will soon be undergoing a major change. A new format, included in the hologram, a computer chip that will contain all the information about you. All this could be used to make it harder, perhaps even prevent you from traveling as it already does for some right now! What if this scanning or chip included you being a Christian? Marked? Would you speak out in defense of your civil rights and the rights of others as we must or like Peter, would you deny and run? What would happen if you were not allowed to talk about Jesus or live out your faith? If we allow the liberties of travel and speech to be taken away, what next? Marked!

Some may question why should I get involved; it does not apply to me; let someone else do it. Then you have already marked yourself as being another Peter. Where is your faith? Perhaps it is that type of mentality that has helped to create the mess our world, nation, state and community, is already in! I would challenge you to find one verse in Scripture that allows us to disengage from the responsibilities of citizenship; individually, as a church, as a denomination!



In November the preschool had a Fall Break and days off surrounding Thanksgiving. We spent what little time we had talking about being thankful. Saying "thank you" is a way to show God that we appreciate His blessings such as clothing, food, friends and family. We learn that God gives these things to us and it makes Him happy when we thank Him. Our special prayer for November was the following:

Thank you, dear God,  
For your gifts through the day  
For clothing and food,  
And giggles and play,  
For sights, smells and sounds,  
For hugs warm and tight,  
And someone to love me  
From morning through night.

As a special project each year we ask the families to tell us why they are thankful for their children. These sentiments are read in class to let each child know what a blessing he or she is!



December is a busy time with shows, parties, a visit from Santa Claus and our favorite visiting librarian, Miss Sue. We make cards and gifts for our loved ones, a special treat for the reindeer and a Thank you card for Santa. The Pre K classes performed their pageant beautifully first for the younger students and again for their parents.

Our Christmas break feels well deserved and we look forward to a slower pace in the months to come!



Hello everyone.

Here is the summary of this month's Loads of Love Mission.

We utilized \$231.25 from our LOL donations. We had a slow start - helping some of our regular guests.

Later in the evening things got quite hectic as several other regular guests arrived with multiple bags of laundry.

The LOL Mission began at 5:30 pm with some of our regular guests waiting for our arrival and ended at 10:00 pm.

Our evening ended with many loads of laundry still in the washing machines and still many loads being moved to the drying process.

Our original mission was to run from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and currently it runs from 5:30 pm to past 10:00 pm.

We had some brief discussions about the parameters of the mission and should continue to fine tune the guidelines so that the Mission continues to be successful.

LOL volunteers for 12/28/17: Beth and Bob Schenck, Keara Schenck, Pauline and Jim McShea, Edna Winans, Janet and Don Estelow.

**Next LOL Nights January 24th and February 22nd (Keep those quarters rolling in)**



**Shoprite Card Sales Continue in 2018** Thanks to those who bought Shoprite Cards in 2017! We earned \$1304 for the church just through your shopping. We will continue this fundraiser in 2018, so please let us know how many cards you can use. One the first Sunday of the month we'll take orders and then deliver cards on the second Sunday of the month. Keep in mind your special events and holidays so the church can benefit from all of your Shoprite purchases. Please see Lynn Demenchuk after the first service or Alison O'Brien after the second service.



**John 6: 1**



**Five Loaves and Two Fish (5L2F)** is our mission to feed area children over the weekend. Unfortunately we have many children in our township who don't have enough food to eat, and weekends are especially tough since free/reduced lunch programs through the schools are not available. Please consider donating non-perishable foods to this mission—there is a blue box in the narthex for your contributions. If you don't want to shop, you can always purchase Shoprite Cards and donate them to **5L2F, any amount will help this mission AND MUMC**. If you want to get involved in this mission project please contact Alison O'Brien (609-488-2456) or Beth Schenck (609-296-3000). We have lots of opportunity to shop for food, pack bags, and distribute to our needy families!



**Drug Addiction Education Seminar January 14<sup>th</sup> during coffee hour** Please plan to join us between services on January 14th for a special talk by Stephen Willis of Hope Sheds Light [www.hopeshedslight.org](http://www.hopeshedslight.org)

Stephen L. Willis is the co-founder of HOPE Sheds Light and the Owner/Managing Partner at the Law Offices of Willis & Gresek, PC in Toms River, NJ. Stephen attended Seton Hall University School of Law, Montclair State College and Wittenberg University, and has been published in numerous law journals and magazines in recent years. Stephen is an active member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Coalition Against Impaired Driving of NJ. Stephen will share his knowledge and experience on how best to assist someone struggling with addiction and seeking recovery. This is a follow up to the presentations on Drug Addiction presented by Rory Wells in October.

Stephen highlights how the diseases of addiction impact the family and loved ones of those suffering. Stephen translates his journey of hope and recovery through his courageous experiences with his own family and addiction. Stephen's passion is sharing hope and love throughout the community and raising awareness through education about the diseases of addiction.

**THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE**  
(Historical item of interest)

Proclamation 5018 -- Year of the Bible, 1983

February 3, 1983

By the President of the United States of America



**A Proclamation**

Of the many influences that have shaped the United States of America into a distinctive Nation and people, none may be said to be more fundamental and enduring than the Bible.

Deep religious beliefs stemming from the Old and New Testaments of the Bible inspired many of the early settlers of our country, providing them with the strength, character, convictions, and faith necessary to withstand great hardship and danger in this new and rugged land. These shared beliefs helped forge a sense of common purpose among the widely dispersed colonies -- a sense of community which laid the foundation for the spirit of nationhood that was to develop in later decades.

The Bible and its teachings helped form the basis for the Founding Fathers' abiding belief in the inalienable rights of the individual, rights which they found implicit in the Bible's teachings of the inherent worth and dignity of each individual. This same sense of man patterned the convictions of those who framed the English system of law inherited by our own Nation, as well as the ideals set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

For centuries the Bible's emphasis on compassion and love for our neighbor has inspired institutional and governmental expressions of benevolent outreach such as private charity, the establishment of schools and hospitals, and the abolition of slavery.

Many of our greatest national leaders -- among them Presidents Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Wilson -- have recognized the influence of the Bible on our country's development. The plainspoken Andrew Jackson referred to the Bible as no less than "the rock on which our Republic rests." Today our beloved America and, indeed, the world, is facing a decade of enormous challenge. As a people we may well be tested as we have seldom, if ever, been tested before. We will need resources of spirit even more than resources of technology, education, and armaments. There could be no more fitting moment than now to reflect with gratitude, humility, and urgency upon the wisdom revealed to us in the writing that Abraham Lincoln called "the best gift God has ever given to man . . . But for it we could not know right from wrong." The Congress of the United States, in recognition of the unique contribution of the Bible in shaping the history and character of this Nation, and so many of its citizens, has by Senate Joint Resolution 165 authorized and requested the President to designate the year 1983 as the "Year of the Bible."

Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, in recognition of the contributions and influence of the Bible on our Republic and our people, do hereby proclaim 1983 the Year of the Bible in the United States. I encourage all citizens, each in his or her own way, to reexamine and rediscover its priceless and timeless message. In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

**Ronald Reagan**

[Filed with the Office of the Federal Register, 10:10 a.m., February 3, 1983]

**GOD BLESS THE USA**





**January 2018 Calendar**

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

Staff Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 11 A.M.

Emily Eismann Blood Drive: Tuesday, January 2, 1-6 P.M.

Communion: Sunday, January 7, both services

Installation of New Officers: Sunday, January 7, both services

Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, January 7

Worship Committee: Monday, January 8, 7 P.M.

UMW Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 1 P.M.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, January 13, 8:15 A.M. @ Vicki's Cafe

Church Council: Monday, January 15, 7 P.M.

Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, January 16, 7 P.M.

Loads of Love: Thursday, January 25, 6 – 8 P.M.

Youth Group: every Monday, 6:30 P.M.

Quilters: every Wednesday, 9:30 A.M.

Knitters/Crocheters every Wednesday 3 P.M.

Choir Practice: every Wednesday, 7 P.M.

Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.

Bell Choir Practice: every Thursday, 7 P.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.



Our Roofing Contractor discovered structural problems with our steeple. Additional effort and expense is required to make it safe.



February 2018 Calendar

Worship Hours on Sunday: Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.

Communion: Sunday, February 4, both services

Staff Meeting: Monday, February 5, 11 A.M.

Preschool Committee: Tuesday, February 6, 7 P.M.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, February 10, 8:15 A.M. @ Vicki's Cafe

Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, February 11

UMW Meeting: Tuesday, February 13, 1 P.M.

Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, February 14, 7 P.M.

Loads of Love: Thursday, February 22, 6 – 8 P.M.

Trustees Meeting: TBA

Youth Group: every Monday, 6:30 P.M.

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Help Wanted

**Greeters,  
Ushers**



**Candle  
Lighters**



**Readers**

Contact Rosemary Molinaro at 609-698-1251 or  
[blkbty5@verizon.net](mailto:blkbty5@verizon.net) if willing to serve



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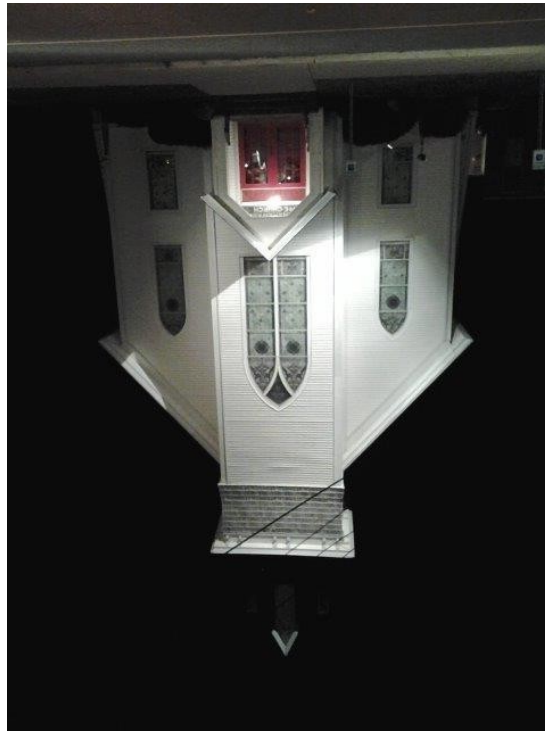
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