

## THE CROSSWORD

Manahawkin United Methodist Church November/December 2017

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Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

2017 - The Year of Jubilee



Ephesians 4:31-32King James Version (KJV)

<sup>31</sup>Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

<sup>32</sup>And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

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#### PASTOR'S CORNER.



"Are you happy?" My sister asked me last week. I was skyping with her that morning. I was rather caught off-guard. I don't hear such a question often. Or, more exact, I always thought that I am a happy guy.

My answer didn't take long. I answered, "I am." And, for the next 10-15 minutes, we both discussed what makes a person happy. My usual preacher's instinct kicked in and told her that we must begin with a definition what it means to be happy. Happiness does not necessarily mean that you have everything you want: always healthy, always rich, and everything is well. Rather, it means that you are content with what you have even though it means sometimes you are sick, other times you run into financial problems, and sometimes things don't go well as you wish.

Then, we got into a biblical understanding of contentment. It means being thankful for what God has provided and to learn to abide within the means. I reminded her that the difference between me and a billionaire is that he has a billion dollars in his accounts and I don't. The fact of the matter is that neither of us are using the money. So, in the end, there's not much difference between us.

What if something unexpected happens such as an emergency? Well, we the believers have a promise of God that God will be with us in our troubles and take care of our needs in His time and in His ways. That has been proved time and again in my life as a believer.

Photographer Cory Richards said, "... while happiness comes and goes, contentment allows us to accept those fluctuations" (Happy Places, *National Geographic*, p. 59, Nov. 2017). I totally agree with him. Many people search for happiness that comes and goes, but we the believers in Christ know that secret: contentment. We learn it from Jesus to be content in all circumstances. In fact, we learn to be thankful in all circumstances. Paul the apostle also reminds us that we can be content in all circumstances in Christ who strengthens us (Philippians 4:13).

Thanksgiving is fast approaching. Some of us wonder and even blame God why things are not good for us and our families. I pray that all of us trust in God's goodwill for us and learn the secret of contentment so that we may live a happy life in all circumstances until Christ comes.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

Kyewoon

#### **Music Notes by Vel**



We have lost four choir members due to moving out of state, and several others due to illness. Please note the cards in the pew racks, requesting if you hear someone

singing the hymns with a nice voice, please note their name on the card and put it in the offering plate, so I can invite them to join the choir.

How about YOU? Won't you consider coming and praising the Lord with us. We normally sing the first and third Sunday of each month. You are welcome to sing only one service if you wish. Choir practices every Wednesday evening from 7:00 PM to about 8:00 PM. You are encouraged to make as many practices as you can, but every week is not required. No previous experience or music reading ability is required. We are happy to help you learn. Please consider joining us.

The choir will be joined by some singers from LBI for our Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 PM. Dennis Linde will join me in a piano/organ duet for the prelude.

The choir will present the cantata "A Thrill of Hope" by Joel Raney at both services on Sunday, December 17th.



We have a small group of children in our Jr. Bell choir who will be playing for the Christmas Eve Family Service at 7:00 PM. If you know of a child who has completed first grade that would like to ring bells, they are still welcome to

come. They practice from 4:30 to 5:15 PM on Monday evening. Just please call and let me know that they are coming.

The Praise Bells will be playing for worship on November 12th and December 10th and for our Choir Cantata.

#### **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

#### **MUMC MISSION GARDEN**

The garden celebrated another bountiful year. We harvested:

11 qts. Of snow peas 7 qts. Of spinach 77 zuchinni 23 bell peppers 88 yellow squash 24 egg plants 64 qts. String beans 7 acorn squash 30 fat round cucumbers 354 banana peppers 2 pints blueberries 50 approx. scallions 1/2 bushel potatoes 21 butternut squash 50 green tomatoes 12 baby egg plant 496 small to large tomatoes 👚

17 small peppers picked when we closed the garden

We are planning to buy more blueberries and hope to boost our production there. They are full of anti oxidants which many food bank recipients could benefit from.

Come help us next year! You will be helping others and helping yourself.







Ms. "Weeder" Because Janet Estelow loved to keep the weeds cleared from around the vegetables. At the end of the summer, even she could not keep up with all the weeds.

Art Hill is clearing the last of the bush beans. Whose crazy idea was it to plant those so you had to bend over? Next year we will be back to pole beans, even though the ground hog can find them easier.

Art also took 4 soil samples from different parts of the garden to help us learn what nutrients might be needed to grow better vegetables.

Don loved to pick the produce (except for the beans which he did anyway), and he and Janet were there twice a week when some of us could not come. He built a new gate, which helped to baffle the animals, and plans to build a canopy trellis over the blueberries in the Spring.



We hoped you loved the organic vegetables as much as we did growing them for you and all the food bank recipients.



Have a safe winter, friend. We hope to see you in the Spring because you brought us joy as one of God's creations.

#### **AT MY HAND**

At my hand
a mug of strong coffee
lightened with cream-while on the screen
two violins accompany
young men in robes of red who

open their throats in praise of God on high.

Hot liquid spreads its joyful warmth coursing through my being. Violins sing.

Red-coated men join their praise.

Within me, coffee slides in its

eager descent into

this blissful moment.

Listen to the music.

Picture its harmony

dressed in red. Feel the warmth

surging through my body,

filling my need.



Norma Paul



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

On Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, nine members travelled to St Andrew UMC in Toms River to attend the Northern Shore District UMW Annual Dinner. The Manahawkin UMW unit was recognized as a Five Star Unit along with 16 other UMW units in the district. We also received a Certificate of Recognition for completing the criteria for being a Mission Today Silver Unit. In addition, we received a Certificate of Recognition for completing Plan I of the UMW Reading Program. Congratulations ladies!

At the same district event, Marian Wattenbarger from the Citizens Climate Lobby of Monmouth County, presented an informative and enlightening program on climate change. She gave an overview of causes and practical solutions.

On Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, the Manahawkin UMW unit held its regular meeting in Fellowship Hall. Norma Paul presented a program on Methodist Missionary Conferences in the USA: Appalachia, Oklahoma, and Alaska. It was pointed out that the people and natural resources have been exploited over the years which left behind poverty stricken populations. Today the Methodists are actively involved in correcting the situation. The Manahawkin UMW financially support Redbird Mission located in Appalachia.

On Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, five Manahawkin UMW members traveled to Neptune to attend the Greater New Jersey UMW meeting at the Conference Center. Racial Justice was the theme for the conference. The message "I Am Here, Remember Me", was presented by Rev. Vanessa Wilson, JD, who is Chairperson of Greater NJ Commission on Religion and Race. A panel discussion on the Charter for Racial Justice was moderated by Janice Rosheuval, Program Director with Solidaire and former Executive Secretary for Racial Justice, UMW. There were eight panelists who contributed thoughtful, enlightening, and inspirational conversation to the topic.

On Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, the Manahawkin UMW members attended the Annual Covered Dish Dinner at Ocean Grove, held in St Paul's UMC. This was a fund raiser in support of the Allen Project, Inc., a housing project for low and middle income persons. Deaconess and Missionary, Helen G. McCahill, is a strong advocate and organizer of the Allen Project.

#### Upcoming UMW events are as follows:

Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Annual Church Bazaar, 9AM – 2PM. This is a major fund raiser for the Manahawkin UMW, for mission projects. There will be tables for the sale of jewelry, toys, white elephants (attic treasurers), baked goods, new and Christmas items, etc. The luncheon will be held 11:30am to 1:30pm. Lunch includes vegetable beef soup or vegetable soup, French Bread, apple crisp and beverage.

**Tuesday, November 14**<sup>th</sup>, Monthly UMW meeting, 1PM.
Program: Pledge Service and World Thank Offering
Leader: Lovisa Hill, treasurer, also Janice Schalek from
Interfaith will be joining us during refreshments and
fellowship time 1:00 – 1:30. Interfaith will be celebrating its
20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and Janice will be updating us on its mission.

**Tuesday, December 12**<sup>th</sup>, UMW Christmas Luncheon, 12 noon at Calloway's on Route 9 in Staffordville.

Cost is \$19.00. See Alice Rosalen for reservations. Pay Lovisa Hill Treasurer, 25 people are needed to reserve a private room.

Come and Join the FUN!!!

Submitted by Elleen Mahan MUMW President



#### Children's Winter Coat Drive:

Starting Monday, Nov 27- Dec 17. Suggested sizes needed most are 6x, 10, 14, and 16. Coats may be left off in the Fellowship Hall's downstair's lobby where there will be a plastic bin to put them into. These coats will go to local Stafford Twp. children and distributed by the Stafford Twp. Recreation Department.

#### WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, along with churches around the world, we celebrated **World Communion Sunday**.

This is a Sunday set aside each year for all Christians to come together in a very special spiritual connection through worship and the reception of Holy Communion. Our Sanctuary and both services were in full participation; our Music Director, Vel Gamble, prepared beautiful songs for our choir and congregation, as well as communion responses that were sung, rather than read.

FiiFi and Regina Appiah-Mends added to the service dressed in traditional African clothing. Along with Warren Ries and Lee Slater, they all presented the elements for communion to Pastor Choi. An international display, arranged by Bob and Rosemary Molinaro, was set up along side the altar.





A hand-painted tablecloth from Zimbabwe and misc. items and flags from Israel, Portugal, Mexico, Korea, Norway, and many other countries brought the people of the world into our worship service. We are so blessed to be able to come together to worship, praise and give glory to God. Amen!



<u>OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:</u> Starting Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, Christmas boxes will be available to pick up from the back of the sanctuary. Each box contains instructions on how to pack your box. Starting this year, Operation Christmas Box has requested NO toothpaste or candy packed in the boxes due to customs restrictions. Also, remember to place the boy or girl label on the box and include \$9.00 for distribution fees. All packed boxes need to be returned by Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please leave filled boxes in the large classroom across from the pastor's office. What a wonderful way to fulfill the Great Commission of spreading the Good News of the Gospel to all Nations.

Janet and Don Estelow



#### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

On Sunday, October 29th, our church lifted prayers for persecuted Christians around the world. Orange Ribbons, representing the plight of our brothers and sisters in Christ were distributed and worn by our church family along with a copy of Richard Wurmbrand's book "Tortured for Christ," a compelling story of the suffering endured by the author. Free -will donations were given and will be sent to The Voice of the Martyrs. We ask that you pray to end this horrific treatment of God's children.







# Pray THAT Christians in free nations will choose to stand with our persecuted brothers and sisters.







Hello everyone.

Our Loads of Love mission has been taking off by leeps and bounds!

The month of September was standing room only, with people waiting to wash their clothes! Fishermen, landscapers, single men and women and families, young and old have benefited from this wonderful program!

Thank you so much MUMC for all your help and support, especially the Quarters!

If you would like to help, ask Don and Janet Estelow, Jennifer Eismann, Beth and Bob Schenk, Jim McShea and Pastor Choi.

On behalf of our fearless leader, Edna Winans, thanks again. In Christian Love, Pauline McShea.

We were extremely busy at LOL on October 26th. We used \$214.25 of our LOL donations. It was so nice to have Edna visit! She brought some delicious cookies to share. We all enjoyed the yummy treat!

LOL helpers for the night: Edna Winans, Pastor Choi, Beth & Bob Schenck and Pauline & Jim McShea, Thanks for helping, Beth!

### Loads of Love receives a generous gift of \$250 from a kind benefactor Our Mission deemed Thoughtful

#### Letter from Reader of Sandpaper:

"I read in the LBI Sandpaper of your "Loads of Love Free Washer Services".

What a fantastic gift for those in need. As someone who works here in New York City with homeless and hungry, I know the need for the dignity of being clean and having clean clothes. What a thoughtful mission from your congregation. Please use the enclosed to further this great job.

God Bless!"

#### **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE**

by

#### Kenneth Schorr

Turn on the TV, pickup a newspaper and there is hardly a week that doesn't go by when some aspect of a flawed and failing justice system makes the news. Often victims feel left out; frustrated by a non-caring system. Offenders are often subjected to civil and human rights violations; becoming victims. Community becomes apathetic; our answer to crime is lock them up and throw away the key. We race to incarcerate; prisons are big business. New laws are often passed based on emotions or fears that are fueled by politics, jobs, media and sadly sometimes driven by hate and revenge seekers. We demonize certain offenses. Our courts become courts of retribution instead of solutions. Society looks to the justice system with god-like fascination expecting it to solve some of the problems that society itself has helped to create. One recent estimate showed there were 2.1 million in our prisons, jails and youth detention centers. We are #1 in the world for the number of people incarcerated and apparently have been since the year 2000. I once read in a Human Rights Watch, of the six nations in the world that have any kind of sex offender laws the United States was #1 as having the worse record for punishing rather then helping them re-enter society. I am reminded of an article in a 2016 issue of Psychology Today on sex offender treatment in which the Justice Department noted offenders had three (3) percent recidivism rate; lower than other felonies. Apparently therapy helps. All of this is nothing to be proud of. Still states spend enormous monies on salaries, benefits and support services. There is little evidence that all this leads to a major decrease in crime. In fact all of this often creates more problems not only for offenders but also for community. What to do? Our response to crime is a moral and ethical test and challenge for government, citizens and the church. Albert Einstein was once quoted as saying, "If you want to solve a problem, you cannot solve it when you continue to think in the same way as when you created it."

The scales of justice are a symbol of our legal system. The blindfolded woman signifies that our courts will not show partiality in bringing justice. Substituting the state for the victim cannot produce a just weight nor does retribution meet the needs of both victim and offender. So long as we hear cries for continued retribution (perverted justice) even after time served, we have not achieved true justice. Community remains broken, not restored. A faithful church will look for alternatives. Restorative Justice!

Restorative Justice defined seeks to address the hurts and needs of victims, offenders and community in such a way that there might be healing for all concerned. It is not about fancy programs, it is about people. Human need must be addressed with both mercy and grace.

Be there for victims and families of those incarcerated. Neglect, scapegoating, loss of church community only drives them deeper into despair. Be there for those who are or who have been incarcerated. The church can be there by saying, "we're here to listen and help;" by calling them to conversion and accountability yet providing a supportive presence while they acknowledge their responsibility and try to carry it out. Ostracizing, isolating or demonizing is to dehumanize; that is not of God!

Speak out against the sins of hate, revenge and unforgiveness. Speak out against unjust laws and continued retribution even after time served; monitor the criminal justice system. The civil and human rights of all must be protected if we call ourselves a civilized society. It is not about what we feel like doing, rather, it is about what we must do in face of the challenge before us.

Restorative Justice is a challenge to people of faith; it separates the sheep from the goats. Within Jesus' call to, "visit those in prison" and "provide release to the captives," is the recognition that each troubled person is already, "one of God's own." Jesus is asking the church to make them, "our own." We are our brothers keeper!



#### **TRUNK OR TREAT**

It may have been grey and raining outside, but inside, Fellowship Hall was bright with smiles and sweet treats for the children. Even the adults got in on the fun!













Thank you and God Bless, Marissa Barry Sunday School Superintendent



Hello everyone.

Well, we did it again MUMC!





We housed 4 families the week of August. 13-2017. That is 7 adults, 2 teens, 1 pre teen, 3 kids and 1 infant! That is the most we ever had and thanks to all of you, we made a difficult situation a little more tolerable. Thanks again to all of our volunteers who cooked, set up, tore down, washed linens, provided meals and slept over.

We are already getting ready for the summer of 2018. Please join us. You won't be sorry.

In Christian love,

Pauline McShea, Coordinator

Beth Schenk and Angela Lowe, Co-Coordinator's and Kyewoon Choi, Pastor.



#### **BLOOD DRIVE**

In Memory of Emily Eismann
In Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, January 2, 2018
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

#### ShopRite Cards—Don't forget your Thanksgiving shopping plans!

Thanks to all who purchased Shoprite Cards in October! This is an easy fundraiser for the church (5% to MUMC) and you get to keep the face value of the cards you purchase. Please let Lynn Demenchuk or Alison O'Brien know how many cards you need for November keeping in mind your holiday shopping. We're taking November



orders on 10/28 and will deliver cards on 11/5.

#### **DRUG ADDICTION AWARENESS TALK: RORY WELLS GETS RAVE REVIEWS**



On Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Assistant Ocean County Prosecutor, Rory Wells provided two sessions sharing critical information on the drug addiction problems facing Ocean County. He provided facts and concerns about the current Opioid Addiction plaguing many in our community to over twenty-five attendees. Additionally, he talked about the approach Ocean County is taking to educate and assist with rehabilitation rather than incarceration for those facing drug addiction. Rory went on to challenge the group to use those tools we have as a faith

based organization to address this concern—prayer being the unique tool. For more information, see the "Drug Addiction Info" bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



#### **ALL SAINTS DAY**



On Sunday, November 5th, we remembered our loved ones who were called home to the Lord during the past year. A memorial was held during both services, with a tribute read for each person that was submitted by a family member or friend, along with a picture that was displayed at the altar. May we find peace in knowing that our loved ones are resting in the arms of Jesus and one day we will see them again.

#### The following is a list of those we remembered:

Peter N. Hauge - Brother of John Hauge Tom Houghton - submitted by Holly Gallagher Mike Gosch - Cousin of Holly Gallagher

John Dettoff - Uncle of Alison O'Brien

William Moore, Sr. - Brother-in-law's Father of Alison O'Brien

Carole DiCerbo - friend of Alison O'Brien

Tim Maxfield - submitted by Lin DelVecchio

Lawrence K. Eismann - Father of Nathaniel Eismann

Ryan Force - Grandson of Barbara Force

Shirley Wells - Sister-in-law of Art and Lovisa Hill

Laney Jaehn - Friend of Bob and Rosemary Molinaro

Martin Lynch - Nephew of Mildred Plant

Alan Clarke - Cousin of Mildred Plant

George Paffendorff - Friend of Nick and Mary Sue Pignato

Mary Ann McManical - Friend of Nick and Mary Sue Pignato

Julie Nash - Friend of Elenore Humphries

Kathleen J. Bailey - Friend of Edna Winans, sister of Natalie Mamchur

#### **Members of MUMC**

Stephen Opet, Sr. Lois Barker **Russell Swenson** Dorothy Lutcza Bertha Bates



The school year started on Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> and we have been busy ever since! We are very fortunate to have the staff at Speech Pathology Solutions give their time in completing speech screenings for our students. We also welcomed volunteers from the Stafford Lion's Club to complete vision screenings. We always appreciate these services freely given to our preschool families.

We had a very successful Scholastic Book Fair in September. Special thanks to Shelly Sheft for creating the Old West town and Bob and Rosemary Molinaro for your help decorating. Our total profit from the fair was \$650.00. The Preschool was able to make a \$200 book donation to the Greater NJ UMW pop-up library project. We love any opportunity to get a book into the hands of a child!

We are also pleased to be contributing to the Loaves and Fishes ministry by collecting food items by way of "admission" to certain programs such as a visit from Miss Sue, our traveling librarian. She will be here soon to read some spooky

Halloween stories.

As October comes to a close, we will enjoy a visit to the Pumpkin Patch, thanks to a generous donation from Shinn Funeral Home, and our Halloween Parade.

Submitted by

Lisa Mower

Director MMP



# Five Loaves and Two Fish 5L2F















John 6: 1-14



### **Donation Requests**

#### Mission of Manahawkin United Methodist Church

Boxes of cereal Cans of pasta sauce

Cans of soup Cans of tuna

Cans of vegetables Crackers

English muffins Fruit cups

Granola bars Hot chocolate mix

Jars of peanut butter Macaroni & cheese

Box of oatmeal packages Packs of fruit snacks

Pancake mix Rice-a-Roni

Single serve or snack bags of chips, popcorn, Goldfish, etc. Spaghetti

Canned pasta type meals (example: SpaghettiOs etc.)

### **Five Loaves and Two Fish 5L2F**















John 6: 1-14

What is 5L2F?

A mission with a single goal!

To provide food for the weekend for hungry children of Stafford Twp.

Do you need help to provide food for your children over the weekend? YES!

To participate - You must live in Stafford Township.

Manahawkin, Ocean Acres, Cedar Run, Mayetta, Warren Grove, Beach Haven West, or Cedar Bonnet Island

How does this work?

Contact Manahawkin United Methodist Church – Call 609-597-7666

Leave a message: Your name and phone number - we will call you back.

Friday is 5L2F weekend food distribution day

Your weekend food bag will be ready (filled with non-perishable items)

stop by between 1:00pm and 4:00pm to pick it up

Return the empty bag on the next Friday and exchange it for your next weekend food bag.

> Five Loaves and Two Fish A mission of Manahawkin United Methodist Church 116 Stafford Avenue Manahawkin, N.J. 08050 Phone - 609-597-7666

Website www.manahawkinmethodist.org

This is a local non-profit mission with a single goal – feeding hungry children over the weekend.

Our purpose is to provide meals for children on days that school meal programs are not available.

We believe that by decreasing hunger for our children that we will increase their readiness and eagerness to learn!

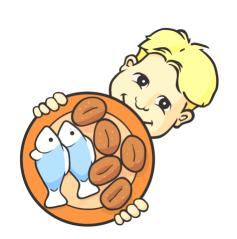
### Five Loaves and Two Fish (5L2F)

Many thanks to those who attended the 9/12 volunteer kickoff, and to those who weren't at the meeting but are willing to help with this important mission. As a quick update, we are off to a wonderful start and our food donations are flowing in steadily.

When you have a moment, take a look at our shelf in the library classroom. Thanks to Ray O'Brien for purchasing and installing our 5L2F pantry shelf. We'll use this shelf to organize and store our food in preparation for packing our blue 5L2F bags.

As a reminder of our schedule, blue box volunteers are asked to visit their collection boxes each week and bring the donations to our church by Wednesday. Please check food expiration dates on donations before putting the food on the shelf. Food is grouped by type to assist with our packing.

Donation Box Collection Sites & Assignments	
Location	Volunteer
Retro Fitness gym	Ray O'Brien
Larry's Barber	Don Estelow
Yoga Hive (future)	Janet Estelow
Hot or Not Yoga (future)	Alison O'Brien
Lavish	Lynn Demenchuk
Pine Shores	Lynn Demenchuk



#### Bag Packing, Thursday 2-3pm

Our bag packing volunteers should plan to be at the church 2-3pm on Thursdays to pack the bags for each of our client families. Our Thursday packing volunteers so far are:

Ken & Judy Schorr, Don & Janet Estelow, Beth Schenck, Arlene Vance, Millie Plant, and Alison O'Brien

#### Bag Distribution, Friday 1-4pm

For now, our plan is to have our client families stop by the church from 1-4pm on Friday to pick up their weekend 5L2F blue bag. The next week, they need to return the blue 5L2F in exchange for their new weekend bag. We will use the plain royal blue bags until we are able to fund bags with our logo (see request below to review our logo).

Our Friday distribution volunteers so far are: Arlene Vance, Jo-Eva, Don & Janet Estelow, Millie Plant, Beth Schenck, and Ray & Alison O'Brien.

#### Additional items of note:

- 1. Please review the attached logo for our 5L2F Mission and provide comments to Alison
- 2. Grant requests have been submitted to: Walmart, Costco, and Ocean First Community Bank Foundation. Alison is researching additional grant opportunities and submissions. Suggestions are most welcome!
- 3. We are partnering with the Ocean County Board of Social Services (SNAP recipients) and Ocean County Board of Health (Women in Crisis) to identify our client families. In the future we hope to partner with our school system in Stafford Township.
- 4. Thanks to our preschool families for kicking off our food donations! At the parent talk in October, they collected 24 boxes of mac & cheese; what a great start toward filling our shelves.
- 5. A special thanks to the folks at Retro Fitness! Ray O'Brien placed the box just last week and he has already gathered three box-loads of donations!
- 6. Lovisa Hill coordinates our regular MUMC collection and contribution to the local food bank. She will work with the 5L2F team to split the donations between the food pantry and our 5L2F efforts.
- 7. Edna Winans had the great idea to include "Loads of Love" flyers in our blue bags. This is a great opportunity to connect the missions of our church.

### Five Loaves and Two Fish (5L2F)

The volunteer kickoff for Five Loaves & Two Fish (5L2F) on October 12<sup>th</sup> was well attended. We have an enthusiastic group willing to collect food, sort and pack bags for families, and hand out the bags on Fridays beginning in December. There is plenty of room to add volunteers to this worthwhile mission as we strive to fill the gap for children needing food over the weekend [remember free/reduced breakfast & lunch programs only operate on school days, but children are hungry everyday]. Please consider donating non-perishable foods or ShopRite dollars to this mission. A blue collection box will be in the narthex. If you have any questions, or would like to get involved, please contact Alison O'Brien at 703-930-2495.













#### CONNECTING THE CHURCH IN MISSION

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October 3, 2017

Dear Friends in Mission:

Recently several Hurricanes have hit the United States and the Caribbean. Hurricane Harvey and Irma have devastated Texas, Florida, and other areas. As images have streamed across our screens, many of us have move to prayer, giving and action. We're grateful that you are partnering with us through The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Thank you for your gift received on 09/22/17 for \$910.50 through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church.

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#### November Calendar (11/2017)

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

Church Bazar (Sponsored by UMW): Saturday, November 4

Daylight Saving Time Ends: Sunday, November 5

Communion: Sunday, November 5, both services

UMW Meeting: Tuesday, November 7, 1 P.M.

Preschool Committee: Tuesday, November 7, 7 P.M.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, November 11, 8:15 A.M. Vicki's Cafe

Veteran's Day Flag Ceremony: Sunday, November 12, at both services

Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, November 12

Staff Meeting: Monday, November 13, 11 A.M.

Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, November 14, 7 P.M.

Church Council: Monday, November 20, 7 P.M.

Thanksgiving Eve Joint Service with West Creek and LBI Methodist Churches: Wednesday, November 22, 7 P.M. @ MUMC

Loads of Love: Thursday, November 30, 6 – 8 P.M.

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

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

Choir Practice: every Wednesday, 7 P.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.

#### December Calendar (12/2017)

Worship Hours on Sunday: Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M. (12/3, 10, 17, 24).

Decorating Sanctuary for Advent: Saturday, December 2

Communion: Sunday, December 3, both services

Staff Meeting: Monday, December 4, 11 A.M.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, December 9, 8:15 A.M.

Baptisms: Sunday, December 10, at 11 A.M.

Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, December 10

UMW Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 1 P.M.

Quiet Christmas: Tuesday, December 12, 7 P.M.

Preschool Pageant: TBA

Caroling: Saturday, December 16, 1 - 5 P.M.

Christmas Cantata: Sunday, December 17, at both services.

Christmas Eve Services: Saturday, December 24, 7 and 11 P.M.

Sunday School Pageant Christmas Eve at 7 P.M. service

One Service on Christmas Day 12/25 at 10 A.M. (No Nursery that day).

Trustees Meeting: TBA

Loads of Love: Thursday, December 28, 6 - 8 P.M.

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

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

Choir Practice: every Wednesday, 7 P.M.

Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.

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