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Open Hearts
Open Minds
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2018 - The Year of the BIBLE



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Pastor's Corner

"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, **Jesus** got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he **prayed**" (Mark 1:35).

"Beware of the barrenness of a busy life"—

Socrates.

"No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance"—Confucius (Chinese teacher and philosopher, 551-479 B.C.)

"I thought that I had no time for faith nor time to pray, then I saw an armless man saying his Rosary with his feet"—peachyjr (Thinkexist.com)

Have you noticed how fast time flies (like a rocket)?! **"Where has all the time gone?"** I often wonder.

Many of you not only feel like I do, but also are overwhelmed with your hectic daily schedules. Just think of a full-time working mom with three school-aged kids. I bet she is an expert in running the family and working with her multi-tasking skills, yet I also see in her the risk of burn-out, therefore, the need of rest.

A prolonged busy life is surely unhealthy, isn't it? **Slow down**—you would say. You know the remedy. So, you crave for and guard a down-time at the end of each day. You even go on a vacation. Then, after the vacation, you feel like you need another one to recover from the vacation fatigue! Back into the busy life again, the vicious cycle resumes: **busy-tired-vacation-busy-tired-vacation**.

Our life doesn't have to be that way. Let me introduce the ancient ways that work. If you stay disciplined practicing them, you will have rest, peace, order, and harmony in your life every day. Christ practiced them. So did His disciples. So did countless believers in Christ for centuries, and they all had rest and peace daily throughout their lives.

Here we go. Three ways to find daily rest and order: **Daily Bible reading, daily praying, and weekly worshiping of God**. I almost hear some saying, **"That's another work to do! It's typical of the pastor to say..."** Yet, my point is that they work. If you do, you will find peace, rest and order in your life every day. **How?** You may wonder. By seeking God first in your life, God will take care of your daily needs such as rest, peace, order, and harmony (Matthew 6:33).

Give them a try this summer. Experiment yourself and find out whether they work or not. Remember Jesus: as busy as He was during His public ministry, He practiced

them all and commands us to do the same. I tried them out myself and found out that they work, too! Claim God's promises of rest, order, harmony, and contentment in Jesus!!!

See you in prayer and at church!

Kyewoon

Music Notes by Vel

Junior Bells and Praise Bells will each ring for Mother's Day on May 13th. This will wind up their season. Other activities make continued practices impractical. They will resume after school starts in September.



The choir is sponsoring an afternoon **"Pot Pourri"** of Music on Sunday, **May 20th** to begin at 4:00 PM and to be followed by an Italian Dinner sponsored by the Youth Group. Music will include some sacred, some show tunes, some pop numbers.. It promises to be a fun program. Please come out and bring your friends.

Some of our choir members are again planning on participating in the Ocean Grove Choir Festival on July 8th. We will begin practicing the music for that occasion on Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 PM. If you would like to participate, please let me know so that I can order music for you.

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.

Hope to see you soon! The Quilters

PRAYER GROUP Micah 6 Vs 8

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Hi MUMC,
From Family Promise 2018.



Our week to host our families this year is July 29- August 5.

Again, we are looking for volunteers to help, set up, cook meals, purchase grab and go breakfast and lunch, Laundry, tear down and sleep over hosts.

If interested, please contact me , Beth Schenck, or Angela Lowe. We are always looking for new volunteers! Thank you in advance and may God bless each and everyone of you!

Sincerely,
Pauline McShea
FP Coordinator



May is going to be a busy month for the Youth Group, we have on May 12th the car wash from 11am to 2pm. The car wash is free and all donations will go to the church scholarship fund.

On May 20th the choir asked the Youth Group to do the Cantata Dinner again and we were more than happy to assist. Once again we will be putting on an Italian buffet dinner. The dinner is free and all proceeds go to the Youth Groups future projects.

God Bless,
Randy and Vanessa Estelow



Our school year will be ending shortly but there are many exciting things still to come. We will have a visit from Hopscotch (the bunny) from Meridian

Health to teach us the importance of exercising to stay healthy. We also will have one more visit from Miss Sue, the Children's Librarian, who brings a great collection of stories with her each time.

Soon our caterpillars will be arriving. Visitors to our school can expect to see butterfly crafts, graphs, life cycle of the butterfly projects and best of all- Pink Lady Butterflies! The warmer weather will push us outside again where we will enjoy more of God's creation in the form of plants, bugs and worms. There is so much for a preschooler to learn even on the playground.

In May we will take two field trips; one to the Pretzel Factory and one to Fusaro's Pizza. We are very grateful to these local business owners who take time from their day to show us what they do and give the children treats. When you eat there, please let them know how much we

appreciate them.

Our Pre-K classes will celebrate Mother's Day with a special tea party and the parents will celebrate Teacher's Appreciation Week with a luncheon. In June we will have a school wide picnic (and a visiting ice cream truck) and our Pre-K graduation ceremony. We wish all of our graduates success in Kindergarten and beyond.

Thank you to those who have supported the preschool with your prayers. It has been a wonderful year!

Lisa Mower, Preschool Director

THORN
(Thoughts to live by)
By Kenneth Schorr

There was a man who at twenty eight years old almost lost his life due to a rare medical problem. Thanks to skilled doctors and lots of prayers he survived. However, as was explained to him, this happening was like having a major stroke and would have some side effects; which it did. There were times when these side effects were like having a thorn in his side but God was not finished with him. He would not give up and went on to have a family, career, be involved in ministry and is now the writer of this feature. Fifty years later, God still is not finished with him yet.

In 2 Corinthians 12: 7-12, the Apostle Paul complains about the "thorn" in his side, not once but three times! While it is uncertain just what Paul's thorn was, God's response --- read the Scripture reference. As we know, Paul would become a leader in the development of the Christian church.

In our society today there are thorns that each of us may experience at one time or another; some seem to never go away. Drug and alcohol addiction, health issues, financial, marriage problems, broken families, job lost, lack of education; this is just a sample of the hurts we go through daily. Do we allow ourselves to wallow in the pity parties? We must not! As the young girl with cancer, in the St. Jude's Children's Hospital ad says, "You have got to fight!" By staying strong, never giving up in our faith in God, ourselves and those who care about and love us, we can rise above any situation!

Although they may not be taken away, we have God's promise that He will see us through our trials. God will not leave or forsake us. Perhaps He may be trying to get your attention back to Him. Whatever your thorn, give it over to God --- now! He is not finished with you yet!



United Methodist Women Activities and Events

Tuesday, April 10th: Regular MUMW Meeting

- Program: Children and Family Advocacy
- Thanks to Beth Schenck, Lisa Mower and Liz Golla for an interesting and enlightening program on homelessness, poverty and other issues of disadvantaged people.

Saturday, April 14th: Tupperware Party

- Thanks to Lovisa Hill who coordinated this event and to Marlene Walker who presented Tupperware products and fun activities. Proceeds went to UMW missions. Also, thanks to all who attended.

Friday, April 20th: Annual “Sub” Sale

- Thanks to Ruth Farley who organized this fundraiser for the Camden Neighborhood Center. Many thanks to the ladies who assembled the “subs”, set up and took down tables, cleaned the work area, solicited from and delivered to businesses, etc. Also, thanks to those individuals who purchased the subs.

Sunday, May 6th: Neighborhood Tea, Oakhurst UMC, 3PM

Monday, May 7th: Mother/Daughter Covered Dish Supper in Fellowship Hall

- Setup at 9AM with the help of UM Men’s Group
- Supper begins at 6:30PM
- Entertainment provided by the “Treble Makers” from Our Gang Players, Inc at 7:30PM

Tuesday, May 8th: Regular MUMW Meeting, 1:00PM

- Program: Climate Justice, Part 3
- Leaders: Joyce Trainer and Eileen Mahan

Tuesday, June 12: MUMW End of Year Indoor Picnic

- Place: at the home of Joyce Trainor, Tuckerton
- Time: 12 noon
- Refreshments: bring a sandwich cut in quarters

Friday thru Sunday July 13th-15th: Cooperative School of Christian Mission (Mission U)

- Place: Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ
- Mission Topics:
 - Embracing Wholeness
 - Missionary Conferences in the U.S.A.
 - What about our Money? A Faith Response
 - Conference Study
 - When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor and Yourself

Submitted by,
Ellen Mahan MUMW President



MUMC Scholarship Program

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the 2018 Scholarships Recipients:

Southern Regional High School:

Matthew Kokai, Adina Paciello, Thomas Steen, and Lauren Swensen

Barnegat High School:

Destiny Hughes

Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science (M.A.T.E.S.)

William Opet

Allentown High School:

Evan Lamb and Margaret Rhodes

More will be said about these young people on Scholarship Recognition Sunday, June 17th. Each recipient will be awarded \$575.00 thanks to the support of the United Methodist Men's Group, the United Methodist Women, the United Methodist Adult Fellowship, the Edward W. Jones Estate, Sharon Hood Music Studio, the United Methodist Youth Group, and many individual donors from the MUMC community. Again, thank you for your ongoing generosity.

On **Saturday, May 12th**, the Youth Group will be holding it's annual car wash for the benefit of the Church's scholarship fund. Thanks to the energetic youngsters for their hard work.

Some of our previous scholarship recipients are moving on in their academic achievements and careers:

Laura Jones, granddaughter of Ed and Nancy Jones, will graduate from Temple University with a B.S. in Biology. She will attend Penn State University in the fall to begin studies for her PhD in Pollinator Ecology.

Marina Milia, daughter of Janice Eismann, will be awarded an Associates Degree in Science and a Paramedics Certificate from Rowan University at the National Registry Paramedics Exam.

Christopher Mahan, son of Cathy Mahan Mroczkowski and nephew of Cheryl Conti, finished NASCAR Technical Institute courses and BMW courses. He has been employed as a Master Mechanic at the Atlantic City BMW dealership.

Katherine Eismann, daughter of Nathaniel and Jennifer Eismann, recently earned a B.A. Degree in German from Rutgers University, Camden Campus. She is contemplating career options.

Congratulations to all the scholars in their academic achievements. May each be successful in their educational and career goals.

If there are other graduates from a college, university, or junior/county college who should be recognized, contact, Eileen Mahan at 609-29-8903 so they can be included in the July/August Crossword.

Submitted by
Eileen Mahan
Scholarship Chairperson



Shoprite Cards: SHOPRITE Cards sales continue to be very strong. Thanks to all who purchased cards throughout the month! We will continue this fundraiser, so please let us know how many cards you can use. On 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. If you want to learn more about how this program helps our church, or if you want to purchase cards, see Lynn Demenchuk after the 8:30 A.M. service or Alison O'Brien after the 11 A.M. service.



Loads of Love:- Update

Our monthly mission to provide free laundry service at Magic Wash Laundromat in Manahawkin continues to reach out to new people as well as our regulars.

Last month (March), we needed to move our date from the 29th to the 22nd due to Holy Week. Our regulars were informed and were there as well as new individuals.

Since our last Crossword publication, more organizations have made donations to support our mission. On Sunday April 29th at the 11am service, Pauline Wallace from the Heritage Point Women's Group presented a sizable donation to LOL Mission. She wants our congregation to know that there are people outside the community who support this project.

We continue to welcome volunteers to help out once a month on the following Thursday evenings from 6pm to 8pm. Our upcoming schedule is 4/26, 5/31, 6/28, 7/26, 8/30, 9/27, 10/25, 11/29 & 12/27.

God continues to bless this mission.



Pictured left to right: Don Estelow, Pauline Wallace and Beth Schenck

I am a member of the Whiting UMC and also serve as a lay member to annual conference. I have served as a laity supply pastor and currently serve as a pulpit supply preacher. I live in an older adult community in Barnegat and am a member of the Women's Group there. I met some of the "Loads of Love" ladies at the church bazaar last November. The Heritage Point Women's Group held a fundraiser for "Loads of Love" at our February and March meetings, asking members to donate quarters and/or paper monies. I would like to present these monies to the congregation at a Sunday service, if this meets with Board approval. I think it's important for the congregation to know that there are people outside the community who support this project. Please let me know if this request is feasible.

*In His Service -
Pauline Wallace, Barnegat, NJ*

MISSION GARDEN

We were lucky the tree fell to either side of the shed



Thank you again to Rich Mueller, Jim McShea, and Art Hill for getting additional top soil and spreading it on our garden. The Schovanec's then rototilled the garden for perhaps the last time. Lou has decided to retire from Taylor rentals and has offered to sell us a medium grade rototiller. Thank you for your many years of helping us and getting the garden started. Also our thanks to Dick Sperry who drove Art to Reynolds and got three wooden pallettes to make a compost bin.

We have planted peas, spinach, potatoes, and lettuce in our garden. The weather has been very cool so we are a week behind in planting.

On Saturday, May 5th, we will meet again at the garden for an extensive work day at 9:00AM. We will be building the compost bin, laying weed barrier on the paths, planting more vegetables, building a trellis for the beans and

one for the blueberries.

If you would like to be part of our exciting food ministry, please come to the garden behind the church on Saturday, May 5th, at 9:00 AM. Hope to see you there.

Art Hill planting potatoes



Your Mission Committee



Past Events:

The students listened to scriptures related to the events of Holy Week, leading up to Easter. On Palm Sunday, they performed in the **Easter Pageant: "The Road to Easter: What Happened During Holy Week?"**, followed by an egg hunt (which took place indoors due to the weather)! The kids did a wonderful job reading and acting and we had a blast at the egg hunt! They received candy bags as a special treat!

The Sunday School participated in their second **Service Project** of the year by going to the Mystic Meadows Nursing Home to make a craft and have fellowship with the residents.



Upcoming Events:

May 13: Mother's Day Recognition and Blessing

May 27: Memorial Day Flag Ceremony

June 3: End of Year Sunday School Recognitions and Last Class

Marissa Barry



TRUSTEES:

The new trees have been planted at the Parsonage. One is a Japanese Cherry and the other is a Flowering Plum. I have attached a couple of pictures.
Roy George



Events for May 2018

- Worship Hours: All Sundays Two Services 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.
- National Day of Prayer: Thursday, May 3, 11 A.M. – 12 Noon
- Communion: Sunday, May 6, both services
- Staff Meeting: Monday, May 7, 11 A.M.
- Mother-Daughter Dinner: Monday, May 7, 6:30 P.M.
- UMW: Tuesday, May 8, 1 P.M.
- Preschool Committee, Tuesday, May 8, 7 P.M.
- Men's Breakfast: Saturday, May 12, 8:15 A.M.
- Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, May 13, at both services
- Church Council: Monday, May 14, 7 P.M.
- Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, May 15, 7 P.M.
- Family Promise Painting: Saturday, May 19, 9 A.M.
- Potpourri of Music: Sunday, May 20, 4 P.M. with Spaghetti Dinner
- Annual Conference: May 20-May 22 in Wildwood, NJ
- Loads of Love: Thursday, May 24, 6 – 8 P.M.
- Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.
- Choir practice: Last day of rehearsal before summer, May 31, 7 P.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 2018

- Two Services on all Sundays
- Communion Sunday, June 3, at both services
- Last Day of Sunday School: Sunday, June 3
- Preschool Graduation: Friday, June 8, 9 A.M. – 12 Noon
- Men's Breakfast: Saturday, June 9, 8:15 A.M.
- Confirmation: Sunday, June 10, at both services
- Shoprite Gift Cards, Sunday, June 10, after both services
- Finance Meeting, Monday, June 11, 7 P.M.
- UMW Year-End Lunch: Tuesday, June 12, 12 Noon
- Father's Day: Sunday, June 17
- Scholarship Recognition: Sunday, June 17, at both services
- Loads of Love: Thursday, June 28, 6 – 8 P.M.
- Trustees: TBA
- 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.
- Vel on vacation: Sunday, June 10.

MAY DAY!

When we were young
we'd pick whatever
wildflowers we could find
to present to a lonely neighbor
whose eyes glazed over
with unshed tears.

Somewhere down the line of
our growing-up years
we discovered another meaning for the
term:

"Help wanted," we learned, for a flight
in loss, for a ship taking on water.

Later still, the day became a
rallying call for the under-served,
according to their political claims
for representation.

Still today
each first of May I itch to stroll
through a meadow in bloom
to latch onto a handful of Spring
just to lure someone's
smile.

--Norma Paul

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

Our knitting group meets on Wednesday, 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 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.

Church Council had a vision retreat on March 10. We discussed on Five Areas of Vitality and at the end of the day, we came up with one SMART goal to achieve throughout this year. Below is the Summary Chart of Vision Retreat Reports

Areas	Worship	Small Group	Missions	Giving	New Disciples
Things We Do Well	Hospitality Decorations	Bible Study/ Prayer Groups	All Areas	Transparency Low Key Stewardship	Nurture Committee
One Thing to Improve	Contemporary Music	More Variety of Small Groups	More Volunteers	Younger Generations' Giving	More people in Evangelism
One SMART Goal in 2018	Contemporary Music Average Attendance: 145	Develop New Curriculum 3 ST* (Sunday School Sanctuary Time)	5 New Volunteers	Smart Phone App for Giving	Develop Weekly E-News Template
Rating (Avg.)	7/10	7/10	9/10	7/10	7/10
Champions	Regina Appiah-Mends	Beth Schenck	Don and Janet Estelow	Dick Watson	Tim and Holly Gallagher

Help Wanted

**Greeters,
Ushers**



**Candle
Lighters**



Readers

Contact Rosemary Molinaro at 609-698-1251 or blkbt5@verizon.net if willing to serve

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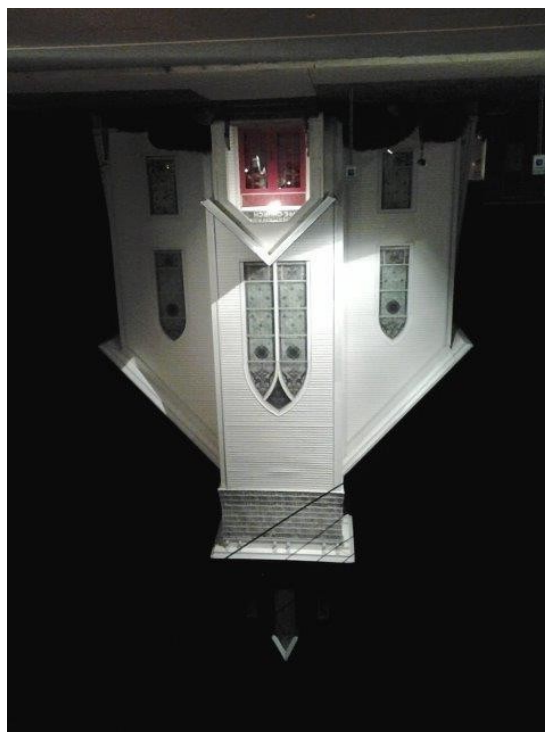
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