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Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

2018 - The Year of the BIBLE

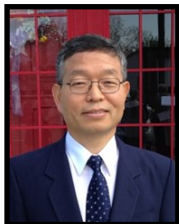
Footprints In The Sand

*One night a man had a dream.
He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord.
Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.
For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;
one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.
When the last scene of his life flashed before him,
he looked back at the footprints in the sand.
He noticed that many times along the path of his life
there was only one set of footprints.
He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest
and saddest times in his life.
This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you,
you'd walk with me all the way.
But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times
in my life, there is only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."
The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child,
I love you and I would never leave you.
During your times of trial and suffering,
when you see only one set of footprints...
it was then that I carried you."*

Jesus

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Pastor's Corner

Praise and thanks be to God from whom all blessings flow!

As I write this month's article, my heart is overflowing with gratitude. It's hard to believe that it has been five years already since my family and I came to Manahawkin. Not only do I realize how fast time flies, but I also see that many things happened in these years.

When we first arrived in Manahawkin, my family didn't know any of you at all. Now, we have many friends in Christ with whom we created wonderful stories to cherish. You welcomed us with open hearts and open arms. I still remember my first words in my first sermon on my first Sunday in 2013. "Some of you wonder if I can speak English?!" All of you had a good laugh. Three months later, we had our church conference where about 40 members attended to show their love and support. My District Superintendent exclaimed, "This is the biggest crowd I have ever had in a church conference!" It was to me, too. The same year, we had 38 people joined the church as members. Once again, it was a record breaking year in my ministry. Church finances turned around within a year. We fulfilled our Shared Ministry Giving 100% ever since.

We had projects completed from the parsonage kitchen renovation to church steeple repair, new ceiling in the hallway, new sound system, new roof, and new handicap accessible bathrooms in the following years. All paid for 100%! Thanks for your generous support for God's work at MUMC.

We also launched new ministries such as the Appalachian Service Project, Family Promise, Loads of Love, and 5L2F. We share God's blessings with our neighbors in Christian love.

All this is not about any individuals, but about God's grace that has brought us to where we are now. Thanks again to all of you from the bottom of my heart for working together with me for the advancement of God's Kingdom here on Earth.

We still have much to do in our homes, church, and communities. Let's not get weary as we do all these good works for God and His glory! Let us put our hearts, heads, and hands together to reach out to those who need God's grace, love, repentance, forgiveness, and eternal life in Christ.

I am looking forward to another year working together with you.

Yours in Christ,

Kyewoon Choi, pastor

New Disciples:

Please welcome our six new members (see the pictures below): 4 confirmands (from left to right: Mark Kettig, Brandon Kondrk, Jack Cahill, and Aiden Kadlubowski) and two adults (from left to right: Dick Sperry and Delceta White). The youths were received into our church on Sunday, June 10 and the adults on Sunday, June 24. We are half way through our goal for 2018: 12 new disciples. Your continued prayers and invitations are crucial to achieve our goal. Please pray and invite your unchurched friends. Another membership class will be offered in September. Thanks. Holly & Tim Gallagher and Pastor Choi



PRAYER GROUP

Psalms 33:20
Our Soul waiteth for the Lord.
He is our help and shield

Music Notes by Vel

The choir will be taking a well deserved break during the summer. Special music will be provided by various soloists. They will have their annual cookout at the home of Cheryl Conti on Saturday August 18th beginning at 2:00 PM. Anyone who enjoys singing or might be interested in participating in the choir is invited to come to the picnic. Just let Cheryl or Vel know so that we have an approximate number for planning food.

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP FOR CHILDREN:

If there is sufficient interest, I am considering doing a week long "music camp" for children who have completed 1st grade or better. Older children and previous ringers are also encouraged to attend. It would be from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM Monday through Friday, August 27 to 31. It will include some bell ringing, some basic music reading and some singing. I ask that all those participating plan on participating in our Worship Service at 11:00 AM on Sunday, September 2nd. I hope for a minimum of 10 children and a maximum of 20 in order to make this happen. If you have a child, or know of a child who would like to try bells or who enjoys singing, please let me know. You can contact me via email: Velgamb1@optonline.net or phone: (732) 961-1168 or (732) 915-0995 or leave a message in the choir mailbox in the office. I will need to have definite commitments by August 20, in order to prepare necessary materials for the workshop

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group had a great year. As we come to an end, we would like to review all the of the fun events that we have had.

September- Welcomed everyone back

October- Made Apple Baked Goods for

our Apple Bake Sale. All Proceeds went to Stafford Township Toy Drive

November- Bought toys and coats for the Stafford Twp Toy Drive

December- Christmas Caroling for the Shut-ins

February- Spaghetti Dinner

May- Car Wash and also our Italian Dinner following the Cantata

June- Wrapped up the year with a BBQ

We would like to thank everyone for your support all year long.

Youth Group starts back up again on Sept 10th from 6:30-8 pm. Youth Group is for anyone in Grades 4-12. If you have any questions please see Vanessa or Randy.

God Bless, Vanessa and Randy Estelow

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

QUILTERS—Missing Supplies

Missing from the closet in Fellowship Hall: a shoe box size plastic box with a green top. It contains scissors, thread, needles etc. used by the Quilters and has been missing for several weeks now. If found, please return to the closet. Thank you, the Quilters.

Greetings from Family Promise!



Hello everyone at MUMC.

Our hosting date is upon us and we will be looking for volunteers to set up, wash linens, purchase grab and go breakfast and lunch items, make dinners and be dinner hosts, be sleepover hosts and to tear down.

Won't you consider giving us a hand? It is an experience you won't forget!

Look for the display coming to a narthex near you.

Save the dates July 29th- August 5th. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Beth Schenck or myself.

And now, a BIG THANK YOU MUMC! We raised \$140, \$65 in gift cards totaling \$205 for summer clothing for our 3 families in the program. You rock! Hope to hear from you soon! Thank you and God bless.

Pauline McShea, Beth Schenck,
Family Promise Coordinators.



United Methodist Women Activities and Events July/August 2018

Tuesday, June 12: MUMC End of Year Indoor Picnic

Place: At the home of Joyce Trainor, Tuckerton

All who attended had wonderful fellowship together

2017-2018 Prayer Pals were revealed; Prayer pals for 2018-2019 were selected.

Thanks to Joyce for hosting the event and all who helped with the clean-up.

Friday, thru Sunday, July 13th – 15th: Cooperative School of Christian Missions (Mission 11)

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.

Tuesday, August 14: MUMC Executive Board, 10:00 AM

Planning meeting for 2018-2019 at the home of Eileen Mahan, Ocean Acres

Tuesday, September 11: Regular MUMW Meeting: 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Program: Planning Meeting for September 2018-December 2019

Leaders: President and Executive Board

Saturday, September 15th: District UMW Fall Prayer Breakfast, 9:00 AM-12 Noon, Oceanport, UMC

RSVP by 9/10/18 (contact Eileen M.)

Submitted by, Ellen Mahan MUMW President



Latest Spin on Loads of Love Mission

Last month (May) was a busy one. As soon as a washer or dryer was done we had another load waiting!

Pastor Choi invited members of the confirmation class to visit for a firsthand mission experience. Future volunteers, perhaps?! Thanks to them for coming out.

Pauline McShea brought cupcakes to celebrate her birthday. Happy Birthday, Pauline! She always provides a warm welcome as she energetically helps out visitors.

We are happy to report that we again had new families participate along with our regulars. We pass on the thank yous from each family to all who have prayed for and donated so generously to this free laundry mission. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers.

We welcome volunteers to help out on the following Thursday evenings from 6pm to 8pm: 7/26, 8/30, 9/27, 10/25, 11/29, and 12/27.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON THE NIGHT OF THE MISSION EACH MONTH

2018 Scholarship Recognition Sunday - June 17, 2018

On behalf of the Scholarship Committee, may thanks to all who contributed to the Emily Eismann Memorial Scholarship Fund: U.M. Men's Club, U.M. Women, U.M. Adult Fellowship, U.M. Youth Group, the Edward W. Jones Estate, Sharon Hood Music Studio, and many anonymous donors. Without your financial support, the church family would not be able to award \$575.00 to each of the eight recipients. Many thanks to Shelly Sheft – Church Treasurer, Cheryl Conti – Church Secretary, Edna Winans for Certificates of Recognition, and the Scholarship Committee members for their behind-the-scenes work on behalf of the scholarship program. Also, thanks to Marina Milia, Art Hill and Pastor Choi for their participation in Scholarship Recognition Sunday. Emily Eismann's legacy and spirit continues through the scholarship program.

Each scholarship recipient received a graduation card with a check enclosed, a book of Biblical Wisdom for the Graduate, and a certificate of recognition.

At the 8:30AM service the following people were recognized:

Destiny Hughes – Graduate of Barnegat High School and enrolled in Ocean County College.

Matthew Kokai – Graduate of Southern Regional High School, enrolled in Stockton University located in Galloway, NJ, and majoring in chemistry.

Thomas Steen - Graduate of Southern Regional High School, enrolled in William Paterson University, and majoring in Music Management and Communications.

Lauren Swensen – Graduate of Southern Regional High School, enrolled in Rowan University, located in Glassboro, NJ and majoring in Biological Science leading to specializing in anesthesiology.

At the 11:00AM service the following people were recognized:

Evan Lamb – Graduate of Allentown High School located in Allentown, NJ, enrolled in Champlain College located in Burlington, Vermont and majoring in Computer Science and Innovation Program.

William Opet – Graduate of Marine Academy of Technology and environmental Science (MATES) an affiliate of Ocean County Vo-Tech, enrolled in Northeastern University located in Boston, Massachusetts and majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Adina Paciello – Graduate of Southern Regional High School, enrolled in the American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) College and Conservatory of the Performing Arts located in New York City, and majoring in the Performing Arts.

Margaret Rhodes – Graduate of Allentown High School located in Allentown, NJ, enrolled in Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA, and majoring in Communication Design.

Congratulations to all of the Scholarship recipients on your achievements thus far. Best wishes for success in your studies leading to a career in your chosen field.

May GOD bless and guide you and your families.

Submitted by

Eileen Mahan, Scholarship Chairperson



Five Loaves and Two Fish (5L2F)-We've been able to gain traction with our ministry to feed school age children, but the Lord has shown us a new way. We are distributing food at our **Food Fair at Stafford Park** on **July 19th** from 2-4pm. We'll be packing bags for the fair on Tuesday, 7/17 & 7/18 from 4-6pm. If you have time to pack or distribute, please join us. If you can assist, please call Alison O'Brien at 609-488-2456.



Shoprite Cards... Many thanks to our loyal Shoprite Card shoppers! We've earned over \$700 so far this year and we are hoping to break last year's \$1344 amount. All you need to do is keep shopping with Shoprite Cards. Remember, you get the face value of the card and the church gets 5% of all cards sold. We take orders on the third Sunday of the month and deliver on the first Sunday. Just in case, we order a few extra cards for last minute shoppers. Don't forget July 4th festivities and any extra shopping you may need to do. If you have any questions, please see Lynn Demenchuk or Alison O'Brien.

MISSION GARDEN

The church garden is looking better now that the weather is warmer. We have harvested three gallon bags of spinach and lettuce and have given them to the Ocean Community Church. Saint Stephens has a small garden they started with tomatoes, and peppers. There is a big call for them, more than the other vegetables in their area. Ocean Community serves 80 people a week, while St. Stephen's serves 500 a month. As someone said, no one should go hungry in our area.



Your Mission Committee



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO
JOHN SMITH
WHO WON
3RD PLACE
AT
ALLIANCE
CHURCH
EVENT**

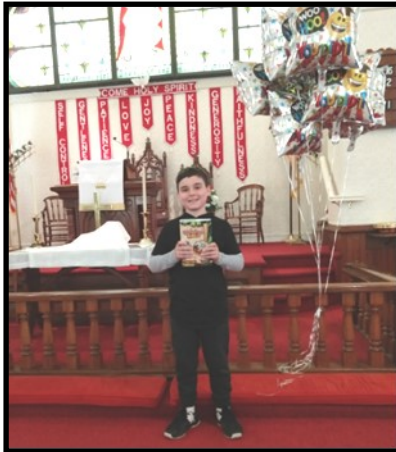




Our 2017-2018 Sunday School year has come to a close. Once again, our children have shown their enthusiasm to learn the teachings of the Bible, books of the Bible, and practicing what it means to live a Christian life. I am so incredibly proud of each and every student that enters our church doors. All of us who work with this group of children are honored to be a part of their religious journey. To the teachers, thank you for dedicating your time and energy into lesson preparations every week. Without you we wouldn't have the robust and enriching program that we do. To the parents, thank you for bringing your children to Sunday School and trusting in us to help grow their spirituality. I continue to be amazed at this group of kids, families, teachers- all who make this Sunday School program what it is. *We have all been united together in heart through the grace of God and he has made us into a Church Family. We thank the Lord for this beautiful gift.*

PAST EVENTS:

End of Year Sunday School Recognitions and Last Class: Students received Award Certificates, moving up gifts, 3rd Graders received their Bibles, teachers were recognized for their service, and VBS theme and dates were announced!



AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR....VBS!!!!



Calling all campers... it's time to "Get S'MORE of Jesus" at VBS!

This year we will be hosting CAMP VBS! Gather your love for Jesus and the great outdoors and head on down to the camp site (a.k.a. Manahawkin United Methodist Church) from July 16 to July 20, from 6-8pm each night.

It's once S'MORE time to register for VBS! Registration is now open at <http://ss.manahawkinmethodist.org/>!! REGISTER YOUR CHILD EARLY TO GET THEM A FREE VBS T-SHIRT! Invite family, friends or anyone who may be interested to join us! The program is for Kindergarten (or age 5) through 6th grade. Anyone over 6th grade who would like to participate is invited to join in on the fun as a VBS Helper!

For anyone wishing to volunteer at the event or to help decorate in the days prior, please contact Marissa Barry at 732-720-9779 or sundayschoolmumc@gmail.com.

We have also published a VBS WISH LIST on Oriental Trading for anyone who would like to contribute towards the items on our list. Here is the link and thank you for all your support!!

http://www.orientaltrading.com/web/wishlist/144373811/382284027-Marissa's_Wish_List

We suggest early arrival on the first night to ensure a quick and smooth registration process as well as t-shirt distribution for early registrations.

**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.

FAIL

(Thoughts to live by)

By

Kenneth R. Schorr

In looking at the definition of “fail” in the dictionary, there were many ways to do so. Some were to become deficient, to become extinct, to be guilty of omissions or neglect, to forsake. Certainly, no one wants to fail, so when there is a danger of doing so, changes are required. That applies to the individual, the church, and even our nation and its leaders. Change can happen if we are willing to do so, if unwilling, then things will not get better, only worse.

In his book “Turning the Tide,” Rev. Dr. Charles Stanley writes a chapter entitled, “Where We Have Failed,” with regard to our nation. After reading the section on “Hallmarks of a Godly Nation,” I had to agree with many of his thoughts and writings. From the White House and Congress, to the State House, to the corporate board room, to the church (sadly from some in the pulpit to some who sit in the pews), to the average man (or woman) on the street, we are drifting farther away from being a Godly nation. Often in the name of politics (or what is politically correct), there are those who refuse to take off their blinders, still trying to defend or justify un-Godly behavior! Unwilling to acknowledge we are being led out of the light, down dark paths we should not go, into the black hole of the abyss, by those who lack integrity, ethics, and morals, thinking themselves above the law; not wanting to be held responsible or accountable! Scripture such as the Book of Proverbs gives a clear warning as to who these people are and what will happen if we allow this to continue, as do other books. Read your Bible!

How can we (you) turn the tide before it’s too late? Whom do we (you) follow, God or man? Only you can answer that question. It’s your choice. However, as we celebrate Independence Day and what this nation and flag are supposed to stand for, then for a start, I would suggest that we individually, as a church, as a nation, humbly kneel before God and ask for wisdom, His mercy, forgiveness, and intervention while we still can. We cannot afford to fail! As Dr. Stanley writes, “More than ever in our history, it is time to speak up for what we know is right, good, and beneficial. There is nothing to be gained by silence — and much to be lost.” Don’t you agree?

July Calendar

- Worship Hours: All Sundays, Two Services, 8:30 and 11 A.M.
- Communion: Sunday, July 1, both services
- Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, July 8 at both services
- Church Picnic, Tuesday, TBA, at 5:30 P.M. at A. Paul King Park
- Men's Breakfast: TBA
- VBS: July 16-20, 6 – 8 P.M.
- 5L2F: Thursday, July 19, 2-4 P.M. (distribution)
- Memorial Service for John Yoder: Thursday, July 26, 11 A.M.
- Loads of Love: Thursday, July 26, 6 – 8 P.M.
- Family Promise: Sunday, July 29 through August 5
- Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.
- Pastor's Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 A.M.
- Secretary Hours: Monday and Wednesday—9 A.M. to 12 Noon. Thursday 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.
- Pastor on Vacation: July 5 – July 19

August Calendar

- Worship Hours: All Sundays, Two Services, 8:30 and 11 A.M.
- Family Promise: Sunday, July 29 through August 5
- Communion: Sunday, August 5, both services
- Nurture Committee: Tuesday, August 7, 12 Noon @ Mahan's
- Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, August 12 at both services
- Teen Challenge: Sunday, August 12, at both services
- Worship Committee: Monday, August 13, 7 P.M.
- Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, August 14, 7 P.M.
- Choir Picnic: August 18
- Church Picnic, Tuesday, TBA, at 5:30 P.M. at A. Paul King Park
- Men's Breakfast: TBA
- Loads of Love: Thursday, August 30, 6 – 8 P.M.
- Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.
- Pastor's Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 A.M.
- Secretary Hours: Secretary Hours: Monday and Wednesday—9 A.M. to 12 Noon. Thursday 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

NINETY PAIRS OF SHOES

Batman slippers catch your eye.
Small, perfect size for the
six-year-old gunned down in a
South Carolina playground.

Size 15 sneakers sit nearby,
once worn by a strapping sophomore
who confronted a school shooter in
September in Washington.

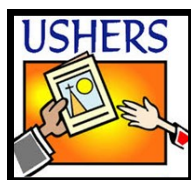
Ten lives lost in Santa Fe
barely registered on our nation's
consciousness
not even talked about any more.

Once the world stopped with
Sandy Hook
with Columbine
we were heartbroken.

Then society shrugged.
When will Congress act on guns,
on mental health? Remember the
boy buried in his Batman costume.

--Norma Paul
June 18, 2018

Note: Keyport High lined the walkway to school with shoes representing students who lost their lives at a school over the past ten years.

Help Wanted

Greeters,
Ushers



Candle
Lighters



Readers

Contact Rosemary Molinaro at 609-698-1251 or
blkbty5@verizon.net if willing to serve

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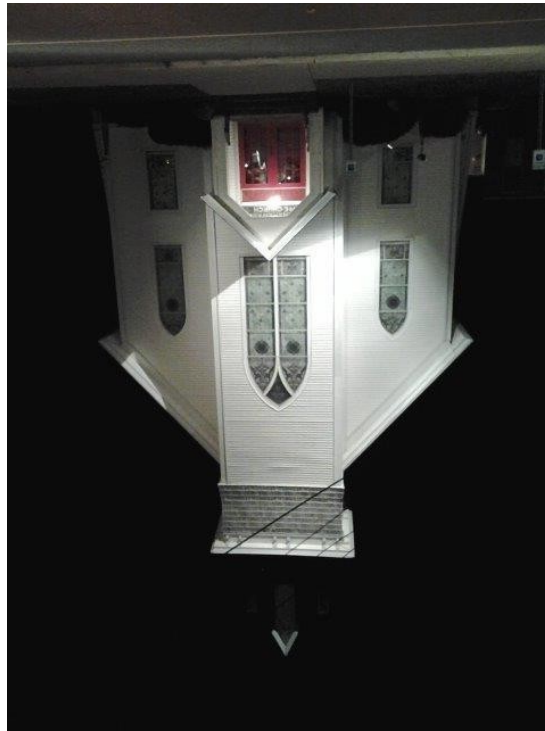
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