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Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

2018 - The Year of the BIBLE



*The Rainbow
shall be in the cloud
and I will look on it
to remember the
everlasting covenant
between GOD and
every living creature
of all flesh that is
on the earth.*

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Pastor's Corner Have you ever felt that the food for your stomach is far more important than that for your spirit?

Then, please meet Rod who would put his physical needs before his spiritual nourishments. Even on Sunday mornings.

In my salad days of ministry in Michigan, there was a time when the service went over an hour. Four Sundays in a row! In the congregation sat Rod, a widower in his sixties. On those Sundays, I noticed that in the middle of my sermon he stood up and left the sanctuary. To be exact, he did so at 10:45 a.m. (15 minutes after the "one hour" mark). Every single Sunday! Four times in a row! Let me tell you this: such an act never fails to catch the preacher's attention.

Well, you probably would have guessed right. I helplessly watched him leave. "What did I just say?" I thought to myself in puzzlement, "I must have offended him! But, not every Sunday!"

Months later, we became close friends, and one day, I candidly asked him about the incidents. What made him leave church early every Sunday? He replied, "Because I didn't want to be late for my lunch at Old Country Buffet!" We both laughed hard at that.

Then, about a year later, once again I broke the "forbidden" rule: the service lasted more than an hour again. This time, however, Rod didn't leave the service. As a matter of fact, he stayed for the whole service! In the receiving line that day, Rod proudly said to me, "I hope you noticed that I stayed to the end of the service!" I surely did! And, I was very proud of him.

In the next few years, the same man took my pastoral challenge to read through the Bible and finished reading God's Word from cover to cover THREE TIMES. As a result, his faith grew leaps and bounds. In his mid seventies, though, he became disabled and wheel-chair bound. Add another ten more years to his life. In his eighties, he was stroke-stricken, and the doctor told him that his days on earth were numbered. In his last week on earth, in the hospital bed, Rod confessed to his friend that he was ready to "meet his Maker."

Sometimes, as minister of the Gospel, I get into a doubt about what difference my ministry ever makes in the lives of people. But, people like Rod make the time, energy, and effort worth it all for the sake of God and God's Kingdom. Thanks, Rod!

I pray for each member and friend of MUMC every day. That is my pledge to you. In prayer, I ask the Lord to transform you to be more like Jesus every day so that you,

like Rod, would represent our Heavenly Father here on earth and be a worthy citizen of Heaven for eternity.

Read the Bible (we are up to 19 out of 40 people---this year's goal for those who complete reading the Bible) and see you at church (hopefully the service won't go over your lunch time)!
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New Disciples Update: Picnic in the park will end with the month of August. We would like some input about getting together and having indoor picnics in Fellowship Hall on a Friday night one to two times a month. We could have a small sharing session and prayer in the beginning then play board games etc. Let us know what you think!

For adults who would like to join MUMC as official members, the classes will be offered on Sunday 9/9 and 9/23 in the Pastor's office at 10 am. New Members will be recognized on Laity Sunday service. We will have only one service @ 10 am that day.

There is a baptism scheduled for October 21.

The Men's group sponsored the Teen Challenge Picnic on Sunday 8/12 following the 11am service. It was held at the Hauge's home in Mud City and was open to the congregation to attend. Despite the forecast, the weather was fantastic!



The service which enabled a couple of the women to share their testimony was so moving. The songs they sang were heartfelt. The woman did not fail to bless us tremendously. It is a wonderful time of fun and fellowship. Thank you so much to those of you who donated their time, money and

food to share. Special thanks to the Hauges' for opening their home and to John next door for the boat rides.

Thank You, Holly and Tim Gallagher

Music Notes by Vel

Like to sing?

Can't sing – want to learn?

Come join our choir! We practice every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM and sing a couple of Sundays each month. No experience is necessary. You can come when you are able, sing when you are available and miss if you need to. We have a friendly family and need more members. Please consider joining us.

Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, Sept. 5th. We are planning on doing a Christmas cantata on Sunday afternoon, December 16th at 4:00 pm titled Rhapsody in Bluegrass. As indicated by the title it's in the style of blue grass music, really upbeat and a lot of fun. Please put it on your calendar.

Junior Bell Choir

Junior Bells will resume practice on Monday, October 1st. (Time to be determined)

If you know of anyone who would like to ring with us, please let me know ASAP. Only prerequisite is that they must have finished first grade. It is helpful if they know their right and left hands.

Upcoming Recital

On Sunday afternoon, Sept 16th at 4:00 PM, Dennis Linde and Veleca Gamble will present and organ/piano recital. Works by Bach, Haydn, Bonnet, Gershwin and Nelson will be performed.

Dennis was born into a musical family. His father was a talented musician and inspired Dennis to pursue his talents and musical abilities. Dennis began playing the piano at the age of 4 and studied for years to develop his love for playing music. He has worked as an accompanist for numerous performing companies and shows, as well as performing as a soloist. Dennis has been playing as a church organist and pianist for over 35 years and is currently the organist and choir director at Kynett Methodist Church on Long Beach Island. He has a passion for playing classical as well as jazz and popular music.

Vel is well known to Manahawkin Methodist congregation, where she has been Organist/Director of Music for more than 15 years. She has her MusB from Northwestern University and her MusM degree from Boston University.

Please come and enjoy this afternoon program.



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



Greetings from Family Promise!

Thank you again MUMC for another amazing year!

We hosted 3 Families, 7 children and 6 adults during the week of July 29th through August 5th.

We could not have done it without your generosity of ShopRite gift cards, monetary donations, people cooking, setting up, tearing down and washing and putting away bed linens.

Family Promise, the families and Beth and I are truly grateful for the love our church family shows others.

We hope more of you will join us next year! Until then, may GOD bless you always MUMC.

In CHRISTs' LOVE,
Pauline McShea along with Beth Schenck
Family Promise Co-Coordinators



Robust Shoprite Card Sales Continue in August!

Thanks to those who bought Shoprite Cards so far this year. We've been a hungry group with over \$20k worth of Shoprite Cards sold AND that translates into just over \$1000 for MUMC. It is easy for you to participate: On the first Sunday of the month we'll take orders and then deliver cards on the second Sunday of the month. You get dollar for dollar in Shoprite Cards and the church earns 5% of sales. Please 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.



Manahawkin United Methodist Women
Activities and Events
September/October/November 2018

Tuesday, September 11th, MUMC Regular Meeting, 1PM
Program: General Membership Planning Meeting
Leaders: MUMW President and Executive Board
Place: Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 15th, Northern Shore District UMW
Program: Fall Prayer Breakfast
Place: Oceanport UMC, Oceanport
Time: 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon

Tuesday, October 2nd, Northern Shore District UMW
Program: Annual Fall Meeting and Dinner
Place: Saint Andrew's UMC, Toms River
Time: 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM Cost: \$23.00

Tuesday, October 9th, MUMC Regular Meeting 1:00PM
Program: Living as a Covenant Community, Part 2
Leader: Joyce Trainor
Place: Fellowship Hall

Saturday, October 20th, Greater NJ UMW Annual Fall Conference
Program: Mass Incarceration of People of Color
Place: UMC Resource Center, Neptune
Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Cost: \$10.00

Saturday, November 3rd, Manahawkin UMC Christmas Bazaar
Place: Fellowship Hall
Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Lunch: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Submitted by, Eileen Mahan MUMW President

LAY LEADER REPORT

And now a word from our Lay Leader:

Calling all committee chairs and committee members.

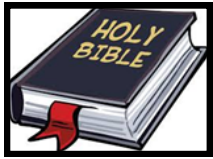
LAITY Sunday is October 14th, our church service will be held at 10:00 AM

We also will be having coffee hour and a committee workshop where members of our congregation can go and seek out possible committees they might want to serve on.

If people come to this meet and greet event, they will know more about the committees' duties and also who is in that committee. Each committee can decorate their table anyway they choose and have plenty of information to pass out, plus, each table will also provide some sort of tasty treat to go along with coffee and juice, already provided.

SOOOO!!!! Won't you come and join us? You won't be sorry. We have so much to offer everyone!!! So, we are looking forward to seeing you on LAITY Sunday!!

In CHRIST's Love
Pauline McShea Lay Leader



Adult Bible Study Opportunities:

Sundays, 9:45 AM to 10:45 AM

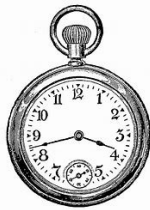
This group meets year-round. Currently, we are studying "The Letter to the Romans" using the commentary **The New Daily Study Bible by William Barclay**. Please contact Eileen Mahan if you are interested in joining this group. Meetings are held in the Prayer Room.

Tuesdays, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

This group will be starting on September 18th and will be meeting at the home of Paul and Alice Cranmer in Ocean Acres. The text is entitled **The Mission of Jesus – Triumph of God's Kingdom in a World of Chaos** by Ray Vander Laan with Steve and Amanda Sorenson. This study includes five DVDs' which introduce each of the five main chapters. Please contact Eileen Mahan if you are interested in joining this group.

Wednesdays, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

On September 12th, this group will be starting the study entitled **Culture in Conflict - Paul Proclaims Jesus as Lord, Part 2**, by Ray Vander Laan with Steve and Amanda Sorenson. The text and DVDs' will help us explore the Roman world in Greece and Paul's message of Jesus as Lord in a pagan society. Meetings will be held at the home of Ruth Farley in Fawn Lakes. Contact Eileen Mahan if interested in joining this group.



TIME

(Thoughts to Live By)

by

Kenneth Schorr

How much time did you spend having breakfast today? Five minutes; ten; fifteen; more than that; none at all? It has been shown that breakfast is perhaps the most important meal of all from a physical standpoint. It gives you the energy needed to start your day. Without it, it becomes difficult to function properly, as we should.

Now let me ask you how much time did you spend today reading your Bible, praying and talking with God? A little, a lot or none at all? Too busy? God is there for us (you) 24/7 so what is really your excuse? Why do we try to justify giving God crumbs, the left over time in our day, if at all? Time spent reading your Bible, walking and taking with the Lord every day is not only important to your spiritual well being, your relationship with Him, but also your physical and mental health as well.

For some the Bible is just a dust collector, sitting on a table that others may see, yet seldom if ever read. For many the Bible is a collection of stories, a lot of words with little meaning today. Perhaps you may be thinking, "that doesn't apply to me." Sorry, just maybe it does! My suggestion --- put yourself into what you are reading. As an example look at the Book of Psalms. When you read it, do so as if you are the one seeking God, not David. Do the same with other readings. If you have never read a Bible before, start with the Gospel of John. Take the time to let God speak to you. Take the time to know the love of God through Jesus Christ not just in your mind, but in your heart and life! It is time well spent! No Bible? No breakfast!

PRAYER GROUP

Jude 2 King James Version (KJV)

² Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.



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.

5L2F (Five Loaves & Two Fish) Moving Forward! Many thanks to all those who helped with our 5L2F mission project! We successfully fed 10 families at the Stafford Park Apartments on Thursday, July 19th. We could not have provided food without your generous donations of non-perishable foods and ShopRite Cards. Also, the organizers, packers, and distributors were wonderful donating their time—**Thank you all!** In addition to those families who received our pre-packed “food bags”, we donated many excess items to the St. Francis Food Bank on LBI (we have to manage our supplies and expiration dates ☹). Our hope is that our mission will gain traction after Thursday’s event and we will regularly supply food to those in need in Stafford Township. Our goal is to regularly support 20 families with children.

If you would like to donate food or Shoprite Cards, please notice the blue food box in the narthex. You can also see Lynn Demenchek or Alison O’Brien for Shoprite Cards after the Sunday services. If you want to help with food collection, packing, or distribution, please call Alison O’Brien at 609-488-2456.



SUMMER'S END

This year the corn is perfect--tight rows of even yellow kernels. We husked and stored twelve dozen ears in the freezer so far so you know summer's nearly over.

This rainy spell means the tan I got will soon be faded. The only thing to show for summer is the corn. In animal reaction, salty tears anticipate standing in the wind, alone in the wind, stung by blowing sand.

-Norma Paul

Loads of Love Update



Again this July the Loads of Love Mission provided a free wash and dry for all the sheets, blankets and comforters used during the week our church hosted Family Promise. Special thanks to Beth Schenck and Janet Estelow for coming two hours early that Thursday to make sure the bedding was ready.

We had some surprise visitors last month. The youth group from Christ Methodist Church of Pennsylvania was attending a mission retreat on LBI and several of the group came to lend us a hand. I believe they helped out with the church garden also. Great Methodist fellowship!

We continue to be very busy each month. We could sure use a few more volunteers. Feel free to visit one night and see the program in action. It would be great to have helpers fill in when some of the regulars can't be there. Think about it!

Next Dates- Sept. 27th & Oct. 25th



Summer is once again coming to a close and we look forward to reuniting with our Sunday School children and families! Below is our Calendar of events for Sept and Oct.

On Sept 9 we will have our annual WELCOME BACK celebration at 9:45am in Fellowship Hall. We will introduce our teachers / meet and greet with parents and have some extra surprises in store as usual!! Plus, Monty will be there!

At our Sept 9, 11am service we will have the Blessing of Teachers and Children by their Parents with Pastor Choi. We ask that parents and their children share in this special event with us.

Please make sure to register children for Sunday School on our website: <http://ss.manahawkinmethodist.org/>. ***Please register each child individually and all children need to be registered.***

We have so many fun programs and events we are planning this year- we can't wait to get started!

Please help us spread the word about our program which is for ages 4+! We also encourage kids to bring their friends- we LOVE both familiar and new faces!

Thank you!!

Marissa Barry / Vanessa Estelow

For any questions, please email sundayschoolmumc@gmail.com.

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 9

9:45am: Welcome Back Coffee Hour / Introduction of teachers/ Meet and greet with Parents/Special Surprises in store! (Fellowship Hall)

11:00am Service: Blessing of Teachers and Children by their Parents with Pastor Choi

Sept. 16

9:45am: THE GOOD NEWS MAGIC SHOW! Featuring Ken the Magician! Fellowship Hall ALL INVITED!

Saturday, Sept. 22 at 3PM: For those interested, Pastor Choi will conduct the annual Blessing of the Animals

Sept. 23

9:45am: Birthday Sunday; Regular Class

Sept. 30

9:45am: Regular Class

OCTOBER

Oct. 7

9:45am: Birthday Sunday; "Ask The Pastor" Meet and Greet

Oct. 14

10:00am: One Service for Laity Sunday. No Class time. Children will greet, acolyte, usher, and read.

Oct. 21

Regular Class

Oct. 28

9:45am: Halloween Trunk or Treat Front Parking Area and Pumpkin Patch Church Grounds (weather permitting) or in Fellowship Hall for Sunday School students/families + our entire church

MISSION GARDEN

A crop that did not like the rain and cloudy skies, was the tomatoes. They like it warm and sunny, with us giving them a drink as necessary. The plants are almost gone, with a few small fruits left. Don and Janet pick what they can. The green beans are happy on the trellis Art built and have produced well as you can see in the background.

Another crop that we had to pull was our summer squashes. Too much rain and too little sun weakened the plants until blight and borers took over. We planted a new crop as well as winter squash and God will take care of them.

Soon it will be time to put our garden to rest for the winter. We need to do fence repairs and build a blueberry trellis to keep the birds away from the berries. The plants should produce some good fruit next year.

Thank you to all who give their time. Rich Mueller buys and helps to spread top soil every Spring. Jane Armstrong also came but had had a knee replacement which we all hope is going well. We will need help to continue this project and hope you will watch for our Fall cleanup. It is wonderful working outside.

Thank you, Art and Lovisa Hill



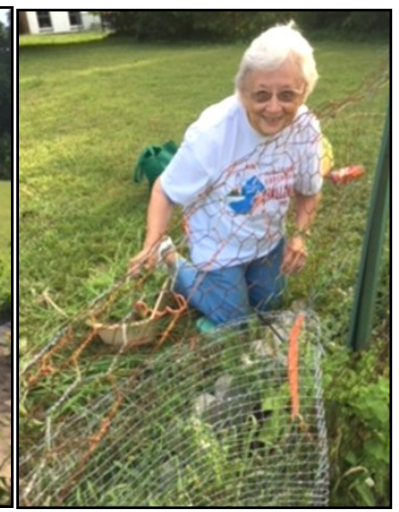
The Uniontown Methodist youth group came to help in our garden, help take down the Vacation Bible School decorations, and half went to help with a Habitat for Humanity house. Here one of them is shown how to pick peppers from Art and Janet.



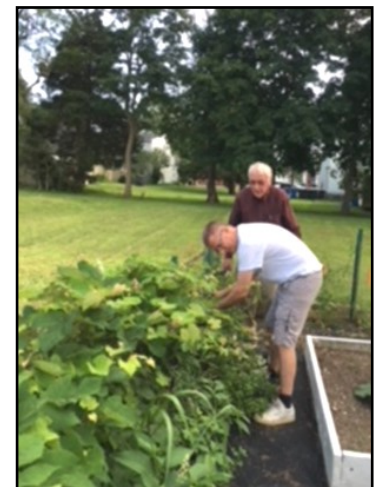
RJ and his Mom, Vanessa, visit grandpa Don, before going to help with Bible School. RJ liked the potatoes best!!



A storm came through and top-pled some of the tomato cages, heavy with fruit. Don is putting a stake through to keep it steady.



Millie was trying to keep up with the weeds which loved the warm, rainy days.



The cucumbers loved the rain. We had the most beautiful crop we have ever grown. Jim and Art are looking for hidden ones that grew along the fence

September Calendar

Worship Hours: All Sundays Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.
 Communion: Sunday, September 2, both services
 Staff Meeting: Monday, September 4, 11 A.M.
 Men's Breakfast: Saturday, September 8, 8:15 A.M.
 Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, September 9 at both services
 Sunday School Welcome Back: Sunday, September 9, 9:45 A.M.
 Sunday School Blessing of Children/Teachers/ Parents: September 9, 11 A.M. service
 Membership Classes: Sunday, September 9 and 23, 10 A.M.
 Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, September 11, 7 P.M.
 Council Meeting: Monday, September 17, 7 P.M.
 Blessing of Animals: Saturday, September 22, 3 P.M.
 Finance Meeting: Tuesday, September 25, 7 P.M.
 Loads of Love: Thursday, September 27, 6-8 P.M.
 Youth Group: every Monday, 6:30 P.M.
 Choir practice: every Wednesday, 7 P.M.
 Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.
 Hand-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.

October Calendar

Worship Hours: Sundays (10/7, 21, 28) Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.
 Communion: Sunday, October 7, both services
 Baptisms: Sundays (10/7 & 21) at 11 A.M. service
 Men's Breakfast: Saturday, October 13, 8:15 A.M.
 Laity Sunday, 10/14: One Service at 10 A.M. New members received
 Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, October 14
 Loads of Love: Thursday, October 25, 6-8 P.M.
 Sunday School Halloween Event: Sunday, October 28, 9:45 A.M.
 Trustees Meeting: TBA
 Youth Group: every Monday, 6:30 P.M.
 Choir practice: every Wednesday, 7 P.M.
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Help Wanted

**Greeters,
Ushers**



**Candle
Lighters**



Readers

Contact Rosemary Molinaro at 609-698-1251 or
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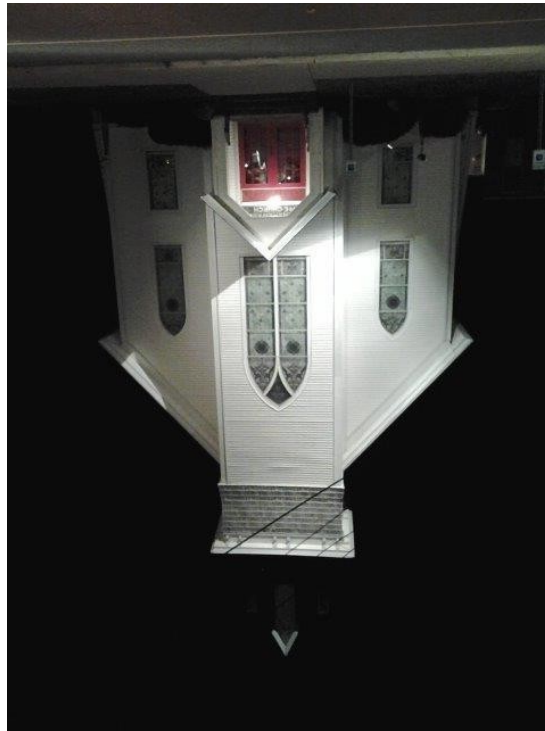
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