



# ***THE CROSSWORD***

**Manahawkin United Methodist Church November/December 2018**

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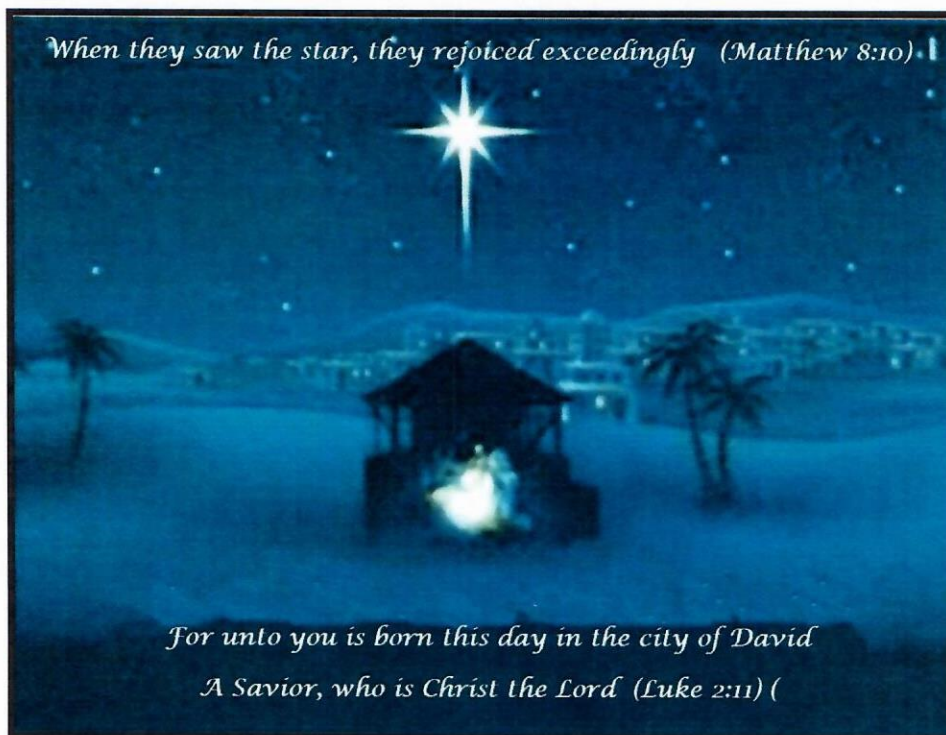
*Open Minds*

*Open Doors*

## **2018 - The Year of the BIBLE**



*When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly (Matthew 8:10)!*



*For unto you is born this day in the city of David*

*A Savior, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11) (*

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### Pastor's Corner

(Note: I rotate the theme of Thanksgiving and Christmas every other year. This year my topic is Christmas).

One year, a family friend gave us a Christmas cactus. We put it in our living room. For about ten days, it was in full blossom. It boasted beautiful pink flowers and soft petals. It also made me think about the time of blooming in the middle of November. My question was how it knew to come out in November not in September? Why not in April? In the same matter, it is true with all other plants and flowers in the world. They all know their time to bloom and wither. Who taught them to be so? Who programmed them so? My thoughts led me to God—the Designer of all creation—plants, animals, and human beings.

Timing. The Bible says there's a time for everything. Even Christ's coming to the world in the land of Israel two thousand years ago. God predestined him to be born of a virgin in Bethlehem. Why at that specific time and place? Why not in America in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Why not make him born with a silver spoon in his mouth? Why not in China?

The questions can go on. Yet, one thing is for sure: God does everything according to His plan, purpose, and time. Nothing is too late or too early in God's timing. Nothing or nobody is accidental, either. Think of all creation in the universe moving and operating according to their schedules and designs. I see God's hands and mysterious plans in everything.

In such a God we can put our trust as we celebrate another Christmas season. Not only do we celebrate Christ's birth to save our world, but we also rejoice over God's choosing us to be His children and heirs of eternal life. I pray that God would help us to see His mighty hands and wondrous plans for all of us throughout this season and in the years to come.

Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

Kyewoon

### Music Notes by Vel



#### Like to sing?

The choir is busy practicing for our Christmas Cantata: Rhapsody in Bluegrass. We really need a few additional men to sing, so please consider coming and joining us for the cantata. We practice it on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:00 PM. We will be performing it on Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 pm and the Mens Group has agreed to put on a dinner following it. If you can't come and sing with us, please be sure to come and celebrate it with us; tell your friends and neighbors as it promises to be a fun afternoon.

#### JUNIOR BELLS:



Junior Bells will resume on Monday afternoon, November 19th. If you know of anyone who has finished first grade and is interested in playing bells, please contact Vel; either on Sunday morning or by phone: 732-961-1168 (home) or 732-915-0995 (cell); or leave a message in the church office. The current plan is for them to play at the 7:00 PM family service on Christmas Eve.

#### 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

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. 1 Peter 3:12



### The Columbarium

The next time you walk through the narthex be sure to look into our Columbarium room.

This is an alternative for placement of a loved one's ashes. Several of the niches are currently being used (including two former pastors) or are reserved by someone from the church.

If you have interest in using this very beautiful method of placement of cremains please communicate with the Board of Trustees.



### Shoprite Card Sales: Thank you for shopping & supporting MUMC!!



As you probably already know, buying and using Shoprite cards earns the Church 5% on all of your purchases. This is an easy

way to support MUMC while doing your normal shopping. Please see Lynn Demenchuk or Alison O'Brien after services to order or purchase your cards—cash or checks gladly accepted. We've already earned over \$1200 this year and we look forward to ordering extra cards for your Thanksgiving shopping needs.

### POET'S CORNER

#### LET'S TALK ABOUT GOD

Since the early 20<sup>th</sup> century religious and spiritual words have been declining. Basic moral words are falling out of use.

Christian virtues we call fruit of the spirit like grace, love, patience, gentleness, faithfulness have become rare.

Humility words like modesty have fallen. Compassion words like kindness have dropped.

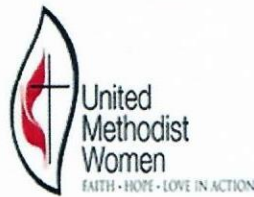
Gratitude words like thankfulness declined.

Are we in crisis?

There is one practical reason we need a revival in God-talk. People avoid religious and spiritual language because they don't like the way it has been misused by politicians and televangelists. But to stop speaking God to avoid contributing to the problem, we can worsen it.

Christians must work together to revive sacred speech and rekindle confidence in the vocabulary of faith.

Norma Paul October 19, 2018



Manahawkin United Methodist Women

Activities and Events

November/December 2018

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Manahawkin UMC Christmas Bazaar

Place: Fellowship Hall

Time: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Lunch: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM Cost:\$5.00

Menu: Beef Vegetable or Vegetable Soup

French Bread

Apple Crisp

Tables: Attic Treasures, Jewelry, Toys, Baked Goods, New Christmas Items, Handcrafts, etc...

Proceeds: UMW Missions

Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, MUMW Regular Meeting at 1:00 PM

Program: Pledge Service and World Thank Offering

Leader: Lovisa Hill, Treasurer

Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, MUMW Christmas Luncheon

Place: Calloway's, Route 9, Staffordville

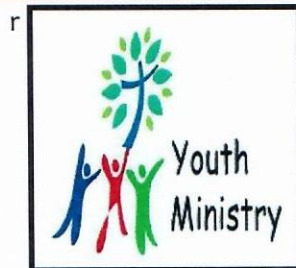
Time: 12:00 Noon

Cost: \$19.00 per person

Reservations to Alice Rosalen/ Payment to Lovisa Hill

Entertainment: Dakota Reiter (Our Gang)

Submitted by, Eileen Mahan MUMW President



This October the Youth Group had its annual Apple Bake sale. The kids sold Apple Pies, Apple Bread, Apple Sauce and Apple Crisp. We were able to raise over \$600, and all the processed are going towards the Stafford Township Police Department Toy Drive. In November the kids will be getting together to shop for Jackets, hats, gloves & toys.

On November 10th from 4pm - 7pm is the annual Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner. The cost of the dinner is \$2 per person or \$5 a Family. Take-out is available.

God Bless,  
Randy and Vanessa Estelow



FAITH  
(Thoughts to live by)  
By  
Kenneth Schorr

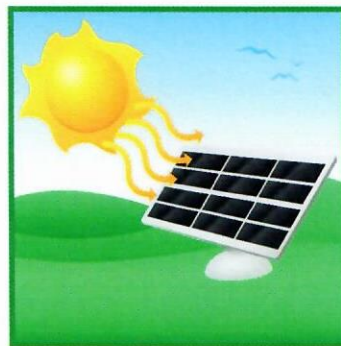
Forsaking All I Trust Him! Scripture tells us to walk by faith, not by sight; but do we (you)?

Peter is a prime example of a person who claims to be a follower of Jesus so long as things go along smoothly in his life. However, when things begin to change in his life, then his faith falls apart. Read Matt. 14: 22 - 33; 26: 69 -75. Notice how his faith falters when things do not go as he expects. Sound familiar? Sadly, today, there are not only individuals, but also churches where you have to question, "Where is your faith; do you practice what you preach? Laodicea?

Faith is based on trust. Trust comes from hearing and reading God's Word and believing it to be true. Faith is all about a trusting relationship with God; it can grow or weaken. Sometimes we doubt, and strange as it may sound that's okay if it drives us into looking deeper in our relationship with God; to strengthen our trust and our understanding of faith. A word of caution! Unbelief or distrust can be destructive and should not be taken lightly!

God's will is that we trust Him. If we do He will deal with all our problems, but keep in mind, His will and time! Also, once we have faith, we need to share it with others; to be an example of a godly life which can be an effective way of bringing others to Christ. We can show how a godly person responds to the trials in life. As a Christian, individually and as a church, we are to show our faith in the love for others with both mercy and grace; not indifference; that is not of God! It is something we can do and should do, not just during the holidays, but every day!

Do you have the courage to test your own faith? For a start try reading the Epistle of James. Be honest and ask yourself, is that me? Am I the Christian I say I am? If your faith is weak, if you are afraid to get out of your boat and walk on water to Jesus, all is not lost. Pray, confess your weakness and ask the Holy Spirit into your life; to change your life. It's worth the walk!



### Exploring Solar Energy for MUMC

The trustees are exploring the possibility of installing a solar system for the electricity needs of our church. Before we move forward, we are interested in your thoughts. Please take a minute to fill out this brief survey. Just hit Ctrl Enter to follow this link to the survey: (go in through the GOOGLE search engine)

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWH66HS>

“Hit “OK” to begin the survey “

We'll keep you posted on the results and provide additional information sessions as needed. Thanks in advance for your feedback!

Alison



**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.

**FAMILY PROMISE**

As you know Family Promise of Southern Ocean County relies on the generosity of our local churches. They are grateful for our support. Our donations help families during a difficult time when they are struggling to provide for their basic needs. This past month we donated a Move-Out Kit to support a family who was moving out of Family Promise and into their own home. The Move-Out Kit was filled with all of the essential items that are needed when you move into a new home. The Move-Out Kit started with a laundry basket and was filled with many cleaning supplies, shower curtain, bath mats, laundry detergent, bucket, mop and a broom etc.

During our Laity Sunday Mission Fair we collected money for the purchase of hairbrushes. We were able to donate 8 hairbrushes to our local Family Promise organization. You may not think about this simple everyday item but these essential personal care items are considered to be highly valuable to the homeless.

We are also starting up a new branch for our Family Promise mission. MUMC is going to be "on stand-by" or "on call" to provide meals for the homeless families being cared for by Family Promise. **"Chefs on Call"** is the name! We are a hosting site for Family Promise once a year but many other local churches open their doors many times throughout the year to serve as host sites. Sometimes those churches need help to provide evening meals for the families. We've decided to lend a hand to the other churches in our area by providing evening meals for the homeless. Please let Pauline, Beth or the church office know if you can volunteer to help with **Chefs on Call**. Please consider signing-up to cook a meal once in a while.

In CHRIST'S LOVE,

Paulene McShea Along with Beth Schenck Co-Coordinator

**Loads of Love Update**

Our free laundry mission didn't stop spinning in the months of September and October. The news of our program has spread. We have new families participating as well as our regulars-none of which leave without saying thank you! We were blessed with a \$500 donation from St. Peter's at-the-Light in Barnegat Light. It will be put to good use as we spend close to \$200 each night. Besides washer and dryer fees, we also provide dryer sheets and detergent.

Thanks for all your prayers and quarters!

We still need volunteers! 6-7pm or 7-8pm

Next events are November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 27<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm.

Please keep all the families we serve in your prayers.



**SOME OF THE LOADS OF LOVE TEAM ON STANDBY TO ASSIST PATRONS**





Our Sunday School is back in session and we are off to a great (and busy!) start!! In September, we welcomed back all our friends and discussed upcoming events for the year! We have a lot to look forward to and are incredibly blessed to have our children, their families, and our amazing teachers and volunteers, as well as many who support our program! We couldn't do all the wonderful things we do without all of your support and we are so very grateful for all the love and support we have!

#### Past Events:

- THE GOOD NEWS MAGIC SHOW featuring Ken the Magician! The young and young at heart all had an incredible time with this talented Gospel Magician! (September)
  - The children participated in Laity Sunday as greeters, ushers, acolytes, and readers. They did an exceptional job! We thank them for their service! (October)
- Trunk or Treat was a great time as well! Families and our congregation decorated their trunks (great job!) and the kids went on a hayride out to our pumpkin patch. When you see the kids, ask them how "Christians are like Pumpkins"! Thank you to all who participated and thank you to the Lord for answered prayers for good weather. (October)



#### Upcoming Events:

- Veteran's Day Flag Ceremony (November 11)
- Christmas Caroling with Pastor Choi and the Youth Group (Sat., December 15)
- Jesus Birthday Celebration in Fellowship Hall (December 23)
- Sunday School Christmas Pageant and holiday dessert social (December 23 at 2pm)

New children are always welcomed into our program and also those just attending the church as guests! Sunday School starts at 9:45am every Sunday in the Sanctuary and runs from September to June.

For any questions, please contact [sundayschoolmumc@gmail.com](mailto:sundayschoolmumc@gmail.com).

God Bless,  
Marissa Barry





### MISSION GARDEN

Recently when we were packing our car with food donated for the Food Banks, a man walking along Stafford Ave., asked if we were taking the food to the Food Bank. When we said "Yes," he thanked us and told about his daughter in Maine with three children. The husband had left and she was suffering from Fibromyalgia so her work was spotty. If it wasn't for the food bank, she didn't know what would have happened to them. The man telling us this was retired and I don't know if he was able to help.

So with a big thank you to all who supplement the food supplies each month, our church and the receivers send a big hug!! We did not have as successful a summer in the garden as we have in the past, except for cucumbers. The sun was often hidden behind clouds or it rained. The humidity was often high which leads to fungus growth and borer activity. We pulled the squash and some tomatoes early, but replanting did not help.

Even so, our crops though small, were welcome at the three Food Banks of: Barnegat, Ocean Community, and Saint Stephen's.

Our produce numbers were:

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| 1. Green bell peppers – 117 | 8. Tomatoes - 362           |
| 2. Banana peppers – 261     | 9. Lettuce - 6 gallons      |
| 3. Poblano peppers – 24     | 10. Spinach - 3 gallons     |
| 4. Cucumbers – 164          | 11. Pea pods - 5 quarts     |
| 5. Zucchini – 30            | 12. Green beans - 36 quarts |
| 6. Yellow squash – 9        | 13. Potatoes - 8 lbs.       |
| 7. Eggplant – 33            |                             |

Because of bad weather, we have not fully dismantled the garden. Before the snow flies, there should be a sunny Saturday. Let us know if you would like to help!!

We had the Uniontown Methodist Youth group come to help pick and dig vegetables again this year.

Just a reminder to put your Box Tops for Education in the basket on the left as you come in the main entry. Remember each Box Top is worth \$.10 which puts money towards school supplies. General Mills products sponsors this.

Thank you all for a great year. We will be looking for help in the Spring. 😊

Art and Lovisa Hill



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

Starting Sunday, October 21st, 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 last year, Operation Christmas Child 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 11<sup>th</sup>. Please leave filled boxes on the table provided in the narthex. What a wonderful way to fulfill the Great Commission of spreading the Good News of the Gospel to all Nation







Hope you all enjoy the 2nd annual Laity Sunday group picture. If you weren't able to join us this year consider next year so you can be in the next picture. We miss you when you aren't here.

Cheryl Conti  
Administrative Assistant

### **LAITY SUNDAY**

Greetings from your Lay Leader. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

MUMC, you did it again! Laity Sunday October 14th 2018 was a huge success! A packed church, an amazing attendance at our Ministry Fair and also new committee members and volunteers that are going to make our church home bigger and better!

You should all be so proud! God Bless each and everyone one of you. You all deserve it!

In Christ's Love, Pauline McShea, Lay Leader.







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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**HOURS- 8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM**

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Bell Choir Practice 7:00PM	2	3 UMW Bazaar 9am-2pm
4 Communion All Saints Remembrance  Daylight Savings Ends	5 Youth Group 6:30PM	6 UMW Meeting 1:00PM PreSchool Comm Meeting 7:00PM	7 Quilters 9:30AM Choir Practice 7:00PM	8 Bell Choir Practice 7:00PM	9	10 Men's Breakfast 8:15AM Wedding: Sheft + Sperry 11:30AM Youth Spaghetti Dinner 4:00PM
11 VETERANS DAY Flag Ceremony  Shop Rite Gift Cards	12 Staff Meeting 11:00AM Youth Group 6:30PM	13 Trustees Meeting 7:00PM	14 Quilters 9:30AM Choir Practice 7:00PM	15 Bell Choir Practice 7:00PM	16	17 Super Church Conference 9:00AM New Brunswick
18	19 Youth Group 6:30PM Church Council 7:00PM	20	21 THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE 7:00PM	22 THANKSGIVING	23	24
25	26 Youth Group 6:30PM	27	28 Quilters 9:30AM Choir Practice 7:00PM	29 Loads of Love 6:00 – 8:00PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00PM	30	

Pastor's Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:30AM to 11:30AM

Secretary Hours: Monday and Wednesday 9:00AM to 12:00NOON, Thursday 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Secretary Vacation: October 25<sup>th</sup> through November 6<sup>th</sup>

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE HOURS:

**8:30AM AND 11:00AM**

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						1 Decorating Sanctuary for ADVENT
2 Communion (Both services)	3 Staff Meeting 11AM  Youth Group 6:30PM	4	5 Quilters 9:30AM Knitters 3:00PM Choir Practice 7:00PM	6 Prayer Group 11AM Bell Choir Practice 7:00PM	7	8 Men's Breakfast 8:15AM.
9 ShopRite Gift Cards	10 Youth Group 6:30PM	11 UMW Meeting 1PM Quiet Christmas 7:00PM	12 Quilters 9:30AM Knitters 3:00PM Choir Practice 7:00PM	13 Prayer Group 11AM Bell Choir Practice 7:00PM	14	15 Caroling 1:00-5:00PM
16 Christmas Cantata 4:00PM (Dinner after)	17 Youth Group 6:30PM	18	19 Quilters 9:30AM Knitters 3:00PM Choir Practice 7:00PM	20 PreSchool Pageant	21 PreSchool Pageant	22
23	24 Christmas Eve Services 7:00PM and 11:00PM	25 <b>CHRISTMAS</b> (no service)	26 Quilters 9:30AM Knitters 3:00PM Choir Practice 7:00PM	27 Prayer Group 11AM Loads If Love 6:00-8:00PM	28	29
30 One Worship Service 10:00AM	31 New Years Eve Youth Group 6:30PM					

Trustees Meeting: TBA

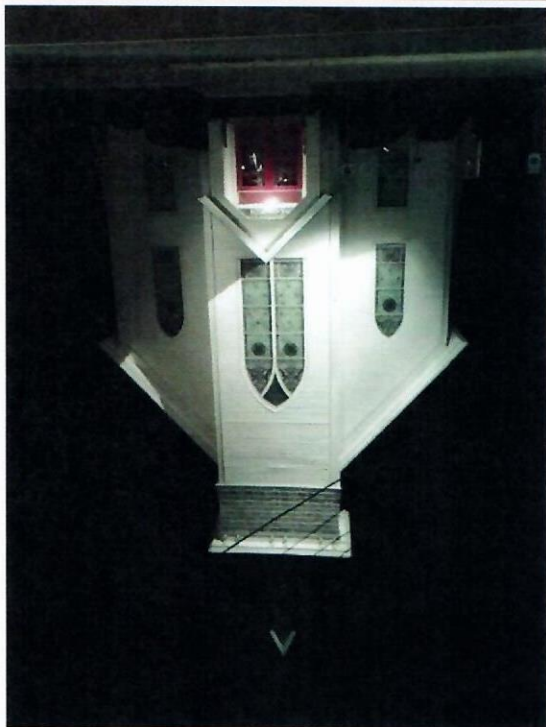
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