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Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

2019 - SHALOM



John 17:17

**Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is
truth**

King James Version (KJV)

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Pastor's Corner

2019—the Year of Shalom.

Pastor's Corner March/April 2019

“We will be with the Lord forever” (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

Recently, I updated the emergency file for my family. If something unexpected happened to me such as death, then my family can open the file that will guide them through their difficult times. As I was going through the file, I grew solemn with the thought of death. In fact, it caused me to reflect on life, death, and life after death. I would like to share with you three things that the process reminded me of.

First of all, the process helped me to check on my perspective on death and life. I am not particularly fond of the thought of death. At the same time, however, I found myself not afraid of dying, either. I strongly dislike the pain that follows after the physical separation from my loved ones. Acknowledging death as part of human life that we all go through, the best attitude for me is to humbly accept it and be determined to live one day at a time with gratitude to God the Life-Giver.

Secondly, I also thought about the place we go after we depart from this life. For those who are in Christ, Heaven awaits where we will be with our Heavenly Father forever. In Heaven, there will be “no more death or mourning or crying or pain, ..” (Revelation 21:4). Christ warns, however, “not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). I want to make sure that not only I, but also my loved ones, will be at the same place. My ultimate responsibility, and yours too, is to share the Good news of Christ with our family members.

Thirdly, the process renewed my hope of seeing my loved ones who have gone to the Lord before me again. In his letter to the Thessalonian believers, Apostle Paul assured them that the Lord will bring those who are asleep in Christ at His second coming: *“For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words”* (1 Thessalonians 4:15-18). We do have hope to be reunited with our loved ones in Heaven.

Each year we celebrate Easter. We celebrate Christ’s victory over death. Why is He risen from the dead? To demonstrate the truth that death will be swallowed by life. To declare that life doesn’t end with our physical death. To assure us that a glorious life for eternity awaits us in

Heaven. To give us the hope that we will be with the Lord and with our loved ones forever. Amen.

Have a blessed Easter.

Kyewoon



WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP FOR LENT?

Among Christians, it has long been a custom to give up something for Lent. This is done as a recognition of Christ giving up His life for us.

As a part of your recognition of Lent, I am suggesting that you give up a couple of hours of your time on Wednesday evenings, and come sing with the choir for Easter and our Celebration of the Resurrection at 4:00 PM the Sunday after Easter.

No experience or ability to read music is needed. Just a willingness to “Make a Joyful noise unto the Lord”

Please, prayerfully consider joining us.

MUSIC NOTES BY VEL



The choir is busy preparing for Lent, Holy Week, Easter and our “Celebration of the Resurrection” the week after Easter.

We will be singing for services on March 3rd, 6th and 10th, April 7th, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

The Choir will also present a concert in “Celebration of the Resurrection” the Sunday after Easter, April 24th at 4:00 PM, which will be followed by dinner presented by the Youth Group. Please tell your friends and plan to attend.



Junior Bells rehearse on Monday afternoon at 5:30 PM. They will be presenting the anthem on Sunday March 17th and Palm Sunday, April 14.

If you know of a child who would like to join them, please contact me at (732) 961-1168 or (732) 915-0995.

Thank you and GOD BLESS.



Thanks to all those who purchased ShopRite cards!! Remember you get the face value of your purchase and the church gets 5%. Please see Lynn Demenchuk after the early service or Alison O'Brien after the 11 o'clock. This is an easy way to support the church!!

Thanks, , Alison



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

Poets Corner

RED FOX, RED FOX BE MY GUIDE

Born jet black with light blue eyes,
a baby red fox sports a
specific, typical white spot
on its tail

Walking on its toes to
minimize sound
ensures its safety in the wild.

Red fox, red fox tell me true
how many millenia did it take
to bring you to such a
defining world of intelligent survival.
Within these woods, among these hills
Teach me the foxy paths to pursue
before my blue eyes darken

Norma Paul

February 9, 2019



Manahawkin Methodist PRESCHOOL

We've had lots of excitement in the preschool this winter. The Scholastic Book fair is always fun for the parents, teachers and students. It is a good money maker for the school but the real goal is to get books into the hands of the children. We use our profits to expand the school library and purchase books to give as gifts. We recently delivered some fun activity books to a student home recovering from surgery. The book fair ended with a special visit from Deborah Guarino, author of Is Your Mama a Llama? Ms. Guarino shared how she came to write the book and played games and sang songs with us before treating us to the reading of her new book, If the Shoe Fits, which will be published in the fall of 2019. Many of the children purchased a signed copy of "Is Your Mama a Llama?" and were very excited to see their own names in the book!



The teachers are very busy preparing for Parent / Teacher conferences and we are currently registering for next school year. Between picture day (with cap and gown photos for our graduating students), soccer demos, after school clubs, parties and a visit from our favorite children's librarian we should be ready for the upcoming Easter break.

Lisa Mower

Director, MMP

MUMW Events and Activities

March/April 2019

Friday, March 1st, World Day of Prayer Service

Place: Manahawkin United Methodist Church

Time: 1:00PM

Speaker: Pastor Kyewoon Choi

Participants:

Holy Innocents Episcopal Church

Beach Haven Terrace [United Methodist Church](#)

Kynette United Methodist Church

Zion Lutheran Church

Saint Francis Roman Catholic Church

Saint Mary of the Pines Roman Catholic Church

Waretown United Methodist Church

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Manahawkin United Methodist Church

THEME: "Come – Everything Is Ready"

Order of Worship prepared by the World Day of

Prayer Committee of Slovenia and the World Day of Prayer USA Committee

Saturday, March 9th, Northern Shore District UMW

Program: Leadership Training and Spring Prayer Breakfast

Place: Oakhurst United Methodist Church

Time: 9:00AM – 12 noon

Tuesday, March 12th, MUMW Regular Meeting

Program: Lenten Message

Time: 1PM

Leader: Pastor Kyewoon Choi

Saturday, April 6th, Greater NJ – UMW, Conference Spring MeetingProgram: 150th Birthday Celebration of United Methodist Women

Place: Saint Andrew United Methodist Church of Toms River

Time: 9:00AM – 2PM COST: \$10.00

Tuesday, April 9th, MUMW Regular Meeting

Program What About Our Money? A Faith Response

Time: 1PM

Leader: Joyce Trainor

Friday, April 12th, Annual "SUB" Sale

Time: 11:00AM

Coordinator: Ruth Farley

Benefit: Camden Neighborhood Center

Assembly line workers needed (See Ruth)

Monday, May 6th, Annual Mother/Daughter Covered Dish Supper

Place: Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:30PM

Entertainment: Barnegat High School Chorus



Submitted by

Eileen Mahan, President

Manahawkin United Methodist Women

**UMW Manahawkin Methodist Church****Emily Eismann Memorial Scholarship**

Scholarship applications are available in the Church Office. Either stop in the Church Office to pick up an application or call 609-597-7666 to have an application sent to you. An applicant must be a church member or constituent (a nonmember for whom the church has pastoral responsibility). Graduating high school Seniors may apply as well as adults who are continuing their education post high school. This is a one-time only scholarship.

The **Deadline** for applying is Friday, **March 22nd at 12:15PM** to facilitate review, for approval of the applications. At this review meeting, the amount of the scholarship will be determined.

Submitted by,

Eileen Mahan, Chairperson

DEBT

(Thoughts to live by)

by

Kenneth Schorr

Let's be honest with ourselves; we are drowning in debt individually and as a nation! Individually we use our credit cards with little if any thought as to the problems they create when it comes time to pay. For all too many paying the minimum is the easy way out; so they think. Instead of saving for something, they have to have it now; debt be damned! Only when they realize there is no one to pay the bill except themselves and face losing everything, then perhaps things will change (for some). The reality is we are faced with an economic tsunami!

As for our government leaders, from the White House to Congress, they spend tax payers money on things like pork barrel projects, their own personal travel, buying personal items for themselves and their families, special health and retirement plans and other perks they will not allow the people to have (nor will they cut), defense spending waste, and that is just the tip of the iceberg! We allow this to continue by not speaking out, by not holding them responsible or accountable as they should be! By allowing government to consider cutting things like Social Security and Medicare, and along with more taxation we are, in too many cases, paying for their own self-serving interest! And shutting down Government is not the answer! Who pays for the debts you incur?

Now lets talk about sin. By ourselves we could never pay such a debt; it's too large. Being human we sin by thought, word or deed at some time, perhaps daily without even realizing it. It does not matter who you are or what your status, we are all sinners, my self included! Are we all lost; is there no hope? There is! God in His endless love, mercy and grace allowed His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to take our sins, past, present and future upon Himself on the Cross! He paid our debt! All we need to do is confess our sins, repent and ask Jesus into our hearts and lives.

So much of the problem is because we have drifted away from the Bible and what it tells us about how we are to live, about true marriage, about families, on how to govern, or about what a church is supposed to be! Yet, how often do we try and justify lack of integrity, morals and ethics that are in conflict with Biblical teachings? Still we want to call ourselves "Christian," individually and as a church? Do we believe the Bible is God's inspired word or not? Are we making a mockery of the Cross and what it stands for? Are we telling people what they want to hear instead of what they should be hearing? Sin is sin; let us call it for what it is! I cannot answer for your sin, only my own. I can only clean up my own life; not yours. Thanks to Jesus, I know there is still hope for me. What about you? Is God sending you a message?


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: “In as much 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.



Everyone,

Loads Of Love mission of our church continues on in 2019 with the following dates: 1/31, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25, 5/30, 6/27, 7/25, 8/29, 9/26, 10/24, 11/21 & 12/19.

Just a reminder, the program runs from 6pm to 8pm with setup starting at 5:30pm.

Each month, we see familiar faces as well as new faces of people having the need for clean clothes.

We received a donation at the start of the new year from a Mrs. Wilkinson of \$100. She lives in NYC but has a summer home on LBI. This is the second time she has made a donation to this mission. She has read about our mission and very much sees the need for this type of a program to help people.

We welcome anyone who wants to come and help us. We divide the group into 2 teams. One team to setup and get started, the second team arrives approximately half way through the evening to continue on and breakdown our chairs & table by 8pm.

As we go forward into 2019, keep praying for this mission and those of us that commit our time and energy each month.

Don & Janet - Team Members

Help Wanted


**Greeters,
Ushers**



**Candle
Lighters**



Readers

Contact Rosemary

609-698-1251

Molinaro at



Meet Lucas...



Lucas's Journey (written by his family)

In early September of 2015, Lucas woke up with severe pain in his wrist. Since he was only five at the time, I figured he slept on it wrong or played too rough with his younger brother and was being overdramatic. When Lucas arrived home from school that afternoon, I realized from the look of exhaustion and pain on his face that it was much more than that. The conclusion (after three opinions) was that he may have a hairline fracture, so he was placed in a cast.

Several weeks passed from when the wrist pain began. We celebrated his sixth birthday on September 29th, and a few days later, he developed a low-grade fever. His pediatrician diagnosed him with seasonal allergies. But even with fever reducers, his fever wouldn't go away. He couldn't keep any food down and was so lethargic that he wouldn't even play video games, speak, or get up from the couch. I knew something was very wrong. His doctor quickly ordered blood work. A few hours later, we were told there was a concern with his results and we must head to Jersey Shore immediately, where he was x-rayed, poked, and prodded most of the night.

The following day, an oncologist from Robert Wood Johnson Children's Hospital came to tell us that he thought our beautiful, vibrant, six-year-old boy had leukemia. He would need to have a bone marrow aspiration and biopsy to confirm. We were taken by ambulance to RWJ, where we would then stay for the next 12 days. Up until the moment it was confirmed, I never believed he could have cancer. That only happened to other families, or people you see on television. It couldn't happen to us! Bad things don't happen to regular folks like us. But it happened. Leukemia happened. I remember looking at my husband, confused by what the oncologist just confirmed. I kept repeating, but he's such a good boy, he's such a sweet kid. The reality is that cancer doesn't care who you are, how sweet you act, or how much your family loves you. We were devastated. A million scary thoughts ran through our heads, and no parent should have to think about the possibility of losing a child. It wasn't fair.

There is so much about cancer that people don't realize, especially pediatric cancer. So much of Lucas's individual DNA determined how well he would do with his treatment, and what protocol/risk he'd follow. So many decisions that had to be made by two parents who were lost in a sea of despair and grief. Males who are diagnosed with leukemia have a treatment plan of 3.5 years. This would include two bone marrow aspirations, 22 spinal taps with chemo, iv chemo, injections of chemo, daily oral chemo, and steroids that bloated our baby so badly that we hardly recognized him. He had no immune system, therefore rendering him defenseless against any and all germs. This meant countless trips to the emergency room and stays in the hospital. He could not attend school. The treatment is grueling and painful to watch. As parents, we had to sign paperwork agreeing to poison our son. We had to agree to possibly give him future ailments and possible learning disabilities to try to save him now. He faces a lifetime of scans and blood tests to monitor his health, and Dan and I had to agree to that. It nearly broke our faith and spirit. But our son is a fighter. He never gave up his will to live. He smiled even through the pain and nausea. Even when he was bald, he was never embarrassed. I am a better person because of him. He showed a strength and perseverance I have never known. He's the definition of bravery.

Three and a half years is a long time to be held back when you're a growing boy. He has had to feel the isolation of being the "cancer kid". He's had to sit out because of his physical limitations with his port and low immune system. But finally, on December 17, 2018, he took his last chemo pill. It was a very sweet and emotional day for our little family. The life we'd reluctantly adjusted to was being twisted again, and hopefully in the right direction! We are so very appreciative of the support we have received over the course of this arduous journey. Lucas will continue to attend clinic once a month to have his blood work checked, and once a month I will hold my breath waiting for the results. But I refuse to allow fear to hold us back from life. We relish in the mundane, daily tasks of life. We know what it's like to fear never being able to enjoy the boring chores of everyday living.

Lucas is our hero, and he dreams of attending Rutgers one day so that he can become an engineer. His dream job is to work in the medical field, creating technology that will make the lives of pediatric cancer patients easier. I know he'll reach his goal! We have so much to be grateful for.

The MUMC Sunday School is having a fundraiser to honor one of our children, Lucas Files. Lucas has been fighting Leukemia and this past December, he finished his last chemo treatment. To show our love and support of Lucas and his family, we will be raising money for *Ocean of Love*, a local organization that helps families of children fighting cancer. We are asking for monetary donations in any amount. With every donation, you will be given a heart to write your name and a little message of support to Lucas, which we will display in our hallways. You will also be given a Leukemia Awareness gift of your choice (pen, pin, bracelet, key chain). **The fundraiser will run from Feb 3 to March 3. Then, on March 10, everyone is invited and encouraged to attend a very special Coffee Hour at 9:45am** where we will unveil our grand total and present it to Ocean of Love on behalf of Lucas and his family. Please consider donating and/or coming out to help us show our love and support while also celebrating with Lucas and his family, the end of his treatment! For any questions about the event/donations please feel free to contact us via email at: sundayschoolmumc@gmail.com

There will be tables set-up every Sunday morning during the fundraiser, where donations can be made. We'd like to thank you in advance for helping us to make this event something very special for Lucas and our Sunday School program. God Bless! -Marissa Barry



2019 Family

Promise – August 4th through August 11th

Chefs on Call – always “on call”

Family Promise of Southern Ocean County is a non-profit, interfaith hospitality network that organizes local churches to provide temporary shelter, meals, hospitality, and case management for families experiencing homelessness.

Our MUMC congregation will be serving as a Host Site for families who have qualified for support from the Family Promise program. We will be a participating church that will provide temporary shelter for a few homeless families from August 4th through August 11th. Our Family Promise guests (homeless families) will arrive each evening after 5:30PM and depart from our church the next morning by 7:30AM. We continue to need support and volunteers from our congregation in order to fulfill our promise to help the homeless from our local communities. Consider lending a hand to help support our congregation in this commitment. You will receive more information about this mission as we get closer to our Hosting week. Please mark your calendar for our Family Promise Hosting week August 4th through August 11th.

Here is another reminder about a special branch of our Family Promise mission. MUMC is **“on stand-by” or “on call”** to provide meals for the homeless families being cared for by Family Promise. As you know many churches in our area serve as Host locations for Family Promise families. We have organized a group of volunteers right here in our own church called **“Chefs on Call”**. We lend a hand to support our local church neighborhood friends by preparing evening meals as needed. We call this mission work **“Chefs on Call”**. Please sign up in the church office and someone will contact you to explain the role you could play in this mission.

Thank you for helping!

March 2019 Calendar

- Worship Hours: Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.
- Communion: Sunday, March 3, both services
- World Day of Prayer: Friday, March 1, 1 P.M.
- Staff Meeting, Monday, March 4, 11 A.M.
- Joint Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, March 6, 7 P.M. @ Tuckerton UMC
- Brown Bag Fellowship: Friday, March 8, 6 – 8 P.M.
- Men's Breakfast: Saturday, March 9, 8:15 A.M. @ Mainland
- Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 10
- Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, March 10
- UMW Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 1 P.M.
- Special Annual Conference: Saturday, March 16, 9 A.M. – 1 P.M. @ Brookdale College
- Church Council: Monday, March 18, 7 P.M.
- Baptism Class: Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 P.M.
- Bible Appreciation Luncheon: Sunday, March 24, 12:15 P.M.
- Loads of Love, Thursday, March 28, 6 – 8 P.M.
- Youth Group: every Monday, 6:30 P.M.
- Quilters: every Wednesday, 9:30 A.M.
- Choir Practice: every Wednesday, 7 P.M.
- Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.
- Bell Choir Practice: every Thursday, 7 P.M.
- Trustees Meeting: TBA
- 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.

April 2019 Calendar

- Worship Hours on Sunday: Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.
- Communion: Sunday, April 7, both services
- Staff Meeting, Monday, April 8, 11 A.M.
- UMW Meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 1 P.M.
- Men's Breakfast: Saturday, April 13, 8:15 A.M. @ Mainland
- Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, April 14
- Palm Sunday, April 14, Two Services, 8:30 and 11 A.M.
- Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 18, 7 P.M. @ MUMC
- Good Friday Community Service: Friday, April 19, 12 Noon @ Ocean Community Church
- Good Friday Service April 19th @MUMC 7PM
- Easter Sunday, April 21, Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.
- Loads of Love: Thursday, April 25, 6 – 8 P.M. @Mega Wash in Manahawkin
- Scholarship Sunday, April 28, at both services
- Choir: Celebration of Easter, Sunday, April 28, 4-5 P.M.
- Youth Group: every Monday, 6:30 P.M.
- Quilters: every Wednesday, 9:30 A.M.
- Choir Practice: every Wednesday, 7 P.M.
- Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.
- Bell Choir Practice: every Thursday, 7 P.M.
- Trustees Meeting: TBA
- Pastor on vacation: Tuesday -Thursday, April 23-25
- 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.

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