



# **THE CROSSWORD**

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**May/June 2019**

*Open Hearts*  
*Open Minds*  
*Open Doors*

2019 - SHALOM



*2 Corinthians 5:17* <sup>17</sup>*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

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### **Pastor's Corner**

Have you ever talked to a tree? I have. Once.

Several years ago, I was doing some yard work in the backyard of my previous church in Little Silver, NJ. There were three pine trees and to one of them I spoke. Do you want to know what I said? "I am sorry," said I, "for I have neglected you in the past years. I have never pruned or fertilized you. Neither have I even appreciated your being here providing a nice view and shade for my family. I am sorry."

Don't worry. I was not going crazy. Let me explain to you exactly what happened that day. It all started with my intention to remove that *invasive ivy* in the backyard. The ivy vines already covered a good area on the ground and were climbing on two pine trees. As I pulled off the ivy vines from the tree trunks, I noticed some dead branches of the pine trees hanging around me. As I was cutting off the dead branches, one of Jesus' words in John 15 popped up in my mind: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, *while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ... I am the vine; you are the branches*" (v.1-3, 5).

In my relationship with God, Jesus is the vine and I am the branch. I abide in Him and He in me. God, the Gardener of my soul, prunes areas in my life so that I would bear more fruit to glorify His name. In fact, God does so for all of His children.

The areas that God has so far pruned in my life are: laziness, procrastination, timidity, lack of faith, lust, doubts, anxiety ..... the list goes on. My experiences with divine pruning were not always pleasant. Some of them were rather painful. Some took years. Others are still going on. All, however, is for me, because I am a child of God who wants me to be more fruitful. He will keep working on me without compromise until the image of Jesus is fully realized in me.

If you are going through such a pruning from God now, may I urge you to be patient, trust in God, and ponder the words of Jesus? *Every branch that does bear fruit God prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.*

By the way, after the pruning, the trees looked much happier and healthier than before. They seemed to thank me for that. In the following spring, sure enough, they brought forth many new and healthy young pine needles.

Shalom.

See you at church.

Kyewoon

### **Worship Leaders needed!**

We are starting up a Worship Leader role for our Sunday services.

Each Sunday we would like to have someone lend a hand to Pastor Choi to assist in opening up the Sunday service. We know you can help! The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. As a Worship Leader you will conduct the service welcome, ask for announcements, and welcome the congregation to greet each other for the passing of the Peace. The next few tasks are familiar too – you will read the Call to Worship, announce the Hymn selection and page number, as well as make the call for Children's Time. This will be followed by you leading the Prayer of Confession and conducting the Assurance of Pardon. Culminating with asking the congregation if they have any Joys, Concerns, and Praises. That's it! Pastor Choi will take over from that point with the Pastoral Prayer etc... and conduct the remainder of the service.

The sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please lend a hand to help Pastor Choi.



### **MUSIC NOTES BY VEL**

Junior Bells will wind up the season by playing on Mother's Day.

Many thanks to all who have participated in our choir programs during this year. The chancel choir will sing through the first Sunday of June. Wednesday night practice will continue through July 10th for those planning on going to the Ocean Grove Choir Festival on July 14th. Anyone interested is invited to join us.

If you or any of your guests would be willing to present special music for Sunday morning worship during the summer, please contact Vel. Instrumental and/or vocal solos, duets, etc are welcome.

Vel

### **Dear Church Family,**

It is with a great deal of sadness to say good bye to such wonderful friends. We had to make the very difficult decision to move back to Pennsylvania to help with the care of our granddaughter, Riley.

Over the past several years that we have been at MUMC, we have had the pleasure of meeting two amazing Pastors, Pastor Clark and Pastor Choi, and just about everyone in our congregation and have truly grown to love you all. Working with the children and their families through Sunday School and VBS and serving the Lord in different ways has been a blessing we will never forget! We hope you will keep us in your prayers, as we will you, and we promise to visit. In the meantime, we take you all with us in our hearts and thank you for your love, support and friendship. Shalom! Bob and Rosemary Molinaro



### 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

### REMINDER: KNITTERS/CROCHETERS URGENTLY NEEDED!



Our knitting group meets on Wednesdays, 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.



**Shoprite Cards.** Thanks to all our loyal Shoprite Card purchasers. We've made over \$450 so far this year and we hope to add additional shoppers to our fundraiser. All you have to do is let us know you would like to

purchase cards and we'll have them for you the first Sunday of the month—any amount is possible! You get face value for the cards at Shoprite and the church gets 5% of everything we sell. Please see Lynn Demenchuk or Alison O'Brien if you have any questions.



We had a special visitor to MMP this spring; Hopscotch the bunny. Hopscotch comes from Meridian Health and teaches us the

importance of exercising to stay healthy.

Our favorite children's librarian was back to read spring and Easter stories. Retired Ocean County Librarian, Susan Good, made several visits to our school much to the delight of students and teachers alike.

The final months of the school year are upon us and we expect to be very busy. All classrooms will be watching their caterpillars grow and be reborn as butterflies. What a beautiful continuation of the resurrection we discussed at Easter. The warmer weather will push us outside again to enjoy much more of God's creation in the form of bugs, worms and new plant growth. There is so much to learn even on the playground!

In May we will take a walking field trip to Fusaros to watch the pizzas being made (and of course to make sure that they taste delicious). Our Pre-K students will honor their Mothers with a special tea party and the parents will honor the teachers with a teacher appreciation luncheon.

In June we will have a school-wide end of the year picnic and will see our Pre-K classes graduate. We wish them success in Kindergarten and wherever God leads them in the future. As always I would like to thank those of you who support the preschool with your prayers. It has been a great year!

Lisa Mower, Preschool Director

### Poets Corner

#### NINETY DEGREES OF LIVING

From dawn to dusk, beginning to end,  
from formation to completion,  
I stand at the exit of days  
looking back, fixing memories  
in my mind, in my being.

I finger gold and silver coins  
of blessings cherished along my way:  
the loves, the loves which held me close  
through days and nights of mourning  
for losses covered over.

Love brought me through  
measureless moments of pain.  
Love taught forgiveness above all.  
Forgiveness brought everlasting mercy,  
touched my inner being with joy.

Norma Paul  
April 20, 2019



## MUMW Events and Activities

May/June 2019

Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Mother/Daughter Covered Dish Supper

Place: Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:30PM

Entertainment: Barnegat High School Chorus

Sign-up Sheet: located in the Narthex

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, MUMW Regular Meeting

Program: When Helping Hurts the Poor and the Helpers

Leader: Eileen Mahan

Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, Indoor/Outdoor Vendor's, Crafts, and Yard Sale 9AM-4PM

Fundraiser for MUMC Missions

Coordinator: Millie Plant

Refreshments available for purchase

Bake Table: Janet Estelow (donations needed)

Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, MUMW End-of Year, Indoor Picnic

Place: Home of Joyce Trainor, Tuckerton

Time: 12 noon

Program: Fellowship and Exchange of Prayer Pal Gifts and Names

Bring a sandwich; beverage; side dishes and dessert provided

Friday to Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, Mission "U"

Cooperative School of Christian Missions

Place: Georgian Court University, Lakewood

Mission Topics for Adults:

Practicing Resurrection: Gospel of Mark and Radical Discipleship

UMW in Mission: 150 Years and Beyond

What About Our Money? A Faith Response

Conference Study:

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption

Youth Study:

Who Do You Say That I Am? Jesus through the eyes of the Gospel of Mark

Children's Study (Grades K-3 and Grades 4-5)

Marked: A Mission Journey with Jesus in the Gospel of Mark

Registration due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. See Eileen Mahan for registration forms.

Submitted by,

Eileen Mahan, UMW President



Manahawkin UMC Scholarship Program  
Emily Eismann Memorial Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee met Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at which time six Scholarship applications were reviewed and accepted. On Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, the following people will be receiving \$500 each: Sarah Harkness, Erik Anthony Hauge, Derek Ketting, Nicole Kondrk, Kathleen Ries and Mackenzie Shields. Four of the applicants are high school seniors, and two are adults pursuing continuing education courses for certification in their respective field of study.

Meanwhile, on Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> Scholarship Sunday, Art and Lovisa Hill gave an update on their 5 grandchildren's academic progress, and Matt Kokai presented highlights of his freshman year. All of the young people had been recipients of the Emily Eismann Memorial Scholarship from 2013 to 2018. A special offering was collected for the support of the Scholarship Fund.

On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the United Methodist Youth Group will have a Car Wash. The proceeds will be contributed to the Scholarship Fund.

Thanks to all who have supported the MUMC Scholarship Program with your time, talents, and finances.

Submitted by  
Eileen Mahan, Chairman

### Bible Study Opportunities

“Walk as Jesus Walked” a DVD Bible Study:

Five Lessons on being a Disciple in a Broken World

Begins: Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Ends: Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>

Time and Place: 10AM in Pastor's Office

Teacher: John Parker



RSVP by May 5<sup>th</sup> to: [johntparker@comcast.net](mailto:johntparker@comcast.net) or 609-713-7568

Adult Bible Study Class (Ongoing, year-round):

New Study of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians will start Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. This group meets in the Prayer Room during Sunday School hour.(9:45-10:45AM)

All interested adults are welcome to attend.

Class leader is Eileen Mahan; co-leader, Phil Silvestri

Submitted by Eileen Mahan

### Letter of Appreciation

*“With Special Thanks to all of you*

*To know you is to know people who are kind, considerate and thoughtful.*

*To know you is to be grateful for the special things you do*

*For everything you've done, for being the special people that you are, thank you so very much”*

We are blessed to have such a loving Church family. Once again you have been here to support us during difficult times. We are overwhelmed by your generosity! The cash and gift cards are making things easier for us. We were touched by all the offers of places to stay and “whatever we needed”

The Eismann Family



**Loads Of Love Mission**

Each month a total of 9 Church Members work together as a team on the last Thursday to offer people free wash and dry of their clothes. Our normal hours are 6pm to 8pm. We take shifts starting with setup at 5:30pm and at 7pm a 2nd shift of members arrives relieving the 1st group. At 8pm we begin to breakdown the table & chairs we setup for the evening. This takes place at the Manahawkin Laundromat.

We are always looking for volunteers to help out and we invite you to come and see how it runs. In the past year we have had several church members as well as outside groups to come and see the operation. Our doors are always open. It's as simple as putting coins in the washers/dryers.

In March we had a busy night and we always want the word to be spread about this Mission to help anyone in need. We keep track of how many customers arrive each month and we average between 9 to 12 customers. We see familiar faces each month and enjoy conversations with them.

We recently received another generous donation (\$450) from the Community Outreach Heritage Point Women's Group. This same group gave us donation last year as well.

It's amazing to see the donations roll in from outside groups or from individuals who are aware of this Mission. It's easy to see God's hands at work with this Mission.

Loads of Love Team

**Garden Mission**

Our garden has been partially planted, with peas, lettuce, spinach, and broccoli. Art and Don are currently replacing the fence on the north side by the blueberries and making a trellis to keep the birds away from the berries.

Don't you want to be a part of our food mission? We meet Tuesday evening at 5:00 and Saturday morning at 9:00. We will be there except in rain. Hope to see you!!

The Food Mission Committee

**FOR THE GARDEN OF DAILY LIVING**

**Plant 3 Rows of Peas**

- 1.Peace of Mind
- 2.Peace of Heart
- 3.Peace of Soul



**And in Your Garden You Must Have Thyme**

- 1.Thyme for GOD
- 2.Thyme for Family
- 3.Thyme for Friends
- 4.Thyme for Healthy Eating



**Plant 4 Rows of Squash**

- 1.Squash Gossip
- 2.Squash Indifference
- 3.Squash Grumbling
- 4.Squash Selfishness



**But Also be Sure to Plant Four Rows of Lettuce**

- 1.Lettuce be Faithful
- 2.Lettuce be Kind
- 3.Lettuce be Patient
- 4.Lettuce Really Love One Another



**No Garden Should be without Turnips**

- 1.Turnip for Exercise
- 2.Turnip for Service
- 3.Turnip to help one another



So to you my friend, a message we send  
 How will your Garden grow?  
 Plant it with Care, With Love to Spare  
 And tend it daily, row by row!

(Cards by Caroline)



March and April were extremely exciting months for the Sunday School! See what we have been up to...

### March 2019

In March, the kids visited the Mystic Meadows Nursing home and made Easter crafts with the residents. Below are some pictures of their projects (empty tomb and wreath). We had over 25 people in attendance from the Nursing Home. Many smiles were shared around the tables!



In honor of our own student Lucas Files, who recently ended chemo treatment, we had a fundraiser for Oceans of Love in which we raised \$1450!! The day was spent celebrating Lucas and his family and showering them with our love and support. We also had Oceans of Love on-site and have promised to continue to work with them on future events. The day could not have been any more special for all of us. May God continue to bless Lucas and all of our Sunday School children whom we love so much!



### .April 2019

On Palm Sunday, the Sunday School presented an Easter Art Show, showcasing all the crafts they had been working on over the Easter season! We also had our annual Egg Hunt. It was a blessed and beautiful day!



### Upcoming Events in May and June:

May 12: Mother's Day recognition and blessing

May 26: Memorial Day Flag Ceremony

June 2: Last day of Sunday School and End of Year Recognitions





**2019 Family Promise – August 4<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>**

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 4<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 4<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>.**

As a reminder: 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.

In CHRIST'S LOVE,  
Pauline McShea  
Along with  
Beth Schenck

**Family Promise and Chefs on Call**



“Chefs on Call” is a new branch of our Family Promise Mission. As you know many churches in our area serve as Host locations for Family Promise families. Sometimes these churches need help. We’ve decided to lend a hand to support our local church neighborhood friends.

MUMC is going to be **“on stand-by” or “on call”** to provide meals for the homeless families being cared for by Family Promise. We are calling this mission work “Chefs on Call”.

MUMC’s “Chefs on Call” were called into action to provide the evening meals for families that were housed at Harvey Cedars Bible Conference in Harvey Cedars. It happened the first week in December. We provided the dinner meal for five days for two mothers and their little children. We took the dinner, set it up and cleaned up too. In addition, our Chefs also served as hospitality hosts. Family Promise was very grateful for our church’s help. Please think about joining “Chefs on Call”. Ask Jackie C., Jo-Eva A., Sue & Jim L., Jennifer & Nathaniel E. or Beth & Bob S. about their experiences as they provided an evening meal and hospitality fellowship for needy families. If you are willing to help, please tell Kathy the church secretary your name and she’ll share it with our MUMC “Chefs on Call” coordinator.

**Prayer Group**

**Acts 10:35** <sup>35</sup>But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.



**CRISIS**

(Thoughts to live by)

by

Kenneth Schorr

As a Restorative Justice Advocate there were and still are times when I would come across a "hot" issue, such as the return of ex-felons into society. Society expects them to be law abiding, contributing members of society as they should be, yet society and the churches continue to put up road blocks; refusing to give them the tools to do so. How short sighted! It reminds me of a commentary I read not so long ago in the Atlantic City Press where the writer noted we are a unforgiving society. That would really hit home when I learned of a man in his mid-eighties, who had heart and cancer issues, living in Toms River, who was denied by four local churches because he had served seventeen years in prison. One pastor flat out said to him, that he was not welcome; did not want him in her church! In my opinion, how un-Christian! Also note, it was her church, not Christs' church! Then the churches wonder why people are not coming? Where is the mercy, grace, forgiveness and understanding? Do we think ourselves better than God? It is a crisis society and the churches seem reluctant to face and address!

Crisis is nothing new. We need only look at Scripture from the Old Testament to the New. People who were different in some way were treated as though they were the dregs of society. The poor, homeless, the sick, prisoners; it did not matter. They were outcast, judged and condemned not only by society at that time, but also by religious leaders. Along comes Jesus who takes a different, radical approach to the problem. It's no wonder He was not liked by some to the point where His type of ministry was a threat and danger to the status quo. He had to be silenced. Today, does some of this sound familiar? Is Christianity in danger? Who is to blame; are we? You may not like to hear this, but in my opinion, yes we are! I believe the time has come; we need to examine ourselves!

In a recent article in The Christian Citizen, the writer, Rev. Jean-Fritz Guerrier states, "To a large extent, American Christianity is in the early stages of an existential crisis. Failure to come up with disruptive innovation in our ecclesiastical culture will likely lead to further decrease in attendance, more church closings, fewer people in ministry, less missionary work, more diminishing influence over public opinion and policies, and more importantly an increasing inability to witness for Christ in this world. Ignoring the multiple warning signs we have today might end up being one of the most tragic failures of Christianity in the 21st century."

If we are willing to take off our blinders and get out of our comfort zones, it's easy to see the downward spiral is already taking place not only in government and in our society but also right in our own backyard; on LBI and the Mainland! The question becomes what are we (you) going to do to change things, and when? The time is now Could it be too late for some churches?

**Help Wanted**

**Greeters,  
Ushers**



**Candle  
Lighters**



**Readers**

**Contact Rosemary**

**Molinaro at**

**609-698-1251**

**Events for May 2019**

Worship Hours: All Sundays Two Services 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

National Day of Prayer: Thursday, May 2, 11 A.M. – 12 Noon

Shalom Retreat: Saturday, May 4, 9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Communion: Sunday, May 5, both services

Baptisms: Sunday, May 5, @ 11 A.M. service

Staff Meeting: Monday, May 6, 11 A.M.

Mother-Daughter Dinner: Monday, May 6, 6:30 P.M.

UMW: Tuesday, May 7, 1 P.M.

Brown Bag Dinner: Friday, May 10, 6 – 8 P.M. (cancelled)

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, May 11, 8:15 A.M.

Shoprite Gift Cards: Sunday, May 12, at both services

Preschool Committee, Tuesday, May 14, 7 P.M.

Annual Conference: May 19-May 21 in Wildwood, NJ

Trustees Meeting: May 21, 7 P.M.

Church Council: Monday, May 20, 7 P.M.

Loads of Love: Thursday, May 30, 6 – 8 P.M.

Confirmation Class: every Tuesday, 4:30 – 5:30 P.M.

Choir Practice: every Wednesday, 7 P.M.

Prayer Group: every Thursday, 11 A.M.

Holy Spirit Ringers: every Thursday, 7 P.M.

Pastor's Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 A.M.

Pastor's day-off: Fridays

Secretary Hours: Monday and Wednesday—9 A.M. to 12 Noon. Thursday 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.



Thanks to the generosity of MUMC members we qualified for a grant and now have an AED installed in the Sanctuary,

**Stay tuned we want to get another one**

### **AtlantiCare Heart Heroes AED Matching Funds Program**

*A partnership to place automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in our community*  
The ARMC Heart Heroes is a volunteer group that raises funds for The Heart Institute at ARMC through the AtlantiCare Foundation. \$700.00 Grant

Organizations requesting an AED—upon approval of matching funds must:

- Notify local Emergency Medical Services office that it holds an AED
- Have a licensed physician or medical authority provide medical oversight to ensure quality control
- Have personnel responsible for using the AED certified in CPR and use of an AED
- Conduct programs or services for the public where there is potential for emergency response to a heart attack .

## Events for June 2019

Worship Hours: All Sundays Two Services 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Communion Sunday, June 2, at both services

Last Day of Choir before summer: Sunday, June 2

Preschool Graduation: Friday, June 7, 9 A.M. – 12 Noon

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, June 8, 8:15 A.M.

Confirmation: Sunday, June 9, at both services

Shoprite Gift Cards, Sunday, June 9, after both services

Finance Meeting, Monday, June 10, 7 P.M.

UMW Year-End Lunch: Tuesday, June 11, 12 Noon

Father's Day: Sunday, June 16

Scholarship Recognition: Sunday, June 16, at both services

Loads of Love: Thursday, June 27, 6 – 8 P.M.

Trustees: TBA

Pastor's Office Hours: Monday and Thursday 9:30-11:30 A.M.

Pastor's day-off: Fridays

Secretary Hours: Monday and Wednesday—9 A.M. to 12 Noon. Thursday 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Secretary on vacation: June 30 through July 10.

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