



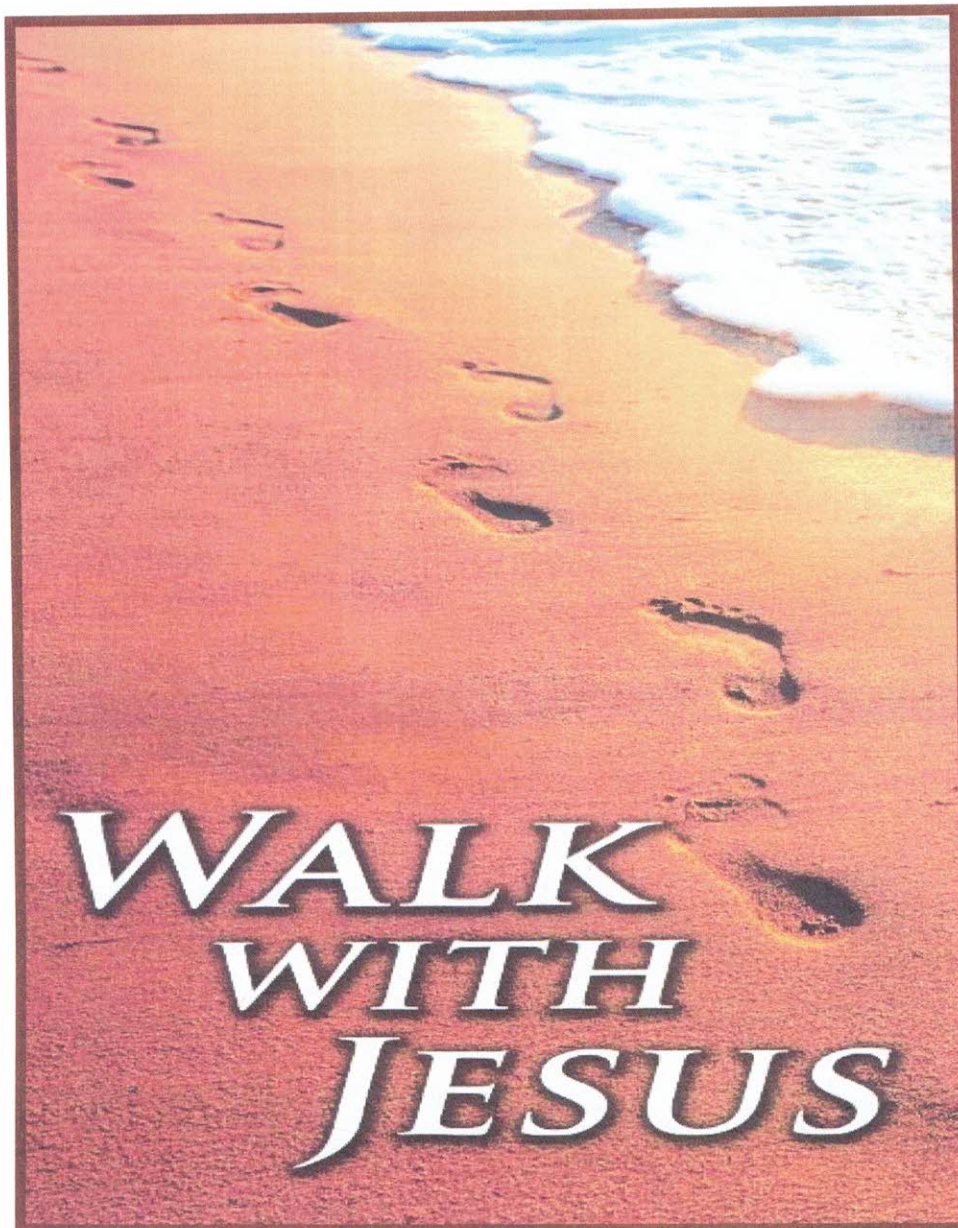
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Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

2020 WALK WITH JESUS



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Pastor's Corner 2020: Walk with Jesus

In the past six years, as pastor of MUMC, I have been designating each year with a certain focus. So far, we have focused on Gratitude, Knowing Jesus, Prayer, Jubilee, Bible, and Shalom. This year, 2020, I am designating to be the Year of Walk With

Jesus. Throughout the year, I intend to encourage every member and friend of MUMC to Walk With Jesus every day, every moment, with a whole heart, and a willing mind. What will be the end result? We will grow into a Christlike image.

Imagine the first disciples of Jesus Christ. They were Peter, Andrew, James, and John (all of them were fishermen.) Oh, let's not forget Matthew (tax collector) and Thomas (the doubting one.) None of them had a great background to brag about and they didn't come from noble families. Neither did they come from wealthy families. Furthermore, their educational level was minimal so that the religious authorities despised them as uneducated commoners. *ignorant of God's Law.* Yet today, they are the ones whom we remember because they made the difference in the history of humankind. What was the secret? The secret lies in their privilege of spending three years with Jesus, their Master, Teacher, Savior, and Lord as they walked with Him every day.

Jesus first had chosen them and called them to be with Him, to live with Him, to sit and dine with Him, to stay with Him, and to go with Him wherever He went. They walked with Jesus, literally hundreds if not thousands, of miles on foot crisscrossing the land of Israel, every day for three years.

In the end, how did they turn out? The Lord transformed them from cowards to brave ones. With the help from the Holy Spirit, they turned the world upside down with the Gospel. They died courageously for the sake of their faith in Jesus, the Messiah.

So, throughout the year 2020, let us focus on *Walk With Jesus*. We will learn about the meaning of walking. We will listen to Jesus. We will learn from Him and put into practice His commands.

In 2020, we will spend time with Him, talk with Him, listen to Him, ask questions of Him, plead with Him, watch what He does, experience Him, imitate Him in words and actions, work with Him and for Him. We will Pray with Him and to Him, be there for Him, go to the cross with Him and Meet the Resurrected Jesus. We will do what He asks us to do and Love Him and keep His commands.

Let's Walk With Jesus every day! In 2020 and beyond!

Yours in Christ, Kyewoon

YOUTH GROUP CAROLS FOR SHUT-IN'S



The Youth Group joined Pastor Choi on December 14th for our annual Christmas Caroling for our church shut-ins.

God Bless, Randy and Vanessa Estelow

MUSIC NOTES BY VEL



Choir practice resumes Wednesday night, January 8 at 7:00 PM. This is a great time to come join us—the beginning of a new year. No experience is required, nor is a great voice—just a willingness to participate as you are able. It's surprising how many people have told me "I can't sing" and discovered to their own amazement, that they can. All it takes is a willingness to try and to learn.

Junior Bells:



Junior Bells will resume practice at 5:30 on Monday January 13th. As with choir, this is a good time to join as we begin a new year and new music. We will play for worship on February 9th. If your child plans to join, please contact Vel so she can plan accordingly. Her phone is (732) 915-0995 or (732) 961-1168, or you can see her in church after services. Music is a valuable experience for children. Please encourage your child to participate.

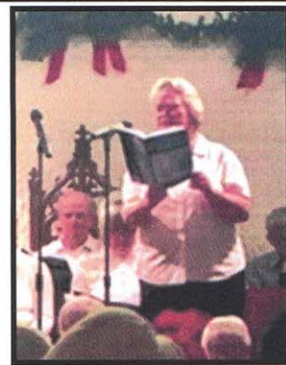
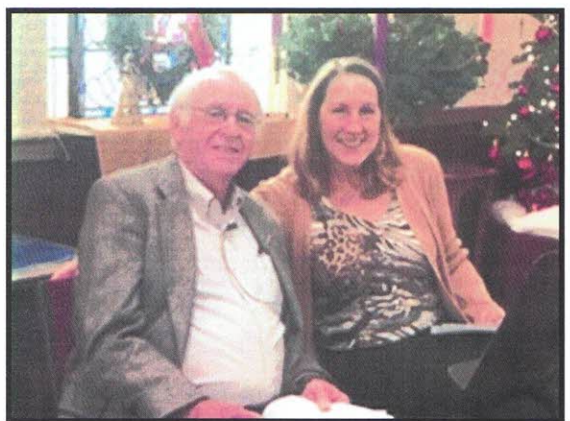


LOOKING AHEAD! CALLING ALL AMATEURS!

On "Shrove Tuesday" - February 25, 2020, the Men's Group will put on a Pancake supper. The choir will sponsor an Amateur Hour as entertainment. So, if you sing, play an instrument, dance, read/write poetry, draw, paint, tell jokes, PLEASE VOLUNTEER to display your talents. No one is too young or too old—all are welcome; including children who are just learning an instrument. Please contact Vel or

the office if you or a member of your family is willing to participate. It's intended to be a fun experience for all.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA—"THE THRILL OF HOPE"



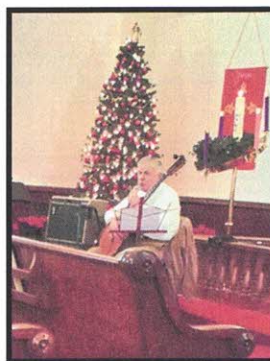
Many many thanks to all who participated in our Christmas cantata and special Christmas services. You are greatly appreciated and I feel honored and blessed to by your director.

Dan Webster

Sacred Guitarist

Presented

"Stories of Carols" to the congregation the first Sunday after Christmas.



KNITTING GROUP: Our knitters hold our weekly get-together on Wednesdays, at 3:00 PM in the Lounge. If you knit or crochet, or would like to learn, please come and join us. We make sweaters, baby bonnets, and blankets for needy children all over the world.



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.

Hope to see you soon!

The Quilters



MUMW Events and Activities

January/February 2020

Tuesday, January 14, MUMW Regular Meeting, 1:00PM

Place: Fellowship Hall, Manahawkin UMC

Program: Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

Leader: Eileen Mahan

Tuesday, January 21,

MUMW Ways and Means Committee, 10:00AM

Place: Home of Eileen Mahan, Ocean Acres

Tuesday, February 11, MUMW Regular Meeting, 1:00PM

Place: Fellowship Hall, Manahawkin, UMC

Program: Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption

Leaders: Joyce Trainor and Delceta White

Sunday, February 9 and 16, during Worship Services

Neighborhood Center Co-Workers Support Collection

Coordinator: Joyce Trainer

Speaker: Scott Susich (2/9/20)

Friday, March 6

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Place: Holy Innocents Episcopal Church, Beach Haven

Time: 1:00PM

Coordinator: Suzette Whiting

All women of the church are welcome to attend and participate in MUMC activities and events.

Submitted by Eileen Mahan, President MUMW

CHOOSE KINDNESS: As in the Mr Rogers' movie we saw yesterday, I aspire to this post shared by a friend. Let's try to make ours a **kinder**, gentler world one moment at a time. As the world fights to figure everything out, I'll be holding doors for strangers, letting people cut in front of me in traffic, saying good morning, keeping babies entertained in grocery lines, stopping to talk to someone who is lonely, tipping generously, waving at police, sharing food, giving children a thumbs-up, being patient with sales clerks, smiling at a passerby, and buying a stranger a cup of coffee. WHY? Because I will not stand idly by and live in a world where love is invisible. Join me in showing **kindness**, understanding, and, judging less. Be kind to a stranger, give grace to friends who are having a bad day, be forgiving with yourself today and every day. **BE** the change. **BE** the light. Start **TODAY** and never stop. -

(Copied from a friend, keep copying, we all need some love, now and ever onward.)

Submitted by Vel Gambel on behalf of her daughter Barb Gambel

ShopRite Card Sales Bring in Extra \$ for MUMC

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!! By purchasing ShopRite cards in 2019, you've helped us earn \$1448. This is an easy way to earn extra money for the Church, and no purchase is too small. As you may know, when you purchase ShopRite cards you get the amount of your purchase in cards and the Church gets 5% from ShopRite. If you have any questions or want to make a purchase, please see Lynn Demenchuk after the 8:30 service or Alison O'Brien after the 11:00 service. You can place a standing monthly order or just let us know when you want a few cards. Please join us in this easy fund-raising opportunity



WAR
(Thoughts to live by)
by
Kenneth Schorr

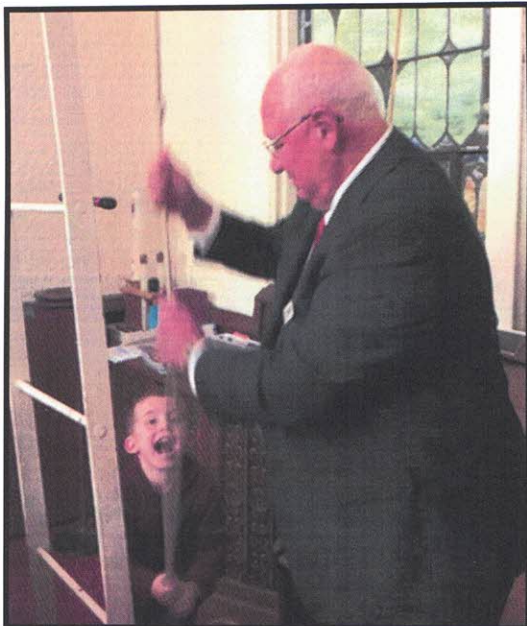
How many still remember December 7, 1941? America went to war after being attacked. Millions of Americans united to fight an enemy that wanted to destroy everything this nation was and stood for. We would be fighting on two fronts against evil the likes of which the world had not seen before. At great cost, America and its allies would prevail. Peace? Even today, America fights a war where the very soul of our nation is in danger! It is not a war between America and a foreign nation (yet), nor between Republicans and Democrats (although some are trying). However, it is a war we cannot afford to lose!

In the Bible we read the war is spiritual; good versus evil. The forces of darkness (Satan) look to destroy all that is good in Heaven and here on Earth. Satan and his followers will do anything, use anyone, including our political leaders, to pull us away from the light, of all that is good, and take us down dark paths we know we should not go. Are we allowing this to happen? In my opinion, yes, I believe we are! Look at our nation; it is chaotic and in trouble! Political leaders have so clouded our minds with lies we no longer know what is truth. That is exactly what Satan wants!

Again, the Bible makes it quite clear! We cannot serve-two-masters! We cannot serve-God-and mammon. Yet, when you look at what is happening, it is more than clear whom our political leaders serve from the President to some in Congress. Have they sold their souls? Sadly, too many citizens have done the same, even to the point of pushing aside the fact that they are more interested in the stock market rather than in the character of our political leaders; leaders who lack integrity, ethics and morals, and who cannot be trusted.

It makes you wonder, from the Oval Office and White House to Congress, do any walk humbly with God? This may all sound political. That is not the intent. It is a warning of the danger before us! Is God sending us a warning? I believe He is! Our nation is at great risk, and we have to ask, are we still, "One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all?" For how long?

Scripture is also clear regarding the dangers of money becoming our god. It is clear about the dangers of following those who consider themselves above the law, not wanting to be held responsible or accountable; perhaps thinking they know more than God! Satan, the father of lies, is on the prowl, ready to attack the weak minded in their faith! The time has come to put on the full armor of God! The war has begun! Not only freedom and democracy, but the very soul of this nation are at great risk! There is nothing to be gained by silence and much to be lost!



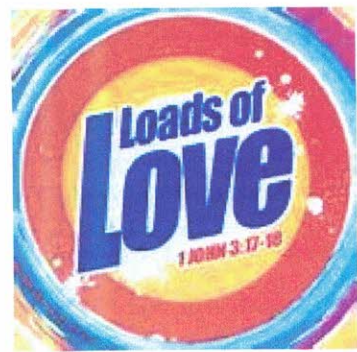
**Grandpa Don
And
Grandson JR
Ring bell to invite
all to
Church**

TRUSTEES 2019 REPORT

DATE 2019	TASK	AMOUNT
January	PreSchool Water Cleanup	\$9,734.39
	Fellowship Hall Floor Clean/Wax	\$745.00
	Replace Parsonage Oven	\$882.88
February	Parsonage improvements	\$3,000.00
	PreSchool Window secured (cold air leak)	\$0
March	Siding Repair	\$0
	Sink Hole Repair	\$0
	Painted PreSchool Radiators	\$0
	Replace Communion Rail Cusions (memorial \$1645.00 donation)	\$0
April	Lightening Rod Repair	\$400.00
	AED Installation (\$700.00 grant) Congregation \$1000.00/Cabinet \$300	\$0
	Mulch Distribution (Scouts)	\$0
	Window Air Conditioners installed	\$0
	Parsonage Bathrooms Completed	\$8,500.00
	Parsonage Spring Yard Clean-up	\$0
May	Fellowship Hall Floor Clean/Wax	\$745.00
	Parsonage Bath additional repairs	\$175.00
	Repair/Resurface side steps	\$300.00
June	Chair Lift Repair	\$332.00
	Remove Dead Trees back yard	\$1,066.25
July	Grass cutting Church (members)	\$0
	Concrete Apron Repair	\$900.00
	Plante/Sign Repair	\$400.00
August	Grass cutting Church (members)	\$0
	Converted PreSchool doors to Dutch Doors	\$0
September	Handicapped Ramp Repair	\$2,710.00
	Fellowship Hall Window Repair	\$207.25
	Parsonage Window Replaced	\$729.10
October	Repaired/Relined Chimney	\$10,685.00
	Replaced PreSchool Office Carpet	\$649.00
November	Repaired Fellowship Hall Table	\$0
	Burried Fellowship Hall Gutter Drain System	\$1,600.00
December	Pointed front Church Steps/Resurfaced Side Steps	\$500.00
	Installed Fellowship Hall Gutter Guards	\$1,680.00
	Total	\$45,940.87
FUTURE	Emergency Exit Railings/Emergency Exit Door (\$2,000.00)	
	New Heater Boiler (\$30,000)	
	Wheelchair lift to Fellowship Hall (\$15,000)	
	Prayer Pavillion (\$5,000.00)	

Prayer GroupPsalms 143, Vs. 8

*Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in Thee do I trust:
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk: For I lift up my soul to Thee*



Loads of Love – 2019 Review

We had another very successful year with our Loads Of Love mission in 2019.

We serviced a total of 105 people. Our past few months were slow, probably because to our changing of the dates due to the holidays. We display our signs inside the Laundromat, as well as information in our local newspapers.

We spent a total of \$1302 and received in donations a total of \$1601.57-another year of receiving more donations than we are spending.

The donations received were from not only you our congregation, but from people in our community, from St Peter’s of the Light Episcopal Church in Barnegat Light, the Heritage Point Women’s Group, Mrs. Wilkerson, a New York resident who has a summer home on LBI. These outside contributions totaled \$1485.

As a result, we require no help from our church budget to sustain this mission.

We continue to urge our members to come out and see and help out. We operate from 6PM to 8PM the last Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted. We have 2 shifts. First shift sets up at 5:30 and the second shift comes on board at 7PM and stays until 8PM or longer, depending on client needs.

We look forward to continuing this mission into 2020.

Thank you for your prayers, not only for us, but, importantly for the people who rely on this mission.

Loads Of Love Mission Team

LOADS OF LOVE LAUNDROMAT MISSION

One Thursday of each month as listed:

2020:1/30, 2/27, 3/26, 4/30, 5/28, 6/25

7/30, 8/27, 9/24, 10/29, 11/19, 12/17

Manahawkin Magic Wash

587 Mill Creek Road

Manahawkin, NJ 08050

6:00 P.M.– 8:00 P.M.

Last Wash 7:30/Last Dry 8:00

Maximum 6 load limit

FREE WASH



FREE DRY



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Save the BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION coupons on the products you buy, and drop the Box Tops in the basket in the Narthex. Each Box Top is worth 10, cents and schools can use the money for anything they need–computers, books, playground equipment.

Here is an exciting update. You don’t need to clip Box Tops anymore–just download the Box Tops app to your phone. When you scan your receipt, its trailblazing technology will find the participating items you’ve purchased and INSTANTLY add those BOX TOPS to your school’s ledger online. The paper Box Tops will eventually be phased out.

P.S. Each Box Top is still worth 10 cents, which may not sound like much, but the program has raised over \$900 million since 1996!.



The Sunday School had a busy Christmas season, preparing for the Christmas Pageant "The Story of Christmas", which was performed on Dec 22. The kids did a wonderful job, and there were lots of proud parents, family, and friends present. Afterwards, we celebrated with a holiday dessert social and had a special visitor. St. Nicholas visited the children to read them a very special story. See the pictures and story below.

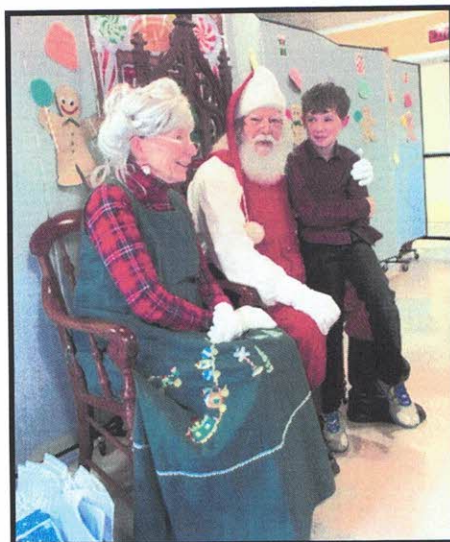
We hope everyone had a blessed holiday season!

The Candy Cane Legend, read by St. Nick:

The Candy Cane Legend

"A candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would be a witness for his Savior, so he made the Christmas Candy Cane. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. The white symbolizes the sinless nature of Jesus. The hardness of the candy symbolizes the Solid Rock, the foundation of the Church and the firmness of the promises of God. The candy maker made the candy into the form of a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth as our Savior and a symbol to represent the staff of the Good Shepherd. The candy maker decided to stain it with red stripes, representing the stripes Jesus received prior to His crucifixion for our healing. The large red stripe represents the shedding of His blood on the cross for our salvation."

You see children, the TRUE meaning of Christmas is not about me, or gifts, or presents. It is about the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who is the greatest gift we will ever receive!



God Bless,
Marissa Barry



DAWN BY THE SEA



POET'S CORNER

COLOR ME DAWN

Color me Dawn.
Slide silver beams
along spider's leap
from Juniper branch
to amber frond
while I drink in
morning's greening.

Color me wonder with intake of breath.
Color me blessed beyond meaning.

Color me Dawn.
Slip slivers of dreams
between merging clouds—
conscious reminder of time's ebb and flow—
pressing their presence into my scheming.

Color me Daylight.
Dawn came but once.
Once I opened to New, overwhelming,
arms flung wide to beauty indwelling.
In dwelling between Dawn's remarkable thrust and
Day's soft continuum, its real line defined,
brings me that joy I crave to remember.

Color me Dawn—I refuse to surrender.

Norma Paul

January 2020 Calendar

Worship Hours: Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.

Communion: Sunday, January 5, both services

Installation of New Officers: Sunday, January 5, both services

Emily Eismann Blood Drive: Tuesday, January 7, 1-6 P.M.

Staff Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 11 A.M.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, January 11, 8:15 A.M. @ Horizon

SPRC Meeting: Saturday, January 11, 10 A.M.

Trustees Meeting: Monday, January 13, 7 P.M.

UMW Meeting: Tuesday, January 14, 1 P.M.

Pastor's Prayer Retreat: Monday, January 13 through Saturday, January 18

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

Worship Committee: Monday, January 27, 7 P.M.

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

Shoprite Gift Cards: every Sunday

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.

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

Secretary Hours: Monday 9 A.M. to 12 Noon. Wednesday—1 P.M. to 4 P.M. Thursday 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

February 2020 Calendar

Worship Hours on Sunday: Two Services 8:30 and 11 A.M.

Communion: Sunday, February 2, both services

Staff Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 11 A.M.

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, February 8, 8:15 A.M. @ Horizon

Neighborhood Presentation: Sunday, February 9, at both services

UMW Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 1 P.M.

Preschool Committee: Tuesday, February 11, 7 P.M.

Shrove Tuesday: Tuesday, February 25

Ash Wednesday Service: February 26, 7 P.M.

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

Trustees Meeting: TBA

Shoprite Gift Cards: every Sunday

Youth Group: every Monday, 6:30 P.M.

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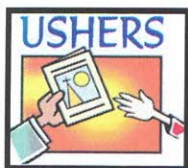
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Help Wanted

**Greeters,
Ushers**



**Candle
Lighters**



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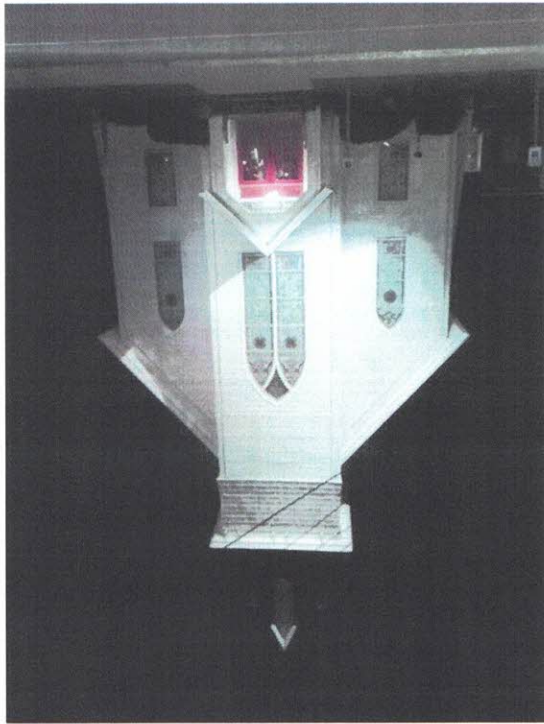
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