

THE VISITOR

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It is said that the wise rabbis of old often answered a question with a question. The Bible gives us many examples of Jesus responding to questions this way. When the young lawyer asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life, Jesus responded, "What is written in the law?" encouraging the man to share his knowledge and understanding. Following the lawyer's response which Jesus affirmed, the lawyer again asked a question, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus responded this time with a story, a parable about a good Samaritan. Questions and stories were key ways Jesus helped people discern God's will for their lives.

Some of the questions we will be asking this month are difficult questions. In whose hands? Where are you? Who has the wisdom? In Sunday School and in worship we will be using scripture from the Book of Job, who asks all these questions and more.

What questions do you ask? Remember, questions are good. Jesus encouraged questions, even those that lifted up doubt. It was a sign of an active, rather than passive, faith journey. God's Spirit is at work in our lives and our world bringing fresh insight and discovery if we are open to it. It is a gift to Wonder and question. Pass it on.

Pastor Bobbie

NEW MEMBER CLASS

For those wanting to explore what it means to be a United Methodist, especially in Manasquan, we are offering a new member class on October 8, 15, and 20 at 7:30 PM. We will be meeting in the Church Library on the 8th and 15th for discussion and on the 20th at the church parsonage for dessert and a "get-acquainted" meeting with members of the church council. Speak to Pastor Bobbie if you are interested.

BISHOP'S DAY ON THE DISTRICT

Monday, October 2nd is the day that Bishop Devadhar is spending on the Northern Shore District. He will be meeting with the clergy during the day, and then all of us are invited to visit with him in the evening, from 7:00—9:00pm at Christ United Methodist Church in Lakewood. Please speak to Pastor Bobbie if you are interested in going.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday morning Bible study begins a new unit of study called Faith Lessons on the Life & Ministry of the Messiah, on October 25th. Follow Jesus' footsteps to discover the meaning of his parables in their political and geographical context. The eight sessions are designed to help us better understand Jesus' life and how to model his teaching.

ALL SAINTS DAY

We are part of a tradition that believes that saints are just people who are trying to listen to God's word and live God's call. This is "the communion of saints" that we speak of in the Apostle's Creed—that fellowship of believers that reaches beyond time and place, even beyond death. Remembering the saints who have helped extend and enliven God's kingdom is what All Saints Day is about. We will celebrate All Saints Day on November 5th.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our annual meeting of the congregation will be held on October 25th at 7:30pm. This important meeting is when we do the "business" of the church but it also a celebration of our ministry as we review the work of the last year and look ahead to the future. Mark your calendars now!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Is a day when we emphasize that the body of Christ share the sacrament in the rich diversity while affirming that "there is one body and one Spirit...one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all." (Ephesians 4:4)

LAYERS

Laity Sunday, observed on the third Sunday in October, calls the Church to celebrate the ministry of all lay Christians, as their lives are empowered for ministry by the Holy Spirit. On October 15th, we will be celebrating Laity Sunday. Nancy Farley, our Lay Leader will be preaching and there will be many who participate in leading worship that morning.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, Manasquan United Methodist Church will bless them all. Animals, whether they be adorned with fur, feathers or scales, and their owners of all faiths are invited to the annual Blessing of the Animals service at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 14, in the Memorial Garden of the church. (In the event of rain, it will be held in Fellowship Hall.) The 20 minute service will feature individual blessings given to each creature as well as scripture prayer and song.

LOVE—CHANGE?

They say change is good. I am not so sure. Should we change our way of loving people? Jesus didn't change His ways. He loved the same all the time. If we would learn to love people better we would not have wars. We are not suppose to hate, that never settles anything. Jesus loved all people. Try loving someone you don't like much. You will find how much better you feel when you do. Try today loving someone that you just don't care about to much and just see how good you will feel.

Your Prayer Group Scribe,
Althea Peterson

John Winterstella to Chair Stewardship Committee

John Winterstella has been appointed to chair our Church's Stewardship Committee. This committee is charged with monitoring the Church's finances, giving programs and budget.

John has chaired several non-profits including the Algonquin Arts Council, the Monmouth County Anti-Poverty Agency (Checkmate), the Monmouth County Block Grant Committee, Monmouth County Mosquito Commission, and the NJ Council on Affordable Housing. He also served as Manasquan's Mayor (1984-2003), President of the NJ League of Municipalities (1996-97), the Manasquan First Aid Squad and a number of environmental organizations. A retired business and utility executive, he has been a member of our Church since 1988. John and his wife Gail were married in 2003, and he has two daughters, Judith Razzetti and Kristen Breitweiser and three grandchildren.

He and the Stewardship Committee have begun a program called Contractors and Builders to address the Church's short-term financial goals. This is a matching program in which Contractors pledge money in addition to their regular giving to be matched by the additional weekly giving of the builders.

THE UPPER ROOM
 Copies of the daily devotional guide for September/October 2006 are available in the narthex and chapel.

OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION EXERCISE PROGRAM:
 Monday and Friday, 10:00-11:30am. Strength training, balance exercises, flexibility and education all included. A fee of \$35 covers the cost of weights and workbook. Call MaryLou Mills at 732-449-6209 to register or for more information.

COFFEE HOUR

We appreciate it! Hosting Coffee Hour provides a wonderful opportunity for fellowship for our church family, and comes to us compliments of YOU! We are blessed to have gracious volunteer hosts each week. There are many opportunities over the next months...won't you consider signing up for one Sunday? If you've never hosted before and want a little help, or if you have but would like to co-host with someone, please contact Barbara Borden, who will connect you with someone. There's not too much time involved, and everyone loves the time shared together -- it's a very gratifying thing to do.



FALL BLOOD DRIVE

Central Jersey Blood Center will hold a blood drive at Manasquan United Methodist Church, Monday, October 9th from 6pm-9pm. Donors must be healthy, 17 years of age and older, and weigh at least 110 lbs. Donors must present signature ID. They are now able to collect platelets during blood drives using a new portable machine. Mark the date on your calendar. To make an appointment, call MaryLou Mills at (732)449-6209.



FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Our Wellness Ministry has Blood Pressure Screening on the first and third Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall, during coffee hour.



FLU & PNEUMOCOCCAL VACCINES

Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey will be administering flu & pneumococcal vaccines on Sunday, November 19th from 9:30am-11:30am in Fellowship Hall. The flu vaccine is \$30 without insurance. The pneumococcal is \$40 without insurance.



BIRTHDAYS

10/01 Ray Neveil
Diana Poston
10/03 Dee LaMonica
David Moy
Joseph Siliato
10/04 Jenny Griffin
Hunter Tyrrell
Andrew Klein
10/05 Alex Ortiz
Hunter Olenyik
10/08 Sara Thomas
Meredith Palmer
10/10 Erin Jarvis
Taylor Truesdale
10/11 Robin Mallue
Donna Tyrrell
Matthew Warwick
10/13 Karen Truhan
Penelope Manson
10/14 Karen Vantuono
Donald Frazee
Keith Olson
John Winterstella
Gordon Hobbis III
10/15 Robert Neuhaus
Ryan Dellegrippo
Matthew Dellegrippo
10/16 Joan Deflin
Jane Newton
Jefferson Wall
10/17 Tyler Rossi
10/18 Kimberly Corby
10/19 Albert Ramirez
10/20 Charles Witte
Karen Kloo
10/21 Lynn Bishop
10/22 Janice Herrmann



10/22 Lucas Norton
Doug Kasper
10/24 Orman West
10/25 Kenneth Bores
10/26 Eric Miller
Melissa Klinger
Kevin Seidel
10/27 Mike Bennett
Daphne Becker
10/28 Helen Miller
MaryLou Mills
10/29 Thomas Duff
Stewart Paynter
10/30 David Morris
Linda DeVaughn
James Thorn



10/08 Cristine & John Pasterchick
10/12 Lee & Brian Beer
Miriam & Rodger Morris
Christine & Harold Whitman
10/13 Doris & Leon Heulitt
10/16 Shirley & Charles Witte
10/19 Jean & William Heulitt
Judith & Bill Thomas
10/20 Dorothy & Richard Gerlach
Lynn & Gary Bishop
10/22 Verna & Norman Revere
10/23 Kristen & Michael Kimak
10/26 Gloria & Douglas Gifford
Mary & Roland VanderNet
Michelle & George Palmer
10/30 Katherine & John Bouckley

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

My favorite time of the year has finally arrived. I love the beautiful colors of the Autumn trees, the sound of leaves crunching underfoot, and the geese honking as they fly over the house. It's time to put on a sweatshirt, light the fireplace, take the kids to the farm to pick apples and pumpkins, plant chrysanthemums, and get ready for **The Annual Village Fair scheduled for November 11**. The date will be here before we know it! Barbara Borden and Marge Frazee will be chairpersons this year.

There are many opportunities to help. Some of these include setting up, baking and/or making a deli item, working in the kitchen or the dining room, helping to assemble the gift baskets, making crafts, and working in one of the booths. We hope that everyone who attends our church will contribute in some way.

We rely on the Youth Group, the Men's Club, and anyone else who is available to help set and dismantle the tables and booths. **Set-up will be Tuesday evening, November 7 at 7:15pm**. Please plan to come out and help.

Jewelry donations can be dropped off any time at the church office. Due to the great sales we made last year, we are in need of lots and lots of jewelry items.

The Attic Treasure room at the Village Fair will gladly accept donations of glassware, dishes, knickknacks, Christmas items, and collectibles in good condition. Of course we will also accept any antiques or family heirlooms you may wish to donate. **These items can be dropped off in the church library beginning November 6**. Unfortunately, we do not have room for furniture or small appliances.

We are once again asking for donations of basket items from our church members. It's an easy and inexpensive way to be a part of this project. The more contributions we receive, the nicer the baskets we can create. So, put on your thinking caps and be creative, or choose one of the suggestions printed in the weekly bulletin. The hardest part will be choosing which basket to purchase.

We will be meeting on the evening of Monday, November 6 to assemble the baskets. We need all the help we can get. It takes many hands and hours to organize, wrap, name, and price the gift baskets. This has proven to be a popular item at the Village Fair.

We are also planning two Craft Nights. We have projects planned for you to create which will be sold at the Fair. The dates for Craft Nights are October 10 and 24 at 7:00pm.

We appreciate all who come out and help in so many ways. This is truly a whole church project. It is our largest fund raiser of the year. All proceeds go toward mission work in our own church and across the globe.

We hope that you will be able to attend our next meeting scheduled for October 19th. Our meetings are open to all women. We meet in the church library at noon. Bring a lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.

Margie Frazee

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The United Methodist Men's dinner is Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:15pm. Come and bring a friend and enjoy an evening of fellowship complete with a delicious full course dinner. Please sign up by calling the church office.



CROP WALK

Help raise funds for Church World Service through the CROP Walk, Sunday, October 22 at 1:00pm. The walk starts from the Ocean Grove Boardwalk Pavilion. Here's how it works: you ask friends, co-workers, and family to support you by giving \$5 or more. You put their name and amount of donation on a list, and give the list and donation to Janet Stafford. Then on October 22, you go for a walk with a lot of other nice people! There will be music, food, and fun at the CROP Walk. This is a great family activity that gives a concrete lesson on one way that your family can help other people around the world. See Janet Stafford for details, or pick up information at the CROP Walk stations throughout the church. Come walk with us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our inquiry about whether or not to start an educational ministry at the 10:30 hour met with a positive response. Beginning October 1, we will have a new, multi-age Sunday school at the later worship hour. Like our 9:00 Sunday school, young people will worship with their families through the children's sermon. They will then be dismissed to go to their special learning time, which will be held upstairs to the middle class room. We are still looking for at least one other adult and a youth to help Janet Stafford start the new Sunday school. Be part of a brand new ministry! Call Janet Stafford today at 973-760-8761 or at the church, 732-223-5432.



PIZZA! PIZZA! COOKIE! COOKIE!

The MUMC Workcamp Team (currently 22 people strong) will be going to Lewes, DE July 22-28. Group Workcamps Foundation, which sponsors the camps, requests \$419 per person to cover supplies, housing, and food. So...the Workcamp Team is embarking on its first fund-raiser for 2006-2007. They will be selling Little Caesar pizza and cookie kits. You may buy a kit from a Workcamp Team member—but these are such great items that we welcome anyone who would like to take the order sheets home to encourage co-workers or friends to purchase some tasty treats. The order forms are in the narthex and in the chapel. The deadline for getting the order forms to Janet Stafford is October 22. *(Please note the later deadline)* The Team is currently setting a delivery date. When the kits are delivered, you will stop by the church and pick up the orders you placed. *It is important to pick the materials up on Delivery Day because they are perishable!* You then will take your orders home and/or deliver them to friends and co-workers. Good food for a good cause!

THE DUNES OPENS FOR 2006-2007

Our recreation program for church and community youth kicked off the year on Friday, September 29. Youth in 6th grade and up came out for an evening of basketball, computer games, foosball, air hockey, a movie, pool, snacks and fun from 7:00-10:00pm. Our core Dunes Team of Debbie Corby, Kevin Sarte, Orman West, and Janet Stafford were present, as were several parents.

We are asking parents of Dunes participants to commit chaperoning a minimum of *one night* during 2006-2007. So far, a couple of parents have signed up for two to four nights. God bless 'em!

It's easy to chaperone: you just make sure the kids stay safe. Sure it can get noisy, but at the end of three hours, you get to go home! And here's a side benefit: *you* probably know more of the community's kids than *Janet Stafford* does. Surprise those kids by turning up one night! You and they will have a great time.

WESLEY CLUB AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT ELECTIVES

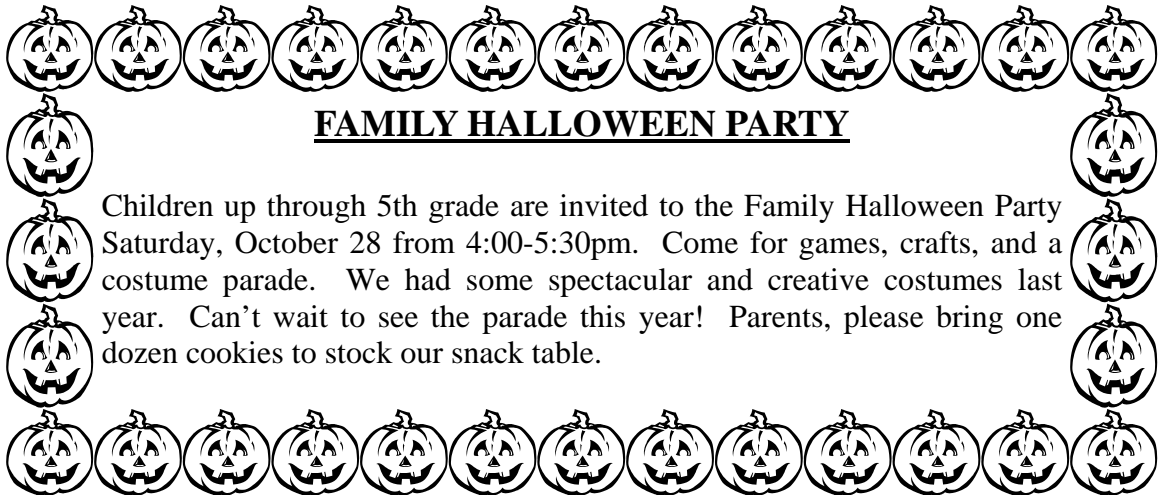
Wesley Club this year is offering choir and learning time as usual. What's new this year is that the Club kids can rotate among several activity areas from 6:30-7:15. Our basic areas are recreation and arts/crafts. We're adding a dance area starting this week. Depending upon its reception and leadership, this may be ongoing.

We also had someone offer to teach a class on Wednesday nights that wouldn't simply be limited to children. That might put a whole new spin on Wednesdays at the church this year!

So if you have an interest or hobby (like ceramics, pottery, video/slides, etc.) that you would like to share on Wednesdays for one or more weeks, please call Janet Stafford at the church office. We're looking for things that are hands-on and learner-friendly.

WESLEY CLUB SLEEP OVER

Wesley Club members who are in 3rd -6th grade are invited to attend the semi-annual Wesley Club Sleepover October 20-21. We're still settling on what we will do, but you know that it will be fun! Come at 6:00pm with your sleeping bag, pillow, change of clothes, etc. We'll have activities, a special trip, food, devotion, and - oh, yeah—someone said something about sleeping. *NOT!*



FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY

Children up through 5th grade are invited to the Family Halloween Party Saturday, October 28 from 4:00-5:30pm. Come for games, crafts, and a costume parade. We had some spectacular and creative costumes last year. Can't wait to see the parade this year! Parents, please bring one dozen cookies to stock our snack table.

Music Notes:

SUPER IMPOTANT!!

OCTOBER 22, 2006 is our annual Art Show and will once again be produced by Melissa Pyle. We desperately need help on Saturday to receive the artists' works and then help setting up the room for the show. Any amount of time would be appreciated, but 2 hour increments would **really** help.

Also, I'll need at least 2 individuals at each 2 hour interval on the 22nd to manage the show along with Melissa Pyle. This would include being at the sales table when art work is bought. The show will run from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday, the 22nd, so the times would be 8-10, 10-12, 12-2, 2-4. Please leave me a message in the church office, call my cell phone 732-778-9622, or email me at music@manasquanumc.com

Lastly, help will also be needed after 4:00pm to take down the show and clean up the Fellowship Hall. The more help we get for this the faster it can happen.

Well, we're off to a great start for this season, but we could always use more voices in each of the music ensembles at MUMC. We have choirs available from Kindergarten on up and if you're willing we can teach you what you need to know to be a choir member. Check the schedule in the weekly bulletin or on our website, www.manasquanumc.com to find the times and age groups for each ensemble.

We've already started working on our Christmas cantata, so if you want to join us for that, please come to a rehearsal or see me after church. I have CDs and tapes available to help you.

"Repeat the Sounding Joy"

Mark

LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES

The goal of the Lay Speaking Ministries program is to provide training opportunities and experiences to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to realize and respond to their personal call to ministry. Since each disciple is “gifted” with one or more spiritual gifts (skills given by the Holy Spirit for the express purpose of serving the body of believers and thereby God), the Lay Speaking Ministries program strives to help disciples become aware of their particular gift or gifts by offering educational events to enhance and develop the skill level necessary for the full fruition of these gifts. It is an excellent vehicle for servant ministry skill development and has aided thousands of church members to be better servants of Jesus Christ, to become stronger church family leaders, and to more capably assist their pastors. Exciting classes for Certified Lay Speakers are being offered this fall. Speak to Pastor Bobbie for a schedule of classes in our area. Pastor Bobbie is teaching the Advanced Lay Speakers class this fall.

FLOWER CHART

Don't forget to sign up in Fellowship Hall for flowers in honor or memory of your love ones. Please mark whether you wish fresh or silk flowers. Checks should be made out to MUMC and turned into the church office. Silk flowers are \$10.00 and fresh are \$20.00.

READERS, GREETERS, & USHERS

Please sign up to be a reader, greeter or usher. The sign up sheet is located in the hallway next to the chapel.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The cost is \$25.00 a book. If you are interested please see Vi Warwick. The benefits go to the Francis Asbury Manor Service Auxiliary.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUR BULLETIN BOARD?

Located in the Hallway between the Chapel and Fellowship Hall, there are announcements about job opportunities, people in the news and activities and concerts in the area. You never know what you may find posted there!

Don't forget 



Daylight Savings Time

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 29th
AT 2:00AM**