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# The Cornerstone

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The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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*Psalm 118:22-23*

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## We welcome a New Music Director July 21, 2024

As you may have heard on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, SPRC is happy to announce the hiring of a new Music Director. Over the past month, SPRC has received, reviewed, and interviewed several candidates for the Music Director position. This process included verbal interviews and a musical showcase of traditional and contemporary pieces. After reviewing all, the committee feels they have chosen the most qualified candidate in both talent and experience. So, we are pleased to announce that as of July 21<sup>st</sup>, Denise Furda will be our new music director. Many of you know, Denise, who

grew up in our church, is the daughter of Pam and Dave Saunders and wife of Steve Furda. She joined our children's choir at age 5 and has been involved in the music ministry ever since. Most recently she has been the choir director at Hamilton United Methodist Church in Neptune. She has experience with both traditional and contemporary music and is excited to be back home at our church. I hope you will join SPRC in giving Denise a warm welcome home on July 21st.





I hope you will join me as we explore the opportunities for Sabbath in this Summer Season. May we reflect on our need for Rest, Rhythm, Letting Go, and Finding Joy to renew our souls. I invite you to worship each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the air-conditioned Sanctuary.

I also invite you to join me for a Summer Sabbath Book Study on Thursday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel at the rear of the Sanctuary. Our study is based on the book, *Sacred Rhythms: Spiritual Practices that Nourish Your Soul and Transform Your Life* by Ruth Haley Barton. We will meet for six weeks: July 11, 18, 25 & August 1, 8, 15. You do not need the book to participate.

Come to one week or each week - whatever your schedule allows.



You may have already received your midyear financial giving statement, but after it was mailed, the finance committee realized that the equation used for your totals may be incorrect. This equation has since been corrected. Please don't focus on the total amount; focus on your contributions. Your totals will be correct in your yearend statement.

Thank you for your understanding,  
The Finance Committee



**July 14, 2024**  
**8th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Counters: Kitty Amato, Peg Kuchen, Chip Stoll**

**Greeter: Buster Stoll**

**Usher: Paul Bradley**

**Acolyte: Joy More**

**Lay Reader: George Fitzmaier**

**Altar Flowers:**

**Given by Bonnie McNamara in loving memory of her father, Ralph E. Goodwin.**

**Given by Bonnie McNamara in honor of her son-in-law, Nick's birthday.**



**Old First UMC Community Dinner**  
**July 21<sup>st</sup>, Sunday**

For many years, Old First UMC hosted monthly community dinners in its hall. Unfortunately, due to building structural issues, Old First UMC currently cannot use its facility.

However, Old First UMC remains dedicated to serving the community and asked about using our facilities until repairs can be completed at their building. Their request has been approved by the Administrative Council and the first dinner is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>, Sunday.

We are welcome to join Old First UMC in this mission. If you would like to participate or would like more information, please contact Jeff Danielson- email: [jsdanielson18@gmail.com](mailto:jsdanielson18@gmail.com).



**July 21, 2024**  
**9th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Counters: Gerry Busfield, Randy Danielson, Jane Gittines**

**Greeter: Pam Lynch**

**Usher: Ron Danielson**

**Acolyte: Kayleigh Becker**

**Lay Reader: Soon Hur**

**Altar Flowers:**

**Given by Pamela Lynch in loving memory of her father, Arthur Wickberg.**

**Given in loving memory of Kaitlin Elizabeth Henderson by her family.**



**Worship in the Prayer Garden**

August 4 & September 1 at 8 AM, join us for worship & communion in the Prayer Garden. The

service will also include music, scripture, & a message from Pastor Jill.



**WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS**

**July 14-July 20**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Psalm 24

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

**OUR JULY COMMUNION OFFERING**  
**BENEFITS**  
**PEACE WITH JUSTICE**



### The Little Free Pantry

Please think of stocking applesauce, canned beans, canned chicken, canned fish, canned meat, canned vegetables, cooking oils, crackers, dried herbs, spices, canned fruit, dried fruit, granola bars, instant mashed potatoes, meals in a box, nuts, pasta, peanut butter, rice, shelf-stable milk, powdered milk, soup, stew, chili, & whole grain cereal in the bench.

A good idea this week:  
Condiments



### UWIF ANNUAL GARAGE SALE-GET READY! OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

More details will follow as time draws closer. Remember all proceeds raised support missions that help women and children in need locally and around the world.



**Something to think about:**  
Pray big. Worry small.

### Escape the Summer Madness!

Are you looking for a peaceful place to enjoy nature and history and have a break from the summer crowds? Be sure to visit Portland Place, one of Monmouth County Park System's newest historic sites.

Portland Place is a 300-year-old Hartshorne family home located in Locust, near the Highlands, on the Navesink River. It offers a visitor's center chock full of local history starting with the first residents, the Lenape, right up to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Guided tours of the Hartshorne family home are offered four times a day, five days per week (Wed. - Sun.). Rocking chairs on the porch offer a wonderful spot to catch the river breezes, and benches along the waterfront provide an unparalleled view of tidal islands and boating activity from sailboats to clambers to water skiers.

If you'd like a personal tour from me, Joan Brown, feel free to email me for my schedule at [joan.miller.brown@gmail.com](mailto:joan.miller.brown@gmail.com). This is my second season working as a docent there, and I love sharing this remarkable place with friends.

However, you can enjoy a visit there any Wednesday through Sunday during the summer and fall months, as all my colleagues give great tours. House tours are given at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30 and 2:30. The tours are limited to 10 people, so be sure to come about 20 minutes beforehand to sign up. Parking is limited, so if you're coming with a friend or two, carpooling is encouraged



**Tsedalech Tesfaye, our World Vision Child from Ethiopia, is sponsored for the month of July by Jeff Danielson.**





## Mercy Center Collection

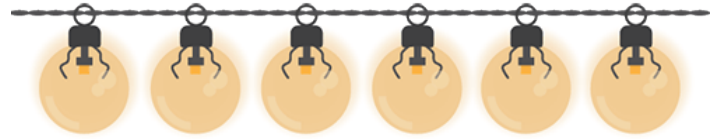
Mercy Center is in need of the following items: chicken soup, ketchup, mustard, mayo, SPAM, canned chicken, juice boxes, juice pouches, 64 oz juice bottles, pasta, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, tea, coffee, cooking oil, and wipes. Please place any perishable items in the Fellowship Hall kitchen refrigerator and tell the office that you did. All other items may be left in the bins in the foyer.



The editor's wishful thinking.

*Please be Praying for...*

Jersey Shore Center, Eatontown: **David Miller**  
 At Home: **Jean Gillette, Virginia Haydu,**  
**Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens,**  
**Cary Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Connie**  
**Bruckmann, Madeline Starkey, Sandy Elias**



# PUZZLE

## AMAZING ILLUMINATION

God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH	IS	LIGHT	WORD
MY	FOR	LAMP	ON

MY    FOR    LAMP    A    ON    MY

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Psalm 119:105, NIV

If any of you lacks \_\_\_\_\_, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5, NIV

Please use a flashlight to help you find the words in the puzzle.

