
The Cornerstone

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.

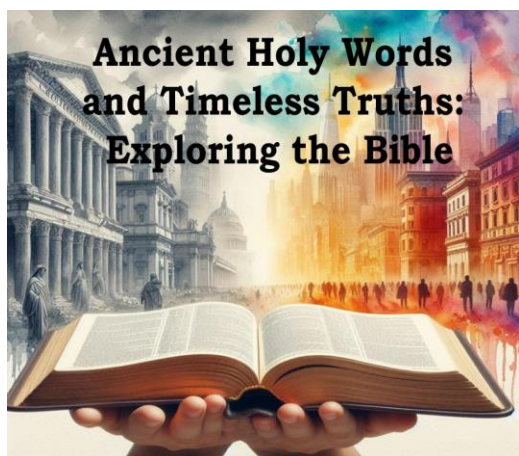
Psalm 118:22-23

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Prayer Garden Communion

This Sunday, Aug. 4th at 8:00 a.m.
As we explore *John 6:24-35*
and feast together around the table.



Ancient Holy Words and Timeless Truths: Exploring the Bible

Interpreting and Applying the Text...

This Sunday at our 9:30 a.m. sanctuary worship, we will explore the variety of ways that our scriptures are interpreted and applied in understanding these ancient holy words while leaning into our Methodist roots as we make use of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral.

See you at worship, Jill

REMEMBER...if you have Bibles that have been in your family or hold special meaning for you (that are not the Bible you read from daily) you are invited to bring them in and add them to our altar-scape for the next five weeks.



August's Communion Offering benefits UMCOR Disaster Relief

United Methodist committee on Relief or UMCOR responds to disasters all over the world. When a disaster overwhelms a community's ability to recover on its own, UMCOR provides training, relief supplies, and case management, and supports long-term rebuilding efforts.

When a natural or human-caused disaster strikes, UMCOR provides immediate funds to its partners to distribute food, hygiene supplies, and other basic necessities to ease human suffering.

Some of the disasters that can overwhelm a community's ability to respond are storms and flooding, fires, volcanic eruptions, war, and civil unrest. Currently, UMCOR is working in the areas affected by Hurricane Beryl, the Tana River flooding in Northern Kenya, and tornado recovery in OK, MO, & GA.

Once the immediate danger has passed, higher-level recovery activities include projects to increase livelihoods, food security, education, and other areas of recovery.

The organization, Charity Navigator has given UMCOR its highest rating stating, "people can trust that their donations are going to a financially responsible and ethical charity when they decide to support UMCOR".

The Outreach Committee thanks you for all of your contributions in past years and we are hoping you will do so again during the month of August.



The UWIF is selling shopping passes for Boscov's Friends Helping Friends sale day, October 22. If you donate only \$5 to the UWIF you will receive a pass for 25% off on items in most departments. **This includes both in-store & online shopping!** The UWIF gets to keep the entire \$5. It's a win-win! Please consider buying a pass (or several to give to family and friends.) At this time, passes are available from Diane Maher. 732-513-8413.

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 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 continue to meet for the next 3 weeks- **August 1, 8, 15.** You do not need the book to participate.

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

Jill





August 4, 2024
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Counters: Patty Aria, John Montgomery, Judy Gorra

Greeter: Kitty Amato

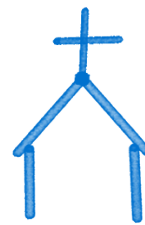
Usher: Jay Aretino

Acolyte: Robert Scott

Lay Reader: Judy Gorra

Altar Flowers:

Given in honor of granddaughter Casey's birthday by Bonnie McNamara.
Given in honor of daughter Jesse Kay's birthday by Bonnie McNamara.



August 11, 2024
12th Sunday after Pentecost

Counters: Kitty Amato, Peg Kuchen, Chip Stoll

Greeter: Shirley Bailey

Usher: Chip Stoll

Acolyte: Kitty Amato

Lay Reader: George Fitzmaier

Altar Flowers:

Given in loving memory of Lou Sama by Peg.
Given in honor of daughter Robin Marie's birthday by Bonnie McNamara.



Thank you to everyone who so generously donated items for the hygiene kits. Reminder: all items should be turned into the church office by Aug.13th. It is very helpful if you return the index card or include your name with the items.

Tsedalech Tesfaye, our World Vision Child from Ethiopia, is sponsored for the month of August by the Ragle family in memory of Emma Jean Ragle.



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.



Perhaps you've heard that pop tops are no longer being collected for Ronald McDonald House? **NOT TRUE!** We have found someone who will take our tops to an RMH in South Jersey. Please start saving again and place your tops in the container in the upstairs kitchen.

**OUR AUGUST COMMUNION OFFERING
BENEFITS
UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF**



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:
Bread



**UWIF ANNUAL GARAGE SALE-GET READY!
OCTOBER 19TH**

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.



WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

August 4-August 10
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35



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



Something to think about:
Kind words are always the right kind.



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.