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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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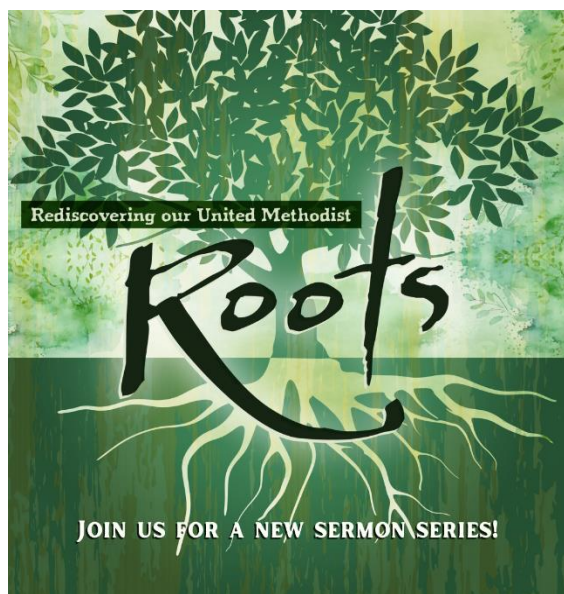
*Psalm 118:22-23*

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## *Holiness: Personal & Social*

John Wesley, said "There is no holiness but social holiness." Salvation and a full life in Christ are seen in personal and social holiness. This holiness calls us to a missional connection with our communities and the world.

Micah 6:6-8



Church Conference  
2024

**Sat., October 5th @ 9:00 a.m.**  
at St. John's UMC in Hazlet

All are welcome and encouraged to come.

**St. John's United Methodist Church**  
2000 Florence Ave  
Hazlet

**Bishop Moore-Koikoi's installation service will be Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Calvary UMC, 572 Ryder Lane, East Brunswick.**



**If you wish to attend and would like a ride, please call the church office. 732-531-1150**



## *Java with Jill*

Join Jill at the Blue Swan Diner  
for coffee and conversation  
(or the drink of your preference).

**This informal time of fellowship will be every 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.**

**Mark Your Calendars: Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 26**



*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."  
Philippians 4:6*

In January, our region discerned that prayer would be a central focus for 2024. Since then, we've been sending weekly emails, lifting up each church and pastor by name. It's our hope that you've felt the impact of our collective prayers, fostering connections among leaders and congregations, as we support one another in prayer.

Continuing in this spirit of unity and intercession, we invite you to join us for virtual monthly prayer meetings from October to December. These gatherings will take place on the first Tuesday of each month, offering two sessions for your convenience at 12 noon and 7 pm.

Each meeting will last for a half-hour, during which we will break into small groups to pray. The dates for our upcoming meetings are as follows: October 1, November 5, and December 3. Please use the Zoom link included below for our prayer meetings. For those who prefer to connect by phone, a call-in number is also provided. We encourage you to share this invitation with your friends.

Together, let's come before the Lord, lifting up our churches, our denomination, our communities, and the world. We look forward to praying together and experiencing the power of collective prayer as a community united in Christ.

Here is the Zoom link to join us monthly:

<https://gnjumc.zoom.us/j/81274275381?pwd=Ui3fwsxzkaXKF6QbFzwp5No9Mqt6B6.1>

Meeting ID: 812 7427 5381

Password: 07753



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

FALL GARAGE SALE  
Saturday, October 19th  
8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

The garage sale is coming soon. Please support this effort-all proceeds from the sale go to support women and children in need, at home and abroad. This is a great time to clean out some unneeded items that are just taking up space in your home or garage. Think autumn, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc. Come support the event itself by stopping by on the 19th. You never know what treasure you might find! You could even invite a neighbor!

We seek donations of toys, puzzles, games, books, jewelry, CDs, DVDs, videos, cameras, knick-knacks, kitchen items, garden items, tools, and more. Please note that we cannot, however, accept donations of large furniture or TVs, heavy exercise equipment, clothing, or linens,

Items can be dropped off on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> until 7 p.m. and October 18<sup>th</sup> until 6:30 p.m.

Have you ever wondered why we hold garage sales? It certainly takes time and effort. As members of a local unit within UWIF, we raise money to support missions that help women and children in need, Hope (Ocean Township), United Methodist Communities, and missions further afield such as the Neighborhood Center (Camden), Heifer International, and Red Bird Mission.

Needed are some physically strong volunteers who are willing and able to help us take in donations and set up on the Thursday and Friday before, and/or help with the sale itself on Saturday, particularly with clean-up which starts at 2:00 p.m. If you can donate an hour or two to pitch in, that would be very much appreciated. All helpers: if you can, please sign up on the UWIF bulletin board in Fellowship Hall (by the kitchen) to help us plan. If you aren't sure yet, just come when you can. Thank you!



**CALLING ALL BAKERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Please help us raise money for the above-mentioned missions. We will be selling donated baked goods in the church foyer from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please drop off homemade items such as cookies, muffins, brownies, cakes, bread, and candies, packaged and ready for sale, on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> before 6:00p.m. Your help is appreciated. Any questions can be addressed to Diane Maher at [dianeserine07712@yahoo.com](mailto:dianeserine07712@yahoo.com).



September 15, 2024  
17th Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Greeter:** Rand Danielson

**Usher:** Buster Stoll

**Acolyte:** Joy More

**Lay Reader:** Robert Crowther

**Fellowship Host:** Jeff Danielson

**Altar Flowers:**

Given in honor of Ron Danielson's birthday by Jeff, Scott, & Russel.

Given by Noel Worthington in loving memory of her mother's heavenly birthday.

**Altar Roses:**

Given in honor of Ryan Henderson's birthday by his family.



September 22, 2024  
18th Sunday after Pentecost

**Counters:** Mary Bailey, Cheryl McLoughlin, John Montgomery

**Greeter:** Buster Stoll

**Usher:** Mike Sheckler

**Acolyte:** Gayle Fitzmaier

**Lay Reader:** Ron Danielson

**Fellowship Host:**

**Altar Flowers:**

Given in loving memory of Stuart A. Serine by Diane & Joy.

Given in honor of Scott & Russel Danielson's 6th wedding anniversary.



**New Information**

The UWIF is selling shopping passes for Bosco'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.) Passes are available from any UWIF member **OR IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

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, Jack Johnson**



September is a 5th Sunday month. Your donation to this fund goes to help with capital improvement expenses on the church's properties. Please use the yellow envelopes appropriately marked.



**Spaghetti Dinner**

**Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> 5:00PM**

**This is a FREE DINNER FOR ANYONE & EVERYONE!**

Please come as a guest or if you care to help out, please show up at the church at 4 p.m. Kitchen help and servers are needed as well as set up. Can you make a dessert? We need one person to make or buy a dessert (it can be anything) to serve 8 people. Contact the church office if you'd like to attend, help, or provide dessert. 732-531-1150

**Tsedalech Tesfaye, our World Vision Child from Ethiopia, is sponsored for the month of September by Kitty Amato.**



**Something to think about:**

If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.

**OUR SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING  
BENEFITS  
THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, CAMDEN**



**WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS**

**September 15-September 21**

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8

Mark 9:30-37



**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 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:  
Snack bags of chips