
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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Everyday Blessings

Psalm 107: 1-9

Rev. Sarah Borgstrom Lee

Sunday, November 17th

A Lyrical Prayer

By Steve Garnaas-Holmes

*Our life is yours, O God, a gift of love from you.
We pray that we may faithfully serve you in all we do.
O give us grateful hearts, for blessings still unknown,
as stewards of your gracious love, your gifts we do not own.*

*God, all that we possess—the pow'r for what we do,
our goods, our skill, our kind good will—is all a gift from you.
Since all we have is yours, and bears deep grace from you,
bless us with care to gladly share your love as you would do.*

Amen.



Mark your calendars!

There will be a community Thanksgiving worship service on 11/26 at 7 pm at Old First UMC, 197 Locust Ave., West Long Branch. Wayside UMC, First UMC Oakhurst, and Old First UMC are all taking part.



World Thank Offering

In addition to raising money for missions through an annual pledge and year-round fundraising, United Women in Faith set aside two special days a year to focus on a “Call to Prayer and Self-denial” and a “World Thank Offering.”

The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for personal Thanksgiving, and for participation in global mission outreach. Through this offering, mission projects in all 50 states and in almost 100 countries are supported. These vary from support to schools, hospitals and clinics, daycare centers, and homes for senior citizens, educational training courses to prevent soil erosion, to leadership development, and nutritional courses, and medical training. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through United Women in Faith.

Many of us collect money over the course of the year, giving thanks and appreciation in either a blue and white World Thank Offering box or a container we have personally made for the purpose.

Being in mission is sharing our lives and gifts with others that all may be whole persons through Jesus Christ. Mission is creating a new society as we do away with those things that create barriers. It is working to eliminate racism, sexism and loneliness. Mission is Christ’s challenge to us to bring the possibility of food, shelter, and fulfillment to all of humanity.

To contribute to this mission work, please set aside a collection box and give with thanksgiving during the year. Attached is a monthly calendar that will give you some ideas and incentives to place money in your container during the year. Even the whole family could get involved! All money should be turned in at the end of November the following year.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Maher at 732-513-8413, or speak to a member of the UWIF.



DO YOU WORSHIP ONLINE?

Thanks to our wonderful tech team, many of our members and friends are able to worship with us online. We'd love to know who's out there! Would you please just post your name in the comments section whenever you watch? It will be very helpful to me, as membership chairperson. Many thanks!

Diane Maher



*"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 a virtual prayer meeting on December 3rd. There will be 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. Please use the Zoom link included below for our prayer meeting. 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:

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

Meeting ID: 812 7427 5381

Password: 07753



November 17, 2024
25th Sunday after Pentecost

Counters: Gerry Busfield, Randy Danielson,
Jane Gittines

Greeter: Mike Sheckler

Usher: Buster Stoll

Acolyte: Joy More

Lay Reader: Carol Steinat

Fellowship Host: Kitty Amato

Altar Flowers:

Given in loving memory of Frances Miller by her
niece, Sharron Meadows.
In honor of Bonnie & Kevin McNamara's 24th
wedding anniversary.



November 24, 2024
Christ the King Sunday

Counters: Mary Bailey, Cheryl McLoughlin, John
Montgomery

Greeter: Jim Scisco

Usher: Kitty Amato

Acolyte: Garry Smith

Lay Reader: Judy Gorra

Fellowship Host:

Altar Flowers:

Given in loving memory of Charles Anthony
Arrigo by Randy Danielson.
Given with love by Pamela Lynch in honor of
Christine & Todd DeLallo's 20th wedding
anniversary November 28th.



I would like to thank the people named below who
came out last Saturday to participate in the
Trustees' workday. The air conditioners were pulled
in, the office IT situation was straightened out, and
the grounds cleaned up a bit. Thanks all! Greg
Scott-President.

Bob Crowther, Rand Danielson, John Tocci, Barb &
Len Gruezke, Jennifer & Jim Scisco, Joy More, Ruth
& Mike Sheckler, Robert Scott, & Pastor Jill.



to set up tables and
chairs for Sandy Elias' memorial service repast in
Fellowship Hall. If you are able to assist on Friday
morning, 11/15 at 10 AM, please call the church
office, 732-531-1150.

JOY REALLY NEEDS YOUR HELP!



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 4th Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.**

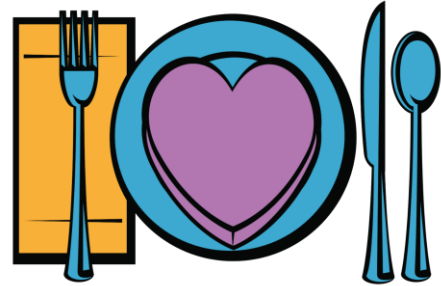
Mark your calendars: Nov. 26



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



COMMUNITY



DINNER

The next spaghetti dinner is on 11/17 at 5 pm in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to have a delicious spaghetti full-course meal. It is absolutely **free**. Please join us and ask your friends and neighbors to come along. It doesn't matter what your financial situation is. It is a time for fellowship. Two desserts are needed for that night. Store-bought or home-made, it's all appreciated. Call the church office if you can contribute.



Sandy Elias

Saturday, 11/16 at 1:30 pm here at our church. There will be a repast directly following in Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, Sandy's family is asking that donations be sent to Easter Seals of NJ.

Tsedalech Tesfaye, our World Vision Child from Ethiopia, is sponsored for the month of November in celebration of Adaline Rose MacPherson's 1st birthday, 11/13 by her grandparents, Larry & Barbara MacPherson



Something to think about:

He who is the bread of life began His ministry hungering. He who is the water of life ended His ministry thirsting. He was weary, and yet He is our rest. He paid tribute, and yet He is King. He prayed, yet He hears our prayers. He wept, but He dries our tears. He was sold for thirty pieces of silver, yet He redeemed the world. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, but He is the Good Shepherd. He died and gave His life and by dying destroyed death. Author unknown

**OUR NOVEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING
BENEFITS
HOPE SCHOOL**



Calling all Children and Youth for a Christmas Choir!

Do you have a child or youth in your life that would like to sing on Christmas Eve? Our Music Director, Denise, is hoping to get a group together! If interested, please have a parent email FUMCOMusicDirector@gmail.com for more information!



WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

November 17-November 23

- 1 Samuel 1:4-20
- 1 Samuel 2:1-10
- Psalm 113
- Hebrews 10:11-25
- Mark 13:1-8



Mercy Center Collection

Mercy Center is in need of the following items: canned or bagged beans, no-salt/low-sodium canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, organic or low-sodium spaghetti sauce, whole-grain and low-salt crackers, low-sugar fiber cereal, unsweetened oatmeal, unsweetened dried fruit or nuts, canned fruit, no-sugar added applesauce, low-sodium soup, canned or instant potatoes, whole-wheat pasta, olive or canola oils, vinegar, low-sodium soy sauce, dried herbs, evaporated skim milk, salsa, taco kits, non-stick cooking spray, condiments, all-natural jams/jellies, no-sugar or salt added peanut or almond butter, 100% fruit or vegetable juice, bottled water, Pediasure, Ensure, low-sugar Gatorade, coffee, tea, dye-free/fragrance-free wipes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, & hand sanitizer.



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:

Evaporated milk