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44th Annual Central Somerset CROP Hunger Walk



Sunday, October 21

Pre-Walk Kick Off 12:30 p.m. (light refreshments, music)

Registration 1:00 p.m. - Walk Begins at 1:30 p.m.

Registration is underway for this year's CROP Hunger Walk.

To register as a walker and start raising funds, visit:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/somervillenj/Account/Register>

To make a donation to Team United Walkers or to an individual walker:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/somervillenj/Donate>

You can also mail a check to the church office using the enclosed envelope. Please make checks payable to: CWS CROP Hunger Walk

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**Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Paul G. Janssen**

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25% of the funds raised

are split between two local
organizations:

The Food Bank Network of
Somerset County and
the Samaritan Homeless
Interim Program (SHIP)

Parish the Thought

Every so often movements are set in motion whose aim is to strip churches of their tax exemption. It doesn't seem fair to some that religious groups don't contribute much, if anything, to the society from which they receive significant benefits.

I suppose that may be true of some congregations. But it's not true of United. As a thought experiment, I compiled a non-comprehensive tally of the people whose lives are directly affected by the ministries and outreach activities we either conduct or host.

Take a gander. (These are totals over the course of a year, and yes, some people are involved in several activities. This counts each time someone interacts with United.)

Worship – 3500

SHIP - 3400

Alcoholics Anonymous - 3200

Marketing Contacts - 600

English as a Second Language (ESL) - 550

Peter Mayer Concert – 400

Raritan Ringers Concerts – 150

Raritan Ringers Rehearsals – 350

Twelfth Night Participants – 125

Twelfth Night Attendance – 350

Choir Rehearsals – 400

Puerta del Cielo - 1500

Boy Scouts – 250

Girl Scouts – 80

Brownies – 150

Book Group – 100

CROP Hunger Walk – 45

Social Activities – 200

Weddings, Funerals – 600

Facebook Friends – 600

Sunday School – 80

Adult Education – 100

Street Drop-ins- 50

Recipients of White Gift and other Outreach

Projects - 100

I'm sure there are others I've missed – and apologies if one is dear to you! I'm sure if we thought just a bit harder we'd be over 20,000 contacts in this last year alone.

The point is, this congregation continues to have significant community impact. Could we do more? Sure. But don't let the thought cross your mind that, simply because we don't have the numbers of members we once did that United is any less vital to the community of Somerville and Somerset County.

All of this can only continue to happen by virtue of your continuing generosity and by good stewardship over the assets of our buildings and the funds entrusted to us by previous generations.

So, on behalf of the community, I say "Thank you, members of United! You're changing our world for the better!"

Rev. Paul G. Janssen
Pastor

Memorial Service

Rev. Daniel Ogden passed from this life into God's eternal embrace on Monday, September 17th.

Rev. Ogden served United Reformed Church as an interim pastor between 1998 and 2000, and is well remembered by those he served. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, October 13th at 11:00 a.m. at: St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 121 Church St., Phoenixville, PA. There will be a luncheon following the service in their Fellowship Hall. To view the obituary, visit:

<https://www.klotzbachfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Daniel-Ogden/#!/Obituary>

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is Thursday, November 1st. If you would like to include the name of a loved one who this year to be remembered on All Saints Day, November 4th, please contact the office with their name by October 30th.





Sunday School News

We welcomed back our youth to a new school year on September 9th. We are using the Whole People of God curriculum and our first unit of study is called

"The Wondering Church." The kids are learning about the importance of "being open" to learn new things from one another and from Jesus through the scriptures. We are encouraged to bring our curiosity, our questions and our sense of wonder and awe about God when we come to church.

Please note that there will be no Sunday School on October 14th and would like all of our youth to participate in the annual Crop Walk on October 1st. Please sponsor one of our youth walkers.

Linda Hayes
Sunday School Coordinator

Fun at URC Challenge Night



What a fun night! It was like an adult youth group!

The first monthly activity night was the brainchild of our very creative pastor. Our evening started with fellowship and hot dogs; just a light snack to prime us for the evening challenges. As we were divided up in two teams mixing our youth and adults, the challenges were introduced.

We moved through 7-8 timed challenges that tapped creativity, singing ability, perceptual skills, math and ability to bounce a ping pong ball into a

red solo cup! As we completed a task we were given a cue or location for the next challenge. Some of the highlights included singing a familiar hymn while playing instruments, completing a math equation from numbers located in various verses in the bible, deciphering a message written with invisible ink and putting together Legos so they would perfectly fit through the opening in a piece of paper. It was like building a key to fit in a keyhole, which is so much harder than it sounds.

This activity was so much fun and a wonderful way to start the year full of activities. Thanks to Pastor Janssen for his creative talents and putting together this event. Thanks also to the youth group for participating in the challenges and judging the events.

Beth Cassidy
Activities Coordinator

Welcome JP

On September 16th, we celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Baptism of James Peyton Berutich. JP is the son of new member, Hallie and her husband Justin. Please join us in welcoming JP into our family of faith.



Food of the Month

For the month of October, the Food Bank would like us to collect **soups, stews and canned meats**. In the spirit of Halloween, **donations of candy would also be appreciated**. All donations benefit the Food Bank Network of Somerset County, which distributes food every Saturday from Fellowship Hall to their clients. Donations can be dropped off on Sundays in the shopping cart located in Fellowship Hall, or you may bring them to the church office during the week.

Many thanks to everyone for bringing in items on a regular basis, as we help provide groceries to our

Consistory Corner

At its September 25th meeting, the Consistory took the following actions and notes;

- We made it through the summer OK financially, but pledges are down a bit for this time of year.
- We continue to follow up on the violations noted by the recent fire inspection.
- We approved having two additional gatherings of the congregation each year. (see below)
- We noted the smashing success of the shoe drive – collecting \$800 from your generosity, to help 32 families with \$25 gift certificates to *PayLess* shoe store. The recipients were very grateful for our donation. Thank you to the congregation for supporting this outreach project.
- The Elders received a new member, Ray Struck, by transfer from Trinity Reformed Church in North Plainfield.
- We received an update on the search for a new Director of Music.

As always, we covet your prayers as we do our best to accomplish the tasks that you entrust to us, leading the congregation in the path of “unity, purity, and peace.”

The next meeting of the consistory will take place on Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:15 p.m., in the lounge.

Congregational Gatherings

In order to engender a spirit of deeper ownership of United Reformed Church by every member, the Consistory decided to hold congregational gatherings in the fall and spring, in addition to the Annual Meeting held in early February.

These additional meetings will include a brief presentation from the pastor, updates from committees on their current work, “the big picture” of where our church is heading, and an open discussion time in which we share how the congregation might do better to fulfill our mission to love and serve all in the name of Jesus Christ. Our first informal gathering will be held on Sunday, October 28, following worship. (Site to be determined) Please save the date!

Rev. Paul G. Janssen
Pastor

Be A Knight in Shining

Armor By Being a Sponsor or Patron

The Twelfth Night Committee is beginning its annual fundraising campaign of the Central Jersey Twelfth Night Festival. All members are receiving a letter in the mail with suggestions to this remarkable, here at URC.

As this festival has grown a healthy cast of 140, so such an event. From costumes to the other incidentals, the without all of your financial help consider becoming either a sponsor or patron to help make this festival special.



The next Twelfth Night Committee meeting will take place on Sunday, October 7th at 11:30 am in the lounge.

Larry Carey and Linda Hayes
Festival Co-chairs

Note From Consistory

As of the September 25th meeting of the consistory, the Raritan Ringers should be referred to on the URC website, in the first instance as “Raritan Ringers, A Community Handbell Choir of Advanced Ringers, sponsored by United Reformed Church”. References after that can simply be “Raritan Ringers”.

Future Faith

The next sessions to discuss the book, “Future Faith” will be Sundays, October 7th and 21st, at 11:30 a.m. in the lounge. Please see Pastor Janssen if you would like to attend or would like to read the book.

Dinner Club



Our Dinner Club had our first supper out at Alfonso's Pizzeria. A variety of fair was ordered from pizza to pasta. We enjoyed talking with friends and discovering different things we have in common.

It was neat to find I work with Dolores babysitter. Justin and my parents have Readington Church in common, and my hubby and Bob are both from Brooklyn. I am looking forward to our next meeting where we can also make new connections.

Our next dinner club meeting will be at **Origin French Thai**, located at 25 Division St., Somerville. The chef and owner of Origin has been in the restaurant business for three generations. He feels that "cooking is not just cooking its an art". The menu includes noodle dishes like Pad Tai and Lar Nor for around \$15; to Pan Sear Tuna with honey ginger and soy sesame glaze for \$28. Below are the details:



Date: October 10, at 6:30 pm
Meet at: Origin French Thai
Location: 25 Division Street, Somerville, NJ
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Everyone will be responsible for their own meal, tax and gratuity. Separate checks are available. Please call or email the church by Sunday October 7, so we can call ahead to reserve a table. If you would to attend but need a ride, please contact Beth Cassidy or the church office.

Do you have a favorite local restaurant? We are looking for a host for November's gathering on November 14th. As a host you get to choose the restaurant and then just call in the reservations. Please contact me if you are

All are welcome to join us on Sunday, November 18th at *The Hunterdon Hills Playhouse* for dinner and their annual Christmas show.

Christmas in The Air will feature all new original songs, classic and traditional favorites, comedy sketches and spectacular dance numbers, all inperformed by a cast of multi-talented performers backed by a live on-stage orchestra.

The cost is \$72.00 per ticket, (includes show, table served entrée, the popular dessert buffet, coffee, tea, tax and gratuity). RSVP to the church office by October 7th with payment (please make checks out to United Reformed Church).



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November 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5	6
	10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (B)	10:00am SHIP's Galley II (K) 10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 7:00pm Perspectives on Healing (L)	10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 6:30pm RR Rehearsal (B) 6:30pm PDC Worship (S) 7:00pm Marketing Committee (L) 7:00pm Girl Scout	10:00am SHIP's Galley II (K) 10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 7:30pm Choir rehearsal (B) 8:00pm AA (FH)	10:30am Food Bank Set-Up (FH)	9:00am RR Rehearsal (B) 10:00am Food Bank Distribution (FH)
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9:00am Sunday School (Rm o) 10:00am Worship (S) 11:00am Fellowship 11:30am Future Faith 11:30am Twelfth 3:00pm PDC 7:30pm PDC-Coffee	Columbus Day (United States) 8:30am Life Line Screening 10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (B)	10:00am SHIP's Galley II (K) 10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 7:00pm A&F Meeting (Office)	10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 6:00pm Dinner Club (Origins Thai) 6:30pm RR Rehearsal (B) 6:30pm PDC Worship (S)	10:00am SHIP's Galley II (K) 10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 7:30pm Choir rehearsal (B) 8:00pm AA (FH)	10:30am Food Bank Set-Up (FH)	9:00am RR Rehearsal (B) 10:00am Food Bank Distribution (FH)
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9:00am Sunday School (Rm o) 10:00am Worship (S) 11:00am Fellowship Hour (FH) 12:30pm CROP Walk 3:00pm PDC 7:30pm PDC-Coffee	10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (B)	10:00am SHIP's Galley II (K) 10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 7:15pm Consistory Meeting (L)	10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 6:30pm RR Rehearsal (B) 6:30pm PDC Worship (S)	10:00am SHIP's Galley II (K) 10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 7:30pm Choir rehearsal (B) 8:00pm AA (FH)	10:30am Food Bank Set-Up (FH) 11:30am SHIP's Galley I (St. John's)	9:00am RR Rehearsal (B) 10:00am Food Bank Distribution (FH)
28	29	30	31	Nov 1	2	3
Reformation Sunday 9:00am Sunday School (Rm o) 10:00am Worship (S) 11:00am Fellowship Hour (FH) 3:00pm PDC 7:30pm PDC-Coffee	10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 7:00pm Boy Scouts (B)	10:00am SHIP's Galley II (K) 10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 7:00pm Perspectives on Healing (L)	Halloween (United States) 10:00am ESL Class (Rm. o) 6:30pm RR Rehearsal (B) 6:30pm PDC Worship (S)			

Sunday Servers For October

Date	Ushers	Fellowship Hour	Altar Guild	Counters	Lay Reader
10/7	Charles & Carol Lane	Parish Life Sundae Sunday	Alice Gunzelman	Sandy Dibble Michelle Lane	Gary Spratt
10/14	Beth Cassidy Lyn Van Gorder	Fran Wise Lyn Van Gorder Annette Janssen	Sandy Dibble	Kathy Phillips Michelle Lane	Jim Phillips
10/21	Howard & Cynthia Wagner	Open Can you host?	Mark Cannizzo	Beverly Colligas Michelle Lane	Tom Dibble
10/28	John M. Colligas Jim Phillips	Alice Gunzelman Barbara Schwarz	Fran Wise	Mark Cannizzo Fran Wise	Beth Cassidy

Scripture Passages



October 7: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1 Psalm 26
Hebrews 1:1-4, 2 Mark 10:2-16

October 14 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9 Psalm 22:1-5
Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31

October 21: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-30, 33 Psalm 104:1-9
Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:35-45

October 28: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6 Psalm 34:1-8
Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

Bible Study - Perspectives on Healing

Tuesdays, October 2, 16 and 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the church lounge.

Flu Shots

A flu shot clinic will take place at the Somerville Senior Housing building, located at 1 Mountain Ave., Somerville on Thursday, October 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. The clinic is open to Somerset County residents age 18 and above. The cost is **free for residents with Medicare Part B and \$15 for all others**. For more information about the clinic, please call the Somerset County Department of Health at (908) 231-7155.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

Oct. 1 Brian Cassidy
Oct. 10 Barbara Burke, Megan Elgard and Wayne McAfee
Oct. 11 Heather Stires
Oct. 12 Meghan Cassidy
Oct. 17 Karl Banks
Oct. 19 Cynthia Wagner, Gary Spratt
Oct. 20 Doug Young
Oct. 21 Dave Ruff
Oct. 25 Jane Coleman, Emily Rojas
Oct. 26 Barbara Ciamporzero

Anniversaries

Oct. 7 Charles & Carol Lane
Oct. 8 Tom & Sandy Dibble
Ernst & Inge Gurke
Oct. 9 Brian & Beth Cassidy
Oct. 23 James & Carol Barry
Oct. 24 Pete & Cathy Stires
Oct. 29 Chris & Barbara Burke

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admin@urcsomerville.org

BUNCO is Back!

The crowds come out for this event so mark your calendars now. Everyone has a good time even if you do not win. Call a friend and bring her or him along to join the fun. Bunco is a simple dice game, which lends itself to socializing, meeting new people, and catching up with friends. There will be cash and other prizes. Here is all of the important information:

Friday October 19, 2018

Doors open at 6:00 - Dropping dice at 6:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall at URC

Cost: \$5 per person

Reserve your spot at a table by calling the church office 908-725-4545 by Wednesday October 17th. Feel free to bring a friend. All are invited, age 12 years or above. Dessert will be served.



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