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November is a month of thanksgiving. I have much to be thankful for this year. First and foremost, I am thankful for the opportunity to be in ministry at this church. As I reflect upon this church, I am reminded of the Apostle Paul's address to the Colossians, chapter 1:

"In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in

the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God." Colossians 1:3-6.

When I think about our church, and the people we have, I am filled with a sense of great hope for our world. Knowing there are people who are passionately committed to sharing the grace of God in the world gives me great peace. There are many troubles in the world, but as long as there are people using their gifts to share the Gospel, I have hope.

When we use our gifts, we often talk about fruit. Are our ministries bearing fruit in the world? I believe we are. Whenever we step out in faith to share an act of grace with another in the name in the Lord, we are blessed by the Lord. There are many ministries of this church which do so many wonderful things in our community, whether it is supporting one of the food banks, volunteering, collecting coat drives, knitting or stitching, providing support to youth programming in oppressed areas, teaching children, or putting together gatherings and community events which share our love for each other with the community, the gifts and talents of this community of faith are broad.

Paul continues his letter to the Colossians:

"⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light."

Indeed, as I look at the ministries and the people of this church, I feel blessed to be here. I, like Paul, continue to pray for these ministries, the energies, the efforts, the thoughts of the people that work tirelessly to carry them out. More than anything, I pray that our ministries are fruitful in sharing the grace of our Lord.

As thanksgiving comes, let's take time out to remember to give thanks. I hope we can all give thanks to the Lord for our blessings, not just the obvious, but also our gifts, our talents, our passions. As we give thanks to God for blessing us in this way, let's ask God to bless us in ministry to this community. Let's ask God to help us bear fruit in every good work, that we may grow in the knowledge of God. I believe, Like Paul, that if we take the time to specifically give thanks for these gifts, and ask for God's blessings as we employ them, we invite the power of the Holy Spirit to work in and through us. This is like putting fertilizer on the crops, and we can bear much good fruit.

In Christ,

Pastor Matt Enzler

SERVE THE WORLD THROUGH MISSIONS

“ I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfill God’s creational intentions.” – John Wesley

November community service highlights:

God’s Co-op:

- ❖ New this month, servants are needed for the 11:00am-1:00pm Wednesday food distribution in addition to Wednesday evenings 7:20-9:00 and Sunday evenings 5:45-7:00. BJUMC serves on one Wednesday and one Sunday per month. Please let us know if you would like to serve and/or be added to our email list.
 - ❖ Collections this month include:
 - Halloween Candy- share your leftover goodies with the Co-op!
 - Instant Hot Cocoa Mix with Marshmallows – the children’s favorite!
 - Youth & Children’s winter boots- gently used or new boots are needed (especially for middle school and high school aged clients)
- PLEASE PLACE ALL DONATIONS IN THE CO-OP BIN IN THE NARTHEX

Somerset County Foodbank:

Although very grateful for your donations, the Foodbank has an overabundance of pasta and other items and is therefore asking for those items that are most needed. BJUMC will be collecting the following personal care items *exclusively* so we can make the most impact:

- ❖ deodorant
 - ❖ laundry detergent
 - ❖ toothpaste
 - ❖ cleaning supplies
 - ❖ diapers
 - ❖ women’s personal hygiene items
 - ❖ men’s grooming items (razors, shave cream)
- THE FOODBANK COLLECTION BIN IS LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX

Pen-pal opportunity for youth: All youth are asked to write letters to children aged 8 to 11 at Camp YDP in Paterson, NJ. Letters will be collected and sent together from BJUMC to the Camp. In addition to forming friendships, the letters also serve as a teaching tool, modeling letter writing and communication skills for the children in Paterson.

Winter Market : We will once again be hosting the Bernards Township Winter Market and Tree Lighting Event on December 7. Servants are needed in the following areas the day of the event:

- ❖ holiday card making for Ridge Oak residents
- ❖ greeters at the entrance doors and sanctuary
- ❖ manger selfie station costume assistance

For more information or questions, contact Terri at dowie0101@aol.com

Book Group

If you like to read and discuss books, join the BJUMC Book Group. It meets monthly from September-November and January-May, at 7:00 p.m. in classroom 3 /4. This month it will be held on the 2nd Thursday, rather than on the 2nd Wednesday. Members suggest which books are discussed- all types and genres are considered. New members are welcome! We will be discussing A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline. Contact Janet Kaefer at jbkaefer@optonline.net for additional information. If you want to join the pre-discussion dinner at The Ridge restaurant at 5:30 p.m., please RSVP to Carol Lutes at (908-672-4600) or carollutes@gmail.com by November 14 at noon.

November 14, 2019: A Piece of the World by Christina Baker Kline (led by Barbara Conca)

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

"Exquisite. A must-read."

--Kristin Hannah

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the smash bestseller *Orphan Train*, a stunning and atmospheric novel of friendship, passion, and art, inspired by Andrew Wyeth's mysterious and iconic painting *Christina's World*.

"Later he told me that he'd been afraid to show me the painting. He thought I wouldn't like the way he portrayed me: dragging myself across the field, fingers clutching dirt, my legs twisted behind. The arid moonscape of wheatgrass and timothy. That dilapidated house in the distance, looming up like a secret that won't stay hidden."

To Christina Olson, the entire world was her family's remote farm in the small coastal town of Cushing, Maine. Born in the home her family had lived in for generations, and increasingly incapacitated by illness, Christina seemed destined for a small life. Instead, for more than twenty years, she was host and inspiration for the artist Andrew Wyeth, and became the subject of one of the best known American paintings of the twentieth century.

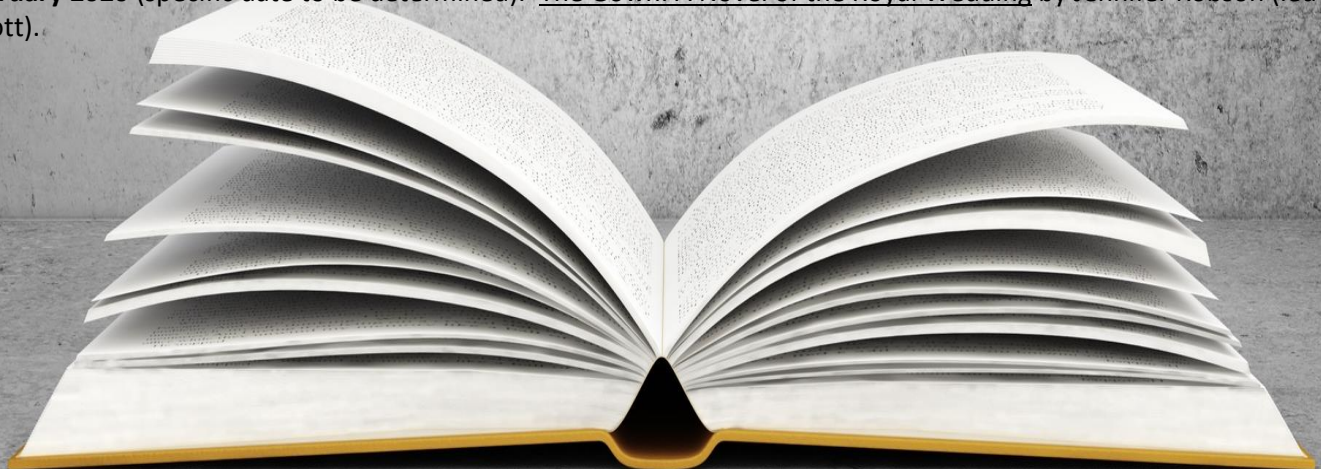
As she did in her beloved smash bestseller *Orphan Train*, Christina Baker Kline interweaves fact and fiction in a powerful novel that illuminates a little-known part of America's history. Bringing into focus the flesh-and-blood woman behind the portrait, she vividly imagines the life of a woman with a complicated relationship to her family and her past, and a special bond with one of our greatest modern artists.

Told in evocative and lucid prose, *A Piece of the World* is a story about the burdens and blessings of family history, and how artist and muse can come together to forge a new and timeless legacy.

This edition includes a four-color reproduction of Andrew Wyeth's *Christina's World*.

January 9, 2020: Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover (led by Barbara Kleinert)

February 2020 (specific date to be determined): The Gown: A Novel of the Royal Wedding by Jennifer Robson (led by Liz Elliott).





Little Lambs TODDLER CENTER

A Ministry of Bishop Janes Church

full range of introductory training in the visual arts. Offered to our three and four year old classes, students have now completed Session 1, Elements of Art. This session exposed students to the building blocks of art education, art history and art in children's literature. Elements of line, shape, color and texture were introduced. We had fun painting elephants! Two examples are printed here!

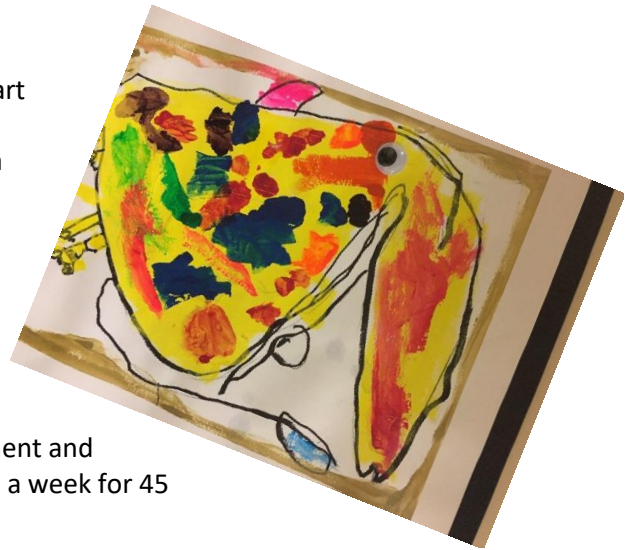
Session 2 begins in November and focus' on observing art in the environment and utilizing beginning drawing skills to create works of art. Classes meet once a week for 45 minutes.

Little Shepherds is a year- long program of Bible Stories and music for Little Lambs four year old students. Taught by Pastor Matt and Kim Dial, students gather once a week to pray, sing, hear Bible stories, and play games. At the conclusion of the class, there is fellowship time with the families. The curriculum begins in September with favorite Old Testament stories and continues on through the life of Jesus, ending with Pentecost in May/June. So far, we have learned about The Creation, Noah, Joseph and Moses.

October was an exciting month with Family Fun Night, Swift Farm Petting Zoo, Back to School Night and Halloween celebrations. In November, we will focus on thankfulness and gratitude for all God gives us. Of course, this includes Thanksgiving! All classes will learn about the first Thanksgiving; including lessons on Pilgrims and Native Americans. The highlight of this study will be a feast with the fours wearing pilgrim hats and the threes their feather headdresses.

Our many enrichment programs are in full swing. In this TB edition, we are featuring two: Wee Little Arts and Little Shepherds.

Wee Little Arts is a nationally acclaimed art education program designed to develop a



SPECIAL PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED NOVEMBER 12

Little Lambs presents "Everything you never wanted to know about Head lice" – November 12 at 7 pm in Room 3. Come learn about this human parasite and how to treat it. Presented by the company Lice Happens, facts will be shared and myths debunked. The presentation is free and open to the public. No RSVP is needed. Contact Kim at kim.dial@bjumc.org for more detailed information.

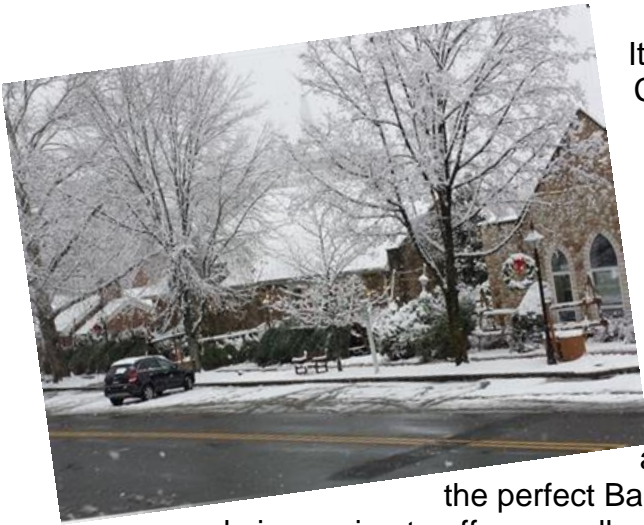
Looking Ahead:

December 7 – Winter Market - LLTC will sell cookies baked by parents as a fundraiser

December 18 – LLTC Christmas Pageant – 11:30 am in the Sanctuary – all are invited!

December 19 – Christmas Fun Event – students gather in Wesley Hall and kitchen to bake cookies, make ornaments and have some Christmas Fun!

The Christmas Trees Are Coming - Our 67th Year!



It's hard to believe but this will be our 67th year of selling Christmas Trees to raise funds for missions.

It offers an opportunity to experience a true joy of Christmas through the gift of volunteering precious time to set up tree racks, unload trees from delivery trucks and sell trees. Many of our customers are repeats with some going back generations having tagged along with parents and grandparents who bought trees as little children. It's truly a wonderful experience to feel the spirit of the holidays with Christmas music playing and meeting families in good holiday spirit as they select

the perfect Balsam or Fraser or Douglas Fir. And we have wreathes and pine roping to offer as well.

Funds raised from the program contribute to local, national and international missions and are overseen by our Serve the World team.

Here are opportunities to help with the program:

Tree Rack Setup

Saturday, November 23 at 8:15 am

Peter McArthur's barn

291 South Maple

Racks will be transferred to the church and erected

About 2 - 3 hours

Unloading Trees from Trucks

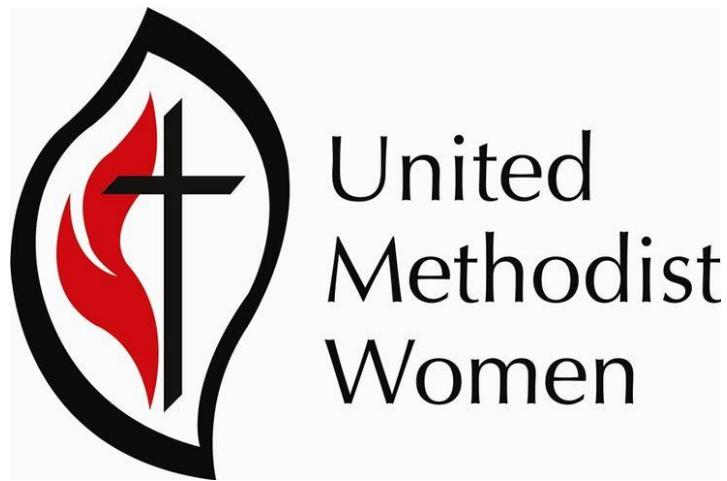
Saturday, November 30 at 8:00 at BJUMC

About 2 hours

Selling of Trees starts Saturday, November 30 immediately after unloading.

Signups for selling shifts will be available online and on a signup board in the Narthex





We believe that November will bring us together in many ways and for that we are grateful!

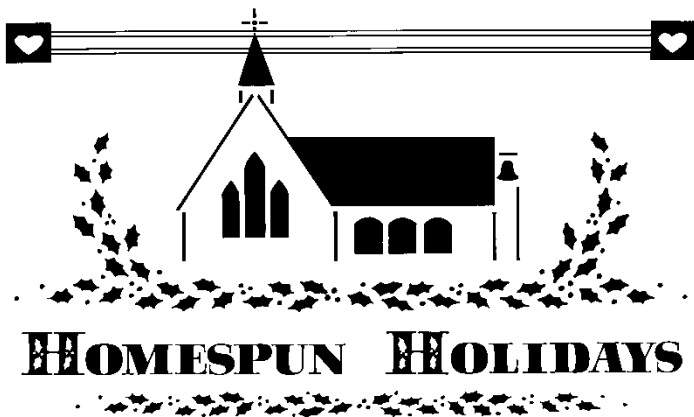
Our Monthly Gathering on November 12th at 7:00pm in Room 3/4 is for all church members and community friends as we welcome Michael Reed of the Maker's Place in Trenton, NJ. The Maker's Place is an initiative of United Methodists of Greater New Jersey committed to creating transformative relationships that help families in poverty be makers of better lives and communities. Come hear how Michael Reed began this ministry, how it has continued to grow and hopes for the future. We think his message will help inspire us to look within our own community for ways to connect with those in need.

In response to Michael's message we will be collecting diapers to be given away through this ministry in order to gather community, grow with families and celebrate God's abundance. Any size diapers will be appreciated, however, size 5 is most needed. Look for the Collection Box in the church Narthex or bring a donation on the night of November 12th.



One in three families struggles to provide enough diapers for their children. The gift of diapers can make a big difference for children and families. You can help make change for children in Trenton and across New Jersey. Bring diapers to the church drop off site between Sunday December 1, and Sunday December 22, we'll make sure they get to the Maker's Place.

The Maker's place is a new diaper bank, part of a United Methodist Hope Center in Trenton, NJ. See more at www.makersplace.org.



As part of the annual Basking Ridge Business Alliance Winter Market, the United Methodist Women will hold their **Homespun Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 7th in Melick and Wesley Halls from 11am to 7pm.** Handmade and home-baked items will be available for purchase along with a Jewelry Table, Attic Treasures, a Silent Auction, fair wage and fair trade hand-crafted items from Serrv International, InspiraWear Hand Knits and alternative gift giving opportunities. Stop by for lunch served in Melick Hall until 4:30pm to include homemade quiche, salad, soup, chili, salad and hot dogs.

Proceeds support the UMW mission giving and ministries

such as our Prayer Shawl Ministry and Piecemaker Quilting group as well as local and international organizations such as God's Co-op Food Pantry, the Somerset Food Bank, Good News Home for Women, Camp YDP in Patterson, NJ, the Camden Neighborhood Center, KIVA and more.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED THROUGH DECEMBER 6TH:

Bake Sale - Beginning in November there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who would like to help with the bake sale. Booth Chairs Gloria Walker, Liz Elliott and Ellie Lentz can guide you on selecting a baked good that is a proven seller. Items may be dropped off on Friday, December 6th or before 10am on Saturday, December 7th.



Attic Treasures: Donations of new or gently used holiday items such as Christmas decorations, dishes, glassware, household times, stationary, new toys or games may be left in Edith's Closet located in Wesley Hall. Contact person: Karen Hayworth, hayworth@optonline.net

Silent Auction: Donations of any new item that might be assembled into a themed gift basket or items such as theater or sports tickets or gift certificates to local shops and restaurants. Contact person: Betsy Belt, bettinabelt@aol.com. Help is also needed to solicit local businesses for donations of gift cards, services or merchandise. Do you have a favorite store or service provider that you know would like to donated? Contact Linda Cargo, cargoph@aol.com for a letter of request which includes information about the UMW and our event.

Handmade items: Do you have a love of all things Pinterest? We are seeking any sort of items that have been handmade by you such as ornaments, mittens, gloves, hats, baby items, decorative items or small crafts.

Anything hand crafted! If you have an item(s) you would like to share, contact Linda Cargo, cargoph@aol.com



Jewelry: Donations of jewelry and accessories such as small purses, scarves, and watches for the Jewelry Booth. Donations may be left in the collection basket located in the church office.. Contact person: Krista Colwell, ehcolwell@optonline.net

PLUS HELP US TO SET THE SCENE....

For all of you who like to decorate for Christmas, come out on Saturday, November 30th at 9:00am to 12noon to set tables and hang wreaths and greens in Melick and Wesley Halls. All of the materials will be provided and we encourage you to come and let your creative ideas flow.

A SIGN-UP SHEET TO HELP ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT WILL BE POSTED IN THE NARTHEX. Choose a time slot (or all day!) that is convenient for you - we need help at the cashier table, at the various booths and to serve lunch from 11:00am to 4:30pm.



HOLIDAY APPLE PIES



APPLE AND APPLE CRUMB PIES WILL AGAIN BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TABLE: Delicious and frozen ready-to-bake apple and apple crumb pies made by the United Methodist Women may be pre-ordered and will be available for pick-up on Sunday, November 24th following the worship. Order forms are available in the Narthex or through the church office. Please place order forms in the UMW Mailbox along with cash or check made payable to Bishop Janes GNJC. Holiday Pies will also be sold December 7th at the bazaar.

UMW APPLE AND APPLE CRUMB PIES MAY BE PRE-ORDERED FOR THANKSGIVING

FROZEN APPLE AND APPLE CRUMB PIES MAY BE PRE-ORDERED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

NAME:

EMAIL:

PHONE #:

I WOULD LIKE _____ APPLE PIE(S) @ \$15.00 = \$_____

I WOULD LIKE _____ APPLE CRUMB(S) @ \$15.00 = \$_____

TOTAL \$_____

PLEASE PLACE ORDER FORM IN UMW MAILBOX IN THE CHURCH OFFICE ALONG WITH CASH OR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO BISHOP JANES GNJC

QUESTIONS: CONTACT LINDA CARGO, cargoph@aol.com or 908-903-1834

Join us for an evening
performance of
HOLIDAY MUSIC



with the
RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL A CAPELLA CHOIR
led by Barbara Retzko,



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

7:30pm

BISHOP JANES CHURCH SANCTUARY

FROM CREATION TO THE NATIVITY: A WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

**Join us as we kick off Advent on December 1,
9:30AM, with a walk though the entire bible,
learn the relation of humanity to God, and what
led to the incarnation of God in human form.**



BISHOP JANES UMC PRESENTS:

A SERVICE OF

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Join us for Worship on December 15, 2019, at 9:30AM for a service of Biblical Lessons and Carols.

We will walk through the scripture of the Old Testament from creation to Advent, and the foretelling of the life of Jesus. Come join us in worship for this musical service of praise and worship.





Make Your Own *Advent Wreath*

Come join us to ring in the Advent Season on December 1st at 4 pm in Melick Hall

Make your own family advent wreath to take home & share a potluck supper.
All ages & abilities welcome!

What to bring:

- Your own greenery, pine cones, etc. to decorate with & share with others.
- Leftover Thanksgiving sides for the potluck supper.

The church will provide the empty wreath base & candles. Donation of \$10 per family.

Please sign up in the Narthex
or email Liz Elliott at: erp.elliott@gmail.com
by Sunday, November 24.





TOWN HALL MEETING

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2019 @ 11 AM

We will gather as a church on Sunday November 24, after worship to have an informational session on what is going on in our denomination, our conference, and our church, with respect to “the Way Forward. This discussion will highlight these three main areas as follows:

- 1) Our Conference: Greater New Jersey Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
 - a. Legislation passed at Special Session on October 26
 - b. Episcopal Address of Bishop Schol
- 2) Our Church
 - a. Reconciling Ministries
 - b. Covenant Community
- 3) The denomination:
 - a. Structure and Function of the General Conference
 - b. General Conference 2020, A selection of legislation being proposed

This is a LOT of information, and will be more than we can get into in great detail. Our goal is to keep you updated as to what is going on, and the general picture and shape of the changes. With respect to our local Annual Conference, the recent special session took major steps forward to make our churches in this region more inclusive.

For our congregation, this information will be received differently by each of us. We have members that have convictions and beliefs that The Book of Discipline should be followed concerning the paragraphs on homosexuality. We have other members who believe that discriminating against any group of people is not of God and that God’s revelation about how we understand human sexuality is unfolding. We also recognize that within our congregation are people, families and supporters of the LGBTQ community. **In our congregation all are welcome, and recognized as the beloved creation of God.**

I will be in conversation with the church council and Reconciling Ministries Team about the recent Way Forward Report to discern how God is leading us at this time. You may find more information about the annual conference session, read the full report and ask questions on the Way Forward pages of the GNJ website at www.gnjumc.org or read the summary on the next page as a primer. We are a congregation with diverse views and understandings. Diversity of understanding and views are healthy. We welcome difference. I ask that you keep the congregation, The United Methodist Church and my leadership as your pastor in your prayers.

As we move forward with this discussion, it is important that we listen to understand, not to respond. When we can get to the point of understanding each other, we can see that we aren’t that different after all. It is critically important not to use harmful language or labels to any group within our church. Labels box people in and make them defensive. Assumptions and foregone conclusions prohibit full and fair communication and understanding of each other. I believe we are all the Children of God, each created with love and care, and we all deserve to be loved with Agape Love, the love that respects another person simply because they are a creation of God. This love is the purest form of love. It is more than tolerance, it is more than acceptance, it is a recognition of the other person as the beloved child of God, a sibling of our own in Christ, a family member of this church, and a valued and important part of this worshipping community.

In Christ,

Pastor Matt Enzler

ANNUAL CONFERENCE LEGISLATION UPDATE:

On October 26th, Our Annual Conference (regional body of the Methodist Church) met to address our way forward. A committee had been assembled from person of varying backgrounds with the task of listening to people from across our region, and proposing legislation on a way forward for our church here in New Jersey. They Proposed the following items of church legislation, which passed with overwhelming support:

1. Continue to resource congregational leaders to make disciples and grow vital congregations to transform the world.
2. Shepherd all congregations into the future recognizing our diversity of culture, ethnicity and belief.
3. Create sacred space for congregations to thrive in their context.
4. Seek to eliminate harm to the people in our communities and congregations.
5. Care for youth in our congregations and in our communities, who face discrimination, hatred and harm because of their sexuality and gender identity. Death by suicide is significantly higher among LGBTQ youth than among their heterosexual counterparts. The Team calls all congregations to be sensitive and alert to the needs of youth in our congregations and community and to use the resources for LGBTQ youth found at www.gnjumc.org/protecting-children-and-youth/end-harm-to-youth.
6. Make available trained facilitators to assist congregations with conversations about ministry with LGBTQ persons and to develop covenants about ministry with the LGBTQ community.
7. Honor congregational covenants, particularly the cabinet when making appointments and working with congregations.
8. Engage someone to coordinate and resource the covenanting process for congregations.
9. Make training and coaching available, particularly in congregations where there are differences concerning human sexuality, so that each person can see that others matter just like they do.
10. Provide a web page for congregations to communicate that they are a welcoming congregation who affirms the full inclusion of LGBTQ people so that people from the community, especially LGBTQ people, can locate a congregation to worship with and participate in ministry.

Our Bishop, John Schol, also gave an Episcopal Address to our body, in which he lifted great support for the work of this committee, and stated that he recognized the harm that church trials do to people, directly and indirectly, and the harm they do to our witness as a church. He pledged he would not forward for trial any complaint arising out of any violations in our book of discipline related to the homosexuality of clergy, or inclusive ministry (performing marriages etc.) to the LGBTQ community. You can read more about his episcopal address here:

<https://www.gnjumc.org/news/episcopal-address-special-session-october-26-2019/>

It is important to note that the legislation taken, and the stance of our Bishop is contrary to our Book of Discipline, the “law” of the global United Methodist Church. It is possible there will be judicial action taken to remove this legislation and sanction our Bishop. Further, the General Conference (Global Church) will be meeting next spring to discuss the way forward for the denominational way forward. Presently, a lot of legislation is being proposed to allow our denomination on the whole to split to varying degrees. We ask that you continue to keep our church, our annual conference, our bishop, our pastor, and our denomination on the whole in your prayers. May the spirit move in each of us to show us all how to love and support each other in these times. May we work together towards resolving our differences in a way which bears a positive witness to Christ. These issues are not over. Let us continue to work towards creating the church that Jesus would want us to be: a Church that loves the lord our God with all our heart, mind, and soul, and loves our neighbor as ourselves.



COMING SOON: MIDWEEK WORSHIP WEDNESDAYS 6:30-7:15 BEGINNING JANUARY 8, 2020

Beginning January 8, 2020, we will have an additional service. This is a “come as you are” service, recognizing that life is busy, sometimes messy, and people just need a place they can come to be with Jesus. We are hoping to employ new expressions of our faithfulness, and welcome people to express their spiritual gifts with us. If you or anybody you know has a special skill that can be incorporated into worship, from singing, to painting, interpretive dance, acting, or others, please let Pastor Matt know as soon as possible. Other volunteers will be needed to help make this service a success, consider volunteering today! More announcements and advertisements to share with your friends will be available starting in December.



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:
Sundays 4:30-6:30

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP:
Sundays 6:00-8:00

ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME! We are focusing on our lessons right now on “World View” and how a Christian Worldview might conflict with a secular world view. For November, our tentative lesson schedule will be as follows:

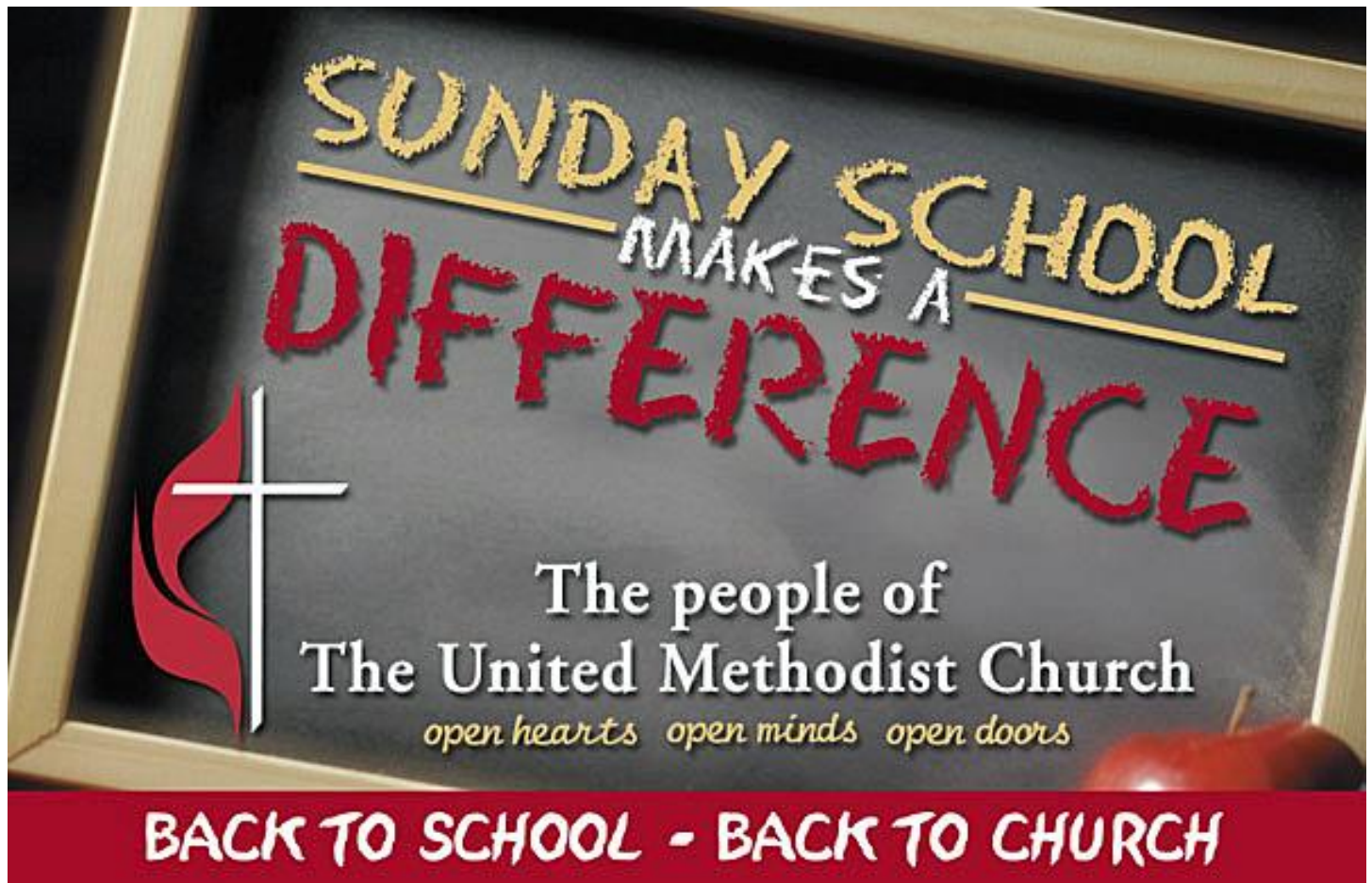
NOVEMBER 3:
NOVEMBER 10:
NOVEMBER 17:
NOVEMBER 24:

Who Are You Following?
The Gift of HOPE!
FIELD TRIP!!! See Below.
Urban Legends?

FIELD TRIP on NOVEMBER 17:

We will be going to Bridgewater UMC for an “IGNITE COMMUNITIES” event. Food will be provided, as well as a regional ignite event. For more information, please see one of the youth counsellors or go to www.ignitenj.org. We will be leaving the church at about 4:15, and returning between 8:30/8:45. Permission slips are needed for this event, if you haven’t already filled one out, please see Pastor Matt or one of the Youth Counsellors.





SUNDAY SCHOOL is changing! We will be offering classes on NON-COMMUNION Sundays. Children of all ages are invited to stay in the service during communion. Parents are asked to have conversations with their children, and determine whether communion is right for them. In the United Methodist Church, we practice an OPEN TABLE, which means communion is available for everybody. We believe in the TRUE PRESENCE of Christ in communion (not transubstantiation, nor mere remembrance, a Holy Mystery in which Christ is truly present through the Spirit). If you would like to talk to Pastor Matt to determine whether or not communion is right for your children, please let him know. Nobody will be turned away from the communion table.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

November we will cover some parables:

Nov 3 - communion Sunday no class

Nov 10 - The Sower

Nov 17 - The Stories of the Lost

Nov 24 - The Forgiving Father

December we prepare for Christmas

Dec 1 - communion Sunday no class

Dec 8 - A Baby is Coming

Dec 15 - Mary & Joseph

Dec 22 - A Baby is Born

Dec 29- No Class - School Holidays



Have you noticed the new “Sign Ups” wall in the Narthex. Check it out to see where you might be needed for events that are coming up! You may also Volunteer to provide flowers for a Sunday service at the Sign Up wall, to commemorate a wedding anniversary, birthday, birth, or other life event!

Additionally, we presently need people to volunteer for the following long-term roles:

- **Counters:** we need additional counters on Sundays to comply with our policies to protect our church. Counters must be members of our church. See Anthony Suriano if interested
- **Sunday School Teachers (1) and Assistants (2):** We need one more Sunday school teacher, and 2 more Adult (over 18) assistants to reach our goal, and provide an ideal rotation. Lesson plans are provided, we need people with a heart for teaching our children!
- **Midweek Service Volunteers:** Are you interested in helping with the midweek service starting in January? We need:
 - o A/V workers to run the sound board and video screens
 - o Greeters/Ushers (a combined role for this service, as we start out)
 - o Worship Leaders – if you have a special talent that would lend itself to leading worship, please come see Pastor Matt, and let’s work on incorporating it into this new worship experience!
- **Communications Team:** Presently, all of our church communications are being done by three people. If you’d like to join this team, and share your gifts, please see Pastor Matt, Carol Lutes, or Joanne Suriano.

BJUMC CALENDAR AT-A-GLANCE

***subject to change, always check official church calendar online for most up to date listings**

NOVEMBER	1	4:00	Gathering for Myrtle Martin, Gallaway and Crane Funeral Home
	2	11:00	Funeral Service, Myrtle Martin
	3	9:30	Worship: All Saints Day, Communion Sunday, No Sunday School
		10:45	Adult Education: Witness (Group 1)
		11:00	Worship and Music Committee Meeting, ³/₄
		4:30	Middle School Youth Group
		6:00	High School Youth Group
	4	7:30	Finance Committee Meeting
	5	9:30	UMW Walk and Talk
		10:00	Piecemakers
		10:30	Adult Education: Witness (Group 2)
	6	6:30	Bell Choir
		7:30	Chancel Choir
	7	8:00	ROMEOs (Redirected Older Men Eating Out)
		10:00	Piecemakers
	9	11:00	Funeral Service, Gordon Clark
	10	9:30	Worship, Sunday School
		10:45	Adult Education: Witness (Group 1)
		4:30	Middle School Youth Group
		6:00	High School Youth Group
	11		VETERANS DAY
	12	10:30	Adult Education: Witness (Group 2)
		7:00	UMW Monthly Gathering
		7:00	Presentation: All you never wanted to know about head lice
	13	6:30	Bell Choir
		7:30	Chancel Choir
	14	10:00	Piecemakers
		7:00	Book Group
	16	9:30	Healing Touch
	17	9:30	Worship, Sunday School
		10:45	Adult Education: Witness (Group 1)
		4:15	Combined Youth Group FIELD TRIP: Ignite Communities
	19	10:00	Piecemakers
		10:30	Adult Education: Witness (Group 2)
		6:30	New Circle
	20	6:30	Bell Choir
		7:30	Chancel Choir
	21	8:00	ROMEOs
		7:00	Church Council
	23	8:15	Christmas Tree Setup
	24	9:30	Worship, Sunday School
		10:45	Adult Education
		11:00	TOWN HALL: Our Way Forward

	4:30	Middle School Youth Group
	6:00	High School Youth Group
26	7:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry
27	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Chancel Choir
28		THANKSGIVING DAY
30	8:00	Christmas Tree Delivery, Sales begin
	9:00	Homespun Holiday setup
DECEMBER 1	9:30	Worship: Creation to Nativity, Communion, No Sunday Schl.
	10:45	Adult Education
	4:00	Family Ministries: Advent Wreath Making & Potluck
3	9:30	Grace Circle
	9:30	UMW Walk and Talk
	7:30	Ridge HS Acapella Choir Concert
4	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Chancel Choir
5	8:00	ROMEOs
6	8:30	Winter Market Setup
7	8:00	Tree Unloading
	9:00	Winter Market
	11:00	Homespun Holidays
8	9:30	Worship, Sunday School
	10:45	Adult Education
	4:30	Middle School Youth Group
	6:00	High School Youth Group
10	7:00	UMW Monthly Gathering
11	6:30	Bell Choir
	7:30	Chancel Choir
14	9:30	Healing Touch
	11:30	MSG (Methodist Sisters Group)
15	9:30	Worship: LESSONS AND CAROLS, No Sunday School
	10:45	Adult Education
	4:00	Combined Youth Group: Christmas Carols and Party