

The Carillon

Newsletter of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Edison

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are the growing body of Christ committed to nourishing each other by spreading the Gospel within the church and the community to the Glory of God.

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PASTOR'S WORDS

There, at times, seems to be a romantic notion that peace is found far removed from society atop a hill in the distant landscape of solitude. From my perspective, this is not what John Wesley would have advocated. As active participants in the missionary movement that is Methodism, our mountain top must be in the mess of human interaction. I humbly believe, love is found in the relationships we form with fellow life, and peace is found in our unconditional expressions of love.

Attachment, for me, is emotional maturity, not spiritual immaturity, because God is attached to us in relationship. Our identity as Christians is found in the acts of service performed by our Savior, Jesus Christ. We can experience the beauty of meditation by attaching our thoughts to God. We can avoid succumbing to disillusionment by fixing our gaze towards the mysteries, revelations, and presence of God. We can experience the fruitfulness of God-centered meditation because Christ demonstrated healthy prayer practices.

The Gospels describe Christ withdrawing for moments of private conversation with God, yet Christ always returned from his retreat to serve creation. Therefore, I believe detachment from the world shows thanklessness for the Creator, since the life that has been bestowed upon us and surrounds us is a gift from God. We can be discontent with the status of the world, while still being genuinely grateful to God for the generous gift of life.

Dorothy Day writes in *Loaves and Fishes* about the conflict that occurred between the philosophers and the laborers in the Catholic Workers Movement. I, too, recognize this tension within myself as I attempt to conceptualize the nature of God. I recognize that God is beyond what I can fully fathom. The philosopher within me sees this recognition as an invitation by God to ponder the Divine. Whereas, the laborer within me sees the same recognition of my inability to fully comprehend God as affirmation to focus all my efforts in serving those around me. This tension is a daily struggle for so many of us. Sharing with you in honesty, I admit that I do not always find harmony between the two.

When my homage to God in either thought or deed becomes stagnant or disingenuous I often return to 1 John 4:20-21,

[20]Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers and sisters whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. [21]The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The willingness to worship the Creator without serving creation leads to a life of futility and emptiness. It is for 1 John 4:20-21 and our spiritual pilgrimage to experience a deeper, loving relationship with God that we strive to serve the left out, the lonely, and the "least of these" in our beloved world.

Dr. Clarke, my professor at Wesley Theological Seminary, instructed us every class to "never insult the poor." We must wash the feet of the tattered fringe most often forgotten by society. We must always show hospitality to those who are seen by society as the unraveled, hopeless heartbeats of our world. Those silent breaths have been given life by the Breath of God. They are the faces of God waiting to be welcomed as equals in the Body of Christ.

We must not be afraid to live by the Light while serving in the shadows of the World.

Music Director Mary Frances Ryan
 Christian Education &
 Wesley Preschool DirectorKathi Nutter
 Church Office Administrator.....
 Church Council President.....Elaine Tibok
 Head Usher.....
 Lay Leaders.....Joe Davis &
 Linda Weindel
 Lay Member to the Conference.....Allen Spaventa
 Presidents of the Board of Trustees.....Sal LoCascio &
 Ken Maser
 Thrift Store Coordinator.....

VISION STATEMENT

We are committed to being a vibrant church community by:
Joyously serving and worshipping God.
Strengthening and increasing our program offerings to all people from the youngest to the oldest.
Growing in faith and membership.
Encouraging all to actively participate in the life of the Church

**DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER
 CARILLON IS SEPTEMBER 22ND**



Coffee Hour will be hosted by the following committee

Month:	Committee:
January	Trustees
February	Choir
March	Stewardship
April	Finance
May	Outreach
June	Youth Group
July	
August	
September	Preschool
October	Staff parish
November	Education
December	Worship

LECTIONARY READINGS

SEPTEMBER 1ST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jer 2:4-13 • Ps 81:1, 10-16 (UMH 803) • Heb 13:1-8, 15-16 • Lk 14:1, 7-14
SEPTEMBER 8TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jer 18:1-11 • Ps 139:1-6, 13-18 (UMH 854) • Philemon 1-21 • Luke 14:25-33
SEPTEMBER 15TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 • Psalm 14 (UMH 746) • 1 Tim 1:12-17 • Lk 15:1-10
SEPTEMBER 22ND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 • Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4 (UMH 741) • 1 Timothy 2:1-7 • Luke 16:1-13
SEPTEMBER 29TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jer 32:1-3a • Ps 91:1-6, 14-16 (UMH 810) • 1 Tim 6:6-19 • Luke 16:19-31

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

WHAT: Dinner and Christmas Show

DATE: December 8, 2019

TIME: 2:30 PM

WHERE: Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

88 State Route 173

Hampton, NJ 08827

PRICE: \$76.50 PER PERSON

This will be our third year visiting the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Christmas Show and Dinner. We will need to know if you wish to attend and how many tickets to reserve for you. At this time Hunterdon Hills is holding 32 seats for us but they need a commitment from us by September 5. This is a popular show and it will sell out. As in the past a nice menu is offered. Roast Prime Rib of Beef, Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce, Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Eggplant Rollatini, Roasted Vegetable Kabob (gluten free). This also includes, freshly baked breads, mixed garden salad, vegetables, potato, hot coffee, or hot tea and unlimited desert buffet.

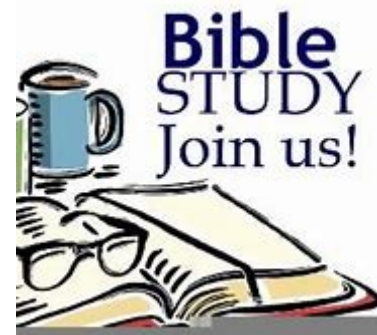
CONTACT- Al Spaventa with your number of tickets required. **A deposit will be required of \$10 per ticket due September 15, and remaining balance, \$66.50 per ticket, is due on Sunday November 3rd.**



*Sounds
of the
Season*



Please join us for bible study [Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.](#) Bible study meets in the Parlor at the church. Come and join us on [September 10th](#) as we open God's word and seek comfort, insight, and guidance on our journeys.



SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10 :45 AM Worship Coffee Hour	2 Labor Day	3 Preschool 7:00 am–6 :00PM Bible Study 7:30 pm	4 Preschool 7:00 am–6 :00PM	5 Preschool 7:00 am–6 :00PM Thrift Store 6:00-8:00 pm	6 Preschool 7:00 am–6 :00PM	7 Thrift Store 10:00 am– 1:00pm
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DATE	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	USHER	COUNTERS
9/1	Mike Fox	Clara Naglich/Amankwah Family	Lou Tibok, Mark Mills, John Counterman, Mike Fox	Sal & Ruth LoCascio
9/8	Kathi Nutter	Joe & Lesley Davis	Aaron Amankwah, Verona Walker, Josette Green	Kris & Allen Spaventa
9/15	Joe Davis	Benko Family	Sam Battle, Ken Maser, Lesley Serenyi, George Nelson	Josette Greene and Janet Amankwah
9/22	Paulette Honeyghan	Carol Mills & Family	Sal and Ruth LoCascio Bill and Kelsie Benko	Donna Bovenizer
9/29	Mark Mills	LoCascio Family	Lou Tibok, Mark Mills, John Counterman, Mike Fox	Sal & Ruth LoCascio



1 Aaron Amankwah

2 Maria Baluyot

2 Warren Smith

7 Ryan Fox

12 Paulette Honeyghan

12 Jaezy Figueroa

24 Evenlyn Sarfo

26 Eric Sarfo

28 Ray & Donna Jones

WESLEY WORD FIND



Word Bank:

BOSTON CHRIST CHURCH DIVINE GOD JESUS LIFE
LOVE PALMER PARKER PEACE PRAYER RED SACRED
SAFETY SERVING SOUL SOX WESLEY

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WHEREVER YOU ARE AT NOON, PRAY FOR CONTINUED HEALING OF BODY AND SPIRIT FOR:

Prayer List: August 2019

Trinity UMC

Carol Ochat
Meryn Ryan
Mark and Michelle
Judy Quinlan
Bernice and family; for brother Owusu Kyei-Nimako

Wesley UMC

Josephine Schneider (Surgery recovery)
Schmitt Family
For a friend who wants to move jobs
Marie Kavanagh
For Sean P. Ryan: For his new job position, may he have blessings
Prayers for the Goodwyn Family: Loss of Gwendolyn Green
Frank Smith

Prayers for All People

For those affected by natural disasters
For those who suffer from violence
For those who struggle with mental health
For those in prison
Families suffering with memory loss of a loved one
For those promoting Joy this day
For our President, our elected leaders of government, and those who serve and protect our beloved country.
For Peace of mind, body, and spirit. For peace in our country and in the world
For the Youth of our Church and for young people everywhere
Prays for wisdom to know the right questions to ask, so that God will lead us towards our best self, and chosen path
For those who gave their life to protect our freedoms

WHEREVER YOU ARE AT NOON, PRAY FOR CONTINUED HEALING OF BODY AND SPIRIT FOR:

For our Church, the extended Body of Christ, and all of creation

Pastor Jessica Brooks & Family

Rev. Joshua Kraft Gribbin & Family

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