

VINCENTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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IN MEMORIUM

Rev. Glenn K. Miller

December 11, 1955—September 20, 2015

Early on the morning of Sunday, September 20 many of us were awakened with the tragic news of the sudden death of our beloved Pastor Glenn. We gathered in worship that morning, beautifully led by our Lay Leader, Bev Adams, to remember his work among us and give thanks for the far-too-short time we were led by this dedicated man.

On September 25 the church was filled with family, friends, our congregation and many clergy as we gave praise for his ministry among us. The eulogy was given by Bishop John Schol of the Greater NJ United Methodist Church.

Pastor Glenn was very active in the Mount Misery Retreat Center for over 20 years. He was appointed to numerous churches in the NJ Conference, the last three years at Vincentown UMC. Prior to that he was pastor for seven years at Masonville-Rancocas UMC. All who knew him will always remember his abundant sense of humor.

His Study was Not Just an Office

Pastor Glen's study was a symbol of the calling of a Christian Minister to be a shepherd of a flock of God's people. There his sermons were prepared to feed the congregation with God's holy word.

There the work of the church was planned so the congregation could grow in grace and bear fruit in fellowship, in teaching and in witnessing.

There, especially, we could always find a friend and counselor in any time of need. He was neither surprised by our sins nor did he judge us for them, but he always invited us to share in the wisdom and love of God, the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins and the redeeming grace of God in Jesus Christ. In his study we were always welcome!

We remember in prayer his loving wife of 35 years, Jeanne; his mother, children and beloved grandchildren as well as his siblings and nieces. Although he was with us for too short a time, using the words of the Apostle Paul, he abounded in the work of the Lord and knew that, in the Lord, his labor was not in vain. Therefore, we remember him with deep thanksgiving before God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (I Corinthians 15:57-58)

Mark Your Calendar

On Sunday Nov 1st
2015

New Time



Early Worship Service 9-10am Sunday School – 10-10:45am All Ages

Nursery available for babies-3rd grade during EWS

These changes provide Opportunity!

- Both Services can partake in Sunday School – *together*
- Flexibility to attend either Worship Service
- Additional volunteers for Sunday School as we no longer would have to choose between attending Early Worship or volunteering
- More combined congregation fellowship time during Sunday School hour
- Greater opportunity for youth to participate in the Early Worship Service
- Potential growth in the Adult Sunday School class with those joining from the Early Worship Service as they can come at 9am and stay until 10:45am
- Potential growth in the Adult Sunday School class with those joining from the Traditional Service as they can now come at 10am and stay until noon
- Potential growth in the children's Sunday School classes with parents no longer needing to make a choice on whether to have their youth worship with them in the Early Service or attend Sunday School
- Volunteer opportunity for those from Traditional Service to help in Nursery at 9am

We recognize there may be some challenges with this change, but we ask you to **prayerfully** consider the above benefits to our church and hopefully your own needs for growth.

Join us in taking a test drive... with God behind the wheel.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." [Romans 12:2]

HAVE LUNCH ON US!

Vincentown
United Methodist Church
invites all area Seniors
to join us for lunch,
free of charge.

Our first lunch will be held on
October 6, 2015 at 12:00 noon.
in the Social Room in the
historic building.

Join us, bring a friend, and,
perhaps, make some new friends.



Medford Crop Walk

Sunday, October 11, Freedom Park, Medford
Registration forms and information
available in the narthex.

COMMUNITY WEDNESDAY EVENING CHAPEL SERVICES

Juliustown UMC invites you to join them in a weekly service on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. This is to be a "relaxed, come-as-you-are, family-oriented service" that will be an uplifting and renewing time for praise and worship in our busy daily lives." (See the bulletin board in the narthex for more details.)



I had the privilege of serving on the nomination committee of our church on Tuesday, September 8. This was a pioneering position for me as I have served on many committees and in many positions of the VUMC but never this particular one. I turned to the Sept/Oct Upper Room to see if there was a message to aide in preparing for the evening. On page 50, Friday, October 9, I was excited to read the answer to my prayer. It is titled, "Why Didn't You Answer?" The Bible message referred to Mark 1:16-20. The reading was so applicable to the purpose of this committee. It provided me confidence to share the reading and participate with the other members. Nominations were suggested. Pastor Miller offered a prayer for those nominated to consider hearing and responding to God's call. When you get a minute, why not turn to the page to see if you agree God's message for the purpose of the nominating committee was apparent. "Is it I, Lord?" *mphaines*

The Laity Leadership Academy, sponsored by the United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey, was attended by Patty Perez and Penny Haines. The two-day sessions were held at the Haddonfield UMC on September 11 and 12. The theme was "Laity Growing in Faith and Knowledge and Called to Serve." *Inspiring Worship Facilitators* and *Creating a Social Media Ministry* were the sessions attended. It was a very informative, innovative weekend with treasured fellowship. The Friday evening inspirational message was presented by Bishop John Schol. Music was performed by the Haddonfield UMC Ensemble. We look forward to the opportunity of sharing our experiences with you.

United Methodist Women

Faith—Hope—Love in Action



Circle Meetings:

Naomi Circle, Monday, October 19, 7:00

Sarah Circle, Tuesday, October 27, 10:30

All women of the church are invited to attend either circle meeting.

Combined Circle Meeting will be held Saturday, October 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Room. We encourage all members to attend.

Thank you,
United Methodist Women

CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER



Thank you for all your faithful donations during the summer, especially for all the school supplies. There were 12 backpacks and 18 bags of loose supplies donated.

Kudos to Ginny Bowker for giving back to the community with a huge donation of school supplies.

Again, I wish to acknowledge Rod and Paula Goettelmann for covering for me when I was away. I couldn't do this job without their help.

Thanks to everyone who helps carry items to my car. Our church family is awesome. Praise the Lord.

We will continue to collect food of every kind this fall.

In Christian love,
Mary Sue Woodbury

Volunteer Chaplain Aides are needed at Virtua Memorial Hospital, Mt. Holly. Training will be offered at the hospital October 28 & 29, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. To find out if volunteering is for you, please request an information package by calling Chaplain Wendy Boer, 609 914-6365 or e-mail your name and address to wboer@virtua.org.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY



- 3 Tim Monastero
- 5 Dena Thomas, Louis Stiles
- 7 Daniel Monastero
- 9 Andrew Bogert, Tim Worrell
- 10 Paula Gerber
- 11 Roni Adams, 114 Hayes Mill Rd.,
Apt. B-124, Atco, NJ 08004
- 16 Jared Morrison, Kevin Sweet
- 20 Joyce Jones
- 21 Kenneth Rainier
- 22 Mary Hall
- 23 Jacob Dengler
- 28 Sandy Riker
- 29 Mark Sweet
- 30 Gail Slack, Floss Jennings

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Dorrance & Darlene Hall
- 9 Ken & Eleanor Rainier
- 15 Yogi & Beth McMaster

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

What is the soul? From Dallas Willard's book, Renovations of the Heart, we are told: "Our soul is like an inner stream of water, which gives strength, direction, and harmony to every other element of our life. When that stream is as it should be, we are constantly refreshed and exuberant in all we do, because our soul itself is then profusely rooted in the vastness of God and His kingdom, including nature; and all else within us is enlivened and directed by that stream. Therefore, we are in harmony with God, reality, and the rest of human nature at large."

Dallas Willard was a friend and mentor to John Ortberg, the author of Soul Keeper—Caring for the Most Important Part of You. This is the first Bible study being used this year in the Adult Sunday School. We invite you to learn with us at 10:00 each Sunday morning in the Githens Rom.

Bev Adams, Leader

LAY LEADERS' CORNER

Food for Thought

"As is the business of tailors to make clothes, and of cobblers to mend shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray."

—Martin Luther



SAMARITAN'S PURSE



We have one more month left to make this year's shoebox collection a success. Please be on the look out as you shop for shoebox items. No time to shop? We can always use financial contributions to help cover the \$7 per box to ship them.

Our assembly party is scheduled for Saturday, November 7. Come out and enjoy the fellowship and food as we fill the boxes for needy children around the world.

Bev Adams, Coordinator

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Vincentown Covered Dish Dinner

Friday, October 23 6:30 p.m.

"Tricky Tray Night"

Hosted by Helen Rice,
Dorrance & Darlene Hall
Good food and fellowship!

PRAYER CHAIN

In a time of need, please contact a member of our Prayer Chain:

Alice VanSciver, 859-4272

Peg Ryan, 859-3364

Margo Griner, 859-4467

vumcsec@vumc.comcastbiz



IN SYMPATHY

Our church has experienced great sadness with the death of three wonderful members of our congregations. Please remember their families and friends in your prayers.

Pastor Glenn Miller, September 20

Nancy Fiedler, September 20

Sue Savitz, September 27



COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

Southampton

Historical Society Meeting

Monday, October 5, 2015

Old Town Hall, 25 Plum Street,
Vincentown, 7:30 p.m.

"Burlington County Hangings, 1830-1900"

Tabernacle UMC

Country Fare

Thursday, October 8 12:00-8:00

Friday, October 9 10:00-8:00

Homemade baked goods, soup & sandwiches

Buddtown UMC

Covered Dish Dinner

October 9, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Family-Style Breakfast

Saturday, October 17

8:00-10:00 a.m.

Proceeds benefit Martinez family

OCTOBER 2015

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p><i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> 9:30 Praise Worship 9:30 Sunday School 9:45 Upper Room Prayer 11:00 Traditional Worship</p>				1	<p>2 9:30 Janet's Readers</p> <p>Ignite Youth Conference_____</p>	3
<p>4 <i>World Communion Sunday</i> Holy Communion Regular Sunday Schedule _____(Ignite)</p>	5	<p>6 12:00 Seniors Luncheon 7:00 Church Council</p>	<p>7 10:30 Bible Study 1:00 Bible Study at 15 Pulham Lane, Leisuretowne 7:00 Choir rehearsal</p>	8	<p>9 6:30 Buddtown Covered Dish Dinner</p>	<p>10 2-3 visitation, 3:00 Memorial Service for Nancy Fiedler - Bradley & Stow Funeral Home, Medford</p>
<p>11 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> 10:30 Second Sunday Plug-In</p>	<p>12 <i>Recycling Day</i> 1:00 Joined at the Heart</p>	<p>13 7:00 SPRC 8:00 Finance Committee meeting</p>	<p>14 10:30 Bible Study 1:00 Bible Study at 15 Pulham Lane, Leisuretowne 7:00 Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>15 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i></p>	16	<p>17 10:00 Men's Fellowship Meeting 1:00 Celebration of Life Service for Sue Savitz</p>
<p>18 <i>Laity Sunday</i> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i></p>	<p>19 7:00 Naomi Circle</p>	<p>20 7:00 Trustees</p>	<p>21 10:30 Bible Study 1:00 Bible Study at 15 Pulham Lane, Leisuretowne 7:00 Choir rehearsal</p>	22	<p>23 6:30 Vincentown Covered Dish Dinner "Tricky Tray" Night</p>	24
<p>25 <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i></p>	<p>26 <i>Recycling Day</i> 1:00 Joined at the Heart 7:00 Emmaus meeting</p>	<p>27 10:30 Sarah Circle 7:00 Nominations Committee meeting</p>	<p>28 10:30 Bible Study 1:00 Bible Study at 15 Pulham Lane, Leisuretowne 7:00 Choir rehearsal</p>	29	30	<p>31 Halloween 4:30 Halloween Table Ministry</p>

Vincentown United Methodist Church

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Minister of Visitation—Nancy Blazewick

Sunday School for All Ages, 9:30 a.m.

Praise Service, 9:30 a.m.; Traditional Service, 11:00 a.m.

Holy Communion, 1st Sunday

Handicap Accessible, Large-print Hymnals & Bibles, Hearing Aid Units

Co-Lay Leaders—Paul Blazewick, Beverlee Adams

Church Council Chairperson—Beverlee Adams

Organist—Susan Mansfield

Church Secretary—Peggy Thomas vumcsec@vumc.comcastbiz.net

Sexton—Raymond McGill

***OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 10-12, 1-3
TUESDAY & FRIDAY CLOSED***

DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER—OCTOBER 15

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A Spirit-directed Christian community of faith, based on scripture and prayer, where God invites all to be filled with the Holy Spirit, to serve, care and love, in the name of Jesus Christ.