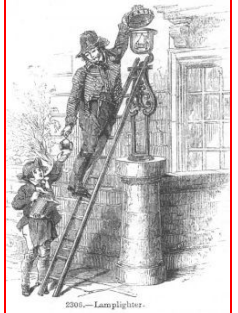


Vincentown United Methodist Church

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Summer Edition



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



"Hero Central"

July 24—28 6:00—8:30 p.m.

Rev. Dave, Director

Register now at

cokesburyvbs.com/vincentownumc

Closing Worship Celebration

Sunday, July 30, 10:00 a.m.

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Many great things have happened since the last time I wrote to you. Our disciples in worship have continually been in the 80's and even getting into the 100's one week in May. VBS material has been planned and ordered. The Youth Group is beginning to look at the songs that we will teach the kids and now that the calendar has changed to June, I will be leading them in a devotion every Wednesday night relevant to the 5 themes of this year's VBS. More VBS information will be given below. We honored our mothers and our nation's heroes who died in war. We baptized Rosalee Riker McNasby, and we had a total of four people attending Annual Conference in Wildwood. I was honored to ride in the clergy car during the Memorial Day Parade and gave the Invocation Prayer at the monument. And on May 30th, over 30 of our church members walked down to the firehouse with me as we blessed the badges of the ones who risk their own lives to keep us safe.

Over the course of the last two months, our church has consistently gone out beyond our sanctuary and been seen in the community. Our Youth Group was seen during the Yard Sale, the packaging of food at Buddtown UMC and walking in the Memorial Day Parade. We made the front page of the Burlington County Times for the Easter Son Rise Service. And we processed as a church down to the fire house and lit up Facebook and Instagram with holy pictures of the church and the first responders gathering together in common mission. You have done great things for Christ. Thank you so much for being a passionate, active church!

The opportunities will continue. On June 17th we are attending Faith and Family Night at the Trenton Thunder Game. The theme for VBS this year is Hero Central! We invite you to bring your kids, your grandkids, your friends and your neighbors to discover their strength in God. VBS at Vincentown UMC is FREE for all! We can't wait to see everyone July 24th-28th 6pm-8:30pm and on Sunday, July 30th at 10:00 am for a combined Closing Worship. To register, visit cokesburyvbs.com/vincentownumc or call 609-859-2161.

In the Great Commission, Jesus' last words to the disciples before ascending into Heaven, He told them to go! Go out into the world and spread the Good News. Go to the places where people are hurting, hungry and looking for support. That's what you have done over the last 2 months. You have gone out into the world worshipping, spreading the Good News, feeding the hungry and supporting our first responders. Well done, good and faithful servants. Our job is not done, though. There are many more people to reach, more stomachs to fill and more disciples to call into ministry, mission and worship here in Vincentown. I have no doubt we will all go together!

Blessings,
Reverend Dave

The Reverend David. L. Ledford, III

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

It has been an inspiring year for the Adult Sunday School class. Many Sunday mornings most seats were taken in the Githen's Room, as we studied our way through lessons in A Disciple's Heart by James Harnesh. There were many thoughtful discussions based on the 20 lessons we were able to finish; "Where Do We Go from Here", "Walking the Way of Salvation", "By the Power of the Spirit" and "The Company of the Committed". Next fall, beginning in October, we will continue on with the next 10 lessons found in, "On fire with Holy Love" and "All the Way to Heaven". As the class leader, I will continue to encourage all to see the relevance of these Christian learnings that can be applied to our daily lives.

Each Sunday morning at 10 am, the class makes a list of prayer and praise requests that are carried to the Upper Room for further prayer. We begin with a prayer circle and a reading from Jesus Calling. Reading the scriptures that accompany the lessons is important. Thanks to Google and I Tunes, we are able to listen to contemporary and traditional music that relay the message of the of the Sunday lesson. Yes, and sometimes we sing along with the music. Once we even danced! We are also very fortunate to have Rev. Dave take part in the class most weeks. He never knows what question he will be asked when he enters the room, but he is always able to add to the lesson.

The last Adult Sunday School class met on June 11th, but we will be here in the fall. The September newsletter will announce the starting date, so if any of the above sounds interesting to you, please consider joining us.

Bev Adams
Adult Sunday School leader

CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER

The Christian Caring Center is in urgent need of volunteers to pick up donated food, pack food at the center, and perform other kitchen and client related duties.

The Christian Caring Center benefits many people in the area and they need your help.

Let's rally around the Christian Caring Center and get them the help they need right now, and for the future. We need regularly scheduled volunteers and Board members also.

Please let Rev. Dave know if you are able to help (what day(s) and times....) Thank you.

God Bless You.

Pastor Iva Klemick
CCC Church Liaison Coordinator

United Methodist Women

Faith—Hope—Love in Action

Circle Meetings:

Naomi and Sarah Circles will not be meeting during the summer. See you in September.



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NEW MINISTRIES AVAILABLE

- Sermons available in hard copy and electronic form, and available to shut-ins. Please contact Rev. Dave.
- Hearing devices and large-print bulletins, hymnals and Bibles available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

PREACHING OPPORTUNITIES

If you feel the call to preach, let Rev. Dave know. There will be opportunities coming up in the fall, including Laity Sunday, October 15, and late January/early February 2018. Having a member of the laity preach would be awesome.

It is a Conference requirement that Certified Lay Speakers be given opportunities to preach, so if any date other than these appeals to you, feel free to volunteer.



SUMMER SERMON QUESTIONS

Rev. Dave is thanking all of you for being a special part of the sermons this summer. You have asked questions and presented topics that you would like to have addressed from the pulpit.

There are nine Sundays available this summer. Rev. Dave has made a schedule with your questions and topic requests, and has posted it on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please check the bulletin board for the specific dates that each will be covered.

CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER

We will continue to collect foods of all kinds throughout the summer. With school closed, children will be in need for all three daily meals. Please leave your donations in the Narthex. Thank you.



God bless you,
Mary Sue Woodbury

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

High School

Taylor Adams
Andrew McMaster
Anna Olson
Collin Rieser
Allie Rozanski
Kevin Sweet
Grace Swindell
Stephanie Tollefson
Dakota Walker



College and University

Gabrielle Bryceland
Zachary Bryceland
JJ Morrow
Jared Powell

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IN SYMPATHY

We are sad to announce the passing of our dear friend, Joan Gough, wife of former pastor Rev. Ray Gough. We invite you to attend a memorial service to be held in our church on Friday, June 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to
Rev. Raymond Gough and family
2960 Tampa Road
Apartment 224
Palm Harbor, FL 34684

LAY LEADERS' CORNER

Food for Thought

**"Don't worry about tomorrow;
God is already there."**

If you have questions or concerns regarding our church, please contact our Co-Lay Leaders:

Beverlee Adams and Beverly Barthmeier



PRAYER CHAIN

In time of need, contact a member of our prayer chain or the church office (609 859-2161)

Peg Ryan, 859-3364

Margo Griner, 859-4467

Rich & Irene Bamford, 268-1821

Sue Mansfield, 859-3386

Doris Lang, 859-9777

Lindy Thomas, 859-3963

Doris Hemminger, 856-235-3583

Rev. Dave Ledford, 732-632-7613

VUMC Goals for 2017

1. To enhance the worship, mission, education and outreach of the Sunday School and Youth Group by hiring a Director of Children and Youth Ministries.
2. To create evangelistic, mission and outreach opportunities that will take place within the community of Leisure-Towne.
3. To increase communication in all aspects of church life. We will set up methods and processes that will encourage individual committees to communicate with each other, committees to communicate with the church body, and the church as a whole to communicate with our community.
4. To develop outreach opportunities for the 20's and 30's age group that is very underrepresented in our congregation. These opportunities are meant to take place beyond church property and connect with the people where they are and engage them in activities appealing to them.

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JANET'S READERS



Our June book selection is *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. A remarkable WWII story of Jan Zabinski, the director of the Warsaw Zoo, and his wife, Antonia, who, with courage and coolheaded ingenuity, sheltered 300 Jews as well as Polish resisters in their villa and in animal cages and sheds. Using Antonia's diaries, other contemporary sources and her own research in Poland, Ackerman takes us into the Warsaw ghetto and the 1943 Jewish uprising and also describes the Poles' revolt against the Nazi occupiers in 1944.

Hope you will enjoy it. Our discussion will be on Monday, June 19, at 10:00 a.m.

Claudia Gifford

April's Operating Financial Report:

Expenses: \$13,533.43

Income: \$16,039.00

Balance for the Month: +\$2,505.57



Operating Report Year to Date:

Expenses: \$56,376.08

Income: \$53,132.11

Balance for Year to Date: -\$3,243.97

Communion Offerings:

April: \$253 for Christian Caring Center

May: \$291 for United Methodist Communities

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

& ANNIVERSARIES



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bryce McMaster
- 3 Clay Bridges
- 5 Carlo Monastero
- 6 Margo Griner
- 8 Johanna Mansfield
- 9 Braylyn Bruno
- 12 Jodie Gross, Xander Emmert
- 13 Chase Startare
- 15 Frank Hicks, Mike Rudderow
- 17 Claudia Dengler
- 18 Grace Hicks, Arron Morrison, Cailey Talbot, Susan Mansfield
- 19 Nick Dengler, Ella Worrell
- 22 Lisa Bogert, Matthew Hunt
- 24 Herb Hunt
- 28 Gary Rosmando
- 30 Carrie Grundner, Jeanne Miller

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Gary & Kathy Rosmando
- 16 Richard & Joyce Jones
- 17 Jim & Donna Chappine

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Frank Chappine
- 3 Chris Hazzard, Cadbury, 2150 Rt. 38, Apt. 145
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002
- 4 Krisy Bonstead, Edman Budd
- 5 Darlene Hall
- 7 Anna Olson
- 8 Eleanor Rainier, Masonic Home, 902 Jackson-
ville Rd., Burlington, NJ 08016
- 10 LuAnn Stiles
- 11 Elizabeth Bruno
- 12 Yogi McMaster, Hannah Dengler
- 18 Michele Mansfield
- 19 Beverlee Adams,
- 19 Rev. Robert Reasner, 674 West Valley Drive,
KalisPELL, MT 59901
- 19 Donnamarie Chappine
- 20 Doris Lang
- 26 Riley Leonard
- 28 Jonah Worrell

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Bill & Judy Bray
- 12 Ed & Carolyn Budd
- 19 Michael & Barbara Rudderow
- 21 Eric & Jodie Gross

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Paul "Kenny" Riker
- 5 Peg Ryan
- 7 Andrea Startare, Valerie Conte,
- 7 Sherrie Ledford, Nick Mansfield
- 12 Christopher Jones
- 14 Al Thomas
- 16 Rev. Tom Wadas
- 17 Sandy Voekler, 2850 Classic Drive, Unit 3606,
Highlands Ranch, CO 80126
- 19 Lindy Thomas
- 21 Harry Irion
- 23 David Bogert
- 24 Nick Olson
- 25 Christopher Talbot
- 26 Barbara Rudderow
- 27 Stephanie McNasby
- 28 Richard Valocik, George Rowson, Irene Bamford
- 29 Rachael Rudderow
- 31 Brianna Talbot

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Dana & Susan Mansfield
- 8 Robert & Christine St. John
- 12 Al & Lindy Thomas
- 14 Nick & Johanna Mansfield
- 21 Larry & Stephanie McNasby



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

Holy Communion, 1st Sunday

Handicap Accessible, Large-print Hymnals & Bibles

Co-Lay Leaders—Beverlee Adams, Beverly Barthmaier

Church Council Chairperson—Susan Mansfield

Minister of Visitation—Rich & Irene Bamford

Organist—Susan Mansfield

Church Secretary—Peggy Thomas

New Email Address: vumcsec@gmail.com

Sexton—Raymond McGill

***OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY 10-12:30, 1:30-3
MONDAY & FRIDAY CLOSED***

DEADLINE FOR SUMMER NEWSLETTER—MAY 15

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97 Main Street
Vincentown, New jersey 08088***

Prepared especially for:

***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.***