

Vincentown United Methodist Church

# LAMPLIGHTER

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## Church Picnic

Saturday, September 23, 2017

2 -5 p.m.



Home of  
Brian and April Richardson  
590 Smithville Road, Southampton

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Pulled Pork Provided

Bring Your Favorite Picnic Food and a Lawn Chair

# PASTOR'S LETTER

Greetings in the name of the One who is, the One who was, and the One who is to come!



I began the summer months with a challenge for both myself and the congregation. The challenge was to not stop. After my arrival last July, it naturally took some time to build relationships and for each of us to get used to each other. As we got through Advent and made our way into Lent and late-Spring, I felt like all of that relationship building had gone well and that we were ready to move forward. For the first time in my ministry career, I was in a church long enough to ask the question "what do we do now?".

As summer approached, I found myself asking that question. Although summer is a time when it is easy to take your foot off the gas and relax until September, I didn't want to do that. I wanted to keep going. I felt we had a lot of great things happening, a lot of positive momentum behind and I feared that taking a break for two months would stop all of that and it would take months in the Fall to get it going again.

As I write this letter to you in September, I can confidently say we met our challenge. We didn't stop! Our combined summer worship was powerful, dynamic and inspiring! The questions you asked gave us important messages from God every week. Our summer worship on average was higher than last year! VBS was a huge success with 30 kids and new volunteers! We instantly responded to needs brought on by natural disasters. Penny and I attended a workshop with the conference to be an important part of their strategic plan for the future of our denomination. And the Youth Group continued to meet every week.

Now it is time to keep going! There are plenty of great opportunities for mission and worship as we head into the Fall. Charge Conference is just a month away, the church picnic is on the horizon, we are back to our 9am and 11am worship services, the choir and Sunday School are back! Now let's get ready to do something new! As part of my ordination requirements, I have to do a fruitfulness project. Together, we are going to start a Vincentown United Methodist Church Food Pantry to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ from our community.

I ask that you pray for your church, for your community, for your country and for your planet. Please join me in doing all the good we can, to all the people we can, in all the ways we can, for as long as we can! We hope to see you in worship soon! The Body of Christ is not complete without you!

Peace and Blessings,  
Reverend Dave

## United Methodist Women

Faith—Hope—Love in Action  
Circle Meetings:

Naomi, Monday, (No meeting this month)  
Sarah, Tuesday, September 26, 10:30 a.m.



## SOCK-IT-TO-ME SUNDAY October 1

Please join us in donating new socks for men, women and children for distribution through the Christian Caring Center. Socks are a necessity and frequently not available in the thrift shop. Please help us provide for the many needy families in our area. Bring packages of new socks to church and leave them in the CCC container in the narthex by October 1. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Thank you.



### RETURNING TO REGULAR SCHEDULE

On September 10th we will return to our usual worship format:

**9:00 a.m. Praise Service**

**11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship**

See you then!

### FOOD PANTRY

Hello friends! We are about to embark on a very exciting mission! As many of you know, I am currently working on my requirements for full ordination in the United Methodist Church. One of those requirements is the creation of a fruitfulness project. A few months ago, I hosted a "Pizza with the Pastor" to brainstorm what we might do for that project. Together, we decided that a Food Pantry would be a great way to serve our community. Exact details are not known yet, but I hope to get this up and running by the end of 2017. I need your help! Please be on the look out for more "Pizza with the Pastor" Saturdays in the coming months as we put this new ministry together. For now, we ask that you begin to consider donating some canned foods for our Food Pantry when it begins. We don't need the donations now. We are just giving you a "heads up" for when we do actually need them. More details will be announced soon, but if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Blessings, Reverend Dave

## CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER

**Thank you—Thank You—Thank You**

The children were very happy with all their new school supplies. Our church family is so generous!



Rod and Paula Goettelmann have been the backbone of this operation in all my absences this year. A great big "THANK YOU" for them.

In September we will be collecting canned meats (Spam, Vienna sausages, tuna, salmon, stew, etc.) and anything else you wish to bring.

May God bless each of you,  
Mary Sue Woodbury

## SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNING

Once again summer has slipped away and it is time to think about getting our Sunday School back in full swing.

**The Adult Class will officially begin October 1, 2017.**

**The Children's Sunday School is beginning on September 10, 10:00 a.m.,** so I am hoping that those members of the Adult Class who are not on vacation will want to begin meeting at that time. For those who do, it would be a great time of prayer and sharing of your devotional materials. Also, the Upper Room is always available to read and use for a basis of discussion.

On **October 1** the class will continue with James A. Harnish's "A Disciple's Heart." Prior to that class please read Chapter 5 in the Companion Reader, "On Fire with Holy Love," pages 51-60. Mark your book with comments to be discussed.

There is time to order books for those who may want to join the class, or who have lost their copies. Please contact me if you need or want a book for the class.

Bev Adams

## LAY LEADERS' CORNER

### Food for Thought

**"The way we treat our neighbors is the way we treat God."**

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**

## BECOME A MEMBER OF VUMC

Each year in October Rev. Dave offers an opportunity for disciples to become members of the church. If you are not currently a member of VUMC, but would like to become one, please contact Rev. Dave.

Paragraph 217 of the UM Book of Discipline says, "When persons unite as professing members with a local UMC, they profess their faith in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; in Jesus Christ His only Son, and in the Holy Spirit. Thus, they make known their desire to live their daily lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. They covenant together with God and with the members of the local church to keep the vows which are part of the order of confirmation and reception into the church."

We would love to have you join us as members of the Body of Christ who are hungry for discipleship, mission and worship! Please contact Rev. Dave.

## SAVE OUR CHURCH \$

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Help us save postage and copying costs by signing up to receive the Lamplighter by e-mail. Contact our church secretary at [vumcsec@gmail.com](mailto:vumcsec@gmail.com)

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Website: [vincentownumc.org](http://vincentownumc.org)

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Mary Sue Woodbury

4 Shirley Reasner,  
674 West Valley Dr.,  
Kalispell, MT 59901

5 Almira Rossell, 1238 Valley Forge Blvd., Sun  
City Center, FL 33573

6 Virginia Bowker

10 Todd Traino

11 Ted Dengler

15 Thelma Shute, 555 Freeman Road, #151,  
Central Point, OR 97502

18 Penny Haines

20 Daniel Bogert

23 Hilda Green, Spring Village, Suite E-2,  
46 Jimmie Leed Road, Galloway, NJ 08205

24 Marcy Bonstead



## NEW ADDRESS

Rev. Ray Gough would like his VUMC friends to have his new address:

700 Mease Plaza, Apt. 807  
Dunedin, FL 34698

## INSTALLATION OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

You are cordially invited to attend the Installation Service for Rev. Frank Davis, Capital District Superintendent, on September 24, 2017 at 4 p.m., St. Mark's UMC, 465 Paxson Ave., Hamilton Square, NJ

Please RSVP to Rev. Brian Joyce at [bdjoyce@comcast.net](mailto:bdjoyce@comcast.net) by September 15.

Light refreshments served prior to the service. All are welcome.

# SEPTEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 9:00 Praise Worship 9:45 Upper Room Prayer 10:00 Children's Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship					1	2
<b>3</b> Holy Communion	<b>4</b> Labor Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 Youth Group 7:00 Choir practice	<b>7</b> 10:00 Bible Study at Friendship Hall, LeisureTowne	<b>8</b> 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner at Buddtown	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Children's Sunday School resumes Regular Sunday Schedule (above)	<b>11</b> Recycling Day	<b>12</b> 7:00 Church Council	<b>13</b> 7:00 Youth Group 7:00 Choir practice	<b>14</b> 10:00 Bible Study at Friendship Hall, LeisureTowne	<b>15</b> Newsletter Articles Due	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Regular Sunday Schedule (above)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 Nurturing Committee meeting	<b>20</b> 7:00 Youth Group 7:00 Choir practice	<b>21</b> 10:00 Bible Study at Friendship Hall, LeisureTowne	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 2 – 5 Church Picnic
<b>24</b> Regular Sunday Schedule (above)	<b>25</b> Recycling Day	<b>26</b> 10:30 Sarah Circle	<b>27</b> 7:00 Youth Group 7:00 Choir practice	<b>28</b> 10:00 Bible Study at Friendship Hall, LeisureTowne	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

# **Vincentown United Methodist Church**

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

**Sunday School for Children, 10:00 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 [vumcsec@vumc.gmail.com](mailto:vumcsec@vumc.gmail.com)**

**Sexton—Raymond McGill**

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

**DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER—SEPTEMBER 15**

***Vincentown United Methodist Church***

***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.***