

Vincentown United Methodist Church

# LAMPLIGHTER

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## NEIGHBORHOOD HALLOWEEN TABLE

Yes, it's that time again,  
for meeting and greeting our neighborhood with  
**OPEN HEARTS, OPEN DOORS, and OPEN MINDS**

Every Cinderella and Spiderman that arrives at our doorstep on Halloween matters to God. Halloween falls on Tuesday this year, October 31, and the Neighborhood Table will be set up in front of the historic church.

We need volunteers to set up, man the table and for clean up from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

# PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!



You are the authors of Vincenttown UMC's story. What kind of story will you write? We want our story to be a positive one, a story about a church that is warm and welcoming. We want our story to be about a church that goes out into the world and prays for first responders, goes to nursing homes and hospitals and visits the sick, and a story about a church that gathers the faithful on Sunday morning for dynamic and powerful worship. We want that to be the story that the world hears. And that story is yours to tell. If the world hears a bad story, their first and only impression will be bad. But if we tell a good and positive story about a church growing in faith and mission, this will be a place that God's children want to come to. There are some opportunities coming up here at Vincenttown United Methodist Church that can help write our good story.

We are starting a Food Pantry that is designed to feed the children and their families within the Southampton School District. We will need a lot of help organizing and stocking this Food Pantry. Please let me know if you are willing to help in any way. This is a great outreach opportunity, and it directly addresses one of the goals passed by the Staff/Parish Relations Committee "to increase outreach to the 20's and 30's with children age groups in our community.

There are exciting upgrades coming to our worship experience. These upgrades will be announced in church on October 8th. Come in to worship with us any week to find out how we are going to enhance our worship. We are hosting the Covered Dish Dinner on October 13th and would love to see all of you there! We now offer an educational and spiritual dynamic to our dinners as a way to enhance the whole experience. Our dinners have rapidly grown in attendance, and with your help, we can keep that going! Friends, let's write a good story together.

During the month of October, I will be intensely working on my ordination paperwork. The creation of the food pantry fulfills just one of the many requirements I have for ordination. Due on November 1st, my ordination paperwork requires a lot of study, writing, Bible Study creation and preaching. I thank you in advance for being patient with me as I may be distracted at times throughout this month. However, the ministry of this church is my first priority, and I assure you, when you need me, I will be here for you.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to honor the pastors who have helped write the story of VUMC before me. October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and you have been led by some gifted, experienced, passionate and loving men and women called to the ministry of pastoral leadership. Together, as one church body, let us all be thankful for the dedication, hard work and love of Rev. Claire Cvetkovski, Rev. Glenn Miller, Rev. Tom Wadas, Rev. Ray Gough, Rev. Lin Hofacker and Rev. Bob Reasner. These are the pastors who served God in this current sanctuary. We also thank God for all who came before them in the historic sanctuary. May God continue to bless this church with good leadership, wisdom, love and fruitfulness. We hope to see you in worship and mission with us soon!

Blessings,  
Reverend Dave

(609) 859-2161: office  
97 Main Street Vincenttown, NJ 08088  
9:00 Praise Service, 10:00 Sunday School, 11:00 Traditional Service

## **United Methodist Women**

**Faith—Hope—Love in Action**

### **Circle Meetings:**

Naomi, Monday, October 16, 7:00 p.m.

Sarah, Tuesday, October 24, 10:30 a.m.

## **SOCK-IT-TO-ME SUNDAY**

### **Continues through October**

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 container by the table in the narthex. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Thank you.

## **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.

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

## **Annual Charge Conference**

**Saturday, October 28 at 3—5:45 p.m.**

**Calvary Korean United Methodist Church  
New Brunswick, New Jersey**

This will be a group Charge Conference giving us opportunity to worship and attend workshops to learn new things from other churches.

## **CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER**

If you missed donating school supplies, they are still being accepted. To date, 158 backpacks were given out.



For October we are looking for any kind of food donations. It's ok to be creative with new and unusual items. Sometimes one gets tired of the same old things.

Thank you for your continued support for the Christian Caring Center.

May God bless each of you,  
Mary Sue Woodbury

## **COVERED-DISH DINNER**

**Friday, October 13 6:30 p.m.**

Hosted by

Vincetown United Methodist Church  
97 Main Street, Southampton

All are invited.

Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy food, fellowship and fun.

## **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

3 Tim Monastero

5 Dena Thomas, Louis Stiles

7 Daniel Monastero

9 Andrew Bogert, Tim Worrell

10 Paula Gerber

16 Jared Morrison, Kevin Sweet

20 Joyce Jones

22 Mary Hall

23 Jacob Dengler, Aaron Mansfield

28 Sandy Riker

29 Mark Sweet

30 Gail Slack, Floss Jennings

## **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

8 Dorrance & Darlene Hall

15 Yogi & Beth McMaster

20 Brian & April Richardson



## LAY LEADERS' CORNER

### Food for Thought

"We may face situations beyond our resources, but never beyond God's reserves."

*If you have church questions or concerns,  
please contact our Lay Leader:  
Beverlee Adams*



### 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**

### DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

We have acquired a defibrillator to be available in the Narthex. Training will be held in the Social Room of the Historic Building on Saturday, October 14, and Saturday, October 28 at 11:00 a.m. for anyone interested in learning how to use it.

### 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)

## COMING IN NOVEMBER:



### ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON



**Tuesday, November 7th, 2017  
12:00 Noon—2:00 PM**

*Sponsored by:  
United Methodist Women*

**SOUP, SANDWICH & DESSERT  
all for only \$8.00**

**EAT IN or TAKE OUT**

**609-859-2161 or 609-859-2602**

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### JANET'S READERS

We will meet on Monday, November 20th, to discuss *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meissner.



*"Like the golden threads of a scarf sprinkled with marigolds, Susan Meissner weaves two unspeakable New York tragedies—the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire and 9/11—into a novel of love and acceptance. Meissner's heroines, Clara and Taryn, live a century apart, but their stories are connected not just by a bright scrap of fabric but by love lost. A compelling novel, A Fall of Marigolds turns fate into a triumph of spirit."*—Sandra Dallas, *New York Times*

# OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>World Communion Sunday</b> <i>Holy Communion</i> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule (below)</i>	<b>2</b> <i>9:30 Janet's Readers</i>	<b>3</b> <i>7:00 Church Council</i>	<b>4</b> <i>7:00 Youth Group</i> <i>7:00 Choir practice</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule (below)</i>	<b>9</b> <i>Recycling Day</i>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <i>7:00 Youth Group</i> <i>7:00 Choir practice</i>	<b>12</b> <i>10:00 Bible Study at Friendship Hall, LeisureTowne</i>	<b>13</b> <i>6:30 Covered Dish Dinner at Vincentown</i>	<b>14</b> <i>11:00 Defibrillator Training, Social Room</i>
<b>15</b> <i>Laity Sunday</i> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule (below)</i> <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	<b>16</b> <i>7:00 Naomi Circle</i>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <i>7:00 Youth Group</i> <i>7:00 Choir practice</i>	<b>19</b> <i>10:00 Bible Study at Friendship Hall, LeisureTowne</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule (below)</i>	<b>23</b> <i>Recycling Day</i>	<b>24</b> <i>10:30 Sarah Circle</i>	<b>25</b> <i>7:00 Youth Group</i> <i>7:00 Choir practice</i>	<b>26</b> <i>10:00 Bible Study at Friendship Hall, LeisureTowne</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>11:00 Defibrillator Training, Social Room</i>  <i>3 - 5:45 Charge Conference, Calvary Korean UMC, New Brunswick</i>
<b>29</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule (right)</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>5:00 Halloween Table Ministry</i>				<b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> <i>9:00 Praise Worship</i> <i>9:45 Upper Room Prayer</i> <i>10:00 Sunday School</i> <i>11:00 Traditional Worship</i>

# **Vincentown United Methodist Church**

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**Rev. David L. Ledford III, Pastor**

**(732) 632-7613**

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

**Sunday School for All Ages, 10:00 a.m.**

**Holy Communion, 1st Sunday**

**Handicap Accessible, Large-print Hymnals & Bibles**

**Lay Leader—Beverlee Adams**

**Church Council Chairperson—Susan Mansfield**

**Minister of Visitation—Rich & Irene Bamford**

**Organist—Susan Mansfield**

**Church Secretary—Peggy Thomas [vumcsec@gmail.com](mailto:vumcsec@gmail.com)**

**Sexton—Raymond McGill**

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

**DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER—OCTOBER 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.***