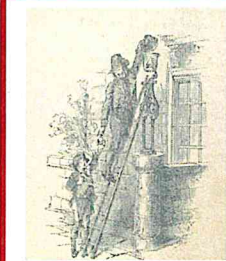


# VINCENTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LAMPLIGHTER

Winter, 2020



Winter 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you know, I am excited to go on Paternity Leave after the birth of my son. Although he was born a little bit early, George David Ledford is happy, and healthy. His pediatrician says he is perfect. I couldn't agree more! I am blessed and thankful to be a part of the United Methodist Church for many reasons. One of those reasons is that our denomination is far ahead of most of the world when it comes to recognizing the importance of a newborn baby bonding with her or his father. The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church allows a minimum of eight weeks of paid Paternity Leave for all clergy. Clergy are also able to plan their leave in the way that best fits the needs of their family. So, I do not have to take all eight weeks at once. I am going on leave in 3 different rounds. The first is from January 12-January 31. The second is February 10-February 24. Finally, the third round is March 8-March 28. This ensures I am here for all communion Sundays, all Food Pantry Saturdays, all Church Council meetings and Ash Wednesday.

I am blessed and thankful to be able to spend this time with my wife and son, but also to spend some time renewing myself. That is something I really have never done in seven years of ministry. I guess it could be said that this is a type of Sabbatical for me. In that, I learn that taking this time with my family is not only a very modern way for me as a father to bond with my son, but it is also a very Biblical practice as well. Rest, rejuvenation and renewal are vitally important to our physical and spiritual health. In Leviticus 25, God acknowledges that the Israelites have a lot to do once they enter the promised land. After that work was done, God insisted that they rest. In fact, after six years of hard work, God told them to take the entire seventh year off. The parallels are obvious, right? God worked for 6 days in creation, and then rested on the seventh day. The Israelites worked for 6 years, and then rested for the seventh year. Don't worry, I am not taking a whole year off! But the precedent is set in the Bible; rest is important and is commanded by God.

I encourage all of you to also take your rest. I know many of you have worked hard for years, perhaps even decades, on missions and ministries of Christ's holy Church. You have raised also your families, worked on your careers, studied hard in pursuit of a degree in school. I'm not saying don't work hard. God never said don't work hard. God said after you work hard, make sure you rest. Sometimes we try to do too much. And when we try to do too much, we get burned out and exhausted. We lose our passion for what we are doing. That's why we need our rest. The church needs you to rest. When we are well rested, we are much better disciples of Christ. With our energy and passion renewed and a fire reignited within us, we can go back to our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. While you rest, those who have been waiting for an opportunity to get involved and waiting for a way to fulfill God's call in their lives to be revealed will be able to increase their involvement in the church and in the faith.

For those who need rest, I pray for renewal. For those who have rested and now are looking for something to do, I pray that you will fulfill your calling from God through the ministries of this church. Amen!

Blessings,

Reverend Dave



## United Methodist Women

Faith—Hope—Love in action

Circle Meetings:

Naomi, Monday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.

Sarah, Tuesday, January 25, 10:30 a.m.

### NEW ADDRESSES:

Lois Klotz

100 Maudbooth Court

Apartment 117

Bordentown, NJ 08505

Phone # 609-859-0956

Helen Rice

50 Congress Street

Newtown, PA 18940

Phone # 215-504-8748

### IN MEMORY

*Irene Bamford*

*Dorothy Chappine*

*Jason Bernhardt*

*Hilda Green*

### THANK YOU

Dear Vincentown UMC,

Thank you so much for your contribution this year to the Holiday Toy Drive. Your contributions helped to make the holiday season a little brighter for many families. Your generosity does not go unnoticed. We appreciate you remembering us and thank you for your help in supporting the families of our community. Thank you again.

The Southampton PTA Community  
Outreach Committee

## CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER

This month we will continue to accept clothing, household items, and food of your choice. Hungry people need everything.

Thank you for your help and donations.

Mary Sue Woodbury



**CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. DAVE AND SHERRIE LEDFORD ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, GEORGE DAVID LEDFORD, BORN DECEMBER 4, 2019!!!!**

### DEAR FRIENDS AND FELLOW CHRISTIANS,

I thank you for Irene and myself for the many cards that we received and prayers that were lifted up to our Creator.

I know Irene would say I simply did while I was on this earth what Jesus asked me to do and I so enjoyed it.

Thank you from my heart and may God Bless all of you.

Rich Bamford

### DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST,

On behalf of our family, I would like to thank each one of you for your calls, cards, emails and texts after Dorothy's passing. Your prayers and support during this difficult time are truly appreciated. The church family was very dear to her and she will be missed by all of you as well. Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year.

Blessings to All,

Kathy Rosmando and The Family of  
Dorothy Chappine

### November and December 2019 Finance Report

#### November 11/30/2019

Total operating Income: \$11,070.11

Total Expenses: \$15,783.23

Overall Total: -\$4,713.12

#### December 12/31/2019

Total Operating Income: \$23,087.32

Total Expenses: \$14,226.60

Overall Total: \$8,860.72

#### End of year 2019

Total operating Income: \$156,324.34

Total Expenses: \$186,248.70

Overall Total: -\$29,924.36

We have been drawing from our savings to cover our operating expenses for the past few years. We mailed out 80 pledge cards for 2020 and received back to date 31 totaling \$95,000. **Our Church budget for 2020 is \$195,559.**

### Joyful Offering Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,

You are our strength and our comforter. You fill our hearts with joy. May we give our offerings to You with gladness.

Everything we have belongs to You.

We rejoice to give some of these blessings back to You to do Thy will. Bless the tithes and offerings we give today. And Lord I pray we can meet our 2020 budget this year.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



## Food Pantry

During the months of Winter, we are asking for Paper Products:

Paper Towels,  
Facial Tissues,  
Bathroom Tissue

*Monetary donations are always welcome for the purchase of needed items.*

*Monetary donations can be put in the offering plate in the envelopes that are in the pews.*

If you have any question's please contact Rev. Dave or Missy Scott or Carole Simon or Deb Barton.

We thank the following establishments who allow us to have our Food Pantry Donation Can at their register: Massimo's Pizza, Red Lion Diner, Evergreen Dairy Bar, Medford Lakes Car Wash, Shamong Diner, Rustic Grill Medford, Gallo's Hair Salon Medford, Riviera Pizza Medford Lakes, Spotts Hardware and Garden Center Medford, La Campagnola Restaurant Shamong. Also supporting us with monetary donations were Pinelands Auto Tabernacle, P. J. Whelihan's Medford Lakes, Mr. China Medford, New Concept Medford, Queen Cleaners Medford, Femina Italian Grill Medford, Tarantella Ristorante Medford, Scott Wilson Hearing Aid Center Medford, Republic Bank Medford, Peter Lumber Medford, Gallos Hair Salon, DJ's Painting, TD Bank Medford, WalMart Berlin, Allen's Oil, PJ Whelihan's Dine & Donate.

### WINTER WEATHER CLOSINGS

In the event of severe winter weather, check any of these 3 options to find out if services are cancelled:

- [www.vincentownumc.org](http://www.vincentownumc.org)
- Facebook – church page or Rev. Dave's page
- Call 609-801-2643, let it finish ringing and listen to the message.

## COVERED DISH DINNER

Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at Vincentown UMC! Bring a dish and join us for food and fellowship!

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Aryanna DeMunguia  
7 Eleanor Stiles, Missy Scott  
10 Virginia McGill  
13 Amber Sweet, Becky Joyce  
17 Eric Gross  
18 Linda Traino



20 Rev. Raymond Gough, 700 Mease Plaza, Apt. 807  
Dunedin, FL 34698

21 Judy Sweet  
22 William Bray  
28 Tommy Sweet

31 Jim Barthmaier

## ANNIVERSARIES

6 Jack & Linda Traino

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 Bradley Bogert  
7 John Gadjerowicz IV  
10 Emma Morrison  
11 Lois Klotz  
14 Michele Woodbury Krier  
23 Kathy Rosmando  
28 Joyce Bonstead, Melissa Burdge

## ANNIVERSARIES

6 Frank and Grace Hicks

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Nancy Blazewick, 6 Surrey Court, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060  
3 Jeffrey Thomas  
6 Bianca DeMunguia  
14 Billy Bruno  
15 Sara Bowker  
17 Dorrance Hall, Michelle Stiles  
21 Deborah Irion  
22 Frances Raines  
24 Andrew Monastero  
27 Carole Simon  
29 Tom Sweet

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Pastor's email: [vumc97@gmail.com](mailto:vumc97@gmail.com) Website: [vincentownumc.org](http://vincentownumc.org)

On Facebook search "Vincentown United Methodist Church"

## CALENDAR INFORMATION FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

### SUNDAYS

Scouting Ministries Sunday, 11:00 a.m.  
February 9

### MONDAYS

Southampton Recycling Day  
January 27, February 10, February 24

Naomi Circle, 7:00 p.m.  
February 17

Presidents' Day  
February 17

### TUESDAYS

Jr. Youth Group, 7:30 p.m.  
January 21, January 28, February 4, February 11, February 18, February 25

Sarah Circle, 10:30 a.m.  
January 28, February 25

Church Council, 7:00 p.m.  
February 4

### WEDNESDAYS

LeisureTowne Bible Study, 15 Pulham Lane, 2:00 p.m.  
January 22, January 29, February 5, February 12, February 19, February 26

Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.  
January 22, January 29, February 5, February 12, February 19, February 26

Ash Wednesday:  
Community Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 p.m., Vincentown UMC  
February 26

### THURSDAYS

Trustees meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
January 23

VBS meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
February 13

### FRIDAYS

Covered Dish Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Vincentown UMC  
February 14

### SATURDAYS

Food Pantry, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon  
February 1, March 7

# **Vincentown United Methodist Church**

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

(732) 632-7613

Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Upper Room Prayer 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School for children 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Food Pantry, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Holy Communion, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

Handicap Accessible, Large-print Hymnals & Bibles

Lay Leader—Beverlee Adams

Church Council Chairperson—Frank Hicks

Organist—Susan Mansfield

Administrative Assistant—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 MARCH NEWSLETTER—FEBRUARY 15**

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*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.*