

VINCENTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LAMPLIGHTER

Summer, 2019



**VINCENTOWN UMC'S
2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
"TO MARS AND BEYOND"**



JULY 22ND – JULY 26TH

FOR STUDENTS AGES 2-12

TEEN AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

VOLUNTEERS & STUDENTS FOLLOW LINK AT VINCENTOWNUMC.ORG TO REGISTER



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10:00 Summer Worship Service.
All are Welcome!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Summer 2019

It is my joy to announce to you that Bishop John Schol and the Cabinet of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference have appointed me back to the Vincentown United Methodist Church for a fourth year of ministry together! Sherrie and I are very happy here and prayed that we would stay. In our denomination, a pastoral change is a possibility any given year, so it is truly a joy to know for sure now that we will be staying here for another year. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. There are many reasons why we are so happy here, but the biggest reason of all is you. You, the people of this Church, have walked some long and difficult journeys with us, and we have walked some long and difficult journeys with some of you. Your loving care is amazing and we appreciate you all so much. It is because of all of you that we have and will continue to experience growth here in this Church. That growth will be very obvious in June.

In our three years together, we have welcomed over twenty new disciples into the life of this church, and this June we will be welcoming even more! We will begin the month of June with a New Members Service, and then on the second Sunday of June we will confirm eight new members. To grow in such great numbers is a wonderful sight, but this church has grown in more than just numbers. What gets me the most excited is when I see our new members actively involved in the missions and the worship of the church. So many of our new members have stepped up and done great things for God through the ministries of this church showing that they understand that membership in the church is about more than just attendance. That is a lesson we have been stressing to our eight confirmation students as well.

Our eight confirmation students have been attending weekly classes since January. That means that by the time they are done, they will have successfully completed a six-month long confirmation class. That is amazing! I know that sports, school, homework and other commitments made it hard for them to be a part of this class and live up to the covenant that we all wrote and signed together at our first meeting. But each of them had proven that they take their faith and their participation in the church seriously. As I said before, membership in the church is about more than just attendance. Likewise, their success in this class has been evaluated on more than just attendance. Each of them has been required to do a ministry project. I did not tell them what to do because I wanted this project to get them to understand the most important part of church members. That is the relationship between what skills and interest an individual person has and what the needs of their individual church are. I wanted them to discern their skills and how they can use those skills to address a need of this church. All eight of them have done so successfully.

Jenny Barton is taking her passion for children's ministry further than ever before and helping me in leadership during VBS. Kathrine Hunt is using her gift of Christian witness and preaching the Pentecost sermon on Confirmation Sunday. Hunter Kirkbride is using her artistic skills to create bookmarks for our pew Bibles. Ava Morton is using her love of animals to start a food pantry for pets. Mark has a heart for God's people in need and is using that heart to collect necessary personal items for the homeless. Both Ava and Mark's projects can be donated to by placing items in the bins found in the Narthex. Emma Morrison is helping us celebrate our rich past and creating a "Pastor Wall" that will display the pictures of all of the pastors who have served this church. Angelica Scott is helping us increase our social media presence by creating and maintaining a new Instagram page. This page is already up and running, so please search for us on Instagram! Lawrence Scott has put his craftiness to good use and made me an awesome mailbox, and he is also helping me put together a new Junior Youth Group. I am so proud of these eight students who have found how God made them unique and special and then used those things to improve the ministries of this church.

Now, I encourage all of us to do the same. What is it about you that is unique and special, something divinely created in you, and how can you use that to improve the ministries of this church? You can do this no matter how old or young you are and no matter where you live. I can't wait to hear what you come up with! Amen and thank you all!

Grace and Peace,

Reverend Dave

30th

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Can you believe it?



And we are celebrating!
Will you join us?

Sunday, June 16, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Joining us will be long-time friends
Rev. Robert Reasner
Organist Betty Stover
Building Committee chairman Chris Flaherty
Leaders in various youth ministries, Carol Flaherty and Dee Keezer

Luncheon will be served after the service.
We look forward to seeing you.

Rev. Reasner will attend our monthly covered-dish dinner at
Buddtown UMC, Friday, June 14, 6:30 pm

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

& ANNIVERSARIES



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bryce McMaster
- 3 Clay Bridges, Gail Hall
- 5 Carlo Monastero
- 6 Margo Griner
- 8 Johanna Mansfield
- 10 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
- 28 Gary Rosmando
- 30 Carrie Grundner, Jeanne Miller

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Gary & Kathy Rosmando
- 16 Richard & Joyce Jones, Clay & April Bridges
- 17 Jim & Donna Chappine

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Krisy Bonstead
- 5 Darlene Hall
- 6 George Young
- 7 Anna Olson
- 8 Eleanor Rainier, Masonic Home, 902 Jacksonville Rd., Burlington, NJ 08016
- 10 LuAnn Stiles
- 11 Elizabeth Bruno
- 12 Yogi McMaster, Hannah Dengler
- 17 Mary Gibson
- 18 Michele Mansfield
- 19 Beverlee Adams, Donnamarie Chappine
- 19 Rev. Robert Reasner, 674 West Valley Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901
- 20 Doris Lang
- 26 Riley Leonard
- 28 Jonah Worrell
- 29 Ian Rudderow, Eddie Sweet
- 30 Jessica Sweet

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Bill & Judy Bray
- 19 Michael & Barbara Rudderow
- 21 Eric & Jodie Gross

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Paul "Kenny" Riker
- 5 Peg Ryan
- 7 Valerie Conte, Sherrie Ledford, Nick Mansfield, Andrea Startare
- 12 Christopher Jones
- 14 Al Thomas
- 16 Rev. Tom Wadas
- 16 Sandy Voeckler, 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, 102 Sage Trail, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062
- 28 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



FINANCE REPORT:

Year to date Finance Report:
(1/1/2018 through 5/31/2019)

Total Operating Income: \$60,020.18

Total Operating Expenses: \$79,310.37

Overall Total: - \$19,290.19

While our operating expenses to serve our Lord has increased, our operating income continues to decrease. We have lost some generous givers over the past few years and we are praying that others will step up.

Heavenly Father, I know you will provide for our church and the people I love. Give us the means to do your work, and spread your Love. In your name we pray, Amen.

Finance Chairman: Frank Hicks

Food Pantry:

During the month of June we are asking for:

Any brand Instant Mashed Potatoes.

Approximate Net Wt. 13.75 oz.

12.5 oz. size of canned White Chuck Chicken
or 12 oz. size can of Tuna

(Please make sure that the date of purchase is
within (6) Months of the date of expiration.)

*Our Food Pantry is growing and monetary
donations are always welcome and will go towards
the purchase of Food Pantry items.*

If you have any question's please contact Rev. Dave
or Missy Scott.

NEW JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP!!

We are starting a new Junior Youth Group for young disciples ages 7-13. This Junior Youth group will be similar to a VBS experience with skits, funny videos, Bible Lessons, games, science experiments and crafts! We are hoping to start meeting in July. If you are interested, please contact Reverend Dave. Once we know who wants to attend, we will work together to make a schedule. All young disciples 7-13 are invited! A previous relationship with the church is not required.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On Sunday, June 2, we were pleased to welcome into our fellowship the following new members:

Kristina and John Gajderowicz IV

Kim and Greg Lamanteer

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS

Jenny Barton

Kathrine Hunt

Hunter Kirkbride

Emma Morrison

Ava Morton

Mark Morton

Angelica Scott

Lawrence Scott

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

High School:

Bianca DeMunguia

Katie Donner

Kayla Eberly

Isabella (Izzy) Castillo

Kylie Kunz

Jonah Worrell

Middle School:

Lydia Van Walson

If we omitted any of our graduates, we apologize, and ask that you please contact our office.

Covered Dish Dinner

Friday June 14 6:30 p.m.

Held at Buddtown UMC

Bring a dish to share, and join us for good
food and good fellowship!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

To receive your newsletter online, email the church administrative assistant at vumcsec@gmail.com

Pastor's email: vumc97@gmail.com Website: vincentownumc.org

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Worship 10:00 a.m.

Food Pantry, 1st Saturday Holy Communion, 1st Sunday

Handicap Accessible, Large-print Hymnals & Bibles

Lay Leader—Beverlee Adams

Church Council Chairperson—Susan Mansfield

Organist—Susan Mansfield

Administrative Assistant—Peggy Thomas vumcsec@gmail.com

Sexton—Raymond McGill

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

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER—AUGUST 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.