

VINCENTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LAMPLIGHTER

October, 2019



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Have I told you lately that I love being your pastor here in Vincentown? There are so many things to praise and thank God for. We have our food pantry continuing to reach new people in our community while our leadership finds more cost-effective ways to do so. We are increasing in baptisms, professions of faith, small groups and children's ministries. Brand new additions since my last letter include a Junior Youth Group, which has hosted 13 different young disciples in its first 6 weeks, and a Methodism Class that had 7 people attend its first gathering. Charge Conference paperwork is complete and I am confident that the numbers speak to what we physically see in real life: a church family growing in number and in discipleship.

I am so proud to be a part of this church family that is growing in all the right ways. Of course, nothing is ever perfect and improvement is always possible. It sure is difficult to finance all of these new and growing things and I thank all of you so much for your dedicated generosity to the ministries of this church. My prayer is that through your generosity, a new mission or ministry will never even have to consider if it can be financially supported by the church. For 191 years, you, your family members and the saints who came before us have given their time, their talents and their treasures to faithfully make Vincentown a place to live, work and play. And all of this has been led by very gifted, talented and loving pastors. The Vincentown United Methodist Church has had 89 pastors in its history, and this month I want to give special recognition to them.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. On the wall in the Narthex are pictures of all of them that we have pictures of, as well as a list of all 89 of them. This was a confirmation project that was started by Emma Morrison. Please join me in thanking God for all 89 men and women who have served as pastor of this church. 89 different voices. 89 different sets of experiences. 89 pastors is a lot. But even though you have had 89 different pastors, you have always just one mission: to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Each generation, each individual person and each pastor has its own set of challenges. But in spite of 191 years of challenges, you're still here! To this point, this church has overcome all of those challenges. Some hurt more than others. Some may have left permanent marks. But you're still here. Praise God for Church, praise God for people and praise God for the 89 pastors sent to lead missions, ministries and worship here in Vincentown.

Lastly, I would like to invite you to become a part of, or to increase your participation in all of the great things we do here. We've got Bible Studies, fellowship, two different youth groups, a blended worship service, missions and most of all, great people! We hope to see you here real soon!

Blessings,

Reverend Dave
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United Methodist Women

Faith—Hope—Love in action

Circle Meetings:

Naomi, Monday, October 21, 7:00 p.m.

Sarah, Tuesday, October 22, 10:30 a.m.

CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF UMW

We invite you and ALL Methodists to come celebrate 150 years of the UMW! **Saturday, October 19th, at 2:00 p.m.** Sue Duffield is coming to lead a special celebration! Invite friends you know from other churches!

Thank You from Rev. Dave & Sherrie

With your generosity and the leadership of the Board of Trustees, the parsonage has received a new washer, a new refrigerator, a new water heater, new gutters and inspected water system! Thank you to all who give to the Capital Improvement Fund which paid for it all!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Tim Monastero, Angelica Scott
- 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

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Dorrance & Darlene Hall
- 10 Kristina & John Gajderowicz IV
- 15 Yogi & Beth McMaster
- 20 Brian & April Richardson



CHRISTIAN CARING CENTER

Thank you for your back to school items. More than 235 backpacks were given to children.

Now we will continue to collect food items of any kind in October. Household items and clothes are also welcome.

May god bless you all.

Mary Sue Woodbury

Food Pantry

During the month of October, we are asking for: Any brand Instant Mashed Potatoes. Approximate Net Wt. 13.75 oz.

(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 or Carole Simon or Deb Barton.

We thank the following establishments who allow us to have our Food Pantry Donation Can at their register: Evergreen Dairy Bar, Gallo's Hair Salon, Green Top, Massimo's Pizza, Medford Car Wash, Red Lion Diner, Rustic Grill, Shamong Diner.



CONGRATULATIONS TO GREG AND KIM LAMANTEER ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR SON, VINCENT, BORN SEPTEMBER 2, 2019!!!!
PROUD GRANDMOTHER IS
DIANE STONE.

Covered Dish Dinner

Friday, October 11, 6:30 p.m. at Vincentown UMC!
Bring a dish to share and join us for food and fellowship!

2019 CHARGE CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 2nd 10am-12:45pm
Calvary Korean UMC in East Brunswick

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

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

On Facebook search "Vincentown United Methodist Church"

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:00 Church Council	2 2:00 Bible Study at 15 Pulham Lane, Leisuretowne 7:00 Choir practice 7:00 Youth Group 7:30 Jr. Youth Group 7:00 Finance Committee meeting	3 7:00 Adult Methodism Class	4 Ignite Youth Conference	5 Food Pantry
6 World Communion Sunday Holy Communion Regular Sunday Schedule (below)	7 Recycling Day	8	9 2:00 Leisuretowne Bible Study (contact Pastor for location) 6:00 Stewardship 7:00 Choir practice 7:00 Youth Group 7:30 Jr. Youth Group	10 7:00 Adult Methodism Class 7:00 Trustees	11 6:30 Covered Dish Dinner at Vincenttown	12
13 Regular Sunday Schedule (below)	14	15 Newsletter Articles Due	16 2:00 Leisuretowne Bible Study (contact Pastor for location) 7:00 Choir practice 7:00 Youth Group 7:30 Jr. Youth Group	17 7:00 Adult Methodism Class	18	19 2:00 Sue Duffield, celebrating 150 years of UMW – EVERYONE WELCOME!
20 Regular Sunday Schedule (below)	21 Recycling Day 7:00 Naomi Circle	22 10:30 Sarah Circle	23 2:00 Bible Study at 15 Pulham Lane, Leisuretowne 7:00 Choir practice 7:00 Youth Group 7:30 Jr. Youth Group	24 7:00 Adult Methodism Class	25	26
27 Regular Sunday Schedule (right)	28	29	30 2:00 Bible Study at 15 Pulham Lane, Leisuretowne 7:00 Choir practice 7:00 Youth Group 7:30 Jr. Youth Group	31 Halloween (no Methodism class)		Regular Sunday Schedule 9:45 Adult Sunday School; Upper Room Prayer 10:00 Children's Sunday School 10:15 Prayer & Praise 11:00 Worship

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

Sunday School for children 10:00 a.m.

Prayer and Praise Time 10:15 a.m.

Worship 11:00 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 NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER—OCTOBER 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.