

Stockholm United Methodist Church

HILLTOP MESSENGER SEPTEMBER 2017

Matthew 11: 28-30 “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”



FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OCCURS WHEN FAITH IS CULTIVATED

FAITH-TESTING TIMES CAN BE FAITH-STRENGTHENING TIMES

God's love is as expansive as the open arms OF CHRIST ON THE CROSS

WHEN HEARINGS HOPE TO FADE, HEE TO GOD, THE REFUGE YOU CAN REACH ON YOUR KNEES

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

“Thank You” to Ted FOR THE SPECIAL MUSIC SERIES BASED ON MUSIC FROM ARRANGER GREGG HOWIE IT DURING JULY & AUGUST ALSO A thanks to Pam for her solo's!

BOB HEIMOND HAD VOLUNTEERED AS A CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER TO PREACH AT JOHNSONBURG UMC ON AUGUST 6TH; THE church was going to close and this would be the last regular UM service. Bob offered Pastor Wally a “service swap” (Bob AT UMC AND PASTOR WALLY AT UMC AS PASTOR WALLY HAD SERVED JOHNSONBURG SOME TIME IN THE PAST THE SWAP OCCURED AND PASTOR WALLY REPORED THAT IT WAS A WONDERFUL VISIT AND HE GOT TO MEET THE PASTOR OF A NEW CONGREGATION (NOT METHODIST) WHO WILL BE TAKING OVER THE CHURCH BUILDING SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE. THE CHURCH CLOSING SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10TH.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

THE UMW PICNIC MEETING WAS HELD ON AUGUST 9TH AT THE HARRING's house in Deer Trail Lakes. IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY WITH 10 UM women attending and of course the four “regular ATTENDING” husbands (FOR PIONICS). THOSE ATTENDING WERE: MARLYN, MARGE, LOIS, PENNY, SOPHIA, CHARENE, IVA, BARBARA, CONNIE & DIANE (AND DICK WARREN, PEE & ALL.

THE UMW HOSTED AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY IN AUGUST FELLOWSHIP TIME (AUGUST 20TH). EVERYONE ENJOYED THE FELLOWSHIP, Pam's birthday cake, Bagels AND THE ICE CREAM!!! Thanks to the Schutte's, Pam & Iva FOR THEIR HELP/ DONATIONS. IT WAS SOOOOOOOO GOOD!!!

MISSIONS and OUTREACH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY MISSION OFFERING FOR AUGUST (27TH) WAS FOR THE GIDEONS. THE GIDEONS DISTRIBUTE BIBLES LOCALLY IN SUSSEX COUNTY AND GLOBALLY THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THE FOURTH SUNDAY MISSION OFFERING FOR SEPTEMBER IS THE RED BIRD MISSION, AN OUTREACH TO THE PEOPLE IN APPALACHIA

FINANCE COMMITTEE

JOHN REPORED that our “mission shares” for 2018 will be about \$500 less than 2017 based on the new conference FORMULA

TRUSTEES

TRUSTEES WILL BE PLANNING A FALL WORK DAY SOME TIME IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER

OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH (SEPTEMBER 2017)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD, COMMUNION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH LABOR DAY
SEPTEMBER 6TH PIRC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8TH, PARSONAGE WALK-THRU
SEPTEMBER 10TH NOMINATIONS MEETING, AFTERNOON WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 13TH, UMW meeting at Iva's
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17TH, COHEE FELLOWSHIP
SEPTEMBER 20TH AD COUNCIL MEETING TO REVIEW CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORTS
4TH SUNDAY (24TH) MISSION OFFERING: RED BIRD MISSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH: CONFERENCE REPORTS DUE TO DS
CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:00PM ON THURSDAYS STARTING ON THE 7TH

MARK YOUR CALENDAR (OCTOBER 2017)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, COMMUNION
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH, CHURCH CONFERENCE AT 9:15 AM AT THE BUTLER UMC
SUNDAY OCTOBER 15TH, COHEE FELLOWSHIP
4TH SUNDAY (22ND) MISSION OFFERING: NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, VISIT BY JOSEPH COTRELL
CHOIR PRACTICE: 7:00PM ON THURSDAYS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Shut-ins: PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS: RUTH KELLY, LOIS SPANON, EVELYN WESTHOFF, LOIS ZUIDMA, AND MARILYN CRUM

LOIS SPANON IS IN THE HOMESTEAD NURSING HOME.

RUTH KELLY IS AT HOME IN VERNON WITH THE HELP OF A 24/7-HEALTH AID.

EVELYN WESTHOFF IS CURRENTLY LOCATED AT THE PHOEBE RICHARD HEALTH CARE FACILITY IN RICHMOND TOWN, VA.

LOIS ZUIDMA IS AT HER APARTMENT IN OAK RIDGE AND DOING WELL. GOOD TO SEE LOIS AT THE UMW PICNIC.

KEEP MARILYN CRUM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

Prayer Chain: OUR TELEPHONE PRAYER CHAIN IS AVAILABLE FOR ANY AND ALL SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS. THE PRAYER CHAIN CAN BE ACTIVATED BY CALLING PASTOR WALLY AND LINDA (973-697-6202), SANDY AND BOB (973-697-5289), OR DRENE & AL (973-827-3695).

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS MONTH (SEPTEMBER)

BIRTHDAYS

5 JEFF AIKEN

6 FRED MANZI

14 LARRY MUGAVERO

15 ROY SCHMIDT

29 CHARLENE SIMPSON

30 CHARLOTTE KRUMPHER

ANNIVERSARIES

11 CHRISTA & FRANK WALKER

13 CONI & ROB VAN DECKER

14 JUDIE & JOHN MIX

22 Bil & Andrea Kehler

28 CARL & VEIMA MILLER

AROUND THE CHURCH

Dr. Ian Gunn-Russ: IAN WENT HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD ON AUGUST 6TH AT THE AGE OF 94. IAN WAS WIDELY KNOWN IN THE SUSSEX COUNTY AREA AS A PASTOR AND FOR CHRISTIAN COUNSELING. PASTOR WALLY A LONG TIME FRIEND OF IAN HAD THE HONOR OF LEADING THE FUNERAL SERVICE HELD AT THE LAFAYETTE FEDERATED CHURCH ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH.

NJ State Fair: NORMAN SCHUTE HAD MULTIPLE ENTRIES IN THE STATE FAIR THIS YEAR IN THE CANNING AND BAKING CATEGORIES. HE RECEIVED A 1ST PLACE AND "BEST IN SHOW" FOR HIS Hot Spicy Pickles, another 1ST PLACE FOR HIS Cookies (don't know what type), and third places in his Tomato Catsup, Mixed Pickled Vegetables, Homemade BREAD AND MUFFINS. CONGRATULATIONS NORMAN!!

Food Pantry: KIM HAS REQUESTED A NUMBER OF ITEMS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY FAMILIES TO HELP WITH THE START OF SCHOOL, INCLUDING SNACKS FOR THE CHILDREN AND TEA & COFFEE FOR THE PARENTS. BACKPACKS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DONATED.

Jodie Mix: JODIE HAD HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERY ON AUGUST 9TH AND IS DOING WELL WITH RECOVERY. SHE HAS SCHEDULED THE SECOND HIP REPLACEMENT FOR LATER THIS FALL. DAUGHTER BECKY IS NOW ENGAGED WITH A WEDDING PLANNED FOR NEXT SUMMER.

Bob Helmond: BOB PREACHED AS LAY SERVANT ON AUGUST 27TH AT THE UMC ON LOWER OAK RIDGE ROAD WHILE THE PASTOR WAS ON VACATION. THANK YOU BOB FOR BEING AN ACTIVE LAY SERVANT!

Men's Bible Study: ALL MEN FROM THE CHURCH WERE INVITED TO THE MEN'S BIBLE STUDY HELD AT THE HOME OF CONNIE & WARREN BALDWIN. THE EVENING STARTED WITH FOOD PREPARED BY WARREN & CONNIE. THE STUDY WAS LED BY PASTOR WALLY AND WAS BASED ON SCRIPTURE FROM 2 CHRONICLES, CHAPTERS 17 - 19. THIS PORTION OF SCRIPTURE DEALS WITH KING JEHOSHAPHAT'S REIGN AND HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOTH KING AHAZ FROM ISRAEL AND THE GOD INSPIRED PROPHET MICHAH. IT WAS A GOOD TIME OF DISCUSSION, LEARNING AND FELLOWSHIP. THOSE AT THE STUDY WERE WARREN B., STEVE H., DE R. AND AL H. THE EVENING ENDED WITH CONNIE'S HOMEMADE PEACH COBBLER.

OTHER ITEMS: Deadline for the October 2017 Newsletter inputs, September 24th.

Mark Your Calendars: 2017 CHURCH CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 7TH; ALL REPORTS ARE DUE ON SEPTEMBER 25TH!! NO LATE REPORTS THIS YEAR. THE AD COUNCIL SET A SERIES OF DATES TO ASSURE THE REPORTS ARE SUBMITTED ON TIME.

PICTURES FOR THE MONTH



Bob preaching on August 4th



UMW Summer Picnic at the Hardings: Women's Contingent



UMW Summer Picnic at the Hardings: Men's Contingent (except Al)



Wally Singing on August 20th
During Sermon



Coffee Fellowship/Ice Cream Social/Pam's Birthday August 20th



Pam singing 23rd Psalm Aug 27th