

Stockholm United Methodist Church

Hilltop Messenger, November 2017

1 Peter 1:3-5 “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

To take the fear out of living, put your faith in the living God
Spending time with Jesus is a joy!
God is a safe place in life’s storms.
We were created to enjoy God forever.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Sunday, October 8th service was a little different as Pastor & Linda took some vacation time. Using the bulletins prepared by Linda, Harry (Jr.), Ted and Al directed a “hymn sing” service, singing favorite hymns selected by members of the congregation; it was a great time of scripture reading and singing God’s praises!

Sunday, October 15th was Laity Day, allowing Pastor Wally & Linda to sit in the pews and enjoy the service run by the laity; Bob Menier was liturgist, members of the congregation helped with responses and the message given by Bob Helmond. Bob gave a great sermon based on the Laity Day theme of “Hope through Hospitality”.

The 15th was also **Harvest Sunday**, a time when the UMW sold homemade soup, hot dogs, and deserts (apple crisp) after service for “eat in” or “take out”. There was also be a Bake Table with homemade baked “goodies”. The event was well supported by the folks from our congregation; everyone had a great time! The UMW also wants to thank everyone for their donations of homemade soup, bake “goodies” and for purchasing the items making Harvest Sunday a success!!

Bible Study: Pastor Wally has started a bible study on Abraham using the scriptural accounts as found in the Old Testament book of Genesis. The study meets in Memorial Hall on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

A number of the UMW met at Penning’s Orchard in Warwick to pick apples to make apple crisp for Harvest Sunday; Connie, Marge, Darlene and of course, Warren (to pick & carry the large bags!). Their October meeting/gathering was held on October 4th in Memorial Hall; the women peeling apples and making “apple crisp” that were sold at Harvest Sunday on October 15th. Harvest Sunday was a great success supported by almost all of those in attendance at the morning worship. The fellowship was GREAT and the soup, hotdogs and deserts/bake goods were scrumptious! The proceeds from the event will be used by the UMW for local missions/needs as they arise. Thanks to all for their support!!

MISSIONS and OUTREACH

The fourth Sunday mission offering for October was the Northwest Christian School. A representative from the school, Joe Cottrell attended the Sunday morning service (October 22nd) and share about the school. It was a pleasure having Joe with us; his talk about the school was informative and expressed the need for education with a “Christian” emphasis. See pics at the end.

The fourth Sunday mission offering for November will be “United Methodist Student Day”, a first mile mission of the GNJAC to provide scholarships to UM students for furthering their education.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

John prepared the 2018 Budget in September for the church conference; it is included in the Church Conference booklets along with the 2016 and 2017 YTD Treasurers reports (from Nancy) found in the rear of the church.

TRUSTEES

Steve Haggett prepared the "Report of the Trustees" for the Church Conference on October 7th. Bob Helmond prepared the Parsonage Evaluation for the Church Conference while Steve was vacationing in Outer Banks. Trustees will be planning a fall work day sometime in November. A big "Thanks" to Steve for striping the wax and re-waxing the floors in Memorial Hall, long overdue; really looks good!!! See pic at end.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH (NOVEMBER 2017)

Wednesday, November 1st, UMW Thanksgiving Dinner, Hampton Diner in Newton, 12:00 noon
Wednesdays, November 8th, 15th & 22nd (?): Pastor Bible Study on Abraham in Memorial Hall
Sunday, November 5th Communion
Sunday November 19th, Coffee Fellowship
Wednesday November 22nd, Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:30pm
Thursday November 23rd, Thanksgiving (don't eat too much!!!)
4th Sunday (26th) Mission Offering: United Methodist Student Day
Choir Practice: 7:00pm on Thursdays (except Thanksgiving of course)
Rummage Sale: to be announced

MARK YOUR CALENDAR (DECEMBER 2017)

Wednesday, December 1st, UMW Christmas Dinner/meeting, to be announced.
Sunday, December 3rd Communion and first Sunday of Advent
Sunday December 17th, Coffee Fellowship & **UMW Cookie Walk**
Sunday December 24th, **Christmas Eve Services**, 7:00pm & 11:00pm
4th Sunday (24th) Mission Offering, Truck Stop Ministry
Choir Practice: 7:00pm on Thursdays

PRAYER REQUESTS

Shut-ins: Please pray for our shut-ins: Ruth Kelly, Lois Sparnon, Evelyn Westhoff, Lois Zuidma, Lillian Bott, and Marilyn Crum

Lois Sparnon is in the Homestead Nursing Home.

Ruth Kelly is back at her home with a 24/7 health care aid.

Evelyn Westhoff is currently located at the Phoebe Richland Health Care facility in Richlandtown, PA.

Lois Zuidma is at her apartment in Oak Ridge and doing well.

Lillian Bott is in Rehab in Lincoln Park; hopes to be home soon.

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 Darlene & Al (973-827-3695).

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

BIRTHDAYS

3 Norman Schutte	16 Ted Anderson
5 Amanda Schmidt	20 Diana Aiken
13 Robert Helmond	21 Regina Goldy
13 Gail Hicks	21 Al Perez
13 Harry Schutte II	23 Connie Baldwin

AROUND THE CHURCH

Church Conference: The Church Conference was held on Saturday, October 7th at the Butler UMC as part of a "Cluster Conference"; multiple UMC churches held their church conferences at the same time, A time together

started the cluster conference with a time of Praise & Worship led by our DS, Rev. Steve Bechtold. Then there was a time where a number (4) of Workshops were made available. The Cluster Conferences was concluded with different Elders presiding over individual church charge conferences, a time to conduct the “business” aspects of the local church to meet the requirements of the UMC Book of Discipline. Those in attendance from our church were: Pastor Wally & Linda, John Little, Bob Helmond & Al Harding; Jeanne & Dennis attended the Praise & Worship and Workshops, but were not able to attend our charge conference. Rev. Dan Gepford, pastor at the Sussex UMC presided over our charge conference. With Jodie recovering from hip surgery (number 2), she was not able to attend and take the minutes as the charge conference Secretary, so Bob Helmond did the “honors”. Thank You Bob!! A booklet was prepared that include all the reports required for the Church Conference and are in the rear of the church (or when gone, ask Al and he can print more).

Baptism: Savannah Grace Kelly was baptized on October 22nd; Savannah’s parents are Nicole & Keith. Savannah was such a good little girl, not making a sound during the “long” service and was loved by everyone! See pic.

OTHER ITEMS: Deadline for the December 2017 Newsletter inputs, November 24th.

PICTURES FOR THE MONTH



-----UMW at October Meeting Making Apple Crisp for Harvest Sunday -----



Welcome Fall



----- Harvest Sunday, October 15th -----



----- Harvest Sunday, October 15th-----



-----Joe Cottrell from Northwest Christian School-----

Altar Ready for Baptism



-----Savannah Grace Kelly Baptism – October 22nd 2017-----



Memorial Hall New Wax Job!!