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Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite stories is the story of "The Tinker King." The line that is repeated throughout the story goes like this: "Everything is connected. Whenever a little bit in any of us dies, a whole lot in all of us dies." As I reflected on the Memorial Day observance, I could see the connectedness. First I thought about people who had fought in wars and lost their lives - my grandfathers in World War I and my Uncle Chuck was a prisoner in World War II. There is also my son, Robert's grandfather, who fought in WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Saturday we buried Frank Locke who entered the service at the end of WWII. Then there are the names of those in the news and people I know who continue to serve and die in Iraq and Afghanistan. My son, Robert is one who served in Iraq. I don't understand how he was affected by that experience, but I know he still struggles with having served.

These are not the only ones who are dying or in other ways moving out of our lives. Many more disappear from our lives and leave an empty space in our emotions. Something within us dies when we lose these people. I see it in Church when one of us moves away either physically or emotionally, or when one person's pain is felt by many of us.

So we enter June having just observed Memorial Day. The month will be full of reminders of our connectedness and the importance so many people have in our lives. Today I am heading for Annual Conference in Wildwood. It is a great place to meet. At Annual Conference I connect with friends and fellow workers for Christ. This is a diverse group (the most diverse in the United Methodist Church). We come from all over New Jersey and the world. We come to worship, pray, fellowship, support, and do ministry together. The impact of our ministries gives encouragement and support to works around the world.

Next our congregation will affirm our children as we observe Children's Sunday on June 8th. Our affirmations will make a difference in who these children will become. The following week we celebrate with our graduates and give thanks for the Fathers in our lives. Two weeks later Rev. Dave Bailey from Ranch Hope will speak at both services. Many in our church have supported this ministry and have grown through Dave's preaching ministry. I finally committed my life and family to Christ at one of Dave Bailey's Revival Services. As June ends we move into the 4th of July weekend. We will rejoice in our freedom as a nation and I hope as Christians. Richard and Beverly Felmeijer will be with us on Sunday morning, July 6th. They too have had a great impact on our church as they minister in Haiti. The day after that we begin summer with our week long Vacation Bible School. July 7 - July 11.

It will be a good way to end the spring and begin an awesome summer. Let the Spirit move you this summer. Take time to relax, but don't lose your connection with one another and with our Lord. Summer is more than a time to do nothing, it is a time to be renewed. Take time for God to renew you in His service.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave Repenning

<u>Attendance:</u>	Early	Morning	S. School
May 4	16	91	30
May 11			26
May 18			19
May 25	21	91	
<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S.School</u>
May 4	\$5,086.00	\$1,035.00	\$31.25
May 11	\$3,421.00	\$628.00	\$21.00
May 18	\$3,986.00	\$410.00	\$15.92
May 25	\$2,753.50	\$328.00	



June Birthdays Happy Birthday to All!!!

1st	James Repenning
2nd	Justin Nolan & Gail Moran
6th	Holly Slusarz, Karin Abbey & William Snyder
7th	J. Gresimer
8th	Arlene Tice, Theodore Nolan & Aaron Nolan
9th	Donald Bishop & Laura Campbell
10th	Ryan Schumacher & Sean Daly
13th	Steven Fox, Stephen Dilks & Scott Snyder
14th	Tyler Richards, Virginia Atkins & Vicki Dawson
15th	Elinor Lubrano
16th	Micah Harper
17th	Kennedy Steier
18th	Evan Elliott
20th	Emily Wozniak, Tyler Kulig & Judy Locke
21st	Bonnie Kanady & Justin Abbey
25th	Ruthie Wozniak, Sarah Slavoff & Jason Bishop
26th	Eileen Eller & Cassidy Neher
27th	Dot Somers, Florence Bramell & Daniel Pitman
28th	Ken Thomas
29th	Andrea Babcock & Sandi Elliott
30th	Caitlyn Pitman, Jon Hall, Ed Fuller, Jr., Denny Hardman & Chloey Parish

Our Chapel Sunday School Class will be starting a new study on Psalm 91 on the 1st Sunday in June. Let Pat Hall (358-3177) know if you'll be participating so she can have books ready.



Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 15th. If you or a loved one is graduating from 6th, 8th, 12th grade or college, please contact Pat Hall (358-3177) or Linda Thomas (881-2631) by June 1st. Please give the student's name, grade and place he/she is graduating from and future plans if known. Thank you.

Sunday School Church Family Picnic
June 29th Following the Sunday School Hour.
at Ralph and Fran Hughes'





640 Willow Grove Rd, Pittsboro

In my introductory article in July, 2004, I told you about my osteoporosis, and suggested you all be tested. Since then I have taken medications religiously – the Fortero that can cause fractures, and the oral meds that cause nausea and vomiting. I have two appointments with the spinal surgeon, so this might soon be resolved. The pain is more than I can bear on some days, so it is time to do something about it. I wanted to be more help to the congregation, but my own personal tragedy is causing me to resign from this position. Thanks to all of you who complimented me on my “writing skills,” and gave me help when I needed you.

Everyone who visited Bob’s funeral was impressed with our church. And LUNCH, I am not sure I gave credit to everyone who deserved credit. The Navy people thought the service was really nice. Bob loved the Navy and they loved our church. Thank you!!!

Sincerely,
Bonnie Kanady, RN

Vacation Bible School



"Son Treasure Island"

5:45 - 8:30pm July 7th thru the 11th

Ages 3 thru 6th Grade

...and a new youth class!

You may register online on our website:

www.elmerumc.org

Snacks, crafts, games, friends...
Register Early! And bring a friend!

Our monthly sub sale benefits VBS in June.

\$6.00 ea. Email or call Donna, dkstembug@yahoo.com



or 358-2509. Thank you

Fill a Bottle...Help Save a Life...Due Date: June 15

Did you know in 2013 Cornerstone Women’s Resource Centers provided:



- 161 pregnancy test to women facing an unplanned pregnancy
- 99 moms were introduced to their babies through ultrasound scans
- 259 Gospel “seeds” were sown
- 261 “Earn As You Learn” education classes about pregnancy, baby care, parenting, and life skills were attended by moms and dads which “earned” them baby supplies and equipment.

Other services Cornerstone provides are referrals for medical care, adoption, and housing; and Pregnancy Loss Counseling for miscarriage, stillbirth, and abortion. All services are offered at no cost because you filled a Wee Witness Baby Bottle with cash and checks. **Please help Cornerstone continue to touch hearts and lives by bringing your filled bottle back by June 15th!!**



Please don’t forget to sign up for your turn to place flowers on the altar for Sunday mornings. Calendar and forms are in the back of the sanctuary on the table.

Supplies needed for Handi*Camp

Handi*Camp begins at Malaga Camp on Saturday, June 7th. Donations of the following items **needed by June 1st** would be greatly appreciated.

- Paper towels (we use lots!)
- 5 oz. paper or plastic cups
- An inexpensive bed pillow
- Rolls of masking tape
- Gallon-sized Ziplock bags
- Ponchos (Dollar store variety is fine)
- Baby wipes – preferably the rectangular plastic boxes or refills
- Lysol liquid all purpose (yellow) cleaner – refill bottles are best (we have spray bottles we can refill)
- BLUE kitchen –sized bags if you can find them (we use blue and white for different needs and have lots of white in our supplies already)
- Napkins – inexpensive square ones
- Pump soaps (no refills please)
- Plain white shower curtains
- Personal packs of tissues
- Several cases of bottled water

WACKY WEDNESDAYS

Family Fun each Wednesday

July 16th - August 20th.

July 16th - Canoeing with Pastor Dave



July 23rd - Campfire with Tim Hack

July 30th - Family Movie Night and Pizza at the church. See the movie “Frozen” and help us rate the pizza as we try the various local pizzerias.



August 6th - Take Me Out to the Ball Game

August 13th - Bicycling Traveling Supper beginning at the Hangar at 6pm.

August 20th - Swimming, Hot Dog & Sundae Buffet 6:30pm at the Stembergers, 20 4th St, Elmer



Malaga Camp Youth Rally

6:30pm June 1st

“No Limits...Matthew 19: 26”

Worship Prizes Fun
Dez Childs Pastor Jason Marshall

Win tickets to see Tenth Avenue North

All Are Welcome!! Malaga Camp, Newfield, NJ

www.facebook.com/malagacampyouthrally



Malaga Camp Brochures, Registration Forms, and EUMC Camp Scholarship Forms

are now available. Please give completed forms & monies to Kathy Laury by June 1st.

Our church provides Camp Scholarships each year to help our youth participate. If you would like to make a

donation towards these scholarships, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.