



The Ambassador

We are the Ambassadors for Christ – 2 Corinthians 5:20

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“We exist to be part of the kingdom of God in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” We will be dedicated to personal growth through Jesus Christ and to reaching out to others in Christian love.

Jesus Loves You!

Ten Ways to Love

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)



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Summer 2013

Dear Members and Friends,

Our Lay delegate, Susan Stoneback and I had a wonderful time attending the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference at the end of May and beginning of June. Much was accomplished in a very short time! Here are some of the exciting things that were approved:

- A much needed new headquarters for the Annual Conference which will be practical, cost effective, and hospitable to the ministry of the Conference and the local Church.
- A strategic ministry plan to address the decline of the United Methodist Church and to empower local Churches to grow.
- A 12 million dollar mission initiative that will help rebuild homes for the elderly and disabled affected by Hurricane Sandy, combat malaria in Africa, and fund local church grassroots mission projects throughout the Conference.

In addition, there was great preaching, inspirational worship, and the opportunity for special fellowship with one another! We even saw a special “fly by” of the Wings of the Morning airplane that our Church and other Churches have helped to purchase. In the future it will be used for ministry in the Congo.

I assure you that you will be hearing more about the good things that God is doing in our midst. However, the most important clarification that happened is that the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference’s chief function is the empowering of the local Church to be all that it can be in Jesus Christ. Indeed, Congregations are the mainstay of the Church.

As a Congregation, we are being called to a new vitality. Essentially, each local Church’s vitality will be measured in five important areas. They are worship attendance, new members joining by professions of faith, participation in small groups, members in active mission, and the amount of money the Congregation spends in mission outside of its doors. From everything that I have just shared, I hear one line in my head and in my heart . . . “You and I matter!” It matters when we come to Church. It matters when we join a Congregation and confess Jesus publicly as our Savior and Lord. It matters when we grow closer to God and each other in a small group. It matters when we are active in mission whether it’s visiting someone, offering a ride to a doctor’s appointment, or going on a mission trip. It matters when we give money to help others beyond our local Church. To be sure, our vitality in these areas is all about our being a part of the greatest story ever told!

May God prepare us, guide us and empower us to live into the future He has prepared for us! *For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for harm, to give you a future with hope.* Jeremiah 29:11.

Have a great summer in the Lord!

In His Amazing Grace,

Pastor John Doll

Congratulations



Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him. Psalm 127:3

Ayla Kim Sherrill 3/8/13

6lb 18 oz

Born in Seoul, South Korea

Daughter of Joyce Sherrill's son and daughter in law

Ella Grace Obuchowski 4/15/13

Daughter of Tim and Amy Obuchowski

Grandma - Pat Obuchowski

Great Grandma - Gladys Bennett

New Members

Rebecca and Edward Minnix

Aundrey Peltz

Gaye Marie Simone

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me with honor. Psalm 73:24

If you are interested in becoming a new member please contact Pastor John for further information.

Children's Ministry

A Success Story - the Elementary Sunday school enjoyed 'The Story' lessons this year. Every week they learned about another way in which God Our Father and his Son Jesus love us and care for us! The kids were wonderful at acting in our skits, answering story questions, and creating during activities and crafts. They all have such giving hearts and we plan to make a donation soon and have been discussing the specifics. God's blessings and love from his children.

Pajama Party

Asbury UMC Sunday school kids were blessed to host a pajama party in May to collect new pajamas and books for children in need, many of whom are waiting and hoping to be adopted. Many of these youngsters have been abused or abandoned and in many cases, have never enjoyed the simple comfort of having a loving mother or father tuck them in at bedtime.



Over thirty pajama sets and gowns and just as many books were collected and will be taken to the pajama program chapter nearby for distribution. With them goes the love of our Lord Jesus. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the pajama program!

The Asbury kids and some brave adults had a wonderful time celebrating this outreach mission by wearing their favorite pjs to Church and pigging out on 'gourmet' breakfast cereal and sleepover junk food during Sunday school.

Anyone interested in learning more about the pajama program can visit their link online at <http://pajamaprogram.org>.

Do you have an idea for our children?

We are looking for ways our youth can safely help folks in need of Jesus' love. Please let us know of any ideas you have and pray continuously for our children for celebrations in their joy and uplifting in their trials.

Vacation Bible School 2013 - Where Kids Stand Strong for God

Please join us for another exciting year of VBS! This year Asbury UMC will be hosting Kingdom Rock VBS from Monday, August 19th through Friday, August 23rd, from 9 am to 12 pm. Children ages 4 through 6th grade (entering) may register by visiting our website www.myasburyumc.com and then scrolling down and clicking on the Kingdom Rock link.



VBS Volunteers Needed!

VBS is successful due to the hard work of many great volunteers. We need YOU to help make our program a success. Whether you can volunteer for the entire program, or just an hour, we have a spot where you can help. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Rebecca Minnix at 856-786-3940.

VBS Family Fun Night and Parent's and Grandparent's Night

Mark your calendar for VBS Family Fun Night, Tuesday, August 20th. Bring the family for fun, food, and fellowship. Also, don't miss Parent's

and Grandparent's Night on Thursday, August 22nd. This is a very exciting night where the children get to share what they have learned all week at VBS. See you this summer!

Asbury "bright spots" - find us on Facebook

In several church meetings, Pastor John asked participants to share what they saw as "Asbury bright spots." This quickly generated an inspiring long list of what makes Asbury so special to all of us. So what to do with that list? It's a powerful testimony that needs to be shared with the community to bring them to our wonderful church. So each day we are listing one of those "bright spots" on the Asbury Facebook web page.

Check out the growing list and feel free to post your own comments, adding a personal touch to the message. The Facebook link can be easily found on our web site, at <http://MyAsburyUMC.com>.



18,000+ Asbury "virtual visitors"

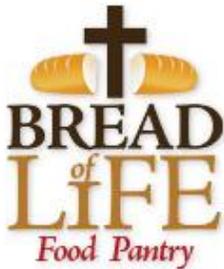
Don't forget that our Sunday services are recorded and posted weekly on the web site along with archived services for viewing at a later time. Use the link posted above the weekly service videos to connect to a multi-year archive. To date we have over 700 YouTube videos which have attracted more

than 18,000 viewers who came to see “what’s happening at Asbury.” And yes, that too is yet another “bright spot” added to our list.

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.—Psalm 37:4

Mission News

Bread of Life Food Pantry



Please continue to bring in lunch items to keep the pantry stocked. We thank you for being so generous. You can bring donations to Asbury or take them directly to the pantry.

The pantry is located at Epworth Methodist Church, 5th and Morgan Streets in Palmyra, drop off hours are Wednesdays 1-4pm and Thursdays 7-9pm. Please see or call Bernard Murphy aka Murph (461-9029) if you have any questions.

Abba

We continue to support Abba, (a Palmyra based group that helps pregnant women and their infants). If you shop for groceries at Shop-Rite please consider using a gift card. These are dollar for dollar cards and can be purchased from Don Ochs before or after Sunday services.

United Methodist Men (UMM)

National United Methodist Men conference - Asbury delegation to attend



Once again Asbury UMM will be represented at the 11th National Gathering of United Methodist Men in Nashville, TN July 12 through 14th. Pastor John has made this trip a “rite of passage” for his sons, with AJ and Matthew attending in past years. This year it’s Robert’s turn who along with John and our UMM President, Jim Gleason, plan to attend. Stay tuned for a full report in our next Ambassador issue.

Early Morning Service

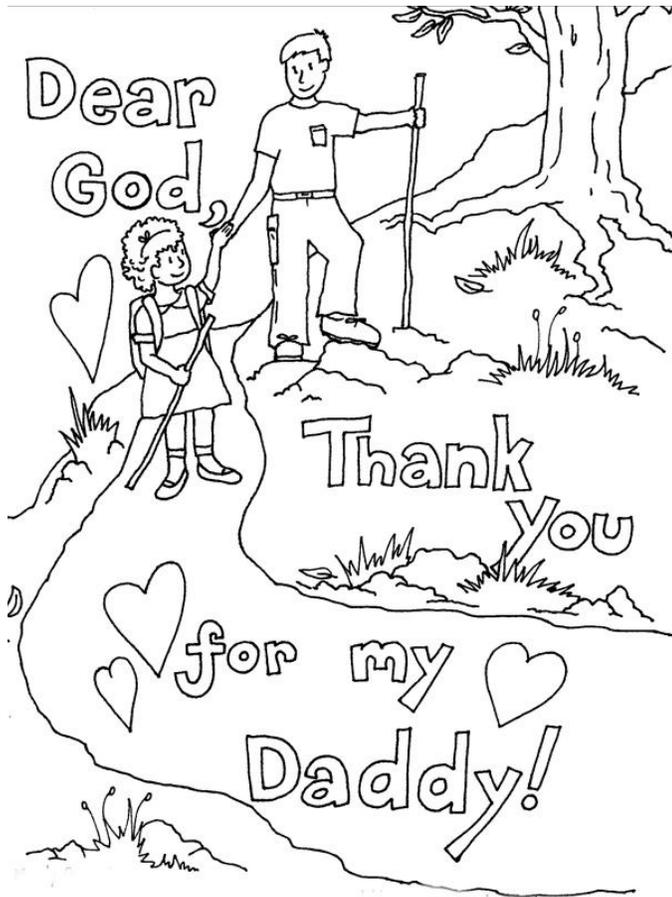
The 8:00 AM early morning service was a great success. Thank you to all those involved in its planning and especially to Don Feiler for providing beautiful contemporary guitar music, Pastor John for his faithful sermons, all our guest speakers and Judy Taylor for coming in early to provide us with wonderful hospitality for our fellowship time. The early morning service will begin again the first Sunday after Labor Day. Enjoy your summer.

Pumpkin Patch / Fall Festival

Although this is in its early planning stages, stay tuned for Asbury’s upcoming Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival which will be held Sunday afternoon, October 27th. This will be both a Church event and a community outreach.



Tribute to Dads by Harold Kingdon, WBCCI
#14383 International Chaplain



“Dad, you gave me some terrible financial advice!” The girl told her father. “I did?” he answered. “What did I tell you?” “You told me to put my money in that big bank, and now that big bank is in trouble.” “What do you mean it’s in trouble? That’s one of the largest banks in the world. Surely there must be some mistake.” “I don’t think so,” she said. “They just returned one of my checks with a note saying, insufficient funds.”

Isn’t being a father wonderful? And, it’s not only daughters who make it wonderful: “By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he’s wrong,” observes Charles Wadsworth. So, it’s a vicious circle!

Then there was the young lad who had just gotten his driver’s license. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss his use of the car. His father said to him, “I’ll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut; then we will talk about it.” A month later, the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car. His father said, “Son, I’m real proud of you. You have brought up your grades; you’ve studied your Bible diligently, but you didn’t get your hair cut!” The young man waited a moment and replied, “You know, Dad, I’ve been thinking about that. I’ve read in the Bible that Samson had long hair; Moses had long hair; Noah had long hair; even Jesus had long hair.” His father replied, “Yes, Son, and if you read on further, you’ll find out they walked everywhere they went.”

Sometimes, being a father may result in reaping rightful retribution. When a three-year-old boy opened the birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol. He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink. Dad was not so pleased. He turned to Grandma and said, “I’m surprised at you. Don’t you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?” His Mom smiled and replied, “Oh, yes! I remember!”

Many men are outstanding gourmet chefs; then there are the rest of us. Pity the poor fellow who found himself in this embarrassing situation. One Sunday morning, when his son, David, was about five, his family was attending a church in their community. It was common for the preacher to invite the children to the front of the church and have a small lesson before beginning the sermon. He would bring in an item they could find around the house and relate it to a teaching from the Bible. This

particular morning, the visual aid for his lesson was a smoke detector. He asked the children if anyone knew what it meant when an alarm sounded from the smoke detector. David immediately raised his hand and said, "It means Daddy's cooking dinner." Prayers everyone had a Happy Father's Day!

Asbury's Parsonage

Recently, our Church Council approved the hiring of local architect, David Donachy to begin to consider and design improvements to the Parsonage to include a downstairs bedroom, bathroom, and living area. In addition, other items that that have been deferred through the years can be addressed as well. In the Spring, David and his associate, Chris sat down with the Parsonage Committee and representatives of the Trustees, Staff Parish Relations Committee, Finance, and Church Council. Our next meeting with David is being held on Monday, July 1st in the Church's Chapel/Parlor at 7:00 PM when he will present some basic designs and possibilities for the future. Please be in prayer as we seek the Lord's direction. Much like building the addition to the Church, this is a starting point to explore what may be done with the existing parsonage as well as examining all the options available to the Church. May God be with us and guide us!

Asbury Easter Egg Program



THANK YOU to all the makers and sellers for another successful year for the Asbury Egg Program. *Our production total this year was over fifty-six thousand!!!*

Our commercial accounts had another banner year. We list them here so you know who they are. Please patronize them when possible, we couldn't have done it without their support. Thank you and God Bless!

- Carousel Hair Salon, Delran
- Cindy's Hairstyling, Riverside
- Delanco Bank, Cinnaminson
- Delanco Bank, Delanco
- Farm Fresh Market, Delanco
- Georgetti's Market, Cinnaminson
- Habitat for Humanity, Cinnaminson
- Habitat for Humanity, Pennsauken
- Meadowbrook Food Center, Pennsauken
- Moorestown Hardware, Moorestown
- Nicholas Hairdressing, Cinnaminson
- Primo Hoagies, Cinnaminson
- Rogers News, Palmyra
- Rosvold Pharmacy, Cinnaminson
- Schwerings Hardware, Palmyra
- Vid's Deli, Delran
- Whistlers Inn, Cinnaminson

Church Picnic a Big Success

This past Sunday (June 23rd), over 80 people enjoyed great food, fantastic fellowship, and a very delightful Sunday afternoon at Pomona Swim Club in what has become the Church's Annual Picnic. A special treat this year was "Fun With Balloons" with Steve Wolbach and his wife/assistant Dona who made and decorated lady bugs, baseball caps, octopuses, fishing rods with fish on the line, and swords. Also, a special thanks to grill sergeant Art Elly and the many volunteers who helped make the afternoon extra-special.

Thank you Jesus for a wonderful time together.



Bible Word Search: PROPHETS

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ELISHA

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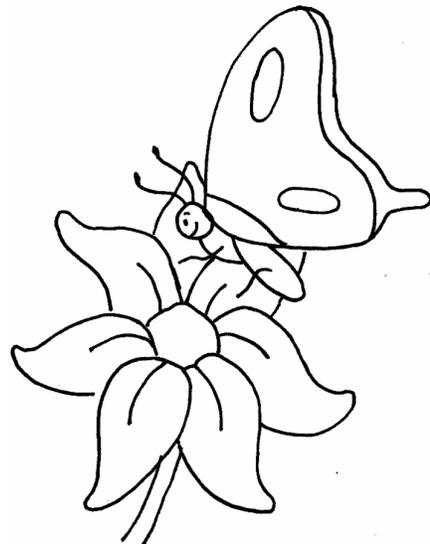
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Open Your Bible

Once you finish this word search why don't you open your Bible this summer and find out who these prophets are and what they did?

I SAID A LITTLE PRAYER FOR YOU

I said a little prayer for you
and I asked the Lord above
To keep you safely in His care
And enfold you in His love
I did not ask for fortune
For riches or for fame
I only ask for blessings
In the Saviour's Holy Name
Blessings to surround you
In times of trial and stress
And inner joy to fill your heart
With peace and happiness.



In Christian Sympathy

May the souls of the faithful departed in Christ rest in peace and may light perpetually shine on them. We place our loved ones in the arms of Jesus and we celebrate fond memories of their lives.



*Arnold Higdon 5/10/13
Beloved husband of Betty Higdon*

*Sam Chamberlain 5/10/13
Beloved husband of Jean Chamberlain*

*Reta Wallace 5/20/13
Beloved mother of Art Van Ness*

*Annette Dietz 6/26/13
Beloved mother of Nancy and Bern Rodgers*

Let Go, Let God (taken from www.dailyword.com)

I hold positive expectations, and I trust God.

Some say worry is the most common—although unintentional—form of prayer. It is a habit of focusing on negative possibilities, and it drains one's energy and blocks effective action. Rather than worry, I choose to focus on positive possibilities and trust God for right outcomes.

Becoming still in prayer, I see beyond any seeming setback to the activity of God within the situation. I know that all those involved are enfolded in God's love and guided in every way. In the Silence, I release any need for a specific outcome and open to a spiritual solution.

As I transform my thoughts, I am relieved of any worry. I trust God in all things, and I am free mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.—John 14:17

Our apologies if any of the information in this newsletter is incorrect. Please inform Mary Soderholm (856-829-0035) of any corrections, additions, and/or deletions. Thank you.

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Caring Center

Members and friends of our church who especially need to be in our thoughts and prayers are listed below. Please take the time to stop by, send a note or say an extra prayer for our brothers and sisters who are in need at this time.

Jesus said, *“Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”* - Mathew 11:28

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Summer Office Hours – Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Event</u> |
|---------------------------|---|
| Sunday | Sunday Morning Altar Rail Prayer (7:15 AM) |
| Sunday | Sunday Early Morning Worship Service (8:00 AM)* |
| Sunday | Sunday Morning Worship Service (9:30 AM) |
| Sunday | Sunday School Classes for Children (during worship) |
| Sunday | Adult Sunday School Classes (11:15 AM) * |
| Tuesday | Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM) * |
| 4 th Wednesday | Men's Fellowship Luncheon at Dredge Harbor, Riverside (12 noon) |
| 3 rd Thursday | Service at the Baptist Home (9:00 AM) |
| Thursday | Choir Rehearsal (7:00 PM) * |
| 4 th Saturday | United Methodist Men Breakfast, Rt. 130 Diner, Delran (8:30 AM) |

* Summer break during the months of June, July and August

Upcoming Dates to Remember

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> |
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| Monday | 7/01 | Parsonage Committee Meeting with Architect David Donachy (7:00 PM) |
| Wednesday | 7/10 | Men's Fellowship Luncheon at Dredge Harbor, Riverside (12 noon) |
| Wednesday | 7/24 | Men's Fellowship Luncheon at Dredge Harbor, Riverside (12 noon) |
| Wednesday | 8/04 | Men's Fellowship Luncheon at Dredge Harbor, Riverside (12 noon) |
| Sunday | 8/11 | Vacation Bible School Meeting (7:00 PM) |
| Sunday | 8/18 | Vacation Bible School Meeting (7:00 PM) |
| Monday | 8/19 | Vacation Bible School (through 8/23) |
| Tuesday | 8/20 | Family Fun Night (6:00 – 8:00 PM) |
| Wednesday | 8/21 | Men's Fellowship Luncheon at Dredge Harbor, Riverside (12 noon) |
| Thursday | 8/22 | Parent's and Grandparents Night (7:00 PM) |
| Wednesday | 9/04 | Men's Fellowship Luncheon at Dredge Harbor, Riverside (12 noon) |
| Sunday | 9/08 | Early Service Begins (8:00) AM |
| Tuesday | 9/10 | Tuesday Prayer & Bible Study (11:00 AM) |
| Tuesday | 9/17 | Balcony Team (7:30 PM) |
| Wednesday | 9/18 | Men's Fellowship Luncheon at Dredge Harbor, Riverside (12 noon) |
| Tuesday | 9/24 | Staff/Parish Relations Committee Meeting (7:00 PM) |
| Wednesday | 9/25 | Church Council Meeting (7:00 PM) |
| Monday | 9/30 | Trustee's Meeting (7:00 PM) |
| Tuesday | 10/01 | Mission Committee Meeting (7:00 PM) |
| Wednesday | 10/02 | Men's Fellowship Luncheon at Dredge Harbor, Riverside (12 noon) |
| Tuesday | 10/08 | Additional Worship Service Meeting (7:00 PM) |
| Sunday | 11/10 | District Superintendent meets with SPRC (11:00 AM) |
| Sunday | 11/10 | Church Conference (11:30 AM) |



Enjoy Family and Friends this Summer



Take time for yourself and your family this summer.

Schedule time for yourself with the same degree of respect and commitment that you would schedule an appointment with your doctor or best friend. You make an appointment and, short of an emergency, you keep it.

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