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## JOURNEY TO HOPE

### *The Vine*

A Journey to Hope—Lent is the season in which we prepare for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Through this season of Lent, I would like to invite you to join me on a Journey to Hope. That is really what the purpose of the spiritual disciplines we practice is all about. It is to provide assistance for our life's journey as we move and grow in our faith.

On Sunday mornings, beginning the last Sunday of February and continuing through Holy Week, we will be looking at different scriptures that explain the journey that Jesus was on as he travelled to Jerusalem. It was a journey that led to the events of Holy Week. While Good Friday seemed to be the end of hope, on Easter, our hope was resurrected. All through our lives, we encounter things on the journey of life. We will be looking at some of them and how they relate to the journey of Hope that we are on together.

On Wednesday nights at 7 PM, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending the week before Holy Week, I would like to invite you to be part of a small group where we will be studying the Bible. We will look at the scripture and theme from the previous Sunday and talk about what the Scripture and topic means for our lives at a more in-depth level. This will provide an opportunity to discuss and ask questions about what the Scripture means for us.



# Realville News

February was a good month to be in Realville. We were guests at Haddonfield for their Superbowl Party and went with Family Fun for bowling. We also began our youth council; made up of a select few students who will give youth to the rest and help me shape the future of the ministry.

The being said, I'm really excited at the big things that this month will provide. The big things include the 30 Hour Famine, going on Friday, March 23 to Saturday March 24. We'll need your help and support as we're collecting money for those in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. Be on the look out as the youth may be approaching you to sponsor them as the date draws closer.

Additionally, on March 31, we'll be hosting Mantua Has Talent. Are you funny? Got a special talent? Can you sing? Then we need you! Not interested in being in front of a crowd? That's alright, we invite you to join us for this family night. This will be the first fundraiser in hopes of raising money for a trailer. The hope of Mantua would be that a new trailer would make mission trips and retreats easier as they would be a smaller burden for additional vehicles. Likewise, other ministries within the church are hoping that this addition would allow for greater opportunities for them as well.

I look forward to all these coming weeks have to offer; and in the spirit of month and of St. Patrick's Day., I'd like to close with a traditional Irish blessing.

*May the road rise to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face.,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields and,  
Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

# Pitman Manor Upcoming Events

## *Pitman Manor Auxiliary March Fundraiser*

### Bakeless Bake Sale

Many is the time I heard you say  
I would rather give a "Dollar" than bake today  
And so, we are asking you to help more or less  
To make our Bakeless Bake Sale a big success.

Just send us the money that it would take  
To Bake a loaf of bread or a beautiful cake  
Or send the amount of money it takes to buy  
A dozen rolls or maybe a pie  
We know you can help us if you will but try.

Please mail a donation to:  
Ray Scaletti, Treasurer  
609 Vassar Ave  
Pitman, NJ 08071

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## *Spring Clothing Sale*

Wednesday, April 18th  
Shopping Residents 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Public Shopping 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Donations of good, clean clothing will not be  
accepted at Pitman Manor before April 17th.



# The Coffee House

at Mantua UMC Welcomes

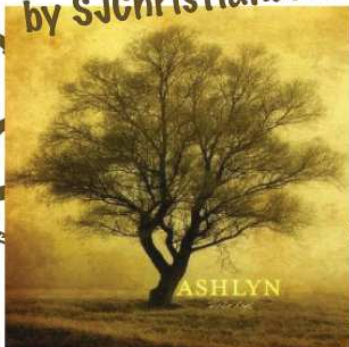
Friday,  
March 16th  
7:30pm

Free Admission  
Free Coffee, Tea,  
Baked Goods!

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*My apologies, this article was prepared by Bill Crowley for the February Vine and was temporarily lost in cyber-space.*

## February 2012 Vine

By William M. Crowley, Educational Research Director  
2 Timothy 2:15. "Study to show thyself approved unto GOD..."

This exciting, unending series provides a learning journey by researching the familiar and not so familiar Gospel passages. Biblical references are KJV unless otherwise noted.

### Can Love Conquer Established Prejudice?

**Summary: June 28, 1914, Assassination that Started WWI  
and the Personal Love That Endured to the End**

**The Invitation:** In 1914, Bosnia-Herzegovina was made part of the Austrian-Hungarian Empire taken by the 1878 Treaty of Berlin from the Turks. In 1908 the annexation was completed. As to be expected there were many opposed to this new arrangement. It would also be deadly to the future Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian Throne, and his wife, Sophie von Chotkovato. They were the doomed married couple in this drama. He, not Sophie, was invited to review the June 28, 1914, Bosnian-Herzegovina military maneuvers. Sophie was a nobody.

**Poor Sophie:** She was not of the proper background to marry such a one as Archduke Franz Ferdinand. They had secretly exchanged love letters despite Franz's censorship by the family. The class structure was very strict with extremely limited flexibility. She just was not one of them.

**The Marriage:** Permission was grudgingly granted with very strong restrictions against Sophie. The one most important to this article was: Sophie was NEVER to ride with her husband. She did have the background to deserve recognition. But she did at her insistence on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The Wrong Turn:** The Mayor's car followed by Franz Ferdinand's car turned off the Appel Quay onto Franz Joseph Street. A fatal mistake. The assassin, Princip, was there

**The Assassination:** Princip stepped forward and fired twice. Franz Ferdinand was hit. Sophie took the second bullet meant for another, the second mistake. Franz was dying. He reached for his beloved wife, trying to grasp her hand, pleaded, "Sophie dear! Sophie dear! Don't die! Stay alive for our children!" She probably died while he pleaded with her in the carriage. He died minutes later

**The Procession:** No parade honors were given Franz Ferdinand or his beloved wife Sophie. The train bearing their bodies traveled back to Austria, no stops were made where citizens could pay their respects. Stops were reached only at midnight. The train doors were never opened.

**The Viewing:** To further show their contempt for Sophie and Fritz Ferdinand for choosing such a woman for a wife, her funeral tier was placed several inches below his; not parallel as normal. The rigid class system still prevailed with no dignity or honor... even in death. They were buried together at night.

**Today:** We judge a person by: Race. Did you know that many products we have come from Black Minds? Did you know that people are judged by their negative origins and will never get an education? I have, in spite of mine, a BS, an MBA with CIA CICA and CFE additional certifications in auditing.

**Prejudice In the Bible:** John 1:46, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"



## Family Promise News!



Our next scheduled week to host will be Easter Week April 1st to April 8th. If you have never been involved with hosting before and would like to volunteer, please see or call Jan or Janet Fuhrer 856-848-9986.

**The Vine** March Articles are due March 20! If you know someone who would like to receive our Newsletter, please have them contact the office 468-2711 or email the office at [office@mantuaumc.org](mailto:office@mantuaumc.org)



*Going Food Shopping?* It doesn't matter if you do a big grocery shopping or a small one, buy Shop Rite and ACME Gift Cards from MTV before you go and use them like cash. MTV receives 5% of the gift card purchase and gift cards can be donated to Family Promise, Corinthian Cupboard or use them for yourself! Gift Cards are available for purchase between services.



## Annual Blood Drive

Friday, March 9

1:30 pm—7:30 pm

To Schedule  
an Appointment,  
Call Nancy Reyher  
at 853-6388



**Men's Movie Night**  
**Saturday, March 3**  
**6:00 pm**

**Questions?**  
**See Jim McDowell or**  
**email:**

**[JimMcDowell@mantuaumc.org](mailto:JimMcDowell@mantuaumc.org)**

**Gateway South District Day of Learning**

**Saturday, March 24, 2012**

**8:00 am—1:00 pm**

**Hope United Methodist Church**  
**700 Cooper Rd, Voorhees, NJ 08043**

**\*Workshops for Trustees, Safe Sanctuaries,  
Lay Speakers, SPRC, Finance, Stewardship,  
United Methodist Men and More!**

**Brochures are available in the Narthex**

# Ecumenical Lenten Soup Lunch

Once again the Wenonah-Mantua-Woodbury Heights Ministerium will be sponsoring the soup lunches on Wednesdays at noon during Lent. This year we will be studying different methods of praying. The schedule is as follows:

- 2/29 - Memorial Presbyterian in Wenonah - Times and places of prayer
- 3/7 - Wenonah United Methodist - Persistent prayer
- 3/14 - Woodbury Heights Presbyterian - The Lord's Prayer
- 3/21 - Holy Trinity Episcopal in Wenonah - The labyrinth
- 3/28 - The United Methodist Church of Mantua - Centering prayer
- 4/4 - Church of the Incarnation in Mantua – The Rosary (Prayer Beads)

Each session begins at Noon and concludes by around 1:00 pm. Plan to join us!

## Upcoming Important Confirmation Class Information

March 2	6:45 PM	Trip to Temple Emanuel in Cherry Hill
March 10	9:15 AM	Trip to St. George's UMC in Philly
Cost is \$5.00 per person + Lunch Money		



**Daylight Savings  
Time  
Begins  
Sunday,  
March 11, 2012**



# Your Health is in Your Hands

*Every 40 seconds someone suffers a stroke.  
Every 3 minutes someone dies from one.  
You have the power to take control of your health.*



We are pleased to announce that on May 2, 2012, Life Line Screening will be at United Methodist Church of Mantua offering ultrasound screenings to scan for **Stroke, Vascular Disease and Osteoporosis**. These simple non-invasive tests detect abnormalities **BEFORE** they cause a stroke or other serious event.

They will also screen for **Atrial Fibrillation** (irregular heart rhythm) which is another health factor that can put us at higher risk of developing vascular and heart disease.

**Pre-registration is required. To schedule an appointment please use the sign up sheet posted in the Lobby  
Screening appointments fill up quickly so don't delay!**

*See the bulletin announcements for more information.*

\*Blood not offered in every state. Specific blood offerings vary by state.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Sponsored by Eve Circle  
Saturday, April 7th  
At 11:00 am



*We are in need of Easter Candy Donations for filling the eggs. Please leave your donation of individually wrapped candy in the Narthex.  
Thank you in advance for your support.*

# Happy Birthday



- 2 Lance Holman  
Ryan Niewoehner
- 3 Karlynnne Bradley  
Ian Kruithof  
Gladys Lore  
Pete Scirrotto  
George Wescott Jr.
- 4 Chae Foster  
Phil Varner
- 5 Cheryl Hall
- 6 Joshua Legg  
Joshua Roach
- 7 Mackenzie Brooks  
Ed Wescott
- 8 Steven Brickner  
Doug Fraser
- 10 Grady Fraser  
Frank Heiss  
Lauren Robitaille
- 11 Joe Dilio  
Eric Humble

- 12 Allison Gooch
- 14 Robert Brickner  
Briana Morgan  
Colleen Shute  
George Wescott III
- 16 Billie Ann Ingram  
Anna Wurst
- 17 John Degirolamo
- 18 Henry Sepsey  
Chelly Tumminia  
Meggan Wolf  
Delle Zelinsky
- 23 Payton Makaro  
Bruce Reyher
- 24 Justin Baitinger  
Gene Wilkins
- 28 Theresa Skalit
- 29 Rich Guarrera
- 30 Kevin Kraft
- 31 Amy Eubanks  
Kayci Jones  
Nancy Wescott

## *Happy Anniversary*

- 5 Walt & Betty Fish
- 11 Bob & Terry Grabert
- 14 Jeff & Erin Fuchs
- 15 Nick & Delle Zelinsky
- 18 Greg & Jody Miller
- 22 Jim & Melissa Tagye
- 23 Roy & Nancy Overton  
Victor & Tina Torino
- 25 Carl & Karen Kressley
- 26 Don & Linda Rumbol



**4<sup>th</sup> Annual**

# ROCK the BLOCK!

**June 2nd, 1pm**  
**Community Party**  
**Norris Street, Mantua**

Hosted by  
**The Mantua United Methodist Church**

**FREE FOOD** throughout the day.  
**FREE PIG ROAST** at 5:00 pm.  
**LIVE MUSIC** outside, all day.

Moon Bounce • Activities for Kids of All Ages  
 Skateboard Park (helmets and pads must be worn),  
 Please bring a canned good to donate to the Corinthian Cupboard.  
*Air Conditioned Sanctuary and McConnell Hall Open.*

**Live Music All Day!**

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