

The Vine

From Pastor Doug:

Most of you know that we were in Florida, the Tampa Bay area, to celebrate Pam's birthday with her family over Valentine's weekend. Besides the opportunity to be together with family, one of the highlights of the trip for me was seeing the sunset over the Gulf of Mexico. If you are on Facebook you can see or may have already seen the pictures that I have posted. The colors of the sunset remind me of the creative God that we have who is able to paint such a beautiful picture. As I was watching the sun set, it was amazing how quickly everything went to darkness once the Sun seemingly sank into the water. As we will be celebrating Easter this month, I think back to the disciples as Jesus was arrested and crucified. How quickly the light of their hope must have turned to darkness! All that they had worked for in the three years they were together seemingly had come to an end.

The good news for us is that after the Sun sets, the Sun rises again each morning so that we can enjoy the light of day and the warmth that it brings us. The good news for the disciples and for us is that the Son also rose again. Certainly, as they remembered what Jesus had told them about his death and resurrection, their hope was renewed and they were able to give thanks to God for the victory over sin and death. As we remember Easter, we can do the same. This Easter, as you celebrate the "Son-rise," may you also be renewed in hope and joy and warmed by God's love.

Our Ministerium is once again holding Lenten Lunch Study Opportunities at Noon. We will be looking at the events of Gethsemane in Matthew's gospel. This year, each participant is being asked to bring a bag lunch and the host church will provide beverages.

March 2—The UMC of Mantua

March 9—Barnsboro UMC

March 16—Mt. Zion Wesley UMC

Join us as we learn and share together.

Open Door Council will be held March 14 at 7 PM Barnsboro UMC for anyone who would like to be a part of the planning for Open Door Ministries or would like to find out more about it.



Zumba with Paula

Bring Yoga Mat/Hand Weights

\$5 per class

Monday March 7 & 21 at 7:00 pm



MTV Painless Fundraiser

Buy Shop Rite (\$20) Cards * The Church receives 5% * You receive gift cards dollar for dollar
It costs you nothing!



Shop Rite

Where does the money go?

It pays for some of the equipment needs of MTV.

In addition, contributions have been made to UMC Mission Trips and The Waterproofing Fund.

Goal: We have a goal of **\$1,000 per week**. This is easily achievable! If we only had 50 families that shop at Shop Rite and each family bought one card per week, that would be \$1,000. The church would earn **\$2,600 per year**. **When we meet this goal, MTV would not only be mostly self-supporting, we would also be able to make larger contributions for other church needs.**

Action: LET'S DO IT! Exchange your cash or check for Shop Rite gift cards and go food shopping for your family or donate cards to The Corinthian Cupboard or Family Promise! It costs nothing but reaps great rewards!

Average Gift Card Purchases

2015 1st Quarter
\$455 per week

2015 2nd Quarter
\$337 per week

2015 3rd Quarter
\$434 per week

**-Keep up the Good Work
Thank you for your continued support!
Bruce Reyher, MTV Treasurer**

Please join us for this year's Easter cantata

Above All Kings

Performed by
Senior, Junior, and Cherub Choirs

March 20, 2016 4:00 pm

Please note new time.



Easter Egg Hunt

(for children 2 years – 6th grade)

United Methodist Church of Mantua in McConnell Hall

Saturday, March 26th 11:00 A.M.

Rain or Shine!

Light lunch will be served (Hot Dog, Chips, Beverage, Dessert)

All children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Bring your basket and join the fun!!



Happy March Birthday!

2	Jessica DeGirolamo Tamara Friedman Lance Holman Ryan Niewoehner	12	Allison Gooch
3	Karlynnne Bradley Ian Kruithof George Wescott Jr.	14	Robert Brickner Jr. Briana Morgan Colleen Shute George Wescott III
4	Phil Varner	16	Billie Ann Ingram Anna Wurst
5	Cheryl Finley-Hall	17	John Degirolamo
6	Wendy Ensor Joshua Legg	18	Chelly Kraft Meggan Whitcraft Delle Zelinsky
7	Mackenzie Brooks Ryan Hausman Ed Wescott	19	Abby Stanton
8	Steven Brickner Doug Fraser Scott McMullen Nick Godsey	20	Amelia Ensor
10	Grady Fraser Frank Heiss	23	Payton Makaro Bruce Reyher
11	Joe Dilio Eric Humble	24	Justin Baitinger Julianna Wardrop
		28	Theresa Skalit
		29	Rich Guarrera
		30	Kayla Baylor Kevin Kraft
		31	Nancy Wescott



Happy March Anniversary



4	Karl & Karen Dickel
11	Bob & Terry Grabert
15	Nick & Delle Zelinsky
16	Tom & Meggan Whitcraft
18	Greg & Jody Miller
23	Roy & Nancy Overton Victor & Tina Torino
25	Carl & Karen Kressley
26	Don & Linda Rumbol



Save the Date!
Rock the Block
June 4th



The Coffee House

at Mantua UMC Welcomes

DAVE *pettigrew*

Friday, March 18th
7:30pm
Free Admission
Free Coffee, Tea,
Baked Goods!

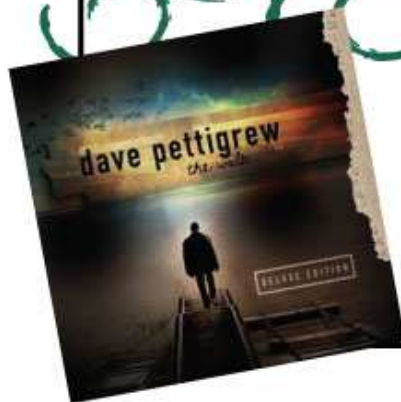


Call him "the poet for the common man's search for Christianity." Dave Pettigrew proves worthy of the title through his collection of thought-provoking music for life.

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or email mamakreh@gmail.com

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Let's Get Moving

With Paula Thistle

Join us in McConnell Hall at
The United Methodist Church of Mantua
201 Mantua Blvd., Mantua NJ 08051

Sunday, April 3rd, 2016

2:00pm to 3:30pm

\$15 Per Person day of or

\$10 Advanced Registration

Will get you 90 minutes of Fun!!

Pre-registration is appreciated.

Walk-ins are Welcome!

This event will help support VBS 2016.

Questions, please e-mail us at vbsumcofmantua@gmail.com



Also visit us on Facebook @ VBS UMC of Mantua

Conformation Class Schedule

March 3	7:00 pm Way of Discipleship and Way of Salvation
March 17	7:00 pm Wesleyan Quadrilateral and Worship

Acolyte Schedule

March 2	Roller Skating at Deptford Roller Rink 5:30 to 8 PM \$10.00 incl Admission, Skate Rental, and all you can eat pizza. Parents are welcome
March 13	at 7 PM We will meet at New Sharon UMC



What is a LifeGroup? "LifeGroups are a ministry of our Evangelism Team. Their purpose is the development of discipleship. They meet on a regular schedule for Bible Study and prayer, accountability, fellowship, service, and intentional (group) growth through multiplication. The foundational principle is confidentiality for the purpose of encouraging accountability." Come see what it's all about!

Tuesdays at 7:00 pm Led by Joyce Mooney at the home of Ann Newcomb

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm Led by Wayne Histan at the home of Alice & Wayne Histan

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm Led by Greg Miller at the home of Jody & Greg Miller.

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm Led by Todd Hickman at the home of Debrah & Todd Hickman.



Why not start off summer with a week of fun and learning with family and friends at The United Methodist Church of Mantua, VBS 2016. Vacation Bible School will be held Mon. June 20th—Friday June 24th from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. We will begin with dinner every night, then missions, music, classes for all ages, games, crafts, snacks and prayer.

For more information or if you would like to help, please see or call Jenise Fraser at 218-7802.

KITCHEN UPDATE: The process has begun! We are taking a look at past, present and future kitchen use. The process started on Jan 22nd with cleaning and taking inventory. Inventory and questionnaire development is scheduled to be complete in February. March will be a time of data gathering - observations, questionnaire, talking to folks, reviewing building codes, consulting with kitchen designers/architects/contractors. A workshop to review results and ideas is planned but not scheduled - stay tuned for an actual date/time. April/May will be spent developing options for functional and operational improvements that conform with the mission of the church and comply with the budget. If you have any suggestions/comments/concerns - please contact Chris Freshcoln at cfresh7467@comcast.net or 856-468-6853.



**Conference College
Scholarship Applications
are due March 31, 2016**

Please see Pastor Doug for details and applications.

Share life.
Give blood.



Red Cross Blood Drive March 7th 2:00 pm—7:00 pm

McConnell Hall

Please see Nancy Reyher
with any questions

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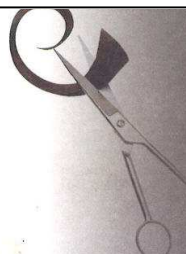
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