

The Vine

From Pastor Doug...

Beginning on April 16, Open Door Ministries will be starting Open Door Saturday Service. It will be held weekly at the Wenonah UMC at 4:00 PM. The purpose of this service will be to offer an opportunity for people who are not familiar with church. The plan is to make it interactive, informal, and not in the sanctuary but in the fellowship hall. Communion will also be a part of it. There is an opportunity to be involved through music and hospitality. If you would like to help in those ways, please let me know.

Again the purpose is to reach those who are not familiar with worship the way we currently experience it. However, if you are not able to come on Sunday morning and would still like to worship, it provides an alternative so that you don't miss out on worship. What we are asking is that if you do come, don't come alone. Invite someone who isn't currently attending a church to come with you to check it out.

The other way that you can help is by praying. Please keep this new service and its leaders in prayer as we continue to find ways to offer the good news of Jesus Christ.

Confirmation Trips (Also for last year's class)

In the month of April, the confirmation class will be travelling to Temple Emanuel in Cherry Hill on Friday, April 1 to attend their service. We will meet in our church parking lot at 6:30 PM. On Saturday, April 30, we will be going to Baltimore to see Lovely Lane Church, Old Otterbein Church, the Inner Harbor and Fort McHenry. On the way home, we will eat at a Golden Corral. We will meet at the church at 8:30 AM and return early evening. There is no cost for the trip except for your food and spending money. I would recommend about \$15.00 for dinner and \$5-10 for lunch. There are souvenirs available at Lovely Lane, Inner Harbor, and Fort McHenry. Casual dress, comfortable shoes, and as always parents and families are welcome to join us.

We also want to extend a special invitation to last year's confirmation class who were not able to travel to Baltimore due to the unstable and unsafe nature of the city at that time. I hope that you will try to make this trip.

These are also opened to anyone who might like to go with us, just let me know if you plan on coming. Questions? Call Pastor Doug (609-214-1161)

Confirmation Class Schedule

April 1 6:45 pm Trip to Temple Emanuel, Cherry Hill
April 7 7pm Confirmation Class
April 21 7pm Confirmation Class

Acolyte Schedule

April 10 at 5:30 PM at Mantua UMC
April 24 Ice Skating at Holly Dell

Wawa Hoagie Coupons! The JUG Class is selling Wawa Hoagie Coupons. They make great small gifts! Your purchase helps support JUG projects and is sincerely appreciated.



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**

Vacation Bible School 2016 Surf Shack

Are you ready to Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love? Come and join us for 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 - Fri. June 24th from 6pm 8:30pm. We will begin with dinner every night, then Music, missions, classes for all ages, games, crafts, snacks and prayer.

Volunteers and donations are needed.

Teachers & Classroom helpers.

Points & Registration - every night.

Snacks - We need snacks and juice box/bag donations for each night.

Games/crafts - If you would like to help with the outside activities (7:30 - 8:30), I'll have a sign - up sheet during pre-registration.

Clean-up crew - We need help each night cleaning up to get ready for the following night. We will need help on Friday night to clean up the whole church.

Prayer - Please pray for the whole VBS program.

Dinner donations - Jelly, salad dressing, iced tea and lemonade mix.

Decorations - If you have anything that you don't want that would work for our Surf Shack theme. Example - beach towels, buckets or if you think of something please let me know.

Pre - registration will begin on May 22nd in McConnell Hall

Registration - \$5.00 per person attending for entire week including dinner.

T-shirts - \$5.00 each

CDs - \$5.00 each

For more information or if you would like to help, please see or e-mail Jenise Fraser at vbsumcofmantua@gmail.com. Thanks.

Don't forget to Like Us on Facebook @ VBS UMC of Mantua



Happy April Birthday!

1 Lisa Austin
2 Sean Gorman
Justin Kruihof
Craig Rudisill
4 Joe Gelormini
Lorraine Litle
Debbie Sullivan
6 Carter Ingram
Jordan Legg
George Shute III
7 David Heiss
Savanna Schaekel
Christopher Skalit
8 Joshua Yannerella

10 John Fuchs
Wayne Histan
Emily Langer
Shelby Smith
Joel Szychoski
11 Evan Niewoehner
Ashlee Sullivan
Melissa Tagye
Stephen Tumminia
12 Walt Seibel
Cecilia Wyckoff
14 Kitty Gardner
17 Leah Carelli
18 Howard Aaronson
Evan Godsey
Isla Heiss
Tyler Kreh
19 Benjamin Joseph
20 Ryan Drucker
Jenn Kraft

21 Jake Armstrong
Karl Dickel
Sadie Drucker
22 Elizabeth Bobzin
Michael Gorman
Elise Jennings
23 Beverly Covert
Jim McManamy
Walter Rouh
24 Brynn Cusano
26 Dan Gooch
Nick Kreh
28 Jacob Shutman
29 Tricia Eckert
30 Jim Kruihof



Happy April Anniversary



2 Ed & Marcie Daniels
12 Paul & Lori Brooks
17 Chris & Tracie Schaekel
19 Heather & Joe Vincent
24 John & Corrine Brickner
26 Neil & Heather Riggs

MANTUA ALTAR FLOWER
REQUEST FORM FOR 2016

Given By: _____

- In Memory of In Honor of: Birthday Memorial for:
Or any other wording:



The Coffee House

at Mantua UMC Welcomes

Kira Shepherdson



What people are saying:

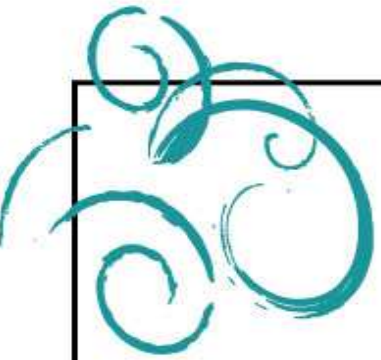
"She has the voice of an angel and touches everyone that she ministers to."

"Kira is a wonderful singer with uncommon compassion for Christian music."

"Her songs tell a story that invites you to have an encounter with God."

Friday, April 15th, 7:30pm
Free Admission, Free Coffee, Tea, Baked Goods!

Mantua United Methodist Church
201 Mantua Blvd. Mantua, NJ 08051
856-468-2711.
Check out www.mantuamc.org for more info
or email mamakreh@gmail.com
Donations of Baked Goods Gratefully Accepted.
Call Maria if you can help.



Please indicate if you would like requests continued from year to year.

Cost is \$ 12.50

Checks should be made payable to UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF MANTUA In case of questions please list your phone number

Order forms can be left in the box at church in an envelope marked for
Debbie Middleton, or mailed to 115 N. Warren St. Woodbury, NJ.
08096.

Phone orders are also acceptable. Please call me (856)848-3543(home).
You may also email requests to ocdeb51@verizon.net

WE HAVE OPENINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, SO PLEASE
SUBMIT YOUR REQUESTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR 2016 TO
INSURE YOU GET THE DATE YOU WANT.



Let's Get Moving

With Paula Thistle
Sunday, April 3rd
2-3:30 pm

\$15 per person day of or
\$10 Advance Registra-
tion

Will get you 90 minutes
of fun!!



Spirit Night

UMC Rock the Block

Tuesday, April 12th
5pm - 8pm



Simply tell the cashier you are here for
UMC Rock the Block
to have your sale count towards the Spirit Night total

Please invite your family and friends!

Questions?

Please feel free to contact Maria at:

mamakreh@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

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Facebook: Chick-fil-A Mantua Square, Instagram: CFAMANTUA, Text: CFAMANTUA to 411247



Update: AN. Snow, Alex - US Navy

Alex is still in training in Pensacola, FL. He is doing well, very happy and he has gained the weight back that he had loss during boot camp. He asked me to say Thank you to the Life Group at Mantua UMC for the care packages at Valentine's day & Easter.

The members and families of the Realville Youth Group would like to say..... Thank you!!! We really appreciate the support and prayers as we do different activities. This in January we sent a total of 35 youth (3 college & 22 youth) and 5 adults to the MidWinter Advance at Keswick in Whiting, NJ. It was a fabulous weekend of prayer, music, fellowship, food and snow!!!! We were there the weekend of the blizzard - 23 inches of snow. The colony men were out shoveling constantly to keep us moving and safe!!! Once again - Thank you for your donations to our Youth Fund, supporting our fund raisers band all of your prayers!!



Realville Lock In

We met at church on Friday night, preceded to play Group games, devotions on taking care of others (James 2:15-17), Hungry, Hungry Hippo's game, Disney movies all night, games over night and in the morning we were feed a great breakfast. Ended the Lock In by making 85 bag lunches for Kids Alley's Saturday Live program. God is Good!!!!



The J.U.G. class received a thank you letter from the Military Support Group of NJ. *Thank you for the generous donation given to the Military Support Group of NJ. We really appreciate your help and support of our military troops.* The J.U.G. class will have a box in the Narthex for the month of May to collect items to donate in honor of Memorial Day. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this organization.

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.

Takin' it to the Streets! Do you have a passion for prayer and for connecting with people in our community? If yes, become part of the Open Door Ministries Prayer Walk Team! We will walk our New Sharon, Wenonah, Barnsboro and Mantua communities and pray as we go, reaching out to people we meet along the way. Even if you can't physically walk with us, the walk path/area, date and time will be posted prior to the event so that you can participate from home. Contact Christy Inverso (468-5330) for more information.



*Rock the Block
Dinner & Dancing
May 7th*

Silent Auction 5:30 pm

Dinner 6 pm Dancing 7pm

Announce Auction winners 8:30 pm

Tickets available for purchase during fellowship hour:

Bruschetta and Salad, choice of

Chicken Marsala or Prime Rib

(Vegetarian Dinner available upon request)

and Dessert

\$20 per person

\$5 for children under 10 for Mac & Cheese

YARD SALE

April 2nd 8 am – 1 pm

At the United Methodist Church of Mantua

Tables are \$25 each or 2 for \$40

All proceeds from the table rentals will go toward the Kitchen Fund

Please contact the office for more information.

Zumba with Paula

Bring Yoga Mat/Hand Weights

\$5 per class

Every Monday in April

6:45-7:45 pm



Join us for the history making first Open Door Ministry Mission Trip! We will be going to the Reading, PA area to serve with Little Acts of Love, a United Methodist Mission Project. We will be doing work projects in some homes in that area. The cost for the trip is \$240.00 per person, which includes everything. We will be working to possibly help defray the cost this year through some fundraisers. The week of the trip is Sunday evening through Friday morning, August 7-12. We will be staying at South Mountain YMCA Camp in cabins. Just a heads up as you think about the trip, the camp is hilly and there are no bathroom facilities in the cabin. It is a short walk to the restroom and showers, so keep that in mind as you decide. If you would like to go on the trip, let Pastor Doug know (856-468-2711).


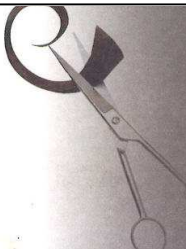

I will need to know if you are planning on attending by Easter Sunday so that we can send the deposit. If you are planning to go on the trip, the deposit is \$50.00 due on March 27 to hold your spot (the balance of \$190.00 is due when we go). There will be fundraising opportunities. If you would like to go, and the deposit is an issue, please contact Pastor Doug.



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

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