

The Vine

From Pastor Doug

The Conference has offered an event now for the last several years called Ignite. It is held in Wildwood and this year will be held September 29 to October 1. The schedule for the event is as follows:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

5:00 p.m. | Registration Opens
7:00 p.m. | Bonfire
8:00 p.m. | Session 1: Meredith Andrews and Reggie Dabbs

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

10:00 a.m. | Session 2: Meredith Andrews and Leanora Ortega
11:30 a.m. | Break for Lunch
1:00 p.m. | Breakout Sessions
2:00 p.m. | Mission Project
4:00 p.m. | Artist Meet and Greet
5:00 p.m. | IGNITE's Got Talent
7:00 p.m. | Session 3: Meredith Andrews and Reggie Dabbs
8:30 p.m. | Intermission
8:45 p.m. | Concert: Tedashii

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

10:00 a.m. | Worship at IGNITE

It is opened to Youth and Young Adults from 7th grade to 25 years old. We will be looking for a place to stay depending on the number of persons who want to attend. The cost for the event is also dependent on the number of people and will range from \$60 to \$70 per person. Food and room are extra, and we will be working on a way to defray the cost as well. We would leave Friday night and return to Mantua on Saturday night. Please let me know if you would like to attend.

Acolytes

It's that time again! Our acolyte program is opened to all 4th through 6th graders who would like to help with worship. You can serve as an acolyte at both 9:15 AM or 11 AM. We will meet for training on September 17 and 24 for training/orientation at 5:30 PM. We meet a couple times per month after that for activities and fun. If you have any questions, see pastor Doug.

Mission Team Report

Come hear about our trip to Steubenville. The team will be sharing during worship at both services on Sunday, September 10.



Hello from The EONS

We hope you had a wonderful summer! It is hard to believe that September is upon us and we will be getting back to the hectic schedules we all live. Our two services will resume again and we wanted to take the opportunity and introduce ourselves to you. Most of you know who we are, at least by name but you may not know who WE are, INDIVIDUALLY. After our recent community event, The EONS had a table and on our table we shared bios of each of us, we thought it would be nice to share these with you in the Vine as well. Each month we will share a bio of one member.

Before we begin, The EONS were originally just called the UMC Praise Team. This team was formed by Pastor Karl Kraft in 2004. The Praise Team led Sunday night worship every week at 6pm called the Night Watch. After a few months of giving this a go, without much success, the Night Watch Service was cancelled. However, the group wanted to continue to gather together in worship and ministry.

In January of 2006, Pastor Karl had the Praise Team lead the 11am Sunday morning Contemporary service. So many team members came and went. At one point the team had 11 members! During this time the Praise team also went out and performed at events such as the Mantua Twp. Community Day, Cup of Grace coffee House at Amazing Grace Resource Center, festivals, VBS openings and more.

In time, over the years, the team changed. Members moved or left the church. Today the team now has an "official" name that we go by, The EONS, which stands for The Evangelists On Norris Street. The EONS consist of two original team members Curt Bobzin (lead guitar) and Pamela Runyan (vocals). Maria Kreh (vocals) joined in May of 2006, Nicholas Kreh (bass player) joined in September of 2015, and Robert Rossi (drummer) joined in December of 2016.

We meet every week and plan the Sunday Praise Service (which is now its correct title). We plan the music according to the scripture and message of that day; we lead the worship, read the scripture and close. We are very much a part of and help Pastor Doug as much as possible. This service is a very relaxed service, there is no offering during the service (there is a basket by the door), we praise and worship in the beginning, we read scripture and hear Pastor Doug's message and we close with worship.

We very rarely get to mingle with the remaining members of the congregation because of our start time and that said, we would like you to know who we are. What we stand for individually, where we come from, our walks, our testimony...

This month, please read the bio of Curt Bobzin. Enjoy.



Bio for Curt Bobzin – Lead Guitar

Curt Bobzin grew up in Medford, NJ. He moved to North Jersey in his teenage years and graduated from Voorhees HS in Hunterdon County in 1981. Curt moved back to South Jersey and settled in Mantua in 1983. This is where he met and fell in love with his wife Lynn. They married in 1985 and raised their two daughters here. Curt is also the owner of C & L Ventures for the past 15 years.

Curt has been playing guitar for over 35 years and it is one of his main passions. Curt has a love for classic rock bands like Rush and Yes and they helped to inspire him in his early years. Besides his love for music, he also has a passion for fishing which is a favorite pastime for both him and his wife Lynn. If you don't find Curt playing guitar you most definitely will find him in his boat.

Curt started attending the Mantua Methodist Church in 1990 and he and his wife ran the VBS (Vacation Bible School) program and they also were Sunday School teachers. Curt was once a member of the Staff-Parish Relations Team and he is one of the original members of the church praise band and is a major part of the group today.

Curt accepted Christ as his savior in 1980 and is so blessed because he feels Christ saved him, literally, and he has been walking with him ever since. His wish is that others can and will find Christ in their own personal way and enjoy the journey just like he is.

FAMILY PROMISE—OUTREACH—MANTUA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This program designed to help homeless children and their families get back on their feet was started over 26 years ago by Karen Olson the founder of Family Promise. She had a dream and made it come true. Six years ago, we had a dream here at the United Methodist Church of Mantua. We had the facility and the willingness to provide care for the many guests who would come through our doors. We had many volunteers willing to share their time. Over the last 12 months, we have had trouble filling the minimum 42 volunteers needed for the week our guests were with us and Church of the Incarnation came on board as our support church with their volunteers. They are actually taking 4 days and that leaves us just 3 days. Every week is different. We had 13 guests in June but, some weeks we have 4 or 5 guests. We still need the same number of volunteers.

Every host week for our three days we need volunteers: 7 drivers AM & PM, 3 or more dinner hosts (the larger the group additional cooks needed), 3 or more evening hosts (the larger the group additional hosts needed), and 6 overnight hosts (we always need 2 volunteers).

Jan and I have decided to retire as coordinators at the end of 2017. It is our prayer that someone will want to see this outreach program continue. We are both available anytime to discuss any questions or concerns.

Jan & Janet Fuhrer

Our Family Promise guests will arrive on Sunday Sept. 10th. Our support church, The Church of the Incarnation, will take Sunday through Wednesday. We will only need volunteers for 3 days. The sign up board will be in the Narthex.

Blood Drive
In Honor of Angela Daniels
September 18
2—7 pm



Calling all women!

You are invited to come "Fill Your Cup" on **Saturday morning September 23rd** beginning at 10 AM. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, get to know other women of our church, and fill your spirit with God's love. Think about inviting a friend who may be searching to find God in their own life. Please fill out and **return the form below** (either put it in the offering plate, or give/mail to Nancy Overton (21 Maple Leaf Drive, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062)) **no later than September 1st**. We hope to see you there!



I plan to attend the "Fill Your Cup" event on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 10 AM

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

I plan to bring _____ guest/s.

Return by Sept. 1st. Either place in the offering plate, or send to:

Nancy Overton

21 Maple Leaf Drive

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MTV Painless Fundraiser

Buy Shop Rite (\$20) Cards * The Church receives 5% * You receive gift cards dollar for dollar
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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**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: It's that time of year again – Christmas is coming – actually it is a little over three months away – but it means that it is time to start filling our shoe boxes. It's a good time to start because school supplies are on sale and they are great items to be included in the shoe boxes. Please note that **CANDY** and **TOOTHPASTE** have been added to the "Do Not Include List." The total Do Not Include List is as follows: Candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powder or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans. If you are unsure about any items, you can check with a JUG member or check out Samaritan's Purse's website.



An easy guideline to follow is to fill your shoebox with simple gifts, as follows: something to wear; something to play with; something for school; something to love; something special; something for personal hygiene and a personal note. Always remember to pray for the recipient.

There was also another change this year. In years past, it was suggested to include a \$7.00 donation for cost of shipping. This amount has been increased to \$9.00. However, if you cannot include the cost of shipping but want to fill a box, please do so because others who for one reason or another who cannot fill a box prefer to make a donation to help with shipping. Working together we are able to successfully support this outreach to the children of the world in the love of Jesus.

We will be collecting these shoeboxes during the month of October. Our goal, as it has been in years past, is to get at least one more shoe box than we did last year. With your help we can continue to spread God's love to these little children. Thank you so much for your support.

News from UMC of Pitman (formerly Pitman Manor) ~ Tag & Treasure Sale coming soon (9/30)... please save your treasures for our sale! Also, please keep collecting empty one-pound coffee cans and give them to Lori Brooks.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Would you like to serve the Lord? Do you enjoy singing? Why not consider joining one of the choirs of our church.

CHERUB CHOIR - four years old through second grade - Thursday nights @ 7:00 pm
?? - call Mrs. Joyce Wescott, 468-2765

JUNIOR CHOIR - third through eighth grades - Sundays immediately following 9:15 worship service
?? - call Mrs. Nancy Overton, 478-0741

SENIOR CHOIR - ninth grade through..... - Thursday nights @ 7:30 pm
?? - call Mrs. Kathy Durand, 468-0384

CHIMES CHOIR - Thursday nights @6:30 pm
?? - call Mrs. Amy Stanton, 468-9298

Cherub and Senior Choirs will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 14. Junior Choir will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 10. Anyone interested in just singing in the Christmas Cantata should contact Kathy Durand for further information.

Robert M. Damminger
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Freeholder Liaison

Giuseppe (Joe) Chila
Deputy Freeholder Director



International Overdose Awareness Day
Thursday, August 31, 2017
James G. Atkinson Park
138 Bethel Mill Rd, Sewell, NJ 08080

Recovery Walk and Memorial Vigil

Walk begins at 6pm, followed by Memorial Vigil at dusk

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15th Annual H*VMI Charity Golf Outing

September 19, 2017
Shotgun Start @ 9:00 am
Tanglewood Manor Golf Club
Quarryville PA

For more info or to register:
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Email: info@hvmi.org
Web site: hvmi.org/upcoming-events



Happy July Birthday!

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| 1 | Curt Bobzin | 20 | Doris Donat |
| 3 | Rachel Kreh | | Arlene Shute |
| 4 | Nancy Chew | 21 | Debbie Gooch |
| | Chris Freshcoln | | Neil Riggs |
| 10 | Madison Liloia | | Pardam Skalit |
| | John Stewart | 22 | Leonard Donat |
| 11 | Shawn Blubaugh | 23 | Anthony String Sr. |
| | George Davis, Jr. | 24 | Kendall Munch |
| | Abriana Godsey | | Cassie Vincent |
| 12 | Danyeale Brickner | 25 | Todd Heston |
| | Walter Seehousz | | Vicky Stens |
| 13 | Ruth McManany | 26 | John Brickner |
| | Jennifer Wardrop | | David Donat |
| 14 | Cassie Anderson | | Ryan Lisle |
| | Sophie Rollins | | Addison Shannon |
| 16 | Maria Kreh | 28 | Jennifer Jameson |
| | Aaron Miller | 30 | Ann Godsey |
| 17 | Robin Dole | | Emily Sullivan |
| | Dorothy Frazier | 31 | Fred Patane |
| | Bobby Grabert | | Gail Slimm |
| | Lillian Howey | | |
| 18 | William Cundey | | |
| | Gerry Kemner | | |
| | Kaitlyn Toppin | | |

Happy August Birthday!

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| 1 | Lauren Rosenberger | 15 | Bob Bufala |
| | Viola Yeager | | Pam Runyan |
| 3 | Luke Farace | 16 | Emily Godsey |
| | Kaden Kraft | | Rachael Raively |
| | Jeff Kreh | 20 | Colin Ewan |
| | Ryan Toppin | | Ted Popecki |
| 4 | Nina Brickner | 23 | Linda Fraser |
| | Denise Maden | 24 | Luca Biglin |
| 5 | Dylan Borgersen | | Terri Smith |
| | Dot Dorofee | | Kaylee Wagner |
| | Joel Seabo | 26 | Kathy Durand |
| 6 | Joel Shutman | | Nick Farace |
| 8 | Jacob Guarrera | 27 | Charlene Borgersen |
| | Rebecca Litle | | Emma DeHaas |
| | Harrison Wescott | | Cindy Hall |
| 9 | Alyssa Kruithof | 29 | Jamie Fink |
| 10 | Ashley Blubaugh | 30 | Joe Daniels |
| | Caitlin Humble | 31 | Chris Grabert |
| | Bryan Tobin | | Gavin Hoskins |
| | Avery Wyckoff | | Ricky Sullivan |
| 11 | Ryan Jameson | 31 | Tabitha Campbell |
| 12 | Justin Preece | | |
| 14 | Jacqueline Sepsey | | |



Happy July Anniversary

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| 8 | Jeff & Heather DeHaas |
| 10 | Wayne & Alice Hstand |
| 13 | Wayne & Tricia Eckert |
| 17 | Jeff & Maria Kreh |
| 18 | Robert & Denise Maden |
| 19 | James & Lynn Jameson |
| 20 | Todd & Debbie Hickman |
| 21 | James & Laurie Kruithof |
| | Marc & Wilma Nagtegaal |
| 25 | Anthony & Shannon String Sr. |
| 26 | Gunnar & Moira Fox |



Happy August Anniversary

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| 7 | Nick & Jackie Farace |
| 8 | Ed & Heather Szychoski |
| 9 | Carl & Patricia Wyckoff |
| 13 | Walt & Sue Seibel |
| 15 | Craig & Linda Rudisill |
| 16 | Michael & Wendy DiSalvio |
| 17 | John & Jessica DeGirolamo |
| 20 | Steve & Bonnie Fearon |
| 21 | Kevin & Jennifer Kraft |
| | Bob & Lisa Thren |
| 25 | Rob & Patti Smith |
| 28 | Ed & Joyce Wescott |

Please Join Us!

The 11:00 am Praise Worship service will be held on the lawn, weather permitting of course. Chairs will be available, but if you would prefer to bring a blanket or your own lawn chairs, please do. If it is raining, we will worship in the sanctuary.

September 17th
October 1st

September 24th
October 8th



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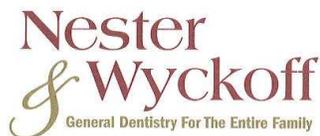
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