



The Vine

The Mission Fund Campaign – get ready it's coming:

The people of the United Methodist Church are called to mission – A Future with Hope Mission Fund Campaign is a conference wide effort to raise more than \$12 million for local church mission, Imagine No Malaria, and Sandy Relief. People need us more than ever right now:

- 650,000 people will die of malaria this year alone;
- more than 22,000 of our neighbors are still displaced from their homes nearly a year after the storm; and; our local community has needs that only we can fill.

United Methodists are responding to the call. Join us for four weeks beginning on October 27th as we kick off this campaign with a special worship series and discussion on *Three Simple Questions* and more. If you haven't read the book yet, there are three available in the sanctuary, sign them out and read it. If you have a book, finish it up and return it so others can read. We want as many people as possible to read it prior to October 27th.

We will be considering this special opportunity as a part of our yearly stewardship campaign. Let us begin to be in prayer for this important month in the life of our church.

Pastor Doug



Just for Fun!

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23 . She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

Greater New Jersey Annual Conference Events

OCTOBER 26 DISTRICT "FUTURE WITH HOPE" DAY

We are kicking off a week of services, volunteer opportunities and events to mark the anniversary of Superstorm Sandy on October 26th to bring attention to recovery needs and to recognize the work that has been done.

On October 26th we hope to have about 100 or more of our district travel to work on *A Future With Hope* mission project. We are going to Atlantic City to work on restoring Sandy properties. This will be an opportunity for everyone of all ages to participate and learn about the amazing rebuilding effort that is taking place. The only tool needed is a caring heart. The only skill needed is sharing God's love.

There is also a great video on the Burlington County Times website http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/burlington_county_times_news/local-volunteers-help-rebuild-sandy-ravaged-home/article_2126f22c-046c-5b8f-85f6-6cdd021bc19b.html

Please see Pastor Doug if you have any questions or are interested in participating.

Boscov's Event Celebrating the Neighborhood Center "Friends Helping Friends Day" Oct 22, 2013

Family & Friends are invited to be a part of the "Friends Helping Friends Day" to support the Neighborhood Center.

Passes may be purchased for five dollars (\$5.00) and you will spend a day enjoying shopping with a 25% Discount-plus enjoy refreshments and entertainment in any Boscov's Location

Boscov's credit card, any major credit card, cash or check will be accepted for payment

For additional Information, Contact Margie Williams, Gateway South UMW Neighborhood Center Coordinator @ 856-435-6710 or marge08083@yahoo.com



The Coffee House

at Mantua UMC Welcomes

Eddy Mann

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



"It's my prayer that all I say and do would make a positive statement to the world...
that my actions and words would bring those around me to a closer understanding of the joy of living.
Pray On, Eddy"

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Check out www.mantuaumc.org for more info
or email mamakreh@gmail.com

Donations of Baked Goods Gratefully Accepted.
Call Maria if you can help.

Upcoming Dates!

The Eons

Friday, November 15, 2013

Chelsea Musik

Friday, January 17, 2014

One of Six

Friday, February 21, 2014

Dana Isles & Facedown

Friday, March 21, 2014

Above the Fall

Friday, April 11, 2014

Headstone 118

Friday, May 16, 2014

October 2013 Mantua Methodist Vine

By William M. Crowley, Educational Research Director

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV), "Study to show thyself approved unto GOD..."

This exciting, unending series researches the KJV Bible with other sources.

THE "WITCH" OF ENDOR?

(NRSV) I Samuel 28:3, "Saul had expelled the mediums and the wizards from the land." Saul was their persecutor.

KING SAUL'S PROBLEM

King Saul had made some very bad choices in his role as King which resulted in GOD leaving him on his own. This could not have happened at a worse time. The Philistines were in the land. A military confrontation was imminent. He desperately needed advice.

(NRSV) I Samuel 28:3, "Now Samuel had died... (4)The Philistines had assembled, and came and encamped at Shunem. Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa."

Saul lost contact with the LORD; a desperate situation...requiring a desperate remedy.

(NRSV) I Samuel 28:6, "When Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, not by dreams, or by Urim, (See Deuteronomy 33:7, the breastplate of decision, a very high priestly distinction used in crises) or by the prophets."

Without guidance, Saul's mental condition deteriorated almost to a state of madness. Grasping for straws like a drowning man, he ordered one of his servants to locate a woman medium.

(NRSV) I Samuel 28:7, "...Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go to her and inquire of her."

The servant replied that there is a medium in Endor.

THE NOCTURNAL TREK

Saul and two of his men donned disguises and set out at night for Endor. Why disguises? The Medium would be terrified of Saul the persecutor.

Saul wanted to avoid Philistine detection.

Also, he did not want his troops to find out.

It was a long dangerous trek...about 8 miles from Gilboa. We know the prophecy. And the end.

THE "WITCH" OF ENDOR

The King James Study Bible uses the term "witch"; the NRSV term is "Medium". Why?

SOURCE: UNGERS BIBLE DICTIONARY

(KJV) I Samuel 28:7, "...Seeke me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may goe to her, and enquire of her."

Hebrew words avoid the superstition time (the witch hunts). A "witch" is associated with demonological phenomena. The goal is evil. One commentator stated "witch" is not a Hebrew term.

A woman who is associated with a "familiar spirit" is a "Spiritual Medium". No demons!!!

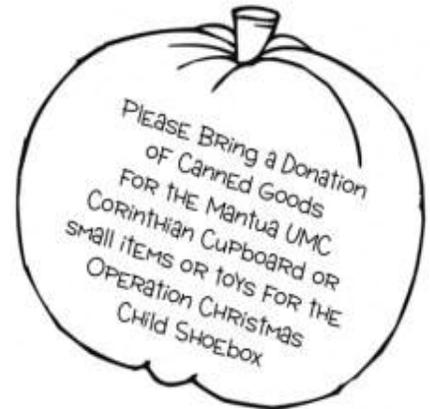
UNDESERVED MERCY FROM THE PERSECUTED?

No revenge in her heart. She gave Saul rest then prepared a meal for him and his men. Hello?

(NRSV) Matthew 5:44, "...Love your enemies...those who persecute you..."

United METHODIST CHURCH OF Mantua - Family Fun 4th Annual EVENT

Trunk or Treat



Saturday, October 26th

6:00 - 8:30pm

UMC of Mantua Parking Lot

Raindate Information: Sunday, October 27th 4:00 - 6:00pm

Check Out our Website for Updates: mantuaumc.org

Sign Up Forms due on 10/20

Kmberly Wagner 415.0610

familyfunmantuaumc@hotmail.com

Trunker Sign Up Form

Please fill out this form by 10/20 to participate as a "Trunker"

Drop off this form in the Family Fun Box in Fellowship Hall.

This event is open to the public-

Please invite your family and friends to participate!

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Type of Vehicle: Car SUV Truck Other

Are you giving out: Candy___ Drink___ Game/Activity___ Craft___

Additional Details will be available! Check the Family Fun
Bulletin Boards throughout the church and also on mantuaumc.org
Questions? Please Contact: Kimberly Wagner 415.0610



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOUR
TRUNK SHOULD BE DESIGNED AND
DECORATED WITH "KID-FRIENDLY" DECOR!
NO BLOOD/GORE DECORATIONS
OR SCARY COSTUMES WILL BE ALLOWED.



A Christmas Comedy in Two Acts
by Jessie Jones, Nicholas Hope, Jamie Wooten

Directed by: Gary Kochey

When: **Friday – November 1, 2013 – 8:00pm**
 Saturday – November 2, 2013 – 8:00pm
 Friday – November 8, 2013 – 8:00pm
 Saturday – November 9, 2013 – 8:00pm
 Sunday – November 10, 2013 – 3:00pm

Where: The United Methodist Church of Mantua
 201 Mantua Blvd
 Mantua, NJ 08051

Ticket Prices:

Advance tickets: \$17:00 – General Admission
Door: \$20.00 General Admission,
 \$17.00 – kids 12 and under, Seniors 60+

Special Group rates are available, please call for more information.

Synopsis:

It's four days before Christmas in the tiny town of Tinsel, Texas, and a colorful parade of eccentric guests arrive at the Snowflake Inn and deck the halls with holiday hilarity. Trina, the harried yet upbeat innkeeper of this B&B, has more than she can handle coping with these nuttier-than-a-fruitcake lodgers. Hoyt and his sister, Donna Jo, make the mistake of trying to end a thirty-year feud between their curmudgeonly aunts, Ennis and Della, with sidesplitting results. Ainsley and Lenora, self-involved actors from a lower-than-low-budget touring production of A Christmas Carol, descend on the Inn to fulfill a promise, leaving comedic chaos in their wake. Add to this Yuletide mayhem an ill-advised romantic rendezvous between Mrs. Claus and one of Santa's elves, a demanding guest who refuses to leave, not to mention a tipsy housekeeper, and it's clear it will take more than a kiss under the mistletoe to keep Trina's spirits merry and bright. But a spur-of-the-moment Christmas Eve wedding that brings together the fabulous Futrelle sisters – Honey Raye, Twink, Frankie and Rhonda Lynn and their best friend, Raynerd, takes a surprising and delightful turn that leads to a laugh-'til-your-sides-ache climax, changing all their lives forever. You'll swear this family-friendly Jones/Hope/Wooten Christmas comedy is more fun than a joyride in a one-horse open sleigh!

Happy October Birthday!

2 Debra Wescott
3 Florence Bobzin
Steve Fearon
Todd Hickman
Maggie Reid
Debbie Wolf
4 Amanda Banff
Kelsey Eckert
Rebecca Hickman
Jim Jameson
5 Kristen Armstrong
Paul Brooks
6 Jennifer Humble
7 Laylah Farrell
Todd Legg
8 Ethan Munch
Susan Sullivan
9 Laura Freshcoln
Irv Quenzel
10 Heather Riggs
Ruth Wolbert
12 Abigail Joseph
Joe Spencer
13 Lois Green
Kimberly Metz
Eric Rumbol
Dalton Stetser
Jillian Vincent



14 Michelle DeGirolamo
Hope Miller
Samantha Skupien
15 Doug Baitinger
Liz Farrell
Marissa Torino
17 Natalie Banff
John Goss
Patrick Goss
Paul Toppin
18 Monica Seabo
19 Cheyenne Burger
Ted Dorofee
Kayla Romano
20 Joanne Pape
23 Courtney Hall
Carl Wyckoff
24 Amanda Heise
25 Mary Golding
26 Adriene Davis
Sean Sepsey
27 Lorraine Beckett
30 Anthony Prete
31 Joshua Jennings
Wilma Nagtegaal

Happy October Anniversary



2 *Ian & Emily Preece*
3 *Joe & Chris Seabo*
4 *William Bessler & Darlene Smith*
7 *Bruce & Nancy Reyher*
10 *Scott & Kristie McMullen*
11 *Todd & Debra Heston*
14 *Len & Doris Donat*
17 *Todd & Lisa Legg*

20 *Curt & Lynn Bobzin*
Dan & Debbie Gooch
Joel & Dawn Shutman
23 *Doug & Jenn Wardrop*
24 *George & Adriene Davis*
26 *Fred & Mary Lee Patane*
Doug & Kim Wagner
29 *Joe & Robin Gelormini*
30 *John & Tara Gallagher III*



**United Methodist Church of Mantua
Ministering Through Video
Painless Fundraiser**

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

Currently:

**We sell approximately \$1,000 of gift cards per month.
Annually we earn about \$600.**

Where does the money go? It pays for some of the equipment needs of MTV. In addition, contributions have been made to The Roof Fund, Chime Choir Repair, UMC Mission Trips and The Carpet 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!

2013 Results:

Jan-April	\$462 per week
May—August	\$487 per week

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
Bruce Reyher, MTV Treasurer

Corinthian Cupboard

The Corinthian Cupboard is in need of some specific items or gift cards to purchase items. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Baked Beans
Applesauce & Canned Fruit
Chicken Gravy
Snack pack pudding
Canned Yams & White Potatoes



Mashed Potatoes
Tuna fish
Cranberry Sauce
Coffee & Tea
Cookies & Crackers

Realville - has begun... We started our Bible Study and a couple of the College Crew came out - we talked about what "looks like Failure to me...." and we took time to mark our hands with prayer partners!!! I am very thankful that someone showed up.

Start up of Realville! We were hoping that a few kids would show up for the first Youth Group meeting. The 7th to 12th graders came in from 7:00 - 8:30 pm . I was a little shocked!!! We were blessed with 30 youth and I know that a few were missing!!! Lots of information was discussed. Ideas for things to do, places to go, and volunteering.

We talked about Keswick weekend, Walk for Hope, looking into apple picking!!! Our lesson was about a group called ~ TWLOHA! Ask your youth about the discussion. They were told if they have any issues, problems, concerns - feel free to call me.

We are going to talk to the parents to see if we would be able to have snacks. Let us know if you would be interested in helping us! If you have any questions, suggestions, or need to talk..... please feel free to contact me. Here is my info:

My cell is 856-404-2080 (it is on at all times)

My email is onecentkirk@comcast.net

I can also be found on Facebook - Penny Lynn Hamilton Kirkbride

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity

God Bless!

Penny Kirkbride

*Imagine Hope Restored in Camden
Would you help us restore hope in the lives of the children of Camden?
Please join us as we take part in*



WALK FOR HOPE

Saturday, October 5, 2013

Registration 10:30 am

5 K Run/Walk 11-12:30 pm

Washington Lake Park, Hurffville-Crosskeys Rd, Washington Twp.

Proceeds benefit Kids Alley

www.KidsAlley.org

**For More Information please contact: Deb Baldasarre debba688@comcast.net
or Kids Alley Office 856-340-1710**

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