

The Vine

From Pastor Doug...

By the time you receive this newsletter, Election Day will be upon us. As I reflect on the campaigns this year, there has been much blaming, accusations, and hurtful talk. As if an election doesn't have the potential for this kind of behavior, I believe that social media like Facebook and Twitter have magnified it even more. You can't look at Facebook without seeing and reading all about how terrible one candidate is as opposed to the other.

Susan Fuchs posted something on Facebook that I saw that reminded me of something. It was a take-off of Donald Trump's campaign slogan "Make America Great Again." It said, "Make America Kind Again." Right now, there are divisions in our country and there is too much meanness. Wouldn't it be great if we could end the meanness and move toward a more kind existence together?

Paul, in Galatians 5 talks about the characteristics of those who live according to the flesh, that is, who are not in tune with the Spirit of God or who don't seek to live as someone who is led by the Spirit of God. He says that those who don't live by the Spirit exhibit the following: fornication, impurity, licentiousness (immorality), idolatry, sorcery, enmities (hostility or animosity), strife (angry or bitter disagreement), jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. The middle part of the list sure sounds familiar and not just from the candidates!

He goes on to say that the fruit of the Spirit, that is, the characteristics of those who live according to the Spirit show characteristics of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. He ends the section by saying, "If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another."

I will be glad when the campaign season is over. How different would a campaign look, would our responses on Facebook look, if we would allow ourselves to be guided by the Spirit. How would our world be different if we would allow God's Spirit to lead us? While I know that there will always be those who choose to live in ways opposed to the Spirit, what if we who claim to be followers of Christ would follow the Spirit and now allow the old ways to creep in? Let's all do our part to fill our country, our world, with as much fruit of the Spirit as we can and maybe we will make it kind again.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Our Community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 PM at the Woodbury Heights Presbyterian Church on Elm Ave. Join with our ecumenical brothers and sisters as we give thanks to God.

Realville November Schedule

- November 6 Meeting at 7 PM to put together college student gifts and regular meeting
- November 13 Bowling Meet at 4:30 PM to go Bowling \$8.00 for two games and shoe rental—Bring money for food.
- November 20 Movie Night 7 PM
- November 27 Messy Game Night

We are trying to do some different activities, some of which will cost some money. If anyone has difficulty with this, please let Pastor Doug know as we do not want to have anyone not participate because of cost.

Questions? Call or text Pastor Doug 609-214-1161



Military Support Group of NJ: A donation box will be available during the month of November for items for our troops and their families.

Athletes Foot Cream/ointment	Hard Candy
Batteries AA & AAA	Individual Drink Mixes
Beef Jerky	Lysol or Clorox Wipes
Black Pens & Pencils	Mixed Nuts
Cashews	Music CDs
Coffee, Tea Bags small boxes	Peanut Butter Cracker packs
Comics from Sunday Papers	Peanuts
Crackers, small packages	Pepperoni Sticks
Crossword or Sudoku Puzzles	Playing Cards, Uno, small games
Diaper Wipes	Qtips travel size
(please put the whole package in a one gallon size Ziploc)	Shampoo travel size
Disposable Cameras	Slim Jims
DVD Movies (no war movies, please)	Small Writing Tablet & Envelopes
Eye Drops	Soap hotel size bars
Flip Flops of shower	Sunflower Seeds & Nuts
Foot Powder, travel size	Toothpaste, travel size
Granola or Power Bars	Trail Mix
Gum	Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Spam in foil pouches
Hand cream, travel size	White Cotton Socks boot style
Hand Warmers	

Nursery Attendant needed - The nursery needs another attendant 18 years or older for the 9:15am & 11:00am service. This is a paid position. Please see Jenise Fraser or Walt Rouh for more information.

Takin' it to the Streets! Become part of the Open Door Ministries Prayer Walk Team! 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. We typically walk the 1st & 3rd Sundays. Watch the bulletin and our website for upcoming Prayer Walk dates and locations!



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

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! We managed to achieve it 2 weeks in 2016! 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 Cup-board or Family Promise! It costs nothing but reaps great rewards!

Keep up the Good Work!

2015 Yearly Average
\$425 per week

2016 1st Quarter
\$552 per week

2016 2nd Quarter
\$521 per week

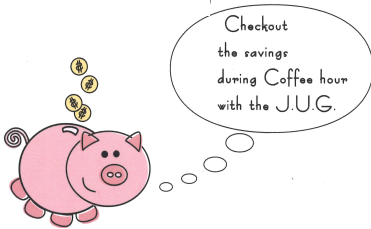
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
Bruce Reyher, MTV Treasurer

Savearound Books on sale
October thru November

This edition of the Savearound coupon books has a new twist. It turns upside down.

The front part has 70 local restaurant discounts, 39 service/retail offers, and 38 Entertainment coupons.

Turn it over and find 38 assorted coupons valid nationwide



The Coffee House

at Mantua UMC Welcomes

Regenerated Soul

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

Regenerated Soul is pleased to partner with **Ricky Byrd's Clean Getaway Foundation** which provides education, preventio, treatment, and resources for those suffering from drug addiction and alcoholism as well as help for their families.
rickybyrdsclangetaway.com



Regenerated - Bring into renewed existence; generate again
Soul - Style of music with roots in old time Gospel

REGENERATED SOUL - A Christian who has been born again!

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Check out www.mantuaumc.org for more info
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Donations of Baked Goods Gratefully Accepted.
Call Maria if you can help.



Come to the
**The United Methodist Men's
25th Craft Fair**
Saturday, November 26, 2016
9:00 am-3:00 pm
In McConnell Hall
Vendors Needed!

- 1 Sue Seibel
- 4 Scott Lisle
Elizabeth Rossi
- 5 John Gallagher
Rebecca Holman
Richard Sullivan Jr.
- 8 Michael DiSalvio
Alex Fischer-Horner
Timothy Makaro
Cole Reyher
Kevin Sullivan Jr.
- 9 Ted Parks
- 10 Shirley Crawford
Heather Kohl
- 11 Jacob DiSalvio
- 12 Meghan Holman
- 13 Brandon Szychoski
- 14 Tyler Baitinger
Jasmine Dickson
Dillion Hanahan
Andrea Shute
- 16 George Freshcoln

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- 20 Anthony String Jr.
- 21 Wayne Eckert
Ann Newcomb
Doug Wagner
- 23 Chase Mack
Dan Smith Jr.
Maddox Smith
- 24 Michelle Brickner
Aidan Fuchs
Ann Raranta
Tucker Reyher
- 26 Frankie Rohrman
- 27 John DeGirolamo
Melanie LaBonte
Heather Szychoski
- 28 Stacie Toppin
- 29 Matthew Heston
- 30 Debbie Hickman



- 1 Mark & Kathy Durand*
- 4 George & Arlene Shute*
- 24 Walt & Lisa Rouh*
- 28 Jeff & Karisa Wescott*
- 29 James & Liz Gross*

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The Corinthian Cupboard is in need of a few items...

Spaghetti Sauce
 Instant Potatoes
 Canned Chili

Jello
 Jelly

Pudding
 Syrup

Canned Fruit
 Canned Pasta

Canned Tuna
 Canned Stew

All donations are gratefully accepted! Thank you for all of your support.

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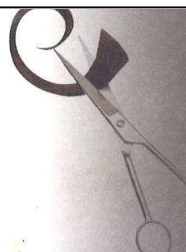
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