

The Vine

From Pastor Doug

January is the month that we begin our Confirmation Classes. Confirmation is the opportunity for youth in 7th grade and higher to learn what it means to become a member of the United Methodist Church. The purpose of confirmation is to provide an opportunity for the youth to learn and decide for themselves if membership in the church is something they want to pursue. At the end of the class, they will be asked to decide if they want to join. The class will meet on Thursday evenings (not every) beginning in January and will continue through May 20 which is Pentecost Sunday when they will be received into membership.

Along with the Thursday meetings, there will also be trips to Barratt's Chapel, Temple Emanuel, St. George's UMC and Baltimore. Confirmation is an important time in the life of a young person. Please discuss this with your youth as it is an important decision.

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, January 4 at 7:00 PM in the Youth Room. At that time, we will fill out the forms, go over the schedule and answer any questions that you might have. Please let me know if your youth is interested in attending by emailing me at dougbaitinger@mantuaumc.org or calling the church office at 856-468-2711.

Youth Inc. Schedule

We are going to take a break from the pizza this year, but will be asking families to provide a dessert that we will eat during the meeting. If you would like to volunteer to bring something, let me know what week.

January 7th Meeting at 6:30 PM

January 14th Martin Luther King Weekend
—Meet to go to Friendly's for ice cream at 6:30 PM

January 21st Meeting at 6:30 PM

January 28th Family Promise will be joining us for the week, so once again we will provide dinner and be the hosts until the overnight people come—meet at 4:30 PM

February 4 Super Bowl Party at the Parsonage-5:30 PM
-Bring a dessert or appetizer to share

**UMM Hoagie Sale
January 21, 2018!**

Watch your bulletin for details





June 26th - 30th

Women's Community Bible Study This study was started by Paula Aaronson approximately 30 years ago and continues today through the ongoing leadership of Ann Newcomb. Wayne Hestand is the teacher and always presents an interesting Bible study. We meet in McConnell Hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays beginning at 9:30 am refreshments and fellowship are available. Wayne leads from 10:00 to 11:00—always a stimulating time of study, discussion and prayer. This is open to all. This group is currently comprised of women from several different area churches and there is plenty of room for more. So...please join with us — bring your Bible and/or a friend. Quoting a current member, "You don't know what you are missing!" For more information, call 468-5549 or the Church office at 468-2711.

"...Know what his Word says and means." II Timothy 2:15b (TLB)



MTV Painless Fundraiser
Buy Shop Rite (\$20) Cards The Church receives 5%
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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! 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 Cupboard or Family Promise! It costs nothing but reaps great rewards!

Keep up the Good Work!

2017 1st Quarter
\$292 per week

2017 2nd Quarter
\$375 per week

2017 3rd Quarter
\$328 per week

2016 4th Quarter
\$387 per week

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

Acolytes-Game night at the church at 5:30 PM on January 21

SaveAround Coupon Books and Wawa Hoagie Coupons make wonderful gifts! Please see any J.U.G. Member to purchase a SaveAround Coupon Book or Hoagie Coupon!

Hello everyone,

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year! The EONS always enjoy leading worship during the Advent season. It is always a challenging time for us as we dig deep into our Christmas music, wipe off the dust and play them again since we played them last year. This year however, we really dug deep and played some oldies that we have not done in a very long time. For example: Go, Tell it on the Mountain, What Child is this and we also learned Mary Did You Know J

January is now upon us. The month of new resolutions and promises we make to ourselves and even others. One of them, most likely being, to go to church more often and we, The EONS, take our leading worship very seriously and we enjoy sharing it with you and most of all with Him! For those of you who attend the 11am Praise Service and there is a song you would like us to play, please let us know! One of our resolutions is to bring new music into our worship. If there is a book in the bible you want to learn more about, also please let us know. We can find some way to incorporate that into the service.

We have some exciting months ahead. One of them being is that we were asked by Pastor Jack Orr from the Indian Mills UMC in Shamong, NJ to lead his congregation in a night of worship and praise on Saturday, February 17th at 7pm. So mark your calendar and join us! We would love to see you there; your support is always a blessing to us.

Last but not least, here is our final bio of another important member of the praise band. Please read all about our drummer, Rob Rossi.

Until February
Peace & Love
The EONS

Bio for Rob Rossi – Drummer

Rob was born and raised in Marlton, NJ. He is a graduate of Burlington County Institute of Technology, Class of 1982. Rob married his wife Jen in May of 1997 and in 2008 they moved to Mantua, NJ, with their 3 children, and reside there still today. Rob is the Testing and Commissioning Supervisor at the Philadelphia Shipyard and has been there for the past 18 years.

Rob saw Ringo Starr, Keith Moon and old films of Gene Krupa when he was just 9 years old and they were his heroes and inspiration in regards to wanting to play the drums and he has been for the past 30 years. Rob also enjoys building models, working outside and has a passion for motorcycles. He spends a lot of time with his family; they love nature walks and traveling.

Rob grew up attending St. Joan of Arc in Marlton, NJ. He went every Sunday until he was 16. When he married Jen he started to attend the Almonesson Methodist Church where sometimes he would play with the organist/pianist. He started attending the Mantua Methodist Church on and off and in 2013 a personal trauma actually helped lead Rob to accept Christ as his savior. Rob joined the praise band in winter of 2016 and is committed to leading worship with the others.

Rob's wish is that there would be acceptance among all and that everyone be united together as one under Christ.



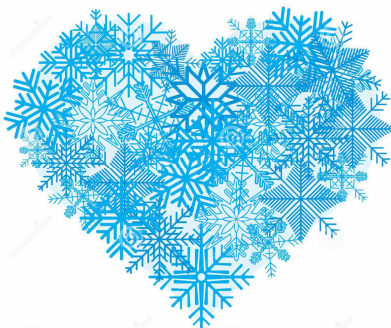
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2 Hazel Heiss
3 Tom Jennings
4 Gregory Brickner
6 Corrine Brickner
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7 Robbie Dickson
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8 Penny Kirkbride
10 Miranda Fuchs
12 Paul Brooks
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13 Alex Richmond
15 Becky Langer
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16 Pearl Dickinson
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17 Emma Humble
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25 Karen Dickel
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27 Robert Borgersen
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TJ Short
28 Lynn Heiss
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Margaret Trexler
29 Darrin Cusano
29 Stephanie Hall

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2 *John & Janet Sfaelos*
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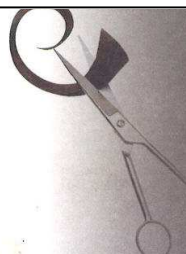
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