

# The Vine

## From Pastor Doug:

We have been sharing in a sermon series this January called Water and Roots that has focused on our baptism with an opportunity to renew our baptismal vows. We have another opportunity for people to meet Jesus and for renewal for those who know him already coming soon. We will be holding two special services in March for that purpose. On March 10 and 11<sup>th</sup> we will be gathering in the sanctuary where Jim Hughes will be presenting special music and the message. We will also be sharing in a covered dish dinner on Sunday, March 11 at 5:00 PM in McConnell Hall. We will receive a love offering for Jim during the services. Please put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us. Invite some friends and neighbors to come with you. It is during the season of Lent, so as we will be approaching Easter, it is a perfect opportunity for us to come alive in Christ.

Also, I want to invite you to join us for our ministerium Soup and Study through the season of Lent. We will be gathering with brothers and sisters throughout our area to look at some of the people who were present at the cross. On Good Friday, we will be hearing how these people were affected by hearing the words from the Cross. The schedule will be as follows:

February 21—The UMC of Mantua  
February 28—Mt. Zion Wesley UMC  
March 7—Woodbury Heights Presbyterian Church  
March 14—Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Wenonah  
March 21—New Sharon UMC

We meet at Noon for soup and share in a brief study on these 5 Wednesdays. Good Friday will be a shared service at Noon as well on March 30. It will be held at our church this year.

### Upcoming Youth Inc. Events

Youth: Superbowl Party at the parsonage 5:30 PM—Bring beverage and snack to share  
Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> Meet at 6:30 PM  
Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> Mid-Winter Advance—No Meeting  
February 25<sup>th</sup> Ice Skating at Hollydell

**SAVE THESE DATES!! RESURRECTION RENEWAL** at Mantua UMC on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for a covered dish supper and 7:00 pm for Service. Special Guest Leader will be Rev. Jim Hughes, whose unique ministry is powerful, effective and in touch with today's church. Come join with us in a time of revival and blessing as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

**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.



The United Methodist Men of Mantua will host a chili contest/dinner on February 10th at 6:00 pm. This will be a men's event and an opportunity to gather for fellowship, food and fun. There will be a competition for the best recipe and lots of good food to eat. Come out and support the men's ministry here in Mantua!



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT, Bird-in-Hand Inn, Bird-in-Hand, PA., January 12-14, 2018 – "Stop the Busy Stuff...Live Life to the Fullest!" Four of us (Janet Fuhrer, her daughter, Cyndi Quast, Ann Newcomb and Elda Barger) attended this Retreat. There were 52 women who shared in a Spirit-led, fun-filled retreat with a powerful message on "Sabbath." They were from several New Jersey local area churches and several different denominations, but all believers in Jesus as Savior. The Program Directors were Judy Skeels and Toni Benecchi of Trinity Methodist Church of Mullica Hill. The Bible Study Leader was Pastor Karen Yee from California, who has been leading the spiritual sessions for five of the thirteen years this retreat has been meeting, and is held annually on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend. Ladies, if you would like to join with us next year or would like more information, please see Janet, Ann N. or Elda.

**JESUS at Sight and Sound - April 17. 2018**

There will be a bus trip leaving our church parking lot at 8:30 AM traveling to see the new production of *Jesus*. It has been three years in the making at Sight and Sound. The show will allow you to experience the greatest rescue story of all time. Jesus is the action packed musical stage adventure that takes you on a miraculous journey alongside the most famous person to ever walk the earth, and the everyday people whose lives he changed forever. There will to a meal at Shady Maple after the show at 2:00 PM. Fifty dollars deposit before February 10. The remaining Sixty-three dollars will be due before March 5. No refunds will be made after March 5. Please make your checks out to : SCUCS. Should you need further information or questions answered please call: Gail J. Slimm, (856) 207-7800.



**Valentine's Day Cards for Pitman Manor** residents will be in McConnell Hall beginning January 22. Please stop by and sign a card, it may be the only one they receive.



**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.**

**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!**

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**

Happy February from The EONS Mantua UMC Worship Team!!!

First we would like to thank all of you who have commented on our bios and who have enjoyed reading our blogs. We are very happy to be communicating more with you and we pray you know us a little better now.

This month we will be on the road again. We were invited to the Indian Mills UMC in Shamong to lead a night of music and worship! It will be a great night as we look forward to meeting new people and sharing our stories with them.

We hope that you can join us, we love when our church family supports us. It will be held on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. There will be an intermission with refreshments. Please see the flyer which is inside the Vine that has the address of the church.

**Do YOU know someone who is lost? Someone who may feel uplifted from a night of worship and praise? Invite them along with you. It is our duty as disciples to do so. J**

We hope to see you there and if you ever have a question for us, please feel free to leave us a note or stop one of us during fellowship hour.

In Christ,  
Maria, Pam, Curt, Nick & Rob



The flyer features a black and white photograph of a crowd with their hands raised in the air, set against a bright, hazy background. The text is overlaid on this image. A large white circle on the left contains the date 'FEBRUARY 17'. The main title 'NIGHT OF MUSIC WORSHIP CONCERT' is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font across the middle. Below the title, the location 'INDIAN MILLS UMC' and address '89 Indian Mills Rd, Shamong, NJ 08088' are listed, followed by the time '7 PM'. A call to action invites people to join the EONS - Mantua UMC Worship Team for a night of praise, worship, and fellowship. The website 'www.facebook.com/TheEONS' is provided at the bottom. A list of the worship team members and their roles is on the left, and a small photo of the band performing is on the right.

**FEBRUARY 17**

**NIGHT OF MUSIC WORSHIP CONCERT**

INDIAN MILLS UMC  
89 Indian Mills Rd, Shamong, NJ 08088 **7 PM**

Join The EONS - Mantua UMC Worship Team for a night of praise, worship and fellowship!!!

[www.facebook.com/TheEONS](http://www.facebook.com/TheEONS)

Come praise with us.  
WE want to know you!

Maria - Vocalist/Tambourine  
Pam - Vocalist  
Curt - Lead Guitar  
Nick - Bass  
Rob - Drums



# SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

Please remember to help us stock the Corinthian Cupboard with Soups and Stews for Souper Bowl Sunday!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

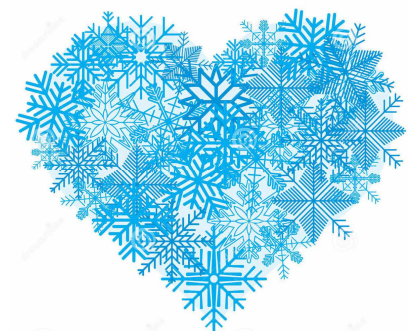
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2 Amy Durand  
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4 Brenda Anderson  
Nick Colamarino  
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7 Bill Lisle  
8 Morgan Gallagher  
Robert Hoskins  
12 Joe Vincent  
13 Erin Munch  
Marc Nagtegaal  
14 Pam Baitinger  
Ryan Borgersen  
Molly Shannon



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17 Barbara Davis  
Nancy Fink  
Marilyn Heston  
Kai Kraft  
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18 Chris Seabo  
19 Anthony Dorisio  
21 Shannon String  
22 Kristin Baitinger  
Thomas Booth  
Marcie Daniels  
25 Monica Dilio  
Lynn Varner  
26 Jimmy Heise  
27 Terry Grabert

## Happy Anniversary

2 *Dan & Terri Smith*  
6 *Doug & Pam Baitinger*  
11 *Pardam & Theresa Skalit*  
14 *Bill & Debbie Wolf*  
22 *Harry & Lorraine Little*  
27 *Jan & Janet Fuhrer*  
28 *Bryson & Michelle Biglin*

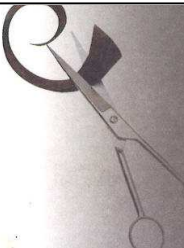


Thank you once again for another great year in helping to improve the holidays for families that reside in Mantua. The gifts that were received by these families were overwhelming.

Sincerely,  
 Karen Robinson  
 Gloucester County Social Services

**Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and Worship** will be held here at 6:00 pm on February 14. We will have a light supper of soup, bread and fruit, then move to the sanctuary at 7:00 pm for the service. If you would like to bring a soup or some bread, there will be a sign up sheet in McConnell Hall or feel free to call the church office.

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