

# The Vine

From Pastor Doug

It was two years ago as we were coming home from visiting Young Life in West Chester that I received the phone call from Hospice to call Keswick Pines where my mom lived. I knew what they were going to say, and while it wasn't expected so soon, her prayers had been answered and she had gone home. I am thankful that it was such an easy transition for her. Over the past two years, I realize that I often took her presence for granted and didn't always appreciate all that she did for me.

In this season of Mother's Day, I give thanks to God for the gift of a mother who love and cared for me. I know it was her prayers that helped make me the person I am today. While I know that Mother's Day can be difficult for a number of reasons for folks, I hope you will take some time to give thanks to God for the gift of mothers, grandmothers, and women who played an influential role in shaping who you are. If you are able, join us for worship on May 13 as we celebrate Mother's Day in worship. And if you are able, take some time to say thank you to your mother and others who shared the gift of love with you.

**Sweet Mission Trip Opportunity**—During the month of May, you will have the opportunity to purchase a tube of Mini M&M's for \$1.00 during Coffee Fellowship. Enjoy the M&M's and then fill the plastic tube with quarters from your pocket change. Return them to the Mission Team by June 3. Proceeds will be shared by participants in this summer's trip to Reading, PA. Thank you in advance for all your support!!

**Women's Community Bible Study** meets on the 2nd & 4th Tues. September-May at 9:30 am. Please join with us as we study God's Word. All are welcome. Please contact the church office at 468-2711 or call 468-5549 with questions.



GNJ Next Generation Ministries has partnered with Barefoot Republic Camp to offer an innovative multicultural camping experience for middle school students for summer camp in 2018.

Open to middle school students, everyone will find something that they love. Choose specialty activities from football to dance, swimming to art. Campers make friends for life in daily competitions like dodge ball, messy games, and adventure relays.

Visit [www.gjnnextgen.org](http://www.gjnnextgen.org) or contact Ryan Clements at [rclements@gnjumc.org](mailto:rclements@gnjumc.org) or call 732.859.0033.



MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP OF N.J. The J.U.G. Class will be collecting items during the month of May for servicemen and their families. We collect items all year long, but make a special effort in May. There will be a collection basket in the Narthex for these items. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation instead, that also would be very much appreciated as the cost of shipping has increased considerably. Checks should be made out to "Military Support Group of N.J." Also, if you know of someone who is deployed, the Director, Karen Jennings, would like to add their name to the list of those receiving packages each month of their deployment. If you have any questions or need any further information, please see any J.U.G. member. Thank you for your support.

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 Black Pens & Pencils  
 Cashews  
 Coffee, Tea Bags small boxes  
 Comics from Sunday Papers  
 Crackers, small packages  
 Crossword or Sudoku Puzzles  
 Diaper Wipes  
 (please put the whole package in a one gallon size Ziploc)  
 Disposable Cameras  
 DVD Movies (no war movies, please)  
 Eye Drops  
 Flip Flops of shower  
 Foot Powder, travel size  
 Granola or Power Bars  
 Gum  
 Hand cream, travel size  
 Hand Warmers

Hard Candy  
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 Lysol or Clorox Wipes  
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 Peanut Butter Cracker packs  
 Peanuts  
 Pepperoni Sticks  
 Playing Cards, Uno, small games  
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 Slim Jims  
 Small Writing Tablet & Envelopes  
 Soap hotel size bars  
 Sunflower Seeds & Nuts  
 Toothpaste, travel size  
 Trail Mix  
 Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Spam in foil pouches  
 White Cotton Socks boot style

**MEMORIAL GARDEN - 2018**—The J.U.G. Class will once again be sponsoring a Memorial Garden around the Church building to be planted in time for Memorial Day. As usual, geraniums may be dedicated in honor or in memory of loved ones at a cost of \$2.50 each. Order forms will be available on May 6<sup>th</sup> and will be accepted until May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please see any J.U.G. member if you have any questions or would like to place an order. Your support of this project is very much appreciated.

**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.

## Vacation Bible School 2018

Why not start off summer with a week of fun and learning with family and friends at The United Methodist Church of Mantua, VBS 2018. Vacation Bible School will be held Mon. June 25<sup>th</sup> - Fri. June 29<sup>th</sup> from 6pm - 8:30pm. We will begin with dinner every night, then missions, music, classes for all ages, games, crafts, snacks and prayer.



For more information or if you would like to help, please see Jenise Fraser. Thanks.

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*This gift will bring hope to those who need it most.*

*Grace and peace,*

*Roland Fernandes  
General Treasurer  
United Methodist Committee on Relief  
General Board of Global Ministries*

*Russell Pierce  
Executive Director of Communications, Advance & Fundraising  
General Board of Global Ministries*

## **Upcoming Dates:**

United Methodist Men's Cemetery Clean up May 19<sup>th</sup> 9 AM at the cemetery.

Confirmation Baltimore Trip May 12 and Confirmation Sunday May 20, 2018

Dessert Night Contest and Fellowship—7 PM June 2 \$5 to attend and \$5 to enter a dessert-Proceeds benefit the Mission Trip

Car Wash June 16 9 AM- Noon Come and get your car washed for a donation to the Mission Trip Fund



### **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 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**

- 1 Christopher Gelormini  
Nicholas Gelormini  
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- 2 Brooke Fearon
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# Happy



# Birthday

- 16 Megan Histan
- 17 Dana Fink
- 19 Bryson Biglin  
Dan Smith, Sr.  
John Stens
- 21 Jill Gorman  
John Lewis, Jr.
- 22 Janet Sfaelos
- 23 Patrick Durand
- 24 Bob Grabert
- 26 Jackson Austin  
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- 27 Matthew DeGirolamo
- 28 Gina Freshcoln  
Alexis Fuchs  
Aaron Shute  
Heather Vincent
- 29 Emily Jo McMullen  
Mary Lee Patane
- 31 Cathy Hogan  
Remmi Weiner

## Happy Anniversary



- 17 Phil & Lynn Varner
- 18 George & Christine Freshcoln
- 22 George & Debra Wescott
- 24 Scott & Ryan Drucker  
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- 26 Nick & Ann Godsey



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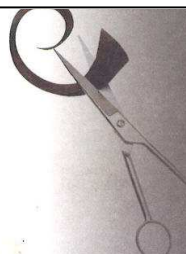
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