

The Vine

From Pastor Doug...

Stepping in Faith: Responding to God's Generosity is the theme for this year's Generosity emphasis as we plan for ministry in 2019 at the UMC of Mantua. It is an expression of what we believe should happen when God's people are asked to respond in a Biblical manner to the ministry opportunities of the church.

The Generosity Team this year will once again be leading our time together. I will be preaching on how we should be responding to God's generosity to us with generosity. However, there is a twist as we will be looking at some types of generosity that you might not typically think about. This year, and in the years to come, we will be providing a means by which we as God's people can grow and respond in faith.

As we enter this season of the year, prayer is the key. We hope that as we approach the season of Thanksgiving, you will be in prayerful gratitude for all that God has done and for our church and its ministries. Once again we will be asking you to prayerfully consider taking a step of generosity, whether it is for the first time or maybe taking another step or two. Your response is indeed personal. It's not how someone else will respond or what the church needs you to do. The issue is what you need to do in order to respond in generosity to what God has done for you. There are many exciting ministry opportunities in our church. Will you take the next step in faith with us?



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 Cupboard or Family Promise! It costs nothing but reaps great rewards!

Keep up the Good Work!
Our Average Weekly Gift Card purchase is between \$325-\$350 per week for 2018

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

SHOEBOX COLLECTION HAS STARTED!!! Operation Christ Child Shoebox Collection is in full swing until November 11th. Children all over the world will soon be receiving gifts which are meant to tell them about Jesus and His love. If you need a shoebox, they are on the "drop-off table" located outside the JUG classroom downstairs or you may use your own. Also, as you prepare your gift, please remember to pray for the child who will be receiving it because for many of them this may be the first time they will hear about Jesus. If you need more information, please see any JUG member. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

SAVE THE DATE –
This year's Christmas Cantata will be held on
Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 4PM

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



PARENTS NIGHT OUT
KIDS MOVIE NIGHT!
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 23 4:30-8:00 PM
MANTUA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Get some holiday shopping done without the kids!

**PARENTS—DROP YOU CHILDREN OFF AT 4:30 PM FOR A
 FUN NIGHT OF DINNER, MOVIE & GAMES
 PICK THEM BACK UP BY 8:00 PM**

<p>PRE-K—6TH GRADE (NEEDS TO BE POTTY TRAINED) FACILITATED BY MYF YOUTH & ADULT LEADERS</p>	<p>PLEASE CONSIDER A FREE WILL OFFERING ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT MANTUA UMC YOUTH FELLOWSHIP</p>
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- November Youth & Acolyte Events**
- 11/4 6:30 pm Stress & Anxiety Presentation
 - 11/11 2:30 pm Acolytes visit High Elevations
6:30 pm UMYF
 - 11/18 6:30 pm UMYF
 - 11/23 4:30 pm Parent's Night Out
 - 11/25 5:30 pm Game Night
6:30 pm UMYF Movie Night

- November Notables**
- 11/4 6:30 pm Stress & Anxiety Presentation
 - 11/11 9:15 am Teddy Bear Sunday
 - 11/21 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service at
Mt. Zion Wesley
 - 11/23 4:30 pm Parent's Night Out
 - 11/24 9:00 am UMM Craft Fair

Wawa Hoagie Coupons! The JUG Class is selling Wawa Hoagie Coupons. They make great small gifts & stocking stuffers! Your purchase helps support JUG projects and is sincerely appreciated.

Women's Community Bible Study will met on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday September at 9:30 am. In September we will resume meeting on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. 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.

Clean Coffee Can Collection for packing Christmas Cookies for Pitman Manor residents. Please bring in your clean, empty coffee cans to Lori Brooks. Thank you.

STRESS & ANXIETY

WHAT CAUSES IT AND
HEALTHY WAYS COPE WITH IT

Do you feel that sometimes life takes over and the pressures to keep to schedules becomes overwhelming?

Do you often feel stressed?

Then please join us on
**November 4th at 6:30 pm at
 Mantua United Methodist Church**
 for a presentation on how to deal
 with stress and anxiety.

Presented by Bethany Vega, Prevention Specialist from The Southwest Council, Inc.

Save the Date
 Family Promise of Gloucester County
11th Annual Taste of South Jersey
 Monday, November 19, 2018
 at
 Adelphia Restaurant
 Deptford, NJ 08096

Altar Flower Requests If you have Altar Flower Dedications, please fill out a form located in the Narthex and return it to Debbie Middleton. 2019 Altar Flower Requests are now available! Thank you!

Tickets: \$45 in advance (\$50 at the door)

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Sue Seibel
- 4 Scott Lisle
Liz Rossi
- 5 John Gallagher
Rebecca Holman
Richard Sullivan
- 8 Michael DiSalvio
Alex Fischer-Horner
Timothy Makaro
Cole Reyher
- 9 Ted Parks
- 11 Jacob DiSalvio
- 12 Meghan Holman
- 13 Brandon Szychoski
- 14 Tyler Baitinger
Jasmine Dickson
Dillion Hanahan
Andrea Shute



- 16 George Freshcoln
- 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
- 27 Melanie Coleman
John DeGirolamo
- 28 Stacie Toppin
- 29 Matthew Heston
- 30 Deb Hickman


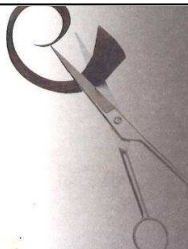

Happy Anniversary

- 1 Mark & Kathy Durand
- 4 George & Arlene Shute
- 17 Nichole & Matthew Camp
- 24 Walter & Lisa Rouh
- 28 Jeff & Karisa Wescott
- 29 James & Liz Gross



Thank you for everything you've offered and provided in our time of need. The outpouring of love and concern for our family is deeply felt. God is good! We are truly thankful that everyone is safe and we are thankful for all of you.
 —The Langer Family

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