

The Vine

From Pastor Doug...

I can remember having, what we called, covered dish dinners. Others call them pot-luck dinners. They were a United Methodist staple in the 60's and 70's as I was growing up, and maybe even earlier, and they are still popular today. Several people have mentioned that they miss them. It is an opportunity to share in fellowship with each other and to eat some good food! This year, because Easter is so late, it seems that we have some extra time, so it is a perfect time for some warm fellowship in a cold time of year.

Our first one will be February 17. We will gather for a covered dish at 5:30 PM and will watch the movie "I Can Only Imagine" at 6:30 PM. If you can't come for dinner, join us for the movie! The youth will be helping with the dinner. We are not going to worry about who is bringing what and make it a true covered dish. Everyone is invited.

The second opportunity will be on Friday, March 15. We will be hosting Family Promise that week and we will be having a covered dish to provide the meal on that night. We will eat at 6:00 PM, so we will gather at 5:45 that night. After dinner, we will play a couple of rounds of Candy Bar Bingo. As that gets closer, we may do some pre-planning food-wise since we are feeding our guest families. We will let you know. Again, all are invited.


There is a bonus opportunity on Ash Wednesday, March 6, when we gather at 6 PM for our Soup Supper and 7 PM for our Ash Wednesday Communion Service. Start planning what soup you might like to bring to share and more information will follow.

Mission Trip Reminder For all who are planning on participating in the Mission Trip this Summer to Steubenville, OH, August 11-17, remember that the \$50.00 deposit is due on February 3, 2019. If you missed the meeting and need more info., see Pastor Doug.

Acolytes and UMYF Superbowl Party Acolytes and youth and their families are invited to Pastor Doug and Pam's house for the Superbowl Party on February 3 at 5:30 PM. Come for a little bit or stay for the whole game. Please bring an appetizer or dessert and beverage to share. Families invited too!

Choices of the Heart Baby Bottle Offering Baby Bottles for Choices of the Heart will be distributed on March 3 and should be returned March 31. This is a ministry for expectant mothers to offer support and Christian love. All are invited to participate by taking a bottle and filling it with change. The one thing we ask is for all used of unused bottles to be returned.

Valentine's Day Cards for Pitman Manor residents will be in McConnell Hall January 27-February 10. Please stop by and sign a card, it may be the only one they receive.



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Buy Shop Rite (\$20) Cards The Church receives 5%
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Goal: We have a goal of **\$1,000 per week**. This is easily achievable!

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!

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



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1 Betty Jameson
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22 Kristin Baitinger
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2 *John & Janet Sfaelos*
4 *Mike & Jill Gorman*
12 *Joe & Debbie Daniels*
16 *Darrin & Lynda Cusano*



2019 Family Promise Schedule

March 10 – March 16

May 5 – May 11

Sept 22 – Sept 28

Nov 17 – Nov 23

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact **Paul & Lori Brooks, 468-8769.**

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”
Matthew 25:40

Here’s how you can help:

Pre-Visit Preparations

On the Sunday our Family Promise guests arrive, be at Mantua UMC at noon (when Sunday School ends).

- Set up beds (blow up mattresses and put on sheets).
- Hang welcome signs around the church.
- Check bathrooms to ensure after-church cleanliness.
- Lay out towels.

Morning Van Drivers

Drive our guests from Mantua UMC to the Family Center in Glassboro.

- From Monday to Friday, volunteers arrive at Mantua UMC by 5:30 a.m.
- On Saturday and Sunday, volunteers arrive at Mantua UMC by 7 a.m.

Evening Van Drivers

Drive our guests from the Family Center in Glassboro back to Mantua UMC.

- From Sunday to Saturday, volunteers pick up about 5:30 p.m.

Dinner Hosts

Provide and serve dinner for up to 14 guests at Mantua UMC.

- From Sunday to Saturday, volunteers have dinner ready to eat by 6 p.m.
- Often the dinner and/or evening hosts eat with the families, so a little extra food is needed.
- Dinners should be nutritionally balanced and consider all ages and food allergies (this information will be shared ahead of time).
- It’s a fun opportunity for families, friends, and our church groups to get together in fellowship with our guests. Consider inviting a friend or two to join you!

Evening Hosts

Chat and visit with our guests during and after dinner at Mantua UMC.

- From Sunday to Saturday, volunteers stay from about 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., when the overnight hosts arrive.
- Ensure that you and/or the guests keep the kitchen tidy
- Consider extending your visit by signing up for both dinner and evening host. Some guests really like talking and meeting new people!

Overnight Hosts

This job is really easy... all you need to do is SLEEP! J

- From Sunday to Saturday, volunteers sleep on luxurious air mattresses in a Sunday School room.
- Arrive by 8:30 p.m., and finish at 5:30 a.m. when the morning van driver arrives.
- Two hosts are required each night.

Post-visit Breakdown

On the Sunday our guests leave, be at Mantua UMC by 7 a.m.

- Deflate and put away beds.
- Straighten Sunday School rooms and bathrooms.
- Place bagged sheets in the Narthex.

More Ways to Help

Pray for our guests, and pray for our ministry to continue and flourish. Our guests deeply appreciate the roof over their heads and food to eat, not only for themselves, but especially for their children.

Take home a bag of laundry to wash when our guests leave! Just bring it back in a bag labeled “Family Promise Clean Laundry”, which you can leave this in the narthex or McConnell Hall.

Consider a small financial donation. When our guests visit, we provide them not only with dinner each night, but also with food and supplies they will use at the Family Center during the week.

Spread the word about the great things we accomplish with this ministry. There is strength in numbers, and the more volunteers we have, the stronger our ministry will become.

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.

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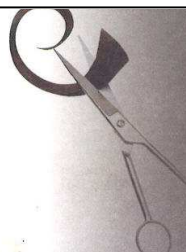
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