

# The Vine

## From Pastor Doug

Here we are in not only a New Year, but a new Decade-2020. 2020 is not only a year, but it is also a term we use related to vision. Herman Snellen developed the vision chart still used today in the 1860's. If you have 20/20 vision, which is considered normal vision clarity, it means that you can see at 20 feet what normal people see at 20 feet. It does not mean that you have perfect vision because there are many factors that go into determining how we see, such as peripheral vision, depth perception, color vision, and many others. It has to do with, again, the sharpness and clarity of our vision.

As we go through the year 2020, I would challenge us to think about vision. Not our eyesight, but rather who God is calling us to be as The United Methodist Church of Mantua. In 2020, how clearly can we see God's vision for us? Throughout the year, we will be looking at vision at our various meetings. Can we see clearly who we are called to be and the direction that God has for us? In what ways can we strengthen who we are? Are there changes we need to make as we move into the new decade and what ministries need to be strengthened? I hope that you will keep our church in prayer as we endeavor to see sharply and clearly God's vision for us.



**MTV Painless Fundraiser**  
**Buy Shop Rite (\$20) Cards The Church receives 5%**  
**You receive gift cards dollar for dollar. It costs you nothing!**

**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**

# fresh *Start*

Interactive Praise  
Worship

**Light breakfast at 8:15**  
**Worship with the Praise Band at 8:30**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2 Hazel Heiss  
4 Gregory Brickner  
6 Corrine Brickner  
Lynda Cusano  
7 Robbie Dickson  
David Fuchs  
8 Penny Kirkbride  
10 Miranda Fuchs  
12 Paul Brooks  
Carl Kressley  
13 Alex Richmond  
14 Rick Middleton  
15 Becky Langer  
16 Pearl Dickinson  
Aaron Hickman  
17 Emma Humble  
Kimberly Morales

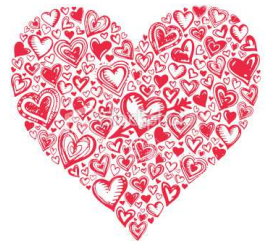


19 Araya Agren  
20 Amber Nagtegaal  
Emma Redmond  
24 Muriel Lisle  
25 Karen Dickel  
27 Robert Borgersen  
Mark Durand  
Lisa Rouh  
28 Lynn Heiss  
Margaret Trexler  
29 Darrin Cusano  
29 Christine Fuchs  
Stephanie Hall



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



**Hoagie Sale!** Beginning December 29 you may place your orders for the UMM Hoagie Sale by seeing any member of the UMM or Tom Beckett. All hoagies must be picked up on January 19!

**Coming in January** There will be a new Sunday School Class for Young Adults (College age and up)

**Being a greeter** is a great way to show hospitality to long-time members, newer members, and guests. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Fred White (email [fcwdmw@comcast.net](mailto:fcwdmw@comcast.net) or cell 856 780-0108).

### Alpine Wonders 2020

Join Dr. Robert Ralph on a **9 Day European Adventure**



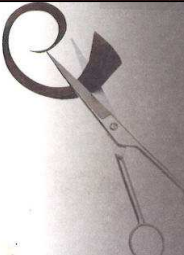
to see the **Oberammergau Passion Play**

**September 7-15, 2020**

Starting at \$4,046 per person leaving from Philadelphia

**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.

**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!

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