

The Vine

From Pastor Doug

I don't usually write about things that have passed, but this month I'm going to make an exception. There aren't many churches who can celebrate 50 years of ministry for an employee. We are blessed to have had Kathy Durand as our organist for that length of time. When we began to talk about the 50 year celebration and what might be appropriate, we discovered that Kathy always hoped we could have a baby grand piano in the sanctuary. Initially, that sounded like an impossibility. As we talked more about it and investigated more fully, though, things began to fall in place. We were able to have the piano delivered for January 19 and plans were made to invite former pastors back to share.

Due to timing and trying to keep everything under wraps, we weren't able to let everyone know ahead of time when it was all going to take place. If you missed it, there is a DVD available. You will also be able to hear the piano on most Sundays during worship. It was a joy to be a part of such a special celebration.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank again all of you who made it possible. There were many involved who worked together to pull it off and many of you contributed toward the purchase. Thank you all for your part in the special day.

Congratulations, Kathy, for 50 years of faithfully giving glory to God through music!

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 2 at 6:00 PM. Come for a little bit or stay for the whole game. Please bring an appetizer or dessert and beverage to share.

Valentine's Day Cards for Pitman Manor residents will be in McConnell Hall February 2 & 9. Please stop by and sign a card, it may be the only one they receive.

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 or cell 856-780-0108) to sign up.

A new Sunday School Class for Young Adults (College age and up) has just begun—Come try it out at 11:00 am!

March 21, 2020 Rise Against Hunger Conference-wide Even! There are more than 7 billion people in this world and more than 800 million of them are hungry. Everyone deserves an education and the opportunity flourish – but in order to do this they need enough to eat.

Let's change the world together!

Rising Together Against Hunger

GNJ has invited [Rise Against Hunger](#) to partner with us in packing meals. Rise Against Hunger will provide the food and materials and the people of Greater New Jersey will pack these meals for individuals and families around the world.

If you would like to join us in packing meals, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in McConnell Hall by Sunday, February 16. We will go to Trinity UMC in Mullica Hill on March 21 at 9 AM (tentatively, but it will be that date, time will depend on registrations). **There is a \$20.00 cost per person that we will cover through our 1% mission fund. If you want to go, sign up and make every effort to be there, but if you can't go, please don't sign up.**

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





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FEBRUARY 8
6:00 PM**

THIS IS A MEN'S EVENT
ALL MEN OF
ALL AGES
WELCOME


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IF YOU PLAN TO BRING A CHILI



fresh Start

Interactive Praise
Worship

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



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Invites You
to Participate
In Our 7th

Pajama Drive
Benefiting Mom's Pajamas

We will be accepting donations of new women's pajamas
in ALL sizes and styles to be given to women
in local domestic violence shelters.

February 9—March 8

"Providing Comfort, One Pair of Pajamas at a Time."

For more information on Mom's Pajamas:
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ASH WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm Soup Supper
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday
Service



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.

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.

Queen Esther Sight & Sound Bus Trip On May 21, there will be a bus trip leaving from UMC of Mantua at 8:45 am to see Queen Esther at Sight & Sound. Prior to the show we will eat lunch at Shady Maple. The price is \$125. We will return to the church by 7:30 pm. Please contact Gail Slimm at 856-207-7800 to reserve your seat on the bus.

Angelic Health Hospice is looking for volunteers

For as little as an hour or two a month, you can make a difference to a hospice patient in your community. Angelic Health Palliative & Hospice Care is asking you to share your time and compassion to those on their final journey. Your volunteer service will fit your schedule and interests, and visit assignments are your choice. Volunteer activities can include: Reading, playing music, card games, or crafts activities. Listening to and documenting their memories for a life or memory journal. Staying with patients to give family members a break to run errands, or take care of their own needs. Certified Pet Visitors for pet lovers. Keeping vigil with patients in their final hours. Bereavement and grief support of family. Military Veterans Visiting Veterans.

Volunteer visitors must be 18 years of age. For more information visit our website at www.Angelic.health, email Volunteer@Angelic.health.

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Betty Jameson
Joyce Wescott
- 2 Amy Durand
Jody Miller
Linda Rudisill
- 4 Brenda Anderson
Nick Colamarino
- 7 Bill Lisle
- 8 Morgan Gallagher
Robert Hoskins
- 12 Joe Vincent
- 13 Erin Munch
Marc Nagtegaal
- 14 Pam Baitinger
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Molly Shannon

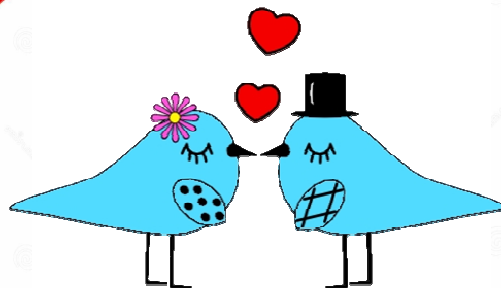


- 16 Chelsea Guarrera
- 17 Barbara Davis
Nancy Fink
Marilyn Heston
Kai Kraft
Karisa Wescott
Megan Yearicks
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- 19 Anthony Dorisio
- 22 Kristin Baitinger
Thomas Booth
Marcie Daniels
- 25 Lynn Varner
- 26 Jimmy Heise
- 27 Terry Grabert



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 2 DAN & TERRI SMITH
- 6 DOUG & PAM BAITINGER



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March 2, 2020
from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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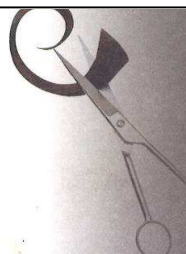
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