

The Vine

From Pastor Doug

By the time you receive this, we will be or at least almost will be in the season of Lent. Lent is a time of self-denial and reflection as we move toward the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. This year, once again, we will be sharing with our brothers and sisters in the ministerium on Wednesdays during Lent. Our topic this year will be *Weary and Heavy Laden: God, Suffering and the Human Experience*. The format will be as follows:

11:30 AM Welcome, Topic Introduction and Presentation
Noon Discussion and Question/Answer
12:15 PM Lunch and Conclusion by 1:00 PM

The dates and locations are as follows:

March 4 - Understanding Suffering (Garden of Gethsemane)
Holy Nativity Lutheran (Wenonah) - Andy Gordon

March 11 - Finding God in Suffering (The Cross)
Memorial Presbyterian (Wenonah) - Keith Reed

March 18 - Unity in Suffering (The Disciples & Mary)
St. Paul's UMC (West Deptford) - Dave Delaney

March 25 - Suffering Together: Addiction & Food Scarcity (Upper Room)
Barnsboro UMC (Barnsboro) - Pete Broomall

April 1 - Hope In Suffering: The Gospel
Holy Trinity Episcopal (Wenonah) - Ben Maddison

On Good Friday, April 10, the service will be held at Noon at Mount Zion Wesley United Methodist Church on Woodbury Glassboro Road.


Our Worship service theme on Sunday morning will be *Called to More: Wrestling with Sin*. While not all suffering is related to or caused by sin (Remember Job?), there is a definite correlation at times, so it will tie in with our Wednesday theme. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities as we move together toward Easter.

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.

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.

Save the Date!
Vacation Bible School June 22-26, 2020

 **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



Family Promise guests will be visiting the week of
March 8th – March 15th

Please consider how you can help!

Go to Sign-up Genius or contact Lori Brooks to sign up today!

Various donations that are always appreciated, if you can't volunteer your time but still want to contribute:

Fresh fruit

Desserts

Quick breakfast snacks (examples listed)

OJ / Apple juice bottles

Granola bars

Mini-muffins

Our stock of donated K-cups & toothbrushes/toothpaste is pretty good, so those will not be necessary during this visit.



Eve Circle
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:

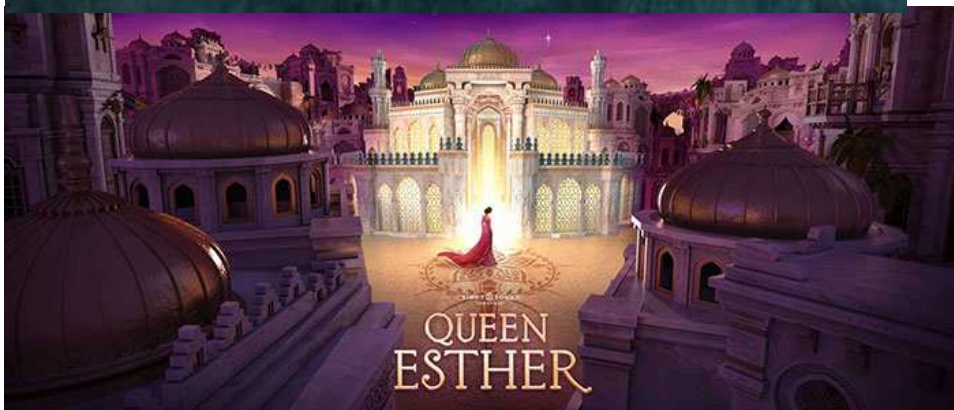
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Blood Drive
March 2, 2020
from 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm



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.

Happy Birthday!

3 Karlyne Bradley
Ian Kruithof
George Wescott Jr.
4 Phil Varner
5 Cheryl Finley
7 Mackenzie Brooks
Ed Wescott
8 Steven Brickner
Doug Fraser
Nick Godsey
10 Grady Fraser
Dylan Fuchs
Frank Heiss
11 Eric Humble

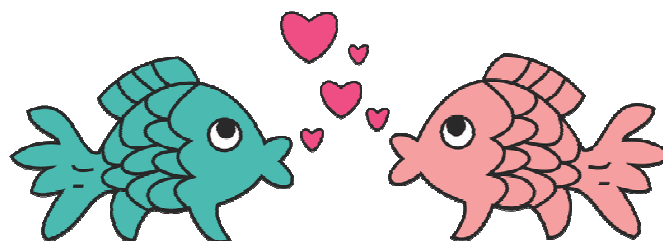


12 Allison Gooch
14 Robert Brickner Jr.
Briana Morgan
Colleen Shute
George Wescott III
16 Billie Ann Ingram
17 John Degirolamo
Delle Zelinsky
19 Abby Stanton
23 Bruce Reyher
24 Justin Baitinger
Julianna Wardrop
29 Rich Guarrera
31 Ruth Holliday
Nancy Wescott



Happy Anniversary

4 Karl & Karen Dickel
11 Bob & Terry Grabert
15 Nick & Delle Zelinsky
18 Greg & Jody Miller
John & Vickie Stens
23 Roy & Nancy Overton





SAVE THE DATE!

Easter Egg Hunt

(For children 2 years – 6th grade)

United Methodist Church of Mantua
McConnell Hall

Saturday, April 11th

11:00 AM

Rain or Shine!

More information to follow!



JOE CALLAHAN

COMEDY NIGHT

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JOAN WEISBLATT



BOB MARSDALE



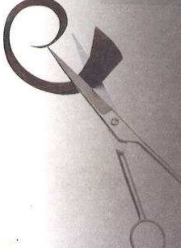
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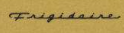

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