

# The Cornerstone

The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

*Psalm 118:22-23*

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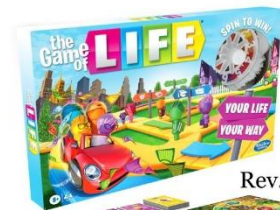
## Well Played Life: Lessons of Faith in Childhood Games



Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith

### *Game of Life: Priorities Matter*

*Psalm 143:8-11 & Luke 12:13-21*



Priorities  
Matter

Rev. Jill Hubbard Smith

In this childhood favorite, the goals and objectives are about making the most money, buying the biggest house, and retiring with the most accumulated value. Instead of living blindly by these worldly rules, we turn to Jesus' message and look at how they shift our intentions and objectives in life.



## **UWIF Garage Sale**

**October 4, 8:30 am to 2 pm**

*Set-up days, Wednesday and Thursday October 2 & 3, 9-6 pm.*

It's time to start gathering your unwanted "treasures" to donate to the UWIF annual garage sale! A few guidelines;

No books!

No heavy furniture!

No curtain or drapery rods!

No linens!

No heavy exercise equipment!

Please be sure your donations are clean and in working order! Also GREATLY NEEDED are some hale and hearty volunteers to help clear the stage and to help clean up at the end of the day. Please contact Diane Maher at 732-513-8413 to sign up, or for information!



**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 24, 2025**

**Counters: Mary Bailey, Cheryl McLoughlin, John Montgomery**

**Greeter: Alice Coleman**

**Usher: Ron Danielson**

**Acolyte: Kitty Amato**

**Lay Reader: Randy Danielson**

**Altar Flowers:**

**Given in loving memory of Betty Lou Beckmann  
by Peggy Ann.**

**Given in loving memory of the wedding  
anniversary of Dr. & Mrs. M. Alexander Glasmire  
by Barbara & Larry MacPherson.**



**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 31, 2025**

**Counters: Randy Danielson, Jane Gittines**

**Greeter: Scott Danielson**

**Usher: Gerry Busfield**

**Acolyte: Robert Scott**

**Lay Reader: Pam Puryear**

**Altar Flowers:**

**Given in honor of Kelly Cane's birthday by her  
father, John Montgomery.**

**Given in honor of Andrew Snorton, III's birthday  
by his parents, Andrew & Faye Snorton.**



**MADONNA HOUSE, Neptune**

Madonna House is a religious organization which serves impoverished women and children. The thrift store receives no government funds and is run by volunteers. There is a wishlist at this time: baby lotion, baby bath wash, Desitin, wipes, baby towels and wash cloths, newborn diapers, and underwear for both children & adults. You may drop off items at the church office and Diane Plumser, one of the store's volunteers, will deliver them. Questions? Call Diane at 732-718-2895.



The Carillon Choir will begin rehearsals Thursday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. See you all there.



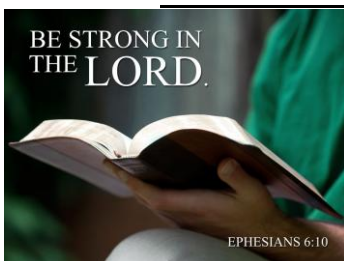
**Our Successful Kit Night**

Many thanks to our 16 volunteers who filled 54 Kid Kits to send to Church World Service! 54 children from around the world will have fresh

new school supplies. Thank you to all in our congregation who contributed supplies or money toward this mission project. Your generosity means so much!  
Diane Maher  
UWIF President

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

**Aug 24-Aug 30**



Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17



**Mercy Center Collection**

### NEW LIST

Mercy Center is in need of the following items: cooking oil, Ramen noodles, canned pasta, rice (1 lb. bags), crackers, SPAM, salad dressing, mayonnaise, pancake mix, ketchup, sugar, corn, Hamburger Helper, canned fruit, pasta sauce, tomato sauce, cereal, seasonings, jelly, syrup, toothbrushes (single packs), toothpaste, deoderant, diapers, pull-ups (size 5 and up), bar soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent, & dish detergent.



**PRAYER  
GARDEN**

**WORSHIP & COMMUNION**  
**September 7<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.**

Pastor Jill will lead worship & serve Holy Communion in the Prayer Garden on this Sunday. Begin your week worshipping in the beauty of God's creation.

## **THIS TUESDAY**



*Java with Jill*

**Join Jill at the Blue Swan  
Diner  
for coffee and  
conversation**

(or the drink of your preference).

**This informal time of fellowship will be every 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.**

**Mark your calendar: August 26<sup>th</sup>**



*Please be  
Praying for...*

**Our homebound:** David Miller, Bev Itell, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Cary Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould

**Sunnyside Manor, Wall:** Nancy Burt

**Our church family worshipping at a distance:**  
Barbara Novick, Jean Gillette, Laura Eble, Jack & Caroline Chesbro



**Something to think about:**

What the world neglects, the Lord accepts.





### The Little Free Pantry

Please think of stocking shelf-stable milk, powdered milk, soup, stew, chili, whole grain cereal, toiletries, hygiene products, baby food, applesauce, canned beans, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned salmon, SPAM, canned ham, canned vegetables, olive oil, canola oil, crackers, dried herbs, spices, canned fruit, dried fruit, granola bars, instant mashed potatoes, meals in a box, nuts, pasta, peanut butter, & rice.

A good idea this week:  
Sugar

**OUR AUGUST COMMUNION OFFERING  
BENEFITS  
UMCOR DISASTER RELIEF**



### Spaghetti Dinner

Every third Sunday of the month

5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Eat in or take out

Free to all

September's dinner will be September 21st.

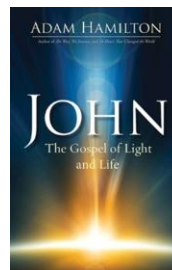
**Tsedalech Tesfaye, our World Vision Child from Ethiopia, is sponsored for the month of August by Mel & Jeff Ragle in loving memory of Emma Jean Ragle.**



AUGUST is a Fifth Sunday month. Your offering to this fund helps with the cost of maintaining our bulidngs and grounds. Please use the yellow envelopes in the sanctuary for your offering.



Wesley Nursery School is collecting 10.3 or 11 oz. empty coffee cans with lids to make musical instruments. Please drop them off at the church office.



### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Embark on a journey through the Book of John's narrative and discover anew "the Gospel of light"! Exploring its rich images, Hamilton offers illuminating insights into the profound themes of the Word made flesh; Jesus' miraculous signs; his "I AM" sayings;

his farewell discourse; the arrest, trial, and crucifixion; and the promise of eternal life.

**The class is open to all and meets on Sunday mornings at 11 starting September 7<sup>th</sup>.**

(If you would like, you may purchase the book on your own to read along with the lessons. It is not mandatory, however, and all other materials will be provided.)