
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

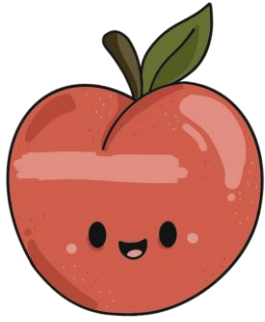


Rev. Jill Hubbard-Smith

Hide & Seek: Welcome the Seeker; Seeking the Lost *Luke 15:1-10*

For so many, the journey of faith is like the game of hide and seek...us searching for God, seeking out an understanding of God and our purpose in this life, while at the same time turning away and hiding our hearts from God, others, and sometimes even ourselves. Jesus reminds us of God's persistence in seeking out the lost, and of our call to join in with this work of welcoming the seekers.





Oceanport United Methodist Church
Peach Festival

Entertainment by The Choraliers of Eatontown



Fundraiser for Missions

HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS
FRESH HOMEMADE SALADS
DELICIOUS PEACH SHORTCAKE

Wednesday, August 20th
5PM-7PM

50 Main St.

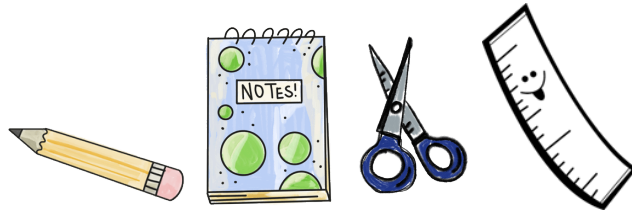
DINNER AND DESSERT \$17
(Includes choice of meat, choice of 3 salads, drink, & dessert)

DINNER ONLY \$14
DESSERT ONLY \$6

INFO & TICKETS Call 732-544-0018



It's Kid Kits Time!



Deadline for kit donations is approaching: August 10th

We are asking for help from our generous congregation. Our goal is to fill **25** kits.

Two ways to donate:

1. Purchase any of the items listed below and place them in the bin in the church office.
2. Make a monetary donation (**any amount would be appreciated**) and the UWIF will do the shopping for you. Each kit is worth approximately \$15 plus \$2 shipping and processing fee.

Checks should be made out to UMW with “kits” in the memo.

- One box of 12 colored pencils
- One 2 pocket folder
- One glue stick
- One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only)
- One 70-page count spiral bound notebook (no loose-leaf or filler paper)
- One 30-centimeter / 12” ruler
- One hand-held pencil sharpener removed from the package
- One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (removed from packing and use a rubber band to hold the pencils together)
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One soft pencil pouch

KIT NIGHT



All are invited on August 19th at 7 p.m. to attend the UWIF kit night when the school kits will be assembled. After the task is done, helpers will be rewarded with an ice cream treat! Info: Call Diane Maher 732-513-8412



9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2025

Counters: Kitty Amato, Peg Kuchen, Chip Stoll

Greeter: Kitty Amato

Usher: Robin Whitney

Acolyte: Sue McRae

Lay Reader: Chip Stoll

Altar Flowers:

Given belatedly in honor of Kayleigh Becker's
 birthday by Bonnie McNamara.
 Given in honor of Kevin McNamara's birthday by
 Bonnie McNamara.



10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025

Counters: Rand Danielson, Jane Gittines

Greeter: Jack Coleman

Usher: Paul Bradley

Acolyte: Faye Snorton

Lay Reader: Ron Puryear

Altar Flowers:

Given in honor of Robin Latham's birthday by
 Bonnie McNamara.
 Given in loving memory of Lou Sama by Peg
 Kuchen.



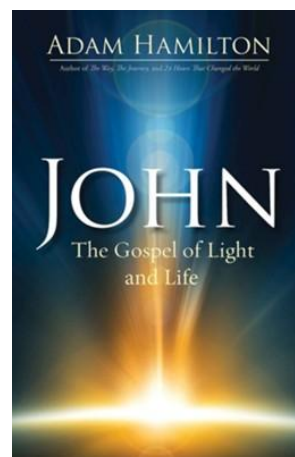
ALL ARE INVITED!

When: August 15th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Fellowship Hall

If you are attending and your last name begins with
 A-O please bring a snack to share. P-Z? Please
 bring a drink to share.



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 7th.**

(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.)



Scout Troop 70 will be having a car wash here in the church parking lot on **August 9th** from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Please come out and support our troop.



WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Aug 10-Aug 16

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40



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.



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.



Spiritual Seekers is taking a pause for August. Stay tuned for what's in store for September!



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:

Prayer is the most important conversation of the day.



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:
Q-tips

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

August's dinner will be **August 17th**.

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.



Do you knit or crochet? Our Knitting Ministry is always looking to welcome new members! Please contact Diane Maher, Jane Gittens, Judy Gorra, or Mel Ragle for information.



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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 4th

Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

Mark your calendar: **August 26th**



WORSHIP & COMMUNION

September 7th 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.