

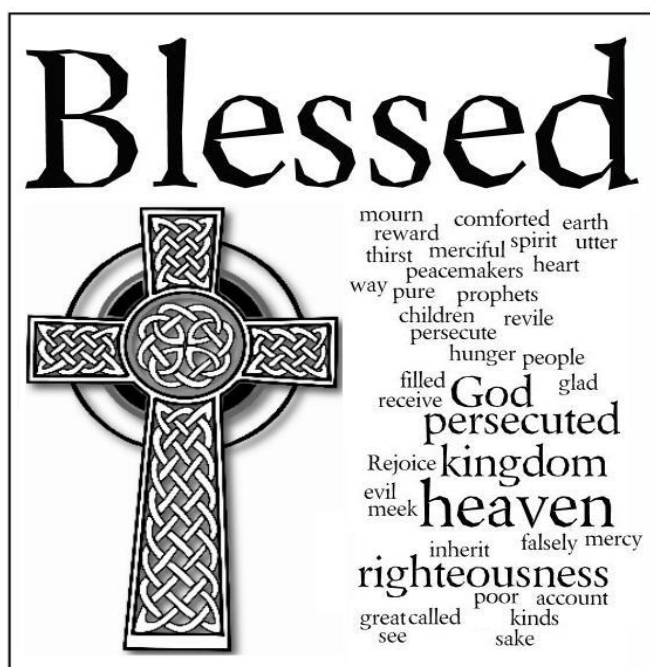
The Cornerstone

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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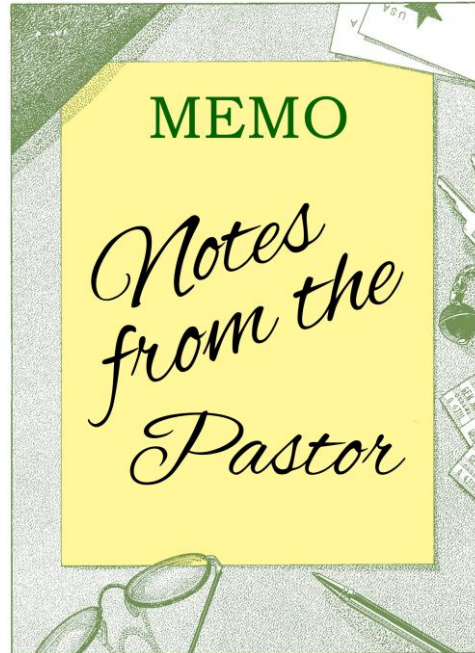
Matthew 5:3

Matthew 4:23 tells us that Jesus was "teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people," just prior to beginning of The Sermon on the Mount.

Matthew 9:35, repeats that same phrase, "teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness," following chapters 8 and 9 which give a glimpse into Jesus' healing ministry.

The repetition of this phrase is not lazy writing. These identical phrases serve as bookends to help us, the readers, understand the chapters in between, which declare loudly that God's coming kingdom will have no brokenness, oppression, sadness, or loss. Chapter 5 opens the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes – lessons on moral and ethical living in which we begin to understand about the Kingdom of God. In this second Sunday of our Fall Worship Series, we will roll back to the first beatitude, "blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Blessing those who are poor in spirit as they come before God with open arms and an understanding of their dependence on God; for they are given the abundant kingdom of God. So, to everyone who recognizes their great need, Jesus declares God's overwhelming provisions both here and in eternity.

I look forward to worshiping with you this Sunday as we dig deeper into our understanding of righteousness and grace as we open our arms to receiving the Spirit of God to help direct us in this beautiful life and bring about the kingdom of God. *Jill*



1. On Aug. 28th I shared Kashif's story in *The Cornerstone*. Thank you for your wonderful response. It is my hope to share with Kashif the blessing of our gifts on Sunday, Sept. 21st. If you would still like to contribute, please mark any checks or envelopes with his name. Checks can be made out to the church and will go through the Sunday morning counters. Again, thank you for your supportive gifts.
2. A mission trip to West Va. is being planned for the end of Jan. or early Feb. If interested, please let the church office or Robyn Korsen know.
3. I am considering a Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 12th. All well-behaved animals and their families would be invited for a blessing in our prayer garden. Mark your calendars, tell your neighbors and friends, and join us that day.
4. CHRUCH CONFERENCE is on October 26th at 1:30 at St John's UMC in Hazlet. Carpooling is available.



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See any UWIF member for your pass or stop in the church office



Garage sale



UWIF Garage Sale

October 4, 8:30 am to 2 pm

Set-up days, Thursday & Friday 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!



Calling All Bakers!

Once again, we will offer delicious baked goods for sale at the UWIF garage sale on Oct. 4th. Last year, over \$400 was raised just at the bake table!

We hope to do the same (or better) this year!

Please contribute home-baked items to raise funds to benefit women's and children's charities.

Helpful hints:

1. Bake now and freeze!
2. Pretty packaging helps things to sell!

Thank you so much! Questions? Contact Diane Maher at 732-513-8413



14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025

Counters: Kitty Amato, Peg Kuchen, Chip Stoll

Greeter: Randy Danielson

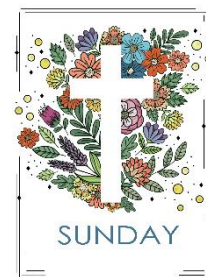
Usher: Chip Stoll

Acolyte: Garry Smith

Lay Reader: Robin Whitney

Altar Flowers:

Given in loving memory of Inhong Hur by Soon,
 Kathy, & Elizabeth.
 Given by Noel Worthington in loving memory of
 her mother, Nancy Quinn.



15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 21, 2025

Counters: Randy Danielson, Jane Gittines

Greeter: Barb Gruezeke

Usher: Scott Danielson

Acolyte: Kayleigh Becker

Lay Reader: Soon Hur

Altar Flowers:

Given in honor of Scott & Russel Danielson's 7th
 wedding anniversary.
 Given by Carol Whyte in loving memory of her
 son, Scott Gill.



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: September 23rd



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.



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:
Vinegar

Tsedalech Tesfaye, our World Vision Child from Ethiopia, is sponsored for the month of September by Kitty Amato.

OUR SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING BENEFITS NEIGHBORHOOD CENR OF CAMDEN



Mercy Center Collection

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.



SAVE THE DATE

October 26th

1:30 p.m.

St. John's United Methodist Church: Hazlet

All are invited to this very important business meeting of our church.



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:

Hope is the ability to hear the music of the future.
Faith is having the courage to dance to it today.

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Sept 14-Sept 20

Jeremiah 4:11-12
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10

