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# The Cornerstone

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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.

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*Psalm 118:22-23*

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## World Communion

This Sunday we celebrate World Communion as we come to the table of our Lord for Holy Communion...

The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, or the Eucharist, is one of the many ways we celebrate God's grace and show our love for God. It is that special moment where we get to gather around the Lord's table with all who follow Jesus and share in a holy meal together. We gather and give thanks, celebrate fellowship, remember God's acts in the past *and* the present, offer ourselves to God in love, recognize and accept the work of the Holy Spirit, and celebrate that Jesus will come again. We get to experience Jesus in real and tangible ways through the community around us, the scripture and story that is spoken, and in the bread and juice. We celebrate that God

calls *everyone* to the table to experience grace and love, regardless of age, physical or mental ability, race, gender identity, socioeconomic status, or political affiliation.

So, come to the table this Sunday and be nourished with the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Peace and prayers, Jill

2nd Annual Ocean Township

## E-Waste Recycling Drive

***RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS SAFELY & SECURELY***

**Sat., October 4, 10 am - 2 pm**  
**at the Ocean Township Fall/Green Fest**  
Joe Palaia Park: 263 Whalepond Rd., Oakhurst

### Accepted Items:

- cell phones
- computers/laptops/tablets
- video game consoles
- copy/fax machines & printers
- DVD players
- monitors
- stereo equipment
- flat-screen TVs (less than 65")
- computer/TV peripherals
- small household appliances

### DOES NOT accept:

- batteries
- light bulbs
- ink cartridges

**NOTE: This is NOT a drive-thru, it is a drop-off.**

Help support our local scout and safely recycle unwanted material!

For more information contact [t70scout@gmail.com](mailto:t70scout@gmail.com)



## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

World Communion Sunday is one of our church wide Special Sundays. The World Communion offering provides scholarships for students to study in fields of family pastoral care, clinical psychology, peace, crop production, law, health, rural development and more. As Nelson Mandela once said,  
“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.”

Mary Grace Galapon is an example of how education can change our world. Mary Grace labored as a housemaid in exchange for food and clothes. Yet, allowed to attend church, she found hope. As a member of the United Methodist Church, your giving to World Communion Sunday allowed this deaconess of the Mindanao Philippines Conference, to pursue an education that changed her community as she worked to eliminate poverty.

Mary Grace's work and the impact of hundreds more like her, are possible because we give. Our gifts during October are not only an investment in the leadership of the church and the global community, but also an investment in many people who serve God in life-changing ministries. Your donations will make a world of difference. Please use the LOVE envelopes on the sanctuary entrance tables for your offering.



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025 - SHOP 8AM - 11PM**

**25% OFF\***  
LOWEST SALE PRICE  
**SHOPPING PASS**

This pass entitles you to 25% off\* your purchases in-store or online and cannot be used in conjunction with other discounts and promotions.

Present this pass at time of purchase to receive your 25%\* discount.

Valid in-store and online Wednesday, October 22, 2025 only.

**\$5 DONATION PER PASS**

100% of your donation benefits the local non-profit organization from which you purchased this pass.

\*See reverse side for a list of merchandise receiving 15% and 10% Off as well as exclusions.

For more details visit [boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends](https://boscovs.com/friendshelpingfriends)

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

# Update

## 2025 RED BANK CROP WALK

Sunday, October 19, 2025

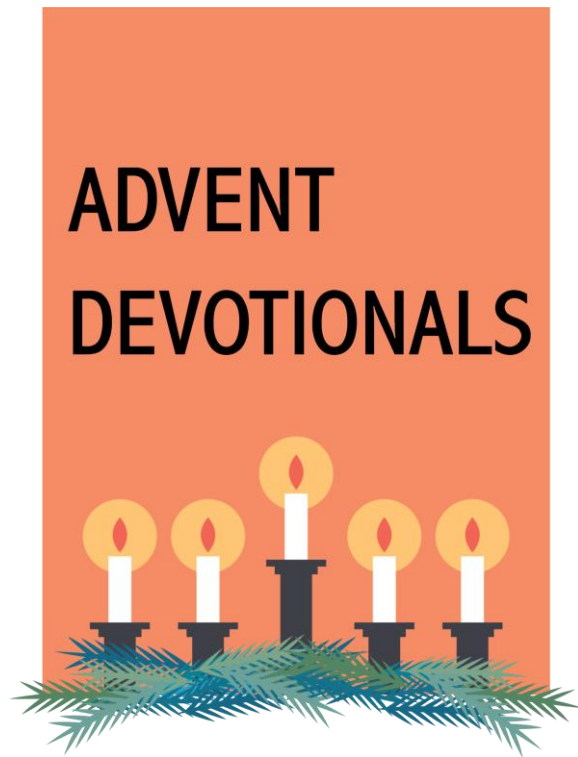
**CROP** is a program of Church World Service that seeks to combat hunger within both the local community and world community. The 45<sup>th</sup> annual **Red Bank CROP Walk** will be held on **October 19th**.

A table is available during coffee hour with resources and materials. If you would like to join this year's walk, walker envelopes can be picked up at the table if you choose not to register on-line.

If you would like to donate to the walk, checks are made payable to **CWS/ Red Bank CROP Walk** and can be given to Jeff Danielson. On-line donations can be made at [events.crophungerwalk.org](https://events.crophungerwalk.org) website- click on the **Browse a full list of teams** button, click on **First United Methodist Church-Oakhurst** and follow the prompts.

Over the past 40-years, the congregation has been most generous in its support of the CROP walk ministry. On behalf of all the walkers throughout the decades, thank you for your steadfast support.





It's not too early to get your mental wheels in motion! Advent will soon be here! Once again, we are soliciting contributions to our very personal advent booklet. It's not hard to do. Just a Bible verse, a short anecdote or some thoughts, poetry, favorite hymn-just about anything that might be inspiring.

Yesterday, in the Adult Sunday School class, we discussed Jesus as the light of the world. Several people shared experiences where they'd found themselves in darkness due to a power outage. They felt lost, afraid, etc. I couldn't help thinking how easily those experiences could be used in an advent devotion!

How has God touched your life? Please give it some thought, and I am certain you could share your experience with your church family!

I am here to help! Diane Maher. 732-513-8413

[Dianeserine07712@yahoo.com](mailto:Dianeserine07712@yahoo.com)

**Deadline for submissions: November 8**



World Communion Sunday  
October 5, 2025

Counters: Patty Aria, John Montgomery, Judy Gorra

Greeter: Pamela Lynch

Ushers: Greg Scott/Robert Scott

Acolyte: Ashley Bailey

Lay Reader: Joy More

Altar Flowers:

Given in loving memory of Woody Matthews  
given by Arlene and Buster Stoll.  
Given in loving memory of Marie Meadows by  
her daughter, Sharron.



18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 12, 2025

Counters: Patty Aria, John Montgomery, Judy Gorra

Greeter: Pamela Lynch

Ushers: Greg Scott/Robert Scott

Acolyte: Ashley Bailey

Lay Reader: Nicola Mulligan

Altar Flowers:

Given in loving memory of Pat Whitney's  
birthday by Robin & Tommy.  
Given in honor of the wedding anniversary of  
Deanna & George Robson by Arlene & Buster  
Stoll.



Our condolences go out to Meg Macan on the death  
of her brother Nelson on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup>



1:30 p.m.  
in the field by the  
playground. All well-  
behaved animals, birds,  
reptiles, and aquatic  
creatures are welcome.  
Spread the word!



**UP FOR GRABS**

In Blair Chapel there are cushioned folding chairs  
that are free for the taking. The chairs are being  
replaced with a different kind of chair and before  
discarding them they are being offered to all of you.  
For more information or to set up a time to take  
them, call the church office 732-531-1150.



Please join the Board of Trustees at their fall workday on October 25<sup>th</sup>. They will be sprucing up the church properties starting at 9 a.m. There is something for everyone to do no matter what your capability.



### 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:  
Hygiene wipes

**Tsedalech Tesfaye, our World Vision Child from Ethiopia, is sponsored for the month of October by Robin Whitney and Tommy Vignola in loving memory of Pat & Jim Whitney.**

**OUR OCTOBER COMMUNION OFFERING  
BENEFITS  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**



### 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 26<sup>th</sup>**

**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

**In Hospital:** Avery Fallon

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



**Something to think about:**  
Let your faith be bigger than your fear!

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS



### Oct. 5-Oct 11

Lamentations 1:1-6  
Psalm 137  
2 Timothy 1:1-4  
Luke 17:11-19



*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: October 28<sup>th</sup>**



**Coffee Fellowship**

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS  
NEEDED**

Do you have what it takes  
to be a fellowship host?  
**YES, YOU DO!**

Please sign up in the upstairs kitchen. The very simple requirements to be a fellowship host are posted on the poster board. Or you may speak with Bonnie McNamara.

# Puzzle!

Use the words provided to complete the puzzle.  
Then write the numbered words in the correct blanks  
below to complete Psalm 67:6, NIV.

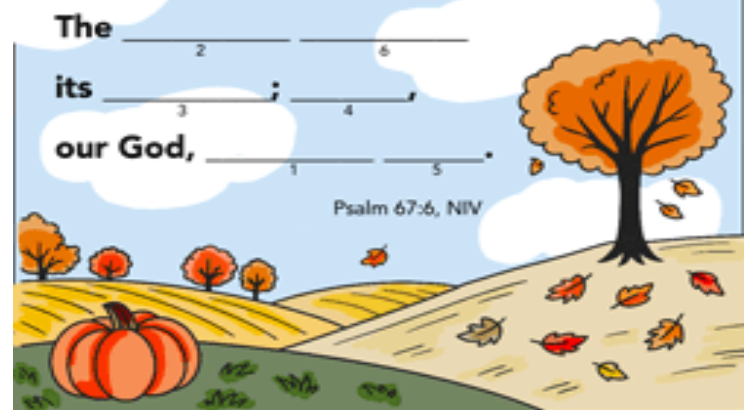
**WORDS:**  
GOD, BLESSES, HARVEST,  
YIELDS, US, LAND

### ACROSS

3. Rhymes with farthest.
4. Rhymes with nod.
5. Rhymes with thus.
6. Rhymes with fields.

### DOWN

1. Rhymes with messes.
2. Rhymes with hand.



Answer: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. Psalm 67:6, NIV