
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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***“Blessed are
those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.”***

Matthew 5:4

“At one time or another, we all grieve the loss of loved ones and missed opportunities. The mourning that Jesus calls ‘blessed’ includes these pains but is not limited to them. After all, the brokenness of this world extends deep into our souls. The people Jesus calls ‘blessed’ deeply mourn both their personal sins and those of the world. It is what prompted Jeremiah to cry out over the apostasy of Israel, and the tax collector to say, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner’ (Luke 18:13). Such mourning is necessary for repentance and eternal life in the presence of the ‘God of all comfort’ (2 Cor. 1:3).”

**A Different View of the Beatitudes, by John Greco; orig. pub. 10/1/2014 & reprinted 10/13/2018.
intouch.org/read/magazine/features/a-different-view-of-the-beatitudes

On this All Saints Sunday, we will be turning back to the second beatitude as we celebrate the Saints that now rest from their labors in eternal glory. We will share those who have passed away this year and have an opportunity to light a candle for any and all the Saints who have mentored our lives and our faith as we seek the comfort of our God in our grief.

I look forward to worshiping with you this Sunday as we conclude our Beatitudes worship series and celebrate God's beloved children, God's saints. Peace & prayers, Jill

NOTE: If ever you would like an emailed or printed copy of a sermon(s), please contact the FUMCO office or Jill by email or phone.



MERCY CENTER THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Once again, it is collection time for the annual Mercy Center Thanksgiving food drive. Families in need are provided Thanksgiving baskets containing all the ingredients for a complete holiday dinner. The Mercy Center food pantry currently serves over 3,540 families a month in the Neptune/Asbury Park area!

Since it is a large project, Mercy Center requires the food be delivered to them early. Therefore, starting **October 26th**, there will be a table in the church foyer to receive non-perishable donations. Perishables **clearly** marked for the **Mercy Center Thanksgiving Food Baskets** can be left in the freezer or refrigerator. The Thanksgiving Basket food drive ends on **November 16th**. Donations can be dropped off during church office hours or on Sundays.

The Outreach Committee and Mercy Center truly appreciate the congregation's continuing generous support of the Thanksgiving food drive!!!



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.

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

Deadline for submissions: November 8



Saturday, January 24 – Saturday, January 31, 2026

**We are heading to West Virginia
to aid our neighbors in need.**

ALL are welcome to participate!!!

No skills needed – learn on the job.

**Every talent will be utilized...cooks, listeners, errand runners, and of course those
willing to paint, hammer, and learn something new. We don't yet know our
projects but we know the meaningful message of love we provide AND receive.**

Interested? Questions?

Contact Robyn Korsen robynpt21@comcast.net



In addition to raising money for missions through an annual pledge and year-round fundraising, United Women In Faith set aside two special days a year to focus on a “Call to Prayer and Self-denial” and a “World Thank Offering.”

The World Thank Offering is an opportunity for personal Thanksgiving, and for participation in global mission outreach. Through this offering, mission projects in all 50 states and in almost 100 countries are supported. These vary from support to schools, hospitals and clinics, daycare centers and homes for senior citizens, educational training courses to prevent soil erosion to leadership development and nutritional courses and medical training. The funds collected are used in the total program of mission carried on through UWIF.

Many of us collect money over the course of the year, giving thanks and appreciation in either a blue and white World Thank Offering box or a container we have personally made for the purpose.

Being in mission is sharing our lives and gifts with others that all may be whole persons through Jesus Christ. Mission is creating a new society as we do away with those things that create barriers. It is working to eliminate racism, sexism, and loneliness. Mission is Christ’s challenge to us to bring the possibility of food, shelter, and fulfillment to all of humanity.

To contribute to this mission work, please set aside a collection box and give with thanksgiving during the year. Attached is a monthly calendar that will give you some ideas and incentives to place money in your container during the year. Even the whole family could get involved! All money should be turned in at the end of November the following year.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Maher at 732-513-8413 or speak with a member of the UWIF.



Dismantling Racism II: Christian Nationalism

On Saturday, November 8 from 9:00am-12:30 pm, Rev. Greg Holston will lead training that will focus on the timely and pressing issue of Christian Nationalism. Registration is open and more details will be shared soon. The cost for this event is \$15.00 per person. To register go to gnjdigest@gnjumc.org.

The Legacy Workshop

Nov. 17th @ 6:00 p.m.

All are Welcome.
Come learn how you might
leave a living legacy of faith

The First United Methodist Church, 103 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst

CLUSTER UM CHURCH CALENDAR

Old First (Jill Hubbard-Smith) 197 Locust Ave., West Long Branch (Stream: Facebook)
Wayside (David Geller) 1229 West Park Ave., Ocean (Stream: YouTube)
Oceanport (Donna Nielson) 50 Mail St., Oceanport (Stream: YouTube)
St. Luke's (Chungmi Kang) 535 Broadway, Long Branch
Embury (Chungmi Kang) 49 Church St., Little Silver
FUMCO (Jill Hubbard-Smith) 103 Monmouth Rd., Oakhurst (Stream: YouTube, Facebook)

2025

Oct. 31	11 a.m.-2 p.m.	Community Apple Peeling Event	Embury
Nov. 1	7:30 a.m.-noon	Apple Pie Making & Sale	Embury
Nov. 7 & 8	9 a.m-4 p.m. & 9 a.m-2 p.m.	Inside Yard Sale	Wayside
Nov 9	4:00 p.m.	Organ Concert-100 th Celebration	Embury
Nov. 11	7:30 p.m.	UWIF Guest Night	Oceanport
Nov. 15	5:00 p.m.	Harvest Home Dinner	Oceanport
Nov. 16	5:00 p.m.	Free Community Spaghetti Dinner	FUMCO with Old First
Nov. 23	10:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Breakfast	Embury
Nov. 23	Noon	Thanksgiving Lunch	St. Luke's
Nov. 30	2:30 p.m.	<i>One Silent Night</i> Choraliers of Eatontown/Northern Cluster Choir Reformation Lutheran Church	
Dec. 7	4:00 p.m.	<i>One Silent Night</i>	West Grove
Dec. 7	5:00 p.m.	Vespers & Tea	FUMCO
Dec. 14	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Party Covered Dish	FUMCO
Dec. 21	Noon	Christmas Lunch	St. Luke's
Dec. 21	5:00 p.m.	Blue Christmas	FUMCO
Dec. 28	5:00 p.m.	Free Community Spaghetti Dinner	FUMCO with Old First

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 p.m. - Family Candlelight Service - FUMCO
5:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service – Embury
7:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service – St. Luke's
7:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service – Old First
7:30 p.m. - Candlelight Service - Oceanport
9:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service - Wayside
11:00 p.m. - Candlelight & Communion – FUMCO

2026

Jan. 17	5:00 p.m.	Chicken Dinner	Oceanport
Jan. 24-31		Mission Trip to WV	
Feb. 17	5:00 p.m.	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	Oceanport
Aug. 19	5:00 p.m.	Peach Festival	Oceanport





HOPE SCHOOL

**HOPE SCHOOL
November's Communion Offering**

Since 1962, Hope School has provided a stable learning environment to at-risk children growing up in a region rife with conflict for decades. Located in Beit-Jala, a Palestinian-Christian town in the West Bank, the foundation of Hope School's programming for its children is centered on the Christian values of LOVE, PEACE, TOLERANCE, HUMAN DIGNITY and JUSTICE.

Hope School's teaching goes beyond the classroom. Recognizing the difficult conditions that many of its students face, the school has a three-fold program. Hope School recognizes that academic achievement only goes so far with an unstable home life. Therefore, beyond the school curriculum, the school has outreach programs that allow for visits to the children's houses and their parents to see how living conditions can be improved so the student can be focused on his/her studies.

Beyond educating students and improving home-life, the third facet of the program is economic empowerment of the student and his/her family to allow for improving the families' standards of living and a path toward financial stability. The curriculum includes a vocational education and training program to enrich its students and offer the chance for future achievement.

For disadvantaged children-either orphaned or with unsustainable home-life situations, Hope School offers a boarding school that allows at-risk students to live on campus throughout the school year in a safe and healthy environment in order to accelerate their academic achievement.

Hope School understands that quality education not only provides the best opportunity for its students' future success but the outgrowth of its students' achievements is that the students will be future leaders who hopefully can be beacons to their communities and allow for the communities' development and growth.

Your November communion offering will allow Hope School to continue its mission.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday
November 2, 2025

Counters: Pat Aria, John Montgomery, Judy Gorra

Greeter: Mike Sheckler

Usher: Robin Whitney

Acolyte: Garry Smith

Lay Reader: Susan McRae

Fellowship Host: Bonnie McNamara

Altar Flowers:

Given in loving memory of Richard Beckmann
by Peg, Kenneth, & Kimberly.

Given in loving memory of Bob More & Tom
Maher by Joy & Diane.



22nd Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 2025

Counters: Kitty Amato, Peg Kuchen, Chip Stoll

Greeter: Jim Scisco

Usher: Paul Bradley

Acolyte: Kayleigh Becker

Lay Reader: Diane Maher

Fellowship Host: Bonnie McNamara

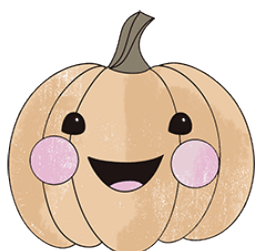
Altar Flowers:

Given in loving memory of Pat & Jim Whitney by
the Whitney family.

Given in honor of Ashley Bailey's 21st birthday
by Mom, Grandma, Aunt Mary, & Uncle Marty.



Fall back, not behind!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship.



2025 RED BANK CROP WALK

Thank you to the congregation for its generous support of the 45th annual Red Bank CROP Walk helping neighbors both here and around the world in the fight against hunger.

The congregation donated over \$1300 which is \$300 more than what was raised for the 2024 walk. Great job!!! To date, nearly \$141,000 in contributions has been collected towards the overall goal of \$145,000. On behalf of the Outreach Committee, we thank you for your continued support of the Red Bank CROP Walk.



November is a 5th Sunday month. Your donations to this fund help with upkeep of the church properties. Please use the yellow envelopes for your donations. The Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee thank you!



Interfaith Neighbors wishes to thank this congregation for its recent donation through its June Communion Offering collection. They are also appreciative of our support since the inception of the organization in 1988.

Tsedalech, 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**



There is an incorrect document in the Church Conference booklets. If you picked one up on October 26th, please discard it. There is a change to the CLERGY COMPENSATION document. You may pick up a corrected copy in the sanctuary or the foyer.



children's Christmas choir

Calling all children and youth for a Christmas Choir! Do you have a child or youth in your life that would like to sing at Christmastime? Our Music Director Miss Denise is hoping to get a group together! If interested, please have a parent email FUMCOMusicDirector@gmail.com for more information!



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

Sunnyside Manor, Wall: Nancy Burt

At home: Avery Fallon

JSUMC: Peg Kuchen

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



Something to think about:

The best way to heal a broken heart is to give God all the pieces.

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS



Nov. 2-Nov. 8

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 110:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10



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.



UP FOR GRABS

In Blair Chapel, the side sanctuary, and Wesley Hall 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.

There are several chairs still left for the taking



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: November 18th



The third Sunday of every month is a FREE to all community spaghetti dinner hosted by the Outreach Committee and Old First UMC. You are invited to Fellowship Hall for a dinner of salad, bread, spaghetti with your choice of marinara, meatballs, or sausages, and dessert. Birthdays are also celebrated with a cake for those celebrating their birthday during that month. You may eat in or take out. Service starts at 5 p.m. Please spread the word. Date for November: 16th.



Please provide peanut butter, canned proteins, canned beans, pasta, pasta sauce, flour, sugar, condiments, canned vegetables, olive oil, spices, formula, and baby food. The Outreach Committee thanks you for supporting this long-standing mission of our church.



Join Oceanport UMC's UWIF on Tuesday, 11/11 at 7:30 p.m. Their guest speaker will be Callie Crowder from Maker's Place

in Trenton. All who are attending are invited to bring diapers and/or wipes. Dessert will be served. RSVP: 732-542-9384.



Embury UMC celebrates the 100th anniversary of their Möller Pipe Organ with a free concert featuring Dr. Gordon Turk. Sunday, November 9th at 4:00 p.m. A donation of non-perishable food is appreciated. Refreshments will be served.



The 2026 calendars are here! A huge thank you to Fiore-Buckley Funeral Home for their donation again this year. These calendars are full of exquisite scenic photos. You may pick up as many as you'd like—they are on the table on the second floor foyer.



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:
Bread



Canticle of Remembrance

The righteous live forever; their reward is with the Lord.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seem to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

For though in our sight they were punished, their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy; like gold in the furnace God tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering God accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever.

Those who trust in God will understand truth, and the faithful will abide in love, because grace and mercy are upon the elect, and God watches over the holy ones.

Adapted from Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9