
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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Faith In Action: Living Our Social Principals Matthew 25:31-40

In these 50 days of Easter (and a bit beyond) we will be exploring what our resurrection faith looks like in relationship to our United Methodist Social Principals. This Sunday, we will begin our series by exploring why we have Social Principals and how they lead us in faithful living. In the following weeks, we will dig deeper into each principal, looking to learn, grow, and understand more about who we are as a United Methodist and how we engage new lives of resurrection faith into action.

- April 19 – Faith In Action: Living Our Principals... *Matthew 25: 31-40*
- April 26 - Faith In Action: Community of Creation... *Genesis 1:26-31*
- May 3 - Faith In Action: Economic Community... *Leviticus 19:9-18*
- May 10 - Faith In Action: Social Community... *Matthew 5:43-48*
- May 17 - Faith In Action: Political Community...*Jeremiah 22:13-17 & Romans 12:14-18*
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- May 24 – We will pause our series.
- May 31 - Faith In Action: Embodying Our Principals... *Romans 12:1-2*

"See" you in person and online for worship! *Jill*

UNDIES FOR EASTER



This year's Undies for Easter campaign exceeded its initial goal, providing more than 2,000 each of briefs, t-shirts, and socks to people incarcerated in Philadelphia's prison system. The experience of delivering the undergarments became an encounter with Christ who says, "I was in prison and you visited me" (Matt. 25:36). For those who receive them, these simple items are more than necessities—they are a tangible reminder that they are seen, valued, and not forgotten.



"When we choose to honor one another's humanity—through something as simple as providing clean clothing, offering a smile, or showing up—we push against those boundaries. In doing so, we reflect the love of Christ, who crossed far greater divides to draw us close. There is still much work to be done, in addressing the root causes of crime, in responding to it, and in the criminal justice system. But efforts like Undies for Easter matter. Small acts of dignity and care matter. Treating people like people matters—more than we often realize." Rev. Carmelo Urena, the Head Chaplain of the Philadelphia Department of Prisons (PDP)





April 25th 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Set up Friday, April 24th 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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
- No clothes or shoes

Please be sure your donations are clean and in working order

Also greatly needed are some hale and hearty volunteers to help clean up at the end of the day on Saturday. To help plan for set-up day on Friday, please sign up on the UWIF bulletin board (next to the upstairs kitchen).



Calling all bakers

Once again, the UWIF will offer delicious baked goods for sale at the garage sale. Please contribute home-made items. The UWIF is grateful to all who contributed to the bake sale last year. It was almost sold out!

Helpful hints:

- Bake now and freeze
- Pretty packaging helps things sell

Questions? Contact Diane Maher, 732-513-8413

Thank you!



DR. JOHN D. BLAIR SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the 2026 Dr. John D. Blair Scholarships are available on the church website or in the church office. Scholarships are available for up to four years of undergraduate education. Grade transcript must accompany application. The deadline for applications is April 25.

Conference opportunity

Saving the Soul of Our Nation, State, and Church-Faith Forum & Historical Tour

Mark your calendars! On **May 12** from **1-6:30 p.m.**, attend a faith forum, **“Striving to End the Sin of Racism in Church & State: Contemporary and Historical Methodist Perspectives”** featuring keynote speakers Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi, Bishop Ernest S. Lyght, Rupert Hall, Jr., and Kevin Dusenberry. The forum will be held at Pennington UMC (60 South Main Street, Pennington). Then on **May 13**, plan to attend the “Historical Tour: Saving the Soul of Our Nation and State” featuring keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Kevin Newburg and visiting such sights as Washinton’s Crossing State Park, Princeton Battlefield, Historic Tenant Church and more. Buses leave from the Courtyard by Marriot Ewing Princeton at 8:30 a.m. These events are open to all and form part of the **Northeastern Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History (NEJCAH) Annual Meeting and Program**. For details, registration link or paper registration form contact FUMCO’s church office 732-531-1150. Need accommodation? Register for the conference hotel, Courtyard Marriott Ewing Princeton.

Coffeehouse Invitation
Presbyterian Church on the Hill
10 Cold Indian Springs Road
Friday May 1st, 7:00 till 8:30 p.m.

Praise Team from local churches including our own.
Refreshments will be served.
All are welcome!



Blessing of the Animals

Join us for the Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, April 19th at 1:00 p.m.

First UMC, 103 Monmouth Rd. Oakhurst
732-531-1150
www.oakhurst.umcchurches.org



Summer Book Club



Summer is a great season to enjoy the beautiful weather and take in a new book. So, in the summer months of June, July, and August; Jill invites you to come together on the 1st Wednesday of each month at noon for conversation and sharing. Bring your lunch if you choose and your thoughts on the book of the month. The book for June is: *Joyful Anyway* by Kate Bowler.



Faith-filled Fieldtrips: Jill is introducing a new opportunity to explore faith in new locations. This new ministry begins with a trip to the Cloisters in Manhattan on June 11th. Please RSVP to the church office if you are interested, so we can arrange transportation. There is a cost for entrance into the Cloisters.



**3rd Sunday after Easter
April 19, 2026**

Counters: Randy Danielson, Jane Gittines

Greeter: Jeff Danielson

Usher: Gerry Busfield

Acolyte: Joy More

Lay Reader: Steve Skoulas

Fellowship Hosts: Pam Lynch, Jeff Danielson

Altar Flowers

Given in loving memory of Mary E. Goodwin by
Bonnie McNamara.
Given in loving memory of InHong Hur by Soon,
Elizabeth, & Kathy.



**4th Sunday after Easter
April 26, 2026**

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

Greeter: Randy Danielson

Usher: Jay Aretino

Acolyte: Susan McRae

Lay Reader: Judy Gorra

Fellowship Host: Kitty Amato

Altar Flowers

Given by Bonnie McNamara in honor of her son-
in-law, Buddy.
Given in loving memory of Viola Miller by David
& Janice Hiers.

**OUR APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING
BENEFITS MERCY CENTER**

**Tsedalech, our World Vision Child from Ethiopia,
is sponsored for the month of April by Marty &
Mary Bailey in memory of their grandparents.**



THIS SUNDAY

The next free community spaghetti
dinner will be on **April 19th** at 5 p.m.
Everyone is invited to Fellowship Hall
for a delicious meal and community.



HELP NEEDED!

On Tuesday, April 21st, our church will be hosting
the Association of Retired Ministers and Spouses for
their annual meeting. Joy needs help setting tables,
putting out food, and cleanup. If you can be of any
assistance from 8:30 a.m. on, please let Joy know.



***Called Home
to Heaven***

We grieve at the passing of long-
time member, Jean Gillette. Jean
passed away on April 14th. Please
keep her husband, Almon and her
daughter, Debbie and their family in
prayer. Condolences may be sent to
Almon in care of Debbie Hughes,
1140 Ballahack Rd., Chesapeake, VA
23322. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to
the Dr. John D. Blair Scholarship Fund.

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Apr. 19-Apr. 25



Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-25

COFFEE & COMMUNITY

JAVA WITH JILL
May 26 10 a.m.

Join Pastor Hubbard-Smith and friends at the Blue Swan Diner for an informal gathering to share conversation and perhaps a treat of your choosing.

Please be Praying for...

Our homebound: Bev Itell, Virginia Haydu, Bob Sproat, Bertha Ahrens, Carey Carlisle, Priscilla Smith, Elaine Gould, Jean Gillette

Jersey Shore Care Center: Dave Miller

Sunnyside Manor, Wall: Nancy Burt

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



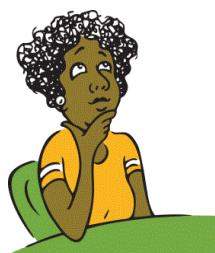
Coffee Fellowship

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.



Something to think about:

The ripple of today's lie is tomorrow's wave and next year's flood. -Max Lucado

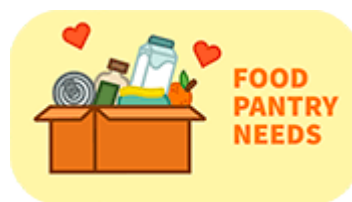
The Little Free Pantry



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:
Apple juice



MERCY CENTER

The Outreach Commission thanks you for your continued support of the Mercy Center food bank. Here are the current needs: canned meats, canned fish, beans, lentils, rice, pasta, oats, whole-grain cereals, low-sodium soup, canned fruits, canned vegetables, peanut butter, powdered milk, & nonperishable oils.

Beaded Crosses for Sale to Benefit Keswick Ministry.

Debbie Eckert (Old First UMC) is making & selling these small, beaded crosses to support the Keswick ministry. Keswick provides a program for addiction recovery that costs approximately \$11,000.00 yet they only charge the participant \$600.00.

By providing a donation to this life changing ministry, you will receive a handmade beaded cross from Debbie. They are available from Debbie on Sunday mornings.

