



# Little Falls United Methodist Church

A Welcoming Community of Faith, Hope, & Outreach

Sharing Christ's Love Since 1825

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## THE PASTOR'S PEN

He [Jesus] said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22:37-40)

Dear Church Family,

I pray that you and your family are in God's love and grace all the time. I hope you had a bright Christmas season and started a new year with joy and hope.

With your blessings, we started the confirmation class two weeks ago. As you know, the confirmation class is the time to explore the foundational Christian faith and introduction of our faith journey. I had a chance to remind myself of the faith journey through the class. How do you define your faith journey? Would you take a moment to try to answer the question?

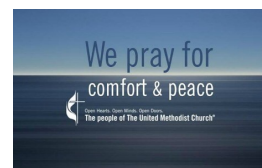
Our faith journey is all about our relationship with God and people, as our life is all about our relationship with God and people. Who are we? Who is God? Who are the others? What relationships do we have with them? God invited us into God's love and grace. God forgives us and leads us to the right way when we go the wrong way that breaks our relationship with God. God's love changes our life, our direction, and our attitudes for our life journey. God's love invites us to have peace, grace, joy, and comfort. God's grace leads us to serve others to experience God's love as we experienced. Because of our gratitude for God's love and grace, we praise God

and worship God. Because of God's love and grace, we try to help others. By responding to God's love, our relationship is getting deeper and deeper.

Church Family, what is your new year's resolution? Is there any resolution for your relationship with God or your relationship with others in your list? Worship, prayer, giving, service, and witness are our responses to God's love and grace. They are the means of grace and the ways that we can build up a good relationship with God and people. Please add a resolution to your new year's resolutions, which helps you build a deeper relationship with God and others. There is no good and deep relationship that goes forever without our efforts. We do something and try something to have a good relationship with family, friends, and communities. Let us set goals for the essential practices of the Christian life for the new year and practice them. Those efforts will make the new year fruitful and rich in Christ Jesus.

As a church family, let us encourage one another to have a deeper relationship with God and others. Let us see the change of our lives in Christ this year! I hope and pray that we celebrate the change of our lives through a deeper relationship with God and others at the end of the year.

Peace and hope,  
Pastor Jin



## MEMBER UPDATE

### **CONDOLENCES**

Remember our friends in prayer, by cards, calling, and visiting the sick." (Matt 25:39).

### **ALTAR OF PRAYER**

Our Bishop, Rev. Dr. John Schol and his family; Our Superintendent, Rev. William Williams III; Pastor Jin Kook Kim; Urban Promise in Camden & Malawi; CUMAC.

For local police & fire companies; Enterprise #2, Great Notch, & Singac; Eagle Rescue Squad.

### **HOSPITAL/ RECENT TREATMENT** **CONTINUING HOME RECOVERY**

Melissa Downing; Rose Ziskin; Al and Norma Taylor; Ted Fischer; Gary Ziskin; Geraldine Carstens; Emily Van Biert; Ruth Petro

### **REST IN PEACE**

Janis Meder  
Judith Caputo

**Prayers for all our senior citizens who are dealing with the challenges of aging.**

### **MILITARY PERSONNEL**

CJ and Terri Carrera (Marines); TJ Corchado (US Army); Shirley Juhlin's Nephews: Drew Caputo Master at Arms (Navy); We thank and remember all our veterans and their many sacrifices for us.

### **THANK YOU!**

To the congregation for your continued support and donations of non-perishable food for our LFUMC Food Pantry Families. Your generosity is a blessing to many families every day!



### **FEBRUARY**

- 1-Willem Oscar Juhlin
- 3-Drew Juhlin
- 4-Maryanne Swanson
- 8-Mason Van Biert
- 8-Lia Callahan
- 12-Jennifer Taylor
- 16-Ken Passafaro
- 17-Allyson Zicker
- 22-Barbara Fitzgerald
- 24-Beth Billig
- 25-Max Klum
- 26-Giam Kim



### **February: Violet**

These purple blooms took on significance during the Victorian Era and were associated with modesty and innocence (obviously, covetable traits in the late 19th century).

**Your personality:** Your wise beyond your years and can be a very private person, but you're also a bit of a dreamer. It takes a while for you to warm up to people, but when you do, you're extremely loyal.



### **March: Daffodils**

Across cultures, daffodils, also called narcissus and jonquils, tell different stories — but all of them center on luck. In Wales, it's said that if you spot the first daffodil bloom of the season, you'll have 12 months of luck.

**Your personality:** You're all about living a life of peace and happiness. You're extremely creativity, and are kind to everyone you meet.



### **MARCH**

- 7-Adam Corpuz
- 7-Linda Timms
- 8-Cheryle Mitchell
- 11-Sean Smith
- 12-JoAnn Miller
- 14-Brian Lewis
- 14-Jung Ae Kim
- 24-Albert Zicker
- 25-Janet Dewes
- 28-Eddie Hamilton

### BUY SCRIP GIFT CARDS

January Actual – \$6,620  
January Profit – \$331.00  
2022 Total – \$6,230  
2022 Total Profit – \$331.00  
Projection - \$72,500  
Projection Profit - \$3,625



Thank you for supporting the church Scrip fund raiser during the pandemic. Many of you have called asking for Shoprite gift cards and we have delivered them to you, or you have picked them up at our house. Since in-person worship has been occurring, you can purchase scrip on Sunday mornings. If you would like Scrip, please call Janet or Pete W at 973-595-5765. If you order your groceries on-line the gift cards are an easy way to pay for your groceries. Our Scrip sales year to date are about the same as last year.

### Ways & Means Update

Hello friends,

Kohl's gift cards are available for sale. Gift cards can be used for purchases and paying your Kohl's charge. Cards are available in \$25, \$50, and \$100. The church receives 5% for every gift card sold.

### UPCOMING

Annual Baked Potato Dinner!

Edie's Homemade Soup Sale!

Church Wide Yard Sale!

Stay safe and hope to see you all soon!

Allison

The next Ruth Lee meeting will be on Wednesday, February 23 at 4 pm.

**PRE-ORDER by Sunday, February 6!**

**SUPER BOWL CHILI & SUB SALE**

**Homemade Beef Chili**  
**\$7 per Pint**

**6" SUB SANDWICH \$7 EACH**  
- ITALIAN (HAM, SALAMI, PROVOLONE)  
- TURKEY AND PROVOLONE

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

*Little Falls United Methodist Church*

**PICK-UP 11AM TO 1PM**

info@littlefallsumc.org 973-256-0993

### SOCKS FOR SOULS



Do your feet get cold? Imagine in this heat walking on the streets of New York City barefoot. Lori continues to distribute socks every week. She tried to distribute shoes, but it did not work out so she stopped. She also picks up leftover baked goods from Panera's and distributes them with the socks. My neice and the homeless are grateful for your contributions to Socks For Soles. Please help the Unity Circle to provide new or gently used socks to the homeless. There is a constant need. Please drop off your socks in the large white sock in the Narthex. Thank you, Shirley

Ongoing Collection—UMW also collects postmarked stamps, can pull tabs, Box Tops for Education and the front of greeting cards. Items are donated to different charities and organizations.

View the Belfry online: <https://www.littlefallsumc.org/bi-monthly-belfry-newsletter>

## CHURCH FORUM UPDATE

Let's Work Together! Let's Make a Team!

“Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV)

February 1, 2021

Dear Church Family,

We have had the church forum for the church ministry since October 2020. We love God and our church, Little Falls United Methodist Church. As a church family, we have the direction which can be described by our mission and vision statements. As you hear at the beginning of Sunday Worship: "We are a welcoming community of faith, hope, mission, and outreach, by Christ's love, and we are here to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Through the church forum, we have gathered ideas and made plans for each, and carried out many of them. We are reaching out to the homebound and people we miss by sending a card or a note. We completed A Hope of Journey: an antiracism study. We started a new small group, Treasured Memories, for those who lost their loved ones. We are working on a video promotion for the church and setting up an online donation. And we have many ideas that we can try. Everything was possible by God's grace and your supportive and devotional service on each idea. We will keep thinking about the church ministry, gathering ideas, making plans, and carrying out each ministry through the church forum.

We have concluded the church forum for the church ministry at the last meeting on January 29. Thank all of you who joined us, shared your ideas and thoughts, made plans, and carried out the ministry. It was very fruitful and gave us new air and possibility for the church. The team will report the accomplishment. Thank you again for your help and support. Now, we take a break as we conclude the church forum. I would like to call it 'The Church Forum Season 1' because we will begin 'The Church Forum Season 2.' The church Forum Season 2 will be held at 10:30 am on April 30. We will give you more information.

Church Family, let us work together for God's ministry. May God's grace and love be with you!

Peace,  
Pastor Jin



For the month of February & March, the UMW will be collecting soup to be donated to **CUMAC** and **Oasis**. Donations can be placed on the marked table in the Narthex.

Starting in March, we will begin collecting donations for Easter on behalf of Oasis. In the past, we have collected, assembled, and donated 50 Easter baskets. Due to COVID, last year, Oasis was asking for individually wrapped candy and snacks. We haven't gotten an update from Oasis as to what they are collecting, once we do, we will organize our Easter collection.

**Bethany Hope** is going to start collecting feminine hygiene products to distribute to women in need in our community. This is a program that is being launched by a resident in Little Falls that we will be partnering with. Feminine hygiene products are a necessity, yet they are not often donated. More information will follow when it becomes available.

**Unity Circle** is collecting gloves, hats, scarves, and mittens in children and adult sizes to be donated to **CUMAC** now through February. Unity continues to collect new or gently used socks for **Socks for Soles**. Socks that are collected are distributed to the homeless. As the temperature continues to drop, and winter is now upon us, we are helping people who need it the most through our collections and ministries. For more information on donating winter wear to **CUMAC**, please contact Betty Caceres. For more information on donating socks to Socks for Homeless Soles, please contact Shirley Juhlin.

We are also collecting postmarked stamps, the fronts of greeting cards (no Hallmark), soda can pop tops, and Labels for Education.

### **Circle Meetings**

#### **Bethany Hope**

Saturday, February 19th, 10:00am, Lee Lounge

Saturday, March 19th, 10:00am, Lee Lounge

#### **Unity Circle**

Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:15pm, Lee Lounge

Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:15pm, Lee Lounge

Thank you one and all for helping the UMW to strive to do its very best! God Bless!



## OUTREACH - ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AmazonSmile Program

**Are you shopping at Amazon.com? You can support the church choosing Little Falls UMC as your charity organization!** All service of Amazon including prices will be the same and Amazon will donate us 0.5% of your purchase. Please choose Little Falls UMC to support the church ministry! Would you encourage others to support LFUMC, sharing this message with them?

### **What is AmazonSmile?**

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) ([smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

Please choose Little Falls UMC as your charity organization at [Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). All services of Amazon including prices will be the same and Amazon will donate us 0.5% of your purchase.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-1568146>

**Thanks for supporting the church  
and to God's ministry!**

### CHURCH LEADERS

- ◆ Board of Trustees, President - **Shirley Juhlin**
- ◆ Church Council Chair - **Cheryle Mitchell**
- ◆ Church Council Secretary - **Beth Billig**
- ◆ Co-Sunday School Superintendent - **Bethanne Strippoli**
- ◆ Co-Sunday School Superintendent - **Kathy Flannagan**
- ◆ Finance Chair - **Marilyn Downing**
- ◆ Financial Secretary - **Carol Miller**
- ◆ Information Technology Committee - **Peter B. Dewes**
- ◆ Lay Leader - **Lynn Wielinga**
- ◆ Outreach Chair - **Lynn Wielinga**
- ◆ PPRC, Chairperson - **Scott Fitzgerald**
- ◆ Treasurer - **Marilyn Meder**
- ◆ UMW, Co-President - **Lorraine DeCaprio**
- ◆ UMW, Co-President - **Melissa Downing**
- ◆ Ways & Means Committee - **Allison Smith**
- ◆ Worship Committee Chair - **Janet Dewes**

**Please email Pastor Jin  
([jkim@littlefallsumc.org](mailto:jkim@littlefallsumc.org))  
or 973-256-0993, if you would like to  
share your concerns and joys  
with the congregation.**

**I will lift up the names in the order  
of prayer in our worship.**

**Please contact Pastor Jin or the church  
office if you need any help from  
Pastor Jin or church members!  
We are here to help you!**

### Little Falls UMC Supports Local Food Pantry and CUMAC

The Little Falls UMC maintains a food pantry to serve the local community in conjunction with the food pantries at other churches in Little Falls. The Little Falls UMC pantry distributes food for approximately 750 meals to families in the local community. In addition, members of the Little Falls Church continue to donate food to CUMAC along with items for their Thrift Shop. Through LFUMC food donations, more than 1,400 pounds of food is delivered to CUMAC, to help every year, in feeding the larger community.

### Suggested Food Donations:

**All Non-Perishable Items, but especially  
canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, regular  
cheerios, pasta & sauce, instant potatoes,  
regular rice, tuna, chicken, fruit, applesauce,  
juice bottles and granola bars.**

***Thank you for your ongoing participation  
in this local outreach ministry!***

### SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**Special thanks to Cedar Grove Elks #2237 for  
their continued donations to our Food Pantry.**

**Please support them whenever possible!**



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# TREASURED MEMORIES

a place to share our grief

Grief comes in and out of our lives. It is hard to know how to handle our feelings and many times it can feel like you are the only one experiencing what you are feeling. Maybe you lost someone close to you by death or divorce or maybe a loved one received a tough diagnosis and is uncertain how to handle it. There are all stages of grief and it is important to know that you are not alone. There are people all around you that are experiencing the grief process. By sharing how we get through these tough times, we hope we can feel less alone.

**7pm, Every Second  
Wednesday of  
the month.**

Little Falls United Methodist Church  
(139 Main street, Little Falls, NJ 07424)

**For more information, please contact  
Allison Smith  
973-800-4152**

Sp Adobe Spark

**TREASURED MEMORIES, a place to share our grief is a small group. We have gathered and shared stories about our loved ones. We have laughed and shed some tears and have shown support and love for each other. We hope by sharing how we have dealt with a loss, whether it is a death or a divorce, we can help each other. By coming together, we can comfort and support each other and know we are not alone. We are not counselors. We are providing a space to have a conversation and be there for others. We welcome all and hope that by sharing these memories we can feel less alone about our grief.**

**We meet monthly at the United Methodist Church (139 Main street, Little Falls, NJ 07424)  
on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 in Lee Lounge.  
Any questions, please call Allison 973-800-4152 (leave message)**





Join us! Let's have fun together!  
It's a Free Program!

## "KIDS FOR CHRIST"

A Fun Friday Night for Children  
(Kindergarten to 5th Grade)

Every 1st and 3rd Friday of the Month

**6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**Sept. 17, 2021 - June 3, 2022**

**Register on [LittleFallsUMC.org](http://LittleFallsUMC.org)**

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**CALLING ALL KIDS!  
COME JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING  
YOUTH EVENTS & ACTIVITIES!  
WE PROMISE YOU'LL HAVE A FUN TIME!  
HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!**

**THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL  
WHO WANT TO HAVE FUN, FOOD, AND ACTIVITY!**

**YOUTHS, LET'S HAVE FUN TOGETHER!! ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**YOUTH GROUP**

**FOR 6TH- 12TH GRADERS**

**FOR DETAILS, CONTACT DEE DEE (973-768-8577)**

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4—KIDS FOR CHRIST, 6:30pm  
 6—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10am  
 7—UNITY CIRCLE, 1:15pm  
 8—TRUSTEES COMMITTEE, 7pm  
 9—TREASURED MEMORIES, 7pm  
 13—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10am  
 13—SUPERBOWL CHILI & SUB SALE!  
 15—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7pm  
 18—KIDS FOR CHRIST, 6:30pm  
 19—BETHANY HOPE, 10am  
 20—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10am  
 23—RUTH LEE, 4pm  
 27—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10am

1—SHROVE TUESDAY  
 2—ASH WEDNESDAY  
 4—KIDS FOR CHRIST, 6:30pm  
 6—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10am  
 7—UNITY CIRCLE, 1:15pm  
 8—TRUSTEES COMMITTEE, 7pm  
 9—TREASURED MEMORIES, 7pm  
 13—DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS  
 13—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10am  
 15—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7pm  
 18—KIDS FOR CHRIST, 6:30pm  
 19—BETHANY HOPE MEETING, 10am  
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