

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

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you." (John 14:26)

Little Falls Church family and friends,

I pray you and your family are doing well in God's love and grace and hope your faith journey goes well all the time.

Do you know what season is the longest in the Christian Calendar? It is the Pentecost season. The Pentecost Season is from Pentecost Sunday to the Sunday before the Advent Season. It's about 5 months. As we celebrated Pentecost Sunday, we are in the Pentecost Season now. We will go back to the Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter Seasons following the Christian Calendar to celebrate each season and remind us of the meanings of each season. However, we live now in the time of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus promised his disciples that God will send the Holy Spirit to disciples to lead them in their lives after Jesus ascended. Jesus' word became true. The Holy Spirit came upon them and worked in them and led them into God's ways. We can see the work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament in the Book of Acts. As Jesus promised, the Holy Spirit taught them everything and reminded them of all that Jesus has said to them. They could keep going on their faith journey with the guidance and help of the Holy Spirit. Although they had lost their ways or fallen or failed in their faith journey, the Holy Spirit led them to get back to the faith journey.

Pentecost Sunday and the Pentecost Season

remind us that the Holy Spirit has come to us already and been with us now and will be with us forever. The same Holy Spirit who led the disciples and the congregation of the first church in the Bible is with us and teaches us everything and reminds us of all that Jesus said. What we should do is listen to the Holy Spirit carefully and follow the direction of the Holy Spirit.

What do you listen to from the Holy Spirit? What direction do you listen from the Holy Spirit for your life? What direction do we listen from the Holy Spirit for our church family and ministry? The Holy Spirit works in us and in our ministry. The Holy Spirit inspires all of us to worship and praise God, learn God's words, and follow God's will. The Holy Spirit leads us to help people in our local community and the world through our mission projects. We cannot count all works of the Holy Spirit. I believe that one of the works and directions of the Holy Spirit is "go and make disciples of Jesus Christ." It is the proclamation of Good News, the Gospel, God's love, and grace for all people in the world.

I hope we don't ignore or neglect the great commission that Jesus gave us. I pray all of us be witnesses of God's grace and Jesus' love for us and proclaim that to the people in our local community and in the world in ways. Let us try to find ways together, and work on the ways together. The Holy Spirit is with us. The Holy Spirit will lead us and help us for each step when we are willing to follow the Holy Spirit.

Peace, 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 Willams 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 HOME RECOVERY HOMEBOUND

Geraldine Carstens; Melissa Downing;
Ted Fischer; Edie Hamilton;
Lois Hughes; Marilyn Moore;
Ruth Petro; Al & Norma Taylor;
Emily Van Biert; Gary Ziskin



Rest in Peace
Gertrude Miller

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)
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!



3-Mackenzie Webb Taylor

4-Cooper Ryan Juhlin

11-Alyssa Strippoli

14-Victoria Bariso

15-Carol Miller

16-Dee Dee Carpinelli

18-Mary Gasior

18-Elsa Stonebridge

19-Kristen Callahan

22-Ryan Callahan

23-Kelly Billig

27-John Ketterer Jr.

28-David Downing

28-Peter B. Dewes

30-Henry Youngster



June: Rose

Although roses comprehensively symbolize love and passion, they differ in symbolic meaning depending on their color (red = passion, white = chastity, orange = desire, purple = love at first sight). Naturally, with such a long history of romance, roses also represent confidentiality.

Your personality: Obviously, you're a true romantic. You have a good relationship with people easily and can adjust to new or difficult situations with ease.



July: Delphinium

Derived from the Greek word for dolhin, "delphis," delphinium's conical shape is often likened to the aquatic creature's nose. Associated with openness and positivity, delphinium symbolizes broad horizons, potential and better times.

Your personality: You're the funny one. Your charm and sense of humor make people feel welcomed and appreciated. You also value family over anything else.



1-Joyce Potts

10-Nancy Schreyer

11-Jason Taylor

14-Kathleen Wilson

20-Paul Billig

20-Priscilla Ziskin

20-Zachary Ziskin

22-Jay Klum

23-Julia Coull

23-Cathy Gritman

27-Geraldine Carsten

30-Patrice Van Biert

31-Harrison Juhlin

Anniversary July 30
Cathy & Bob Gritman

FINANCIALS & FUNDRAISERS

BUY SCRIP GIFT CARDS

May Actual – \$5,790
May Profit – \$289.50
2023 Total – \$31,360
2023 Total Profit – \$1,568
Projection - \$74,300
Projection Profit - \$3,715



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 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.

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Be well and see you soon!
Allison

The Trustees would like to thank all the helpers that showed up on May 6th to clean the pews in the Sanctuary. The woodwork needed a good wash after the installation of the roof. Next, we hope to have the carpet cleaned. Reminder: While we are enjoying and are thankful for our new roofs, we are still collecting contributions for the roof replacement expenses. The cost of the roofs depleted our investment fund whose interest we use for the church maintenance costs. You may donate directly or pledge until the end of 2023.

Checks are to be made payable to: LFUMC Trustees. Attn: Melissa Downing

We are at the halfway point in the year. Fortunately, with your help we have been able to pay all our expenses to date. Did you know that we are billed \$5501 each month from the Conference? As they say that is a "Big Chunk of Change"! Our plea is to help us through the summer months when the money gets very tight. Wishing all of you a wonderful Summer!

The Finance Committee

Church Wide Spring Yard Sale

On May 20th we held our annual Spring Yard Sale. We had a great day despite the rain. We had over 25 volunteers who helped make this event successful. I would like to thank our helpers who advertised our event, set up our tables, sorted all the donations, priced the donations, and worked in the kitchen for our hot dog lunch. Thank you also to those who sorted and packed the unsold items after the sale, and to those who put away the tables. A special thank you to our volunteers who spent the day helping make this sale a success. Thank you to all those who donated items, their time, and their support for the event.

Our profit was \$1,229.50!

Online Donation - Online donation is available now. Please visit the church website and click 'Donation.' The link is www.LittleFallsUMC.org/donation.

Shoprite Gift Card - If you want to buy a Shoprite gift card, please contact Pete (973) 595-5765 or detroit50@aol.com.

Kohl's Gift Card - If you want to buy a Kohl's gift card, please contact Allison (973) 800-4152

Thank you for supporting the church and God's ministry!

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The UMW had a VERY busy two months! On April 29th, we held our annual Ladies Tea & Auction. We had a wonderful afternoon! We auctioned off a lot of great prizes for amazing causes. This year's SOLD-OUT event was our highest earning tea EVER! Thank you to everyone who helped with planning, prepping, ticket sales, soliciting donations, decorating, setting up, hosting a table, working the kitchen, running prizes, cleaning up, and any other aspect involved! Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for our auction. Special thanks to Kathy F. for being our amazing auctioneer. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this annual event! Without all the people involved this year's event wouldn't have been the success it was.

Unity Circle did a wonderful job raising funds for Church World Services during the Blanket Sale campaign. We would also like to thank all the children who informed and entertained us with their skits and helped with the noisy can collection. Thank you to all who donated towards this mission project.

The UMW is currently collecting diapers, wipes, baby food for Oasis & CUMAC through July 2nd. During the months of July and August we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly.

We will be holding our annual school supply drive for Oasis & Passaic County CASA. All church members are welcome to help support these worthy causes. Keep an eye on the weekly sales circulars!

The date for Bethany Hope's summer picnic at the home of Marilyn & Melissa Downing is to be determined. Unity Circle will meet on Monday, June 12th, at 1:15 pm. Please see Circle leaders for more information.

On Sunday, July 9th, following Worship Service we will have our first of two Parking Lot Picnics. Bring lunch and join us for fellowship! Depending on the weather, we will either meet outside on the side lawn or in Fellowship Hall. Circle meetings will resume in September.

Have a happy, healthy, and safe summer! God Bless.



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. Treasured Memories is a small group that meets monthly. We are not counselors. We come together, share stories, and show support for each other.

**We meet the 2nd
Wednesday of every
month at 7:00pm.**



If you have any questions about our group, please contact Allison 973-800-4152 (leave message) or email allisonsl7@aol.com. Many Blessings, Allison

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HOMELESS CARE PACKAGE



On June 10th, 1pm to 2:30pm, we will fill 20 packages for the Homeless Care Package Outreach. These packages will be given to the Hope One PIK Program of Passaic County.

Items Needed:

JUICE BOXES

PUDDING CUPS

JELLO CUPS

TUNA in pouches or cans with pull tops.

Donations can be placed in the box marked Homeless Care Package Outreach Donations in the Narthex.

If you are interested in helping fill the care packages, please contact me:

Cell: 551-238-1089 or Email: ter6668f@gmail.com

Thank you for your continued support for this Outreach Program.

Sincerely,

Terrie Velella

Homeless Care Package Outreach

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Presently, we are visiting three members of the congregation. As the ministry expands to include visiting those temporarily at home, requires more volunteers. This ministry only requires about an hour of your time per visit and can be limited to your availability. We are visiting one person per month on a rotating basis. Should you be called to this ministry to bring a bright spot in someone's day as well as bringing self-fulfillment and rewards to your own life, please contact Pastor Jin, jkim@littlefallsumc.org; Pete, detroit50@aol.com; Terrie, ter6668f@gmail.com. The compassion and kindness you give will be a reflection of the Christ within being brought forth and touching another's life.

In August we began revisiting our homebound members after having stopped due to the pandemic. They enjoyed our visits and were happy that the visits were resumed. We talk, read, work on puzzles, and pray with them. Their families appreciate our bringing the community of church back into their loved one's lives. A need was expressed to expand the ministry to include visiting members who are temporarily homebound. This may include members who are in the hospital or recovering from surgery or illness that temporarily keeps their activities limited.

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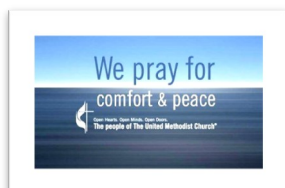
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1—COFFEE & THE BIBLE, 1 PM
 1—KIDS FOR CHRIST, 5:30 PM
 4—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 4—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
 4—UMW SPRING LUNCHEON, 12 PM
 8—COFFEE & THE BIBLE, 1 PM
 10—HOMELESS CARE OUTREACH, 1 PM
 11—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 11—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
 11—YOUNG ADULTS & FAMILY, 11:30 AM
 11—POST CONFIRMATION CLASS, 5 PM
 12—UNITY CIRCLE, 1:15 PM
 13—TRUSTEES COMMITTEE, 7 PM
 14—TREASURED MEMORIES, 7 PM
 17—BETHANY HOPE, 10 AM
 18—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 18—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
 20—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7 PM
 25—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 25—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM

2—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 2—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
 9—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 9—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
 9—UMW PICNIC, 11 AM
 11—TRUSTEES COMMITTEE, 7 PM
 12—TREASURED MEMORIES, 7 PM
 16—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 16—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
 18—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7 PM
 23—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 23—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
 30—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 30—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM

OUTREACH



Please contact Pastor Jin or the church office if you need any help from Pastor Jin or church members!

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.

We are here to help you!
(jkim@littlefallsumc.org) or 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 niece 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

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.

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.

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.

CHURCH LEADERS

- ◆ Board of Trustees, President - **Shirley Juhlin**
- ◆ Church Council Chair - **Beth Billig**
- ◆ Church Council Secretary - **Kathy Wilson**
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- ◆ Co-Sunday School Superintendent - **Kathy Flannagan**
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- ◆ UMW, Co-President - **Melissa Downing**
- ◆ Ways & Means Committee - **Allison Smith**
- ◆ Worship Committee Chair - **Janet Dewes**

Suggested Food Donations

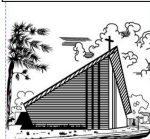
All Non-Perishable Items, but especially canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, regular cheerios, pasta & sauce, instant potatoes, regular rice, tuna, chicken, fruit, applesauce, juice bottles and granola bars.

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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