

Little Falls United Methodist Church

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:”

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Little Falls Church Family,

I pray that you are doing well in God's love and grace every day.

We are in the middle of summer now. How is your summer going? I hope you are enjoying this time, as God gives us this as God' gift. My family had a good time with my wife's mother, sister, and nephew. They came from Korea to visit us and stayed with us for a month. It was a great time for all of us. We were very happy that they were with us because we don't have many chances to see our family who lives in Korea due to the distance. Especially, my kids were very happy to see their grandmother, aunt, and cousin, who is four months old. They love their grandmother and aunt because their grandmother does everything for them and says "Yes" to whatever they ask. The aunt plays with them, whatever games they want to play. And the baby is their first and only cousin for now. They really wanted to see him in person, although we had seen him through video chats many times. When they were with us, my kids woke up early to see the baby, played with the baby, and went to bed late just to spend more time with their grandmother and aunt.

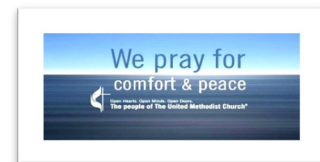
Their visit reminded me that being with our family is a blessing from God, and being with our loved ones is also a blessing from God. Please remember that you are blessed if your family is near and close to you. Please remember that you are blessed if you can see them in person whenever you want and make it

happen. We realized this truth during the pandemic last year. Being with our loved ones in person is a great blessing from God for all of us. Many people told me to enjoy the time with my children when they are young because time flies and will not come back again. That is true. There is a season and a time for everything, as we read in the Book of Ecclesiastes 3:1. We will not have this time again, as we cannot get it back. So we have to seize the chance to create good memories with our children. This principle applies not only to our relationship with our children but also to our parents, siblings, friends, neighbors, and church family. This principle is also true for our relationship with God. God is with us all the time, but the time that has passed won't come back to us again.

Church family,

Let us take the opportunity to be with our loved ones, family, friends, church family, and God whenever we have the chance. We cannot get back the time that has passed. When we take the opportunity, we can have a good time with our loved ones and fellowship with our friends, church family, and God. Let us make time for them so that we can be with them, develop our relationships, and create beautiful memories together. Many seniors say that life is short, and they didn't know how fast time went by. Let us not waste time, allowing it to just pass by, but rather, let us make the most of our time by spending it with our family, friends, church family, and God, making our time meaningful.

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;
 Ruth Petro; Al & Norma Taylor;
 Emily Van Biert



Rest in Peace
Thomas Passafaro

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!



August: Gladiolus

Named after the Latin word that means sword (the same root gives us gladiator!), gladiolus were worn by Greek warriors in battle to protect them from harm and death — hence their symbolic association with strength and integrity.

Your personality: You're an intellectual who does whatever he/she can succeed. You tend to find yourself in leadership roles at work, since like your flower, your strength and integrity are unmatched.



September: Aster



Greek lore says that asters, also a word for stars, were created by the goddess, Astraea, who wept when seeing too few stars in the sky — her tears then became the star-shaped flowers, asters. While Victorians associated the flowers with daintiness and patience, purple varieties are most commonly associated with wisdom and royalty.

Your personality: You're a bit of a perfectionist, but this shouldn't come as a surprise. Your need to have everything perfect is what also makes you a bit emotional. But hey, that's not a negative. In fact, that trait makes you a great communicator.

- 8-Scott Fitzgerald
- 9-Alice Riggs
- 9-Kelly Ann Bruce
- 10-Leonard Romaine, Jr.
- 12-Christopher Miller
- 12-Margie Smarsh
- 13-Anthony Carpinelli
- 20-Michael J. Timms
- 25-Rachel Lewis
- 26-Valentina Carpinelli

- 4-Betty Caceres
- 6-Emmalyn Tullo
- 7-Lynn Wielinga
- 9-Jeff Lewis
- 10-Ian Kim
- 15-Lillian Mae Lazarski
- 22-Meredith Gleason
- 23-Sara Ketterer
- 23-Danielle Pruestel
- 25-Marilyn Downing
- 26-Madisyn Gonzales
- 28-Karen Broadfield
- 30-Matthew Ryan Mitchell

FINANCIALS & FUNDRAISERS

BUY SCRIP GIFT CARDS

June Actual – \$5,720
June Profit – \$286
2023 Total – \$37,080
2023 Total Profit – \$1,854
Projection - \$74,200
Projection Profit - \$3,165



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,

Hope you are enjoying your summer!
Our upcoming events are just around the corner. See page 6 for more details!

August 23 — Ice Cream Social
September 16 — Church Wide Yard Sale
November 4 — Baked Potato Dinner

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Be well and see you soon!

Allison

The Ruth Lee Committee awarded two Dr. Schneider scholarships at the Senior Awards on June 7th at Passaic Valley High School. Gabrielle Lim of Little Falls who is going to Stevens Institute of Technology. Received \$1,000. Leith Matari of Totowa who is going to Rutgers also received \$1,000. In addition, we awarded graduation gifts of \$250 to three high school seniors from our congregation on Sunday June 18th. They are Valentina Carpinelli, Angelina Perez, and Richard Gonzales. Congrats to all and good luck in the future!

The next Ruth Lee meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20 at 4 pm.

The Trustees would like to thank everyone who donated or pledged to the Roof Replacement Campaign. We were given permission to use \$120,000 from our Investment Fund. The total for the projects came to \$130,244. We have replaced the \$10,244 into the Investment Fund, with additional funds as well.

Please remember that the interest accrued from the Investment Funds is used for maintenance and operating costs for our Sanctuary, education building, and parsonage such as property upkeep, repairs, landscape, and snow removal. The future of our church depends on this interest.

If you have not contributed yet or wish to increase your contribution, please consider that at this time. Contributions may be dedicated to past and/or present members and friends.

We are running the pledge campaign until December 31, 2023. Checks are to be made out to LFUMC Trustees, placed in a marked envelope, or presented to Melissa Downing.

We were having a very tough July until some people pre-paid their pledges. Thanks to all of you!
Please continue your support, it is very much appreciated as we are not out of the woods yet.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer!

The Finance Committee

Online Donation - Online donation is available now. Please visit the church website and click 'Donate!' 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 – Effective immediately, we will no longer offer Kohl's gift card purchases.

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

PRAYER MEETING

We will begin our Prayer Meeting in September in the chapel at 1:30pm on Wednesday. Please keep this prayer meeting in your hearts before our Lord, that we are open to his guidance and faithful to follow through. **(Meeting Dates: September 6, October 4, November 8, December 6)**
 Have you any questions or suggestions, Ken and I would like to hear from you to share the growth of this ministry with you. Ken: Ken.Griffin89@yahoo.com or Terrie: ter6668f@gmail.com

SHARE ~ REPENTANCE ~ JOY

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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HOMELESS CARE PACKAGE



Our commitment for the outreach to fill 60 care packages from September 2022 to August 2023 has been fulfilled. In September Socks for Souls received 23 care packages. In November: NROCC received 24 care packages. In December: NROCC 20 winter care packages for the men's shelter outreach. In June: Hope One Pic Passaic County Outreach received 23 care packages plus socks collected for Socks for Souls. Through this outreach program, we have taught our youth volunteers the rewards of hands-on charitable work, and shared fellowship with another congregation. They reached out to our community in Passaic County sharing encouragement while helping to fill a need. I would like to thank our members for their support of this outreach and send a special thank you to the non-church members who helped to fill the care packages. For September 2023-August 2024, our commitment is to complete 80 care packages and to share the keep a care package in your car with other churches and organized programs within our community.

Have a great Summer!

OUTREACH



Dear Friends,
 Thank you so much for being a sponsoring CWS Blanket congregation! Church World Service couldn't do our Blankets ministry without congregations like yours. We are so grateful for your generosity.
 Blessings, Tonda Pirtle, Donor Relations Coordinator

Upcoming Events

On **Wednesday, August 23**, we will have an **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**.

Make your own sundae with special toppings, in Fellowship Hall from 6:00pm – 7:30pm.

On **Saturday, September 16**, we will have a **CHURCH WIDE YARD SALE**.

Watch for announcements for when donations can be dropped off at the church.

Volunteers are needed to set up on Friday, and the day of the sale.

On **Saturday, November 4**, we will have our **ANNUAL BAKED POTATO DINNER**.

Tickets will be available in October.



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

CHURCH LEADERS

- ◆ Board of Trustees, President - **Shirley Juhlin**
- ◆ Church Council Chair - **Beth Billig**
- ◆ Church Council Secretary - **Kathy Wilson**
- ◆ 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**

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.

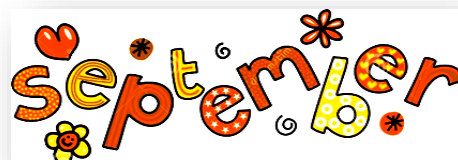
Please support them whenever possible!



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- 6—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 6—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 8—TRUSTEES COMMITTEE, 7 PM
- 9—TREASURED MEMORIES, 7 PM
- 13—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 13—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 15—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7 PM
- 20—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 20—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 23—ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 6:00 PM
- 27—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 27—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM

- 3—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 3—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 6—PRAYER MEETING, 1:30 PM
- 10—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 10—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 12—TRUSTEES COMMITTEE, 7 PM
- 13—TREASURED MEMORIES, 7 PM
- 16—CHURCH YARD SALE, 9:00 AM
- 17—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 17—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 19—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7 PM
- 20—RUTH LEE MEETING, 4:00 PM
- 24—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 24—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM

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.

**W E M E E T T H E 2 N D W E D N E S D A Y
O F E V E R Y M O N T H A T 7 : 0 0 P M .**

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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ICE CREAM SOCIAL

MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAE
WITH SPECIAL TOPPINGS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

6:00PM - 7:30PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

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