



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

And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. (Luke 15:6-7)

Dear Church Family and friends,

I pray you are always in God's love and grace through the risen Jesus Christ. Sunday, June 5th, 2022, will be a joyful day for all of us because we will have the Confirmation Sunday on the day. Confirmation is for youths or young adults to confirm their faith in baptism. Baptism is our profession that Jesus is our savior and our Lord. By being baptized, we proclaim that Jesus is our savior who died for us on the cross and saved us from our sins. Only God forgives us our sins. Only through Jesus Christ, we can be saved. We usually were baptized when we were a baby, so we didn't have the chance to profess our faith in God because we couldn't speak. However, after we become youths or young adults who can think and consider and decide for ourselves, we confirm our faith in baptism, the profession of the baptism, and the commitments as the vows of the baptism through the confirmation process. The confirmation process is very precious and important for all Christians because we confirm our faith with our will and desire, although all are possible under the Holy Spirit's guidance.

The three confirmands, Merieka, Madisyn, and Mackenzie, have walked together for the confirmation journey this year. And they decided to confirm their faith in God and the vows of the baptism, which are to accept Jesus as their savior and Lord and follow Jesus in their lives. On Sunday, June 5th, one of them will be baptized and two of them will be confirmed. They will be professing members of the church who have full

rights and responsibility of the church members. They have designed the Confirmation Sunday Worship Service and will lead the worship. What a joyful and glorious day it is!

It will be a joyful day for the church also because the day shows us the fruits of our church ministry. As I say every Sunday morning, our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Making disciples means serving people to accept Jesus as their savior and Lord and follow him throughout their lives. This is one of the main purposes of the church. They are fruits of the church ministry, and God will work in us through them to make other disciples of Jesus Christ.

Church family and friends,

God wants all God's children to come to God and accept God's love and grace. God's passion for finding the lost sheep is great, and we are the witnesses of God's love. Jesus has given us the great commission, "Go to the world, make disciples, baptize them and teach them what I taught you." We are a faith community that follows God's will and Jesus' life. Let us continue our ministry and give God glory. For this, we are called.

Let us work together for God's ministry!

Peace and joy,

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 CONTINUING HOME RECOVERY

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

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!



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 site). Naturally, with such a long 'history of romance, roses also represent confidentiality.

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



July: Delphinium

Derived from the Greek word for dolphin, "delphis," delphinium's conical shape is often likened to the aquatic creature's nose. Associated with openness and positivity, delphinium symbolize 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 almost anything else.

- 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

- 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

April Actual – \$4,605
April Profit – \$230.25
2022 Total – \$23,955
2022 Total Profit – \$1,197.75
Projection - \$70,000
Projection Profit - \$3,500



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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**Stay tuned for our
Fall Events!**

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Be well and have a great summer!

Allison

The next Ruth Lee meeting will be on *Wednesday, June 8* at 4 pm.

Message from the Finance Committee

How can your IRA Distributions Provide a Tax Benefit to you and our church?

We want to share some of the tax benefits from your charitable giving to the church. Recent changes to the tax laws in 2019 have increased the standard deduction which has limited the amount of itemized deductions (including charitable deductions) for many people. Many people have utilized Individual Accounts (IRA) to save for retirement. These tax deferred savings accounts allow folks to access that money without a penalty as early as when they turned 59 ½, but when they reached 70 ½, they are required to start taking at least a minimum out each year— “required minimum distributions” or RMDs. At the outset of the coronavirus pandemic, the age for these RMD was raised to 72. Since participants didn't pay tax on the money when they put it in their IRAs, they are required to pay tax on it when it comes out. RMDs can push some people into a higher tax bracket. Did you know that you could make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) of your required minimum distribution (RMD) as early as age 70 ½ by having a check cut from your IRA directly to our church? Here's an important distinction: these are NOT tax deductions. They do not provide a charitable deduction regardless of whether you itemize deductions. The tax benefit is the ability to exclude the distribution from taxable income. Many people who are facing RMDs that will have tax implications could pay their entire annual tithe or offering at one time, hopefully early in the year, through their QCD and never have to show it as income. For more information, discuss this with your accountant, read the full article in the UMC Discipleship website (www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/6-ways-remds-and-qcds-can-bless-your-church).

SAVE THE DATE - ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR!

Saturday, November 19, 10am - 3pm

Spread the word to family & friends who might be interested in being one of our vendors!

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

AmazonSmile Program - Please choose Little Falls UMC as your charity organization

at www.smile.amazon.com. All services and prices will be the same and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to the church.

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

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

CHURCH SERVICES

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)

June 1, 2021

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your love toward the church! You have loved the church, cared the church, and supported the church. Participating the church ministry, you are participating in God's ministry in Little Falls and the world.

What do you want to see in Little Falls UMC next 5 years, 10 years, and 20 years? What do you think does God want to see from us as a church family next 5, 10, and 20 years? Do you have any idea for the church ministry? Are you interested in a specific ministry and want to work on it?

The Church Forum is the place where you can share your thoughts, ideas, and vision for the church and God's ministry. We have achieved many things through the first season of the church forum, as Beth reported last time. We began the second season of the Church Forum in April.

The next meeting will be held at the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 am on Saturday, June 18th. Please join the Forum and share with us your vision, thoughts, and ideas on Little Falls UMC, our church family and community.

Let us gather our wisdom together and share our visions and thoughts at the church forum.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you!

Peace,
Pastor Jin



The UMW have had a busy spring!

On April 23rd, we held our Victorian Tea & Auction. We had a wonderful afternoon! We auctioned off a lot of great prizes for amazing causes. Thank you to everyone who came and supported this annual event! The funds raised will be used to support the mission work of the UMW.

Cathy Gritman did an amazing job raising funds for Church World Services during the Blanket Sale campaign. We would also like to thank all the children who entertained and informed us with their skits and helped with the noisy can collection.

The UMW is currently collecting baby formula for Oasis. As many of you may know, there is currently a national shortage of baby formula. Many NJ families are facing difficulties obtaining baby formula. This is an even more complex issue for the impoverished mothers in Paterson. Oasis is in dire need of baby formula. Formula can be placed on the collection table in the Narthex. All church members are encouraged to help support this worthy cause.

Our General Meeting will be Sunday, June 5th at 12:00 pm, in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. The date for Bethany Hope's summer picnic at the home of Marilyn & Melissa Downing is to be determined. Unity Circle will meet Monday, June 6th, at 1:15 pm. Please see Circle leaders for more information.

As we head into summer, don't forget that the annual School Supply collection will be getting under way! Check those weekly sales ads!

Have a happy and safe summer! God Bless

UPCOMING CIRCLE MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**GENERAL MEETING: Sunday, June 5th- 12:00pm,
Fellowship Hall, Spring Luncheon**

UNITY CIRCLE: Monday, June 6th, 1:15pm, Lee Lounge

BETHANY HOPE: Summer Picnic, TBA

For more info about UMW Meetings, see your Circle Leader.

OUTREACH



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

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 - **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 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

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.

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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5—UMW-MEETING & LUNCHEON, 12 PM
5—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
6—UNITY CIRCLE, 1:15 PM
8—RUTH LEE, 4 PM
8—TREASURED MEMORIES, 7 PM
12—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
14—TRUSTEES COMMITTEE, 7 PM
18—CHURCH FORUM, 10:30 AM
19—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
21—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7 PM
26—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM

3—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
10—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
12—TRUSTEES COMMITTEE, 7 PM
13—TREASURED MEMORIES, 7 PM
17—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
19—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7 PM
24—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
31—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM



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

"KIDS FOR CHRIST"

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

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Open Registration Fall 2022

(www.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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Treasured Memories

**"GRIEF NEVER ENDS...
BUT IT CHANGES. IT'S A PASSAGE,
NOT A PLACE TO STAY. GRIEF IS NOT
A SIGN OF WEAKNESS, NOR A LACK OF
FAITH...IT IS THE PRICE OF LOVE."**

**TREASURED MEMORIES is a grief
discussion group that provides a safe
place to share grief with others. The
hope is that by sharing our grief we can
help each other get through the
difficult times.**

**MEETS EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH, 7:00PM**

**For details, contact Allison
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