



# Little Falls United Methodist Church

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## THE PASTOR'S PEN

**May God's grace and peace  
be with you and your family!**

Little Falls Church Family,

How is your summer going? I hope you have a good and special time with your family and friends this summer. You are in my prayers every day and I pray all of us to find every day that God's love and grace are always with us.

I have asked you to think of the church and pray for the church for three minutes every day because I want all of us to gather our hearts through the moment of praying and think of the church. Thanks for your prayers and please keep praying for the church and thinking of the church for three minutes every day. I hope that we together find the directions and ways for the church and its ministry and work for it. For that, we had three surveys and I am sharing the sermon series, "What the Bible Says about the Church." to get insights from your ideas and thoughts, and from the early churches in the Bible.

The message series reminds us that the church is the people having faith in God, worshiping God together, caring for one another, welcoming all people, and sharing their faith with others. We are the church, and we have the features of the church that we find in the Bible. As a church family, we have faith in God and worship and praise God together. We care for one another and welcome all people. And we share our faith with others. However, I believe we have room to reinforce, improve, develop our ministry, and initiate a new ministry. These questions would be helpful for us to consider the directions and ways of the church and its ministry.

In what ways can we reinforce our profession and faith in God?

In what ways can we express more our gratitude for God's love and grace through worship?

In what ways can we care for one another more and better?

In what ways can we make our fellowship deeper and wider?

How can we broaden our boundaries to the church members and to the people in the local community and the world?

Is our welcoming Jesus' welcome and Paul's welcoming?

How can we share our faith with others? What stories (witnesses) do we have in our faith journey?

Let us consider these questions together and share our thoughts with one another. The church forum is the place where you can share your thoughts with us. Please join the forum. Or you can email me, talk to me, or email me. Let us work together!

Little Falls Church Family, we are the church, and each of us is a part of the body of Christ. God gave us Little Falls UMC, and we are the stewards of God. Let us make the church beautiful in accordance with God's will and desire. Let us make the church fruitful as God wants and we want. We are the church and God is with us! Amen.

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 HOME RECOVERY HOMEBOUND**

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

**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 to 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. Perhaps your need to have everything perfect is what makes you also a bit emotional. But hey, that's not a negative. In fact, that trait makes you a great communicator.

- 8-Scott Fitzgerald
- 9-Alberta Landspurg
- 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
- 5-Gert Miller
- 6-Emmalyn Tullo
- 7-Lynn Wielinga
- 9-Jeff Lewis
- 10-Ian Kim
- 15-Lillian Mae Lazarski
- 22-Rose Ziskin
- 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

**July Actual – \$5,000**  
**July Profit – \$250.00**  
**2022 Total – \$41,570**  
**2022 Total Profit – \$2,078.50**  
**Projection - \$72,000**  
**Projection Profit - \$3,600**



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.

### Upcoming Events!

*Ice Sundae Social - August 17*

*Baked Potato Dinner - October 22*

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Be well and see you soon!

Allison

**The next Ruth Lee meeting will be on *Wednesday, September 21* 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](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/6-ways-remds-and-qcds-can-bless-your-church)).

**Online Donation** Online donation is available now. Please visit the church website and click 'Donation.' The link is [www.LittleFallsUMC.org/donation](http://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](mailto: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](http://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!*

## 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)

July 29, 2022

Dear Church Family,

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

We had Church forum meetings, and these are the list of ideas for the possible ministry for us.

- Music Ministry (Choir, Singing at Nursing home.)
- Outreach to the community to be active in the community and show our presence. Join in the community event (ex. Street Fair – Parking lot, Memorial parade, 5K)
- The homebound ministry – Visit the homebound – How about encouraging youths to be involved in the ministry? (ex. Youths with Adults together visit the homebound.)
- Encourage youths to serve the church and stay at church by inviting them into the church ministries.
- We need people who have great ideas.
- Discipleship training program – Nurturing Christians at church.
- Active Evangelism program to invite new people to the faith in God (ex. Alpha Course)
- Advertisement through publication on social media and offline – to show the community what we as a faith community have done and are planning. (ex. Posting photos of all church events through the church website and social media)
- Sharing witness at Sunday Service – Your story!
- Welcome package for door to door – the new residential buildings.
- Enhance the fellowship – any events that help the church members get to know each other and be close to each other?
- Hands-on Mission in our local towns.
- Fellowship with the new church
- Package for the Homeless – water, a book about Jesus, Juice, etc. – when you see the homebound while you are driving or stop by a store.
- End the sin of Racism – a new class for a book study – Nice Racism.

Church Family, what ministry on the list are you interested in? For what ministry does God call you? Please take the time to review the possible ministries with prayers. Please lead or participate in the possible ministries. Please let me know if you are interested in any ministries. Let us work together! Also, we will hold another church forum meeting. Please join us and share your ideas and thoughts with us! We are the church!

Peace,  
Pastor Jin



## **The UMW continues to be very busy!**

Currently, we are collecting school supplies for Oasis- A Haven for Women & Children AND Passaic County CASA- a non-profit that advocates for children in the foster care system, until **August 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We are collecting all sorts of school supplies that a student would need to have a successful school year. There is a display and donation box in Fellowship Hall, as well as a list of suggested school supplies. If you haven't already donated, please consider doing so. Everyone is encouraged to participate, not just UMW members.

Donations can be dropped off on Sundays during Worship Service or during church office hours Tuesday thru Friday, 10:00am-1:00pm. For more information, please contact Janet Dewes (973) 896-8936 or [ladyteddy@aol.com](mailto:ladyteddy@aol.com). Thank you in advance for your donations and for participating in the annual collection.

Our next "Parking Lot Picnic" is scheduled for **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**, 11:20am. Join us for lunch, devotion, and fellowship- all women of the church are invited to attend. We are asking attendees to bring a donation for the school supplies collection. We hope you will join us!

### **Save the Date: Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

The UMW will once again be participating in the Little Falls Town Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> to raise funds to further support the UMW's mission work. We will be collecting items for the sale during August and September. More information will follow.

### **Also coming up in September:**

Circle meetings should resume! Stay tuned for more information!

Enjoy the rest of the summer- stay cool, stay well, stay safe,  
and don't forget to take care of yourself and each other.

**God Bless!**

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

## 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](mailto: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.

**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!*

### 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**

### 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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- 7—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 9—TRUSTEES COMMITTEE, 7 PM
- 10—TREASURED MEMORIES, 7 PM
- 14—UMW PARKING LOT PICNIC, 11:20
- 14—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 16—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7 PM
- 17—ICE CREAM SOCIAL, 7 PM
- 21—SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION ENDS
- 21—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 28—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM

- 4—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 5—UNITY CIRCLE, 1:15 PM
- 11—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 13—TRUSTEES COMMITTEE, 7 PM
- 14—TREASURED MEMORIES, 7 PM
- 17—LF TOWN WIDE YARD SALE
- 17—BETHANY HOPE, 10 AM
- 18—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 20—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7 PM
- 21—RUTH LEE, 4 PM
- 25—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM

**Save the Date—Church Conference**  
**October 15**



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](http://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  
(973) 800-4152 or allisons17@aol.com**



Dear Church Family,

Thanks for your kind and generous hearts to God's people! We want to help the people of Ukraine who are suffering from war. We are collecting medical and baby items. You can see the list of items that we are collecting below. The box for the collection is in Narthex. Please participate in this collection to help them together. As Janet announced on Sunday, the items will go to Ukraine through the Ukraine Church in Clifton.

Peace, Jin

Thanks again for your generosity!

### Donation items For Ukraine

Gauze 4"x4"  
 Safety pins  
 Tweezers  
 Benadryl  
 Neosporin  
 Latex gloves  
 Medical gloves  
 Saline eye drops  
 Vaseline  
 Burn cream  
 Pain relief - Ibuprofen/Advil, Acetaminophen/  
 Tylenol, Aspirin/Bayer  
 Hygiene products  
 Bandages  
 Baby and adult diapers and wipes  
 Baby Formula

Toothbrushes, no paste  
 Socks  
 Underwear  
 Vitamins  
 Sleeping bags  
 First aid kits  
 Bandage strips 1'x3'  
 Ace bandage 4"x5yds  
 Vaseline in small containers  
 Disposable dinnerware

**NO:**  
 Clothing  
 Shoes  
 Food or liquids  
 Shampoo



# Oasis & CASA SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

This year, we will be dividing the school supplies between two non-profit organizations:

Oasis- a Haven for Women and Children

&

Passaic County CASA

(supports children in the foster care system)

By purchasing school supplies, we can send children back to school ready to learn and grow in September!

Donations must be made by Sunday,  
August 21<sup>nd</sup>!

If you'd like to make a monetary donation,  
please see Janet D.



# ❧ UMW ❧

## Parking Lot Picnic & Social

Join us on **Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**, following Worship, approximately 11:30

Bring a lawn chair, your own lunch, and a donation for the school supplies collection for **OASIS/CASA**.

◆ *All women of the church are invited* ◆

We'll gather on the church's side lawn, weather permitting. If it is too hot or raining, we'll meet in Fellowship Hall.

Enjoy a **self-provided lunch**, a short devotion, fellowship and the opportunity to reconnect & share with one another!

**We hope you will join us!!**



# **SAVE THE DATE!**



**ICE CREAM SUNDAE SOCIAL  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17  
7:00PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**BUILD YOUR OWN ICE CREAM SUNDAE  
CHOOSE YOUR FLAVOR AND  
FAVORITE TOPPING  
COME AND ENJOY!**



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**LOADED BAKED POTATO DINNER FUNDRAISER  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22  
5:30PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
TO JOIN US AT THESE EVENTS!**



## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **ANNUAL CHURCH FAIR!**

***Saturday, November 19, 10am - 3pm***

Houseplants	Fabulous jewelry
Ornaments	Always great vendors
Luncheon	Invite your friends
Ideas for everyone	Reach out to help
Decorations	
All are welcome	
Yummy desserts	

**Have an idea for a table?**

**Have items to donate for a table?**

**Would you like to help out at a table?**

**Spread the word to family & friends**

**who might be interested in being one of our vendors!**

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**Please contact Dee Dee Carpinelli at 973-768-8577**

