



# Little Falls United Methodist Church

A Welcoming Community of Faith, Hope, & Outreach

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## THE PASTOR'S PEN

**I [Lord] am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19)**

Peace be with you, Little Falls Church Family! You and your family are in my prayers, and I pray for God's hands to lead and help you in your daily lives.

We faced a fresh new year a month ago. Last Sunday, we changed one of the orders of worship at Sunday Service. We moved the time for the announcements to the beginning of the worship to keep our worship spirit and focus on worship more. Today, the company started roof replacement for the whole church facility, the Sanctuary, the education building, and the office building. We will not have a water leak from ceilings anymore. Next week, we will launch a bible study, "Coffee & Bible." We will read the book of Ruth in the Old Testament in the Bible and have a conversation, having coffee. We have had and will have many chances for our fresh starts.

Do you like a fresh start? My kids don't like to do something new that they never try. My wife suggested my first child join the cheerleading team last summer, but my child didn't like to join at first. However, just right after her first practice cheerleading, she fell in love with cheerleading. My other kids are the same. They felt fear at first for the first try at something. Or they didn't know the joy that the new thing and the new start will bring to them. Likewise, we sometimes don't like a new thing or a fresh start unless we are not satisfied with the current one or situation.

I hope we follow God's lead and guide all the time. Although we don't know what will come to us from the new thing, or we feel fear or expect to have an inconvenience, I pray that we open our hearts to God and trust God and follow God's lead for the new things.

God said, "I am about to do a new thing" to the people of Israel when they were in hopelessness. God said, "I will make a way for you" to the Israelites when they didn't see any way for them. God had led them not only when they were in a situation but also when they were well. The same God is with us and leads us not only when we were in a situation but also when we are well. What we should do is trust God and follow God all the time.

God has led us with fresh starts in our lives and our church. God will lead us forever giving us fresh starts. We will see God's work and ways when we open our hearts and trust God and follow God. Let us open our hearts to God! Let us trust God! And let us follow God!

I believe that God is saying to us, "I am about to do a new thing" and "I will make a way for you." Through the signs of fresh new starts, I can see God's lead and guide. Please join the fresh start! Let us walk together for our fresh start!

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

**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!



- 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-Gian 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.



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

## FINANCIALS & FUNDRAISERS

### BUY SCRIP GIFT CARDS

**January Actual – \$7,330**

**January Profit – \$366.50**

**2023 Total – \$7,330**

**2023 Total Profit – \$366.50**

**Projection - \$85,250**

**Projection Profit - \$4,262.50**



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. See Page 8 for upcoming events!

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Be well and see you soon!  
Allison

As we begin the New Year, we would like to thank all of you for your generosity throughout 2022.

With your giving and a \$7000 grant from the conference we were able to meet all of our commitments

for the year. Going forward, we will need your support throughout the year for the increases in utility and upkeep costs.

Wishing all of you the best in 2023!

**The Finance Committee**

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

**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. **Effective February 20, 2023 this program will no longer be available.**

*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)

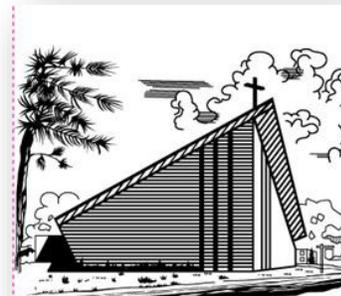
Dear Church Family,

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

We had a Church forum meeting on January 28, 2023. We started our meeting with devotion, reading a scripture and a story in the Upper Room, and praying. We found that we have accomplished many ministries through the church forum. The ideas and thoughts that we shared and gathered were carried out such as Hymn Sing Sunday, The change of the order for announcements at Sunday Worship, Anti-racism study, Advertisement through publication, the Homeless ministry, Ice cream Social. We will also start a new Bible Study and fellowship with other churches. All things were possible because God has inspired us and we trust God and follow God. Also, it was because the church leadership and the congregation supported them.

We will get together for Church Forum again at 10:30 am on **Saturday, April 22, 2023.** Please join us and share your ideas and thoughts. Let us make plans to make the ideas come true. We will see God's new work in us and in the world through us. 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





Bethany Hope Circle is collecting new pajamas for children. They will be donated to Oasis - A Haven to Women and Children in Paterson. This will continue until the end of February. A table has been set up in the Narthex.

Unity Circle continues to collect gloves, hats, scarves, and mittens. These items will be donated to CUMAC. This will continue through February. Please see Betty Caceres if you have any questions. Unity continues to collect Socks for Soles. They will be distributed to the homeless. Please contact Shirley Juhlin for more information.

We will be donating 50 Easter Baskets to Oasis. The collection will start at the beginning of March. More information and sign-up sheets will be following. We are always collecting postmarked stamps, the fronts of greeting cards (no Hallmark), soda can pop tops, and Labels for Education. We help the people who need it the most through our collections and ministries.

**Meetings: Bethany Hope / Unity Circle**

Please contact your Circle Leader for the next date and time.

Be well and have a blessed day!

## 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 - **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**

### 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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- 2—KIDS FOR CHRIST-CRAFT DAY, 5:30 PM
- 5— SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 5—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 6—UNITY CIRCLE, 1:15 PM
- 8—RUTH LEE MEETING, 4:00 PM
- 8— TREASURED MEMORIES, 7 PM
- 9— COFFEE & THE BIBLE, 1 PM
- 12— SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 12—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 12—SUPER BOWL CHILI & SUB SALE, 11:00 AM
- 12— CHILDREN’S PAJAMAS COLLECTION
- 14—TRUSTEES MEETING, 7 PM
- 16— COFFEE & THE BIBLE, 1 PM
- 16—KIDS FOR CHRIST-MISSION PROJECT, 5:30 PM
- 18—BETHANY HOPE CIRCLE, 10 AM
- 19—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 19—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 21—SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER, 5:30 PM
- 21—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7 PM
- 22—ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, 7 PM
- 23— COFFEE & THE BIBLE, 1 PM
- 26—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 26—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 26—LENTEN BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

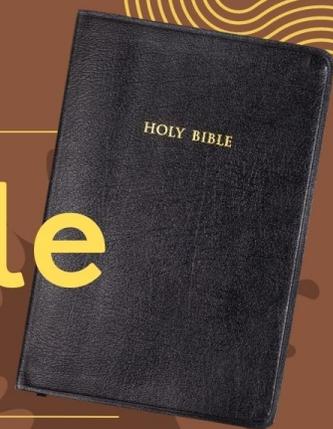
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- 21—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7 PM
- 25—AN AFTERNOON OF PRAISE, 3 PM
- 26—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 26—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM



Let's Study God's Words with Coffee

# Coffee & Bible

## The Book of Ruth



EVERY THURSDAY (FEB. 9 - MAR. 2)

1PM - 2PM, LEE LOUNGE

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### UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS!

**FEBRUARY 12 – SUPERBOWL SUB AND CHILI SALE**

**FEBRUARY 21 – SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER**

**MARCH 25 – AN AFTERNOON OF PRAISE**

**MAY 20 – CHURCH WIDE YARD SALE**

**On Sunday February 12, we will have our annual Superbowl Sub and Chili Sale. See attached order form. You can also order on line or call the church office at 973-256-0993 for help.**

**On Tuesday February 21, we will have the traditional pancake dinner before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Pancakes and sausages will be served. Dinner will be from 5:30 to 7:00 in Fellowship Hall. All are invited!**

**On Saturday March 25, we will be presenting an Afternoon of Praise program in the Sanctuary at 3:00 pm. Listening to and watching praise songs was a vision that Tom Passante had brought to our church. Before he passed in 2020, Tom had selected songs for a new program to bring us together and to celebrate our faith. Please join us for this program as we remember our dear friend Tom!**

# Ash Wednesday Service

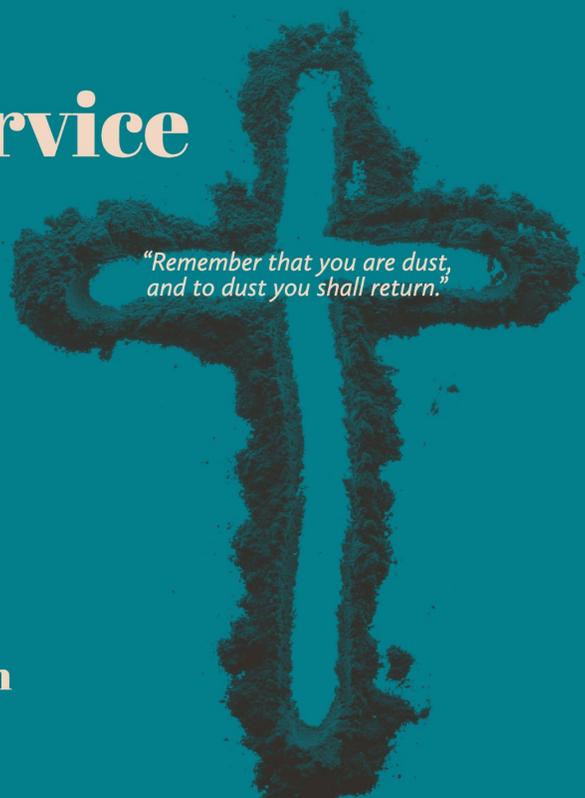
In-person and Online  
via Youtube

February 22, 2023, 7 PM

*During the Lenten season  
we give time to the one who made us  
and sacrificed himself for us.*

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*"Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."*

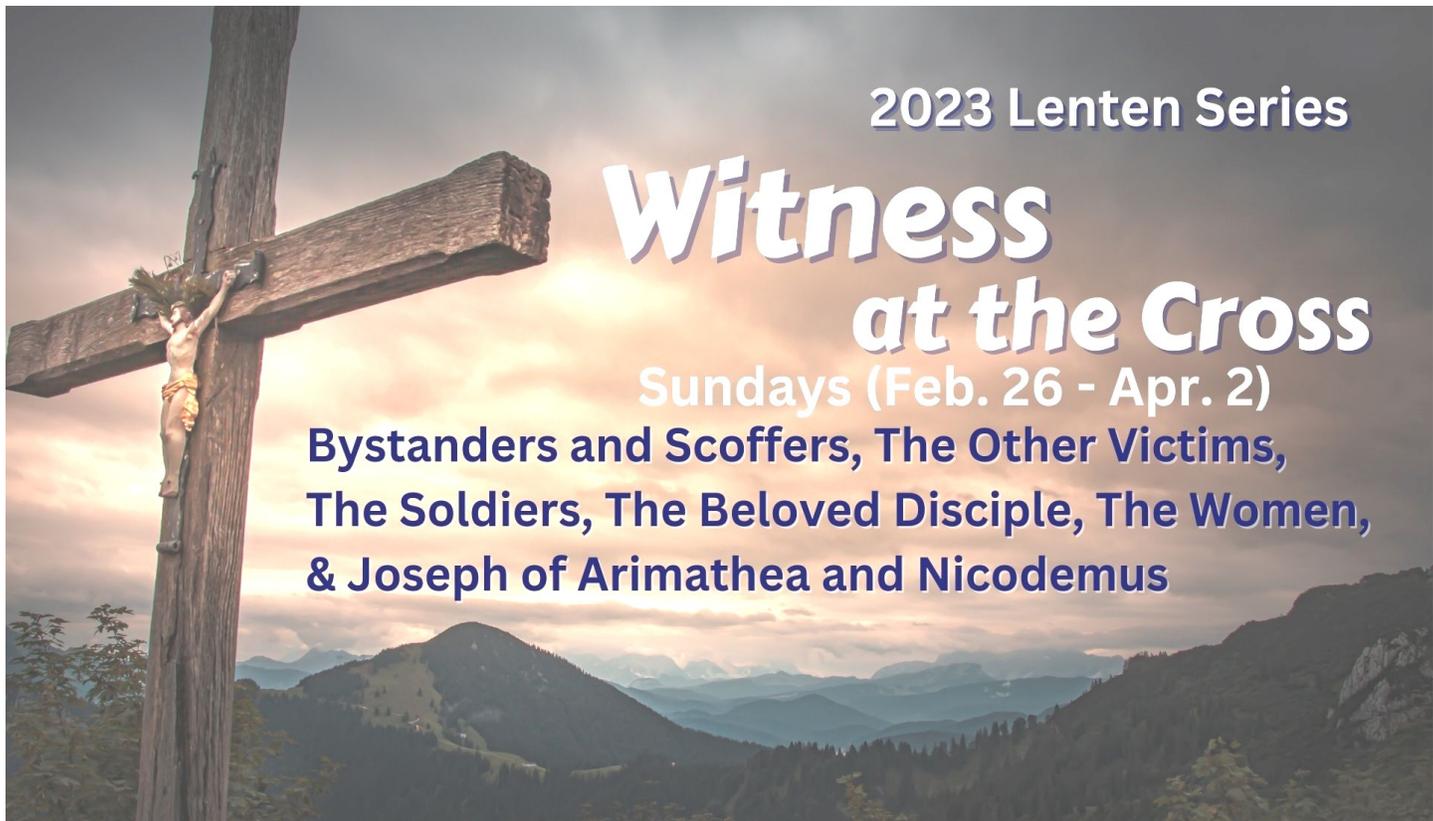
## 2023 Lenten Bible Study

2023 Lenten Series

# Witness at the Cross

Sundays (Feb. 26 - Apr. 2)

**Bystanders and Scoffers, The Other Victims,  
The Soldiers, The Beloved Disciple, The Women,  
& Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus**



View the Belfry online: [www.littlefallsumc.org/bi-monthly-belfry-newsletter](http://www.littlefallsumc.org/bi-monthly-belfry-newsletter)



Join us! Let's have fun together!  
It's a Free Program! "2022 - 2023"

## "KIDS FOR CHRIST"

A Fun Thursday Night for Children  
(Kindergarten to 6th Grade)

September 15, 2022 - June 1, 2023  
Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Visit [littlefallsumc.org/kfc](http://littlefallsumc.org/kfc) or email  
Pastor Jin ([jkim@littlefallsumc.org](mailto:jkim@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... a place to share our grief**

**Grief comes in and out of our lives. It's 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 in Lee Lounge. We are not counselors. We join together, share stories and show support for each other.**

**We meet the 2nd Wednesday  
of each month at 7:00pm.  
We will meet February 8,  
March 8 and April 12.**

**If you have any questions about our group, please call Allison at 973-800-4152 (leave message) or Email [allisons17@aol.com](mailto:allisons17@aol.com). Many Blessings, Allison**

## HOMELESS CARE PACKAGE



On September 25, I shared the idea of the homeless care package Outreach.

The first part, as members of LFUMC we carry a care package in our cars to give to the homeless we see on byways, storefronts with 'I'm homeless' signs.

The second part, the Kids for Christ Ministry is teaching our children charitable active work for our Lord.

The third part, the care package the children design and fill will be given to the souls for socks outreach, which goes into New York on Thursday nights to help the homeless in person.

November is the first month these care packages will be given. Our commitment is for 20 care packages the months of November, February, and May. When needed, we will place a designated basket for donations in the Narthex on a table.

**Example items:** Water, juice boxes, fruit cups, pudding cups, Jell-O cups, tuna/pull tab, canned individual serve pre-cooked meats.

Written notes of encouragement, inspirational books, or devotionals you're not using.

If you have any questions or would like to be more involved in this Outreach, please contact Terrie 973-638-1738 or email [ter6668f@gmail.com](mailto:ter6668f@gmail.com)

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

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 has been 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.

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](mailto:jkim@littlefallsumc.org); Pete W, [detroit50@aol.com](mailto:detroit50@aol.com); Terrie, [ter6668f@gmail.com](mailto: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.