



Little Falls United Methodist Church

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

"Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." (Matthew 1:23)

Little Falls Church Family,

I hope you and your family are doing well. I also hope you and your family are in a joyful spirit in the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

As you know, my family and I visited Korea for the last few weeks for a family wedding. It was my wife's sister's wedding. The wedding ceremony was beautiful, and the newly married couple was blessed by all their families and friends. My family and I sang a special song for the couple to bless their wedding. We were very happy to bless them in person. My wife and I talked to each other that we were very glad to go to Korea and join the wedding in person and bless them with our hearts. It was God's blessing that we were with them for their wedding in person.

When my family got to the airport in Korea, my parents and brother came to the airport to welcome us. When we saw each other, my parents ran to us, and my kids ran to them. We gave hugs to one another. My parents held my kids in their arms with happy faces and asked them what they wanted to eat for dinner. All of us were happy to have this reunion more than any other time because it has been three years since we couldn't see each other in person.

On the day of coming back to New Jersey, my kids cried. They said that they wanted to stay with their grandparents. Although my wife and I said to them that it is time to go home and we would see them again, we also were sorry to leave. Even one of my kids cried at mealtime in the flight, saying, "I want to eat a meal with grandma." And the kids cried, saying, "I really wanted

to stay at grandma and grandpa's home more."

Church family, I believe it is God's blessing that we can be with our family and friends. It is God's blessing that your family and friends are near you so that you can see them in person whenever you want. It is still God's blessing that you can go to see your family although the distance between your home and your family's home is a little bit far. It is because you can plan it and see them a couple of times if you want. Give thanks to God for God's blessing that you can see them in person as much as you want. Seeing our dear ones in person frequently is one of God's blessings for us.

God gives us a great blessing. It is God's presence with us and among us. God is with us. God never leaves us. We can be with God in person all the time. It is the best blessing for us. The very God who created us, loves us, and cares for us, is with us wherever we are and wherever we go. Through the baby Jesus, God showed us God's presence with us. God incarnated in a flesh. The baby Jesus is the incarnated God who showed us God is with us all the time. Christmas is the day we celebrate that God is with us through the baby Jesus, his birth.

Let us give thanks to God for God's blessings, especially for God's presence with us and among us. Let us celebrate Jesus' birth, Christmas, together. Merry Christmas everyone!

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

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 *Rosemarie Ziskin* *Elison Chigumbura*

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-Shirley Juhlin
7-Angelina Perez
8-Pam Weeks
14-Carol Mecca
16-Ella Strippoli
16-Merla Corpuz
20-Marilyn Meder
20-Laura Sansom
21-Michael J. Tullo
22-Andrew Miller



December: Holly

Said to represent domestic happiness, holly also represents defense and protection (its poisonous berries protect the rest of the plant). Along this vein, legend says that holly protects from thunder, lightning, witchcraft.

Your personality: You're someone who practices hygge, and can often be found rearranging things in your friend's house to make it more cozy. You can also become a bit defensive when someone critiques the way you do something.



January: Carnation

Carnations symbolize love, fascination and distinction (which explains why they're commonly worn or gifted on Mother's Day!). A colorful standout during the cold month of January, carnations can express different things depending on their shade.

Your personality: You're genuine and down-to-earth. You're loyal and have a love for your friends and family that just cannot be matched.



2-Kacie Broadfield
2-Karen Wilson
2-Stephanie Pruestel
8-Jennifer Shields-Rotonda
16-Dale Marsh
22-Lorean Tullo
26-Kelsey Coull
26-Lexi & Joey Rotonda
30-Bridget Ziskin
30-Marilyn Moore

FINANCIALS & FUNDRAISERS

BUY SCRIP GIFT CARDS

October Actual – \$8,590

October Profit – \$429.50

2022 Total – \$62,350

2022 Total Profit – \$3,117.50

Projection - \$76,100

Projection Profit - \$3,805



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 next Ruth Lee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 7 at 4 pm.

We are grateful for all of you that have stepped up with your contributions at this time. As we all know, this has been a challenging year for many churches. In these unprecedented times, we have faced many challenges ourselves. Unfortunately, we have not been able to fulfill our Shared Ministries contribution to the Conference. Thru the year end we will owe the Conference \$15,100. At this joyous time of year, we would appreciate any additional contributions that you would be able to make to our Church.

May you and yours have a wonderful Christmas and the best for the New Year!

The Finance Committee

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!

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, 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 Church Forum meeting in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, January 28** at 10:30am. Please join us and share your ideas and thoughts with us! We are the church!

Peace,
Pastor Jin



The Christmas season is officially here! It has been a busy couple of months for the members of the UMW!

In November we held our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, which supports our church's food pantry clients. **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in this year's Thanksgiving food drive! We had an extremely successful collection. This year, we filled bags of Thanksgiving staples for 12 families. Each family received cans of green beans, corn, yams, gravy, cranberry sauce, boxed stuffing, mashed potatoes, a dessert, apple juice, hot chocolate and a turkey breast! Thank you Linda Timms for all your hard work organizing the collection, shopping, overseeing the packing of the bags and ensuring that every family received what was needed.

Members of the UMW once again participated in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child in November. This year, participants sent a total of thirteen shoeboxes to children throughout the world to help spread the Word of God. Thank you to those who participated.

Thank you to everyone who donated baby, toddler, and children's socks for Bethany Hope's "Socktober" Sock Drive and all who supported Unity Circle's Leaf Sale which went towards providing hot Thanksgiving meals to those in need.

On Going: Bethany Hope is currently holding a **Christmas toy drive/gift card collection** on behalf of Oasis. Everyone is welcome to participate in the Christmas drive. We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for the children and gift cards for the teenagers. **The deadline is Sunday, December 11th.** Donations can be placed on the marked table in the Narthex (please give gift cards directly to Melissa). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melissa: (201) 452-7759 or MelissaDowning82@gmail.com. In January, we will be collecting new **children's pajamas** to donate towards Oasis's Pajama Drive. A table will be set up in the Narthex.

Unity Circle is collecting gloves, hats, scarves, and mittens in children and adult sizes to be donated to CUMAC now through February. Unity continues to collect new or gently used socks for **Socks for Soles**. Socks that are collected are distributed to the homeless. As the temperature continues to drop, and winter is now upon us, we are helping people who need it the most through our collections and ministries. For more information on donating winter wear to CUMAC, please contact Betty Caceres. For more information on donating socks to Socks for Homeless Soles, please contact Shirley Juhlin.

2022 UMW Dues: If you have not paid your 2022 dues, and would like to make a general donation to the UMW, any contributions would be appreciated. Dues and/or donations can be mailed to Carol Miller, UMW Treasurer: 105 Houston Road, Little Falls, NJ 07424.

Upcoming: On **December 11th**, we will be collecting and packaging **Cookies for Shut-ins**. Please bring 1-2 dozen of your favorite cookies to the Fellowship Hall kitchen on the 11th. The cookies will then be delivered to shut-ins & senior citizen members of our church, and the local volunteer fire and rescue squads. The more cookies we receive, the more Christmas cheer and love we can spread! For more information, see Marilyn Downing.

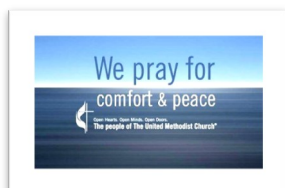
Circle Christmas Parties/Circle Meetings:

Bethany Hope: Christmas Luncheon—**Sunday, December 11th**, at 12:00pm, location TBD, \$10 grab bag. January 2023 meeting will be **Saturday, January 14th**, 10:00am, Lee Lounge

Unity: Christmas Party- **Tuesday, December 13th**, 1:15pm at Amore Ristorante in Woodland Park, \$10 grab bag. January 2023 meeting will be **Monday, January 9th**, 1:15pm, Lee Lounge

Wishing everyone a Christmas season filled with peace, comfort and joy and a Happy New Year!

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

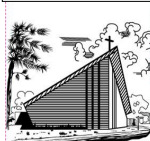
All Non-Perishable Items, but especially canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, regular cheerios, pasta & sauce, instant potatoes, regular rice, tuna, chicken, fruit, applesauce, juice bottles and granola bars.

***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.

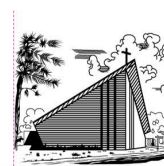
Please support them whenever possible!



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4—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 10 AM
 4—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
 11— THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 10 AM
 11—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
 11—SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE, 11:15 AM
 11—UMW CHRISTMAS COOKIES / SHUT-INS
 11—BETHANY HOPE TOY DRIVE
 11—BETHANY HOPE LUNCHEON, 12 PM
 13—UNITY CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY, 1:15 PM
 13—TRUSTEES COMMITTEE, 7 PM
 14— TREASURED MEMORIES, 7 PM
 18— FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, 10 AM
 18—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
 20—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7 PM
 24—CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT
 SERVICE, 7 PM
 25—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 25—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM

1—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 1—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
 8—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 8—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
 9—UNITY CIRCLE, 1:15 PM
 10—TRUSTEES COMMITTEE, 7 PM
 11— TREASURED MEMORIES, 7 PM
 14—BETHANY HOPE CIRCLE, 10 AM
 15—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 15—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
 17—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7 PM
 22—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 22—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
 28—CHURCH FORUM, 10:30 AM
 29—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
 29—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM

Join us! We hope to see you!

**SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10 AM
IN-PERSON AND ONLINE (YOUTUBE)**

Advent

Peace, Hope, Joy, & Love

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Come and Join us!

Advent & Christmas

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10AM

Nov. 27 - Do You Like Christmas?

Dec. 4 - What Makes Your Christmas?

Dec. 11 - When Light Shines

Dec. 18 - When Joy Is Our Song

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE (DEC. 24, 7 PM)

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU!

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**The Heart that
Grew Three
Sizes**



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 or email
Pastor Jin (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

"WHEN WE LOSE SOMEONE WE LOVE,
WE MUST LEARN NOT TO LIVE WITHOUT THEM,
BUT TO LIVE WITH THE LOVE THEY LEFT
BEHIND"

**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
allisons17@aol.com
(973) 809-4152**





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

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

