

# **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

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. (1 Corinthians 15:20)

Little Falls Church Family and Friends,

I pray for God's peace and grace to be with you. And I hope your Lenten journey goes well, meditating on the cross and finding the meanings of Jesus' sacrificial love for all of us. Soon, we will enter the Easter season. I pray for God's blessings to be with you in the Easter Season.

As a pastor, I have the privilege to officiate funerals not only for church members but also for the people in our local community. It is always sad that we lose our loved ones. The sorrow of losing a loved one is painful for us. Whenever I officiate a memorial service, I pray that God's peace and comfort be with the family and friends. Also, I talk to them about life in the kingdom, giving them the description of the Kingdom of God from the Bible, the Book of Revelation. Many people think that our life is done when we die. However, as Christians, we believe that our death is not the end of our whole life, but just the end of life on earth because we will have eternal life in Heaven.

This faith comes from Jesus and his resurrection. As we read in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Jesus was raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. Jesus' resurrection is the first fruits of those who have died. As we see Jesus' resurrection, we believe that we will be resurrected someday. Easter Sunday is one of the biggest Sundays for us. We celebrate Easter Sunday for our Lord Jesus Christ rose again after he died on the cross for us. However, that is not all. We can see the resurrection will be ours as Jesus showed and promised. Resurrection is God's blessing and gift for all of us who believe in God, who accepted Jesus Christ as their savior, who died with Jesus, but raised with Jesus through the profession of faith.

Let us prepare ourselves for Easter. Please join the Worship Services: Maundy Thursday Service, Good Friday Service, Easter Sunrise Service, and Easter Sunday Worship Service. When we go together on the Lenten journey, we will feel more the meaning of Easter and resurrection. Also, I encourage you to prepare Easter offerings for Easter Sunday. Let us express our gratitude for God's love and grace with our whole being, our time, energy, mind, soul, and finance as Jesus gave us his whole being.

Church family and friends,

Resurrection is yours because God promised to give it to us. Let us celebrate Easter Sunday with our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. Let us worship God and let us praise Jesus Christ who rose again. We have the hope of resurrection. The hope strengthens us and encourages us to live out our lives as the witness of Jesus' resurrection. May God's blessings of Easter be with you and your family, friends, and neighbors. Amen!

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



# Rest in Peace Marilyn Moore

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!



2-Al Taylor

4-Fred Hofgesang

5-Robin Mace

5-Lisa Potts

5-Ayin Kim

7-Eric Corpuz

9-Bill Weeks

11-Melissa Downing

11-Jim Mace

12-Glen Flannagan

13-Richard Gonzales

16-Ted Klum

19-Bob Heinrich

19-Lynn Mace

20-Marissa Mecca

21-Mikayla Carrera

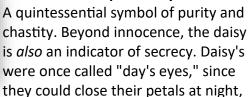
22-Janelle Billig

23-Lorraine DeCaprio

25-Ruth McNeilis

27-Merieka Corpuz

# **April: Daisy**



only revealing their bright yellow center, their little secret, when the sun came out to shine again.

**Your personality:** You are a happy-go-lucky kind of person. Like the flower of your birth month, you tend to brighten everyone's day by just being you.

# May

1-Emily Van Biert
2-Daniel Start
5-Tom Passafaro
5-Mark Springstead
6-Matthew Billig
7-Leah Ketterer
8-Marion Start
15-Nancy Heinrich
18-Kim Juhlin
19-Pete Dewes



# May: Lily of the Valley

When Lily of the Valley blooms, it's said to be the return of happiness — which makes sense, if you believe that April showers bring May flowers. The tiny bell-shaped petals signify humility and

sweetness, but don't be fooled: the flower can be very poisonous.

**Your personality:** You're actually anything but toxic. You are pretty practical and tend to handle difficult situations well. Oh, and your friends just think you're the sweetest.

# FINANCIALS & FUNDRAISERS

# **BUY SCRIP GIFT CARDS**

February Actual – \$6,190 February Profit – \$309.50 2023 Total – \$13,520 2023 Total Profit – \$676.00 Projection - \$79,900

**Projection Profit - \$3,995** 



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. Church Yard Sale coming soon!

Be well and see you soon! Allison

Once again, 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. We continue to 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, April 12 at 4 pm.

<u>Online Donation - Online donation is available now. Please visit the church website and click 'Donation.'</u> 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

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.

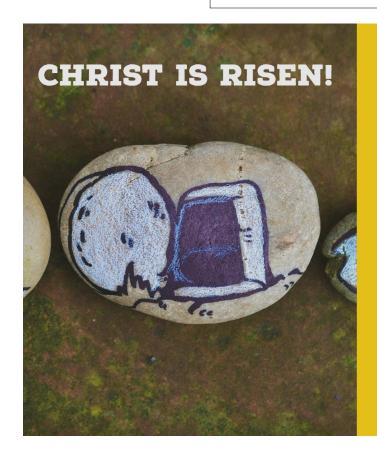
We had a Church forum meeting on January 28, 2023. We started our meeting with devotion, reading a scripture and a story in the Upper Room, and praying. We found that we have accomplished many ministries through the church forum. The ideas and thoughts that we shared and gathered were carried out such 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



# 2023 Easter Season

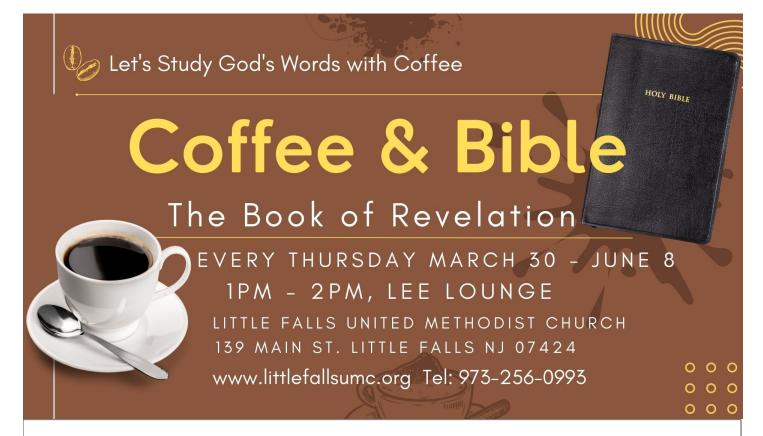


Let's Celebrate the Easter Season Together!

**Sunday Worship** 10:00 AM

LITTLE FALLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH **IN-PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP** 





# Blanket the World with Love

Once again, we will have the opportunity to do something tangible for someone in the world who needs a warm blanket. A donation of \$10 will provide a blanket which can keep them warm, can be a suitcase when they have to leave their home unexpectedly (think hurricane, flood, earthquake). It can be a pillow or bed, it can even provide a little privacy in a crowded shelter.

On April 30, May 7 and May14, your donation of \$10, or any amount, will provide a Church World Service blanket where it is needed and where it can be the miracle someone was praying for. It can remind that person that someone cares for them in their time of need. Please be as generous as you can be. On Mother's Day, May 14th, we will have a "Noisy Offering" to add to the total number of blankets. Save your coins!

Look for our youth members at the Church World Service table in the Narthex. They will be happy to accept your financial donation and give you the opportunity to honor or remember someone. \$10 will provide one blanket; \$50 will provide for a family of five. Just as the miracle of loaves and fish, your gift multiplies as it is joined by others. In 2022, our Little Falls Methodist Church provided for 45 of the 59,910 blankets which Church World Service gave to people who needed them. Let's see how much our love has grown.

Hebrews 13:16, in the Bible, says: "And don't forget to do good and share with those in need."



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!

FOR DETAILS, CONTACT DEE DEE (973-768-8577) LITTLE FALLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The past few months Unity organized the annual collection of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for CUMAC. Thank you to all who donated to this important mission project! Many hands, heads and hearts were kept warm with your donations.

In March we collected candy and snacks for Easter baskets to donate to Oasis and the response we received from the members of the UMW, and the Congregation was overwhelming. The table in the Narthex was overflowing with donations! The baskets were assembled during the UMW General Meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup>. We assembled 52 Easter baskets for Oasis as well as providing baskets and treats for the four children whose families utilize the church's food pantry.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards this mission project, in doing so, much joy will be brought to the children who receive the Easter baskets!

# **UPCOMING:**

Ladies Tea and Auction: April brings us our annual Ladies Tea and Auction. This year's Tea and Auction will be held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 12noon, cost of a ticket is \$20. Tickets are advance sale only; tickets will not be available at the door. The luncheon will include: quiche, broccoli salad, spring mix salad, assorted breads, homemade dessert and of course- TEA. The proceeds raised during this event help the UMW support their mission work. We are looking for volunteers to help in making this year's luncheon a huge success. We need volunteers for set-up, clean-up, and kitchen help. As always, we are asking for prize donations for our auction from our congregation members.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to help, please see Melissa Downing; for tickets, please see Marilyn Downing; for prize baskets, please see Melissa.

There will be a brief meeting on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am to go over the Tea and Auction.

During the weeks of Lent, the UMW is selling "chicks", proceeds will be donated to the **International Heifer Project**. Thank you Emily Van Biert, Unity Circle and the volunteers that are helping with this worthy project, as well as everyone who donated. This year Heifer is matching donations, so our gift will be doubled!

Our Mission Project during April and May is the annual Blanket Sale for **Church World Services**. Each blanket costs only \$10, but these blankets can be a vital resource for someone needing a little support, warmth and encouragement. Donations will be collected on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please see Cathy Gritman or go to https://cwsglobal.org.

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter- Christ has Risen! Enjoy the spring weather, stay well, be safe, and don't forget to take care of yourself. God Bless.

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**God Bless** 

# **UPCOMING CIRCLE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

# **BETHANY HOPE**

April 8<sup>th</sup> & May 13<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am, Lee Lounge

# UNITY

April 10<sup>th</sup> & May 8<sup>th</sup> - 1:15pm, Lee Lounge

# **VICTORIAN TEA & AUCTION**

April 16<sup>th</sup>- 11:30am, Lee Lounge, brief meeting to go over tea & auction

April 28<sup>th</sup>- 10:00am, Fellowship Hall, Tea and Auction setup

April 29<sup>th</sup>- 12:00pm, Fellowship Hall, Advance Sale Only Tickets- \$20

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



Saturday, April 29, 12:00pm

Enjoy a luncheon of quiche, broccoli salad, spring mix salad, assorted breads, homemade desserts, and of course - TEA!

An entertaining live auction of gift baskets and prizes will be held during the event!

Tickets: \$20 All proceeds raised help the UMW support mission projects!

For tickets, contact Lorraine 973-641-2695 lordecaprio@yahoo.com

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# 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.

We meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm.



If you have any
questions about our
group, please contact
Allison 973-800-4152
(leave message) or email
allisons17@aol.com.
Many Blessings, Allison

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# **HOMELESS CARE PACKAGE**



The Kids for Christ Youth Group completed two classes decorating and filling care packages for the homeless. Each class did twenty packages. One of these was given to the Socks for Souls outreach, the other to New Restoration Outreach Christian Center. In the fall Pastor Jin will schedule two activity classes for this outreach program. In May, the Homeless Care Package outreach is committed to giving twenty care packages to the Passaic County Hope One outreach. A part of Hope One is to reach the homeless on the streets. Paterson is one of the many towns in Passaic County Hope One touches. In May, I'll be asking the congregation for help to fill these pkgs.

Kids For Christ
We are Kids for Christ
No matter our color
No matter our culture
Our foundation is the same.
Christ in you, Christ in me
We're Kids for Christ
Learning to lead

Adults for Christ
We are the kids that have grown
We are the blending of culture and color.
Our foundation is the same.
Christ in you, Christ in me
Today we teach to lead by deed.

Sincerely,
Terrie Velella
Homeless Care Package Outreach

# 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, <a href="mailto:ikim@littlefallsumc.org">ikim@littlefallsumc.org</a>; Pete W, <a href="mailto:detroit50@aol.com">detroit50@aol.com</a>; Terrie, <a href="mailto:ter6668f@gmail.com">ter6668f@gmail.com</a>. 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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- 2—PALM SUNDAY SERVICE, 10 AM
- 2—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 3—EASTER BASKET ASSEMBLY, 11:30 AM
- 5—LENTEN BIBLE STUDY, 7 PM
- 6—COFFEE & THE BIBLE, 1 PM
- 6—MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, 7 PM
- 7—GOOD FRIDAY TENNEBRAE SERVICE, 7 PM
- 8—BETHANY HOPE CIRCLE, 10 AM
- 9—EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE, 6 AM
- 9—EASTER EGG HUNT, 9:30 AM
- 9—EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, 10 AM
- 9—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 10—UNITY CIRCLE, 1:15 PM
- 11—TRUSTEES MEETING, 7 PM
- 12—TREASURED MEMORIES, 7 PM
- 16—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 16—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 16—LADIES TEA & AUCTION MTG, 11:30 AM
- 18—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7 PM
- 20—COFFEE & THE BIBLE, 1 PM
- 23—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 23—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 23—LADIES TEA & AUCTION TICKET SALES, 12 PM
- 27—COFFEE & THE BIBLE, 1 PM
- 28—LADIES TEA & AUCTION SET-UP, 10 AM
- 29—LADIES TEA & AUCTION, 12 PM
- 30—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 30—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 30—CWS BLANKET SALE, 11:15 AM

- 4—COFFEE & THE BIBLE, 1 PM
- 7—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 7—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 7—CWS BLANKET SALE, 11:15 AM
- 8—UNITY CIRCLE, 1:15 PM
- 9—TRUSTEES MEETING, 7 PM
- 10—TREASURED MEMORIES, 7 PM
- 11—COFFEE & THE BIBLE, 1 PM
- 13—BETHANY HOPE CIRCLE, 10 AM
- 14—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 14—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 14—CWS BLANKET SALE, 11:15 AM
- 16—FINANCE COMMITTEE, 7 PM
- 18—COFFEE & THE BIBLE, 1 PM
- 20—CHURCH YARD SALE, 9:30 AM
- 21—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 21—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM
- 25—COFFEE & THE BIBLE, 1 PM
- 28—SUNDAY WORSHIP, 10 AM
- 28—SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:15 AM

# **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 Beth Billig
- Church Council Secretary Kathy Wilson
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- Co-Sunday School Superintendent Kathy Flannagan
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- ♦ UMW, Co-President Melissa Downing
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- 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.

# <u>Little Falls UMC Supports</u> <u>Local Food Pantry and CUMAC</u>

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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