

The MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2017

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

A teacher asked her students to list what they thought were the present Seven Wonders of the World. The students cast the most votes for:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not turned in her paper yet. She asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read her paper, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

1. to see
2. to hear
3. to touch
4. to taste
5. to feel
6. to laugh
7. to love"

That's a pretty good list. Friends, the Thanksgiving holiday is almost here. Have you thought about what you're thankful for?

These days, we live in a constant and steady mode of discontentment. That is, we believe that the things that are really wonderful and for which we will really be grateful - haven't arrived yet.

*A dad spends all night on the phone with work trying to close the deal that will bring him security while his 7 month old baby does the slalom through his legs. **He doesn't notice.***

A mom, whose looking for identity in her life, develops the "Can't say, 'No'" syndrome and busies herself to such a degree that everything is in a constant state of hyperactivity with very little (if any) time to pay attention to the sacred nuances of family, friendship, and

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Sunday Worship Services and Sunday School

9:00am
Contemporary
(Family Life Center)

10:30am
Traditional
(Sanctuary)

Sunday School
9:00am
Preschool
5th Grade & Adults

10:30am
6th-12th Grade

Youth Group
6:00-8:00pm
Thompson Hall

First United Methodist Church of Toms River
OUR MISSION...

BELONGING TO THE FAMILY

BELIEVING THE GOOD NEWS

BECOMING LIKE JESUS



[Seven Wonders of the World Cont...]

So, have you thought about what you're thankful for? The Apostle Paul said,

*"I **thank my God** every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the **first day until now**, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

Philippians 1:3-6

Paul knew what to be thankful for. God had provided people in his life who would guarantee that he'd never be alone. Even in prison, Paul knew of the love, care, support, and encouragement he was receiving from these people on a daily basis. **They were right in front of him, in plain view, and he didn't take them for granted!**

What are you thankful for? Chances are that the things, for which, you should be most thankful **are the things you have taken for granted the most**. They're the people and things which are right under your nose.

Wouldn't it be a great Thanksgiving holiday if God's people were overwhelmed with gratitude for the things God had already made possible and present in their lives, instead of wishing for that one more idea, thing, or relationship?

Yeah, it would be great. I love you & am **VERY THANKFUL** for you.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Pastor Ed



EARLY HISTORY OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TOMS RIVER

WORLD WAR II YEARS

The attack on Pearl Harbor changed all phases of life in the United States. The Methodist Church of Toms River was no different.

Thirty six young men from the church became part of the armed forces, and the church remembered their boys by sending them copies of the Upper Room and a booklet "The Abundant Life" by E. Stanley Jones. The board approved a service flag for the boys in the choir who were serving their country, but by a divided vote refused to send money for the maintenance of Methodist men in conscientious objectors' camps. Beginning in December, 1942 a special "Compassion Offering" was taken once a month. One third was used for local poor and two thirds for religious purposes in the armed forces.

During the early years of the war many shortages became evident. To conserve fuel the Methodists, Baptists, and Presbyterians combined and alternated their Sunday evening services. The Board moved their meetings to Wednesday evenings after the prayer meeting so the church was only heated one night. Later the Wednesday prayer meetings were discontinued and the pastor held Bible study in members' homes and the Board met in the parsonage.

In 1944 Boy scout Troop 101 was sponsored by our church and two years later a Sea Scout Troop began. (It's not clear how long these troops lasted because in 1954 the church took over Troop 26).

In 1944 the Methodist Church nationally reorganized all women's organizations into the Women's Society of Christian

Service (W.S.C.S.). Members of the different groups were not happy but in the end, joined and supported the W.S.C.S.

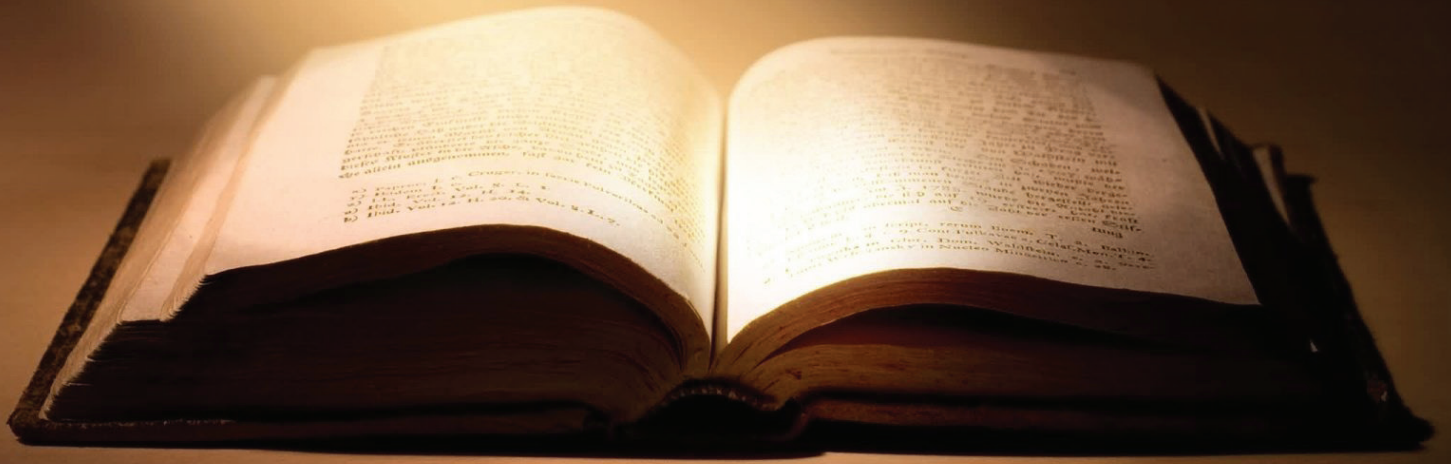
The organ could not be repaired during the war and finally the pipe organ was sold and replaced with a more reliable used electric organ.

In this period of national stress a Watch Night Service for New Years Eve became a regular part of the Church program. Someone who attended the church for the first time in 1945 recalls a small congregation of mostly elderly women who were warm and friendly.

In January 1945 the Methodist Church in the United States conducted a stewardship program, hoping to raise 25 million dollars. The Toms River quota was \$1,318, but they raised \$1440.

That same year a membership drive began and soon the church school was cramped for space and a Planning Committee was appointed. The Property Committee painted and insulated the parsonage. Although the screens were badly in need of repair, the materials were scarce and this work had to be postponed until the end of the war.

In 1946 the war was over and materials could now be secured. The structural weakness of the church became a concern and rods were installed in the sanctuary and plates added to reinforce the roof. Extensive improvements were made in the church and the parsonage. The 80 foot steeple was lighted and became a spiritual beacon seen for miles.



STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

FAVORITE CHRISTIAN QUOTES ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

1. Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.
—Augustine
2. You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.
—John Bunyan
3. When we surrender every area of our lives- including our finances- to God, then we are free to trust Him to meet our needs. But if we would rather hold tightly to those things that we possess, then we find ourselves in bondage to those very things
—Larry Burkett
4. Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others
—Barbara Bush
5. I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God's failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of His work. He has never failed in His promise, so I cannot fail in my service to Him.
—William Carey
6. You can give without loving. But you cannot love without giving.
—Amy Carmichael
7. We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.
—Winston Churchill
8. No one has ever become poor by giving.
—Anne Frank
9. God has given us two hands—One to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for giving.
—Billy Graham

Stewardship Message Cont...

10. Since my money is God's money, every spending decision I make is a spiritual decision.
—John Hagee

11. Jesus Christ said more about money than any other single thing because, when it comes to a man's real nature, money is of first importance. Money is an exact index to a man's true character. All through Scripture there is an intimate correlation between the development of a man's character and how he handles money.
—Richard C. Halvorsen

12. No church ever has a money problem, only a faithfulness problem.
—Brian Kluth

13. The only investment I ever made which has paid consistently increasing dividends is the money I have given to the Lord.
—James L. Kraft

14. Prosperity knits a man to the World. He feels that is "finding his place in irt," while really it is finding its place in him.
—C.S. Lewis

15. All Christians are but God's stewards. Everything we have is on loan from the Lord, entrusted to us for a while to use in serving Him.
—John MacArthur

16. Where I was born and where and how I have lived is unimportant. It is what I have done with where I have been that should be of interest.
—D.L. Moody

17. The world asks, "What does a man own?" Christ asks, "How does he use it?" —Andrew Murray

18. I never would have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary, which was \$1.50 per week.
—John D. Rockefeller, Sr.

19. At the end of your life on earth you will be evaluated and rewarded according to how well you handled what God entrusted to you.
—Rick Warren

20. When I die, if I leave behind me ten pounds...you and all mankind (may) bear witness against me, that I have lived and died a thief and a robber.
—John Wesley

21. Many Christians and Christian leaders have been neutralized by the love of money and materialism. The homage paid to affluence becomes a burden that saps our energy as well as our love for God and other people. Through repentance and the cleansing of forgiveness, we can rid ourselves of this burden and begin to let God transform our value system. Like Jesus and Paul, we can learn to be content with what we have, living modestly in order that we may give liberally to the work of the kingdom and to meet the needs of others.
—John Wimber

22. The measure of life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation.
—Corrie Ten Boom

A lesson that can be learned from reading these quotes about stewardship is that the best way you can encourage others to be good stewards of the gifts that God has given them is by increasing your own level of stewardship. Please use your TIME, your TALENTS, and your TREASURE wisely. Make sure you use them for the Lord.



OUTREACH REPORT

1. The UMW Fall Rummage Sale was a huge success this year. All areas of the sale were covered by our congregation. From donations, organization, implementation, and cleanup this was a well run event. Laurels go to Sue Malinowski and Candy Vesce for their leadership.

2. The Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child project returned in a huge way at FUMC. Many boxes were picked up by our congregants to be filled with "goodies" for children throughout the world who would not receive gifts at Christmastime. Don't forget that the collection of these filled boxes will be on Sunday, November 5th and Sunday, November 12th. Dan and Barbara Clinch are to be thanked for their outstanding leadership in organizing this project.

3. The Paula Brown Soup Kitchen will be serving dinner for the needy on Tuesday, November 21st and Tuesday, November 28th from 3 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. in the Family Life Center. Please approach the Paula Brown Soup Kitchen tables when provided that collect donations of foodstuffs for our soup kitchen. It is amazing what our church does for the needy in Ocean County with the help of donations by the congregation. Betty Lou Pinto and Kris Olsen are in charge of these two great programs.

4. The Holly Berry Bazaar, sponsored by the UMW, will be held on Saturday, November 4th in the Family Life Center. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year. On sale are seasonal gifts and decorations, jewelry, clothing, books, compact discs, and

many other items. All the items that are sold at the Holly Berry Bazaar are donated by the FUMC congregation beginning the Sunday before the event. Put yourself in a holiday mood and come out to the Holly Berry Bazaar. You'll be glad that you did! Jane Laub is in charge of this top-notch event. All profits made are used to fund UMW missions and church expenses.

5. During the month of November our glove, mittens, scarf, and pajama collection is held and donations by the congregation are used to decorate Christmas trees located in the Narthex and Family Life Center. These gifts are given to Ocean County children in need in order to keep them warm during the winter months of the year. Kathy Newsome is in charge of this "GIVING TREE" event. Please donate items to this worthy and much needed project of our church.

6. On Thanksgiving Day, our church serves Thanksgiving dinners in the Family Life Center. This is an outstanding project of FUMC! People who would be alone or who, for one reason or another, are in need of a Thanksgiving dinner are provided a "Pilgrim's Feast" on Thanksgiving afternoon. Congregants are asked to donate items so that the feast will be complete with all the goodies of a Thanksgiving meal. Roger and Ruth Shapley are in charge of this loving, seasonal event.

7. Our "Harvest Home" Food Collection will be held on Pledge Card Sunday which is Sunday, November 19th. All congregants are urged to donate food on this Sunday in order to fill the pantries of the needy people in Ocean County so that

[Outreach Report Cont...]

they will have the food necessary to get them through the entire Thanksgiving holiday weekend. This has always been our largest food collection of the year and comes at a time when God's blessings are or can be appreciated. The collection of food items is taken during the service when people bring their donations up front and place them on the tables provided. Dave and Dianna Correll chair this project.

8. In early December the United Methodist Women sponsor their annual fruit collection event that provides fruit baskets for our homebound members who can't attend services at FUMC of TR. These baskets are adorned with fruit, Christmas magnets, candy, and a greeting card. When delivered by a member of the church, it makes the recipient's day a special one. The delivery of the basket to a homebound member by a congregant warms both the recipient's and deliverer's hearts. Dianna Correll is in charge of this project.

9. During the early part of December we help the Hope Center provide Christmas gifts for the needy children in Ocean County. These are children that would not have a gift under their tree, if they have one, on Christmas morning. For younger children we ask for donations of toys, games, arts and crafts, dolls, and action figures. For teenagers we ask for a donation of 15 dollar gift certificates to the movies, Applebees, fast food restaurants, and clothing stores such as Target and Wal-Mart. We have collected gifts for the Hope Center for the past 7 years and we know that it puts a smile on the face of a needy child. The Hope Center distributes the gifts to needy families on a Christmas Shopping Night Excursion. Dave Correll is in charge

of the project. Dave is FUMC's liaison to the Hope Center's Liaison Board. Any questions you might have concerning the Hope Center can be addressed to Dave.

10. Don't forget to support the United Methodist Men's Monthly Breakfasts held in the Family Life Center. Money made from the breakfasts is given to charities and used for church expenses. The next breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017 in the Family Life Center from 8 AM to 10 AM. The breakfasts provided are delicious and the service is just downright "INDIANIFIC!"

The Hope Center Report- Through August 2017, the Hope Center has served 7,317 men, women, and children. They have accomplished the following: 1) they have distributed 123,829 lbs. of food; 2) they have provided 462 nights of shelter; 3) they have aided 33 households in paying for their utilities; 4) they have provided 177 households with gas vouchers; 5) they have provided many families with Shop-Rite cards for foodstuffs; 6) they have provided from a designated fund one family with 25 nights of shelter; and 7) they have provided the needy with fresh produce from the Hope Center's garden. They also cooperate with the Monmouth/Ocean County Food Bank to provide fresh produce and food for the needy. Grandmother's Cupboard usually accompanies the food truck on the day it comes to the House of Hope. They are also working on these two projects: 1) Spiritual counselors for needy people who are in need of one; 2) vouchers for taxis to take their clients to approved destinations; and 3) vouchers so that the homeless can take showers in Seaside.

CREATE A LASTING LEGACY

Last month Jim Graef sent a letter encouraging our members and friends to plan for the future and highlighted several brochures our Permanent Endowment & Planned Giving Ministry committee have available to help you plan for that day when you have been called to Heaven. Just ask a committee member if you want to read more on this topic.

Halloween can be scary for a kid! I think this topic can be scary for us adults. However, it is important to understand the consequences. Six out of ten persons do not have an up-to-date, current WILL. The State of New Jersey have made plans for you assets if you have no WILL. Have you heard our State does not seem to be able to have enough money. So, do you think this might be a goal (to tax your estate more than you might choose) in their plan for your assets? Will they chose the same persons you would have chosen to receive your assets? You could have chosen them yourselves if you had a WILL. If you have minor children, will the State select the same guardians you would have? You get the idea. **HOPEFULLY, YOU UNDERSTAND WHY WE ARE WORKING SO HARD TO GET YOU TO HAVE AN UP-TO-DATE, CURRENT WILL!**

After you have taken care of your family and others you care about, and if you feel you can leave a gift to our Permanent Endowment Fund. Should this gift be \$5,000 or more, you will automatically become a member of HERITAGE SOCIETY.

Please feel free to contact a member of our committee with any questions you have or for one or more of our brochures. They are :MARY BODE, CHRIS CHRISTIANSEN, JIM GRAEF, FRANK STRUCKI, SIBYL WALCZAK, ROBERT WAHLERS, & JERE WILLIAMS



DO YOU GIVE THANKS TO GOD IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS?

Perhaps “**Thanksgiving**” would be your time to offer a gift!”

Advantages of giving to your church’s endowment fund. It can be unique to your situation since it is not an annual gift.

There are many ways to give our endowment fund.

1. It can be cash or another asset all at once or over a period of time.
2. It can be all or a portion of a life insurance policy.
3. It can be a specific amount or percentage of your will.
4. It can be a charitable gift annuity paying a fixed amount annually to you over your lifetime.
(The payout is based on your age at the time of your gift and is usually more than you could get from an investment.)
5. It can be stocks or bonds which allows you to avoid capital gains tax, and gain an income tax deduction.

PERMANENT GIFT

Your gift is used to produce income, but your gift is never spent. For this reason, it makes a wonderful tribute to the giver.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST TOMS RIVER HERITAGE SOCIETY

A minimum gift or promise of a gift of \$5,000 makes you a member of our heritage society. Recognitions include your name on the plaque hung on the wall in the church lobby and a handsome individual plaque for yourself.

Questions and help available from committee members; Mary Bode, Chris Christiansen, Jim Graef, Peter Rich, Frank Strucki, Sibyl Walczak, Robert Wahlers, and Jere Williams.

MOVING FORWARD

Thank you...

to everyone who helped make Homecoming Sunday a success!
Hopefully everyone enjoyed the food, the fun, and the fellowship.

If you missed it, here is the information you need to get Connected!
We hope that everyone will discover their gifts and use them for God.

Organization	Contact Person	Contact Information	<p>If you would like more information about church committees or our affiliate organizations, please contact the church office at 732-349-8155</p>  <p>Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!</p> <p><small>-ISAIAH 43:18-19</small></p>
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	Kris Olsen	609-971-1266	
First Place for Health	Patty Bailey	glassflowermama@gmail.com 732-998-8546	



MEMORIALS GIVEN

IN MEMORY OF FRED RICHARDETTE JR.

By Heike Graef and Sonia Butler

IN MEMORY OF BURT DAVIS

By Don & Nancy Kaulback, Doug & Ann Earle, Fulton Sisters, Maguire's, Doug & Ann Earle, Yoder Family, O'Brien's and Verle Cristman

EDUCATIONAL FUND

In Honor of Manny Hirschblond's 90th bday
by Kaulbacks, Kantras and Graefs

IN MEMORY OF HEATH BUTLER

By Richard Currier & Trevor Knapp

DONATIONS GIVEN

DONATION TO PAULA BROWN SOUP KITCHEN

In memory of John Donovan by his daughter Susan Williams,
In memory of Barbara Clinch's sister given
by the Ruth Circle

BAPTISM

OLIVIA GRACE LEWIS, daughter of Byron Scott Lewis
& Janine Clarke

DEATHS

JOHN D APPLEBY JOINED FUMCTR 10.25.1958 AND
DIED 8.31.17

RUTH HOULAHAN JOINED FUMCTR 5.22.66 AND DIED
9-21-17

NURSERY SCHOOL

October was full of spooky fun at Chestnut Hill. We loved this fabulous warm weather. We have enjoyed the playground and exploring the outside looking for signs of Fall.

As the weather turns cooler we will be getting ready for Halloween and our annual trip to the pumpkin farm for our 4 year olds. We can not wait to see all of the cute little costumes that fill the hallways!

Chestnut Hill parents have already been so generous this year. We filled 5 hurricane buckets for those affected by recent hurricanes Harvey, Jose and Maria. Each bucket was filled with cleaning supplies and valued at approximately \$65.00. It was so nice to be able to help, even just a little. We will continue to try to help by collecting food for HOPE CENTER. Our food drive will go through the end of November. Each donation will hopefully help a local family that is in need.

We still have some spaces open in our 3 year old and 2 1/2 year old program. Stop by our office or call us at 732-286-9388 for more information. Happy Halloween!

JAN/FEB MESSENGER

January and February's Messenger's will run together. Please make sure you have everything submitted to Carrie no later than December 15th to ensure it will make it into the Messenger.

NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1 Bazaar Set Up FLC	2 Bazaar Set Up FLC	3 Bazaar Set Up FLC	4 9-4pm Holly Berry Bazaar FLC
5 Non-perishable Food Collection FLC & NARTHEX	6 7pm UMW Executive Board Meeting RM 4 CHNS CLOSED for Election day & NJEA	7 Voting TH	8 3-5pm Nine Patchers TH 7:00pm Esther Circle	9	10 10am Breakfast Setup FLC	11 8-10am UMM Pancake Breakfast (Pastor's discretion fund) FLC
12 Soup Kitchen sign up FLC Hygiene Items Collection FLC & NARTHEX	13	14 12:30pm Eve Circle TH 7-8pm UMM Bible Study TH	15 Messenger Deadline	16	17	18
19 Baptism/ Sanctuary	20 7pm Finance Committee Mtg WR	21 3:00-4:30pm Soup Kitchen FLC 7pm Finance Committee Mtg WR	22 9-1pm CHNS Thanksgiving Feast FLC 3-5pm Nine Patchers TH	23 Church Office Closed	24 Church Office Closed	25 Michael Pape Wedding, The Mill in Spring Lake
26	27 12:30pm Sarah Circle TH	28 3:00-4:30pm Soup Kitchen FLC 7pm Church Council TH	29	30		

MONDAYS

9am Crafters
6-8pm First Place for Health - FLC
7pm Boy Scouts - FLC

TUESDAYS

7:00 pm Praise Team - FLC
10:00 - Knitters - TH

WEDNESDAYS

4:30 Youth Choir (Grades 7-12) - CR
5:30 YGENESIS Choir - CR

THURSDAYS

6:30 Fellowship Bells - CR
7:30 Sanctuary Choir - CR
7-8 Acts Bible Study - MR

CR = Choir Room, FLC = Family Life Center, MC = Media Center, R4 = Room 4, TH = Thompson Hall, WR = Wilden Room



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