

## WHO HOLDS TOMORROW?

**“If you want to make God laugh, tell him what you’re doing tomorrow.”**

*-Father Mychal Judge Chaplain of the Fire Department of New York  
who lost his Life at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001*

We’re about to observe another anniversary of the September 11 attack on the United States. In these years since the tragedy, we’ve all learned a lot about life.

Although we’ll never be finished learning, it seems like all of America has completed Master and Doctoral degrees in **reality**.

Here’s what I’ve learned since the tragedy...

- just how special our brief lives really are – that we are not guaranteed another second on earth, let alone a long and pension funded retirement
  - just how precious my two children are to me – that their 20’s is a season, which will not last as long as I wish it would.
  - just how incredible being a part of the First Church family really is – that with a world gone mad, we actually have safe people with whom we can gather, celebrate, love, grieve, mourn, and heal.
- just how exciting it is that God , through Jesus Christ, REALLY LOVES ME!..... that right now I know my life purpose! There are no doubts. I’m a child of God. Yes, He loves even me!

Father Mike and the letter of James remind us that we are not in control of this world.

Listen to God’s Word:

*“Now listen, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money.’ Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, ‘If it’s the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that...’”*

*-James 4:13-15*

These words remind us that there is more to this world than “this world.” These words encourage us to know, that when all is said and done, regardless of the transfers, promotions, business, and layoffs, we are people created to be in relationship with Jesus and each other.

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### Sunday Worship Services and Sunday School

9:00am  
Family Life Center  
Worship

10:30am  
Sanctuary  
Worship

**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**

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Some things to consider about your life.....

- Has your child's 'hug and kiss bank' had a deposit from you lately? It's time to make a big deposit.
- When was the last time you looked your spouse in the eyes and said, "I love you with all my heart?"  
Don't waste another minute.
- How often have you wholeheartedly been a part of your church family? Receiving and giving: fellowship, love, care, and a safe place to grow in faith and relationships? Sunday's coming soon.
- When was the last time you thought about your relationship with God? He's listening.

Our life only lasts so long and then it ends (at an unknown time). Safety and Security aren't found in tech stocks, bonds, portfolios, houses, tax cuts, or a good economy. They're found in the One who transcends them all. Now is the day of salvation.

Don't let another second go by without being sure that you belong to God. We only have a guarantee for this present moment. He's waiting for you with wide open arms.

Do you have any questions about how to turn your life over to God? Contact me any time.... I'd love for us to talk it over!

I love you,

*Pastor Ed*

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# OUTREACH REPORT

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## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH REPORT

1. The United Methodist Women will be holding their Annual Fall Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday October 5th and 6th. Congregants can bring in their donations From Sunday, September 30th through Thursday, October 4th. Sue Malinowski, Adrienne Melnyk, and Candy Vesce are organizers of this event.

2. On September 15th, the UMW will be sponsoring a dinner to raise funds for the next Youth Mission Trip.

3. The next UMM breakfast will be held on Saturday, September 8th from 8 to 10 A.M. Come on out and enjoy an outstanding breakfast and the UMW will be holding a sale of mums at the same time as the breakfast.. You don't want to miss this golden opportunity to enjoy a great top-notch breakfast, buy some new fall flowers, and enjoy the company of Christian friends. The profits will be donated to Church Property Expenses.and the sale of flowers will be given to UMW Missions

4. There are several other events during the fall of the year. They are as follows: 1) Food collection for the Hope Center and Jackson Baptist Church on Sunday, September 9th. Congregants that attend the Contemporary Service should place their donations on the table in the Family Life Center and congregants that attend the Traditional Service should place their donations in the coatroom next to the Narthex. Personal hygiene items needed are soap, shampoo, baby diapers and baby wipes. 2) During the beginning of November the UMW will hold their annual Holly Berry Bazaar in the Family Life Center. Donations of books and holiday items can be made to an activity which earns a lot of money for the UMW. Jane Laub is the organizer of this event. 3) During the month of November, Kathy Newsome will hold the Annual Christmas Tree collection of children's hats, mittens, pajamas, etc that are donated to the Hope Center, 4) Harvest Home Sunday will be held on Thanksgiving Sunday with the objective of filling needy peoples' pantries with foodstuffs for the weekend of Thanksgiving, 5) During the month of December,

there will be a collection of fruit to make fruit baskets for our homebound members. Dianna Correll is the chairperson of this activity, and 6) a collection of toys and gift cards will be made to provide Christmas gifts for children that are needy to provide them with a "Christmas." The collection will be taken to the Hope Center for distribution.

## HOPE CENTER REPORT

1) Hope Center volunteers will be working at the Olde Time Antiques, Crafts, & Collectibles Faire on Saturday, September 1, 2018 from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. at the Hadley Street Parking Garage in Downtown Tomd River.

2) The Hope Center Chef's Night will be held on Monday, October 22, 2018 from 6 to 9 P.M. at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club.

3) Operation BBQ will be held on Saturday November 3, 2018 from 12 to 3 P.M. in the parking lot of the Presbyterian Church in Toms River. Volunteers are needed to man a project that prepares up to a thousand meals. Many can be taken home.

4) Statistics for the Hope Center's distribution of funds for the month of June, 2018: 1) 48 households were served at an expenditure of \$3,598.42; 2) Emergency shelter was provided for 42 nights at the cost of \$2830.00; 3) 5 families were helped with utilities at the cost of \$280.42; 4) Gas vouchers/transport was provided for 5 families at the cost of \$93.00; 5) 8 households were provided with Shop-Rite cards at a cost of \$175.00; 6) 3 families were given miscellaneous gift cards that totaled \$220.00; and 7) 24, 398 pounds of food was distributed.

5) The Hope Center sends their appreciation to FUMCTR for the monthly donations of food and personal hygiene items and also for other donations that help them expand their program.



# MUS & C MINISTRY

## FIRST CHURCH WELCOMES BRIAN KRAJCIK !!

First Church is blessed and excited to welcome Brian Krajcik as our new Director of Worship!

He has been involved in multiple styles of congregational worship for many years and has earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music from the University of Delaware as well as a Master's Degree from Westminster Choir College. He lives in Toms River and is a full-time music teacher in Brick.

As a result of his full-time teaching status, the Staff Parish Relations Committee made the following changes to his job description: The Director of Worship position will be three-quarter time. This change means that the Director will be doing all the duties of the former position, except for the Bell Choir and the Genesis Choir. Please pray as we look for people to take on those two important elements of our church life as a part of their ministry at First Church.

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## THANK YOU

To the Congregation of First United Methodist Church,

No words can describe the gratitude that I have for your generous and thoughtful gifts and words of appreciation. The past 15 years have been a pleasure bringing God's word through music. This is not Goodbye, I am just changing my seat during the worship service. Billy and I have many fond memories of our time working in the music ministry. We have made many friends and hoped our music touch touched lives of our congregation.

Thank you again for all of your love and support through the years, Linda & Billy Hendrickson

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## THANK YOU

I would like to THANK everyone for their prayers, cards and love for myself and my family. Prayers have been answered. We are all healing. Mom is a miracle! She is walking and may be coming home by the 24th.

Thank you, thank you, thank you ~Michele Kanzler

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## HOMEBOUND HELP!

Thanks to the faithful ministry of Rev. Pete Mitchell, First Church is well on the way to strengthening our Homebound and caring ministries. Thanks Pastor Pete!

But we need your help, there may be Homebound Church Members of whom we are unaware and would like your help locating them.

So, if you know of any Homebound Church Members who have not recently received a visit, please contact at the church office ([fumctr@verizon.net](mailto:fumctr@verizon.net) or phone: 732-349-8155) with the following information:

1. Name
2. Address
3. Facility (if there is one)
4. Phone Number
5. Contact information of the relative who has nearest contact.

Thanks for helping us strengthen our Caring Ministries at First Church!

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# FALL RUMMAGE SALE Oct 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

## **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**

### **Sunday, September 30, 2018**

donations will be accepted starting after the Contemporary Service at 10:30 AM and continue until 2:00 PM.

### **Monday, October 1, 2018**

Donations will be accepted from 8:30 AM – 9:00 PM.

Tables and racks will be set-up at 6:00 to 9:00 PM.

### **Tuesday through Thursday, October 1 - 4, 2018**

9AM to 6 PM Sorting and pricing will be done. Deadline for drop-offs is 2:00 PM on Thursday.

We will need to stay as long as it takes to finish up pricing and sorting.

### **Friday, October 5, 2018**

SALE DAY - 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

### **Saturday, October 6, 2018**

\$4 BAG SALE DAY – 10:00AM -1 :00PM

CLEANUP! Starts at 1:00PM.

We need ALL the help we can to clean up the church after the Rummage Sale ends.

## **WE NEED DONATIONS!**

Remember: One man's (or woman's) junk, is another person's TREASURE!

Please donate clothes, kitchen items, electrical items, Holiday items, houseware, Linens and bedding, glassware, picture frames, toys and games, books, movies, knicks-knacks, jewelry, etc. for our Fall Rummage Sale ON October 5 and 6, 2018. The last day to receive donations is Thursday, October 4.

The books and jewelry will be sold at the Holly Berry Bazaar.

This is your opportunity to clean house and get rid of unwanted items. We thank you for your donations ahead of sale.

We do not accept large pieces of furniture, worn or torn items, TV's, or damaged goods.

ALSO PLEASE NOTE:

NO BOOKS, CD'S, DVD'S, RECORDS, OR JEWELRY WILL BE SOLD AT THE RUMMAGE SALE.

We accept donations of these items at this time for the Holly Berry Bazaar.



## *Deaths*

HARRIET BEACH 9-24-18 – 6-16-2018

## *Baptisms*

TYLER ROBERT ABER DOB 3/21/06, BAPTISM, 7/15/18

PARENTS: HARRY & COLLEEN ABER

NICHOLAS RYAN ABER DOB 5/26/10, BAPTISM, 7/15/18

PARENTS: HARRY & COLLEEN ABER

# SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2  Communion Sunday  6:00 Youth Group, TH	3  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	4  11:00 Phoebe Circle, TH  6:30 Praise Team	5  CHNS Begins 7:30 Choir, CR	6  7:00 Matthew Bible Study, R4	7  10:00 Family Breakfast Set-up	8  8-10 Church family breakfast, FLC  8-10 UMW Mum sale
9  Food Collection Sunday  6:00 Youth Group, TH	10  9:00 Crafters, TH  7:00 UMW Exec. Bd. Mtg., R4  7:00 Scouts, FLC  7:00 Ruth Circle  CHNS CLOSED	11  10 Knitters, TH 12:00 Eve Circle, TH 6:30 Praise Team	12  3-5 Nine Patchers, TH 4:30 Youth Choir, CR 7:00 Esther Circle 7:30, Choir, CR	13  7:00 Matthew Bible Study, R4	14  Messenger Deadline	15  5-6:30  Youth Spaghetti Dinner, FLC
16  Confirmation Sunday (both services)  6:00 Youth Group, TH	17  9:00 Crafters, TH 7:00 Endowment Comm. mtg, WR 7:00 Scouts, FLC	18  3-4:30 Soup Kitchen, FLC 6:30 Praise Team, FLC 6:30 Trustees, WR	19  CHNS CLOSED 6:00 Finance Comm. Mtg., WR 7:30 Choir, CR	20  7:00 Matthew Bible Study, R4	21	22  9-3 UMW Tea Party, FLC
23  6 YG  30  NO YG IGNITE Rummage	24  9:00 Crafters, TH  7:00 Scouts, FLC	25  10:00 Knitters, TH 3-4:30 Soup Kitchen, FLC 6:30 Praise Team, FLC 7:00 Church Council, TH	26  3-5 Nine Patchers, TH 7:30 Choir, CR	27  7:00 Matthew Bible Study, R4	28  <b>IGNITE</b>	29  <b>IGNITE</b>

**MONDAYS**

9am Crafters  
7pm Boy Scouts - FLC

**TUESDAYS**

6:30 pm Praise Team - FLC  
10:00 - Knitters - TH

**WEDNESDAYS**

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

**THURSDAYS**

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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all things  
THROUGH  
CHRIST  
WHO  
strengthens  
ME

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