

The MESSENGER

OCTOBER 2018

HOW MUCH?

Kristen Clark is a busy mother of two in Falls Church, Virginia. Read ahead to find out how well her son learned about the character of God...

"My four-year-old son Ashton loves the movie Toy Story 2, particularly the space ranger hero, Buzz Lightyear. He watches the movie at least once per day. Recently in Sunday school we were learning that God's love has no limits. At the end of class the teacher, reviewing the lesson, asked, "So, how much does God love us?"

Quoting Buzz's big line in the film, Ashton replied,

"To infinity and beyond!"

Sounds like little Ashton has pretty much got the love part down pat, doesn't he?

Do you know that whoever we are, wherever we come from, or whatever we've been through, we all want to be loved? That's one thing that all human beings have in common. From the little old lady crossing the street with the Boy Scout to the biker wearing a black leather jacket and riding a Harley.... We all just want to be loved. The problem is we live in a world where love is conditional...we have to earn it and might lose it at any time with just one mistake.

God is incredibly different. You don't have to bend over backwards to get God's love as if you were fishing for a compliment or begging to be accepted. Listen to how God loves you...

"How great is the **LOVE** the Father has lavished upon us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are." 1st John 3:1

"But because of His great **LOVE** for us, God who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ when we were dead..." Ephesians 2:4

"For God so **LOVED** the world that He gave His one and only Son" John 3:16

"But God demonstrates His own **LOVE** for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

God knows our greatest need and has made a way for us to experience it forever. It's my hope, in this harvest season; you'll experience the eternal embrace from Jesus Christ which not only outlasts our time on earth....but lives forever.

How much does the world love you? — Not Much.

How much does God love you? — To Infinity & Beyond!

That's a guarantee!

I love you,

Pastor Ed



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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



OUTREACH REPORT

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH REPORT

1. The big event for the month of October is the UMW Rummage Sale. Remember to start bringing in your donations on Sunday, September 30 from 10:30 A.M. to 2 P.M. On Monday, donations will be accepted from 8:30 A.M. to 9 P.M. On Tuesday, donations may be dropped off from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M. The deadline for donations to be dropped off is Thursday at 2 P.M. Friday is "Rummage Sale Day---2018" from 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. Saturday is \$4 Bag Sale Day from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. Cleanup begins at 1 P.M.

2. Our monthly food collection during the month of October will be held on Sunday, October 14th. Please donate food items and personal hygiene items such as bars of soap, shampoo, deodorant, baby diapers, and baby wipes. Congregants that attend the Contemporary Service should place their donations on the table located in the Family Life Center. Congregants that attend the Traditional Service should place their donations in the coatroom next to the Narthex.

3. Remember that the Paula Brown Soup Kitchen is open every third and fourth Tuesday of the month. During the month of August the third week kitchen served 46 people at no cost. The fourth week kitchen served 42 people at the cost of \$33.36. Leftovers were given to Harbor House. Our Soup Kitchens are very important in helping to feed needy families in Ocean County. Always remember to sign up to donate needed ingredients to make the meals for each soup kitchen. Members of the Paula Brown Soup Kitchen need your help!

4. Remember the beneficiary of our Fourth Quarter Mission Giving is the United Methodist Homes. Please give generously to a loving ministry of our church. The money makes sure that no resident is ever released from the homes due to lack of funds.

HOPE CENTER

1. They sold jewelry at the Olde Time Antiques, Craft, and Collectibles Faire at the Hadley Street Parking Garage in Downtown Toms River on September 1, 2018. They are sponsoring their 8th Annual Feast of Hope from 6 to 9 P.M. on Monday evening, October 22 at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club., and they will sponsor an "Operation BBQ" on Saturday, November 3, from 12 to 3 P.M. Volunteers are needed to man different stations of the BBQ. If interested, in volunteering, please see Dave Correll. They will be making up to a thousand meals on November 3. Meals can also be taken home.

2. Food Pantry needs at the Hope Center are as follows: 1) Canned Fruit, Jelly, Juice, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Soup, and prepared meals such as Dinty Moore Beef Stew. At the present time, blankets are a need.

3. The Hope Center's July, 2018 Statistics are as follows: 1) Households served 49 at \$3074.00; 2) Emergency Shelter- 42 nights at \$2,780.00, 4); Utilities- 3 families at \$125.00; 5) Gas Vouchers/Transport- \$169.00; 6) ShopRite cards- 5 households at \$155.00; 7) Miscellaneous Gift Cards- 3 households at \$250.00; 8) 446 families served 19,644 pounds of food.

4. The Hope Center is beginning a tutoring program at the Walnut Street Elementary School. If you want to volunteer to help tutor, please sign one of the sheets that adorn several tables in our church.

AUTUMN IS A BEAUTIFUL TIME TO GIVE A GIFT TO YOUR CHURCH!

To the Congregation of First United Methodist Church,
Last year Jim Graef, on behalf of your Endowment & Planned Giving Ministry, wrote our members and friends about "Create a Lasting Legacy." The first step is to gaining peace of mind by making sure one has an up to date Will protecting important people in one's life. This Will can also be used to invest in our Church as an instrument to permanently support Christ's ministry on Earth. The vehicle to receive this permanent gift is the First United Methodist of Toms River Permanent Endowment Fund. Persons who donate to this Fund \$5000 or more by Will, cash, beneficiary of Life Insurance in whole or in part, Charitable Gift Annuity, or other means, become members of

THE FIRST UNITED CHURCH TOMS RIVER HERITAGE SOCIETY

(Current members are listed on the plaque in lobby of the Sanctuary)

The Fall is a great time to arrange a gift to the permanent endowment fund since we just celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Permanent Endowment Fund's founding. Each year the Heritage Society Plaque will be updated and could include your name. And your gift could be made now or in the future such as including it in your Will or as a portion of a life insurance policy. Or it can be gift made with a current donation such as cash or stock. Some will find the Charitable Gift Annuity where the donor receives income for their lifetime will be the most beneficial method.

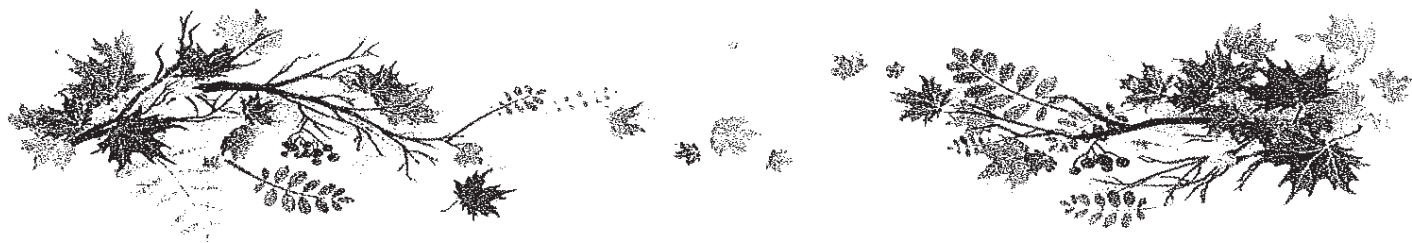
Our Church members and friends have donated (adjusted for inflation) nearly \$700,000 over these past 20 years.

These earnings of these donations have allowed almost \$200,000 to be used in God's work at our Church. Last year \$36,000 was used, while in 2018 \$39,600 will be distributed for the ministry of our Church. Former pastor and his wife, Harold & Caroline Schmul provided the inspiration for its beginning, but members and friends of First Church have made it successful by the prayers and financial support. Remember, only the earnings can be used thereby providing a forever gift in the donor's honor.

The Permanent Endowment & Planned Giving Ministry Committee are Jere Williams, Chair, Frank Strucki, Treasurer, Mary Bode, Chris Christiansen, Jim Graef, Fred Muller, Peter Rich, Sibyl Walczak, and Robert Wahlers. Bob Auer serves as volunteer Consultant. Ex-officio members are John Gatsch, Trustee Chair, Heike Graef, Finance Chair, and Dr. Ed Davis, Senior Pastor.

Please feel free to contact any of the above persons with any questions you might have or if you would like one or more of the numerous leaflets on nearly all aspects of estate planning. One you might want is "The State Has Made Your Will," which explains how New Jersey politicians have decided to divide up your estate when you take no action. Of course, they want you to provide maximum for New Jersey taxes to help them fund the deficit and will even decide who the guardian will be if you have young children. New Jersey may appoint an attorney (at your expense) to represent your children, an accountant (at your expense) to decide the value of your estate, and an attorney (at your expense) to represent your family before the probate judge.





The Hope Center's
8th Annual "Feast of Hope"

Chef's Night

Monday, October 22, 2018

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets \$40 (\$45 at door)

For details, call **The HOPE Center** at 732-341-4447.

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Eagle Ridge Golf Club
2 Augusta Boulevard
Lakewood, NJ

732-901-4900



House of Hope of Ocean County, Inc.
253 Chestnut Street
Toms River



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FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Oct 5th & 6th

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.



Confirmation Class

2018 Confirmation Class received on 9/16/18

James B. Brierley, Desirae E. Ferrarra, Courtney Lynn Fritz, Kaylah O'Malley,
George John Rose IV, Jayson Spears, Katie Ann Wallace

Thank you to all of the mentors who shared their time and support and were there for all of them.
Sonia Butler, Amanda Ellis, Bob Ferrara, Meg Muller and Randy Smith.

HOMEWORK CLUB

To the Congregation of First United Methodist Church,
WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS 3-4 PM

WALNUT STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING YOUNGSTERS, GRADES 2-3 AND 4-5, WORK THROUGH THEIR HOMEWORK?
IF SO, CONTACT PASTOR WES, WESELLIS@FUMCTR.COM

OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1 8:30am-9pm Rummage Sale Set up	2 11:00am Phoebe Circle, TH 9am-6pm Rummage Sale Set up	3 9am-6pm Rummage Sale Set up	4 7:00 Matthew Bible Study R4 9am-2pm Rummage Sale Setup	5 Rummage Sale 10-4	6 Rummage Sale 10-1
7 Communion Sunday 6:00 Youth Group, TH 8:15 College Gathering, TH	8 CHNS CLOSED 7:00UMW Exec. Mtg, R4 7:00 Ruth Circle	9	10 12:00 Eve Circle, TH 7:00 UMM, TH	11 7:00 Matthew Bible Study R4	12 10:00 Breakfast Set up, FLC	13 8-10 Church Family Breakfast
14 Food Collection	15 Messenger Deadline	16 7:00 New Members mtg., TH	17	18	19	20 6-10 Roman Ministries Concert, FLC
21	22 12:15 Sarah Circle, TH	23 7:00 Acts 232 Meeting, TH	24	25	26	27
28 Homecoming Sunday 10:30 Luncheon to follow	29	30 Bazaar Set up	31 Bazaar Set up			

Mondays

9:00 am Crafters, TH
7:00 pm Scouts, FLC

Tuesdays

10:00 am (2nd & 4th) Knitters, TH
3:00- 4:30 (3rd & 4th) Soup Kitchen, FLC
4:30-6:00 Teen, FLC
7-9 Praise Team. FLC

Wednesdays

3-5 (2nd & 4th) Nine Patchers, TH
7:30 Sanctuary Choir, CR

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all things
THROUGH
CHRIST
WHO
strengthens
ME

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