

YOU'RE LUCKY THAT'S ON THE LIST!

In *On This Day* by Carl D. Windsor, the page for February 14th includes an anecdote: "Even the most developed couple will experience a 'stormy' bout once in a while. A grandmother, celebrating her Golden wedding anniversary, once told the secret of her long and happy marriage. 'On my wedding day, I decided to make a list of ten of my husband's faults which, for the sake of our marriage, I would overlook.' She said.

A guest asked the woman what some of the faults she had chosen to overlook were. The grandmother replied, "To tell you the truth, my dear, I never did get around to listing them. But whenever my husband did something that made me hopping mad, I would say to myself, 'Lucky for him that's one of the ten!'"

That's a pretty wise woman, wouldn't you say?

You know, after the seminars, the sermons, and the psychology about it, the thing that demonstrates love the best is the act of forgiveness. Simple forgiveness. The kind of forgiveness which says, "Even though you hurt me I am going to give you grace." The forgiveness which declares, "There's nothing on earth to make me stop loving you so I'll give you a second chance."

And it feels good to be forgiven doesn't it? When the 'forgiver' gives grace to the 'forgivee' there is a special bond that forms and it grows stronger over time. Each day begins with a clean slate of forgiveness and makes the possibilities of the day more and more a reality.

God tells us in His Word that while we were yet far from God, Jesus died on the cross for us (Romans 5:8). That was so you and I could be forgiven. Forgiven of our sin...of our omissions and commissions. So we could walk out of the darkness into the light.

During this month, which has been labeled by the greeting card companies as the only time you can express love, think about what Jesus, the author and perfecter of love, has done for you and me so that we could be free from our sin.

That's a lot of love for which to be thankful.

Let's thank God for forgiving our *long* list and making us new.

I love you,
Pastor Ed

I CAN DO
all things
THROUGH
CHRIST
WHO
strengthens
ME

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. Results of Kathy Newsome's "Christmas Tree Project" are as follows: 1) Hats 164 collected; 2) Headbands- 18 collected; 3) Scarves- 46 collected; 4) Mittens/Gloves- 106 pairs collected; 5) Pajamas (kids) 45; 6) Adult Pajamas- 18; 7) Socks- 43 pairs collected.
2. Results of the Diaper Collection in cooperation with Maker's Place located in Trenton, New Jersey. Our church collected 3,786 diapers to be distributed in the Trenton area.
3. The Hope Center Christmas Gift Collection is as follows: 1) 140+ Christmas Gifts collected; and 2) 26 gift cards collected ranging from 15 dollars to 25 dollars.
4. The United Methodist Women's Fundraiser profits are as follows: 1) Spring Rummage Sale- \$4427.20; 2) Hanging Plants Sale- \$451.00; 3) Mum Sale- \$478.50; 4) Fall Rummage Sale- \$5839.96; and 5) Holy Berry Bazaar- \$11,830.12. They use these funds for Church Expenses and Charities.
- 5) Every month the United Methodist Men give 300 dollars to Church Expenses and local charities. These funds are profits and money collected at their breakfasts.
- 6) Also, the congregation donated money to its Fourth Quarter Mission Fund---The United Methodist Homes
- 7) The congregation during the same period of time donated foodstuff for the needy of Ocean County and provided the Paula Brown Soup Kitchen with the funds and food to prepare nutritious dinners for the needy. .

AS YOU CAN SEE.....THE CONGREGATION OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HAS A "GIVING HEART." We can thank the Lord for that!

HOPE CENTER

1. Grants earned by the Hope Center are as follows: 1) Ocean First Foundation- \$5,000 for the Emergency Shelter Fund; 2) Ocean County EF & SP Emergency Shelter Program- \$2,639; and 3) New Jersey Coalition to end Homelessness- \$3,000
2. CWS CROP WALK held on Sunday, October 14, 2018- \$11,554.
3. Boscov's "Friends Helping Friends," OCTOBER 16 - \$458 was raised.
4. 8th Annual Feast of Hope- \$22,000 was raised.
5. Client needs- Diapers and wipes, soap, shampoo cereal, jelly, macaroni and cheese, fruit and fruit juice.

The next date for a food collection to benefit the Hope Center and the Jackson Baptist Church is Sunday, February 10th and the next dates for the Paula Brown Soup Kitchen are Tuesday, February 19th and Tuesday, February, 26th.

GIVE TO MEET A NEED!

***DO YOU GIVE THANKS TO GOD IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS?
PERHAPS "THE NEW YEAR" WOULD BE A GREAT TIME TO OFFER A GIFT IN
APPRECIATION!"***

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. SOME ARE:

- 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. RECONITIONS 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, Fred Muller, Peter Rich, Frank Strucki, Sibyl Walczak, Robert Wahlers, and Jere Williams

YOUTH MISSION TRIP PHILADELPHIA, PA.

JULY 7-13, 2019



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SPAGHETTI DINNER

FEB 24, 2019

Come support the youth of FUMCTR!

The youth will be preparing and serving dinner to any and all who would like to come. We call it the Spaghetti dinner, but be advised that the menu may not include spaghetti. We will release menu information soon. The meal will be a suggested donation of \$15 per person (or \$60 for any family larger than 4 people). All proceeds will go in support of the Youth Ministry's mission trip to Philadelphia. Come any time between 5:00pm and 6:30pm!

Our mission trip this year will be an amazing opportunity for our young people to encounter God through meeting and serving the people of Philadelphia. We expect it to be a life changing opportunity that will change the way we look at others, especially those we think are "different," in our own community and beyond. By coming to this dinner and supporting our youth, you are joining with us in that ministry.





Deaths

JOHN GELDART, 3/1/27 ~ 12/26/18

Baptisms

Elizabeth Winiavski 1/20/19, Daughter of John Winiavski & Megan Destories

FEB 2019

SUN

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

01

02

Family Life
Center, Rental
12:30-5

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Family Life
Center Worship
9:00
Sanctuary
Worship. 10:30

UMW Exec. Bd
Meeting
4:00, R4

Phoebe Circle
11:00, TH
Trustee Meeting
5:00, R4

Bible Study
10:30 am, RR
Bible Study
7:00, R4

Breakfast Set-up
Center
10:00 am, FLC

Church Family
Breakfast
8-10, FLC

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Family Life
Center Worship
9:00
Sanctuary
Worship. 10:30

Sarah Circle
11:30, TH
Ruth Circle
7:00

Eve Circle
12:00, TH
UMM
7:00, TH

Esther Circle
7:00

Bible Study
10:30 am, RR
Bible Study
7:00, R4

Messenger
deadline

Family Life
Center, Rental
12-7

17

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FLC, 9:00
Baptism
10:30, Sanctuary

Church office
CLOSED

CHNS
CLOSED

Bible Study
10:30 am, RR

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Family Life
Center Worship
9:00
Sanctuary
Worship. 10:30

Bible Study
10:30 am, RR

Sunday

Mon

Tues

Wed

5- Teen Praise
6- Youth Group,
TH
8:15 College
Gatherina. TH

9:00 – Crafters,
TH

10- (2nd & 4th)
Knitters, TH
3-4:30(3rd & 4th)
Soup Kitchen
7-9 Praise Team

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

TH –Thompson
Hall
R4 – Room 4
RR- Reeves rm

FLC
Family Life
Center



Be still,
and know
that
I am God

Psalm 46:10
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