

## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT SEMINAR

Led by Pastor George  
Every Sunday through December 4<sup>th</sup>  
in Fellowship Hall-8:45am



**PRAYER** Does it make any difference?  
What is prayer? How does it work?  
And more importantly, does it work?

In six thought-provoking and inspiring video sessions, award winning author Philip Yancey helps you and your group explore and experience the very heartbeat-the most fundamental challenging, perplexing, and deeply rewarding aspect - of our relationship with God: prayer

Participants guide is \$8.00. Please let Pastor George know if you are planning to attend.

## COMING IN THE NEW YEAR . . .

Sunday Morning  
12 week - Adult Study Seminar  
Starting January 8<sup>th</sup> -8:45am  
Introduction to the **OLD TESTAMENT**

This seminar of the **Old Testament** is designed to better equip the participants to read the Old Testament on their own. We use an excellent resource book which has a lot of diagrams, charts and maps which you could easily catch up with on your own time.

*Mark your calendars*



Watch for more info to come but mark your calendar now for this very helpful seminar.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8 <sup>th</sup>	Kendra Thor	18 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Holston
12 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Jordan	18 <sup>th</sup>	Paul R. Clites
15 <sup>th</sup>	Ralph Bamonte	28 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Warwick

## NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

19 <sup>th</sup>	Doug and Donna Thorn
21 <sup>st</sup>	Ed and Cindy Smith
26 <sup>th</sup>	Harry and Doris Brion

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS


1 <sup>st</sup>	Sharon Leno	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Susan Trupio
		23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bonnie Ward
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sophia Catuogno	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Christine Zita
10 <sup>th</sup>	Tessa Catuogno	25 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus
13 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Pilecki	26 <sup>th</sup>	Lydia Cartagena
14 <sup>th</sup>	Megan Lee	31 <sup>st</sup>	Anthony Catuogno
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mandy Blount	31 <sup>st</sup>	Carolyn Lewis



## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

14 <sup>th</sup>	Anthony and Andrea Garcia
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## EARLY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jessica Thorn	15 <sup>th</sup>	Angie Nelson
5 <sup>th</sup>	Emily Barnes	16 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda Cartagena
12 <sup>th</sup>	Glen Dugan		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Kathy O'Neill	18 <sup>th</sup>	Olivia Garcia
14 <sup>th</sup>	Bernard Barnes	20 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Hall
14 <sup>th</sup>	Calvin Hanson	20 <sup>th</sup>	Ira Thor
14 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Barnes		



# STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

November 20<sup>th</sup>

At our Sunday Morning Worship on this day we will celebrate our Stewardship. We will have the opportunity to grow in our giving through presenting our estimate of giving card for 2017 at the close of worship.

Stewardship is a **spiritual matter** because we give to God out of **thankfulness** for the many **blessings** that God has so freely poured out upon us.

Let's take this opportunity to joyously celebrate our stewardship

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOE BOX MINISTRY

If you are preparing a SHOE BOX of gifts  
Please remember to have them in the church office  
by November 13<sup>th</sup>

If you haven't picked up your  
**"HOW TO PACK SHOEBOX GIFT" envelope**  
and are interested

See Marie Andreen



*The Mission Team will pay the shipping fee.*

## DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun., 11/27	First Sunday of Advent Praise Sunday	10 am
Sun., 12/04	Second Sunday of Advent Communion	10 am
Wed., 12/07	United Methodist Women Christmas Party	12 pm
Sun., 12/11	Third Sunday of Advent Service of Lessons and Carols	10 am
Wed., 12/17	Open House at the Parsonage	7-9pm
Sun., 12/18	Fourth Sunday of Advent	10 am
Sat., 12/24	Christmas Eve Services	

Family Christmas Eve Service - 7:00pm  
Traditional Christmas Eve Service - 11:00pm

SUN., 12/25	Christmas Day	10 am
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## CHANCEL CHOIR AND BELLS




Chancel Choir and Bells are back in progress! Please welcome Wanda Strong to our chancel choir! She has been a wonderful addition to our group! Also welcome Christina Hoff to our bell choir! She has also been a great new addition! We welcome new members to both our choirs at any time! We have a great time worshipping through song and bells! Please come see me and join!

Thank you! *In Gods grip, Renee*

## United Methodist WOMEN

Tues, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm

Program . . .

 *"Arts and Crafts Project  
for the Christmas Season"*

Guest speaker. . .

*Jane Fawcett, from  
Michael's Craft Store*

Please **RSVP** by **November 13<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to attend,  
There will be a \$5.00 fee paid to Jane Fawcett for supplies  
used and payable at the event.

Refreshments will be served

*All women are welcome!*

In the year 2017 there will be a few changes made for  
our UMW. There will be no meeting in  
January. From February on all our meetings  
will be held on a Tuesday evening at  
7:00PM. Each month we will have a guest  
speaker. Watch the bulletin to be aware of  
the topic. If you are interested in the topic of the  
month, please come and join us.



Enclosed in the "Miracle Messenger"  
you will find a **Thanksgiving Envelope**.  
Your offering will go to support the  
ongoing ministries of our church.



## YOUTH NEWS

Youth Group meeting  
**Sunday, November 27<sup>TH</sup>**

following worship. Lunch provided  
(Please bring money to help with cost of the meal).  
We will close at 1:15pm.

*All Youth are Welcome*

## JOSHUA HOUSE AND THANKSGIVING

Once again we will be collecting food  
for Thanksgiving for Joshua  
House. Anything you give will be  
greatly appreciated. Brown paper  
bags will be left in Fellowship Hall on  
November 6<sup>th</sup>. The filled bags can be  
returned on the following Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>  
nonperishable food only.



## ShopRite, Acme & Shop 'N' Bag Food Cards

THIS PROGRAM MAY START IN THE NEW YEAR.  
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP SEE TOM HOFF.

Special Thanks to the person who planted the  
colorful mums in the Meditation Garden.

Also thanks Ed and Karen for their generous  
donation of mums.

# Our fourth Mid-Winter Advance!

Spiritual Weekend for our Youth!



*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.* Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)

Mid-Winter Advance - January 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Led by College Teams at America's Keswick  
in Whiting, NJ.

**All youth who have already committed to go**  
please submit your registration form with a \$35 check  
payable to 1<sup>st</sup> FUMC by November 13<sup>th</sup>.

Our youth had a great time and were spiritually blessed  
last year. This promises to be another weekend  
our Youth won't soon forget!

Registration forms are available  
on the table in the rear of the sanctuary.

(The congregation is able to pay the balance  
of the fee this year).

For more detailed information:  
(click the 2017 MWA Brochure link for a PDF Brochure)  
<http://midwinteradvance.com/forms.asp>

United Methodist WOMEN  
Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - 12:00pm



*"UMW Christmas Party"*

At the Grenville Inn  
345 Main Ave, Bay Head



Please **RSVP** Mary Ann Scutro  
by **Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to attend, **732-255-5381**

*All women are welcome!*



**COMMUNITY HYMN SING**  
at America's Keswick  
Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

Program begins at 10:00am  
followed by a delicious lunch at 12 noon.

We will leave the church parking lot at 9:00am  
(Please sign-up on sheet on bulletin board outside the  
Pastor's office by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. And give your check payable  
to 1st UMC for \$12 to Pastor George)





## Joshua House

### Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving baskets will be **distributed**  
**Monday, November 21, 2016**

**Please bring your donations to church**  
**On Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

Our needs include the following . . .

Small Turkeys: 12- 15lbs.	Instant Potatoes
Stove Top Stuffing	Gravy (Canned or Packages)
Canned Vegetables (Any Kind)	Cranberry Sauce
Fresh or Frozen Pies	Muffin, Cake, or Brownie Mix
Canned Fruit	Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Tea or Juice

*Please remember Joshua House as you shop for your Thanksgiving dinner.  
Place the extra food in the Joshua House box.  
Only food that is not perishable, please.  
Any bit you give will be appreciated.*

We Thank You For Your Continued Support.

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**  
**AT CHURCH OF THE MASTER**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> AT 7:30PM**



Please Join us for our  
Family Christmas Eve Service  
at 7:00pm or our  
Traditional Christmas Eve Service  
at 11:00pm



### HILLBILLY ELEGY

Several folks asked about the title of the book Pastor George referenced in a message this fall: The title is "*HillBilly Elegy*" by J.D. Vance. Well worth the read.

Below is a dust jacket blurb.

"A beautifully and powerful written memoir about the author's journey from a troubled, addiction-torn Appalachian family to Yale Law School, *Hillbilly Elegy* is shocking, heartbreaking, gut-wrenching, and hysterically funny. It's also a profoundly important book, one that opens a window on a part of American usually hidden from view and offers genuine hope in the form of hard-hitting honesty. *Hillbilly Elegy* announces the arrival of a gifted and utterly original new writer and should be required reading for everyone who cares about what's really happening in America."

-Amy Chua, New York Times bestselling author of *The Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday School is in full swing! We had a wonderful afternoon of fun on Rally Day to kick off the year! We welcome all school age children attending service to join in the fun at Sunday School. Children start by attending worship, then are dismissed to their classes partway through service.

Snacks Needed! The kids love to have a snack during their lesson, and our pantry is almost empty. Donations are greatly appreciated. Apple juice, pretzels, and microwave popcorn are some of the kids' favorites. We are also in need of paper cups. Items may be left with any of the Sunday School teachers.

Sunday Servants. Our middle school and high school classes usually remain in the sanctuary the first Sunday each month, and participate in the service as the reader and as ushers. Any youth who would like to help out during either the November 6<sup>th</sup> or the December 11<sup>th</sup> services, please contact Jen Hoff or Christine Zita.

There will be no Sunday School during services on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.

*Merry Christmas*



## Boy Scouts of America Troop #13

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### Gettysburg Battlefield / October 7-8, 2016

We went to Gettysburg in October. If you've never gone it truly is an incredible battlefield. We are very fortunate to have Mr. Rich Silvani join us on this camping trip. He has all the historical background about Gettysburg which certainly helps us have a greater appreciation of the three day battle. Many thanks to Mr. Silvani

### Thomas Clayton, Eagle Scout Ceremony October 15, 2016

Tommy Clayton held his Eagle Scout Court of Honor celebration for reaching Scouting highest rank, the Rank of Eagle Scout. Fewer than four % of all Scouts in the United States reach Eagle Scout. Tommy's journey began in Pack 13 / Cub Scouts at the age of 6 and crossed over to Troop 13 / Boy Scouts. Congratulations to Tommy for becoming the 5<sup>th</sup> Scout this past year to reach Eagle.

### Court of Award / December 10, 2016

Troop 13 will be having their annual "Court of Awards Dinner" at the Methodist Church. All year long the Scouts work on completing their merit badges, rank advancements, & individual awards to be given out on this special night. What also makes this dinner special is the Scouts do all the cooking. Pulled Pork, Jambalaya, Corn Bread, Mac-n-cheese, Pizza, Bake Beans, Salad, & desserts. This all day effort from the Scouts allows them to show off their skills as cooks, organizers, & most important team work.

### Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser / Sunday, November 20, 2016

The Scouts that are planning to bake all day Sunday to help raise money for their camping trips in 2017. As you already know Troop 13 goes on a camping trip once a month and the money raised will go directly into each of the Scouts Accounts. The pies they will be baking this year are: Apple, Pumpkin, Cherry, & Sugar Free Apple. Cost for each will be \$12.00. Please order by November 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### Christmas Wreath Sales / Nov. 25-27 & Dec. 3 & 4, 2016

All of the Scouts; **Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts** will be selling Christmas Wreaths, Candy Canes & Crossed with custom bows and decorations down Main Street, Farmingdale. This is a great fundraiser we do every year so please help support Scouting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin Cotta, Scoutmaster, Troop 13, Farmingdale, NJ