



**Prayer is a gift you can always give to others. Please pray for our friends on the long term prayer list:**

## Upcoming **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The First Korean United Methodist Church, located at 1049 Davis Grove Road in Ambler, will be hosting a Korean Traditional Art Exhibition from August 30 – September 12. The church will be open Tuesday – Sunday, from 5:00-7:00 PM during these dates. The featured artist for the exhibit is Jae-Lea Kim. All proceeds will go toward the church's upcoming October mission trip to aid the poor in City Soleil, Haiti. For more information call the church at 215-542-5686, 215-280-5768. Check out their website at: [www.pfkumc.org](http://www.pfkumc.org)

### **September 12:**

**Conquering Grounds Music Fest** will be held on the grounds of Christian Life Center, 3100 Galloway Rd., Bensalem, PA. The festival is a benefit to help those struggling with addictions.

12 pm - 6 pm / Outside -- rain or shine

Christian bands such as: Among the Thirsty; Dana Isles and Facedown; Narda Shirley and the Nation; The Travis Lee Band and more! Speaker, Steve Arterburn. Food, vendors and children's play area. Come for awhile or stay all day! [www.musicfest2015.org](http://www.musicfest2015.org)

### **September 16:**

The Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter, located at 7 Library Way in Levittown, will be hosting an open house in order for the community to have the chance to see the new renovations and learn more about the mission. If you'd like to attend, please reply by September 9<sup>th</sup> to:

[events@fsabc.org](mailto:events@fsabc.org), or call 215-757-6916, ext 218.

### **October 8:**

Methodist Home for Children's "Heritage Farm" will host the Heritage Farm Fare from 6:00-8:00 PM at the beautiful Belmont Mansion. Guests will be able to enjoy delicious food provided by chefs from some of Philadelphia's finest restaurants, as well as live music performed by local artists. Proceeds benefit Methodist Home for Children, a great cause. For more information, contact Marleen Livingstone at 215-877-1925 (ext 104), or [mlivingstone@methodistservices.org](mailto:mlivingstone@methodistservices.org). Website information may be found at [Heritagefarmphiladelphia.org/events](http://Heritagefarmphiladelphia.org/events)



### Welcome Back!

\*Sunday September 13, Unity Service to honor our teaching staff and dedicate Bibles for those students graduating to the next class.

\*Sunday September 20, Sunday School Begins at 10:15AM

\*Elementary and Preschool Classes should meet in the choir room(30/31) immediately following the celebration service for Music Ministry.

**Help Wanted: Flexible Schedule & Godly Rewards** We are always looking for people to help complete our Sunday School teaching team. Please prayerfully consider volunteering one or more Sundays per month. **Our Children Need You!**

### Christian Education Meeting:

Wednesday September 2, 7:00 PM in the Library



Our first Joint venture was a huge success. Partnering with Morrisville Presbyterian Church proved to be an awesome experience. Not only did we serve 53 children from our neighborhoods, but we made lasting friendships. Throughout the week 58 youth and adult volunteers helped. God's Love was certainly in action that week!

A sincere Thank You to everyone that ensured the Success of VBS at "G-Force". Without everyone's ideas, labor, prayers, and dedication our program could not be a success.

--Blessings,  
Kim



**Operation  
Christmas Child**

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

This year we made OCC the mission project for VBS. We got a great head start on collecting items to be used at our Shoebox packing party. Operation Christmas Child is a unique project of the Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse. Go to [www.samaritanspurse/occ.org](http://www.samaritanspurse/occ.org) to learn more.

### ***Here are some suggestions for ways you can help:***

1. Purchase small gifts and items to place in shoeboxes (see suggestions Below)
2. Save shoeboxes unwrapped or wrapped. (Please wrap the lid separately.)
3. Donate money to be used toward shipping and handling costs.
4. **Suggested Items:**

**Toys:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as stuffed animals, small dolls toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**Non-liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

**Accessories:** T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

**Crafts:** Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets.

### **Age and Gender-Specific Ideas:**

Girls 2-4, Girls 5-9, Girls 10-14,

Boys 2-4, Boys 5-9, Boys 10-14.

**Do Not Include:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



### Helping Through a Storm

**October 11-16 Ocean, New Jersey**

It is a decade long tradition for MUMC to travel and help other children of God who experienced devastation due to a storm. This year we will be traveling to Ocean, New Jersey to serve those who are still suffering from Hurricane Sandy. For more information about participating in this mission trip please talk with Becky Kent. If you are unable to go in October, be in prayer about what God is asking you to do to help the team in this important work.

- Can you round up a foursome for the Golf Classic on September 19<sup>th</sup>?
- Would you like to be a sponsor for the Golf Classic – or perhaps help the church to be the “golf Cart” sponsor, so that every golfer learns how much our church cares about mission?
- Would you like to donate tools?



### September 25,26,27 Camp Innabah

It has been awhile since we packed up as a church and went off on a retreat together. We are hoping that everyone in the church is praying about this opportunity and will be able to join in the fun and fellowship at Camp Innabah. If you can only come for the day on Saturday – that’s OK! We have group activities, a service project, devotional time, and even free time to roam the acres and acres of God’s creation, planned for the day. If you can only come for one night – that’s OK too! If you can stay for the entire weekend – you will be blessed! Register TODAY!



Do you love children? Our Nursery Care Provider, Mr. Craig, could always use a second pair of eyes and hands on Sunday morning.

Do you have a heart for the sick or elderly? Our visitation team would love for you to join them so all of our home bound members can receive a monthly visit.

Can you serve on a committee? The Nominations Committee is beginning the work of identifying faithful disciples willing to attend meetings and serve on important committees such as: The Board of Trustees, Finance, Stewardship, Missions and Outreach, and Personnel.

Would you like the honor of reading Scripture in worship, or have the privilege of serving communion to your brothers and sisters in Christ? How we worship together is a blessing to God, and the more interactive the experience, the greater the blessing for the participants.

If you are a bit nervous about reading in front of the congregation, you will have the Scripture text early in the week so you can practice.

Serving communion is an honor for any baptized believer to experience. If this would be your first time to serve the elements of the last meal, simple instructions will be given. Perhaps you would like to serve the church as a family - that can be a special blessing. Couples are encouraged to serve together also.

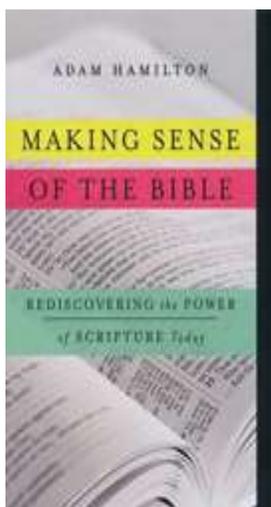
If this is something you would like to do as a gift to your church family, please let Pastor Wendy know.

## Fall Bible Studies:



### **Tuesdays, 10:30 am (Library), beginning September 15**

Each Tuesday morning at 10:30, everyone is invited to meet with Pastor Wendy in the Library to study together using Adam Hamilton's curriculum on the journeys of Paul. Each participant will have a study book called "*The Call*" to read throughout the week. When we gather we will watch a 15-20 minute video clip that is set in modern day Turkey, Corinth, and other places Paul traveled. Our discussion on how the gospel Paul proclaimed nearly 2000 years ago is still relevant to our lives today, will be based on the epistles he wrote to first century Christians.



### **Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (Lounge)**

#### **Beginning September 16**

We would like to have an opportunity for the entire church to come together for devotion, study and prayer – men, women, old and young, working and retired ... and so this 6-week study is being offered in the evening and during the week. "Making Sense of the Bible" is a curriculum written by Adam Hamilton, pastor of one of the fastest growing United Methodist Churches in the United States.

We all know that the Bible is a complicated book, and too often we give up reading it because we just don't understand what it is trying to say to us. By coming together in dialogue, being led by a scholar and teacher like Hamilton, we are helped with our understanding, and God's insights can deepen our faith and our discipleship.

So whether you have never been in a Bible study before, or if you have been in dozens of them ... join with others in this opportunity to learn and grow together on Wednesday evenings.



Our church has an Investment Stewardship Fund which supports mission work locally, nationally, and even globally. Most recently, this fund helped our youth go to Rockaway New York for a week of mission work, and gave money to the Ganta United Methodist hospital in Liberia to honor Edith and Joe Massaquoi's daughter. The ISF also gave money to the Family Backpack Center, which helps to feed families right here in Morrisville. Through the years, generous people have given money to this fund because they believe in the power of mission. In 2015 Joyce Kira and Ruth Graves contributed to the ISF through their estate. It is an honor and a great responsibility for the Morrisville United Methodist Church to be able to give aid to worthwhile ministries. Contact any one of the ISF members if you would like to know more.



You may have noticed some construction work going on in the hallway between the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Part of the Renew Refresh work is taking place! A handicapped bathroom is being installed where there was once a closet, and the "family" bathroom is being returned to a men's bathroom.



### **Shared Meal needs your help!**

#### **We are in need of pans of meat lasagna.**

If interested please get a foil pan located in the lobby and fill it full of delicious (cooked) meat lasagna. Use your own recipe....I'm sure it is delicious!

- We need all cooked lasagnas in our freezer by September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- There is a limited amount of lasagna needed so get your pan TODAY!!!!

If interested in helping at Shared meal please sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f49a9a729aa8-come>



### **SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP**

The first meeting of the Saturday Morning Men's Group for this church year is on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October at 8 AM. We meet in the church lounge on the second Saturday of each month. Good fellowship, light refreshments, and encouragement from God's Word are great ways to start our weekend. Men of all ages are welcome.

We are planning on attending the Keswick DCMF fall retreat on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The topic is "*Integrity: The heart and soul of all lasting Influence*". Those planning on attending should get a check to Dave Miller by the date of our first meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Make the checks of \$50 payable to Delaware County Men's Fellowship. The fee includes all three meals on the day of the retreat. We will drive together, so don't worry about transportation. See Sam Getty or call David Miller at 215-943-2046 for further information.

## **Pastor's Page**

*27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.*

These are the last few verses of I Corinthians 12, where Paul explains that each member of the church has unique gifts to share for the greater good. This is a favorite chapter of the Bible for many pastors because it emphasizes the fact that every member of the church has been gifted by God to do something well, and take pleasure in doing it! Most pastors preach at least one sermon every fall on the importance of using our God-given gifts in the church. I will, no doubt, be like most pastors, and preach this message this fall.

I will preach this message, not because we are desperate for new leaders and new ideas, and not because there is "too much work and not enough workers". I will preach this message because I have heard hundreds of people over the years talk about how their life was filled with new meaning and value when they ventured out and said "yes" to something God was asking them to do in the church. I have witnessed people who thought they had nothing to offer get very excited as they saw how God could use them.

Sure the church can use new volunteers! Of course there are spots on our committee roster that need good people willing to serve! Unfortunately, we do have some people who are getting tired and a bit worn out, and we will always welcome more volunteers. The church can only be as active in God's word and work as the members are willing to be. But just as importantly, YOU can only be blessed as abundantly as you are willing to bless others in God's name. As you read through this newsletter, do so with an attitude of prayer, asking God what gifts he has given uniquely to you to share in this church. I will be praying that God answers your prayer!

*--Pastor Wendy*



United Methodist Women is a **community of women** whose purpose is:

- **To know God** and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ
- **To develop a creative supportive fellowship** and
- **To expand concepts of mission** through participation in the global ministries of the church.

We welcome all women who commit themselves to our Purpose, including you.

### September Schedule

#### **SEPTEMBER 8 (Tuesday)** *Please note date and time change!*

UMW GENERAL MEETING – 7:00 P.M. Ryan Hall - “MAKING IT HAPPEN” at Assembly 2014. Guest Speakers: Chris Bonno, Susan Friend and Rhonda Rea

#### **SEPTEMBER 16**

##### **ELIZABETH CIRCLE – 1:30 P.M. – Church Lounge**

Hostesses: Betty Mershon & Helen Chokey

Study/Devotion: Ruth Harvick

#### **SEPTEMBER 21**

##### **ADRIENNE CIRCLE – 7:00 P.M.**

Hostess: Margy Dickson

Study: Barbara Lombardo

Devotion: Chris Bonno

##### **BERNICE CIRCLE – 7:00 P.M.**

Hostess: Ann Kreider

Study: Sue Urbano

Devotion: Linda Herbster

### **Unity Service lifting up Christian Education**

On Sunday, Sept. 13th our church family will have one combined worship service at 10:15am. We will have a dedication of our Sunday School Teachers and age-appropriate Bibles will be presented to children at particular grade levels. This service will include music from our Praise Band at the beginning of the service and then traditional hymns with piano and organ at the middle and end of the service.

A fellowship meal will follow the service. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided and attendees are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. (any hot side dishes should be brought to the kitchen before the service) Indoor (Fellowship Hall) and outdoor seating will be available, weather permitting.

This is a great opportunity for intergenerational fellowship with those who may worship at a different time than you. Please mark your calendars and come!

### **Planting Seeds, 2015**

When: Saturday, November 7, 1:30-6:00 PM

Where: Hopewell United Methodist Church

“Our Planting Seeds faculty at Hopewell United Methodist Church in 2015 is one which will embolden our local churches for **active conformity** to the will of God. No more hiding within the fortress of the church building. No more failure to bring creative excellence into worship. No more satisfaction with shallow and lazy Biblical interpretation. Come alive, Church, and be excellent!”

I hope you will join us on Saturday, November 7 for this **12th Annual Planting Seeds** event which will train and inspire your local church leaders to be active in pursuing the kingdom.”

<http://www.hopewellumc.org/planting-seeds>