



Margaret Callihan
Helen Chockey
Pat Drombowski
Robin Martin
Our School children
Teachers
Medical personnel
Nancy J. (Mother of John Jakimowicz)
Sam (friend of Linda Herbster)
Robin (friend of Phyllis Patterson)
Mike Pugh (Nephew of Vickie Katona)
Pattie B. (friend of Charlotte Swenson)
Teri M. (Linda Mier)
George L. (Helen Chokey's nephew)
Barbara G. (mother of Jenn Arruda Ayling)
Julie J. (cousin of Kim & John Jakimowicz)
Trish G. (friend of Kim & John Jakimowicz)
Carolyn K. (friend of Charlotte Swenson)
Forrest (friend of Abby)
Dave (Friend of Barbara Althouse)
Tim and Renee (Pastor Wendy's cousin)
Sally (Pastor Wendy's mother)

PRAYER
changes things

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The September Maple

One of them, a lawyer, asked Jesus a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:25-40)

The summation of the 10 commandments – love God, love self, and love others as you love yourself – has been a focus for us through the pandemic since our first meeting on March 14th when we asked ourselves, "How shall we continue to be the church to each other and in the community?"

For the past five months we have made decisions for building use and in person worship with your safety and health in mind. While life has been a roller coaster ride with harrowing twists and turns, we want to keep our feet firmly planted in the strength and wisdom God provides for us in our daily walk of faith. We are walking through this together. If there is any way your church family can help you, please reach out and let us.

We have been generous with time, talents, and money, allowing us to provide food and hot meals to hundreds of our neighbors in multiple ways through the summer, and this will continue into the fall. Teams of volunteers have found ways to bring worship right into your home; make hot meals in the church kitchen to share with the homeless and those in need; make groceries available as needed; and pack back to school essentials for the new virtual classroom. Everything that has been done through the summer will continue into the fall because of teamwork. You can be part of a team even from home!

At least a dozen of you have wrapped and packed utensil kits for our meals, flattened grocery bags, purchased gift cards, given financial donations to help us help our neighbors pay rent, make hygiene bags and good bags. I could go on and on and on!

Why do we do this? Because we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength! And because we know the value of love in our own lives, we want to share that love with our neighbors! Right now, many of our neighbors have significant need, which we are finding ways to meet.

If you have a need, please let us know!

If you can help with a need, please join the team!

*Peace and Joy,
Wendy*



Worship in September: One Service at 10:00 am
In person or Live Stream: MUMCPA.ORG

Our sanctuary doors opened for in person worship in July for anyone who would like to join us and is comfortable with the current regulations. We are sitting at a safe social distance from one another, wearing a face mask, and avoiding physical contact. But because most of our congregation prefers to stay in the safety of your own homes, our live streamed worship service continues to be provided on our website: MUMCPA.ORG.

If you are having trouble finding this live stream service, please let us know so we can help you.

If you would like to participate in Sunday morning worship by reading Scripture, singing a solo, sharing an instrumental piece, leading the liturgy or participating in the bell choir, please let Pastor Wendy know. We would also love for you to send in your pictures to be added to our "passing the peace" moment. If you would like to participate from home, we would love for you to video record yourself for us to use in the live worship service.



Vespers and communion in our outdoor worship center
Sundays at 7:00 pm

As the days begin to get shorter and cooler, our outdoor worship service is a refreshing time of fellowship and worship. Come and enjoy the beauty of God's creation in the great outdoors! Listen to soft music as we gather. A short meditation is shared by Pastor Wendy concluding with communion. All are welcome!



- Welcome to Joseph and Bozena Trejo of Morrisville, with their son Samuel to the church family! On August 9th this family joined with the MUMC family, as we celebrated Sam's baptism.
- On September 13th we will join Joe Massaquoi and Priscilla Sonpon to celebrate the baptism of their son Joseph Massaquoi Jr. on his first birthday.
- On September 20th we will celebrate with Christopher McCormick as he professes his faith and shares in the vows of baptism. We rejoice with him and his father, Christoph Sr., his grandparents, Becky and Steve Kent, and great grandmother, Barbara Althouse.
- These baptisms will take place in our sanctuary with all safety measures in place and being carefully followed. The fellowship hall has been prepared as an overflow space for family and friends. These services will also be live streamed for everyone to enjoy participating in from home.



Thursday, September 10
via ZOOM @ 7:00 pm

All church leaders gather with our District Superintendent to evaluate the year in review and plan for the year to come. If you would like to join us in this meeting please know that you are invited to come. Contact Pastor Wendy for a zoom invitation.



Building Use Update:

Education Wing still on lock down:

The doors are locked to the Education wing of our facility, with no one gaining access to use the rooms or the bathrooms for any reason. The Inter-Faith Food Alliance continues with their essential ministry with community families and is spread out into various rooms and the hallways to better serve our neighbors. We are grateful that this ministry and other food ministries are continuing to offer life-sustaining help.

Our grounds are open for scheduled activities:

We have beautiful and spacious grounds being made available to our church and community groups. Because of social distancing and cleaning requirements, it is critical to schedule all activities through our church office and/or our Trustee Representative, Carol Somers.

- Our Youth group has been meeting outside.
- A POUND class has been meeting outside
- Some meetings are taking place outside
- The Outdoor Worship Center is available for use

Fellowship hall is open for groups and meetings:

Because our hall has easy access and is easily cleaned, with ample space for social distance, we have invited our AA and ALANON and NARANON groups to return to our building for their very important meetings. Our own church groups and other community groups are also being allowed to use this space. Scheduling is critical so we do not have more than one meeting or group at a time, and ample time is given for cleaning. All groups who use this space must practice safety and use the supplies provided to wipe down all touch surfaces.



American Red Cross

**BLOOD
DRIVE**

Friday, September 18: 9:30-2:30

COVID19 impacted the blood supply in our communities which our hospitals and patients rely on daily. The Red Cross has been working to rebuild this supply and hopes to continue doing this during the summer months. The September date will take place in our Fellowship Hall. Please check the Red Cross website for available times to donate.

The Red Cross will also be offering COVID Antibody testing during the blood donation process for at least the next 4 months.

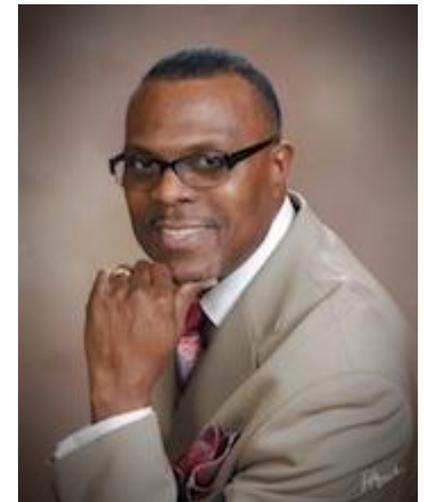
Meet Our New District Superintendent

**Installation Service for DS
Rev. Dr. Andrew L. Foster, III**

Save the date!

**Sunday, September 27
4 PM to 6 PM
Montgomery Square UMC**

**The service will be livestreamed
and in-person. Meet and
welcome our new East District
Superintendent!**





Our September meetings will not be held in person – but stay tuned for a possible zoom gathering or a meeting in the outdoor worship center! Also stay tuned for when and where the prayer shawl ministry will take place in the weeks ahead.

UMW East District Nominating Committee:
People to Serve as District Officers

The UMW East District Nominating Chairperson is looking for new Officers for 2021 (at the district level). If you would like to become an officer at the district level or nominate someone as an officer at the district level, please call Bernice McCray at (609) 636-6217.

Ingathering:

Ingathering is an event unique to our area (similar to the way the Rose Breakfast is unique to our UMW unit). Ingathering involves donations of **new** clothing. For those who have already collected some clothing for Ingathering or those who'd like to contribute we will be able to drop off clothing donated for Ingathering to specific drop off locations. Stay tuned for more information as it develops.

Learning from Home Kits

Anyone interested in donating supplies and/or assembling kits for children learning from home, please contact Linda Mier at 215-736-8350.

**Welcome new baby gifts are being shared by the UMW with new parents in a new ministry this year. This is our way to say “welcome” and “God loves you!” **



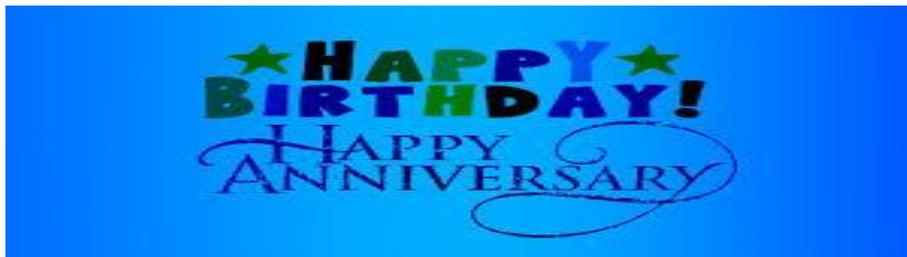
LADIES... LADIES... WOMEN'S RETREAT UPDATE! In light of all the uncertainty with the pandemic, we are postponing our retreat at Ocean Grove until next year. HOWEVER...we will be having our own

"Stay-treat" right here at MUMC. the same weekend. It will begin Friday evening, Sept 18 and go through sometime on Saturday, Sept. 19. You even get to sleep in your own beds! And SUE DUFFIELD will be here LIVE AND IN PERSON! The cost is \$25.

We feel this will be a wonderful chance to fellowship (safely, of course) with our sisters in Christ. If you have not been to one of our retreats, this is the perfect opportunity! Please consider joining us for our first "Stay-treat."

If you have any questions, please contact Janet Fabian 267-251-0622.

Sue Duffield, our favorite retreat leader and Song leader will be with us on Sunday morning, **September 20th**. A great way to end the women's retreat and celebrate CJ McCormick's baptism. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar and join in!



September Birthdays

- 3 – Paul Chapman
- 5 - Emma Bonner
- 6 – Steven Kent,
- 7 – Jillian Buehler, James Rea
- 8 – Dorsladee Farcarthy
- 12 – Emily Doron
- 18 – David Noble, Cheryl Scott
- 19 – Stephen Driscoll, Karen Driscoll
- 20 – Christopher McCormick, Sarah Scott
- 22 – Joyce Bigley
- 26 – Sarah Garry
- 27 – Victor Estrada, Robert Mannon, Joseph Massaquoi, Jr.
- 28 – Richard Andujar
- 29 – Susan Mealey

September Wedding Anniversaries

- 6 - Lynda Krause = 51 years
- 6 - Heidi & Brian McLendon = 34 years
- 18 - Arlene & Elwyn Wittenborn = 55 years
- 21 - Kim & John Jakimowicz = 29 years
- 30 - Amy & Anthony Surdy = 25 years



COVID 19 did not stop our youth! During our summer break we participated in a stay at home MyCalling! mission experience. We practiced social distancing, wore masks, participated in devotionals, worshiped, joined in fellowship and helped those in need.

As the school year begins please keep our youth in your prayers as we learn to adapt to a new way of "going" to school. We will resume youth meetings in September using the hall or a someone's home to keep our rules of social distancing in place. We are prayerful that we will get back onto the youth room soon. If you'd like to help out and participate with our youth please reach out and let us know! We are looking to you to help guide our wonderful kids!
All help is appreciated!

I know that this might seem early ----- but WE WILL BE MAKING PIES!!! Shocked? I know - Don't be - please start to plan and begin to ask those in your life to support our ministry. We will make a limited amount of pies so - think about what you need and get your order in. More information is coming soon!



Shared Meal News:

Summer has been challenging as we continue to serve those in need. The great news is that these challenges have taught us how to make our program better.

We are continuing to serve those in need a "take out" version of our monthly meal. We are also giving out goodie bags - these goodie bags contain lunch items for the next day - some bags have nonperishable items for those who are experiencing homelessness.

We have also added a meal to our rotation:

- Meal A is our regular meal - this meal is scheduled every third Tuesday of the month.
- Meal B is fluid - we get a meal date monthly to help the program when another church or organization cannot fulfill the meal opportunity.

We are encouraging people to volunteer using our sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4da9ab22abf8c43-shared>
or visit our church website - <https://www.mumcpa.org/>

We are hoping that many new people can sign up - even if it is just for one month to help our program grow. Keep your eyes open for opportunities to help and share God's love!

Currently we are asking for donations of:

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste (travel size and some large)
- Shaving cream (travel size and large)

*Thank you!
Jenn*



Weekday Bible studies on Zoom

Tuesday September 8 – 29 10:00am

Wednesday September 9 – 30 7:00 pm

“Finding Peace in an Anxious World”

This four-week study is brought to us through the United Methodist Women and the Urban Village Church in Chicago. Using “The Serenity Prayer” as a scaffold, Finding Peace in an Anxious World explores ways to discover peace through Scriptural and spiritual disciplines so that we can be rooted in God and energized to live fully as disciples of Christ.

Our topics will be:

1. Serenity. 2. Acceptance. 3. Courage. 4. Wisdom.



Food Closet and Interfaith Food Alliance

We have joined forces with the Backpack center to provide food, school supplies, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene items for our friends and neighbors in need. By working together and sharing our supplies with one another we are better able to support local families.

Food is probably the first thing that comes to mind when you consider what a food pantry might need. However! Many personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies are not covered by SNAP or WIC, meaning there is always a need for such things. And remember the little ones! Diapers of all sizes are always in demand, but especially the larger sizes.

NEW MEMBERS

Baptism

Our Newest Members:



Joe Trejo, Bozena Urban-Trejo and Sam



Priscilla Sonpon, Florence Massaquoi and Joseph Massaquoi, Jr. (Joseph Massaquoi not pictured)



CJ McCormick