
Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Vivian Mossberg	Ron Waltemyer
John Glass	Sherry Peterson
Nancy Kordistas	Ben Santore
Ruth Bentley	Jan Siberine
Paul Lutz	Lucas Reiling
Constance Burde	Katie Anderson
Curtis D. Kelly	Annie Scherba
Eric Brodbeck	Jim Connaughton
Todd Shell	Julie Floch
Heidi Santore	Joe Auchter
Bob Bell	Carolyn & Art Engelken
PJ Sneeringer	Minet Merritt
Ted Moody	Andrew Stofa
Loren Zachau	Rose Ondich
Ann Bueschel	Donna Swanson
Jim Mastakas	Anna Mae Glassman
Nancy Wiles	Sven Mossberg
Eunice Neubeck	Tom Kitchener
Ed Breuninger	Joe & Kit Benson
Keith Stribley	Joe Sitko
Shirley Miller	Sandy Olson
Jean Bellone	Chris Cramer
Debbie Lewis	Theri Rossol
Bill Wehrle	Linda Szegeti
Catherine Sommo	Tommy Byrne
Pat Bell	Elaine
Tish	Margaret Boyd
Lois Wolfanger	Tammy Siksnius
Cliff Auchter	Lilian Louie
Kathy O'Donnell	Bob Evans

Molly Whitney

To add to or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the church office. Unless we hear otherwise, names are removed after three months.

Music Notes

Join us for summer choir as we meet at 8:45 a.m. each Sunday morning for a short rehearsal in preparation for the 9:30 a.m. service...A good time to participate and sing our summer service...Please meet in the new choir loft! We sing a new setting this summer, Setting 8 in our ELW hymnal.

SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULE – Underway

Doris is now on our summer office schedule, working most weeks, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Should you call the Office at the end of the week and the Pastors are out making calls, please leave a message and they will get back to you when they return. As always, in emergencies, please call them at home. Doris returns to her regular schedule the week of September 5.

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR TIME & TALENT COMMITMENT?

REJOICE

Our next New Members' Exploration Group, "Rejoice," will be meeting later in the summer. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Lutheran Church in general or Faith in particular, please speak with Pastor Jim or Pastor Mac today or call the Church Office.

2011-2012 WORSHIP AND MINISTRY THEME

At their meeting on June 14, our Council unanimously adopted our year-long worship plan for 2011-2012 and with it our theme for the coming year. **STORIES TO TELL, LIVES TO LIVE** will be a wonderful gift to enrich our worship and to lift up our servant ministry. Watch for our new logo and all of our ministry brochures.

PLAN AHEAD

To help us better prepare for worship each week and to provide guidance for daily Bible reading, we publish the following Sunday's lessons each week. Take a few minutes each day to read over these Bible passages in anticipation of our sharing of the Word together. Next Sunday's lessons are:

8th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

FAITH NURSERY SCHOOL Registration Continues

Faith Nursery School continues registration for the 2011-2012 School Year. Three different morning classes are offered: a class for 2 ½ year olds that meets on Mondays and Wednesdays; a class for three year olds that meets on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and a Pre-K class that meets Monday through Friday. If you are interested in more information or are ready to register your child, please call Susan Nord, Director, at (908) 542-1252.

LACK OF HOSPITALITY

A quarter century ago, Karen Olson visited with many of us with a preposterous idea: That the religious community share hosting of the homeless in Union County on a rotating basis. From that seed was born the Interfaith Hospitality Network, a vital ministry that has cared for our brothers and sisters in our midst, and for God's children all across our country. Sadly, the present administrator of that ministry in Union County, HomeFirst, has decided to shut down its IHN program and to refocus its efforts on other programs. To allow this ministry to end in the midst of the worst economic times since the Great Depression is difficult to understand. The need for our comprehensive services is great in Union County. In 2010, there were 238 homeless students enrolled in Union County schools, a 109% increase over 2009. There are only two shelters in the county for families, with 54 beds between them. Unfortunately, both shelters only accept emergency assistance-eligible families—that is, families who are unemployed and already receiving welfare. Once IHN shuts down, there will be no shelters in Union County serving the working poor.

This cannot happen. And so we invited all of the congregations in Union County that hosted guests, to join us for a special meeting here at Faith on July 20 in order to explore creating a new network of congregations to care for the homeless in our midst. What started here in Union County almost 25 years ago has now expanded to 165 Affiliates nationwide engaging 5,000 congregations and 135,000 volunteers, all supported by Family Promise, the national office for IHNs. Karen Olson, who started the first IHN and who now directs the national office, was with us at our meeting, along with Claas Ehlers, the national Director of Interfaith Hospitality Network. Please keep this servant ministry in your prayers. If you would be interested in

working with us you are invited to join us for our next meeting here at Faith on Wednesday, August 17 at 7:30.

VISITORS CONTINUE

Last week we again saw new visitors at worship! This means we've now had at least one new visitor at worship for 1273 out of the last 1294 Sundays. Make this week the time to invite a relative or friend to join us for our worship gathering. Share the Family! Share the Faith!

9/11 Observance

Multiple events will mark the 10th anniversary of this nightmare that forever changed our parish and the world.

- 9/11 - 7 a.m. Memorial Eucharist in the Garden
- 9/11 - 4 p.m. Interfaith Remembrance at Our Lady of Peace
- October - Performing Tribute at Faith
- October - Ground Zero Visitation

THE MINISTRY CENTER

Your special mailing last month invited your prayerful and generous gift to further fund all the work on our Ministry Center. Over \$2,000,000 has been pledged and received and now we find ourselves with almost half a million dollars in final expenses that will have to be covered by our construction loan unless we receive sufficient gifts in the coming days. Incurring this debt will impact our ongoing ministries and so we pray for your sacrificial support.

If you have previously made a commitment and have been waiting to share your gift, NOW is the time.

If you have not yet made your commitment, please contact our Capital Campaign Chairs Theri and Fred Rossol (732-534 5350).

If you need assistance with stock transfers, please call the Church Office.

And as you feel blessed by this ministry that we share, we invite your special gift at this time.

"Back to Basics" Backpack Drive



Our Family of Faith is collecting backpacks to deliver to our mission partners in Newark and Plainfield, and to local children through the Community Service Association and our hospitality program.

Please bring in a backpack filled with the following items: **6 pack of pens (blue or black ink), 6 pack of no. 2 pencils, 12 ct. crayon box, one package of lined notepaper, one package of construction paper, a toothbrush and tube of toothpaste**

The backpacks will be on display in the chancel until they are delivered in time for school. Please bring in the items no later than Sunday, September 4.

ORGAN ARRIVAL – Today

Today after second service, you are invited to take part in a traditional "truck-unloading" as installation of our new pipe organ begins... a great way to see some of the pipes that won't be visible after installation is complete...members will be invited to help carry in pipes and other parts in a brief ceremony that is a memorable moment of our Ministry Center construction. You can see more about our new instrument at www.gluckorgans.com, as well as on our

Ministry Center blog, accessible from our church website, www.famfaith.org. The truck should arrive at 10:30 a.m. this morning.



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE Continues

Today we continue our Summer Worship Schedule. Each week we worship with a SPOKEN EUCHARIST at 8 a.m. and then at 9:30 we gather for our SUNG EUCHARISTIC LITURGY. And each week at 8:45 our Summer Choir rehearses for the 9:30 liturgy. This is a great opportunity for you to share in our music ministry for a short time on a week by week basis with no long term commitment. If you would like more information, please contact Dr. Girvin.

Dear Pastor Mac, Pastor Jim and our friends at Faith,

Mike and I cannot thank you enough for all your prayers, love and support this past year! It has carried us through a most difficult time for both of us – my surgery and treatment; Mike's two surgeries and caring for Mom. It all has been quite challenging. Your prayers and kind wishes were always appreciated and most welcome!

So appreciated was seeing Pastor Jim the day of my operation and his first day at Faith! Imagine – 7 a.m. and your first stop is at Overlook Hospital. Only to meet Mike, a fellow Metuchen boy, whose brother had been friends with your father-in-law! Pastor Jim also stood by us as we prepared for Mike's 2nd operation recently. Pastor Jim and Pastor Mac's visits and prayers filled us with faith and assurance that we were not alone. With thanks to God, we both seem to be on the road to recovery. We want to offer our prayers of thanksgiving to our loving family at Faith, who demonstrate "Love in Action!" not just words. We recognize the amazing power of prayer and appreciate your loving deeds, acts of kindness and prayers! We are truly blessed and thank God for you!
Eileen & Mike Sergent

GREEN TEAM TASK FORCE

Caring for Creation Now!

Green Food for Thought

Modern Christian Thought on God's creation:

"At its core, global climate change is not about economic theory or political platforms, nor about partisan advantage or interest group pressures. It is about the future of God's creation and the one human family. It is about protecting both "the human environment" and the natural environment. It is about our human stewardship of God's creation and our responsibility to those who come after us." (from *Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence, and the Common Good* by U.S. Catholic Bishops, 2001)

Green Tip: Purchasing tips: Bring re-usable bags when shopping.

Buy eco-friendly products containing no toxics and produced via sustainable methods. Evaluate your needs and cut down on unnecessary purchases. Buy used items when possible.



BEGINNING WITH MARK

Registration has now begun for Pastor Mac's fall Evening Bible Study, *Beginning With Mark*. Classes will meet each Monday evening, September 12-October 10, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Mark will be our primary Gospel for next year's worship and was the first of the Gospels written. The Gospel of Mark encourages readers to participate in the story of Jesus, listen to his teachings, watch his interactions with followers and foes and finally stand at the cross and the empty tomb. The ultimate goal is to make us faithful disciples who discover that meaning and purpose are found in serving for Christ's sake. Register now by signing the sheet in the narthex or by emailing Pastor Mac at pastor.mac@verizon.net.



COFFEE TIME

If you can host one of our October dates, please sign the sheet on the counter in the narthex or email back.

DID YOU KNOW...

...Today we worship on our summer worship schedule...our Appalachian Ministry Team returned 3 weeks ago after a week in Tennessee...our backpack collection is now underway...our Membership Exploration Group will be meeting later in the summer...AA meets Monday through Saturday mornings...Faith Nursery School is now registering for the 2011-2012 school year...we've had at least 1 new visitor 1273 out of the last 1294 weeks...a special welcome to all who are visiting with our Family today...check next week's lessons...we continue to have a host of new visitors - welcome...why not bring a friend to Worship next Sunday...2010-2011 calendars are available at cost in the narthex...see you in church next week!

Family Prayers

We continue to pray for ALL those whose lives have been forever affected by the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, especially the over 7300 service personnel who have been killed. Today we pray by name for the families of allied service personnel who have died in both wars. Please pray for the families of the following, all of whom died recently:

Marine Samuel Alexander, 28, British Royal Marines, England

Lt. Oliver Augustin, 23, British Royal Marines, England

Lance Cpl. Peter Clore, 23, USMC, Ohio

Spc. Adam Hamilton, 22, USA, Ohio

Pfc. John Johnson, 28, USA, Arizona

Bombardier Karl Manning, 31, Canadian Army, Canada

Staff Sgt. Edward Mills Jr, 29, USA, Pennsylvania

Lt. Pedro Molina, 50, Spanish Army, Spain

Pfc. Ramon Mora Jr., 29, USA, California

1st Lt. John Runkle, 27, USA, Ohio

Tech. Sgt. Kristoffer Solebee, 32, USA, California

Sgt. Louis Velazquez, 39, USA, Puerto Rico

IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN

We continue to pray for all the people affected by the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our website offers prayers for these folks and affords the opportunity to list service personnel serving there. To include a name, please see Pastor Mac. Today we pray for SPC Joe Ellis, a member of our Family, who is on active duty at Camp Drum after a year in Afghanistan. We also remember Lt. Christopher Wilk, a friend of the Daniels.

We remember Scott Farrell in our prayers. Scott is a relative of the Novaks, who is recuperating at Walter Reed Army Hospital after being wounded in Afghanistan.

RESPONSE TIME

If you are a bit behind on your commitment, if you could share your gifts in the next few weeks it would be a great help to our cash flow this summer. Your early response will make the work of our financial ministry team much easier. If you need an updated status of your gifts and commitment please contact Paul Mossberg our Financial Secretary. Paul's emails are pmossberg@iso.com and pmossberg@verizon.net. **Second Quarter statements are available in the Narthex.**



PLAY BALL! – Today

We have an outing to the Somerset Patriots Baseball game today. They are playing the Bridgeport

Bluefish at 5:05 and tickets are \$10. If you are interested in joining us, please see one of the Pastors this morning. (And yes, this year our seats are behind the protective netting!)

UPCOMING –

- July 31 – Organ Arrival
31 – Patriots Game
- Aug. 13 – Soup Kitchen
17 – Hospitality Reorganization
18 – Knit, Purl & Pray
- Sept. 8 – FNS Parent/Child Orientation
10 – Soup Kitchen
11 – 9/11 Liturgy – 7:00 a.m.
11 – RALLY DAY –
New Orleans Jazz Eucharist – 8:30 & 11 a.m.
11 – Interfaith 9/11 Liturgy – 4:00 p.m.

CHECK OFF

As we move to the final stages of construction on our Ministry Center, the following are the remaining items underway. Check them off each week as we winnow down the list and watch the wonderful blog KW has prepared at www.flc-mc.blogspot.com.

- Choir Loft Flooring
 Choir Loft Railing
 Chancel Flooring
 Outside Soffits
 Narthex Furnishings
 New Doorways/Windows from Narthex to Sanctuary
 Library Furnishings
 Bathroom Sink Cabinets
 Cornerstones
 Chancel Lighting
 Handicap Access Door
 Organ Delivery and Installation (beginning July 31)
 State Elevator Inspection
 MC Rededication September 25

RALLY DAY

September 11

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

New Orleans Jazz Eucharists

"Stories to Tell, Lives to Live"

9:40 a.m.

Gala Ministry Fair

and

Sunday School Begins

NEXT YEAR IN
JERUSALEM?



We are exploring a trip to the Holy Land a year from now. If you would be interested in learning more about this possible journey, please email Pastor Mac at pastor.mac@verizon.net or call the church office. If we have enough folks interested, we will hold a preliminary meeting to explore options.

