



# The Messenger

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## Our Attendance

April 7, 2019

10am: 109

April 14, 2019

10am: 102

April 21, 2019

10am: 137

April 28, 2019

10am: 85

### May Birthdays!

5/1 David W.

5/5 Jan N.

5/8 Carolin B.

5/9 Diane E.

Sally C.

5/18 Jim B.

Michelle T.

5/21 Barbara C.

5/24 Allison C.

5/26 Kiefer S.



## **Our Church Staff**

Eric Schmidt, Pastor

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Jeanne Cadiente, Pianist/Organist

Cat Nunez, Administrative Asst.

Susan Park, Family Ministries

## **Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday

8:30am to 12:30pm

## **Pastor's Paragraph**

*“Let’s not get tired of doing good, because in time we’ll have a harvest if we don’t give up.” Galatians 6:9 (CEB)*

What good do we do? That’s a question we need to ask ourselves. The answer will surprise you!

For example, did you know that, on average, we touched 44 children’s lives each month? And that’s not including anyone over the age of 18 or infrequent visitors.

Here’s another example: the United Methodist Men (UMM) did 137 hours of volunteer work in six weeks, and that’s before Holy Week and the run up to the UMM dinner.

Our United Methodist Women are very active. And then there’s the four scouting groups, small groups, parents’ group, Recharge, Bible studies and more. Think about the good they are doing!

I’m not sure how many lunches the Settlement House volunteers packed last quarter, but I’m going to find out and let you know.

Corona UMC has more of an impact on our community than you know. Thank you! It’s a blessing to find out the many ways we are following the Spirit and joining in. We can do more.

On Easter Sunday, we reaffirmed our vows of faith. Each week, we’re reminded of that vow in our bulletin. As those who follow Jesus freely and willingly, we vow to dedicate our prayers, presence, giving, service and witness to God.

What good are you doing? I’m not trying to make you feel guilty. I’m asking because there’s a paradox of faith. The more you practice your faith, the more likely your faith is to grow and the more likely you will be to share your faith and hospitality with others. The less you practice your faith, the less likely your faith will grow and you will shrink away from others.

Spiritual health means practicing what we say and believe. Come and join us as we go out. You’ll be glad you did.

Goin’ fishin’  
Pastor Eric

## **Prayer Corner**

### **Home Bound Members**

Roger and Mary Lou Brown, Doris Collins and Grandson Leon, Mary Ann Ebert, Diane Foster (Ernie's wife), Georgianna Kelly, Gloria Nichols, Pat Pisani, Byron and Yvonne Powell, Shirley Smiley, Judy Stevenson, John and Boots Walker

#### Currently:

Kathy Rodriguez's neighbor Noreen Malik will be having gall bladder surgery.

Jennifer Price to continue healing for her car accident and for her father-in-law to heal so he may come home in May.

Sal Morano's friend Leo Calles, who is fighting stage 4 chronic kidney disease.

Cat's nephew Kaiser Luxor Ortega has been in and out the hospital

Lynn Burkholder's Brother in law Jim Findlay

Ernie Foster's wife Diane

Sal Morano's mother-in-law Maureen had a blood clot removed also one of Sal's classmate's brother Vic might have pancreatic cancer.

Doris Collins and her grandson Leon. Leon is suffering with issues from needing a heart transplant.

Boots Walker is recovering from hip surgery.

Eli Chinawah is recovering from back surgery.

## **Corona United Methodist Women Book Readers Club**

For our April gathering we met at the church for lunch provided by Jan Nichols and Margaret Turner.

We discussed the book Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography by Harold Ivan Smith. This is a book about Eleanor Roosevelt, and, in the author's words: the faith of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's most influential woman.

This book was written in 2017 and is not a biography but it is a recounting of the life of Eleanor Roosevelt and all the aspects of her life which were shaped by her Episcopalian Christian faith in God. As a result of her childhood and youth she formed strong Christian ideals which shaped her entire life.

Many people are shaped by their beliefs as Eleanor was, but very few experience the public life she had and the opportunities that life provided for her. She used her public platform in a myriad of ways to enhance the lives of scores of individuals and groups and governments.

This is an inspiring book containing many, many stories of Eleanor's sharing of her Christian faith. There are many references to specific Bible verses she lived by and how she used those teachings of her faith to teach and share her ideas with others.

There are many books available in the church library; this is just one of them. I hope you will check out the selection of books in the narthex and inside the church office and decide to check one out for your reading pleasure.

Margaret Turner, Book Coordinator

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Mother's Appreciation Event**

-Saturday, May 11, 2:00-4:00pm.

Appetizers served and performance by Arlane Holmes.

### **Church with Mom**

-Mother's Day Sunday May 12 at 10:00 am (Communion)

### **Married Couples Group**

-4 Sessions on making a Spiritually Vibrant Household  
Begins Sunday, May 19 at Noon. Lunch is provided.

### **Vintage Car Show & Trailer Show**

-Saturday, June 22 at 8:00 am Scouts will host breakfast and Flag Retirement Ceremony.

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This is an update from Rufus and Angie Rosser's daughter Ashley, who grew up in this church and dedicated her life to full time Christian service. She was honored on UMW Sunday March 17

### **ASHLEY ROSSER WILSON**

“Life begins at the end of your comfort zone.” I heard these words in a sermon in 2010 as I was discerning my next steps post-graduation from college. I had been feeling a call to mission work, but did not know if I was ready to leave the comfort of my family, friends, and church community.

This congregation has always been a place of comfort for me. You nurtured me in my faith formation beginning as an elementary school student through Sunday school, music ministry, and dance ministry (remember Hula?). As I grew older, you walked with me as I went from learning who God is and how God calls us to live, to putting those things into practice with youth group and mission opportunities. As a young adult, you encouraged me to go from solely participating in ministries to leading ministries, including the youth bell choir and youth Sunday school.

While I found comfort in being a member of this church family, you also equipped me for what lay beyond my comfort zone. My spiritual foundation formed in this church prepared me to serve as a missionary in Campus Ministry in Fargo, North Dakota, to wrestle with God’s call for me and the church while in seminary, and to lead in the United Methodist Church here in New Jersey where I am the Executive Assistant to the Director of Connectional Ministries for the Greater New Jersey (GNJ) Annual Conference

In my current role:

- I support the Director of Connectional Ministries and the Connectional Ministries Team (the administrative staff I supervise and the Directors who create resources in the 5 markers of vitality for GNJ churches),
- I support the Connectional Table (GNJ agency/board/committee chairs),
- I serve as the point of contact for my team for the other teams within the conference office.
- I also administer the GNJ grant programs and serve as the project manager for several projects including Annual Conference Sessions and the annual GNJ Tanzania Pastor’s School.

The Tanzanian pastors’ school provides an opportunity for Tanzanian pastors (who are talented, passionate about their faith, and spirit-filled leaders who may not have more than a high school diploma) to receive practical, theological training in the Wesleyan tradition. As project manager, I had the opportunity to travel to Tanzania in 2018.

Some of you may be wondering why I’m in New Jersey. I met my husband who is from New Jersey when he, too, was placed in Fargo, ND as a missionary. Towards the end of his service, he began to feel called to ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church and enrolled in Candler Seminary in Atlanta. I also attended Candler Seminary and graduated with an MDiv. When Wil graduated from seminary, he received his first appointment in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. After two years of serving as an Associate Pastor, Wil received his first solo appointment.

We have been so blessed by the many congregations we’ve been a part of and are looking forward to seeing all of you, the congregation that shaped who I am today, soon.

Ashley

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May 2019							June ►
◀ April	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 7:30a-Weds. Morning Bible Study  5p-Girl Scouts  7p-Mid-week	<b>2</b> 2:30-Recharge  5:30pm- Bad Girls  7pm-Choir  7pm-Boy Scouts	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:30am-Walking Group  8am-Church Clean-up
<b>5</b> 8:45am-Adult Christian Ed  10am-Worship guest speaker Richard Smith  After Church Mission Bake Sale	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9am- Faith Journey  2:30pm-Recharge	<b>8</b> 7:30a-Weds. Morning Bible Study  5p-Girl Scouts  6:30p-U.M.W. Board @ Faxon's	<b>9</b> Noon-Book Club  2:30-Recharge  7pm-Choir  7pm-Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 7pm-Cubs Pinewood Derby workshop	<b>11</b> 7:30am-Walking Group  8:30am-Men's Breakfast  2-4pm-Mother's Appreciation Program After Settlement house food packing	
<b>12</b> 8:45am-Adult Christian Ed  10am-Communion	<b>13</b> 6pm-Children & Youth Ministry	<b>14</b> 9am- Faith Journey  2:30pm-Recharge  6pm-Trustees  7pm-Finance	<b>15</b> 7:30a-Weds. Morning Bible Study  5p-Girl Scouts  7pm-Mid-week	<b>16</b> 2:30-Recharge  7pm-Choir  7pm-Boy Scouts	<b>17</b> 7pm- Cubs Pinewood Practice	<b>18</b> 7:30am-Walking Group  2pm-Cubs Pinewood Derby	
<b>19</b> 8:45am-Adult Christian Ed  10am-Worship  Noon-Parents Group  Noon- Couples Group	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9am- Faith Journey  2:30pm-Recharge  5:30pm-SPRC  7pm-Church Council	<b>22</b> 7:30a-Weds. Morning Bible Study  5p-Girl Scouts	<b>23</b> 10am-Seams of Faith  2:30-Recharge  7pm-Choir  7pm-Boy Scouts	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:30am-Walking Group	
<b>26</b> 8:45am-Adult Christian Ed  10am-Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9am- Faith Journey  2:30pm-Recharge	<b>29</b> 7:30a-Weds. Morning Bible Study	<b>30</b> 11:30am-Potluck Luncheon  2:30-Recharge  7pm-Choir  7pm-Boy Scouts	<b>31</b> 11am- Pack Lunches @ Settlement House  7pm-Cubs		