



TOWER TOPICS

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

June 2016

JUNE EVENTS

6/5 Worship Service 11:00 am

6/8 MOPS 9:15 am

6/9 Bible Study 7:30 pm

6/11 Men's Group 9:00 am

6/12 Worship Service 11:00 am

6/14 Council Meeting 7:30 pm

6/19 Worship Service 11:00 am

6/21 Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm

6/26 Worship Service 11:00 am

6/30 Prayer Meeting Dinner
5:30 pm

GNJAC STRATEGIC MINISTRY PLAN

Fresh from our recently concluded 2016 Annual Conference session, we are sharing with you part 1 of the midway affirmation of the GNJAC Strategic Ministry Plan toward its 2018 completion:

VISION – We see a church like Jesus Christ – radical spirit and humble, teaching and healing, soul saving and soul tending, leader and servant, unbound and outbound for mercy and justice.

We also see a Wesleyan Church – personal holiness and social holiness, connectional and risk taking, thoughtful and inspirational, small groups and large vision, welcoming all and respectful to all.

MISSION – Recruit and develop transformational leaders to make disciples of Jesus Christ and grow vital congregations to *transform the world*.

DISCIPLES are life-long learners and followers of Jesus Christ, leaving behind safety and complacency to serve like Christ to make new disciples, end poverty, be grateful with those at the margins, connect with people who are different from us, and magnify God's presence in the world. *This type of disciple is shaped, encouraged, sent and supported through vital congregations.*

VITAL CONGREGATIONS are inwardly transformed and missionally outbound. Vital congregations are Spirit-filled, forward leaning communities of believers that grow over time, welcome all people (Galatians 3:28); make disciples of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-20); and serve like Christ through justice and mercy ministries (Micah 6:8 and Luke 4:17-21). Vital congregations engage and shape disciples in five key ministries – worship, small groups, community mission, making new disciples and generous giving. *Vital congregations transform the world.*

TRANSFORMED WORLD is a place where congregations, communities and people are working together to end poverty, eradicate racism, practice good stewardship of God's creation, seek peace, and draw all people closer to God. This type of world is born through the Great Commandment, *love God and your neighbor* (Matthew 22). It begins with the church engaging its neighbors and working toward a peaceable kingdom as described throughout the scriptures. A transformed world, vital congregations and new disciples require transformational leaders.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- June 3 Sharon Kessler
- June 12 Charlie Gallagher
- June 13 Priscilla Lawrence
- June 20 Jo Fusco
- June 20 Elline Mahon
- June 28 Sherry Lange
- June 29 Shane McCaffrey



CASANO CENTER FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Sunday, **June 26**

Please bring all donations to worship. Needs include:

TUNA, PASTA SAUCE, RICE, PEANUT BUTTER, OATMEAL, CEREALS, CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES, SOUP.



Wednesday, June 8

9:15 am to 11:15 am
In Fellowship Hall

FATHER'S DAY BLANKETS

Father's Day – June 19, 2016, has again been designated as Church World Service Blanket Sunday at Community United Methodist Church.

Blankets Plus is one of the disaster response programs of Church World Service (CWS) – the same agency that CROP is a part of. You are invited to donate \$5.00, which will purchase one blanket, to be given to a person facing disaster or tragedy in the United States or around the world. After Hurricane Sandy, CWS responded to families right here in New Jersey.

Complete the information below to purchase a blanket in memory or honor of any special man. A donation of \$5.00 is requested for each person you wish to honor or memorialize. The completed form and donation should be placed in the envelope and left in the offering plate or the church office no later than Sunday, June 12th. All names will be listed in the bulletin on Father's Day.

In memory of:

Given by:

In honor of:

Given by:

OUR WARMEST BLESSINGS TO THE MITOLA FAMILY!



We gladly welcome our newly baptized sisters and brother in Christ, Linda, Dara, and Pete into our church family on their Baptism (Profession of Faith) last Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2015.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Alix
Jesse Rineer
Helen Sheldon
Catherine & Frank Wargo
Harlan Martin
Charles Gallagher

**NURSING HOMES &
REHABILITATION FACILITIES**

Thomas Gilbert Black
Patricia Klose
Edna Delventhal
Patricia Gunther
Marion Bjornsen



Bible study/sharing

**Thursday, June 9
7:30pm
Reeves Hall**

YES, THERE ARE ANGELS ABOUT!

We were blessed with quite a few of those angels for our Spring Spruce-Up and Fix-Up day: Betty, Holly, James, Drew, Billy, Jim, Dennis, David, Jan, Milt, Albie, Jean Pierre and Titus. From cleaning the kitchen, to installing A/C units, and pulling the weeds, etc.... nothing went untouched.

Thank You!

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

In May, all three classes learned about the butterfly's life cycle. Children were mesmerized by the caterpillars' metamorphosis and the releasing of our well cared for butterflies.

The 2's class and the 3's class had a fun social outing at Kidz Village and the 4's had the privilege of seeing the new giraffe exhibit at the Turtle Back Zoo.

The end of the school year is right around the corner. What an amazing and blessed year we've been having!

We are excited to announce that our Preschool is going to be open this summer for two 4-weeks sessions of fun! Registration for September is at an outstanding high so far, considering that we still have months to go before the fall. We are hosting another Open House/Kids' Day on June 18th. Please spread the word and invite neighbors and friends! Thank you for your continuous support.

Pamela Henn, Preschool Director

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group enjoyed an evening out at the local Brewery for some snacks, pizza and fellowship. We learned more than a bit about making beers and about our local Master Brewer. It was a great surprise to be joined by a former member, Lauren Fortnar, and to catch up with him. We were pleased to also have three outside participants.

We do welcome friends, neighbors and others to join our gatherings usually held every second Saturday at 9:00 am at CUMC in the Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting will be June 11, stop by!



**MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING
AND DINNER**

Thursday, June 30

5:30 pm

Reeves Hall



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Thursday & Friday

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

ORCHID CLUB CELEBRATION

CONGRATULATIONS!

Charles Lawrence, Jo Fusco, George Hollings, 3rd, Betty Rothrock,
John Kostopoulos, Franklin Schmitz, Pastor Manny.

Not present: Helen Sheldon, Marion Bjornsen, Doris Hartman.



THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone who had anything to do with making this year's Orchid Club Celebration such a great success: Janet Gallagher for taking us down the memory lane on Chestnut Street; everyone who set up, served and cleaned up after the delicious luncheon. It means so much to have my Church remember me in such nice way. Thank you for another memorable day I'll never forget.

George Hollings, 3rd

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