



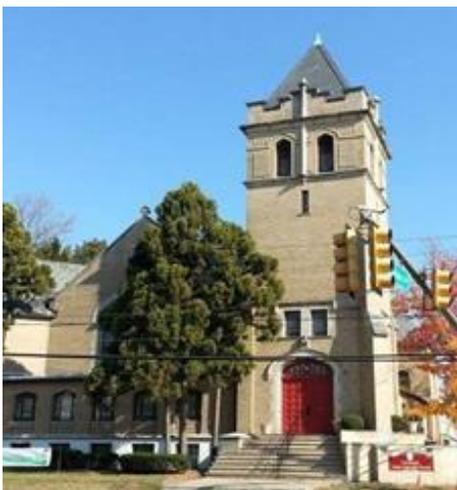
TOWER TOPICS

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 2016

OCTOBER EVENTS

10/2 Worship Service 11:00 am
10/4 Trustees Meeting 7:30 pm
10/8 Men's Group 9:00 am
10/9 Worship Service 11:00 am
10/11 Council Meeting 7:30 pm
10/12 MOPS 9:30 am
10/13 Bible Study 7:30 pm
10/15 Pancake Breakfast 9:00am
10/16 Worship Service 11:00 am
10/22 Super Church Conference
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
10/23 Worship Service 11:00 am
10/27 Dinner Prayer 5:30pm
10/30 Worship Service 11:00 am



301 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park, NJ 07204

Journeying With Pastor Manny

Can we draw together the circle wide in the way we imagine and live out the Sacrament of Communion? Can we include all human and animals, the trees and the flowers, the mountains and the seas, the land and the skies in the breaking of the bread of love, compassion, and justice? As we proclaim the mystery of our faith, 'Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again', and partake of the bread and the cup on World Communion Sunday, I would like us to enlarge our vision of the Table of the Lord imagining not only the 25, 000 miles long Communion table set before the universal church but the whole planet filled with "green pastures and quiet waters" being enjoyed by all peoples and all of life on earth. Revisiting *The Earth Charter* is a compelling reminder to us of the theological and ethical vision of the Holy Communion that we, the Church of the Trinity, need to be increasingly mindful of, deeply contemplate, and intentionally embody in our distressed and desecrated planet. Process/Relational theologian, Leslie A. Murray, summarizes the principles of *The Earth Charter*, which include the following:

1. Striving to build free, just, participatory, sustainable, and peaceful societies
2. Protecting and restoring the integrity of the Earth's ecosystems, with special concerns for biodiversity
3. Treating all living beings with compassion
4. Adopting patterns of consumption, production, and reproduction that safeguard the regenerative capacities of the Earth, human rights, and the well-being of the community
5. Ensuring that economic activities promote human development in an equitable and sustainable manner
6. The eradication of poverty as a socio-economic-ethical-ecological imperative
7. Honoring and defending "the right of all persons, without discrimination, to an environment supportive of their dignity, bodily health, and spiritual well-being"
8. The establishment of access to information, which means inclusive participation, truthfulness, and accountability in governance
9. The affirmation and promotion of gender equality as prerequisite for sustainable development
10. Making an integral part of formal education as well as lifelong learning all knowledge, values, and skills needed to build just and sustainable communities

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October 7 Russell Commerford

October 9 Diane Wirkus

October 13 Brian Kessler

October 14 Sonya Leingang

October 17 Joshua Martinez

October 18 Eileen Hirsch

October 27 Tony Espuga

October 31 Linda Demas

October 31 Kevin Sisk



CASANO CENTER FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Sunday, October 23

Please bring all donations to worship. Needs include:

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



11. The creation of a culture of peace and cooperation¹

God's deepest desire for all of planetary life including the most "invisible" of all creatures is its full enjoyment in communion, friendship, and love. When we sing together the hymn "One Bread, One Body" while partaking and sharing the bread and the cup, we and all creatures, both earthly and heavenly, are transfigured into one body of God – fully and eternally alive.

¹ Leslie A. Murray, Handbook of Process Theology, Jay McDaniel and Donna Bowman, eds. (St. Louis, Missouri: Chalice Press,) 224-225.

MISSING!

A flat screen TV/DVD combo (ProScan 19") is missing. This is a television I previously purchased and stored in Rm 31 on the 2nd floor for use by the MOPPETS. With all the rearranging that has gone on recently, I'm hoping someone may have seen it and/or know where it might be. If you would keep your eyes open for it, I'd be most appreciative!

Thank you. Eileen Hirsch

ALL SPRUCED UP

CUMC would like to express its gratitude to Sharon and David Kessler for the countless hours they have put into cleaning and repainting the ladies' room over the summer. Also many thanks to Jan Gibeault for donating a beautiful picture and Drew Batich for his help hanging the new blind.

FREE - FREE - FREE

We have old 78 and 33 rpm records we are giving to anyone who is interested. They are in the hallway by Reeves Hall. Please arrange to look at them by October 4.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Mrs. Marion Bjornsen on September 2, 2016. CUMC extends its most sincere sympathy to her family and friends.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Helen Sheldon
Catherine & Frank Wargo
Jessica VanBuskirk
Alix – Rich
Alan Yeo's family & friends
The Bjornsen Family
Noah & his new family
Harlan Martin
Charles Gallagher
John Kostopoulos
The Elish family
The Varady family
Gerad Wilson – Karen Sisk
Denuel Cruz

**NURSING HOMES &
REHABILITATION FACILITIES**

Thomas Gilbert Black
Patricia Klose
Edna Delventhal
Patricia Gunther



Wednesday, October 12
9:30 am to 11:30 am
In Fellowship Hall



Bible study/sharing

Thursday, October 13
7:30pm
Reeves Hall

COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL!....The staff and children have been very busy this past month getting settled into school and getting all of our routines down pat. The children are eager to learn and have been hard at work already. Letters, numbers, colors, shapes, friendship, sharing, and emotions... we have learned so much already! We have so many fun and educational things planned for another successful school year.

The 4s class is taking a farm tour at Dreyer Farms, our 3s class is taking a hayride and pumpkin picking trip to Williams Nursery, and our 2s class will have their very own pumpkin patch here in Pastor's backyard!

We are so happy to welcome our new students and to welcome back our already friends! So many parents have thanked us for offering this wonderful learning program, and I feel I must pass this heart-felt thanks on to you!

Also, thank you for sharing Reeves Hall with us, once again. It is working out wonderfully! Thank you all for your continued support and the many positive words of encouragement you give us. We hope we are blessed with another wonderful school year.

Pamela Henn, Preschool Director

THANK YOU

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank each and every one of you for the overwhelming love and support you gave to Noah during his 15 months with us. Noah "grew up" in CUMC, and the church was his family. We all experienced together his growth from a newborn to a bustling toddler. You accommodated Noah during church services and meetings (although I know he was becoming more distracting in the later months!) and supported me every step of the way. We both appreciated all the material gifts of toys, strollers, high chairs, books and clothes, and grew in our faith with the show of your overwhelming and abiding love.

As Noah adjusts to his new home and family, may you please keep them all in your prayers. Jesus said "Let the children come to me" and you, in every way possible, did just that!

Grace and peace be with you all, Eileen

SUPER CHURCH CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 22, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
The Super Church Conference will be held at CUMC.



**MONTHLY PRAYER
MEETING
AND DINNER**

Thursday, October 27

5:30 pm

Reeves Hall



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Thursday & Friday
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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301 Chestnut Street, Roselle Park, NJ 07204

Pancake Breakfast



SATURDAY October 15

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Pancakes, sausages, juice, coffee, tea and
our EXTRAORDINARY selection of toppings!

Tickets: adults \$8.00 - Children (10 and under) \$4.00

Tickets available at the door

Proceeds will support our Missions and Outreach Programs

For more information call the Church Office 908-245-2237

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