

# First United Methodist Church Newsletter



Issue for May 2012

Deadline for Next Issue is May 20

Dear Friends:

Another Easter Sunday has come and gone. The story of Jesus' resurrection has been re-told countless times in churches throughout the world, through word and music, over the past weeks of the liturgical season of Easter. The resurrection message is at the heart of the Christian faith. Scriptures tell me that "of first importance is that Christ died for our sins and was buried, and on the third day was raised in accordance with the scriptures. He appeared to Cephas and to the twelve; then to more than 500 brothers and sisters" (I Corinthians 14:4-5)

From  
the  
Pastor

The Bible goes on to tell me "if Christ had not been raised, then my preaching and my faith has been in vain"—useless. Furthermore, if Christ has not been raised then my faith is futile; I am still in my sins and those who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life I have hope in Christ, I am of all people most to be pitied (vv.14, 17-20, paraphrased).

Thankfully, the next verse (v.20) goes on to proclaim, "but Christ has indeed been raised from the dead." The reality of Christ is an undeniable, historical fact attested to by hundreds of eyewitnesses to his life, miracles, death, burial, resurrection and ascension.

## Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 a.m.

Chapel Communion  
Service

10:00 a.m.

Church School

10:00 a.m.

Worship Service

11:15 a.m.

Adult Forum

In addition, are the millions of believers whose lives have been transformed by his saving power through his Spirit dwelling in us, resulting in a personal relationship with him.

The two men on the road to Emmaus that first Easter were pondering recent events when Jesus showed up and walked with them, though they failed to recognize him. They invited this “stranger” to supper where they were staying. He broke the bread, gave thanks, and gave it to them. At that moment God opened their eyes to recognize that this “stranger” was none other than Jesus, risen from the dead, thus confirming the reports of others were true. Immediately, he disappeared. It was then they realized “had not their hearts burned within them while on the road” as he talked with them and opened scriptures to them.

The result was they could hardly wait to tell others about this experience. They had met the Savior of the world! The need of humankind is to meet the risen Savior, not just hear about him, but to know him personally and experience him daily.

What are some of the times and ways I can meet Jesus? I see in scripture that I can meet him in fearful times. The disciples full of fear following Jesus’ death met him behind closed doors. I can meet him in times of disappointment as the two men did on the road when they were perplexed and discouraged over his death. I can meet him when things seem hopeless. These two men’s hopes seemed to go down the drain. And just at their lowest moment Jesus showed up. I can meet Jesus when I need forgiveness. Jesus had appeared to Peter that day knowing that Peter, out of fear, had denied knowing Christ, but later experienced Christ’s forgiveness and calling to proclaim the good news of the gospel.

I can meet him through God’s Word. He revealed the scriptures on the road. I can meet him through Divine revelation. Their eyes were opened as he broke the bread at supper. I can meet him in everyday life as I experience his presence in my life and he speaks to my heart.

The two men, and others who met the risen Savior of the world, had an experience to share: they had seen the risen Lord. He had walked with them on the road of their disappointment. He talked and spent time with them, and their joy was restored. He will do the same for all who invite him on the journey of their life.

The good news is that faith in Christ is not futile. I can turn to him in such faith with sure and certain hope. So can you. My prayer for you, and your loved ones, is that you will experience afresh the presence and power of the risen Savior of the world this Easter season and always.

God loves you and so do I.

*Pastor Dottie*

**GRADUATES NAMES ARE NEEDED FOR  
RECOGNITION!**

We need the names of graduates for recognition in June!

For **High School** graduates please give us their name and the school from which they are graduating. If it is out of the Sussex County area, please give us the location as well.

For **Undergraduate College**, please give us the graduates name, degree earned, field of study and school name and location. You may indicate any special recognitions earned (cum laude, summa cum laude, magna cum laude, phi beta kappa) and we will include this information in the Member Notes section of the newsletter.

For **Graduate degrees earned**, please give us the graduates name, degree earned, field of study and school name and location.

Please give the above information to the church office **in writing** or e-mail ([newtonfumc@embarqmail.com](mailto:newtonfumc@embarqmail.com)) as soon as possible.

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Dr. Dorothy Dann
<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	Rev. E. T. Holland
<b>Pastor Emeritus</b>	Rev. Dr. H. Alden Welch
<b>Director of Music</b>	
<b>Coordinator of Youth Ministries</b>	Matthew Querns
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*Join us at the*  
ORDINATION CELEBRATION  
for  
ERICA MILONE MUNOZ  
*Sunday, June 3, 2012, at 3 p.m.*  
*Holland Hall*

*From Baptism to Ordination...*

On August 24, 1980, Pam and Rick Milone presented their daughter, Erica Leigh, for baptism at the United Methodist Church of Newton.

At Erica's baptism, the congregation of

Newton Methodist promised to nurture her, saying, "With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Erica with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life." Thus, her faith journey began and her Newton Methodist Church family has walked with her since that time.

On Friday evening, June 1, 2012, Erica Leigh Milone Munoz will be ordained as a full Elder in the United Methodist Church at the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference Session in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania,

Ordination marks the beginning of a lifetime of leadership in "Word, Sacrament, Order and Service."

Please join us on June 3, 2012, to celebrate!

*RSVP to Pam Milone @ 973/383-5412*  
*by May 20, 2012*

You can watch Erica's ordination ceremony on Friday evening,  
June 1, 2012, at  
[www.gnjumc.org](http://www.gnjumc.org)

THANK YOU !!

Special thanks to the Ullman Family for hosting Coffee Hour Fellowship on April 22. Please consider gathering your family or get together with a friend to host a future coffee hour.

It is so easy and you get to greet the congregation individually as they are served! *Greet a friend, make a friend, be a friend!*

Beverages are provided; other optional treats are reimbursable or may be donated. Printed information for preparation is provided on the inside cabinet door. Simply sign-up in Holland Hall!

THANK YOU, TOO !!

**First United Methodist Church of Newton  
Scholarship**

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111 Ryerson Avenue  
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**Eligibility:**

- Applicant must be a member or associated with the First United Methodist Church of Newton in an active capacity.
- Applicant must be a high school senior.
- Applicant must perform volunteer service to church and community.
- Applicant must have been accepted to a learning institution approved by the scholarship committee.

**Application process:**

- Pick up application from the church office or request one via e-mail from [newtonfumc@embarqmail.com](mailto:newtonfumc@embarqmail.com).
- Applicant must submit completed application form to church office by June 5. Please call the church office if you are interested.
- Scholarship recipients will be announced in late June.

# *Memorials, Special Gifts and Estates*



*When special occasions arise, consider the "Perfect Gift" which perpetuates our church,*

*providing special needs beyond the operating budget, and making a lifelong connection for individuals. Acknowledgement cards are mailed to donors & families.*

## *Memorial Gifts received this past month*

*In Memory of*

*Given by:*

*Eugene Fischer*

Fred. C. Iliff, Betty & Joseph Mussolini, Jeannette & Charles Zangerle

*Mildred Prentice Hughes*

John & Linda Barno, Jane & Leonard Gutowski, Sharon & Richard Hughes, Tom & Paula Dubiak, Thorp FFA Alumnae, Jeannette & Charles Zangerle

*Mildred Shuster*

John A. Dyksen, Jr., Nancy & Terry Loller, Alice & Denton Uptegrove

*Lemoyne Paugh Sprague*

Irene & Jack Blauvelt, Donna & Reginald Brooks, Lorraine Fiedor, Terry & John Iliff, Marion Lanterman, Lois & Russell McCue, Marybeth & Matt McGrath, Joyce, Richard & Diane Marderian, Joyce & Roland Post, Kevin A. Post, Ruth & Jeff & David & Michele Seals, Carol & Randy Sprague, Jeannette & Charles Zangerle

*God calls us to be faithful stewards of our possessions. A will is one way to continue faithful stewardship with 'Gifts That Keep Giving'*

**Please remember your church in your will**

## **SOUND SYSTEM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

If you are looking for a way to give of your time and talent or learn a new talent at church then we have a ministry for you.

On The Job Training provided and written instructions always available. Learn how to control one microphone and you can easily work the multi microphone console as they are all the same. Record audio for our historical records and provide audio to video recording for Bristol Glen and/or the home bound.

We can work to your schedule availability one Sunday per month or 3-4 times per year.

If interested or just want a tour of the equipment please contact Jerry Tavolaro after services or at 973-948-7729. Please consider this opportunity, we really need your help!

### **PLANNING A GRADUATION PARTY, BARBECUE OR CONFIRMATION PARTY?**

Do you shop for it at Shop-Rite or Weis grocery stores?

Purchase Gift cards from your church and use when you shop, even for the Pharmacy!

You may purchase Gift cards on Sunday mornings in Holland Hall from 9:30 A.M. until worship begins, or after worship until 11:30 A.M., or at the Church Office during regular office hours.

Each purchase gives our church 5% of the face price of the card. Thank you.

### **PRAYER HELPS**

**P** for Peace  
**R** for Relatives & Friends  
**A** for America  
**Y** for Yourself

**PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH's**  
**Ministry -- Mission -- Members**

## LYDIA CIRCLE

The Lydia Circle will meet on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 P.M. at Newton Country Club for Lunch. This will be our last meeting until September. Have a good, safe summer.

Please call 973-383-7670 if you need a ride or have any questions.

Gladys Heckman  
Circle Leader



United  
Methodist  
Women

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Club of the Church is beginning a Women's Bible Study on Wednesday, April 11 through Wednesday, May 30. We will meet in the choir room from 10:30 to 11:30 these eight Wednesdays. All women are invited. We will be reading and discussing Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver. Questions? Call Marilyn Sappio at 973-579-6242.

## ADULT FORUM

Stay for an extra hour next Sunday -- it's a good prescription for growing your faith and understanding! What for? The Adult Forum meets each Sunday in the Media Center to discuss important articles of the background of our beliefs, and try to find answers to some of those questions that arise at times.

We use videos of some of the leaders of our faith, and either Marilyn Sappio or Al Mearns leads a discussion of the subject of the day.

These lessons are directed to each one of us, and you are invited to share in the lessons with those of us who attend regularly!

## YOUTH NEWS!

Spring is in full swing, and school is slowly winding down for our teens. That means, our Winter/Spring program season is nearing its ends as well. Thus, we will end with a bang in May. But first, I want to say how proud I am of the youth who went and volunteered at CUMAC ECHO. We put together around 400 bags to feed hungry families. Their efforts also made it possible for CUMAC's staff to work on other important projects. In May, we will have our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Youth Sunday, with the youth preaching, singing, and leading worship, and we will have end of the season parties for each group. We welcome all youth to join us! If you have never been to one of our events, then come check out what we have to offer. Also, during April and May, the youth will be collecting sponsorships and donations for their mission trip and general ministries. While prayer is a gift we will always graciously accept, if you are able to help us also with a financial gift, we are happy to give back to you a share of our trip. See a youth for more details. Lastly, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of May, May 16, the youth invite you to dine out at Friendly's. Everyone who eats at Friendly's between 5:00 and 8:00 will donate 10% of their bill to our mission trip and general ministries funds. May spring bring you warmth, joy, and not too many itchy eyes!

Matthew

### *May Events*

#### **Junior High Youth December Event**

**May 20** - Youth Sunday and Lunch - Be at church at 9:30 to get ready for the service

**June 2** - End of the Year Party- 5:00-7:00, Location TBA - Everyone bring a snack!!!

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**June 3** - End of the Year Party- 5:00-7:00, Location TBA - Everyone bring a snack!!!

## BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 Roger Tanis, Kathy Quinn, Suellyn McGlew, Tonya Crum,  
Katie Carstens  
5/5 Andrew Iliff  
5/6 Keith Anderson, Brittany Macko  
5/7 Jerry Palermo  
5/9 Gina Grosso, Andrew Sharick  
5/11 Richard Matthews, Fred Monesmith  
5/12 Irene Gourlay, Alice Sharick  
5/13 Elizabeth Ragsdale  
5/14 Susan Wilinski  
5/15 Arne Goytil, Lisa McCaughey, Melissa Vander Groef  
5/17 Charles Windt, Linda Giffoniello, Nicholas Sapio  
5/18 Laurie Tavolaro, Ashley Meisinger  
5/19 Dorothy Dann, Kristen Regula  
5/20 Pamela Milone, Matthew Munoz, Emily Burd, Daniel Tietje  
5/21 Lindberg Titus, Courtney Meisinger, Benjamin Galinski  
5/22 Kenneth Smith  
5/23 Eileen Layton, Terry Iliff  
5/25 James McCracken, Katie Reynolds, Lisa Fischer, Samantha  
Edwards, Samantha Mitchell, Heather Kilduff  
5/26 Jay Gould  
5/27 Vicki Lyn Galinski  
5/29 Bianka Gourlay, Barbara Edwards, Stephanie Crossley  
5/30 Kaitlin Lawrence  
5/31 Zachary Lospinuso

*Is **your** birthday missing or listed incorrectly here? Let the church office know so that we may correct our records!*

### ***Newsletter Staff***

Daniel Rutan, ***Editor***

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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

*Come Together in Faith and Receive New Life in the Spirit*

May 1 Revelation 21:1-27

May 2 Revelation 22:1-21

*National Day of Prayer*

May 3 Joel 1:1-20

May 4 Joel 2:1-32

May 5 Joel 3:1-21

May 6 Ezekiel 1:1-28

May 7 Ezekiel 2:1-10

May 8 Ezekiel 3:1-27

May 9 Ezekiel 34:1-31

May 10 Ezekiel 36:1-15

May 11 Ezekiel 36:16-38

May 12 Ezekiel 37:1-28

May 13 Ezekiel 39:1-29

May 14 Ezekiel 43:1-27

May 15 Ezekiel 47:1-23

May 16 Ezekiel 48:1-35

*Ascension Day*

May 17 Acts 1:1-26

May 18 Romans 8:1-17

May 19 Romans 8:18-39

May 20 Romans 12:1-21

May 21 Romans 13:1-14

May 22 Romans 14:1-23

May 23 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

May 24 1 Corinthians 4:1-21

May 25 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

May 26 1 Corinthians 6:1-20

*Pentecost*

May 27 Acts 2:1-21

May 28 Acts 2:22-47

May 29 Acts 3:1-26

May 30 Acts 4:1-22

May 31 Acts 4:23-37

## WINGS OF THE MORNING MINISTRY

The Psalmist said, "Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful" (Psalm 149:1). We sing using the words of Thomas O. Chisholm, "Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!"

God has blessed us all beyond our imagination and we continuously experience new mercies each and every moment of our lives! Praising and singing new songs to God is paramount to our Christian journey. Thanks and Praise be to our Creator God in and through the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for God's mercy and grace upon all of us!

One of the many new ways that we sing new songs to God is by sharing our resources generously with others who are less privileged and in need of help. Elsewhere, and in a different context, Martin Luther said it beautifully, "There are three conversions necessary: conversion of the heart, of the mind and of the purse." As your Episcopal leader and Lay Leader, we cannot thank you enough for your generosity and sacrificial giving in various ways! We are truly and sincerely appreciative of all you do and for your magnanimous spirit of giving for the ministry and mission that we perform as a Church.

We still cannot get over the ways in which you opened your purses with an open mind and an open heart for the Aviation Project, "Wings of the Morning"\* last year at Annual Conference. Again, we salute with pride and joy all of you who have participated in this project. Some churches have not yet taken advantage of this opportunity to advance our ministry. There is another chance for all of us to share generously, in order to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Recently we have been approached by Thomas Kemper, General Secretary of the Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, with a challenge to all the partner Conferences in this project to raise another \$250,000 so that this plane can be bought as soon as possible. Our target is to raise an additional \$50,000 as

an Annual Conference.

May we prayerfully request you and your church join this noble cause by donating through your church, specifying "Wings of the Morning" in the memo of the check.

In Christ's love,  
Rosa Williams, Conference Lay Leader  
*Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar*

\*"Wings of the Morning" is a United Methodist-sponsored flight ministry that provides the only means for critically ill persons in isolated areas of the Democratic Republic of Congo to reach medical facilities. Our Conference has partnered with the General Board of Global Ministries, along with a few other Conferences, to buy a larger plane which "would be much cheaper to operate. It would allow for fewer trips when transporting people and supplies (the current plane fits 5 passengers without luggage), and would not require AV-gas, making each trip less expensive."

## **BARBECUE "PICNIC" DINNER**

*Sponsored by United Methodist Men*

**Saturday, May 19, 2012**

**5:00 to 7:00 P.M.**

**Holland Hall**

**Burgers, Hot Dogs, Cole Slaw and other picnic foods.**

**A free-will offering will be accepted.**

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**EXTRA! Copies of 2011 Annual Report**

**EXTRA! Copies of Monthly Newsletter**

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