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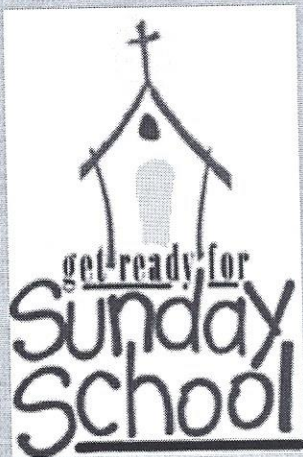
*Holiness unto the Lord*

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## CHUCK'S CHURCH

Saints,

Grace to you and peace! Despite the weird, wet weather I hope you've all had a fun, relaxing, rejuvenating summer. In terms of our church-wow! What a summer we had! Check it out...

- ⇒ We kicked it off with a fantastic Bell Choir Concert on June 24<sup>th</sup>. Alice Bennett did an amazing job putting it all together and the sanctuary was packed!
- ⇒ We officially welcomed our new student pastor, Chris Stanley, and he did a fantastic job filling in for me while I was on vacation in July.
- ⇒ Our Vacation Bible School was a total home run with over 65 kids in attendance, the most we have seen in years! Thanks to the amazing Rhea, JayR, and Krisel Manglapus, and to Anita Donnelly and everyone else who worked so hard before and behind the scenes to make it the best VBS ever!
- ⇒ On July 25<sup>th</sup> the Social Justice task Force sponsored "Postcards & Pizza," a gathering to instruct interested parties on how to write postcards to local, state, and national political leaders on issues that concern the church. Over 20 attended and 50 postcards were sent out on various issues. Thanks to Erin Markan for organizing it!
- ⇒ On July 28<sup>th</sup> members of the Task Force joined with over 200 United Methodists from around the state to participate in the "Keep Families Together" prayer rally at the ICE Detention Center in Elizabeth.
- ⇒ Despite the worst summer weather in memory, our Jehovah Jirah garden continues to supply fresh veggies to hungry people in our area!
- ⇒ On August 11 we had our biggest crowd of the year (48) at the Saturday 5 o'clock service! Eric Drew, our Conference Worship Committee Chair was visiting and really enjoyed the service.
- ⇒ Speaking of attendance, our average summer attendance at 9:30 on Sunday morning is significantly up from last year!
- ⇒ Chris Stanley has been meeting with a new Young Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 11. I poked my head in the door a couple of weeks ago and saw ten in attendance- fantastic!
- ⇒ And with Chris' leadership this year our United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) will be attending the IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE for the first time in years! To help defray the cost as of right now they have already raised over \$600 by selling tickets to a car wash on August 25!
- ⇒ The Stewardship and Nominating Committees have been meeting regularly over the summer in order to move our church boldly forward in terms of dynamic leadership and responsible financial growth.
- ⇒ And finally, our new directory came in and it's a hoot! Thanks again to the tireless Anitas, Davis and Donnelly, along with our amazing admin,

Trish Boyce, for all the hours put in to make it a reality!

Okay, enough about summer- let's talk about this fall! Here are just a few of the things coming up over the next two months to get all excited about...

- ⇒ The church picnic kicks off the season with food, fun, and fellowship on Sunday, September 9, from 12-5 at Merrill Park! We'll be at the same covered pavilion as last year's amazing picnic.
- ⇒ Our Sunday School begins with fun and games on September 16!
- ⇒ UMYF begins meeting regularly on the same Sunday.
- ⇒ Our annual "Music Sunday" worship service takes place on September 23<sup>rd</sup>!
- ⇒ With the support of founder, Dr. Hemlata Parmar (who worshipped with us on August 5<sup>th</sup>) we will be starting a New Jersey chapter of the Indian Christian Women's Association of North America. Thanks to Doneta Christian for heading up this effort and hosting the first meetings at her home!
- ⇒ Our youth will be attending the aforementioned IGNITE YOUTH CONFERENCE in Wildwood from September 28-30<sup>th</sup>!
- ⇒ *Here's a biggie!* Bishop John Schol will be joining us for worship on WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, October 7<sup>th</sup>. What a celebration that will be!
- ⇒ The annual HUNGER WALK sponsored by the Metuchen Edison Area Interfaith Clergy Association will take place on Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Last year we had over 30 NDUMC people take part in the walk and we quadrupled the amount of money raised. This year we hope to double that!
- ⇒ Hot Topics begins the fall season starting October 1 on Monday mornings at 10:30 and Thursday nights at 7:00. I'm still debating exactly what the hot topic will be, but will have it down by the October Herald, I promise!

Okay, Trish tells me I have to stop here or it will cost us extra postage to mail the Herald! Let me just close by saying how excited I am to begin this third church season together with all of you disciples. I believe with all my heart that this will be a miraculous year at New Dover and so let's prepare to get busy...*real busy!*

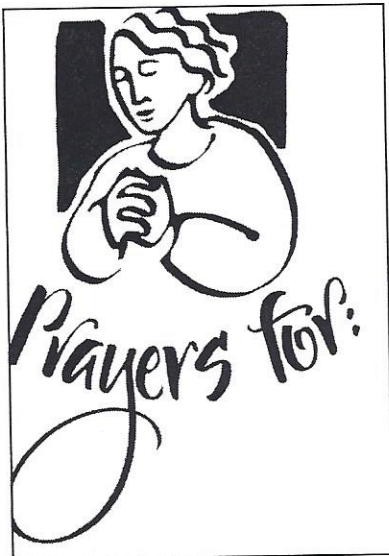
Peace,

*Chuck*



*It's coming! Get ready for it!*

# KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS



Bob Meckler & Family  
Manny DeLaPaz & Family  
Spencer Kolb  
Christine Rowland  
Eric Myers  
Nayan Vyas & Family  
Robert Rozmus  
Christine & Judy Tymitz  
America

Christians of India  
Marian Jones  
LuLu Kamenas  
NDUMC Missionaries  
Preston Family  
Boyce Family  
Jeff & Karen Rowland  
Our Schools  
Robyn & Carolyn DeCicco

All suffering with  
Addictions  
Convalescent Homes  
All Servicemen and  
Women  
Gayle Farrell

**Pray for all those seeking employment, those affected by Natural Disasters, those suffering with addictions, those suffering from depression, those affected by acts of terrorism, all national leaders and troops, and all those serving at New Dover UMC.**

Any names that may have been left off are not intentional. We trust in God to know all our needs.

To activate the prayer chain contact Nancy Preston @732-381-1205  
or Anita Davis @732-815-0597



Everyone is invited to the Church picnic on September 9 at Merrill Park in Colonia from 12pm-5pm. Share a side dish or dessert. Sign-up board is in Fellowship Hall

## SAVE THE DATES

Sept. 9	Church Picnic @ Merrill Park
Sept. 15	Conference Reports due to Trish
Sept. 16	Sunday School Starts
Sept 23	Music Sunday
Sept 28-30	Ignite
Oct 7	World Communion Sunday w/ Bishop John Schol
Nov 17	Church Conference

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## SERMON OF THE MONTH

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# "Why Are We Here?"

(Sermon preached July 29, 2018)

Acts 17:16-32; Isaiah 45:18-23

Why are we here? What am I doing here? What are you doing here? What combination of our free will and God's divine intervention led each of us to this particular sanctuary, in this particular town, on this particular Sunday, at this peculiar moment in history? *WHY ARE WE HERE?* What beckoned us to church this morning? What's the attraction? What do we hunger and thirst for? Are we actually hungry and thirsty, or are we simply going through the motions? Are we merely patterning a behavior implanted in us since childhood? Ever since many of you can remember you've come to the white church on the hill at 687 New Dover Road on Sunday mornings, so here you are! Maybe that's why you're here. Or maybe you've come here from a far distant land. Or maybe you're fairly new and still exploring what it means to worship at New Dover? Or maybe you're visiting Edison and decided to drop by! Could be any one of these things. Or is it deeper than that? Is there some primeval quest, a yearning deep within us believing that perhaps there's something to be found in this place, something we sorely need to hear, to experience? Something that could give new meaning to our life?

Or perhaps we are here for a completely different motivation. Maybe we're here because our hearts have been moved by the suffering and injustice we see in the world around us. Perhaps we have determined that this is the best place we can come to take a stand against poverty, hunger, and oppression. Perhaps this is the place where we can join with neighbors of a similar motivation and actually make a difference in the world.

Bottom line- there are probably dozens of possible reasons why we're here this morning. Harry Goldstein, for years the editor of the *"Carolina Israelite"*, was as a boy always puzzled that his father attended synagogue every Sabbath, even though his father told everyone publicly that he was an agnostic bordering on atheism. One day Harry decided he couldn't take it any longer, and asked him, *"Father, you don't believe in God! Why do you go to synagogue?"* His father replied, *"There are many reasons why a person would go to synagogue. Take Silverman. He goes to synagogue to talk to God. Me? I go to synagogue to talk to Silverman."*

*"WHY ARE YOU HERE?"* was posed to the Apostle Paul while he was in Athens waiting for Silas and Timothy to join him on his trip to Corinth. Paul had wandered about the city and saw that it was up to its armpits in idols, statues, and shrines of Greek and Roman gods and goddesses. There was a significant Jewish population in Athens and Paul wondered how the monotheistic Jews handled life in such a polytheistic culture. Never one to miss an opportunity to evangelize, Paul didn't sit around waiting to catch the first bus to Corinth, oh no! He went first to the synagogues, then to the marketplace, proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to anyone who had ears to hear. It was the first time the Gospel had been heard on the streets of the historic city.

Now Athens was the philosophical and religious center of the Roman Empire. So whenever there were rumors of a new teaching in the city, the person doing the teaching would be called before the Council of the Areopagus which consisted mainly of Epicureans and Stoics, the two major philosophical schools of the day. This council existed to question and judge any new teaching to determine whether it was *worthy* to be preached on the streets of Athens. If they judged it unworthy, such teaching as well as the teacher would be banned from the city. As Paul stood before them the Council members asked, *"May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? We would like to know what it means."* In other words, *"Paul of Tarsus, visitor in Athens, WHY THE HECK ARE YOU HERE?"* What brought you to our proud city, teaching this new thing?

Like a wet-behind-the-ears lawyer arguing a case before the US Supreme Court, most would have withered in the face of such tradition and authority, but Paul stood tall before them in his worn-out sandals, undaunted, confident, and unafraid. He began his defense by alluding to all the idols of wood and stone erected around Athens, and praised the Athenians for their genuine interest in religion. But then Paul went on to explain, on no uncertain terms, why *HE* was here. He told them of an obscure altar he had gazed upon in the city which had inscribed on it the words- *"To an unknown god."* It was there amidst all the other altars erected to all the other gods, but this one unassuming altar Paul singled out, and by the time he was done speaking he had rendered obsolete all the other shrines to all the other gods in the city. For in Paul's words, this God they didn't know about was the God of the Israelites,

*"The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things."*

In other words, the God Paul proclaimed should never be placed side by side with these manufactured gods, for this God is so vast and powerful that all idols are blown before him like dust motes before a storm. And likewise this Gospel Paul proclaimed is not based on the musings of human beings but is the *Logos*, the word of God himself revealed. The same word that created the universe, the same word that birthed and redeemed humanity! How could it even be suggested that this Gospel be compared with human teaching?

Paul stood boldly before these learned men of the *Areopagus* and dared proclaim to them the shifting of the age! **"WHY ARE YOU HERE PAUL?"** Because the age of humanity's alienation from God is ending and the new age of redemption and reconciliation has begun. And this has been confirmed in the raising from the dead of the one divinely anointed to announce the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God, the one we call Jesus the Christ.

One can imagine the hush which fell over the *Areopagus*. They had asked this ragged wanderer a simple question, *"Why are you here?"* and Paul basically turned the question right back at them! In one short sermon, Paul announced to them that their way of thinking, while a noble striving, nonetheless fell far short of the ultimate truth of the universe. "Council of the Areopagus- Your idols are useless; 'Your gods are too small!' You dare to ask why *I'm* here? How about this- **WHY ARE YOU HERE??!!!"** **BOOM! Mind blown!**

Well, after the Council regained its composure, some scoffed at what Paul had said, but there were others who sat there on the highest philosophical court in the Roman world, and told Paul, *"we will hear you again about this."* Whatever their previous concerns, they now knew on no uncertain terms why Paul was here!

So Saints, back to 687 New Dover Road on July 29, 2018- **WHY ARE WE HERE?"** The times have changed, centuries have rolled on, but the circumstances remain the same in so many ways. In fact sometimes it seems as if we are right back to the days of ancient Athens, standing at the shifting of the ages. We turn on our TVs, we open up the Internet, we look around our neighborhoods and see as Paul did- so many idols grabbing our attention away from ultimate truth. *"Wait a minute, Rev"* some of you may say, *"I don't see any idols. I see no statues of Greek or Roman gods!"* Oh, the idols are here all right, but perhaps they're invisible to us because we've forgotten what an idol is. An idol is simply something to which we give an inordinate amount of attention. It doesn't have to be a carved statue or a towering temple to a god; that would be easy to figure out, wouldn't it? An idol is anything upon which we pour our utmost devotion, our affection, our time and energy. Care for some examples? How about the way some people idolize their new car? They spend hours a week washing and waxing it, make sure the engine purrs like a kitten. And how about watching TV? How much do we spend on the latest flat screen and how much time do we devote to gazing upon it each week? How about our homes and property? Our bodies? Our appearance? Our sports? How many of these things in our lives claim more of our devotion than God? Heck, every day it's like we're following Paul around Athens!

The temptations of those ancient Athenians are the temptations of modern Americans, and they continue to tug at us each and every day. Just as they wanted to place the unknown god *next to* all the others, we tend to place church *next to* all the other things going on in our lives. And once we do so it becomes little more than one more statue on the street to which we will devote a little time and energy each week. The reason why so many of us end up this way is because we have so surrounded ourselves with the idols of this world, that we have blinded ourselves to God's truth. If faith is a forest and the idols are trees, we can't see the forest for the trees! Like the Council of the Areopagus, we fail to see the shifting of the age; **WE HAVE FORGOTTEN WHY WE ARE HERE!"**

What is the church to us? Is it merely one of a number of idols standing alongside many others? An hour or two during the week no more important than time devoted to the other things which have wedged their way into our lives, demanding our time, crying out for attention? Saints, the challenge is to see beyond the distractions that blind us from beholding the glory and magnificence of God as well as the love God displays in the Son who lived and died and rose for us, the anointed one who declared the shifting of the age from rebellion to reconciliation, from judgment to forgiveness, from death into life.

There's no doubt that our lives are often too cluttered and confined by the idols of our materialistic culture, but there are places in the world where the view is less obstructed, where the lens of abject poverty provides a much clearer picture than our possession-fogged perspective, where the shifting of the age can be seen in all its light and power. In chapel one morning, Professor Tom Long of Princeton Theological Seminary told us seminarians of just such a place. Here's the story he told...

A minister he knew named Joanna Adams "went with some members of her congregation to spend a week of worship and learning with some new found friends in a place appropriately called "Christ," the little Pentecostal congregation of the Church of God in Esteli, Nicaragua. The church members got off the plane, decently and in order, with suitcases loaded down with everything we Americans think is essential- from bug spray to panty hose to peanut butter and Pepto Bismol. They soon became embarrassed by all the possessions they had packed, and humbled by the awareness that the true wealth was not in their suitcases or traveler's checks, but in the joyous faith they encountered in this small congregation in a poor and troubled land.

"Our time with you...was a time of judgment," Rev. Joanna later wrote to the Nicaraguan Christians. "We realized that we seek our security in so many things, and I do mean things. Money in the bank, missiles in the silo, diplomats on the wall, while you, you rest securely in the arms of God. You know instinctively that nothing is sure but the love of God."

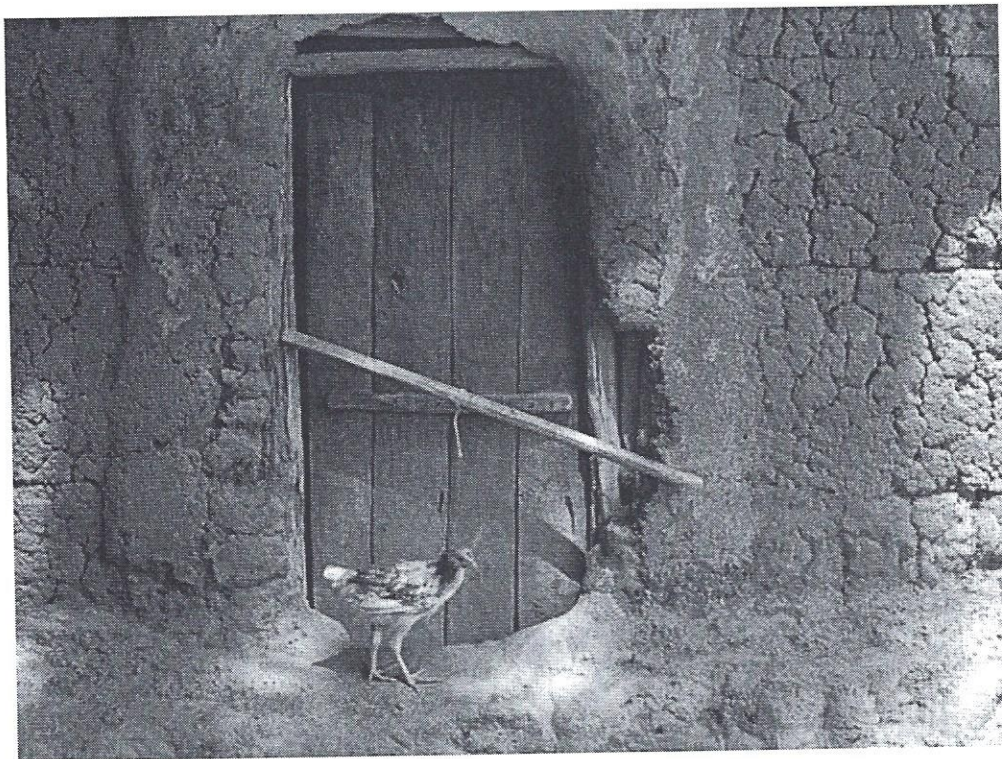
The Americans had expected to be viewed with suspicion- after all (at the time) the two nations were virtually at war- but they were astounded at the ways in which they were embraced by the Nicaraguan people. They found themselves drawn eagerly into their worship, swaying to the strange rhythms of the joyful hymns, laughing and clapping to the beat of tambourines with a new found freedom. So much so, that at one evening service the pastor of the Church, Eddie Peralta leaned over to Joanna and said, "I think the devil is having a real bad time seeing us worship together this way. I think this is a bad day for the devil!"

At one point in their trip, Eddie took them to a small house in the village where the church had a Bible study. It was just one room with a few rough benches and a home-made chalkboard. All around there were signs of distress: the poverty of the housing, the signs of wars destruction, a few scrawny chickens running through the yards, and everywhere the haunting faces of hunger. On the doorway to the house someone had written in Spanish, the words, "Quien vive?" "Who lives?" Pastor Eddie then opened the door to show, written in the same hand on the inside of the door, "Jesu Christo." Jesus Christ lives.

Saints, in our search for truth we can be so weighed down, distracted, and blinded by all the idols that surround us in this age and culture that values material goods over eternal truth that we forget why we even came here this morning.

Why are we here???? It's the question the *Areopagus* asked of Paul, and he sliced through the confusion of his age to give them an answer that turned their way of thinking on its proverbial head. Saints, the very same question is put to us, and if we too can find a way to pierce the confusion of our time then we too will see the only answer that matters, the only answer that really explains why we are here.

On that door in Nicaragua swings the shifting of the ages. Where are we? In the age of "Who Lives?" Why are we here? "Jesu Christo." Because Jesus Christ Lives!



# **BISHOP JOHN SCHOL IS COMING TO NEW DOVER!!!!**

## **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 7, 2018**

**10:00 AM SERVICE**

**WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE BISHOP JOHN SCHOL ATTEND OUR WORSHIP SERVICE. BISHOP SCHOL WILL PREACH AND ASSIST IN COMMUNION.**



### **United Methodist Women News**

It is September and we are excitedly looking forward to a new season of United Methodist Women.

We will start with our annual "Kickoff Dinner" on September 12. (Look for more info in the Herald).

Guest speakers (including our own Pastor Chuck), mission project for remembering our women veterans and spouses of veterans, informative meetings, covered dish suppers and the joy of Christian women joining together.

Our meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm. The meetings are always followed by our delicious homemade desserts. We invite all women to join us for fun and fellowship.

Any questions, call Dianne at 732-381-8688.

Sincerely,

Dianne Petersen  
UMW President

**Sight and Sound Trip** - if you still owe a balance for the trip, it is due on September 16th. Any questions on amount you owe, please call Connie @ 732-287-2231

Our first meeting of the year is on September 12th and will be a dinner at Manny's Diner in Clark. It begins at 6:00pm. We will all order from the menu and pay our own bill as we did last year. Please sign up on the sheet in the breezeway and give a \$5.00 deposit to Connie. It will be returned at dinner. We must have at least 15 people, so please join us.

**ATTENTION**

**Attention: Committee Chairs**

Church conference reports are due to Trish by September 15. They are due to the conference office by October 1.

**Operation Christmas Child News:**

Our Shoe box drive will not begin for another month or so, but while you are out school shopping, please consider purchasing some extra school supplies for your shoe box.



**Light Overcomes Darkness**

**By an Operation Christmas Child discipleship coordinator in Ecuador**

During the past three years the Gospel has spread to several unreached areas, including a previously closed community near the city of Puerto Francisco de Orellana. We discovered that families here consult a witchdoctor who predicts what will happen to people. This causes them to live in fear because some have passed away following these predictions.

With the assistance of local believers, shoebox gifts from Samaritan's Purse arrived for 57 children. We offered them The Greatest Journey discipleship program as well. One participant named Wilo says that he feels safer now because he knows Jesus as his Savior. He isn't afraid because Christ conquered death and gave life to His children. The president of the community said, "Thanks to The Greatest Journey teacher's lessons my children's attitudes have changed, and as a result my family accepted Christ as Savior. I have security knowing my community will be blessed by God. When He is with us, who can come against the Almighty God?"

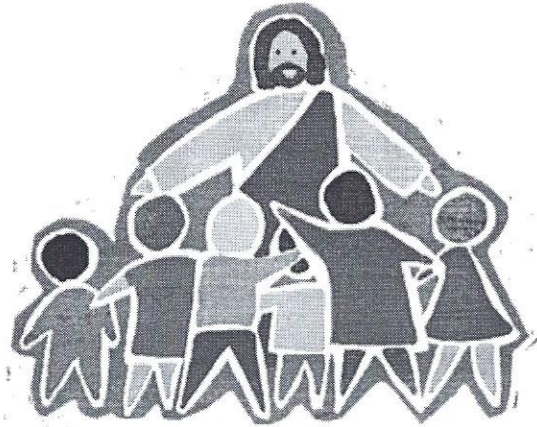
For the glory of God, His Word is planted in children, young people, and adults in this community. Today they understand that in Jesus Christ there is hope. Thank you for being part of this ministry and being an ambassador of His Word. Thank you, brothers and sisters, for giving me the necessary tools to carry the Word of God to difficult-to-reach places where people have never heard about God.



## MEMBERSHIP BLOG

Our blog opens with Father's Day services on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Two special events marked the service: Corbiey and Jennifer O. were recognized for their work leading the youth group and the choir was recruited to give carnations to all the men of the congregation during the offering. The Scriptures for the day were Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 and Matthew 6:25-33. As the writer of Eccl. was looking for meaning and purpose in his life, we are also looking for the key to life in what we see. As noted in the Gospel lesson, we must acknowledge that the key is to first seek the kingdom of God, which is among us and within us. We are then transformed through the Word, then moved to action to transform the world. The service ended with Rev. and selected men leading the congregation in the response to the benediction. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday for the single service summer worship schedule, congregants packed the pews. Bell choirs from New Dover and 3 other churches played as one, filling the sanctuary with musical offerings. Tributes were given to Karen R., Lisa L. and Alice B. for their work in bringing the program to fruition. The Scriptures for the day were Isaiah 10:1-4 and Matthew 12:9-14. Rev. discussed our Social Justice Task Force and its statement against the current immigration policy, asking when the church should take a stand against injustice. Jesus noted we are to live within the law but not to the extent of accepting unjust and unmerciful actions. Justice and compassion are more important than legalism. Can we continue to sit and do nothing or do we fight for justice in the name of Christ? Taking a stand is NOT an option but commanded by Jesus Himself! The service was followed by a special coffee hour in recognition of all the bell ringers. Thank you, musicians!

On the last weekend in June we were blessed to have two different sermons by two guest speakers. On Saturday evening our new student pastor, Christopher Stanley, spoke from James 3. He discussed the power of words and how they can either destroy or nurture, lead others along the path or astray. As Jesus used His words to bless and transform, we must do likewise. Then on Sunday morning, Rev. Judy Anne White led us through 1 Corinthians 13. Our world experiences diverse and innumerable problems, yet God's love is always present and unconditional. We need to remember to focus on loving others as God does, and realizing we are more the same than different. Holy Communion followed. Thanks to Chris and Rev. White for their thought-provoking sermons. The following weekend our student pastor gave the sermon for all services. On Saturday evening the Scripture focus was from James 4 and Chris discussed humility; Kyle S. led the praise band in song. Sunday's service opened with the favorite hymn, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" and also included a selection by the Chancel choir. The Scriptures were Leviticus 19:13-18 and Luke 10:25-27. Chris noted that "tribalism"-the "us" versus "them" mindset, keeps us from developing relationships with those who are different from us. Because God loves us AND our neighbors, we need to stop justifying such behavior and divisiveness and love as He does. Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> was notable for including a time of special recognition for Sgt. Calvin Christian, who had recently returned from active duty. Special music was provided for the anthem by Will S. on the clarinet and Grace K., who also sang powerfully during the offering-thank you both for sharing your talents! The Scriptures for the day were Isaiah 43:1-2 and Revelation 22:1-2. Rev. Chuck shared his adventures hiking and river rafting, discussing the journey of our lives and how we grow from our experiences. We also need to have the right "river guide"; many try to lead, but we know that Jesus is our ultimate guide. He has the wisdom and experience, and we know we can fully trust Him to show us the path to follow and to be there when we need Him. Service was followed by a special coffee hour honoring Sgt. Christian. The following Sunday service began with an enthusiastic presentation from the VBS participants singing "My Lighthouse", lighting up the sanctuary with their love for Christ. The Scriptures for the day were Habakkuk 2:15 and Romans 5:1-5. Rev. noted that as the only species aware of our impending death, we can often be overcome and threatened by our fear. This leads to intolerance and greed until fear remains our only companion. Let's surrender to Jesus and His promise of eternal life; only then are we saved from death and fear and saved for freedom-to love our neighbor. It was a joyful day; thanks to all the volunteers who planned, taught and assisted with VBS this year, and the 63[!] kids who signed up for this wonderful adventure. On the last Sunday in July special music, an African spiritual titled "Eyes on the Prize", was provided by Rev., Kyle S. and Emma P.-. What a trio! The Scriptures for the day were Isaiah 45:18-23 and Acts 17:16-32. Rev. discussed Paul's experience in Athens, talking about the distraction of idols; we often seek security in things rather than God's love and promises. In our search for the truth, let's focus the only answer than matters-Jesus. August services began with Communion Sunday. We had two special guests: Dr Haris Gershom returned to play several instruments, including the saw blade, for the anthem, and Rev. Hemlata Parmar returned to briefly discuss her work in India and assist with Communion. Thank you both for your work in helping others! The Scripture for the day was 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. This passage was written relative to the issue of "speaking in tongues", and the argument of who was better-those who did or those who didn't. Such issues of ritual continue to plague us as a church. We cannot think that one is better than the other; we are all equally part of the body of Christ. Beware those who seek to divide us. We need to show respect for everyone and cooperate in love; we must praise each other, depend on one another, and help each other.



"Let the little children come to me..."

Matthew 19:14, NIV

***The Religious Education Staff of  
The New Dover United Methodist Church  
invites you and your children to be part our Rally Day Activities.***

***September 9, 2018:*** Stop by our table in Fellowship Hall to sign up for our 2018-2019 Sunday School classes and a treat for your child.

Also on ***September 9th***, join us for some special activities at the Church Picnic.

***September 16, 2018*** we will hold a special meet and greet for all of the students with team building activities and some special surprises.

Our regular classes will start on ***September 23rd***.

For more information, feel free to contact Janet Greve, Superintendent of Children's Education at [Angels8664@aol.com](mailto:Angels8664@aol.com).