



Little Falls United Methodist Church

A Welcoming Community of Faith, Hope, & Outreach

Sharing Christ's Love Since 1825

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THE PASTOR'S PEN

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means,

"God is with us." (Matthew 1:23)

Peace be with you, Little Falls Church Family,

This year is an unusual year for all of us. Our ways of life have been changed due to the pandemic. It seems that the pandemic changed everything, but it didn't change our faith in God. We have continued worshipping God together every Sunday through Online or In-person Worship. We have helped people with our mission work, such as food pantry, Thanksgiving basket, etc. We have made disciples by baptizing and/or accepting new members. Church leadership, each committee and team have worked on Church ministry with presence, prayer, giving, service, and witness. We are gathering ideas and making plans for new ministries to follow God's will.

I can see the hope of the church from your faith and service. I can see God's work from your faith and service. I can see the work of the Holy Spirit from your faith and service. Little Falls Church Family, I believe that God is leading us even in the pandemic.

We are in Advent Season. As I preached last Sunday, it is time for us to practice waiting for the coming God's salvation and help. With peace, hope, faith, and love, we are waiting for Christmas and Jesus' returning. This is the time for us to meditate on the meaning of Jesus Christ, his first and second coming, and God's grace and love through Jesus.

We have our own life issues and the common issue, the pandemic. All of us are waiting for the new day and God's help in our lives. As we believe, God's salvation is coming. God's help is coming. The new day is coming. Let us keep our faith. Let us keep working on God's ministry together. Let us ask God to give us God's help. These are what we can do and what we should do with God's help.

We have hope because God is with us. We have peace because God is with us. We have faith because God is with us. We have love because God is with us. We are blessed because God is with us. Let us remind ourselves of Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us' in Advent Season. As God is with us, let's walk together for our faith journey as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you, Little Falls Church family!

In Christ,
Pastor Jin

MEMBER UPDATE

CONDOLENCES

Remember our friends in prayer, by cards, calling, and visiting the sick." (Matt 25:39).

ALTAR OF PRAYER

Our Bishop, Rev. Dr. John Schol and his family; Our Superintendent, Rev. William Williams III; Pastor Jin Kook Kim; Urban Promise in Camden & Malawi; CUMAC. For local police & fire companies; Enterprise #2, Great Notch, & Singac; Eagle Rescue Squad.

Prayers for all our senior citizens who are dealing with the challenges of aging.

HOSPITAL/ RECENT TREATMENT CONTINUING HOME RECOVERY

Mary Riker; Melissa Downing; Rose Ziskin; Al and Norma Taylor; Ted Fischer; Gary Ziskin; Carolyn Breecher (Cathy Gritmans sister); Geraldine Carstens; Emily Van Biert; Dale Marsh; Debbie Krattiger

NURSING HOME/REHAB

Janis Meder (Alaris)

HOMEBOUND

Jean Ketterer (North Bergen)

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Cj and Terri Carrera (Marines); TJ Corchado (US Army); Shirley Juhlin's Nephews: Drew Caputo Master at Arms (Navy); Kevin Caputo Seaman Apprentice (Navy). We thank and remember all our veterans and their many sacrifices for us.

THANK YOU!

To the congregation for your continued support and donations of non-perishable food for our LFUMC Food Pantry Families. Your generosity is a blessing to many families every day!



December

- 3 – Shirley Juhlin
- 7 – Angelina Perez
- 8 – Pam Weeks
- 14 – Carol Mecca
- 16 – Ella Strippoli
- 20 – Marilyn Meder
- 21 – Michael J. Tullo
- 22 – Andrew Miller



Celebrate UCom's 80th Giving Tuesday!

Please email Pastor Jin (jkim@littlefallsumc.org) or 973-256-0993, if you would like to share your concerns and joys with the congregation. I will lift up the names in the order of prayer in our worship.

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Please contact Pastor Jin or the church office if you need any help from Pastor Jin or church members! We are here to help you!



January

- 2 – Kacie Broadfield
- 2 – Karen Wilson
- 2 – Stephanie Pruestel
- 8 – Jennifer Shields-Rotonda
- 16 – Dale Marsh
- 22 – Lorean Tullo
- 26 – Kelsey Coull
- 26 – Lexi & Joey Rotonda
- 30 – Bridget Ziskin
- 30 – Marilyn Moore

BUY SCRIP GIFT CARDS

November Actual – \$9,650
November Profit – \$482.50
2020 Total – \$77,985
2020 Total Profit – \$3,899.25
Projection - \$85,800
Projection Profit - \$4,290



Thank you for supporting the church Scrip fundraiser during the quarantine period. Many of you have called asking for Shoprite gift cards and we have delivered them to you, or you have picked them up at our house. If you would like a Scrip, please contact Janet or Pete at 973-595-5765 or detroit50@aol.com. If you order on-line, the gift cards are an easy way to pay for your groceries.

Ways & Means Update

Hello friends,

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we were not able to host our Fall Baked Potato Dinner, as the health and safety of our congregation is most important. We look forward to hosting it next year. Kohl's gift cards will be available for sale when Kohl's reopens. Gift cards can be used for purchases and paying your Kohl's charge. Cards are available in \$25, \$50, and \$100. The church receives 5% for every gift card sold. Stay safe and hope to see you all soon! Allison

The next Ruth Lee meeting will be on Wednesday, December 2, at 4 pm.



SOCKS FOR SOULS

Do your feet get cold? Please help the Unity Circle to provide new or gently used socks to the homeless. There is a constant need.

Please drop off your socks in the large white sock in the Narthex.

We now have Online Sunday Worship at 10 am. We will inform you as soon as In-Person Service resumes.

The Worship Bulletin will be sent to you by email (most people) or mail (those who cannot access email).

You can see the bulletin on the church website, <https://www.littlefallsumc.org/onlineworship>.

Please make a hard copy of it or get another device to see it during the worship.

Click one of the links to join in Online Worship.

Please join in Online worship 10 minutes before the Worship Time!

Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOzxLc7UQjeMNprjm9u8gtQ/>

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/lfumcnj/>

You can join Online Worship by your home phone or flip cell phone. Call with the number 646-876-9923 and enter the Meeting ID, 917 9067 6301, and # Key and then press # key again. Passcode 139139.

If you have any concerns and joys and share with the congregation and ask the church to pray on Sunday, please let Pastor Jin know! You can email, call, or text him. Or, you can submit your prayer concerns and joys here:

<https://www.littlefallsumc.org/prayer>

Your financial support and generosity are greatly appreciated and essential for our church ministry and mission.

Please consider sending your tithes and offerings to Little Falls UMC (139 Main St. Little Falls, NJ 07424).

You can send your offerings and tithes to the church every week or for the month with a check.

Thanks again for your generosity!

View the Belfry online: <https://www.littlefallsumc.org/bi-monthly-belfry-newsletter>

Church Forum - Saturday, Dec. 5, 10:30 am

Dear Little Falls Church Family,

I pray you and your family are well and safe always.

The situation caused by the pandemic cannot change our faith and mission. We keep worshiping God and doing God's ministry together. It is a challenging time for everyone, but we choose to go forward trying to find ways to spread out Gospel. I believe that God is with us and works in and through us when I see that we do ministries doing our best and have forums for the church's growth, which means our growth.

We will have a Church Forum on Saturday, December 5, at 10:30 am. We will review the ideas that we gathered in the last meeting and have conversations to make plans. You can bring new ideas also. Let us work together by joining the forum and making plans for the ideas. The Forum will be held via a Zoom Meeting. You can see the Zoom information below. Also, you can see the note from the first meeting.

God is with us and works through us! I give thanks to God for God's grace and mercy, and to you for your faithful service.

See you at the Forum!

Peace,
Jin

Zoom information

Topic: Church Forum - Dec. 5th. at 10:30 am

Time: Dec 5, 2020 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/99805313892>

Meeting ID: 998 0531 3892

One tap mobile

+13017158592, 99805313892# US (Washington D.C)

Dial by your location

+1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 998 0531 3892

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/acdDHCrg6>



United
Methodist
Women

UMW UPDATE

The Christmas season is officially here! This year the times are much different, and we may have difficulty feeling the spirit of the season, but there is great joy in rejoicing the birth of our Lord. May your Christmas season be filled with peace, comfort and joy!

In November we held our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, which supports our church's food pantry clients. **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in this year's Thanksgiving food drive! We had an extremely successful collection. This year, we filled bags of Thanksgiving staples for 17 families. Our donors were so generous, we had funds leftover. In addition to the food for the seventeen families, we donated close to \$175 to the LFUMC Food Pantry- which will be used to continue to fund the food pantry. Thank you Linda Timms for all your hard work organizing the collection, shopping, overseeing the packing of the bags and ensuring that every family received what was needed. Thank you Mary Riker for providing the funds to purchase the 17 turkey breasts. Without your donation, we wouldn't have been able to make the additional donation to the food pantry.

Members of the UMW once again participated in Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child in November. This year, participants sent a total of fifteen shoeboxes to children throughout the world to help spread the Word of God. Thank you to those who participated.

Ongoing:

Bethany Hope is currently hosting a Pajama and Book Drive with all donations going to **Oasis** for Christmas. All are welcome to participate, however, as with all our mission projects, donating is completely optional. We are collecting new, unwrapped children's pajamas and storybooks to donate towards Oasis's holiday gift drive. **The deadline** for the pajamas and books is **Sunday, December 13th**.

Since church is currently closed due to COVID, and donations cannot be brought in as they normally would, Melissa Downing will be collecting the donations from her home. Donations can be dropped off to her, or she can pick them up- let her know and she will make arrangements with you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Melissa: (201) 452-7759 or MelissaDowning82@gmail.com.

Oasis is collecting new and unwrapped clothing and toys for children ages 0-12 and gift cards to any store/brand for the teenagers this year for Christmas. With times being what they are, if you would rather donate something other than pajamas, any donation will bring cheer to a child for Christmas.

When Melissa takes the pajamas & books to Oasis, she will also be taking the diapers and other baby items that were donated and are currently in the Narthex. If you have any other donations for Oasis or CUMAC, please contact Melissa.

Unity Circle is collecting gloves, hats, scarves, and mittens in children and adult sizes to be donated to **CUMAC** now through February. Unity continues to collect new or gently used socks for **Socks for Soles**. Socks that are collected are distributed to the homeless. As the temperature continues to drop, and winter is now upon us, we are helping people who need it the most through our collections and ministries. For more information on donating winter wear to CUMAC, please contact Betty Caceres. For more information on donating socks to Socks for Homeless Soles, please contact Shirley Juhlin.

In Other News:

We are also looking into different ideas for fundraising to help us further fund the many non-profits the UMW supports. If you have any ideas that could help us raise funds to help us to continue to support our mission and outreach projects, please contact Melissa or Lorraine DeCaprio.

Carol Miller, UMW Treasurer, has asked that UMW members remember to pay their 2020 dues. Dues can be mailed to her home address: 105 Houston Road, Little Falls, NJ 07424.



UMW UPDATE cont.



*We'd like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a
Healthy and Happy New Year!*

OUTREACH - ANNOUNCEMENTS

AmazonSmile Program

Are you shopping at Amazon.com? You can support the church choosing Little Falls UMC as your charity organization! All service of Amazon including prices will be the same and Amazon will donate us 0.5% of your purchase. Please choose Little Falls UMC to support the church ministry! Would you encourage others to support LFUMC, sharing this message with them?

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com (smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

Please choose Little Falls UMC as your charity organization at [Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). All services of Amazon including prices will be the same and Amazon will donate us 0.5% of your purchase.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-1568146>

**Thanks for supporting the church
and to God's ministry!**

CHURCH LEADERS

- ◆ Board of Trustees, President - **Shirley Juhlin**
- ◆ Church Council Chair - **Cheryle Mitchell**
- ◆ Church Council Secretary - **Beth Billig**
- ◆ Co-Sunday School Superintendent - **Bethanne Strippoli**
- ◆ Co-Sunday School Superintendent - **Kathy Flannagan**
- ◆ Finance Chair - **Marilyn Downing**
- ◆ Financial Secretary - **Carol Miller**
- ◆ Information Technology Committee - **Peter B. Dewes**
- ◆ Outreach Chair - **Lynn Wielinga**
- ◆ PPRC, Chairperson - **Peter W. Dewes**
- ◆ Treasurer - **Marilyn Meder**
- ◆ UMW, Co-President - **Lorraine DeCaprio**
- ◆ UMW, Co-President - **Melissa Downing**
- ◆ Ways & Means Committee - **Allison Smith**
- ◆ Worship Committee Chair - **Janet Dewes**



***LFUMC strongly supports the
Center of United Methodist Aid
to the Community***

***Aid to the Community in feeding more than 2,600
hungry neighbors per month!***

Suggested Food Donations: All Non-Perishable Items

Please donate to help CUMAC replenish their supplies and continue to minister to those in need! Our church has been working hard to help support the ministries of CUMAC, a United Methodist-Affiliated Regional Food Pantry & Thrift Store in Paterson for many years. Each week, volunteers take bags of donated food, clothing, etc. to CUMAC's warehouse. Our church is one of the top supporters of this important regional outreach ministry!

Little Falls UMC Supports Local Food Pantry and CUMAC

The Little Falls UMC maintains a food pantry to serve the local community in conjunction with the food pantries at other churches in Little Falls. The Little Falls UMC pantry distributes food for approximately 750 meals to families in the local community. In addition, members of the Little Falls Church continue to donate food to CUMAC along with items for their Thrift Shop. Through LFUMC food donations, more than 1,400 pounds of food is delivered to CUMAC, to help every year, in feeding the larger community.

***Thank you for your ongoing participation
in this local outreach ministry!***

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**Special thanks to Cedar Grove Elks #2237 for
their continued donations to our Food Pantry.**

Please support them whenever possible!



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