



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

Dear Little Falls Church Family,

Happy Easter! I pray that you and your family are well and safe! We just celebrated Easter Sunday and shouted out, "Christ is Risen indeed!" God called us our names and claimed us as God's beloved Children and promised us to be with us always. As God promised, God has been with us through God-self, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

Israel was hopeless and despaired when Israel was exiled after they experienced great defeat. At that time, God gave them the following message through Prophet Isaiah,

But now, this is what the Lord says—

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

I give Egypt for your ransom,

Cush and Seba in your stead.

Since you are precious and honored in my sight,

and because I love you,

I will give people in exchange for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

I will bring your children from the east

and gather you from the west.

I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'

and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'

Bring my sons from afar

and my daughters from the ends of the earth—

everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made."

(Isaiah 43:1-7)



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THE PASTOR'S PEN cont'd.

"I created you and formed you, and I am with you," said God to the Israel who were in pain, sorrow, and fear. The same God, the loving and gracious God, says to us God created us, and God is with us because God loves us so much. "Don't be afraid, for I am with you!" says God to us who are in trouble now, and many are suffering from the situation caused by the pandemic.

Some would fear for the virus, and some would worry about their lives. Those feelings would be natural for us to have because we are weak, and this is the first experience that we, most of us, face the pandemic and the situation caused by the pandemic. However, we can choose not to stay in such feelings rather choose to trust God and have faith in God because God says that God is with us and loves us here and now. Let's find hope from God! Let's find hope from the risen Jesus who conquers death!

Easter Sunday is not only a Sunday. Every Sunday is Easter Sunday, although we celebrate Easter Sunday as a big Easter Sunday once a year. This is because Jesus is risen, and Jesus, our savior, is still alive and be with us! Jesus as the first resurrection among us is alive and with us here and now.

We are now in the season of Easter. Let us meditate on the meaning of Jesus and his resurrection in this season of Easter together! Then, we

will have confidence and assurance from God more and deeper. Also, let us share our risen Jesus with others in ways, so that let us help them to move from the fear and pain of the pandemic to peace and love of God. Let us care for each other! Let us care for our neighbors who don't know the truth of God, so let them see God cares for them and is with them!

Little Falls Church Family,

We are the church. The place where we are in the church for us where the light of Jesus shines through us. Be well and safe, and let the light of Jesus shine our places caring God's people near us!

You are in my prayer every day. I pray to God for your well-being and safe in physically and spiritually. Let me know if you need help from me or the church!

May the grace of Jesus Christ, our savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you! God bless you!

Peace and love,

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. Manuel Sardinas; 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); Glenn Van Biert; Geraldine Carstens; Tom Passante; Emily Van Biert; Dale Marsh.

NURSING HOME/REHAB

Janis Meder (Alaris); Marge Gambuti (Little Nursing Home Montclair)

HOMEBOUND

Eleanor Schmitt (Denville); 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!



APRIL

- 2-Al Taylor
- 4-Fred Hofgesang
- 5-Robin Mace
- 5-Lisa Potts
- 9-Bill Weeks
- 11-Melissa Downing
- 11-Jim Mace
- 12-Glen Flannagan
- 13-Richard Gonzales
- 16-Ted Klum
- 19-Bob Heinrich
- 19-Lynn Mace
- 20-Marissa Mecca
- 21-Mikayla Carrera
- 22-Janelle Billig
- 23-Lorraine DeCaprio
- 25-Ruth McNeilis
- 30-Mary Riker

Mary Riker's 100th Birthday - April 30th

Happy 100th Birthday to you, Mary Riker!
We are so happy for you for your birthday!

Church Family,
Would you send a note or a card
to celebrate her birthday?
Her address is 90 Houston Road
Little Falls, NJ 07424

If you are interested in participating
in the Online Worship Service,
please contact Pastor Kim!

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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 pray-
er 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!



MAY

- 1-Emily Van Biert
- 2-Daniel Start
- 5-Tom Passafaro
- 5-Mark Springstead
- 6-Matthew Billig
- 6-Jean Ketterer
- 7-Leah Ketterer
- 8-Marion Start
- 15-Nancy Heinrich
- 18-Thomas Passante
- 18-Kim Juhlin
- 19-Peter Dewes
- 20-Fred Batelli
- 31-Robin Hofgesang

BUY SCRIP GIFT CARDS

March Actual – \$6,920
 March Profit – \$346.00
 2020 Total – \$20,580
 2020 Total Profit – \$1,029
 Projection - \$79,000
 Projection profit - \$3,950

For Scrip Cards or more information about the Scrip Program. Contact Peter & Janet Dewes for home delivery.



detroit50@aol.com

Kohls Fundraiser

Shopping at KOHLS is another way we can help LFUMC. Gift Cards are available to purchase and help support the church. Cards are available in \$25, \$50, and \$100. The church receives 5% for every \$100. Cards can be used to pay your Kohls bill.

See Allison Smith to purchase cards or if you have any questions.



2020 Easter Flower Order

**Easter Flower order was cancelled.
 Janet Dewes will issue you a refund.**

Thank you for your support!

CHURCH UPDATES

All 'on-site' meetings, events, and services are canceled due to the Pandemic until further notice. We will update you!

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/copy-of-worship-bulletin-and-script> Please make a hard copy of it or get another device to see it during the worship.

These are two links to Online Worship. Click one of the links to join in Online Worship. Please join in Online worship 10 minutes before the Worship Time!

- i. Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOzxLc7UQjeMNprjm9u8gtQ/>
- ii. Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/lfumcnj/>

If you cannot join online worship, please have Worship Service with your family at home using the attached worship bulletin. The worship bulletin includes scripture and sermon notes.

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, you can send offerings and tithes for a month with a check. Thanks again for your generosity!

View the Belfry online: www.littlefallsumc.org/monthly-belfry/



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Sitting down to write this article on the UMW, I'm finding it difficult on where to start. So much has changed in the last few weeks; we are experiencing challenging times and uncertainty. However, one thing that I know has not changed; is the bond we have all created as members of the UMW. When the pandemic has passed, and our world gets back to a new "normal", the Little Falls United Methodist Church will still be there, our Circle meetings will resume and we will hug the women we have missed so much. Unfortunately, the UMW has had to cancel many of our upcoming meetings and events. Personally, cancelling the Victorian Tea & Auction in the middle of March seemed like such a difficult decision. The Tea & Auction is the UMW's largest fundraiser and an event that is looked forward to each year. We remain hopeful that the Tea & Auction will be able to be postponed until the fall. Circle meetings for April and May have been cancelled. Although we have had to cancel our meetings and events, that does not mean that we should not keep in contact with one another. I encourage everyone to reach out to one another either through phone calls, texts, email or old fashioned "snail mail" - we all need contact and inspiration with our friends.

Please keep each other in your prayers, now is the time we need it most. We have UMW members and members of the Congregation who have experienced the destruction & devastation of COVID-19 firsthand. You can never know what someone else is really going through. Prayer and faith is a vital part of what will help us get through this. In closing, I'd like to share a saying that was posted on social media by a member of my extended family, whose mother was in ICU at the time battling COVID-19:

We are all in the same boat.

We are not all in the same storm.

For some people it's sprinkling. This is a break. It's a breather.

It's a rest. It's a pause. A time to reconnect with their families. Honestly, it's kind of peaceful.

For some it's a storm. It's a bit scary. Its disruptive.

It's enough to make you stay up and watch the news and worry, a bit.

For some, it's a hurricane.

It's tearing at boards. It's pulling off roofs. It's washing them out to sea.

It's dark and unknown.

It's life changing.

It's not wrong to be enjoying a sprinkle or enduring the storm.

But please don't negate the difference. Rest with your family.

But don't minimize the hurricane engulfing your neighbor.

It's ok to laugh, but get on your knees for your friends.

Get in someone else's storm.

Continue to pray for one another, for our church family, for the members of our community, for the essential workers, and first responders. Pray for an end to this pandemic, a cure, a vaccine. Pray for the day when we are all reunited.

Stay well. Stay safe. Stay healthy. God Bless.

-Melissa Downing



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Easter Baskets

One tradition the UMW was able to continue this year, despite the COVID-19 pandemic, was donating fifty Easter Baskets to children in Paterson. This year the baskets were donated to Oasis- A Haven for Women & Children. Thankfully, our collection had begun before the shutdown and I was able to purchase additional items to fill the baskets. I want to send a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated goods or made a monetary donation! Without you, this mission project wouldn't be possible. The Easter baskets were needed more by the clientele of Oasis this year than ever before.

Each basket included: three juice boxes, a bottle of water, two granola bars, three rice krispy treats, two applesauce, jello, pudding cups, two packs of goldfish, a bag of chips, a chocolate bunny, a packet of hot chocolate mix, a stuffed animal, three plastic eggs with candies inside, a goodie bag with treats, crayons AND a coloring book!





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Care Packages

Current Mission Project- “Care Packages”: During this difficult time, we have seen ordinary people turn in to heroes, people who are essential to keeping us safe, or providing us with services- services we often took for granted. It was through this realization, that Shirley Juhlin (member of Unity Circle), shared an idea with a way for us as the UMW and the LFUMC Congregation to give back to our community. The idea, in concept, is simple: we assemble “care packages” on behalf of the church and donate them to local first responders and essential workers.

Here’s how it works: between now and Sunday, May 3rd, 2020 we are asking for monetary donations. Those donations will be used to purchase a variety of individual snack packs. The snack packs, will be divided up and packed into boxes, which will then be dropped off to our local heroes as a token of our appreciation for the risks and sacrifices they are making every day.

What you need to know: We would like to have the maximum impact possible! Our “small scale” goal is to provide boxes to Little Falls’ three volunteer Fire Departments, the Rescue Squad, and the Police Department. Our “large scale” goal is to provide not only to Little Falls FD & PD, but also to the three Fire Departments, Rescue Squads and Police Departments in both Woodland Park AND Totowa! If we are able, we’d like to also thank the local post offices, and DPW- if we can fill a box, we can find a place to donate it!

How to participate: Between now and Sunday, May 3rd, send a **check made payable to “Little Falls UMW”**, in the **memo line**, write **“care packages”**. Send your check to church: LFUMC, attn. UMW, 139 Main Street, Little Falls, NJ 07424. Please **make sure** that **the envelope is marked to the attention of the UMW**. The more funds we raise, the more Care Packages we will be able to assemble, the more gratitude we will be able to spread! Please consider helping support this mission project. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Still have questions or need additional information:

Contact Melissa Downing at MelissaDowning82@gmail.com or cell (201) 452-7759.

For more info about UMW Meetings, see your Circle Leader.

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 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**
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- ◆ Lay Leader - **Kathy Flannigan**
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- ◆ Treasurer - **Marilyn Meder**
- ◆ UMW, Co-President - **Lorraine DeCaprio**
- ◆ UMW, Co-President - **Melissa Downing**
- ◆ Ways & Means Committee - **Allison Smith**
- ◆ Worship Committee Chair - **Kathy Wilson**



***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 constant support of our Food Pantry.
Please support our donors
whenever possible!**



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