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The Circuit Rider
July/August 2024 Newsletter
Community United Methodist Church of Kenilworth
A Faith Community Ignited by God's Love

JULY/AUGUST 2024 EVENTS

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES, 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Don's Bible Study on Facebook Live, Fridays at 9:00 a.m.
Treasure Shop open Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Prayer Meetings via Zoom every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
ESL Class Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Adult and Youth Sunday School after Sunday worship

July 4, 2024 Independence Day
July 14, 2024 Confirmation Sunday; Council Board Meeting
July 18, 2024 Community Care Food Pantry, 4:00 p.m.
July 27, 2024 Lunch on the Lawn
August 10, 2024 Youth Vacation Bible School
August 15, 2024 Community Food Pantry, 4:00 p.m.
August 22-24, 2024 Children's Vacation Bible School
August 29, 2024 Circuit Rider, 11:00 a.m. at Fellowship Hall



Pastor's Page

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

My Beloved Church Family and Friends,

As you read this page, I invite you to join me and my family as we celebrate the first anniversary of our connection with you all. Ignite United Methodist Church Family and the beautiful community of Kenilworth welcomed us dearly and made our first year truly remarkable. Hence, let us continue to walk along each side to fulfill God's purpose for us, the church, the whole community, and the extended service we are called for.

Therefore, as we enjoy vacation, sports, beach, rest, or decluttering at home this summer, let us set time to rethink our purpose. Why are we here? Who are we? What is our purpose? Is our purpose still valid today? Did we waste time? Are we having joy in fulfilling our purpose? These are some questions we will ponder in July and August, so make sure to attend all worship days. Come and be part of the worship for the Lord. I am thrilled to see you in person and learn what God has stored and planned for us. However, if for any reason you cannot make it, join us via Zoom Meeting or Facebook Live.

For now, bring along my kindly reminder for you as you enjoy the rest of the summer:

P – Pause to reflect and pray. Use the beauty of God's creation as your place of reflection and meditation.

U – Uncover God's plan. Open the Scripture. Read God's words. Underline God's plans that you will find.

R – Rekindle and rejoice your relationship with God and your family. Spend time. I repeat, spend time.

P – Practice Physical and Spiritual Discipline. Make it a meaningful habit.

O – Offer yourselves into service unto God and people. Create a meaningful summer.

S – Spread God's love. Be kind to all people, even strangers.

E – Embrace your identity. You are a child of God. Enjoy your summer with faith, hope, joy, peace, and love.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Roeline "Wee" Ramirez



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Siony Delos Reyes
- 1 Hannah Delow Reyes
- 2 Sowy Arias
- 4 Ralph Koerner
- 4 Amer Ramirez
- 13 James Santiago
- 14 Connie Capiendo
- 15 William Pagan
- 16 Bob Conner
- 20 Lee Blanco
- 20 Alfred Bowman
- 20 Allan Nunez
- 22 Luci Kolloori
- 25 Phil Long
- 26 Danielle Blanco
- 26 Wilson Martin
- 26 Faith Scott
- 27 Rev. William Noll
- 29 Evelyn Schenack
- 29 Nathan Ignacio



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Wiliam and Marilyn Pagan
- 5 Rev. Hemesias and Norma Ares
- 15 Gerald Carino and Janielle Viuya
- 15 Michael and Elaine Puma
- 16 Bobby and Samantha Caffrey



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Carter Wilson
- 3 Eric Lim
- 4 Louisa Restrepo
- 8 Cecilia Fuquay
- 10 Bob Woods
- 13 Justin Henri Carvallo
- 14 Charley B. Fuquay
- 15 Aljon Silva
- 21 Luisa Gutierrez
- 24 Peter Kollory



- 27 Rev. Fran Noll
- 29 Mary Oels
- 31 Julienne Viuya

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Rachel and Matthew Diaz
- 28 Malcolm and Andrez Valles



**CONGRATULATIONS,
2024 GRADUATES!**

- 1. From Pre-K: Aubrey Wilson
- 2. From Kindergarten:
Henry David Nunez
- 3. 6th Grade, Moving Up:
Amiro Ramirez
- 4. 6th Grade, Moving Up: Emily Fuquay
- 5. From 8th Grade: Amara Ramirez
- 6. From 8th Grade: Lucianna Restrepo
- 7. From Craig High School:
Nathan Crisci
- 8. From Rutgers University:
Ethan Restrepo
- 9. From Montclair State University:
Faith Scott

Oh, the places you will go, the things you will do! Congratulations and best wishes and blessings as you move on to your next adventure! You did it!

"Your life is your story, and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfill your own purpose and potential." ~Kerry Washington

"Graduation is not the end, it's the beginning." ~Senatar Orrin Hatch

A Free Nation

“When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another.” These words plant the seeds of freedom. This Declaration of Independence further states, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Independence Day is a day we celebrate our independence from Great Britain. The word independence in its speaking is most powerful and all consuming. It was the genesis of a nation and for the first time a government of the people, by the people, for the people. There were questions how would these patriots stand and endure the growing pains of a new nation. How were these 13 colonies and now the United States work toward the national good but still ensure states' rights. We Americans have met all the challenges as history has recorded. I would like to share some interesting facts you may or may not know about the Declaration of Independence.

- How did we get from 13 colonies in the Americas to a free and independent nation? It began on June 7, 1776, when Richard Henry Lee of the Virginia delegation to the Constitutional Congress stated ‘These united colonies are and out right to be free and independent states. That they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown.’
- The Declaration of Independence was unanimously adopted by 12 colonies. That's right 12 colonies. That's not a typo, the delegate from New York was unable to vote, he was not given authorization by the New York Provisional Congress. It was later approved on July 9th.
- We Americans are the gate keepers of this great democracy. It is our responsibility to see that this nation flourishes well into the future. Our founding fathers believed so strongly in this democracy, that the mottos appearing on the great seal of the United States of America are as follows-
- In Latin, **ANNUIT COEPTIS** translated, GOD has favored our undertaking and **NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM** translated, a new order for the ages.
- So you see our founding fathers believed in the permanentness of this nation. Next time you have a dollar bill in your wallet, check the back and right above and below the pyramid are those great words.

We Americans sometimes lose our passion for our great democracy; we take our daily freedoms and rights for granted. It takes someone looking from the outside in to regain our perspective of our great freedom. Case in point, international recording star Bono, an Irish National gave the following speech at Georgetown University. He describes the best who we are. “It is not a right left issue, it's a right wrong issue and America is constantly been on the side of what's right because when it comes down to it, this is about keeping faith with the idea of America, because America is an idea, isn't it. I mean Ireland is a great country, it's not an idea. Great Britain is a great country, it's not an idea. That's how we see you around the world, as one of the greatest ideas in human history.

You and me are created equal and that if we have dignity and justice, leave it to us we'll do the rest. This country was first to claw its way out of darkness and put that on paper. These aren't just American ideas anymore there is no copyright on them, you brought them into the world, these truths, your truths, they are self-evident in us.”

GOD Bless our great democracy.

Written by

Walter Sosnosky2017

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women met on June 12th in Fellowship Hall. The program opened with scriptures from Psalms 74:17 and Genesis 8:22. The program presented was entitled "Mary Todd Lincoln" from the book, A Conjecture of Personalities by Feather Schwartz Foster. After their meeting, the women met at the Huck Finn diner in Union and enjoyed a delicious lunch.

As the women will not be meeting in July and August, their next meeting will be on Thursday (instead of Wednesday), September 12th, 2024, to allow for 9/11 celebrations Wednesday.

Blessings and good wishes to everyone for a wonderful and safe summer. See you in September!

COMMUNITY CARE FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry served sixteen families from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 20th, providing food items, non-food items, and 8 Pet Smart Gift Cards.

Our next distribution dates will be on July 18th and August 15th, 2024. Any donations of food and non-food items are appreciated, as are any monetary donations. Thank you, in advance for your generous support of these ministries.

THE TREASURE SHOP

The Treasure Shop will be open during July and August on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We welcome all who come to shop and/or to donate items. We look forward to seeing you, and we thank you for visiting.

DIRECTORY UPDATE!

Please update your directory information for **Evelyn Schenack**. **REMOVE** her email address as it is no longer valid and she will no longer receive any messages sent to her. She can be reached by phone or by mail. Thank you.

LIFE CAN BE ROUGH

By Suzy Toronto

Life can be rough. How you deal with it is up to you.

Will you sink or will you swim? Will you drown in the currents or muster your inner strength and start swimming like there is no tomorrow?

Challenges are never easy, but with each stroke you become stronger and more resistant to the next wave that comes your way. You can do this – I know it.

**GOD is good all the time.
All the time, God is good.**

Prayer Concerns

PRAYER REQUESTS: *(Let us pray for you. Send your prayer concerns and thanksgiving)*

FOR HEALING & STRENGTH: Jen, Lauren, Boyet J., Hermie S., Soyoun, Brenda G., Beverly A's Brother, Charles, Eileen, Edna R., Jessie R., Ofelia., Raissa S., Amy., Theresa, Bryan., Teresita, Pastor Don, Sal, Pat, Tony (Grandson of Ms. Dee), Al B., Amie J., Gareth A (brother of Cind P), Jason, Erik Lim, Terri, Bob W., John Karlovitch, Lori S, Gerliz Anne M.,

FOR PEACE: Political Crisis in Middle East, Eastern Europe, Africa, Southeast Asia

FOR STRENGTH AND BLESSINGS: Victims of various calamities, Bobot, Abuela Blanco, Drew and Gracielle R. & their baby Kaia, Jackie, Vercillie F., Analyn, Robin. T, Mary Oels, Mary Ellen, Dee K., Elaine Puma & her husband, Pastor Don & Elba, Evelyn S., Betsy DC & her parents, Bob W and Karen, A. Restrepo Fam, Fuquay Fam, Opacity Fam, Nunez Fam, Silva Fam., Yen & Will, Viuya Fam, Janielle & Gerald, Adrian M, Reden & Gloria C., Jane R., Ms. Toni, Kathleen E., Levine fam, Janet H. & Mom Grace, Drew & Gracielle R., Mary Rogers, Faith S., Mr. Tony S & Fam, Caffrey fam, Ptr Heme Ares & Norma Fam, Rachel R. Fam., James & Sharon S., Dale S., Luz A., Luisa & Lucianna R., Wilson Fam, Francis Fam, Vallez Fam, Jeremias Fam, Freda Fam, Crissi & Johnston Fam, Cindy P., Phil L., Marty K., Lori Strubble, Stephanie P., Pagan Fam., Kollory Fam., Abigail., Rich W., Duely Fam., Ramirez Fam., Salvador Fam., Stephen N., Peterson Fam., Linda Sosa Fam.

FOR SAFE TRAVEL: Individuals and Families who will be in vacation

FOR WISDOM in LEADERSHIP: Ignite UMC Leaders, GNJ Annual Conference staff, pastors, deacons, leaders, Kenilworth Mayor Linda and Council members, Men & Women in service. Government officers and staff.

SPECIAL INTENTION FOR THIS WEEK: Smooth Transition for all new pastoral appointments and retirements. Individuals looking for and starting a new job.

For prayer concerns and pastoral care, please contact Pastor Roeline

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AMERICAN WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

August 26, 2024

The American woman is a genesis of the American dream. She is the linchpin that keeps our nation moving forward.

There is an old axiom that has been quoted countless times and goes like this – Behind every great man there is a great woman, and that is absolutely true but now that great mind strength, leadership is now on the forefront of the American woman.

Written by Walter Sosnosky, 2019

THE FIVE W'S OF LIFE

Who you are is what makes you special. Do not change for anyone.

What lies ahead will always be a mystery. Do not be afraid to explore

When life pushes you over, you push back harder.

Where there are choices to make, make the one you won't regret.

Why things happen will never be certain. Take it in stride and move forward.

Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.

Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things He can change.

RAMBLINGS OF THE CLAURY

By Carly Dugmore

Keep worms damp beneath the soil
Let the caterpillars nibble and grow
Leave some dandelions for the bees
Let ladybirds fly away home;
Don't squish the ants or beetles
Give creepy crawlies a helping hand
They may be little and some are icky
But they're still a vital part of the land.

Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect joy. Be positive.

Serve with compassion.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love

Never forget you're not alone.

Give thanks for everything.

See goodness in others.

GRATITUDE

Gratitude empowers us. It makes joy and love possible. It rearranges the way we see and experience what is all around us.

Gratitude makes all things new. It transforms how we understand what is broken and gives us the ability to act more joyfully and with hope.

-Diane Butler Bass, *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*

TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON

Written by Walter Sosnosky

In my following post, I'm going to take you away from today's chaos, violence, hate, and the impact of COVID 19 on all of us with a verbal meditation, so to speak.

It's a poem, titled "To Every Thing There Is a Season." *This verse is from the book of Ecclesiastes in the King James version of the Bible.*

To every thing there us a season, a time to every purpose under heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time

to refrain from embracing.

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

The words of this poem may sound familiar to some people of grey hair and wrinkled brow. A folk singer of the early 50's put this poem to music as a message of the times.

May your summer be filled with abundant blessings, guided by God's love and light, as you navigate the months ahead.

LAUGH AND LIVE LONG

From More Holy Humor by Cal and Rose Samra

1. "Hardening of the heart make you grow old faster than hardening of the arteries."
2. "When people praise you for your leadership qualities, it means you are starting to resemble George Washington."
3. "Time may be an excellent healer, but as a beautician, it's not so hot."
4. "Retirement is the time when you never do all those things you said you wanted to do if you only had the time."
5. "You can't help getting older, but you don't have to get old." ~George Burns, at his 95th birthday party
6. "I try to take one day at a time, but sometimes several days attack me at once." ~Ashleigh Brilliant
7. "The seven ages of man are spills, drills, thrills, bills, ills, pills, and wills." ~Richard Needham

GOD'S GIFT OF LAUGHTER

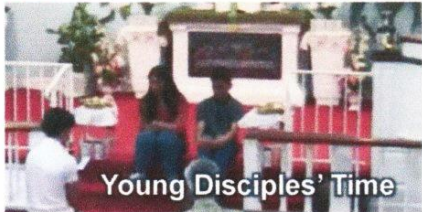
While there is much terror and sordid ugliness in the world, there is also a stream of health, cascading like a clear mountain rivulet of melted snow through the human experience. This stream is the flow of wholesome, spontaneous laughter – God's gift for refreshing and renewing our souls. A life lived with little laughter is like land devoid of springs, streams, lakes, or ground water; there are some things in such a life cannot grow. We cannot take ourselves seriously if we cannot occasionally take ourselves lightly. Laughter is an affirmation of God's final triumph over the worst that can befall us.

From Small Wonders, a book written in 1969 by rev. Dr. Harold E. Kohn, minister-emeritus of the First Congregational Church, Charlevoix, Michigan

A Glimpse of June 2024



Blessing the Students



Young Disciples' Time

*You are
belonged to
this space.
Join our
weekly
worship
and
fellowship.*



Women's Fellowship



Father's Day Worship and Fellowship



Ignite UMC Men giving a Message Through Song



Wednesday Prayer Meeting



Bowl to Grow at Linden Lanes



Friday Bible Study with Pastor Don



Saturday Treasure Shop



Join us!

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ON PURPOSE
Breakthrough Sermon Series
July and August 2024

Join us
every Sunday
@ 10:30 am

IGNITE UMC
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Lunch at the Lawn
Food, Games, and other surprises
July 27th, Saturday @ 10am – 2pm

Vacation Bible School 2024
August 22 - 24
455 Blvd., Kenilworth, NJ, 07033

Jesus Rescues



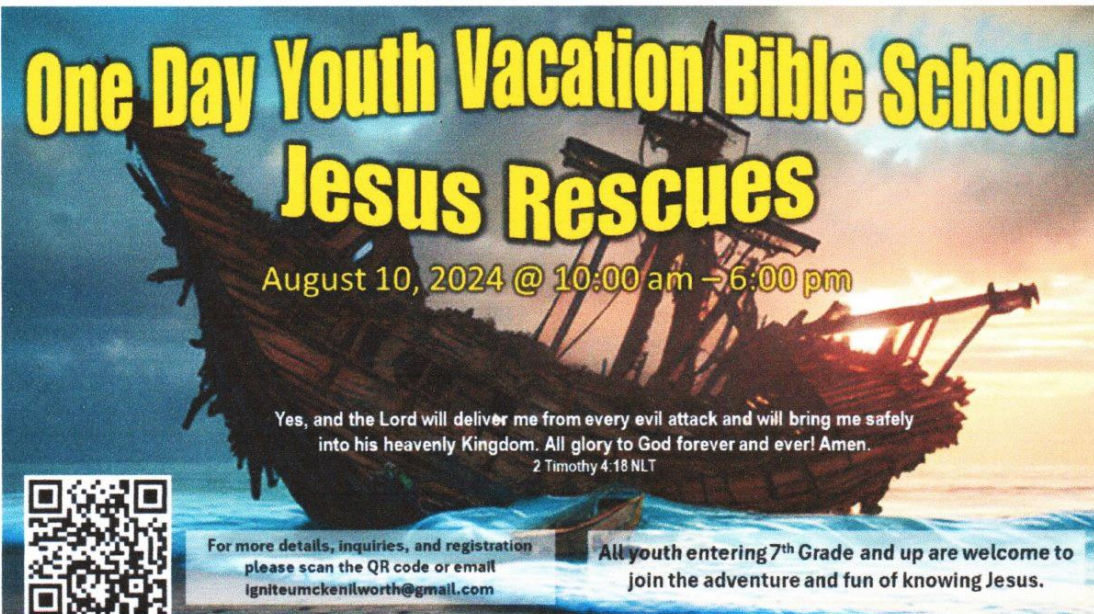
IGNITE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, NEW HOPE RESTORATION CHURCH, & ST. PAUL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Joined together to give your children entering Kindergarten up to 6th grade a fun and meaningful way of discovering Jesus through Bible stories, songs, creative arts, and games. Scan the QR Code above for more details and to register.
For any inquiries, please send an email to igniteumckenilworth@gmail.com, newhopecnj@gmail.com, or revdrbattle@gmail.com

One Day Youth Vacation Bible School
Jesus Rescues
August 10, 2024 @ 10:00 am → 6:00 pm

Yes, and the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into his heavenly Kingdom. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.
2 Timothy 4:18 NLT

For more details, inquiries, and registration please scan the QR code or email igniteumckenilworth@gmail.com

All youth entering 7th Grade and up are welcome to join the adventure and fun of knowing Jesus.



MORE THAN DOLLARS IN THE SAND

By Kethleen Ruckman

*For nothing is secret that will not be revealed,
nor anything hidden that will not be known
and come to light.*

~Luke 8:17 (NKIV)

Most sand dollars live in the waters along the coasts of Africa, Singapore, Indonesia, and the Bahamas. But I am privileged to walk among them on the Oregon coast, too. I dare not touch the fuzzy purple ones, for they are alive. But whenever I find one bleached from the sun, I know the sea urchin has died and left its habitat. As I gently pick it up, it seems almost holy in my hand.

Sand dollars are a species of flat, burrowing sea urchins with spines much shorter and softer than those of the typical sea urchin, giving them a velvety look. I am inspired by its deep-purple color. The petal-like pattern on its back comes from perforations where its tube feet project. The tube feet help the creature breathe, and its spines help it move and capture plankton for food. Every detail holds a purpose in this treasure from the sea.

Christians have likened the sand dollar to a symbol of God. On the outer skeleton, there are five holes that can represent the five wounds of Christ. At the center is the outline of an Easter lily, and at the lily's heart, the star of Bethlehem. The etching of what resembles a poinsettia is found on the underside, a reminder of Christmas and Jesus' birth. Many - including me - have found that if they break open the center of the bleached sand dollar, they see five pieces inside shaped like tiny white doves, symbols of the gospel of peace.

These hidden glories are present for me to discover whenever I walk the shore close to home. Just recently, I held this unique treasure in my hand and thanked the One from whom it came - the Lord, my Savior and greatest treasure.

*Thank You, heavenly Father, for
revealing the symbolic beauty of the
sand dollar to inspire me. Amen.*

From All God's Creatures, Sept./Oct. 2022

BEAUTY

From Prayers and Promises for Women

God, you make beautiful things! Thank you for a lovely world. I know that you love me. I add to the world's beauty. This humbles me. In the mirror, I see things I would like to change. Behind me, hands resting proudly on my shoulders, your eyes see your beautiful, beloved daughter. To you, I am more beautiful than the sunset. I am as lovely as a rose.

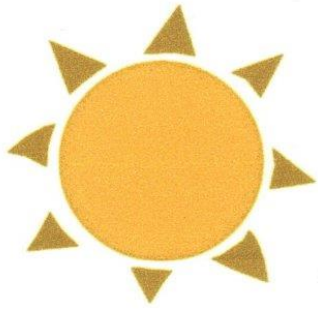
FROM 199 PROMISES OF GOD

And he will love thee, and bless thee,
and multiply thee: he will also bless the
fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land,
thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the
increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy
sheep, in the land which he swore until
thy fathers to give thee.

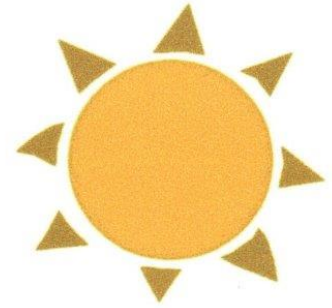
Deuteronomy 7:13

A false balance is abomination to the LORD;
but a just weight is his delight.

Proverbs 11:1



Summer Word Search



SUMMER	G A R D E N Y S M B M T O L S
SUNSHINE	N I A R M E L E S E E R W O U
SWIM	U C I N C I P E A S I A M S N
BOAT	L M L I N O I T A C A V R P S
CAMP	P O P S I C L E Q L D E K I H
HIKE	U I P E C A M P I O O L F C I
GARDEN	Y T N S R E T L M D N T R E N
PLAY	P W N S O E P A T G N E D X E
BEACH	A U G R I A D Y B O A Y A T E
JULY	R L J U L Y G R S A S O U P A
AUGUST	K E F G L C E A T H I R G A S
PARK	B A L Y P A E N O C R E U R D
PICNIC	S H O R T S O O H A E H S H R
POPSICLE	U Y P E M N O S A E S S T D E
ICE CREAM	C H E T A M C L Y B G M R E S
SHORTS	X L A O V Z R C O J B R I N S
DRESS	F O S E M A E R C E C I O W L
TRAVEL	B L O S S U M M E R W B M O S
VACATION	
SEASON	