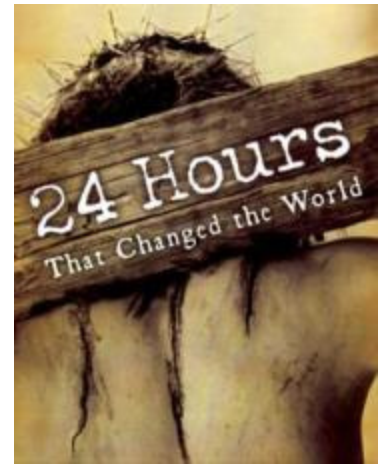


Grace and Peace to you in Christ Jesus, our Lord!!

I've heard from many of you how much you are enjoying our Lenten study book this year. I'm so glad! Your pastors and staff work hard to research and choose studies that we hope will engage you in the Jesus story so that your walk with Christ grows so deep as to motivate you to live out your faith in the world each day. When we understand what it cost Jesus to carry our burdens to the cross, it can't help but touch our hearts anew. I pray that each of you will be enriched on this journey.

Join us for worship as we walk with Jesus on his final day. Sit beside him at the Last Supper. Pray with him in Gethsemane. Desert him. Deny him. Follow him to the cross. Experience 24 hours that forever changed the world.



Blessings,
Rev. Vicki

New Email/Pastoral Email Google Group – I have a new email address; it is ymbrendler@gmail.com Please change your address book as the AT&T email address will expire soon! Thanks! Also, you may be getting an invitation to join the BUMC Pastoral Email group...please join if you would like to continue to receive the weekly email updates. Change is hard, but we are trying to save some \$\$.



You might want to take an opportunity to view "Thoroughly Modern Millie" presented by the drama department at Bridgewater-Raritan High School this weekend! I had a chance to see it Thursday night and it's great! And BUMC is well represented by Kristen Ferris (who stars as Millie) and Julia Velmer (who co-stars as Dorothy), Rachel Carlsen in the Ensemble, and Paul Kratunis and Dorisa Rodney on Stage Crew! You are awesome! Way to go!

FISH Clothing Sort Ministry - is in need of more volunteers. Meet at Bridgewater UMC at 6:30 pm on the first Friday of the month (September through June) and carpool to Dunellen. We sort from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and are back at church by 9:00 pm. It is a great opportunity to help those in need and enjoy Christian fellowship. FISH is an all-volunteer organization that provides clothing services to over 5000 children and 1500 adults annually. Contact Cathy Vinski at 908-722-4550 to help.

World Day of Prayer **Saturday, March 6**

Please join us in celebrating at the First Baptist Church on High Street, Somerville. There will be a carpool from BUMC gathering at 1:00 pm. Questions?? Contact Loretta Ark or see the UMW bulletin board.



"Bach 'n Buddies"

An organ and piano concert at Ridgewood United Methodist Church

Saturday, March 6th

Featuring our own organist, **Cameron Wentz** and his organ teacher, **Richard Frey**...others will follow throughout the afternoon. This is a fund-raiser for their organ fund.

Worship Assistants for This Sunday

Service	Greeter	Welcome Station	Ushers	Acolytes	Readers	Communion Assistants	Child Care Providers
8:15							Diana Berenter
9:30	Sue Walton	Rich Ford	GARY KUCSAN, Dennis McManus, Mike Snyder & Gerry Tamburro	Peyton Bothur & Morgan Heacock	Linda DeLukey	Julia Simmons & Mindy Shanks	Diana Berenter & Nancy Bothur
11:00		Gretchen Lima					Diana Berenter & Sally Stevenson

Thank you to Leah Cote for baking bread and Pat Hamilton for preparing communion this week.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS:

Sunday, March 7 ~ Sunday School at 9:30 am with Worship at 8:15 or 11 am

Sunday, March 7 ~ JYF Trip to see the new "Alice in Wonderland" Movie from 3 – 6:15 pm

Meet at BUMC at 3 pm sharp to carpool to the Bernardsville Cinema to watch the new Johnny Depp/Tim Burton version of Alice in Wonderland. Bring \$15 to cover the movie, popcorn and drinks. Reminder to Steve Horiuchi and Coral Brown – your movie tickets are free since you completed the challenge of memorizing Bible verses on our retreat this past weekend (you two only need to bring \$5 along).

Sunday, March 7 ~ 2nd MYF SMALL GROUP Lenten Book Discussion from 7 – 9 pm

ALL MYF are invited to participate in a 4 week Lenten Book Discussion – "24 Hours that Changed the World". Each week you will see short clips filmed on location in Jerusalem to help us picture Jesus' final hours, and read from a short devotional guide. There will also be time for fellowship, food, prayers, and games. Bring \$5.00 with you to help cover the cost of the guide and DVD. Also – please volunteer to bring desserts or drinks one of the weeks.

The current MYF small groups are combining into THREE small groups for these Lenten sessions.

This week, they will be at:

Rachel Carlsen's home – 7 Noble Court, Bridgewater – 908-393-4492 for directions
(Emily and Kim's group AND Darcy and Rachel's group are combining)

Steve and Jack Dimmit's home - 1261 Sherlin Drive, Bridgewater – 908-526-8494 for directions. (Jill and Jen's group AND Steve, Jack and Robbie's group are combining)

Kara Rogers' home – 33 Campbell Street, Hillsborough – call 908-253-0535 for directions
(Kara and Dorisa's group AND Ben, Jack and Jeremy's group are combining)

Not sure what group you are in? Call Cathi or just show up this Sunday at any one of the groups!

Monday, March 8 ~ CYM Meeting at Panera Bread at 7:30 pm

We will be meeting at Panera Bread at the Somerville Circle, to work on how to improve our youth ministry – please come and share your ideas.

DROP-IN BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 10am & 7pm

*A new study of the book of First Samuel
and the beginning of the monarchy in Israel*



During the Lenten weeks leading up to Easter, Manna will not be serving dessert or punch as an act of prayerful discipline and overall cost management. This allows us to be faithful to our weekly gift for the youth mission and give more to the Pastors Discretionary fund.

7:45 at the kitchen window: Coffee, Tea, Juice, blueberry muffins, fruit.

9:00 in Fellowship Hall: Coffee, Tea, juice, Blueberry muffins, fruit, cereal and bananas, Assorted Quiche, apple bread French toast.

10:30 in Fellowship Hall: Coffee, Tea, Juice, fruit, cereal and bananas, Assorted Quiche, Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwiches and ramen noodle salad.

12:00 in Fellowship Hall: Coffee, Tea, Iced tea, Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, chicken pot pie and ramen noodle salad.

UMW Spring Communion Breakfast

**Saturday, March 20th at 9:00 am
in Fellowship Hall**

Our guest speakers will be Cynthia Kent on Native Americans and a number of our BUMC Youth on their 2009 Rosebud Indian Reservation trip. It should be a wonderful program!!! See the sign-up sheet and additional details on the UMW bulletin board. If you need child care, please indicate so on the sign up sheet.



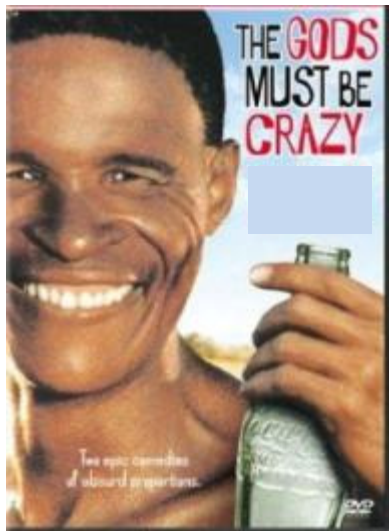
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

BUMC's Church and Society Committee presents

"The Gods Must Be Crazy"

in Fellowship Hall
Saturday, March 20th
7:00 P.M.

"They must be the most contented people in the world. They have no crime, no punishment, no violence, no laws, no police, judges, rulers or bosses. They believe that the gods put only good and useful things on the earth for them to use."



Winner of the 1983 Montréal World Film Festival Award for Most Popular Picture: "The Gods Must Be Crazy". This now-classic film is a comic allegory

about a traveling Bushman who encounters modern Western civilization and its stranger aspects during his odyssey to restore harmony to his tribe. Through his view of Western society, the story reveals the often funny, sometimes bizarre conventions of our everyday life. Consider, for example, our common complaint of insufficient time in our "busy" schedules to weigh how we choose to live and what that reveals about us.

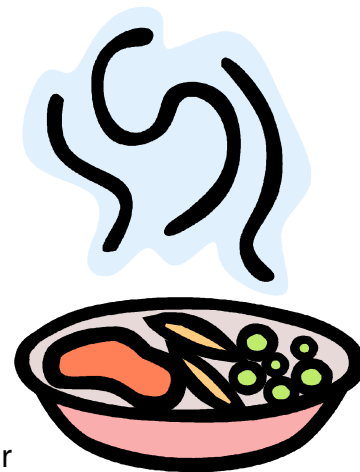
This Lenten season, consider taking time to contemplate the path you have chosen - your faith journey through the hustle and bustle of everyday life. To learn more about this film, visit <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0080801/>. For more information about this screening event, contact Art Roberts (arobert@alcatel-lucent.com; (Eve.) +1 (908) 725 8873). Popcorn provided!

BUMC Progressive Dinner **Saturday, March 27 6pm**

You're Invited!!

Please come to our church-wide adult progressive dinner. The dinner will have three courses with the first and second at the homes of members and the third (dessert) in the Fellowship Hall.

You may make your reservation for the dinner by signing up in the Fellowship Hall. Please also indicate whether you could host the appetizer course, host or co-host the dinner, make an appetizer, or make a dessert. Be sure to include your email so that you can be notified by March 24th about which house to go to first. The cost is \$5 per person to defray the dinner host's expenses. Reservations are due by March 21.



Hosts/Hostesses Wanted:

If you would like to be a dinner host/co-host for 8 guests or host the appetizer course, please call Roni Sawin at (908) 725-9280 or email her at ronisawin@aol.com. The recipes for the salad, main dish, and vegetable will be provided.

Appetizers and Desserts Needed Too

Appetizers may be brought to the first course house when you come at 6:00. Desserts should be delivered to the church between 3 and 5 PM on March 27. For dessert questions, call Jen Schaber at (732) 673-0266.

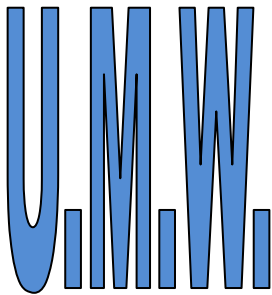


Stephen Ministry

C-O-S-T (Commitment Of Self and Time)

Searching for a new ministry opportunity? There will be a cost, you know, but there will also be great rewards. Stephen Ministry is our congregation's one-to-one caring ministry. Right now we are looking for members who will pay the COST. And become Stephen Ministers, remembering that the blessings will outweigh the costs. A new class will begin soon. For more information and an application contact Rev. Christina Zito.

Easter Baskets - UMW will prepare about 80 Easter Baskets to be distributed to families in need through FISH. We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy and snack items, small toys and games, teen items and personal care products. Items may be left in Fellowship Hall in the large Easter collection basket through Sunday, March 28. Questions, contact Cathie West at 908-725-1520.



Friendship Circle - will meet on Monday, March 8 at BUMC at 10:00 am. Our guest speaker is Roger Clayton. Questions, contact Dorothy Chlan at 908-253-6952 or Blanche Semchyshyn at 908-722-0743.

Lydia Circle - will meet at the home of Cathy Vinski, 450 Lenape Trail in Bridgewater, on Thursday, March 11 at 7:30 pm. We will view a comedic DVD featuring Anita Renfroe. Please bring Easter items for our college students and something for the food bank. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to join us. Questions, contact Lynne Kinch at 908-526-0052.



BUMC Israel Trip: January 18, 2011 ff
Brochures are in the Narthex!
Get a discount by signing up early!

CAMP BROCHURES have arrived!

Want to provide a wonderful week of fun and Christian growth for your child or youth??? Aldersgate and Pinelands offer many opportunities this summer....pick up a brochure outside Pastor Christina's office or outside the Mission Closet

(across from Rev. Vicki's office).

Scholarship help is available....in fact, we are receiving an offering for scholarship support in the next few weeks for those who are unable to afford to go!



Two Opportunities to Support Habitat for Humanity

Hope for Haiti Concert

The tragedy in Haiti is heartbreaking, and Haitians are reaching out to us for assistance in rebuilding their lives. Please help us raise funds for Habitat for Humanity's program to build transitional shelter and permanent housing in Haiti by attending the *Hope for Haiti* concert at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (300 Union Ave, Somerville, NJ) on Saturday, March 13 at 7:30 pm. We hope you will join us for this musical evening with a performance by The Ten, men's a cappella singing group, and a special appearance by the Bonnie Brae Knights Drum Corps. A free-will offering will be taken to bring Hope to Haiti.

Devils Alumni Hockey Game

On Saturday, March 20 the NJ Devils Alumni will be taking on the Bombers Hockey Club for their annual Charity Hockey Classic. The game takes place at 1:00 pm at the Bridgewater Sports Arena (15 Frontier Road, Bridgewater, NJ). To purchase \$10 tickets contact Lisa Fielding at communityrelations@rvhabitat.org. All proceeds will raise funds for Raritan Valley Habitat's Bridgewater project.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MAY 7TH YOUTH AUCTION

Please help our youth groups by **DONATING ITEMS** for our youth auction – all donations are tax deductible! Money raised will be used for our summer mission trips.

[Some past donations have been:](#)

gift cards (restaurants, hair salons, stores)
a stay at your 2nd home
theater tickets

jewelry
sports paraphernalia
home-sewn quilts
babysitting hours

tutoring
boat ride around NYC
catered party
hot air balloon ride

Let Deb Dimmit (908)-642-0420 know what you plan to donate.





Canticles for Life AIDS Benefit Concerts Presented by Triad Arts Ensemble



Canticles for Life concert featuring the award-winning [Newark Boys Chorus](#), choral music by the [Triad Vocal Ensemble](#), and Guest Composer and Conductor [Mark Miller and the Good News Gospel Choir](#).

Saturday, April 17, 2010 ~ 7:00 pm
@ Bridgewater United Methodist Church



On-going Ministry Opportunities & Happenings!

Volunteer Office Help - We are looking for several individuals who are available to help in the church office for afternoon coverage (maybe one afternoon/week?) Duties include answering phones and light office work from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Ideally, we would have coverage Monday through Friday each week. If interested, please contact the church office at 908-526-1414 x0. *Thanks for your consideration!!*



Flower Calendar for 2010

is posted on bulletin board in the main hallway. Please stop by to sign up for your credence shelf donation.

Healing Prayer Service

Wednesdays--12noon



Communion Bread Bakers Needed –

Please help bake the delicious homemade bread we've been enjoying for communion. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board and so are copies of the quick and easy recipe.

Youth Fund-Raising!!

Purchase ShopRite Gift Cards and our youth will receive 5% of your purchase, at no extra charge to you. Certificates are available in Fellowship Hall every 1st and 3rd Sunday between services and in the church office during office hours. If you have any questions or would like to preorder, contact: Gary/Gail Orlowski at 908-725-4714 or gary.orkowski@benjaminmoore.com or stop by the church office for your gift cards



Feed the Hungry!



We continue our ministry of providing food to those in need through the Somerset County Food Bank. **The most pressing need right now is for canned meats!!!**

BUMC CARES MINISTRY:

Helping all be purposefully employed!

The CARES (Christian Action Resource and Employment Services) ministry of BUMC has been created to help people in the church network to help. If you either have connections that can be helpful for this ministry, or are in need of finding out about a new employment opportunity, please email Gerry at gtamburro@aol.com. **Thanks be to God for a church with so many resources for sharing!**

CARES also would like anyone who is aware of job opportunities and is willing to connect the job seekers in our network with the hiring manager at your company to please contact Gerry Tamburro at gtamburro@aol.com.

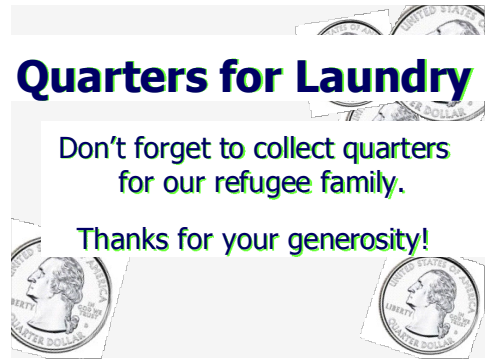


Did you know that we have a Book Club? They usually meet the 2nd Monday of each month in the Youth Room: Here are the books that are coming up:

March: The Sweet By and By
April: The Help



**Yoga Class—Saturday mornings 9am
Rooms 1-3 downstairs at BUMC**



Our Work of Prayer:

Received into Eternal Rest:

- Lillian Favor, grandmother of *Denise Bayles*

Prayers for Members and their Families:

Art Beazley; the Brown family; Elaine Carlsen; Graham Cleaves; Joni Cordell; Evelyn Dack; Chelsea DeLukey; Betty DeRemer; Anne Eurick; Joan Fink; John Gaston; Leanna Giaquinto-Flores; Sue Haig; Thelma Haines; Eugene Hedden; Lynda Herbeck; Tim Kirk & Laura Penman as they get married on Saturday; *Ginny Lee; Amanda McHenry; Sharon Martinelli; Renita Michael; Ann Milbank; Philomena Morano; Gabi Ohmann; Natalie Rolince; Donna Stahura; Edie Taylor; Brian Vanicky; Lois Wiersma; Joanne Wright; Judith Yannariello; Kim Zito*

Members, Friends and Relatives Serving our Country in Harm's Way:

John Collins, brother of *Jerry Collins*, in Iraq; **Eric Goldberg**, a neighbor of BUMC; **Brian Greenhalgh**, in Afghanistan; **Greg Laine**, son of Monika Laine, teacher at Children's Corner, in Iraq; **Casey West**, nephew of *Laura Schafer*, in Iraq

Prayers for the World:

- For the victims of earthquakes in Chile and Haiti and our relief efforts there
- For those who are expecting new babies!
- For those facing courageous life decisions
- For those who feel empty

Prayers for 10 Families in the congregation:

- *Eric Freeberg*
- *Rachel Friedman*
- *David, Susan, & Jonathan Friedman*
- *Andrew Gaydosh*
- *Allison Gaydosh*
- *Robert, Cynthia & Adam Gaydosh*
- *Frank, Cindy & Jordan Giordano*
- *Edward & Edith Glospie*
- *Dan & Lisa Golej*
- *Bob, Kirsten & John Goodwin*

Scripture Thought for the Week: Jesus said, "The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do." -John 14:12 (NRSV)

See you in church!

Blessings,
Rev. Vicki

Bridgewater UMC

www.bridgewaterumc.org

Sunday Morning Schedule!!!

8:15 am—Chapel Worship

45 minute intimate worship experience with weekly communion & full sermon

Nursery Care Provided

9:30am—Traditional Worship

Organ, Sanctuary Choir and other traditional music groups, weekly communion, & sermon

Nursery Care provided, Sunday School for ages 3-adult

11:00am—Journey 4 Life

Foundation Praise Team, Drama, Multi-generational worship, weekly communion, & sermon

Nursery Care provided, Sunday School for ages 3-5th grade and Kathy Schulz' adult class