

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

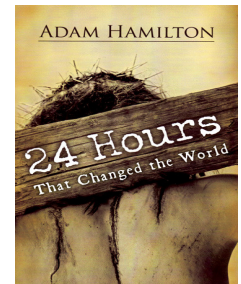
I pray that God will be glorified in all we do....I hope that you have been enjoying the brief video trips to Jerusalem each Sunday as we journey with Jesus through his last 24 hours on earth. I pray they help make Jesus' journey toward his death on the cross more meaningful to you.



Many of you know I have a love/hate relationship with technology. When it works, I think it can be a force used for great good: the ability to connect people with information (and with pastoral care, etc.) quickly and inexpensively; the ability to help bring alive the spoken word for those whose learning style is not primarily auditory; the ability to reach out beyond our walls to let people know what's happening here at BUMC, etc.

As you may have caught, I was in the midst of changing emails to try to save some \$\$, but the new email is not able to handle the Pastoral Email, so I tried to create a group and still haven't heard whether that has been approved (it's over a week and they said it would take 2 days)....SO some of you did not receive last week's copy because my email froze up. We will do better! (and will continue to look for a free way to do it, if possible!) I pray that you get this (after all my work!...but also want to let you know in case there is ever a time when you don't get an email, that this newsletter is available on our church's website ([www.bridgewaterumc.org](http://www.bridgewaterumc.org)) . Just click on the words "pastoral email" on the left banner...The Carillon is also available directly from the website!

**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*



**Spring Ahead!!!!**

*Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour on Saturday evening!!!*

**Worship Assistants for This Sunday**

Service	Greeters	Welcome Station	Ushers	Acolytes	Readers	Communion Assistants	Child Care Providers
8:15		Bob & Kathy Chapin					Diana Berenter
9:30	Dennis, Lori, Brett & Courtney McManus		GARY KUCSAN, Jeff Trimboli, Mike Snyder & Gerry Tamburro	Jordan Cole & Peyton Bothur	Gerry Tamburro	Marc & Janis Agnew	Diana Berenter & Mary Beth Gruber
11:00		Gretchen Lima					Diana Berenter & Terri Jones

Thank you to Leah Cote for baking bread and Lynne Kinch for preparing communion this week.

# YOUTH HAPPENINGS:

**Sunday, March 14 ~ Sunday School at 9:30 am and worship at 8:15 or 11 am**  
**REMEMBER to TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR!!**

**Sunday, March 14 ~ JYF Youth Group – AIDS Quilt Square Ideas – and Kickball / Games Night from 5 – 6:30 pm**

We will work in small groups to create several possible designs for a quilt square that we will make a different day. Then, if the weather cooperates, we will head out to the parking lot to play some outdoor games – kickball might be the order of the day! We will have daylight still thanks to Daylight Savings time. If the weather is not good, then we'll play indoor games in fellowship hall.

**Sunday, March 14 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 will combine into THREE small groups for these Lenten sessions.

This week, they will be at:

- 1) Kim Sacchi’s home – **103 Vollers Road, Branchburg – 908-722-9767 for directions**  
(Emily and Kim’s group AND Darcy and Rachel’s group are combining)
- 2) 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)
- 3) 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!**



*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 a.m. at the kitchen window** Coffee, Tea, Juice, fruit and scones

**9:00 a.m.** Coffee, Tea, Juice, fruit salad, scones, Irish Porridge with cream and raisins, sausage links, eggs your way with toast and crumpets.

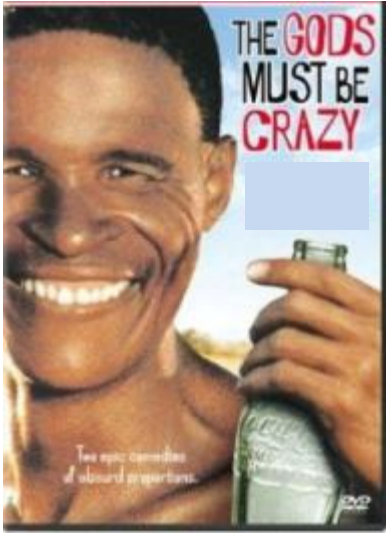
**10:30 a.m.** Coffee, Tea, Juice, Fruit salad, Irish Porridge with cream and raisins, sausage links, eggs your way, crumpets, baked potato and cheddar soup, cabbage Salad, potato skins with toppings, Lamb stew.

**12:00 noon** Coffee, Tea, Juice, eggs your way, crumpets, baked potato and cheddar soup, potato skins with toppings, Cabbage Salad, Lamb stew, Irish soda bread.

## **UMW Spring Communion Breakfast** **Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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.



**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!!*

## ***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.



## **BUMC ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN UP**

BUMC will be holding the annual Spring Clean Up on Saturday, April 10th from 8:00 am- 12:00 pm. We need members to come and volunteer a couple of hours to help assist with various beautifying projects at the church. Some of the activities are: mulching, washing windows, organizing closets, cleaning in the kitchen, sealing the driveways at the two parsonages, picking up sticks and raking leaves. Many hands will make this a success, so please contact Donna Zaborowski to sign up and request your time and job preference. (908) 575-7807 or [donnazab@optonline.net](mailto:donnazab@optonline.net)



**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](mailto:communityrelations@rvhabitat.org). All proceeds will raise funds for Raritan Valley Habitat's Bridgewater project.

# DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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.

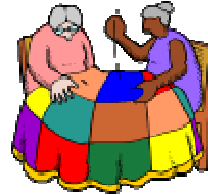
Some past donations have been:

**gift cards** (restaurants, hair salons, stores)  
**a stay at your 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Tickets available in the office or from Members of various Music Ministries!**



# On-going Ministry Opportunities & Happenings!

## 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*



**Healing Prayer Service: Wednesdays--12noon**



**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.

## Flower Calendar for 2010

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



### 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.orlowski@benjaminmoore.com](mailto:gary.orlowski@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](mailto: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](mailto:gtamburro@aol.com).



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

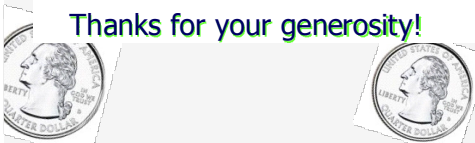
**April: The Help  
May: The Sweet By and By**



### Quarters for Laundry

Don't forget to collect quarters for our refugee family.

Thanks for your generosity!



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

## Our Work of Prayer:

### Received into Eternal Rest:

- Daniel Mente Sr., father of *Ron Mente*
- Jerry Vriens, founding member of BUMC (living in Whiting)

### Prayers for Members and their Families:

**Art Beazley; the Brown family; Graham Cleaves; Joni Cordell; Evelyn Dack; John Davidson & Anita Walton as they get married on Saturday; Chelsea DeLukey; Betty DeRemer; Anne Eurick; Joan Fink; John Gaston; Leanna Giaquinto-Flores; Sue Haig; Thelma Haines; Eugene Hedden; Lynda Herbeck; 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 on spring break
- For those looking for meaningful employment
- For those who are awakening anew to their faith

## Prayers for 10 Families in the congregation:

- *Jordan Goodwin*
- *Devon Gottshalk*
- *John Gottshalk*
- *George & Esther Gramer*
- *Joan Gramer*
- *Jeffrey Green*
- *Kyle Green*
- *Rey & Susan Green*
- *Angelika Greenhalgh*
- *Brian Greenhalgh*

**Scripture Thought for the Week:** It's impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists and that he cares enough to respond to those who seek him. -Hebrews 11:6 (The Message)

See you in church!

Blessings,  
*Rev. Vicki*

## Bridgewater UMC

[www.bridgewaterumc.org](http://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 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade and Kathy Schulz' adult class