

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

How do we judge a people or a nation or a faith? By the clothes they wear? By the language they speak? By the devotion of many or the radical fundamentalism of a few? These are good questions! As a Christian, I cringe when TV sit-coms caricature Christians as “holier than thou” judgmental people or when folks judge who all Christians are by the televangelists or by those who make outlandishly judgmental statements in the media or who kill abortion doctors. That is NOT what I understand to reflect a life as a disciple of Jesus Christ...nor who most of Jesus’ followers are!

Yet, we use some of those same criteria to judge what we see and know of other peoples, other nations, and other faiths. I pray that this summer’s sermon series has helped to give us eyes to see people seeking to know God at the heart of every faith and every people. I also hope that it has helped us be clearer about what we believe as Christian disciples!

This week I will preach about Islam. It is a good opportunity to get to know something (besides the term *jihad*) about this faith that is the fastest-growing faith in the world. Come learn about the historic roots we share with Islam, some of the basics of their faith, how it relates to and with our Christian faith, and how we have both similarities and differences in our belief systems.

Blessings in Christ Jesus!

Rev. Vicki

The gold drive was a success, but we can still continue to make money if people bring their unwanted gold and/or silver to Ed from the Gold and Silver Refinery in Raritan. His place is located at 62 W. Somerset St. (right by As You Like It). All you have to do is mention that you are from the Bridgewater United Methodist fundraiser. He takes gold and silver in any form (jewelry, flatware, candlesticks, etc). We have made \$535 so far!!!



PIZZA BOOTH @ the 4-H FAIR!! Please help!!!

As both part of our ministry to the community and a fundraiser, we are sponsoring a booth at the 4-H Fair that sells PIZZA!!! We were very blessed to get this spot! But we need everyone’s help who will be here **August 11-14th!!** We need people to work, and captains for each day to make sure everything’s in order; we need set up and cleanup crews as well! Please sign up in the Narthex or call Greg Laveve or the church office (908) 526-1414! Thanks! Also—if you are able to donate cases of Coke, Diet Coke, or Sprite, it would be very appreciated! Just bring them to church!





"For I was hungry, and you fed me..."

Thanks to June Tamburro for coordinating our Free Meals service at Covenant UMC this July. Special thanks to all who shopped, cooked, served, cleaned up and encouraged!

Our Music Ministry Needs You!

Terrific Tuesdays are wonderful evenings here at BUMC that involve making music with instruments, with our voices, and even moving to music through dance. If you would like to become involved with this wonderful ministry, we would like to hear from you! We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

1. Choir Directing
2. Assistant Choir Directing
3. Preparing and serving meals.

Please contact Anita Davidson adavidson@bridgewaterumc.org or 215-584-2905 with any questions you might have or to volunteer your time and talents. Perhaps God is calling you to lend a hand? The time is now!

Interfaith Hospitality Network Guests Arrive Soon!!! Please sign up to help!

Summer Worship Hours Sunday

Traditional Worship 9am

Journey 4 Life Contemporary Worship 10:30am

Service	Greeters	Welcome Station	Ushers	Readers	Communion Assistants	Child Care Providers
9:00	Ann Shirley	Rich Ford	SCOTT EDRIS, Gary Kucsan & Brian Kaufman	Christine Dombrowski	Bob & Julia Simmons, Jeff & Lori Ferris & Marc & Janis Agnew	Diana Berenter & Jessica Zito
10:30		Gretchen Lima & Nadia Spencer		Audrey Jankucic	Ebony Blissett	Diana Berenter & Sandi Collins

Thank you to Pat Hamilton for preparing communion this week.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS:

PARENTS: Please download a copy of the summer youth newsletter off the www.bridgewaterumc.org website. It has info about our **September 18 -19 MYF small group retreat**, our **October 8 – 10 JYF Retreat Early Bird price**, and much more.

Thursday, July 29 ~ JYF Final Prep Session for the Binghamton Mission Trip – from 7 – 9 pm at BUMC

All JYF youth and advisors planning to attend are expected. Bring money for ice cream at Polar Cub.

Sunday, August 1 ~ Worship at 9 am and 10:30 am

Monday, August 2 – Friday, August 6 ~ VBS at BUMC from 9 am – 12 pm
If you are able to help out, let Rev. Christina know at 908-526-1414 ext 6.

Wednesday, August 4 ~ Patriots Youth Group Fundraiser at the Somerset Patriots at 8:30 am
All youth and parents are asked to help at 2 of our 6 games this year – where we sell food behind the 3rd base stands.

Arrive: **between 8:30 am – 9:00 am for this weekday morning game (11:05 am game).**
Sign in on the sheet marked Bridgewater UMC Youth - when you enter the main front area. You will be given a food voucher and an apron. Then, come to the 3rd base area.
Wear: **White shirt (collared is preferable), blue, black or Khaki shorts, capris or pants, and closed toed shoes. NO jeans, sandals or ripped clothing.**
Optional to BRING: **Water bottle (You will be given a voucher for dinner and a soda), sweatshirt**
PARK: **For free in the blue lot to the left of the ballpark in the back**
Come help out and invite your friends – we will show you what to do when you arrive!

List of volunteers signed up to help **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4th** at the Patriots:

Laura Beyer	Mikaela Dixon	Mike Rubinfeld
Robin Bonatesta	Candice Douma	Annabelle Suarez ?
Alyssa Campisi	Ryan Douma	Marisa Suarez ?
Anthony Campisi	Kristen Ferris ?	Jeff Trimboli
Rachel Carlsen	Joy Mariconda	Julia Velmer ?
Ben Carlsen	Paula Mariconda	Adam Vinski
Elaine Carlsen ?	Cathi Reckenbeil	Adam Walton
Grace Clevenger	Don Reckenbeil	Sue Walton
Sue Clevenger	George Rodney	Dana Weingartner
Arline Cox	Pauline Rodney	Lynda Weingartner
Jim Cox	Kara Rogers – arriving late	Sara Weingartner
Alyssa Dixon	Caroline Rubinfeld	Kristen Wells
Kim Dixon	Brian Rubinfeld	

JULY/AUGUST YOUTH NEWSLETTER:

Here's the link to the July/August Youth News:

<http://www.bridgewaterumc.org/YouthNews/201007.pdf>

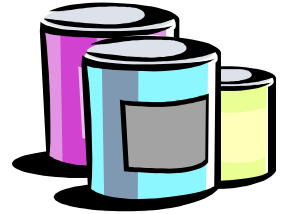
Also available at www.bridgewaterumc.org on the *Youth In Action Page*. *It is NOT sent through the mail, so please print off a copy, or pick up one on the youth bulletin board in the main hall.*



Mustard Seed Garden Ministry—Meets weekly on Wednesday evenings from 7pm-8pm now—September 1st. A brief devotions outside at the main entrance gardens, and then a team effort to keep our church gardens beautiful! Questions or more info? Contact Gretchenlima@aol.com or (908) 722-1199.

Feed the Hungry!

We continue our amazing 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 Israel Trip: January 18, 2011 ff

**Brochures are in the Narthex!
Get a discount by signing up early!
We have 24 people who have already registered and are getting the early discounts!**

Have you registered yet?!?!?

*Calling all children ages 4 through entering 5th grade!
Be a part of the excitement at BUMC's
Vacation Bible School!*



**August 2-6, 2010 --- 9:00am 'til Noon
"GALACTIC BLAST: A COSMIC ADVENTURE PRAISING GOD!"**

This year's Vacation Bible School is an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program that brings children into a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ! Each day's mission will begin on the starship *Galactic Praise* with the "Commander" and "Galileo the Gorilla". We will then journey through space to different destinations where we will experience Bible stories, craft projects, science experiments, recreation and music that is out of this world!

Now is the time to register!!!

Now is the time for adults and high school youth to offer to help!!!!

Feel free to make copies of the form or contact us for additional forms. Registration is limited, so please register early! Please use one registration form per child. *(Located at the end of this document)*

Needed for VBS!

- Hanging mobiles of the solar system
- Queen or King size flat bed sheets!

Please leave with Rev. Christina

Questions? Want to know how you can help?

Contact Rev. Christina Zito --- 908-526-1414 ext 6 or czito@bridgewaterumc.org



**Want to get to know some BUMC folks?
Join the summer
Home Fellowship Group
Sunday evenings 7:00 – 9:00 pm
Host: Jim Bingman
Location: Jim's Home
2 Cedar Ct. Bedminster, NJ 07921
614-302-0095
Call Jim for more info
or to let him know you are coming!**



On-going Ministry Opportunities & Happenings!

Healing Prayer Service: Wednesdays--12noon

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 Orłowski at 908-725-4714 or gary.orłowski@benjaminmoore.com or stop by the church office for your gift cards



BUMC CARES MINISTRY: Helping all be purposefully employed!

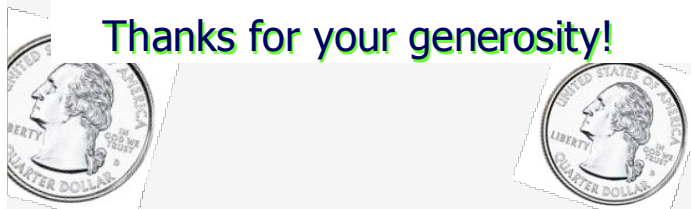


The CARES (Christian Action Resource and Employment Services) ministry of BUMC has been created to help people in the church network to help. If you either have connections that can be helpful for this ministry, or are in need of finding out about a new employment opportunity, please email Gerry at gtamburro@aol.com.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

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

Prayers for Members and their Families:

Arthur Blain, uncle of *Bev McCarron*; **Betty Bray**; Thelma Bunn; Christopher DeRemer and Jennifer DeRemer, grandchildren of *Betty DeRemer*; **Frank Dittman**; Les Goss, father of *Terri Kinzy*; **Thelma Haines**; **Harriett Haraputczyk**; **Charlie Harrison**; Dylan Haas, son of *Terry & Scott Edris*; **Carol Hopper**; **Jannet Kay**, grandmother of Tanya Cox; **Ginny Lee**, mother of *June Tamburro*; **Mallory**, friend of *Kirsten Goodwin*; **Ann Milbank**; **Donna Roccia**; **Doris Sawin**; **Betty Schweighardt**; Natalie, cousin of the Strand family; **Bill and Donna Suits**

Received into Eternal Rest:

- **Jean Marie Costa**, cousin of Tom Sacchi
- **Ethlyn Suits**, mother of *Bill Suits*

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

Eric Goldberg, a neighbor of BUMC; **Greg Laine**, son of Monika Laine, teacher at Children's Corner, in Iraq; **Jon Schafer**, cousin of *Laura Schafer*

Prayers for the World:

- For immigrants who are finding their way
- For our nation and its leaders
- For those who have lost a beloved pet
- For those who are terminally ill
- For our Vacation Bible School

Prayers for these families in the congregation:

- **Ross, Elizabeth, Elizabeth & Carolyn Rapoport**
- **David Rawson**
- **Bradley Rawson**
- **Rich & Lois Rawson**
- **Don, Cathi, Brian, Alison & Emily Reckenbeil**
- **John & Linda Reimer**
- **Doris Reindel**
- **Robin, Martha, Adam, Sarah & Rebecca Reinhardt**
- **Philip, LeAnn, Jeffrey & Marc Rettew**
- **D. Ann Reynolds**

Scripture Thought for the Week:

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. -1 Peter 2:2-3 (NIV)

Blessings,
Rev. Vicki

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Sunday Morning Summer Schedule!!!

9:00am—Traditional Worship

Organ, Sanctuary Choir and other traditional music groups, weekly communion, & sermon
Nursery Care provided, Sunday School for ages 3-adult

10:30am—Journey 4 Life Contemporary Worship

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