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The Weekly Reminder

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"The Weekly Reminder" can be read every week in PDF format on the church website.

<www.montgomeryumc.org>

Thanks to our web editors Rich and Katie Specht.

1. The scripture readings for June 20th are 1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39.
2. Our heartfelt appreciation to the Fathers and Sons Band who will be blessing us with their music today. Our thanks to:
Frank and Tyler and Jared Picone, drums and vocals
Steve and Alex Laney, guitar, bass guitar, vocals
Gavin and David Lawrence, guitars and vocals
Dylan Boger, percussion
3. The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of "Mom – oh how she loved summer".

Sunday School - A Message from Rev. Marion

4. Today we will have a Sunday school celebration and thank you to our teachers during the 10:30 service. *(Please do plan to join us for this celebration for the children and to extend our appreciation to our Sunday school teachers who give so generously of themselves.)*
5. Do you have a son or daughter graduating from high school or college this year?



If so, we would like him/her to be part of our graduation recognition and celebration next Sunday when we will also have prayers for the graduates. Please send the info on names and where they will be graduating from to Rev. Marion at MAR 1217 at earthlink.net or sign the paper on the education committee bulletin board. Thank you.

6. Vacation Bible School – Register Today!

Vacation Bible School will be held July 19th through July 23rd. This year's theme is, "The Son Rock Kids Camp". Registration forms are now up on our new website www.mumcvbs.org. In order to keep costs low, we are asking church members to donate items if possible. Items for which we need a fixed number are leaves on our donation tree in Nystrom Fellowship Hallway.

The items below are generally requested items. We have a collection box in the Hallway where you can drop items off. Thanks!

- Oatmeal/bread crumb containers with lids
- Large pieces of cardboard 2' x 2' or bigger (clean pizza box lids ok)
- Refrigerator sized boxes (for doorway decoration)
- Camping supplies (to borrow) – lanterns, ropes, chairs, etc.
- Any “woody” themed stuffed animals (to borrow) – bears, raccoons, moose, skunks, owls, etc.
- Carpet padding
- Glue stick

Please contact Sue Mayer for further information. Sue can be reached at either 908.369.5656 or at suemayer@alumni.rutgers.edu. Any help and time you can give to VBS is greatly appreciated.

7. Bible Study Reflections on Sunday at 9:45 AM

You are invited to a Bible Study called “Bible Reflections”. Deb Ploe is the class leader. It is held from 9:45 to 10:15 AM on Sundays in the Annex off of Friendship Hall.

This is a weekly gathering of people who want to have a lively conversation about the Bible readings of the day. It is not a “traditional” Bible study, which usually involves scholarly preparation and reading of commentaries and reference books. It is an informal conversational reading and a discussion about the Bible where people encounter God’s Word in a very direct way. Bring a cup of coffee and join us! For further information, please see Deb or Pastor Tony.

8. Women’s Bible Studies

All women are invited to the home of Alba Lucia Thomas on the first and third Wednesdays of the month for Bible Study. For directions, please see Alba Lucia.

9. First Friday Bible Study with Rev. Dave *

Reverend Dave Houston leads the First Friday Bible Study at noon on the first Friday of every month. Bring lunch and a friend! Rev. Marion will be serving Holy Communion after Bible Study for anyone who would like to participate.

***Reverend Dave’s Bible Study for July will take place on Friday, July 9th, due to the fourth of July holiday weekend.**

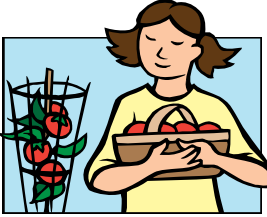
10. Men’s Bible Studies

All men are warmly invited to Bible Study led by Steve Thomas at 9:45 AM each Sunday in the library. Please see Steve for further information.

11. Methodist-Motion

Would you like to become involved with the Methodist-Motion mission? Please contact Pastor Tony or send an email to Mike Maloney at mm@methodist-motion.org. Log on to www.methodist-motion.org to find out just what this exciting venture is all about and to view updates to the website.

12. Hillsborough Food Pantry



As always, donations are welcome for the **Hillsborough Food Pantry**. Many thanks for sharing and caring about our neighbors and for leaving your gifts in the basket provided.



13. June Birthdays

If you'd like to be included on our birthday list, please send an email to [mumcinfo at aol.com](mailto:mumcinfo@aol.com). A great big MUMC happy birthday shout out to the following people as well as everyone who celebrates a birthday in June.

- 2 Deanna Miller
- 3 Steven Fantozzi
- 5 Margaret Daggett
- 5 Diane Lefebvre
- 6 Richard Cunningham
- 6 Ramon Rodriquez
- 9 Rudolph Kircher
- 11 Cindy Bartlett
- 13 Sherree Pecci
- 15 Steve Scott
- 16 Tracy Ann Lee
- 18 Cynthia Cooper
- 20 Diane Ruddock
- 21 Courtney Eldridge
- 24 Sydney Sapienza
- 26 Stephen Schappert
- 28 Christine Benito

14. Please turn the page to see a letter from Pastor Tony. Thank you.

Many Thanks For an MUMC Milestone

Dear Friend in Christ,

It was a time of overwhelming joy in the Spirit. The celebration of blessing and dedication of our new Friendship Hall held on Saturday night, 12 June 2010, was an event that will live on in our memories with much joy.

On behalf of our entire congregation, I wish to thank everyone who participated in any way. Many thanks to our donors, encouragers, and prayer partners; thank you for your generosity in making Miracle Sunday the success that it was. The dinner and celebration was our way of saying thank you to you for all the remarkable gifts you have given.

To Kaye Foster Cheek and her dedicated and skillful Celebration Team - Diane, Deb, Alba Lucia, Barbara and Sandra - thank you for organizing this large event, and making it the great success that it was. Sandra Barnes, your dinner was outstanding! To you and your catering team at Fabulous Festivities, bravo and thank you for presenting a most wonderful meal. Diane Ruddock, the invitations were so beautiful, and your organizational skills helped so much. Deb, your organizing and recruiting skills brought our willing workers together to help with so much, and blessed our church's fellowship. Alba Lucia and Stephen, your ministry with the children added greatly to the joy of the event. Mike Maloney, thank you for your beautiful and encouraging words, and your heartfelt gifts.

Kaye, your gifts have indeed brought us hope and given wings to our project in such immeasurably important ways. You have brought more light and hope to our hearts, and certainly to mine, than words can say. To you and your wonderful family, I want to say: thank you so very much.

Barbara, your gifts of decorating skill, countless hours of hard work, meeting with contractors and organizing helpers, and personal devotion and love for this project were instrumental in bringing all the elements of Friendship Hall together. Thank you so very, very much!

Several recent donations also went such a long way in bringing Friendship Hall across the "finish line". Alba Lucia and Stephen, thank you so much for the generous donation of the refrigerator for the new coffee kitchen! Kaye and Marie, your gifts of the tables and chairs gave Friendship Hall its crowning touch. How kind of you.

So many folks worked together in making our project a success. Whether you helped in unpacking chairs or by vacuuming the carpet, ironed or set tables, gave of your prayers or good words or treasure - on behalf of a grateful church and a grateful Pastor - I give you my heartfelt thanks. Thank you to Mass and Sandra Barnes and their children, Diane and David Ruddock, Sue Fanok, Deb Ploe, Ann and Len Thompson, Rev. Dave Houston, Marjorie Samuels, Marie Poelstra, Alba Lucia and Stephen Thomas and their children, Steve Cooper, Karen Lawrence, Barbara Ewick, Jacqueline and Jessica O'Dell, Joy Carter, Dave and Joan Musante, Harley Swensson, Bob and Sandi Bjornesn, Ernie Willson, Dwayne and Lisa Drift, Manal Barakat, Emily and Jacob, Gill Bougher, Jonathan DeHeus, Jill Prickitt, Cathy and Mike Maloney, Dr. Bell, Stryker Schultz, Dylan Boger, Margie Mutchler and the Children's Choir, the wonderful women of the Crawford House, and every other person who helped in any way with the launching of this extraordinary project.

May this lovely and elegant Friendship Hall be a blessing to the Lord's work for many years - and happy events - to come!

Warmest regards,

Pastor Tony Godlefski

PS: Perhaps you have noticed the new "Blessing Tree" in the hallway behind our sanctuary. The leaves of this tree will be inscribed with the names of our donors and their honorees - and more. Yes, there will be enough leaves for some future dedications. More about this to come. PT