

THE MESSENGER



SUMC NEWSLETTER

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join the Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS! Register your kids for this exciting VBS from August 17 - 21 from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Lunch will be provided, and there is no cost. This VBS will be held at Flatbush Reformed Church for children from 4 yrs - 6th Grade. To register call Erica at (845) 750-7100 or leave a message on the church phone at (845) 246-4750.



RUMMAGE SALE

The Saugerties UMC rummage sale is coming right up on Friday and Saturday, August 14 and 15 from 10 am - 3 pm.

Donations for the sale can be placed in the Old Kitchen, or in the Chapel behind the screen. Just a reminder: no clothing (clothing can be donated to The Well) and no large furniture.

Lots of help is needed on Thursday, August 13 when we will move the new donations from the Chapel and the Old Kitchen to the Fellowship Hall. We will set up tables in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6 pm, and then display the items on those tables. Some muscle will be needed to carry the stuff, and for the rest of us help is needed to empty boxes and display the items on the tables.

During the sale, we will be collecting donations and assisting customers. And of course help will be needed on Saturday for clean up at 3 pm.

Thank you all in advance for your help in these rummage sales! They are a good fundraiser for the Church, and our community looks forward to them.

- Diane McDowell

CRAFT GROUP

The Saugerties UMC Craft Group meets the first and third Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. The items that we make are sold in November at the Holiday Fair. Everyone is welcome to join us. We have a lot of donated supplies, so just bring your imagination! You don't need any special skills, and new ideas are always welcome. No commitment is necessary, so just come when it works for you. We meet in the Old Kitchen at the Church, so enter on the Post Street side of the Church. Contact Cece, Aleda, Michele, or Diane if you have questions.

RECRUITING: WESLEY CHOIR

We're sending out a call this Sunday to all who might like to join the 'Wesley' choir and prepare anthems for reflection and celebration during Sunday worship. We meet on Thursday nights from 7-8:15 for a time of fellowship and music ministry. Somebody said 'they who sing, pray twice!'

I can help with extra rehearsals, off and on schedules, or just plain note learning. Come find out on September 3rd or talk to a choir member or me.

- Phyllis Clark.

HYMN REQUESTS

Dear Friends, If you haven't guessed in our two years together: I'm passionate about hymns. Do you have a favorite that you haven't sung in a while? Please let me know- there are so many! And only a few chances to sing together, once a week. Send me an email at clarkphyllise@gmail.com with your request.
- Phyllis Clark

SAUGERTIES SINGS

Our community chorus, Saugerties Sings, meets on Tuesdays in the chapel of our church from 7-8:30 to practice and prepare music we present in different venues throughout the town.

Talk to Phyllis Clark for more information.

RECRUITING: TUESDAY CREW

I think most of you are aware of our 'Tuesday Crew'. We are the ones who try to keep up with the needs of the church - fix the microwave in the kitchen, clean up the extra stuff in the narthex, move furniture, clean the drains on the roof - that sort of thing - that we could pay someone to do, but which probably saves us quite a bit. We are always looking for new recruits - people who are available on Tuesday mornings (thus the name!) from 9 - 12. Not much skill is required. We would welcome anyone who can come most Tuesdays and help out. If you are interested and want to check it out, come on down to the workshop in the basement next Tuesday and join us!
- Nancy Forsythe

WORD FROM THE PASTOR

July has come and gone, and my first month as your pastor has flown by. It has been wonderful to meet so many of you all and hear your stories. Mason and I have both really appreciated everyone's warm welcome.

As we go into this new month, I invite you to spend some time intentionally noticing. Stop and look around at the beauty of nature, the flowers, the mountains, the rain, and more. Take the time to admire the beauty of God's creation that has been given unto us, and then praise God for it. Try it! This simple meditation can easily refresh your day and help you refocus even in the midst of difficult and trying times!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The next meeting for United Women in Faith will be Tuesday, September 15, starting from 5:30 to 6:30 for a meal and 6:30 - 7:30 for the program. Each person is invited to bring a dish for the shared meal. The program is called "Re-Orienting Ourselves." As the school year begins, we turn our focus to opening ourselves to new perspectives and ways of looking at things. Come and join us as we as we restart our program.

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Well, quite a bit has been happening around the church lately.

First, thanks to an anonymous donor we now have 2 mini-splits in the fellowship hall - mostly for air conditioning, but there may be occasions when it could be warmer in there.

Head Start has closed down, leaving the Parish House temporarily empty. We have been looking for another not-for-profit to take over the space and have had three groups express interest. We need to pursue these leads to continue to get funds to keep it up and running.

Mother Goose has done some re-arranging in the office. The second desk that had been in there has been moved to the Parsonage for Reverend Will to use, and the copier has been moved from the closet - where it was sometimes difficult to clear problems due to how tightly it fit in there.

And finally, as you are probably aware, the money that the trustees use to maintain our buildings comes from interest from 3 trust funds that we manage. That said, if we continue to work with the same amount of principle and get the same amount of interest, it will leave us a little short when it comes to paying things which inevitably cost more than they used to. So, perhaps you could consider leaving some money to the church - either in your will or as an addition to one of our trusts. There is a fine line between letting interest accrue so that we have more principle and paying the bills in order to maintain the church. So, please keep us in mind.