

The Messenger

JANUARY 2016



Incorporated in 1866 ~ Rev. Yoomi Yi, Pastor



United Methodist Church of Linden

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LECTIONARY FOR JANUARY

January 3

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

January 10

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17,21-22

January 17

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10
I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

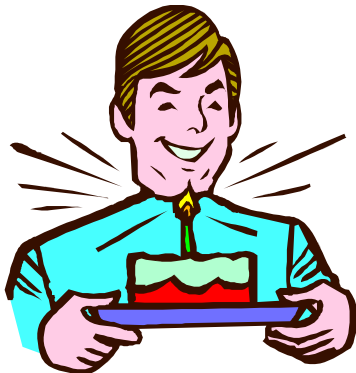
January 24

Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10; Psalm 19
I Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

January 31

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6
I Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

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HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

MaryJean Barnes	4
Brian Martinson	5
Tara Stamer	7
Ryan Woods	8
Nereida Woodfield	14
Julie Smith (Henel)	15
Claudette Harty	19
Donna Mugavaro	26
Michael Curtin	30

.....and many, many more!!!

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The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example!

ANOTHER FAIR IS BEHIND US

It is very important that we first thank Lorraine Carhart for putting everything together. It was not easy this year compared to other years. Many people did not respond at all to telephone calls, offer donations or work on the day of the Fair.

This has been a problem the last couple of years and it is very difficult to have a successful Fair without help.

We certainly do want to thank those that did help. We could have not done this at all without their cooperation and their determination, even though many worked with walkers, canes and physical disabilities. We especially thank the children of some of our members who pitched in to make up for those that did not volunteer. We thank them all and will decide in the next months whether we will be able to have another Fair next year.

We know that we have less active members then previously which makes it even more important that those that are still here do their share in supporting programs that the church sponsors. We feel it in our attendance on Sunday morning worship, in financial contributions, and serving on committees so that our church can be a vital part of Linden as it always had been.

Our Board of Trustees are doing their part by making good use of the UMC Bauer Foundation funds to repair and renew our church buildings but a church is more than buildings – IT IS PEOPLE – and we need and want YOU!

Please remember the vows you made when you joined the church! TO SUPPORT THE UMC BY YOUR PRAYERS, YOUR PRESENCE, YOUR GIFTS AND YOUR SERVICE.

RECEIPTS FOR INDIVIDUAL TABLES

BAKE TABLE	434.75
JEWELRY	52.00
NEARLY NEW	163.15
CHRISTMAS	23.30
WHITE ELEPHANT	100.05
KITCHEN	419.00
VENDORS	75.00
DONATIONS	<u>180.00</u>
DEPOSITED IN BANK	1,507.25

YOU MISSED IT!! TOO BAD!

What do we have to do to get your interest in the programs our church has planned?
In the November Messenger there was an article about the UMC of Union choir presenting a Christmas program in our church on Saturday, Dec. 12th. In the December Messenger there was a full page flier about the program and inviting everyone to a FREE musical program with refreshments served at the completion of the program. We mailed 14 fliers to all the Methodist churches within a 13 mile radius and also the local churches here in Linden. We had about 65 people attend but 30 of them were members of the Union choir. And they were wonderful!! At the end of the program the audience stood to give them a hearty round of applause. We thanked them so much for the wonderful afternoon as they joined us for sandwiches, cole slaw, cheese, chips, pickles, beverage and dessert. We thanked those that attended from the local churches and Methodist churches in our area. And we appreciate those that came from our church (I hope I don't leave any out) Bob & Lorraine Carhart, Marie Dziamba and son. Mike, Marese Edward, Ida Peralta, Bill Jenson (our director/organist), Leah & Demola Adeyinka. Gertrude Baldwin, Doris Henel, Carolyn Franz, Lourdes Kozar, Mycroft Laryea, and Rev. Yi. Lourdes took some wonderful pictures and I am hoping I will get them in time to put in this Messenger. If not, they will be in next month's Messenger.



STARLITE CHORAL

Finish up a beautiful Christmas season enjoying the Starlight Choral performing "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, Shine On!" with a special performance by the Choirs of St. Matthews. See the special flier attached to this Messenger for more information. This is a Family Christmas Concert of Music and Joy.



WOULDN'T IT BE NICE TO BE AS SURE OF ANYTHING AS SOME PEOPLE ARE OF EVERYTHING?

BITS AND PIECES

A Memorial Service was held in our sanctuary on Sunday, December 20th 2015 at 4 p.m. for William Wade Martin who died Friday, October 30, 2015 in Maine. Bill was a longtime member of our church growing up in Linden and active in the community. Refreshments were served in Aldersgate Hall, following the service.

Bob Losyk, president of the Board of Trustees, is the person to contact if you are interested in reserving Aldersgate Hall for any special occasion. He can be reached at 908-487-7656, or rios52@hotmail.com. There is no charge for members of the United Methodist Church of Linden. All others renting the facility will pay a charge.

It is good to see Charles Ettel back in church again and serving as an usher on Sundays during our worship service. We have missed him!

Dorothy and Richard Gerbounka just returned from a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands. Since he is now retired they have more time for the fun things of life and they are enjoying it.

Please keep in touch with Ethel Steiniger who is now living in Sunnyside Manor, 2500 Ridgewood Rd., Room 118, Wall, N. J. 07719 - Telephone 732-655-8006. She loves to hear from her Linden friends and misses our church so much. She is the one that has held membership in our church the longest of any member.

Linda Wylie has returned from a short stay in the hospital and she looks good!

Elizabeth Hanns has also returned from the hospital and her sister came from California to take care of her. She has been very ill and we certainly hope she improves.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – 2015

We dedicate the Christmas poinsettias to the “Glory of God” in Honor or Memory of our loved ones. Thank you for allowing us to enjoy them.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Betty & Charles Lamont by Jayne Cocco
Ken & Norma MacAlpine by Dick & Jeanie MacAlpine
Loved Ones by Doris Henel
George Koslosky by MaryJane Koslosky & Kathy Curtin
Robert & Mary Dalziel by MaryJane Koslosky & Kathy Curtin
Victorno Peralta & Grandparents by Ida Peralta & Family
Grandparents by the Avalos Family
Fred & Randy Gmitter by Kathryn Gmitter
Victorno Peralta by Avalos Family
Norman Carhart by Joyce Carhart
Gregg Carhart by Joyce Carhart
Parents, Norman & Mary Carhart & Fred & Irene Messinger by Lorraine & Bob Carhart
Gertrude Blaise by Lorraine & Bob Carhart
Brother, Norman Carhart by Bob & Lorraine Carhart
Gregg Carhart by Bob & Lorraine Carhart
Victorno Peralta by the Bowley Family
Loved Ones by Joe & Debbie Stamer & Family
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IN HONOR OF

Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Bowley by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bowley
Daughters, Donna, Diane & Allyson by Lorraine & Bob Carhart
Simpliciso by the Avalos Family

THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR POINSETTIAS WITH US AND ADDING TO THE BEAUTY OF
OUR SANCTUARY DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.



The **Starlite Chorale**

A Singing Ensemble under the Direction of
Dr. Tony Godlefski; Dr Laura Bell, Accompanist



"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, Shine On!"

A Family Christmas Concert of Music and Joy

With Special Performances by

The Choirs of St. Matthews

David Jules, Director

4:30 PM, Sunday, January 3, 2016

St. Matthew the Apostle Church

81 Seymour Ave., Edison, NJ 08817

Adults \$12.00 Children (under age 12) Free

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 9:00 – Choir 9:30-Sunday Sch. 10:30-Ch.Worship 12:30-Saints of God	4 7 – Bd. of Trustees	5 11:30-United Meth. Women 7:30-Faith in Action	6	7	1 5:30-Champion Youth 8 5:30-Champion Youth	2 7 th Day Adventist 9 7 th Day Adventist
10 9:00-Choir 9:30-Sunday Sch. 10:30-Ch.Worship 12:30-Saints of God	11	12 7:30-Faith in Action	13 10 AM – <u>CHURCH COUNCIL</u>	14	15 5:30-Champion Youth	16 7 th Day Adventist
17 9:00-Choir 9:30-Sunday School 10:30-Ch.Worship 12:30-Saints of God	18	19 7:30-Faith in Action	20	21	22 5:30-Champion Youth	23 7 th Day Adventist
24 9:00-Choir 9:30-Sunday School 10:30-Ch.Worship 12:30-Saints of God	25	26 7:30-Faith in Action	27	28	29 5:30-Champion Youth	30 7 TH DAY ADVENTIST
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