

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 6th, 2013

“Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10.15-16

And the Table Will Be Wide

A Blessing for World Communion Sunday

And the table
will be wide.

And the welcome
will be wide.

And the arms
will open wide
to gather us in.

And our hearts
will open wide
to receive.

And we will come
as children who trust
there is enough.

And we will come
unhindered and free.

And our aching
will be met
with bread.

And our sorrow
will be met
with wine.

And we will open our hands
to the feast
without shame.

And we will turn
toward each other
without fear.

And we will give up
our appetite
for despair.

And we will taste
and know
of delight.

And we will become bread
for a hungry world.

And we will become drink
for those who thirst.

And the blessed
will become the blessing.

And everywhere

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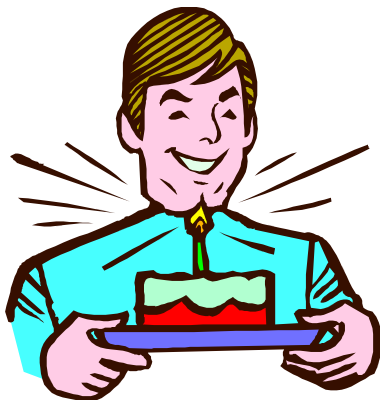
WHEN: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

TIME; 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: ALDRERSGATE HALL

WHO: ALL CHURCH MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. THE BUDGET AND NEW OFFICERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AS OF 1/1/14. ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS AND MEMBERS OF THEIR COMMITTEES SHOULD ATTEND. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

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HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

Robert Schickel, Jr.	5
Wanda Martinson	7
Diane Scott Vietiello	10
Mickey Kiely	11
Michael Modrak	12
Robert Carhart	14
Christopher Martinson	26
Barbara Cofone	26

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

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ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

On Sunday, September 29th we will recognize 147 years of the incorporation of the United Methodist Church here in the city of Linden. Ours was the first church established in our town. 50 and 25 year members of our church will be recognized and a coffee hour in Aldersgate Hall will follow our church service. COME JOIN US!

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A FEW MORE PEOPLE TO THANK!

Take a look at our defrosted freezer and you can thank Carolyn Franz and Lorraine and Bob Carhart for doing such a great job! Our sanctuary and pews were cleaned and polished by Ida Peralta, Lorraine Carhart, Getrude Baldwin, Carolyn Franz, MaryJane Koslosky, Kathy Curtin, Ruth Schulte, and Marie Dziamba to help our sexton. THANKS!

CONGRATULATIONS!

This summer the following young people from our church received \$500.00I scholarships to help them with their further education. We thank MaryJean Barnes for the lovely donation she made to the Scholarship Fund this year in memory of her mother Mary Barnes.

- Christopher Beyer
- Elizabeth Marosi
- Jackie Lee Valdez
- Jackie Lyn Valdez
- Jasmine Valdez

Thanks to the generosity of our church members, even the recent years when the interest rate was so low and no interest money had accumulated in the Endowment Fund, we were still able to award annual scholarships. These awards have helped many of our young people continue with their further education.

We also thank the Long, Carhart and Steiniger families for their continued support of the Endowment Fund and the establishment of it many years ago.

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A REMINDER

Our summer schedule is now over. The Sunday worship service is back to 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. We hope everyone had a great summer and we look forward to seeing many of those who were away during July and August. Thank you to the Valdez family who supplied us with their beautiful garden flowers many Sundays this summer, Carolyn Franz who set up every week in preparation for our service and made sure we had a

pianist every week, and Steven Zahorbenski, Rob Long, and Bob Carhart who filled in on Sundays when the pastor was away on vacation.

We appreciate all the committee chairpersons who continued to work behind the scenes even though it was the summer season.



PRAYER LIST

- Leona Parker
- Doris Henel
- Mildred Ebert
- Mycroft Laryea
- Doris Stamer
- MaryJane Koslosky
- Dan Ajuka
- Gertrude Baldwin
- Charles Lamont
- Elizabeth Hanns
- Thomas Henel
- Vera Horsch
- Kathy Horsch
- Janet Pavlinic
- Otts Schnellenberger
- Kime Smith
- Ethel Steiniger

These are people we prayed for over the summer and some recently. Please continue to pray for them all.



Ethel G. Strand

Ethel G. Strand, age 94, of Bloomsbury, died Friday, Aug. 2, 2013 at the Country Arch Care Center in Union Township. Mrs. Strand was born May 10, 1919, in Orange. She lived in Linden, and Orlando, FL before moving to Bloomsbury.

She is survived by son William Strand and his wife Frances, of Turangi, New Zealand; son Tim Strand and his wife Clare of Bloomsbury; and three grandchildren, Amy Nash and her husband David, Jinny Strand of Chicago, IL, and Peter Strand of Brooklyn, NY. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Thomas L. Strand, in 1988.

There was a Memorial Service for family members at Lake Hopatcong on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Linden United Methodist Church, where Ethel was a devoted member for many years.

Arrangements entrusted to the Martin Funeral Home of Clinton. For online condolences, visit martinfh.com.

(Ethel was a member of the church for over 50 years and was an officer in the Finance Committee for many of those years. She

was also a member of the United Methodist Women and the Wednesday Workshop. We will always remember her smile and her willingness to help in any way she could. The United Methodist Women always enjoyed their visits with Ethel over the recent years.)

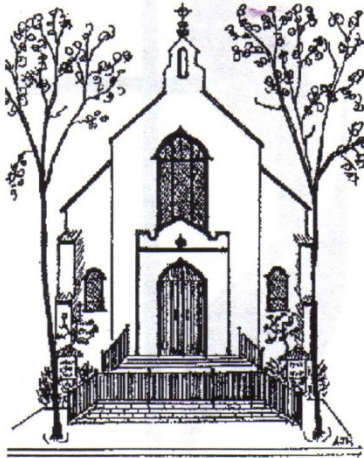


As we get ready to start our Sunday School for the fall season, our children would like to thank our very special teachers who worked with them last year.

Megan Stamer & Jackie Lu Valdez

They will once again be sharing their knowledge with our young children, and we also thank them for their dedication and commitment to our church and children:

The opening day of Sunday School was September 8th and we invite all the young children of our church (and any of their friends) to join us at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday.



Incorporated in 1866

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Be prepared for some great changes in our Stewardship program this year. Gertrude Baldwin, chairperson of the Stewardship program will be calling her committee together very soon, and she has some interesting possibilities to present to them. As they make their plans and prepare to send all our members a special mailing and pledge cards, we ask you to take very seriously, the needs of the church for 2014. We need the cooperation of every member of the United Methodist Church.

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BITS AND PIECES

MaryJane Koslosky and her sister, Kathy Curtin spent a few days in Maryland and then they all traveled to Virginia to enjoy a few days there. After a long summer, it was great to

spend a few days in September visiting with friends.

Congratulations to Nancy Jane Baldwin who, this spring, retired from working many years for the Dapper Bus Company in Iselin. She worked hard and earned her retirement. Enjoy, Nancy!

Charles Lamont recently purchased an electric motor car so that he could get around easier. He uses it around his apartment and on the deck that is attached to his daughter, Jayne's, home. He moves a lot faster now!

Gertrude Baldwin recently spoke to Joy Hinko. She is fine, working three part-time jobs and that doesn't leave her much free time which is why she can't get to church too often. We want her to know we are thinking of her, and miss her. We hope her mother is doing well.

In checking some old Messengers, we came across the birth last June of Lisa Marcelino and her husband's son. ONE YEAR OLD ALREADY! How fast time passes!

Tom and Caroline Long spent the summer at their home in Lake Owassa and are probably on the way back to their winter home In Vero Beach, Florida, by now.

If you missed seeing Ida Peralta this summer it is because she spent the whole time visiting her daughter in California. That must have been a happy time! We are glad to have her back home again.

SEPT 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 Worship	2 LABOR DAY	3	4 4:30-Fencing sch.	5 Fencing Sch.	6 5:30-Champion Youth 4:30-Fencing Sch	7 9:30 1:30 Fencing School
8 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship Sunday School Resumes	9 7-BOARD OF TRUSTEES 4:30-Fencing School	10 10:30-Bible Study 12 Noon-United Meth. Women 4:30 -9:30 Fencing Sch.	11 10 am-Administrative Council meeting 4:30-9:30 – Fencing School	12 4:30-9:30-Fencing School	13 5:30-Champion Youth	14 9:30-1:30 – Fencing School in gym
15 9:30 AM - Choir 10:30 – Worship Sunday School	16 4:30-9:30-Fencing School	17 10:30-Bible Study 4 4:30-9:30-Fencing Sch	18 4:30-Fencing School	19 4:30-Fencing School	20 5:30-Champion Youth	21 9:30-1:30-Fencing School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship
22 9:30 AM – Choir 10:30-Worship Sunday School	23 4:30 – 9:30 Fencing School	24 10:30-Bible Study 4:30-9:30-Fencing Sch	25 4:30-9:30 Fencing School	26 4:30-9:30-Fencing Sch	27 5:30-Champion Youth	28 9:30-1:30 Fencing Sch. in Gym
29 9:30 – Choir 10:30Worship Sunday School Anniv. Sunday After Church	30 4:30 – 9:30 Fencing School					.