

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23

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### SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

**Worship:** 9:00 = 148; 10:30 = 127; Total = 275

**FLC update: Total Amount Received:** \$ 521,172 / \$1,013,520 (51% of commitments)

**Amount Received Last Week:** \$ 3,630

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	9:00 am	Contemporary Worship – Bowker Hall
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Safe Sanctuary/VBS Training</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School until 12 noon</b>
	7:00 pm	N.A.
<b>Tues.</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School until 12 noon</b>
		Jr. Choir Picnic at the Frame's
	6:30 pm	MUMC Softball at Cherokee
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School until 12 noon</b>
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School until 12 noon</b>
	7:30 pm	Band Rehearsal – Bowker Hall
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School until 12 noon</b>
<b>Sun. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	9:00 am	Contemporary Worship – Bowker Hall
	10:30 am	Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Feed My Sheep Ministry at New Beginnings UMC</b>

**SPECIAL MUSIC FOR THE SUMMER:** During the summer months we are fortunate to have our special music provided by many talented members and friends of this congregation. If you would like to volunteer to share your musical talent during worship, please speak to Bruce, Barb, Carol or Logan.

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER CONSTRUCTION UPDATE:** Remember those masonry color combinations we voted on last month? This week, masons have been laying block for the block walls and the piers at three corners of the building. Other crews have been locating, digging, and pouring concrete foundations for the columns that will hold up the covered walkway between the buildings. They also have continued to prepare to pour the main floor of the building – look for that to happen next week.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### MAKER FUN FACTORY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STARTS ON MONDAY:

Ways you can participate:

- Pray for all the children, youth and adults taking part this year
- Help to decorate the church after the 10:30 service today
- Contribute the Food Pantry at Turning Point United Methodist Church in Trenton. The list is prioritized by the greatest need especially in the summer when the children are home from school. Items requested include any cereal, meats (canned tuna, chicken, corned beef hash, Spam, chili, Vienna Sausages (a favorite!), canned Items: evaporated milk (not condensed), vegetables, fruit, soup, ravioli and meatballs, etc. Bring your donations to the church by this Friday. For questions, please contact Janet Scheffler, [scheffler13@comcast.net](mailto:scheffler13@comcast.net).

**FEED MY SHEEP OUTREACH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** On Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> (after the 10:30 service), our Medford UMC kitchen crew will prepare a hot dinner, and then volunteers from our church will be heading for New Beginnings UMC in Camden to serve dinner to those in their surrounding community. We are looking for 6 – 8 volunteers to help transport the food, set up the serving line, and serve guests between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. If you would like to help out, please sign up in the entry way, or contact John Cornue at [johncornue@hotmail.com](mailto:johncornue@hotmail.com).

**WHAT ARE YOU DOING TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 6-9 PM?** There's going to be a PARTY at FREEDOM PARK for National Night Out and you are all invited! Medford UMC will have a booth to highlight our new Family Life Center, especially as an event center. We plan to have a small basketball hoop for kids to play as well as a unique “give-away” to help people remember us. It would be great to have members of the congregation come share their enthusiasm about our church with members of the community. Tell Pastor Kathleen when you can be with her, 1 hour, 2 hours, or 3 hour time slots!! There is a sign up sheet posted in the entrance outside the sanctuary.

**THE PROTESTANT COMMUNITY CHURCH INVITES YOU TO SHARE IN THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE**, "Loving our Neighbor" event, at 5:00 pm on Sunday, September 24, followed by a vegetarian meal. Please join us at an interfaith, facilitated, round table discussion. These facilitated discussions will focus on our similarities, differences, and unique traditions of our different faiths. It will give us time to reflect on how we grow in our own faiths, and most important how can we grow as loving neighbors to each other. To register or for more information, please call Kathy Roberts at 609/744- 9979. Teens may register for a table with others of the same age.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION:** Please help us collect "back to school" items for children who could use a helping hand. We are requesting donations of child-sized backpacks (elementary and middle school) and/or school supply items, such as: pencils; pens; notebook paper; binders; rulers; folders; crayons; erasers; pocket-sized calculator; or, any other type of school supply you think a child could use. Any supplies you can provide will be greatly appreciated and divided between IHOC (Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council); Christian Caring Center; and, Camden Neighborhood Center. You can bring your backpacks and supplies to the church by Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Questions, please contact Diane O'Brien at 856/722-5607 or [obrieo@aol.com](mailto:obrieo@aol.com).

## WORSHIP & STUDY

**A QUIET PLACE FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS AT 9:00:** Children are welcomed into worship throughout the summer. At the 9:00 service in Bowker Hall, we'll have a "Creation Station" with crafts, books, and quiet activities for kids during the service. They'll be on the table at the back of the room. Feel free to make use of the space at any time during worship. We do ask parents to supervise their children as they take part. In the sanctuary, we continue to offer our "activity bags" and Bible-themed activity pages - please just ask an usher if you need help finding them.

## ALL ARE INVITED TO CONVERSATIONS OF HOPE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

**THIS SUMMER:** Join us for one or all of the discussions, or contact Pastor Kathleen for access to the online conversation . . . Thursdays, August 3, 17, 31 at 7:00 pm in the Annex: Discuss the book Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love by UMC Bishop William H. Willimon. These discussions will occur in person as well as on an internet discussion board to broaden our conversation and include people who are on vacation. Rooted in the faith of Israel and the Christian story and vision, Willimon brings a Wesleyan perspective to bear on what may be the hardest thing for people of faith to do: keeping and loving the "Other" as they are - without any need for them to become like us.

**MUMC BOOK CLUB NEWS:** Here is a selection of books that we are reading this summer: Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff, The Letter by Kathryn Hughes, Street God by Dimas Salaberrios, The Dinner by Herman Koch, The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg. There is something for everyone, so read one or read them all and then join us for discussion on Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00 pm at the home of Barb Frame, 139 Stokes Rd., Medford Lakes. Any questions, please contact Patty Rosvold, [pbrosvold179@verizon.net](mailto:pbrosvold179@verizon.net); 609/654-1721.

**HARTFORD ROAD CONSTRUCTION:** Beginning Monday, Hartford Road is scheduled to be closed daily from 7:00 am – 4:00 pm from Taunton Road to Old Marlton Pike for repaving. This work is expected to last two weeks and will affect our Vacation Bible School. We have been in conversation with Medford Township Police to determine the best way to get families to the church during this time. We will communicate that information to parents and the rest of the church as we receive it. Please follow our Facebook page for updates: [fb.com/medfordumc](https://www.facebook.com/medfordumc).

*Thank you to my church family for the beautiful flowers, thoughts and prayers as I have been laid up with back issues. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.*  
- Ann Wills