



Last Spring, we helped to settle our first refugee family through Church World Service, and in conjunction with the Cresskill Congregational Church, and other folks in the Pascack Valley. That family's apartment is pictured here.

Since mid-August to the present, we have been again pooling our resources to help furnish another apartment for a family, expected to arrive the beginning of September. At this time we know that "our" family is a family of six, including parents and four children: boys, ages 13 and 10, and girls, ages 8 and 4. (different family from the original one expected). The coordinators are also in need of an additional small bed for the 4 year old, as well as a few 'girl' toys and books for the 4 and 8 year old's.

A few individuals from our congregation have offered items, and the Faithworks Thriftshop has again provided many essential supplies. Most of the basic furnishings have been offered, but it is possible some items, such as lamps might still be needed. At this time precise sizes of the individuals is not known (for clothing); however, age and gender appropriate sweatshirts and sweaters would be welcome. In addition, an ongoing need is for power strips, as the apartments being rented often do not have adequate outlets.

The Cresskill congregation has some room to store supplies, but they are still looking for storage ... possibly a half empty garage or a connection with a local storage company. In addition to items, muscle power would be very welcome, as the vans need to be loaded and unloaded in a timely manner.

Money Donations: to help cover costs of refrigerator (installed about \$170), rental of U-Haul (about \$150). Cash, or Checks for \$20 + can be made out to Cresskill Congregational Church, 85 Union Ave, Cresskill, NJ 07626, with the notation that it is for support of "Refugee Welcome."

Pick-up Trucks, Drivers, and Strong Backs - sometime before, during, and possibly after the Labor Day weekend.

Going forward, please keep your ears and eyes open for the next arrivals. Also, storage is a recurring concern, as the Cresskill Congregational Church will be needing their Sunday School rooms' use after Labor Day.

Many, many thanks to all for the wonderful response we've already witnessed. Please either call Bonnie Harley, at (201 666 9729) or E-mail <bonsmithharley@Yahoo.com> if you have any item donations or offers of help. Peace and Love, Bonnie Harley



Westwood United Methodist Church

"Connecting and Caring"

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OUR LIFE TOGETHER!

Welcome to our church family!

At Westwood United Methodist Church, you are encouraged to be the unique individual God created you to be.

What will you find here?

You won't find judgmental attitudes, religious platitudes, or a chilly reception. What you will find is an interpretation of the message of Jesus Christ that welcomes and accepts you as a child of God. You will find smiling faces, warm and friendly spaces, and a genuine joy that comes from knowing God in your life. You will find the love of God incarnate- "made real" in the spirit of Christ!

Come and see!

Come praise God. Come reach out to those in need. Come grow with us. Come be part of our church family. The table is ready... You're invited!

Serving Today:

Preaching: Rev. Wayne M. Jones

Lay Reader: Heather Fitzsimmons

Flower Delivery: Ethel Frey

Refreshments: Heather Fitzsimmons, Bonnie Harley, and Frank Strobl

Guest Organist: Mrs. Seong Ay Kim

Director of Music: E. Joanne Reed

Music Ministry: Bob Harley, Bonnie Harley, Marianne S. Neville

Office Administrator: Jay Schwartz Custodian: Vanguard Cleaning Systems

Louisiana Flood Relief

UMCOR has suggested that the best way to help out with the recovery of flooding in Louisiana is the following,

"The best ways to help are to assemble and send cleanup buckets and to support the **UMCOR U.S. Disaster Response Advance, #901670**, with your donations."

Please see our [website](#) for more information.

Notice of Passing: Marianne M. Smith

Spouse of Retired Elder Rev. Kenneth L. Smith, died on August 23, 2016.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to:

Rev. Kenneth L. Smith
28 South Maple Ave.
Park Ridge, NJ 07656

OPPORTUNITY for Service

In July, several members of our Church stepped up and helped serve a "Thank You" Dinner to construction volunteers for Future with Hope. This was an enriching experience for all involved, and a blessing to our guests.

We have several opportunities to express our thanks to construction volunteers for Future with Hope, by serving them either a "Welcome Dinner" or a "Thank You" Dinner.

At the time of this writing, the dates available are: Sundays, August 28, September 4 and Thursdays, September 1 and 8. (If our church volunteers on one of the Sundays, we would need a coordinator.)

Please either call Bonnie Harley, at (201 981 5714) or E-mail (bonsmithharley@Yahoo.com), if you would like to be involved in this project, either by contributing food, money, coordinating, or helping with the serving. Thank you."

Partners in Ministry: Meeting this Week...



Monday: Alcoholics Anonymous Closed Meeting (12:15 pm) – Wesley Hall

Tuesday: **Joint Ministries (7:30 pm) – Library**

Tuesday: Alcoholics Anonymous Open Meeting (12:15 pm) – Wesley Hall

Thursday: **Nominations (7:00 pm) – Lounge**

Friday: Alanon (9:00 am) – Wesley Hall

FAITHWORKS THRIFT SHOP

Thanks to those who donated, purchased and volunteered, FaithWorks was able to donate \$551 to Mary's Place by the Sea in Ocean Grove after our Find the Pink Sale. This was our fourth summer sale in which the proceeds of a Saturday and Monday are designated to this spa for women in any stage of cancer treatment. Mary's Place just opened a brand new building which has helped them expand their services.

In August we will be open each Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, and the 1st and 3rd Saturday from 9 am to 1:00 pm. Donations are accepted when we are open. Your continued support is appreciated.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER USING THE SIGN UP BOOK IN THE NARTHEX!



Altar Flowers



Worship Bulletins



Fellowship Hour

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayer requests are left on for 4 weeks; you can then resubmit them if you like. Any prayer requests during the week can be added to the prayer concerns list by contacting the church office by **Noon, Thursday**. 201-664-0755 or e-mail office.

Our Church Family

Lynn Christensen, Rita Dublin, Ethel Frey, Debbie Jones, Ray Mercado, Robert Myers, Josefina Moises, Blanche E. Neuhs, Rev. Lou Springsteen

Our Extended Church Family

Pamela Alekseyev, Pastor Wayne's sister

Rita Caputo, sister-in-law of Ed & Carol Caputo

Dennis Fitzsimmons, nephew of Heather Fitzsimmons

Andy Gravina, friend of the Caputo family

Chris Green, Juanita Rowland's nephew

Fred Johnston, husband of Agatha, friend of the McGlynn's

Phyllis Kubach, childhood friend of Marianne Neville

Pete Mahler, former member of Westwood UMC, friend of Bob and Bonnie Harley

Marisa Roscio, sister/sister-in-law to Ron and Judy Fringuello

Douglas Rowland, son of Juanita Rowland

Dylan Rowland, son of Juanita Rowland

Elissa Schoenlank, sister-in-law of Marianne Neville

Family and friends of *Art Wilson*, neighbor of Marianne Neville

Our Homebound

Please remember with prayer all those who are now residing in nursing homes or reside out of state and are no longer able to worship with us:

Rita Dublin, Ming Johnson, Lucille Jorgensen, Ray Mercado, Robert Myers, Blanche E. Neuhs, Jack Robinson, Barbara Van Sadlers, Douglas & Emily Wilson, Lucille Seeley

Please consider sending a card or note this week to:

Blanche E. Neuhs
Milford Manor, 69 Maple Road, West Milford, NJ 07480

Jack Robinson
Bristol Glen – Apt. 378, 200 Bristol Glen Drive, Newton, NJ 07860

WESTWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 28, 2016

10:00 AM

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

* - Please stand if it is comfortable for you
UMH - Hymnal (red) / FWS - Faith We Sing (black)

PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE (please print your name/address in the red pad in pew)

*GATHERING HYMN "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" [UMH 57](#)

OPENING PRAYER
Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow. You led us to freedom, to hope and peace. Enter our hearts again today and lead us to your healing love that we might serve you joyfully in this world that you have loaned to us. AMEN.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
You have lifted us and dusted us off, O Lord. You have claimed us as your own. Let us celebrate your love for us in lives of service to others; for you are with us always. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

CALL TO PRAYER "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying" [FWS 2193](#)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY [UMH 95](#)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER
Generous God, we humbly offer these gifts in response to your Living Word. You remind us that extending radical hospitality has all to do with your love and nothing to do with our social status. If we loved those outcast in our society like we have been loved by you, our world would be a place of true acceptance and abounding joy. May it be so today! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON [Psalm 81:1, 10-16](#) (OT, pg. 541)

*HYMN OF INVITATION "Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord" [FWS 2131](#)

*GOSPEL READING [Luke 14:1, 7-14](#) (NT, pg. 77)

This is the Gospel of our Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

TODAY'S MESSAGE "Being Humble" Pastor Wayne

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH [UMH 887](#)

*CLOSING HYMN "Together We Serve" [FWS 2175](#)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE