



THE FIRST EDITION

United Methodist Church of Island Heights

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The Reverend Dr. Gregory S. Bruton, Pastor

July and August Newsletter 2011

Pastor's Message:

Our Mission

Summertime is a time for mission trips around the "Connection" as churches send out people to help others in need. What's our mission here at home? We are in mission with Jesus. Our mission is to connect people to life in Jesus Christ through the cross and resurrection, through the community of faith, and through the truth of God's word, so that he can transform them into healthy, developing followers of Christ.

Jesus Christ left the unimaginable comforts of heaven to experience life as a human so that through his sacrificial death on a cross and his resurrection to new life, humanity would have an opportunity to experience eternal life with Him. This new life is created in the human being when they come to know Jesus personally as Savior and Lord.

The beginning of this relationship which includes the forgiveness of all human sin by Jesus and eternal life with Jesus is called Conversion. It is the reality of being taken from spiritual death to life in Christ. After you are connected to Christ, the natural flow of that relationship with Christ will connect you to the church and the Bible. This is why we say that we are in mission with Jesus to connect people to life in Christ, the community of faith and the truth of His Word.

The reality of sin in the life of every human being creates numerous harmful wounds. These wounds may be emotional, relational, physical, mental, social or generational. Human pain may show up as fear, anxiety, embarrassment, distrust, prejudice, etc.. This pain hinders human life and prevents personal peace. Jesus makes it very clear that he intends to continually heal the connected person of every effect of sin.

As people are connected and healed, they will be developed into ministers of grace. This grace comes from Jesus and pours out from person to person as the experience of connection, healing and development continues. Followers of Christ experience development by living life with several personal attitudes. These attitudes open the heart to God's Spirit so that He is the developer. As people are developed into ministers of grace, they will begin to think and act much more like Jesus. Jesus has CONNECTED them, HEALED them and DEVELOPED them in order to use them for great things.

Trust that God will work through this body of believers to accomplish His Will. All it takes is a willing heart.

In Christ,
Pastor Greg

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP
SERVICE IS AT 9:30 A.M.

Starting on Sunday July 3rd
through
September 4th.

Starting back to the regular schedule of 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 11th.

Church Office Hours

The office is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M..
Secretary, Janet Lafferty
Phone: 732-929-0444
Fax: 732-929-1271
E-Mail ihumc@comcast.net
Church Web Site: www.ihumc.org

*******Our Food Pantry*******

We continue to ask for donations.

Kindly bring in non-perishable items and place them in the baskets in the foyer.

Ocean County Hunger Relief Program

They will be happy to pick-up “gently” used furniture from your home to help support their cause. They can also give you a receipt for your donation.
Please call 732-505-4357.

The HOPE Center of Ocean County

233 Chestnut Street
Toms River, N.J. 08753
732-341-4447

Our mission is to provide assistance to children, families and individuals who are homeless, hungry and disadvantaged.

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With the blessing of Pastor Greg; Carol Herbert and Al Sherwin would like to tell you about a ministry within our church:

“Grieving With Friends”

From the Letter of James, we read in the first chapter, verse 27, “***Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after the orphans and widows (also widowers and children) in their distress and keep oneself from being polluted by the world.***”

“***Looking after***” includes an ongoing commitment to be present to the hurting ones for as long as it takes them to regain balance in their lives. The personal gift of caring time from a friend is priceless to them.

The uniqueness of each person’s response to grief doesn’t lend itself to ‘one size fits all’ solutions. The process is step-by-step on a lonesome path that is made a little brighter by a caring, loving friend.

Carol and Al have already come together with a couple of other folks who are processing their own grief and are willing to join others in their walk. Resources of written materials and trained counselors are available as they may be needed.

Anyone wishing more information can call us, Pastor Greg at the Church office 732-929-0444 or Carol 732-929-3287 or Al 732-929-0714.

In Christ,
Pastor Greg, Al and Carol

“A Word From Friends”

A kind and loving word from a friend can soothe a hurting spirit; an echo of joy for happy occasions; or a warm reminder that someone is missed. It is a gentle expression of fellowship from Christ’s family to others. Bettie Lou Kenny and Barbara Schumacher invite you to join them in the creation and outreach of the unique cards that are on display in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays after the 9:30 a.m. service.



The Island Heights Cultural & Heritage Association

As members of the Island Heights Cultural and Heritage Association, a non-profit, all volunteer organization, our mission is to preserve and maintain those things that have to do with the history and uniqueness of Island heights. We own, manage and maintain the Cottage Museum which is a neighbor to the Church.

We welcome everyone to visit the museum the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until noon and Wednesdays from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. as well as to attend our monthly meetings where we invite interesting and entertaining speakers and performers the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at the United Methodist Church of Island .

Heights.

Meetings

*July 18th, 7:00 p.m.—“Porch Talk”
Reminiscing about the early days in
Island Heights.*

*August 15th, 7:00 p.m. —Book
Signing:*

“The Artist in the Red House”

Ocean County College
Arts Center Theatre
Mid Week Jazz
732-255-0500

July 27-Trumpeter Al Harrison and his
Dixieland Band

August 17- The Vache Brothers Band

September 14-The 18 piece Jazz lob-
sters Big Band

For further information, flyers are
available in the church foyer or e-mail
jazzevents@aol.com

**TAKE ME OUT TO THE
BALL GAME**
Attention “Blue Claws” Fans
Tuesday, August 16th at 7:00P.M.

Blue Claws will be playing the
Delmarva Shore-Birds (Baltimore
Orioles).

Please arrive by 5:30 p.m.
to hear the “Faith Night
Testimonials” by the players.
Tickets are \$7.00 each for Adult or
Child. Limited space available.
Sign up sheet available in church
foyer . Any questions, please contact
Eileen Folmer, 732-270-3329

Coffee Fellowship Needs Your Help



Peggy Parry and Joyce Hoyer will be taking the Summer off. Please contact them if you are interested in setting up and making the coffee for the Summer.

We are in need of coffee fellowship hosts. It is easier and fun to do with a few people. The coffee, juice, milk and paper products are provided and set up. You supply the food either homemade or store bought breakfast items, donuts, breads, coffee cake. You or your group would be responsible to clean-up after. The sign-up sheet is in the church foyer, if you are interested in signing up to be a coffee host or if would like to sign up to make the coffee for the Summer.



News From The Membership Committee

Saturday Family Night Movies ended on June 25th. We need some feedback if you want Saturday movie night to start again in the Fall.

Pastor visits to shut-in members are on going. If you would like a home visit with communion, please call the church office, 732-929-0444

“TEACH A CHILD TO FISH”

Was very successful! 15 children attended the program. 29 workers/parents participated.

A “refresher” course will be offered the last week of July, followed by a tournament the end of August or beginning of September. Please check your Sunday bulletin for dates.

Gaither Gospel Music Concert (DVD) was enjoyed on June 26th



We are contemplating offering a SOUP KITCHEN to the public this Fall. If you would like to volunteer to help plan and facilitate this project, please call the church office 732-929-0444 or Mardee Eaglesham, 732-288-2563.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

Naomi Circle

“All women are invited to attend”

SAVE THE DATE:

Wednesday, September 7th

We will hear about the
“Joys of Circles”

And the many different kinds and purposes. “You all” will decide what kind to choose. Doris Meredith will lead the group. Thank you and God Bless.

“Circle of Light”

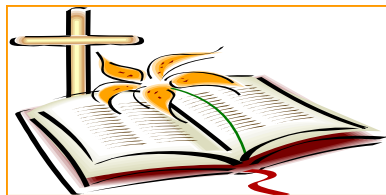
Meetings

All women are welcome!

Please R.S.V.P.

July 11th at 1:00 P.M.
Judy Slusmon’s house
21 Ensor Place
Island Heights, N.J.
732-270-4322

August 8th at 1:00 P.M.
Eileen McKenna’s house
2128 Summit Avenue
Island Heights, N.J.
732-270-8413



United Methodist Men

Please Note: No UMM meeting in July

UMM will meet on August 16th at Noon.

UMM BREAKFASTS

ARE

8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
on the following dates:

July 16th and August 20th

Bring a Friend!

House Tour Committee Chair-

Persons Need Assistants and

Volunteers for December 3rd.

Please call church office.

The Jay McKelvey Scholarship Spaghetti Dinner:

held on Saturday, June 25th was a Blessed success. The funds raised were \$1,600.00. **Special thanks** to Helen Houston, Steve Nycz and all the volunteers for their help.

United Methodist Women



Thank you to all who helped and supported the “Strawberry Festival”. \$340.00 was raised and then donated to the UMW World Malaria Day!

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR ATTIC TREASURES for the Island Heights Town Wide Yard Sale.

The UMW will not be participating in the yard sale. We will however, be selling food items in the Fellowship Hall that day. Date and time for this event and meetings will be in the church bulletin when available.

Save the date September 8th,

Meeting

May you all have a safe and happy Summer!

Crafters will continue to meet on Wednesdays 9 A.M. to Noon

Quilters will continue to meet on Thursdays at 9:30 A.M.

**The Jay McKelvey
Memorial Scholarship Fund is
Available to Those that Meet the
Requirements**



Applications must be received in the Church by JULY 15th. Applicant must show specifically where they have been active participants in the church this year. Include the name of the college or trade school, the year you will be in your career path and experiences that will reveal that God is in one's life. Address the application to:

The Scholarship Committee
Attention: Helen Houston, Chairperson

**Summer Sunday School
Program**

All children are welcome to participate. A video will be shown and hand work will be available. There is a sign-up sheet available in the foyer for anyone that would like to help out with this program.



**Vacation
Bible
School**

**Preschool thru 6th Grade
August 1st through the 5th
9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
"SUNSURF BEACH BASH"**

As our children explore the wonders of the beach, they'll also discover the answers to their questions about Jesus. They will understand who Jesus is and why they need him.

Be part of an exciting program that includes singing, Bible stories, crafts, recreation and snacks. We ask for a \$5.00 fee per child if at least possible. Call or stop by the Church office to register ahead of time so we can plan accordingly. Invite your friends and neighbors to participate. If you have any questions or concerns, call Gail Hosler at 732-341-3348.

Volunteers Are Always Welcome!
Sign-up sheets are in the foyer

**The Youth Group
is in need of a spiritual, fun-
loving co-leader beginning in the
Fall of 2011. Must be 18 or older.
If you are interested or have any
questions, please contact Pastor
Greg Bruton or Keith Brendler.**



**The Lord will guide you
always; he will satisfy your
needs in a sun
scorched land and will
strengthen your frame.
You will be like a spring
whose waters never fail.**

Isaiah 58:11

**May You All Have a Blessed
Summer**

Summer Calendar of Events

July

- July 7 “Chimes” Practice 6:00 P.M.
- July 11 “Circle of Light” 1:00 P.M. Meeting at Judy Slusmon’s house, RSVP 732-270-4322
- July 16 United Methodist Men’s Breakfast 8:30 to 10:30 A.M.
- July 18 Island Heights Cultural and Heritage Meeting 7:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall “Porch Talk”
- July 26 Trustees Meeting 7:00 P.M.

August

- August 1st thru the 5th Vacation Bible School 9:30 to 11:30 A.M.
- August 8 “Circle of Light” 1:00 P.M. Meeting at Eileen McKenna’s house, RSVP 732-270-8413
- August 15 Island Heights Cultural and Heritage Meeting 7:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall “Book Signing”
- August 16 United Methodist Men Meet at Noon
- August 16 Blue Claws Game– Eileen Folmer in charge
- August 20 United Methodist Men’s Breakfast 8:30 to 10:00 A.M.
- August 23 Trustees Meeting 7:00 P.M.