



Prime Time Ministries

The A.A.R.P. defines “seniors” as people over 50. The Social Security Administration uses the more arbitrary figure of 65 years. We used to call

ourselves “senior adults”, but marketing research indicates we don’t like to be called “senior citizens”, or “golden-agers”, or “elderly”, so now we call ourselves “Prime Timers”. We don’t think of ourselves as old or declining. We recognize this stage of life as an opportunity to serve Christ and His Church, a chance to make a contribution through our experience, our skills, our knowledge and the other resources we’ve developed. But as important as that is, leisure activities with a purpose are important too.

On **Saturday, December 20**, we will be gathering at **5:30 P.M. at our Bridgeton church** with other seniors (55 and older) from the South Jerseyzone for our Christmas get-together. Our meal will be provided for us, but we are asked to contribute **\$5.00 per person** to help them with their expenses. If you care to join us, **see Charles Layton** for details.

Grief Share

No matter how long it’s been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there’s hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar, scheduled for **December 14th at 1PM**, that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again.



*Holy Spirit, thank you.
Holy Spirit, it’s you.
Sent to us, to dwell in us.
Speaks to God so He hears,
Speaks to us to calm our fears.
Go, Christ & Spirit
Can you hear it?
One of thee – to help me.
To live my life – in and out of strife.
Listening is a start
Christ’s love in our hearts.
Thank God for our
Holy Spirit.
Sally Jessie
4/12/98*



Precious Hearts Daycare is operating smoothly. We have 3 fulltime caregivers (Susan, Shirley and Valerie) and 3 part-time (Holly, Hannah and Sue). Some start at 6:30 a.m. Others finish at 6 p.m. There are 2 infants in the daycare that are less than a year old. They eat, sleep, play and go for rides in the stroller. Both are very pleasant happy babies. There are 5 one-year olds and 2 two-year olds. We have enough staff to easily care for more infants and toddlers. If you know mothers of young children, please recommend us to them. Invite them to come visit us, watch the happy children already here, see our facility and meet our caregivers.

We are planning our first special school activity for Friday, 31 October. We will have a harvest party with pizza and a hayride. Parents will sharing the morning with their children.

There are others ways you may help, if you wish. Our caregivers have prepared a “wish list.” Some of the items are consumables that disappear rapidly in the daycare. Other items are more durable and long lasting. Anything you would like to contribute will be appreciated. If you cannot contribute financially, you can save your plastic grocery bags and donate them to the daycare. We place used diapers in a plastic bag, so we use a large number of plastic bags each day. Your contribution will help us.

Pray for the daycare. We want to impact the lives of these little ones and their families. Pray for new enrollees that we can expand our influence. Pray for each caregiver and for the support staff as well. Thank you.

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Church Building Process

Our mortgage has been approved by Sun Bank and settlement is imminent. You should be seeing activity on our property any day!

Music Ministry Help Needed

PRAISE TEAM

If you have a passion for music and a desire to serve, the worship team is in need of members. We are looking for vocalists and instrumentalists for the 11:00 am worship service. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry please contact Christine Kelly at 856-765-3252 or by email at clkellypc@comcast.net.



SPECIAL MUSIC

If you are interested in participating in the worship service by using your musical talent in the area of special music (vocal or instrumental) please contact Christine Kelly at 856-765-3252 or by email at clkellypc@comcast.net.

PRAYER UPDATE FOR THE FALL

Dr. Newell Smith asked the district to join in praying for:



- ✝ our parsonage families
- ✝ our churches going through pastoral transition
- ✝ our nation, leaders, and people during these difficult financial times
- ✝ our denomination that we will experience a 21st Century Pentecost that will enable us to be the holy people God has called us to be.

On October 21st we held our monthly cottage prayer meeting on our new property, under a tree, in the dark, with a strange, tall, round contraption that had flames shooting out from the top. It provided heat for us as we sat in a circle and our hearts were warmed as we shared prayer concerns and prayed for specific physical, spiritual, and financial needs.

A Cottage Prayer Fellowship for Teachers was held in Brenda's home on October 21st. Michelle Thompson shared a devotional on spiritual intimacy: "We all receive gifts when we invite Christ into our lives and accept Him as our Savior," she said. "When we are open to intimacy with the Holy Spirit, we are then able to hear the Lord's voice and feel Him prompting us. At that time, God will use us to fulfill His purposes."

Michelle then added that "we might not know or understand why we are being led to do or say something by the Spirit, but if we obey, we are walking in the Light and miraculous things are being set in place." We then prayed for the needs of specific students and for the many changes and challenges teachers face everyday.

We have much to praise God for as we celebrate 100 years as a denomination:

- ✝ His faithfulness
- ✝ His goodness
- ✝ His love, mercy, and grace
- ✝ His righteousness
- ✝ His call upon our lives
- ✝ His peace that passes all understanding
- ✝ His assurance and steadfastness in this constantly changing world
- ✝ So great salvation!

As Michelle said, "Let us as a church pray to know the Holy Spirit intimately and allow Him to determine our words and deeds."

Brenda Codispoti, Prayer Coordinator



Christmas Events

Christmas Cards

We will have a box for exchanging Christmas cards within the congregation again this year. Instead of mailing your cards, you may put them in the box alphabetically. Check the box periodically to pick up any cards addressed to you. The box will be available beginning **Sunday, November 30th**. Please don't put cards in the box for people who do not attend on a regular basis. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Angel Tree

Our Angel Tree is set up in our worship center and there are still some names left on the tree. If you are able please take a one and share the joy of Christmas with a special child.

Adult Choir

Our final rehearsal for Christmas Sunday (12/21) will be Thursday 12/18 at 6:15 PM

Shout Praises! Kids Christmas a Christmas Worship Experience December 21st at 6 PM

Location: Fellowship Annex,
Trinity United Methodist Church, 100 S 2nd St.
Dessert fellowship following the performance

We're still looking for volunteers (adult or teen) to help with music, movement & props as well as costumes and props. We're also looking for teen or adult soloists.

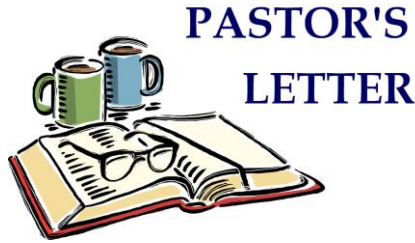
The play is open to all children ages 4 through 6th grade with brief costumed parts for toddlers and pre-schoolers.

CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHT SERVICES

This year we will be offering two
Candlelight service times.
December 24th 6:00PM and 7:30PM

Upcoming Christmas Parties

Off Campus Christmas Party Dec. 9th 6:00Pm
Teen Christmas Party Dec. 14th
**Young at Heart Christmas Party Dec. 19th
6:30PM**
Praise Team Christmas Party Dec. 20th



PASTOR'S LETTER

VINELAND, MILLVILLE, & THE ROAD TO REDEMPTION

Disclaimer: in light of the complexity of our congregational make-up, this article does not reflect the views of the staff, or the host of church families that live outside the abovementioned municipalities, with regard to their sports event of the year. By the way, even if you're not affected, I encourage you to read on.

You know what time of year it is, don't you? 'Tis the season for turkey (x2) and all that is tied into the month in between. Some people could care less about the feast. All they've been waiting for is that century-plus rivalry across the borders...I'm told you can tell whose rooting for whom by the color of their socks. It is only a few days away, and soon enough there will be a champion, but I would rather not focus on what divides.

Today, I had a revelation...not some ecstatic vision that transported me to some ethereal realm, but a picture of how Vineland and Millville together reflect the road to redemption. Bear with me even though this seems trivial, because the ordinariness of the thought is what I would like to drive home.

Millville is named for a lumber mill on Leamings Mill Road. Mills, among other things, grind wheat which is the primary ingredient in bread. Vineland is, of course, named for vineyards. There you have it, bread and wine, the two commonplace items that Christ used to symbolize His life (body and blood) in sacrifice for our salvation.

Christ's earthly beginning was in a little, rather insignificant town called 'The House of Bread' (Bethlehem). His birth, life and death were often associated with everything that is commonplace, and our remembrance is made rich through common elements, bread and wine, body and blood, our redemption.

I seriously doubt that the Millville/Vineland game will get much publicity beyond the "Daily Journal" and the Press' "Regional News". There probably is not much else that would put this region on the map. Don't let that limit your vision for what God can do with ordinary people in ordinary places who are sold out to Him. God has used this region before to help bring about a great revival. The open heart could see the Road to Redemption become the Road to Revival. It's a New Day! God is doing a New Thing! He's doing it right here in Millville, in Vineland, and wherever you may be when you read this. So, I invite you to ask yourself, "Why not me? Why not now?"