



Kemble Connection Newsletter

Kemble Church is a welcoming, caring, and faithful Christian community offering hope and support to make a difference in the world through God's Word and our deeds.

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Pastor's Page

"The Secret of a Great Life"

What kind of year are you having so far – a good year or a great year?

Jim Collins, former Stanford University professor, and national bestselling author, wrote a book entitled *Good to Great*. According to Jim, "few people attain great lives, in large part because it is just so easy to settle for a good life."

Jesus calls his disciples not just to a good life, but to a great life. He said in John 14:12, "The one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do **greater** works than these, because I am going to the father."

In the economy of God, greatness has to do with works of service. On Wall Street and on Main Street greatness is attributed to money, influence, connection and power. Not so with the Lord. He says, "But whoever would be great among you must be your servant" (Mark 10:43).

The secret to a great life, then, is service to others. Think of some of the great people you know – chances are many of them are committed to serving others. Jesus himself "came not to be served but to serve" (Mark 10:45). Until we learn to serve others, we will limit ourselves to what is simply a good life.

Our understanding of service begins at home. The home is a training ground for what we expect in the world, and genuine service in the world is an extension of our homes. Therefore, we must teach children:

- To make up their own beds
- Take out the trash
- Wash the dishes
- Pick up after themselves
- Help with housework
- Lend a hand when needed
- Volunteer at the local food pantry.

And those of us who are parents should, of course, lead by example.

Not long ago I tried to turn on a tape recorder I had owned for some time and it would not work. After a little investigating I realized that because I had not used the recorder in quite a while, the batteries were corroded and had leaked all over. Not only were the batteries ruined but the tape recorder was also damaged. Why? Batteries are made to be used. Likewise, you and I were created for service. When we do not extend ourselves in service to others we become corroded, damaged on the inside.

Serving others is the way to serve God. Jesus said, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me . . . As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:35-37 and 40). When we serve others, we seize our opportunity to serve God.

The more you serve the greater you are. Think of the great Mother Teresa who dedicated herself to serving the people on the streets of India. Not everybody can be Mother Teresa, but everybody can serve. Our church has many opportunities for service. Let us explore together how you might be in service to God and therefore raise your level of living from good to great!

Many Blessings,
Pastor Mike

On July 10, Pastor Mike will begin a four-part sermon series, "What are families for?" Hear what the Bible says about the role of families, with scripture readings from: Genesis 2:18-25, Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Psalm 127:1-5, John 10:10 and Ephesians 6:4.



Alice Kier Nursery Dedicated

In his will, Robert Kier left \$87,000 to Kemble in memory of his mother, Alice. In recognition of his generous gift, on Mother's Day, the Kemble nursery was renamed the Alice Kier Nursery. As a member at Kemble, Alice had cared for children in the nursery. Members of the family were present, including Robert's sister Joan and her husband Paul Jones, pictured above with Pastor Mike and Trustees Chair Robyn Austin.

Robert Kier was a member of Kemble for 89 years. He graduated from Woodbury High School and Wharton School of Business. He worked as a corporate accountant, then as a postal carrier in Delaware. Upon retirement, he moved back to Woodbury in order to support elderly family members. Following the death of his father, he moved to Ocean City NJ. He was an avid 'cruiser'. His sister, Joan, a Kemble member for 30 years, received a letter daily from her brother.



Robert did not attend Kemble regularly, but kept his pledges for many years. He truly appreciated the prayer quilt he received following surgery. He passed away on January 8, 2015. Your editors thank Joan and Paul Jones for information about Robert.

Nursery Attendant Hired

After a long search, the Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce the hiring of a highly qualified person, Connie Byers, to tend the Alice Kier Nursery during the second Sunday service. Please welcome Connie to the Kemble staff, when her duties begin in July.

Reminder: Children ages 2 and under are welcome in the nursery.

Vacation Bible School July 25-29

Holy Angels Worship Center (aka St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church) will host the Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries (GWCM) Vacation Bible School July 25-29. Registration for children aged 4 years to 6th grade (completed) is now open. Forms are at the Welcome Center in Fellowship Hall; they are due in the church office by July 12.

Children from all churches in Woodbury are welcome, and encouraged to bring a friend with no church affiliation. Classes will center on Bible messages through crafts, music, storytelling, recreation and other activities. An optional monetary offering and a non-perishable food donation will be collected each day to be donated to the GWCM Food Bank.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Melanie Beasley at 856-686-1646 or tamajinn@yahoo.com, or call your church office.

Summer music schedule – dates still open

It's not too late to sign up yourself or a small group to provide special music at Sunday services this summer. At the time of printing, July 24 and August 7 were still open. If these dates are not good for you, see Music Director Christine Laquintano; perhaps a trade can be arranged.



Camp Kumbaya at the Neighborhood Center

The Neighborhood Center in Camden becomes “Camp Kumbaya” from June 27 to August 26 to over one hundred children. The song, “Kumbaya”, is an anti-oppression spiritual with centuries-old roots that petitions Christ to “Come By Here”. So how wonderfully appropriate the name is for an experience the Center provides to the youth of Camden! For me, it conjures up wonderful and spiritual memories of my summer “vacations” at Camp Fernbrook and Camp Mensch Mill sponsored by the United Church of Christ, my childhood church.

At the camp, children will be offered varied experiences of trips, sports, art and theater, while receiving the good news of Jesus Christ. They will be guided by counselors that are loving, kind and smart! The cost per child per week is \$375 but since the cost is income based, the Center depends on donations. Kemble UMW has faithfully included the camp in its limited mission budget but if you can make a financial gift, please send it to The Neighborhood Center in Camden, 278 Kaighns Ave, Camden, NJ 08103. A child will be blessed and you will be blessed! Thank you.

-- Jane Butler, Board Secretary for the Neighborhood Center

Jim Maxim and Joanne Rossi to Lead July Prayer Clinics

“If God Answers Prayer, Why Don’t We Pray More?”

All session will be held at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome! (See p. 7)

25 Year Members to be Recognized on July 24

Kemble will be celebrating with 25-year members on July 24 with a special recognition and lunch following the 10 a.m. service. Make this a memorable homecoming for those whose service to Kemble has been a blessing.

Church Family



Baptized: Whitney Rose Cheshire on April 24, daughter of Elizabeth and Jason Cheshire, granddaughter of Rick and Dee Ballistreri and great-granddaughter of Margaret Ballistreri, joins brothers Wesley and Samuel.

New Member: Norma E. Beard of Woodbury.

Deceased: Robert Hansell of West Deptford, on February 20

Charles Sketchley of Cardinal Village, Sewell, on March 7

Edith Miller of Pitman Manor, on June 4

Kemble Youth Summit: A Summary Report

In the fall of 2015, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPR) had a very candid discussion regarding the lack of a Youth Group and Youth Leader as a part of our church community. At that time it was decided that a youth summit would be held to discuss any possible youth program and to set some guidelines for a potential Youth Minister or Leader in the future...to determine whether the congregation felt there was a need and to hear from the youth that attended church and Sunday school to get their input. On Sunday March 20th, a group of approximately 20 members of the congregation and youth from the church gathered in Raver Hall for the Kemble Youth Summit.

The goal of the group that afternoon was to focus on 3 main areas that were realistic and achievable goals of our youth programs (including Sunday School, Youth Outreach and Youth Group). The group was very motivated and all were engaged in sharing their thoughts and ideas. Ultimately, the goals that the group decided upon were as follows:

1. Increase the number of students and youth throughout the entire program, Pre K to young adult
2. Provide the youth at all levels with "an amazing experience"
3. Provide the staff of our youth ministry with better training to deal with the issues our youth face today and to allow our volunteers to recharge their "spiritual batteries"

The group made several suggestions for achieving these 3 main goals going forward. Some of those ideas were:

- * Greater community outreach, specifically with Kemble's PTO and the YMCA of Woodbury

- * Locating better facilities that might be more conducive to youth activities...like the YMCA

- * Hold a "Friends and Family" specifically for the youth of the church at least once a quarter

- * Hold more youth-oriented events on a more frequent basis...like camping trips or dances, volunteer and service projects that the youth would have fun with and would help build their spirituality, or even just a night where the youth

came together at a local pizza or fast food restaurant

- * Staff needs to have an understanding of what the youth are experiencing not only in their walk with Christ, but in their homes and family life

- * Teachers and staff need to have a certain level of charisma to engage youth at all levels

Overall, the summit was deemed a success by those in attendance and provided the SPR and the church congregation as a whole with some direction and guidance going forward.

— written by Michael Razze

Sunday School Update: Pam Fuller has been named Sunday School Coordinator, starting in September.

UMW NEWS

Spring Flower Sale a Success

Rebecca Circle raised \$300 for UMW mission projects with this year's flower sale. Thanks to all who purchased flowers, and to Powell's Greenhouse, which once again supplied healthy and beautiful plants.

May Dinner

The theme of the UMW May Dinner on May 2 was "Americana" with tables decorated in red, white and blue. All present enjoyed the catered dinner, arranged by Carol DeLucas.

The speaker for the event was Arlene Baker who spoke about the First Ladies of the United States, from Martha Washington to Michelle Obama, in a most interesting and humorous manner. Ms. Baker is available for talks on this and other subjects.



UMW May Dinner

Eve and Faith Circles



Silver Circle



Gold and Noel Circles



Square Circle



Community Lunch Update

The Kemble Community Lunch under the leadership of Paul McMahon and Heather Barford, continues to meet a need with an average of 50 attendees on the third Saturday of each month. A project started by the Men's Discipleship Group, it has been well received by the residents of Woodbury.

Volunteers are needed every month to prepare and serve the lunch on a one-time commitment. This can be done by church groups, families and/or friends - always with the help of the Men's Discipleship Group. For instance, the UMW was in charge of the June lunch, but others also helped. Members donated desserts to accompany the menu of beans and franks. On any given Saturday, as many as 20 volunteers may be needed.

Information is available at the Welcome Center or by calling the office at 856-845-1627.



Volunteers Ginny Kelly and Gwyn Cheeseman at the Community Lunch in June

What Does the Altar Guild Do?

The Altar Guild prepares the altar for Sunday and special services. Duties include preparing the communion elements, changing the paraments for each liturgical season and bookmarking the scripture readings. Following the second service, the collection and brasses are removed and placed in a secure closet.

Preparation each week takes less than an hour, and is generally done on Thursday or Friday, during office hours.

New Guild members are needed to prepare for the second service on Sundays. Usually, assignments are for a month at a time. Please call Joy Wagner at 609-405-0272 or the church office for further information and to volunteer. This is a small commitment, but most rewarding.

School's Out!

Time to register for Parents Time Out (PTO) for September. PTO provides classes for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. until noon.

Nursery students learn social skills and basic ABC's through song and play.

2-3 year olds learn refined social skills. They rotate gym and music days with creative crafts.

For 4-5 year olds, the program is similar to pre-school programs at some public schools where the students learn to recognize letter phonics and distinguish upper and lower case letters.

Pricing: \$170-270 per month, depending on how many days per week the child attends.

Visit www.kembleumc.org, where a registration form is available under New Here?/Our Ministries".

"The Lounge" Teen Center also closes until September. The Lounge welcomed an average of 20 participants daily. Supervised by teachers and aides employed the YMCA, the Lounge has become a safe and nurturing place for teens after school.



Jim Maxim – ACTS413 Ministries



Joanne Rossi – Prayer Warrior

Prayer Clinic Series at Kemble

Tuesdays, July 5, 12, and 19 – 7:00pm

“If God Answers Prayer, Why Don’t We Pray More?”

News from United Methodist Communities at Pitman

Name Change!

As of April 6, 2016, Pitman Manor's official name is *United Methodist Communities at Pitman*. The new name conveys the message that the organization is expert with senior care. They are trying to extend services beyond their walls in 3 ways:

1. Offering facilities to promote senior fitness (gym) to both residents and the outside community;
2. Launching Home-works, an extension of their ministry to provide services at home, this summer;
3. Partnering with Pitman UMC every 1st & 3rd Wednesday to give senior programs, mostly free, such as creative writing, technology and Ted talks.

Pitman Auxiliary Updates -

In lieu of Spring Bazaar and bake sale, a bakeless bake sale is ongoing. A Love Offering is requested.

Volunteer Opportunity - The Auxiliary seeks "Members at Large" to help with Auxiliary activities of their choice during the year. Activities include setting up Yard and Craft Sales, monthly Healthcare birthday parties and the annual Christmas Party. Please give this request serious thought. For more information contact Henrietta Sauter 856-468-1423.

Save the Date!! - Yard & Craft Sale Saturday, November 5 at the Pitman UMC, 9 a.m. -3 p.m. (inside event). Donations of baked goods, antiques and yard sale/bazaar items will be accepted at Pitman UMC on Nov 3 and 4. Crafters may rent a table for \$20. Watch for further information...

Kemble Shoppers for Pitman -

A unique ministry of Kemble, the Tuesday Shoppers take shopping orders for residents to the ShopRite, then deliver them to the residents. It requires one Tuesday a month from 9 a.m. to approximately 1 p.m. New shoppers are always needed. This ministry gives volunteers an opportunity to meet the residents on a personal basis. Contact Henrietta Sauter at the above number.

Volunteers recognized -

Pitman volunteer and Kemble member Ginny Hewitt was given the Gold President's Call to Service award. The Gold Award denotes that Ginny has provided over 500 hours of volunteer service to Pitman. Peg McFadden was recognized with the Silver Award for over 250 hours of service. Also, fellow Tuesday Shopper, Grace Holdcraft, was recognized as Volunteer of the Month in October.



Maxim Plaque Unveiled

The Maxim family gathered on Sunday, June 5, for the unveiling of the memorial plaque in memory of Janice Maxim Rodriguez. Janice's parents, Jim and Gatewood Maxim, have been members of Kemble for over 50 years. Although they make their home now in Jackson PA, they have been faithful to Kemble through their annual pledges and giving.



Ugandan Kids Choir Visits Kemble



Those present at services on May 15 were treated to a lively and inspiring presentation by 10 youngsters from Uganda. With great energy, they led the services with traditional Ugandan songs and dances, as well as praise songs in English. Their visit was part of a year-long tour in the United States to raise awareness and funds for Childcare Worldwide. Kemble members responded generously with a love offering of over \$1300, and several commitments to sponsor children.

The Ugandan Kids Choir is a ministry of Childcare Worldwide, a child sponsorship organization dedicated to sharing the gospel, providing education and developing the unlimited potential of poor children around the world. For more information on the choir and other ministries of Childcare Worldwide, visit www.ChildcareWorldwide.org/choir.



New Bulletin Format Adopted

A new design for the church bulletin has been adopted. It is designed to save money on printing on paper costs, as well as be more instructive and welcoming to church visitors. The weekly bookmark with daily Bible readings is attached to it, so no more slipping out before you get it home!

Weekly announcements now appear on the video monitors before and after services, and may be found on the Kemble website, at www.kembleumc.org. Be sure to look at the “Member News” and “Upcoming to Kemble” sections.

Also on the website, at the bottom of the home page, is a button called “Sermons and Sundays”. Here you will find sermons recorded during Sunday services. It’s a good way to recharge spiritual batteries when you cannot attend.

For many announcements, we refer folks to the Welcome Center in Fellowship Hall. This is where forms of various kinds and other brochures, as well as extra copies of this newsletter may be found.

OUR MINISTRIES: GET INVOLVED!

1. **Teen Center**—afterschool activities Monday - Friday for grades 6—12 during the school year
2. **Pre-School**—Parent’s Time Out pre-school half days Monday –Friday during the school year, ages infant to 5 years. Volunteers to teach Bible lessons needed.
3. **Community Lunch Program**—free meal for the community—third Saturday of each month. Cooks, servers, and dessert bakers are needed to help. See Welcome Center to volunteer.
4. **Men’s Ministry Discipleship Group**—Men of all ages learning to walk in Christ’s footsteps through leadership and accountability.

5. **United Methodist Women’s Circles**—Women of all ages and interests joining together for fellowship and mission work.

6. **Food Pantry**—Food distribution to needy families in greater Woodbury area

7. **Neighborhood Center**—Educational, vocational, and food assistance for needy families.

8. **Sunday Worship Worker**—help with Sunday School or read Scripture, be an Altar Guild worker, or even host a Coffee Fellowship.

Scholastic Assistance Awards

(picture on page 12)

Once again, monies in the Kemble Scholastic Assistance Fund permitted the committee to award three \$3000 scholarships this year. Chair Bob Catando made the presentations on June 16 to three fine young men:

Jonathan Hunter, son of Lewis, Jr. and Lisa and grandson of Lewis, Sr. and Jackie, plans to attend the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Daniel Shamlan, son of David and Lynn, will enter his senior year at Rutgers New Brunswick majoring in Life Studies. Dan also volunteers with the Rutgers chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

Kevin Counsellor, son of Kevin and Stacey and grandson of David and Gwyn Cheeseman will attend Rowan College at Gloucester County. His goal is to become a science teacher.

We congratulate them all and wish them the best in their academic endeavors.

Thanks to Walkers and Cleaners!

Though small in numbers, Kemble participants in the CROP Walk raised \$600 this year. Kemble joins with members of other GWCM churches in this ministry.

Members who contributed their time on a spring cleaning 'Work Day' in April polished pews, sharpened pencils and replenished cards in pew racks, among other tasks.

Bishop's Statement on the Shootings in Orlando

United Methodists across the world are horrified by the despicable act of terrorism in Orlando, Florida, that took the lives of 49 individuals and wounded 53 others. We are in shock. We join those who grieve. We pray for the victims, their families, and the LGBTQ community targeted by this hateful attack.

We stand against all forms of violence, committed anywhere in the world by anyone. We stand with our Muslim brothers and sisters who have condemned this heinous act. We pledge to work together to overcome evil with good, terrorism with peace, hatred with love, and inequity with justice.

We commend the Florida Annual Conference as they gather this week in Orlando. They, along with Bishop Ken Carter, are our connectional presence in the midst of this tragedy. We pray that God will work through them to be a source of Christ's witness, reconciliation and healing to the brokenness of an entire community.

As the people called United Methodists, let us not lose heart, but redouble our commitment and efforts to fulfill God's vision of the Beloved Community throughout the world. As we combat evil, let us not let evil fill our hearts. As we struggle to end violence, let us not let violence become our way of life. As we battle terrorism, let us not become terrorists in the process. As we seek to be vigilant, let us not let fear curtail our hospitality. As we pray for peace, let it begin within our own spirits.

In the peace of the Lord,

Bishop Bruce R. Ough, President, United Methodist Council of Bishops

Who Are the Handy Helpers?

A service of the Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries, Handy Helpers is a group that meets the second Saturday of each month from September through June to give assistance to members of our churches and community who need a little help. They do such things as paint, rake leaves, trim bushes, clean gutters, make minor repairs, clean windows, etc. There is no charge for this work. It is a gift to those who need the assistance. After donuts and devotions in the kitchen of The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury, they work from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

There are currently about 20 people on the list of workers. Not everyone comes every month. A few more hands would be a blessing.

If this is a ministry that interests you, please call 856-845-1244. If you have questions about Handy Helpers, please call Kathy Cunningham, the Handy Helpers Coordinator, at 856-468-5959

Food Pantry Needs

Volunteers are needed at the GWCM Food Pantry at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 330 East Barber Avenue, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at the Colonial United Methodist Church, Tatum and Elberne Avenues, on Saturdays. Tasks vary, so many talents and abilities are valuable. Volunteers may call Kathy Cunningham at the above number.

In addition to non-perishable foods, the Food Pantry needs *disposable diapers* (any size) for its client families. Diapers are not covered by Food Stamps, so donations are very helpful to needy families and greatly appreciated.

Members in Ministry



Pastor Mike gives the congregation a good view of the children members promise to support at each baptism.

Kemble Quilters create prayer quilts for members in need of special prayers. Members are invited to say a prayer as they tie a knot.



Senior Choir, accompanied by violin, presented a song commemorating UMW Sunday.

Michael Razze gives a Children's Sermon.



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Nursery through 6th grade – 10:45 a.m.

2016 Scholastic Assistance Awardees



Left to right: Lisa Hunter and son Jonathan, Kevin Counsellor and mother Stacey,
Dave Shamlian and son Daniel.