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Church Staff Has New Email Addresses!

Effective immediately, our staff has new email addresses under the same domain as our new website; urcsomerville.org. This change has been made by the marketing committee to advance our electronic communications and brand "urcsomerville". The old web address has a redirect, which will remain in place until October 2017. Our "old" email addresses still work, but please make the changes in your contacts and use the new email addresses for official church business.

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Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

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Parish the Thought

We've been using our new hymnbook for just over a month now. How are you and "Glory to God" getting along?

We will be discovering new delights as we move through the church year. Since the first Sunday in June is Pentecost this year, here are the lyrics from a wonderful song that comes to use from China (the music) by way of New Zealand (the words).

*As the wind song through the trees,
as the stirring of the breeze,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm,
as the voice within the storm,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever known
where this wind has blown
bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire,
as the soul's most deep desire,
so it is with the Spirit of God.
As the rainbow after rain,
as the hope that's born again,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring,
as a kite on a strong,
so it is with the Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new,
making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,
as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast,
so it is with the Spirit of God.*

The hymn is tremendously dense with references to the Scriptures. Just look at how widely it draws on the Bible for its sources!

Genesis 1:2; Genesis 12: 2-3; Psalm 107:23-29; Isaiah 11:2; Isaiah 25:6; Isaiah 32; Matthew 13:33; Mark 4:35-39; Luke 8:22-24; Luke 13:20-21; John 2:1-11; John 3:8; John 6:63; Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Galatians 5:22-23; Galatians 6:8; 2 Timothy 1:7

And how perfectly the hymn will fit this year – with “the rising of the yeast” and “the wine at the feast” – on a Communion Sunday! And on Confirmation, too!

You can listen to the tune here: <http://hymnary.org/hymn/GG2013/292>

(Caution – you will have to go all the way to the bottom of the page to “Audio Recording.”)

See you on June 4th – and, remember to wear red for Pentecost!

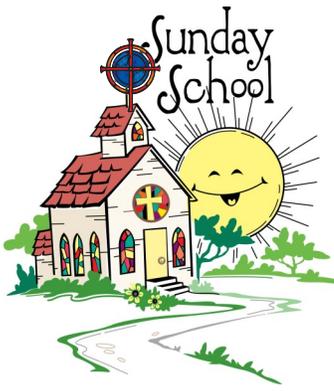
Rev. Paul G. Janssen
Pastor

Wanted 2017 Graduation Announcements!

Our July issue of InTouch will include graduation announcements. All are welcome to acknowledge family members' and friends' special achievements. Please fill out the enclosed form and return to the church office (feel free to include photos!) by June 21st.



Summer Worship
Beginning Sunday, June 11th
worship will take place in
Fellowship Hall
for the summer, so that we may
enjoy the air conditioning.
As always, all are welcome!



Sunday School News

On May 14th, the youth handed out 75 bouquets of white and pink carnations in celebration of Mother's Day. In addition, the Sunday School and Youth Group were recognized for all of their activities and community service projects this past year. The kids achieved a total of 41 community service hours and each received a Certificate of Excellence in Community Service. Amy, Carol, Annette, and I are so proud of our youth who are fulfilling our mission to "Love all Serve all". We will resume Sunday School in September. Have a safe and fun summer!

Linda Hayes
Sunday School Coordinator



The Sunday School and Youth Group receiving their Certificates of Excellence in Community Service.

Confirmation - June 4th

On Sunday, June 4th, we will welcome Jaclyn Barry, Kyle DeWar, and Emily and Tom Hayes, as the newest members of the church by celebrating the rite of Confirmation. Be sure to attend worship, to welcome them warmly into the confessing membership of United Reformed Church.

Women's Book Club

Please check the weekly bulletins for the June meeting details and the title of the next book chosen. If you would like information about the book club, please contact Nancy Maggio at; nbmaggio@embarqmail.com

Joys and Concerns

Wayne McAfee

Long time United member, Wayne McAfee died on Friday, May 19, 2017. He was 89 years old.

Madison Victoria Mathis

Madison Victoria Mathis was baptized on Sunday, May 21, 2017. Madison is the daughter of Kim Schwarz and the granddaughter of Joe and Barabara Schwarz.

Save the Dates!

Tools for Schools - School Supplies Drive

August 22-24, 2017

43rd Annual CROP Walk

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Peter Mayer Stars & Promises Concert

Friday, December 8, 2017

Twelfth Night - Boar's Head Festival

Sunday, January 7, 2018



Do You Want to Join United?

 Have you been attending worship with us and are interested in becoming a member? We'd love to have you as part of our family!

 Please contact Pastor Janssen or call Lori in the church office to schedule new member classes!



News From the Consistory

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 23, the Consistory engaged in several matters:

- Placing a play area in the narthex
- Beginning a Bible Study in the fall
- Starting to work on progress with the green space (between church and Redelico's)
- Approved moving forward to have a dinner with Iglesia Puerta del Cielo
- Learned of the possibility of laying groundwork for an alternative worship (other than Sunday morning)
- Approved the purchase of a new freezer for the kitchen
- Decided to delegate the matter of color of the main entryway to a few folks who have a good sense of color. (Consistory will ultimately approve the color.)

These (except for the last) are items that keep the five year strategic plan moving forward. The next meeting of the consistory will take place on Tuesday, June 27th at 7:15 p.m. in the lounge.

Cruise Nights

The Administration and Finance Committee, which oversees building use, has approved the use of the east side of the front lawn by the Borough of Somerville for the DJ provided on Friday Night "Cruise Nights".

The Nationally acclaimed car show has been taking place on Main Street for 28 years and is an inexpensive, family-fun experience. As "The Church on Main Street", we are happy to provide a place where families and folks of all ages can gather and listen to the "oldies". Details are below for anyone interested in attending this downtown Somerville tradition.

Dates: Every Friday Night
 Memorial Day through Labor Day

Time: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Main Street

Welcome the Doyles!

On Sunday, May 14th the congregation welcomed new members, Peter and Nikki Doyle and their son, Brendan.

When Peter and Nikki decided that it was time to introduce Brendan to a Christian Church where he could learn more about Christ and his teachings, they began looking for a church that was not heavily focused on merely man-made rules.

Upon doing some research via the internet, they were struck by the open, nonjudgmental, and Christ-like description of United on our website. They came to us and were impressed by the way we connect the congregation with the life of Jesus – Jesus being among us, and not some distant entity, far off in the clouds. Then, on the very first Sunday they visited, Brendan disappeared into Fellowship Hall to get some goodies as if he'd been here forever!

The Doyle's live in Raritan at 74 Thompson Street. Peter's birthday is February 18; Nikki's is March 26. Their anniversary is February 16. Peter is a Contract Administrator, and follows soccer alongside Brendan in his spare time. Nikki is a legal coordinator. She enjoys violin, cross-stitching, and reading. (If you'd like the Doyles' phone number or e-mail for your directory, please contact the church office. For privacy reasons, we prefer not to publish them in InTouch.) Be sure to introduce yourselves to this delightful family and make new friends!

Rev. Paul G. Janssen
Pastor



Brendan Doyle receives a Bible from Pastor Janssen.

SHIP'S Galley II Summer Schedule

SHIP's Galley II, The Tuesday/Thursday Soup kitchen that takes place in Fellowship Hall, will be closed during the summer (June through Labor Day). Instead, picnic style lunches will be served at "Tic Tock's Grove", a picnic area located on SHIP's premises at 87 East High Street.



If you would like to make a donation to SHIP of picnic essentials, the following list includes items that are always appreciated;

- Hamburgers (pre cooked) and Hotdogs, (boiled)
- Sausage & Peppers (pre cooked and ready to be served or heated & served)
- Sandwiches (25 to 50)
- Baked Beans, Corn on the cob
- Chips & Pretzels / Dips
- Green Salads / Side Salads
- Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad, Cole Slaw, etc.
- Fresh Fruit / Watermelon
- Cookies, cakes, pies and more
- Soda and other beverages
- Paper goods & supplies

Food of the Month

For the month of June, the Food Bank would like us to collect **canned tuna**, which is in great need in the summer months, as well as **boxed cereal**. Other items always needed include **Parmalat milk** and **canned meats such as beef ravioli, chili**, etc.

You may put donations in the shopping cart in Fellowship Hall or you may place them in the basket in the office. All donations help to stock the shelves of the Food Bank Network of Somerset County, which distributes food every Saturday from Fellowship Hall to those in need. Thank you in advance for your contributions and generosity.

Opportunities for Fun!

One of our strategic areas for the next five years is to increase opportunities for social activities. So - here are a few possibilities:

On Wednesday, June 21st, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., **Karl Banks** and his combo will be playing on our front lawn as part of "Make Music Somerville." Come park in our lot and bring a lawn chair to enjoy our resident troubadour!

Let's have breakfast together! Every Sunday during the summer, let's gather as many of us as we can at Starbucks for a cup of coffee and a (Dutch) treat. 9:00 a.m.

At a recent coffee time, some folks brought up the idea of having a monthly "**International Meal**." Here in Somerville we can go Greek, Indian, Thai, Italian, Filipino, Cuban, Mexican, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and more. If you're interested, please contact the church office and we'll put you on a list to be notified by e-mail if we get critical mass to start it up.

On August 5th, the New York Mets (who sorely need any prayers they can get) will be having a "**Mets Faith Day**". A group of 15 is needed for reduced ticket price. If you're interested, please call or email the church office by Friday, June 16th. (Nothing against the Yankees - we just happened to get a flyer from the Mets.)

Rev. Paul G. Janssen
Pastor

Sunday Servers For June

Date	Ushers	Fellowship Hour	Altar Guild	Counters	Lay Reader
6/4	Bill & Ellen Everett	Parish Life Sundae Sunday	Fran Wise	Michelle Lane Kathy Phillips	Jim Phillips
6/11	John & Beverly Colligas	Men's Fellowship Group	Michelle Davis	Michelle Lane Jim Phillips	Gary Spratt
6/18	Toni Moore Barbara Schwarz	Open - Can you host?	Alice Gunzelman	Michelle Lane Chris Parenti	Beth Cassidy
6/25	Annette Janssen Nancy Maggio	Toni Moore, Alice Gunzelman, Barbara Schwarz	Toni Moore	Mark Cannizzo Sue Elgard	Bart Wijatyk



Scripture Passages

June 4, Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

1 Corinthians 12:3-13

Psalm 104:24-35

John 7:37-39

June 11, Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2, 4

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Psalm 8

Matthew 28:16-20

June 18, Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-15

Exodus 19:2-8

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Matthew 9:35-10

June 25, Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21

Romans 6:1-11

Psalm 69:7-10

Matthew 10:24-39

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

June 1

June 2

June 5

June 6

June 7

June 9

June 13

June 21

June 25

June 27

June 28

June 30

Helen Cantlay, Annette Janssen

Alexandria Stires

Shannon Cassidy, Angela Stires

Cliff Nagle

Sam Mendleson

Kathy Phillips

Connie Osinski

Laurie Holcombe

Emily Hayes

Tara Rose Cassidy, Fran Wise

Nancy Aliberto

Phyllis Kennette

John Lane

Father's Day - June 18th

Come celebrate Father's Day with us during worship on Sunday, June 18th. All men in attendance will receive a small gift.

Anniversaries

June 1

June 11

June 14

June 20

June 21

June 26

June 30

John & Michelle Lane

Dan & Alleda Radziewicz

Bill & Ellen Everett

Jim & Sharon Thompson

Craig & Amy Stires

Karl & Aija Banks

Sam & Cynthia Mendelson

Michael & Patricia Doyle

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Deadline for the July Issue is

June 21, 2017

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admin@urcsomerville.org

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June 2017							July 2017						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
							30	31					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2	3
				10:00am ESL III (Rm. 1) 8:00pm AA (FH)	10:30am Food Bank Set-Up (FH)	9:00am RR Rehearsal (S) 10:00am Food Bank Distribution (FH)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Confirmation 10:00am Worship (S) 11:00am Fellowship Hour (FH) 1:30pm Brownies (FH) 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Raritan	7:00pm Boy Scouts (B)		10:00am ESL I (Room o) 6:30pm PdC (S)	8:00pm AA (FH)	10:00am ESL I (last day) (Room o) 10:30am Food Bank Set-Up (FH)	10:00am Food Bank Distribution (FH)
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Father's Day (United States) 10:00am Worship (S) 11:00am Fellowship Hour (FH) 5:00pm PDC (S) 7:00pm Boy Scouts Adventure	7:00pm Boy Scouts (B)		8:30am United Way Day of Action (FH) 6:30pm PdC (S) 7:30pm Boy Scout Committee	8:00pm AA (FH)	10:30am Food Bank Set-Up (FH)	10:00am Food Bank Distribution (FH)
25	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1
10:00am Worship (S) 11:00am Fellowship Hour (FH) 5:00pm PDC (S) 7:00pm Boy Scouts Adventure Planning (B)	7:00pm Boy Scouts (B)	7:15pm Consistory Meeting (L)	6:30pm PdC (S) 7:00pm Easter Seals (FH/K)	8:00pm AA (FH)	10:30am Food Bank Set-Up (FH)	

Raritan Ringers

Spring Hand Bell Concert

With guest vocal quartet from
Westminster Choir College



Sunday, June 4th
7:00 pm
General Admission:
\$10 at the door

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