

PEMBERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**NOVEMBER
NEWSLETTER**



A few weeks ago, Shirley Adams and I went to visit Bill Colby, a life-long member of Pemberton United Methodist Church. As we sat in his Medford retirement facility, he shared memories of the church. This was one of those rewarding experiences that helped me have a more profound understanding of the church. Bill spoke of his love for Pemberton and how “everybody knew everybody.” Bill recalled singing in the Junior Choir as a child and attending Bible Study in the mid 1940’s, which was held in the basement of the church. He went on to say, “I remember going to Youth Fellowship, with the wallboards painted black up to the windows. You see, because of the war you couldn’t have lights escaping from your home or church.” When Bill played with the other kids in the playground, if the siren went off, you would have to fall on the ground and put your hands over your head. All of this was taking place during World War II. In spite of the war, the church remained the safe place for all.

Years later, the church-at-large seeks to be a safe place for all people despite their color, race, nationality or sexual orientation. Yet, for some, this is not a reality. Therefore, as a church body, we must continue to be light in the midst of darkness. People who are in need of healing, love, restoration, encouragement, and hope, should be able to find it in the House of God. Days ago, many of us heard of the Jewish synagogue attack in Pittsburgh which killed 11 people. The ages of the 11 victims ranged from 54 to 97. Some may say this not does affect us. Yet, it was Jesus who came into this world as a brown-skinned, Middle Eastern Jewish immigrant. The bible describes him in Revelation 1:13-15, “...And in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters.” If we follow Christ, we must be concerned with his God’s creation and pray for those who have been affected by these heinous acts of terrorism and xenophobia and ensure that our church remains a safe place for all.

-Pastor William D. Carter, III



CHURCH RETREAT

Our church retreat was a resounding success! Rev. Maureen Gerald from Princeton Seminary and Professor Larry Bice of Eastern University did an exceptional job leading us in the day! Many people left encouraged, inspired and ready for all that God is going lead us to do this year and in the years to come!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 31 - Trunk or Treat will be from 5-8 in the church parking lot.
- November 18 ~ All Saints Sunday. Please submit the name and a brief message about the deceased individual you would like to honor in the Souvenir Bulletin. Please email all images to Karen Wager at kwager24@comcast.net by November 12, 2018. The donation is \$20 per image to defray the expenses for the color Souvenir Bulletin.
- November 21 - Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at Grace Episcopal church at 7 p.m. Pastor Carter will be preaching.
- November 25 - Decorate the church sanctuary after worship with pizza.
- December 1 - Breakfast with Santa at 9 a.m - 11 a.m. in the chapel.
- December 14 - Healing & Restoration Service at 7 p.m.
- December 16 - Christmas Community Dinner in Wesley Hall from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.



Pemberton Borough Veterans Honor Roll Dedication Service with Pastor Carter, Mayor Harold Griffin and Robin S. Mosher.



TEACHING OUR NEW COUNTER

Sandy Verner is working with JoAnne Vanderveer to acclimate her to our financial recording system. JoAnne brings her experience from working with the IRS and beyond. We are delighted to see all of our new members who have become involved in the life of our church and the way in which they come alongside those members who have held the church together. We stand in awe of the various gifts and talents that God continues to bring in the life of our church!

Birthdays



- 2 - Pastor William D. Carter, III
- 3 - Lisa Butler
- 4 - Mariko Tabone
- 7 - John Emmons
- 8 - Kim Butler
- 9 - Josh Smith
- 14 - Joanne Sager
- 15 - Tom Haines
- 26 - CarolAnne T. Capewell
- 27 - Bob Butler
- 30 - Eleanor Kirby

Anniversaries

- 19 - Judy & Don McMasters



**PEMBERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
&
GARDEN OF PRAYER CHURCH
PRESENT...**

TRUNK OR TREAT

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018
5-8 PM**

Hotdogs, Candy, Jumping Castle Bounce House, & More...

Where:

Pemberton United Methodist Church
45 Hanover Street
Pemberton, NJ 08068

Host Pastors: Rev. William D. Carter, III & Rev. Staci E. Williams