



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

*"For in Christ, neither our most conscientious religion nor disregard of religion amounts to anything. What matters is something far more interior: faith expressed in love."
(Galatians 5:6 The Message)*

There once was a rich man whose lands produced bountiful harvest. He thought, "I don't have enough space to store all my goods. What should I do?" God had blessed him so much he did not know what to do with all he had. "Here is what I'll do – I'll tear down my barns and I will build larger ones. Then I will rest, eat, drink and be merry," he decided.

But God reprimanded the man, saying, "You fool. This night your life will be demanded of you and then to whom will all your things belong?" (Luke 12:16-21).

This man only thought of making himself happy. It did not occur to him that God had blessed him so he could be a blessing to other people, so he could share with the poor and the needy. In our time, such a man could give in support of orphanages; help to eradicate hunger in the world; help stop the spread of malaria in Africa; support breast cancer research; support the educational dreams of inner-city children; or support the work of the church: spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Instead of sharing his bounty, the man decided to build a bigger barn, today's equivalent of saying, 'I will put my extra stuff in storage. I won't give any away. I will keep on adding to what I have.' The man missed out on what matters most in life – faith expressed in love for others.

In the first two verses of 1 Corinthians 13, God says the same thing in different ways. "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing." God says, if I don't live a life of love, nothing I say will matter;

nothing I know will matter, and nothing I believe will matter. Words without love are just noise. All the knowledge in the world cannot compensate for love; all the faith in the world is worth nothing without love.

"For in Christ ... what matters is faith expressed in love." (Galatians 5:6). Our faith in Christ and our love for Christ is expressed when we seek out ways to help the least, the last and the lost improve the quality of their lives and connect them with Christ. God says if you miss that, you have missed the most important thing in life.

When our days in this life are over we will stand before God, and God will evaluate our lives. He is not going to look at our bank accounts, he is not going to look at our list of accomplishments, he is not going to look at our grades, he is not going to look at all our sports trophies nor awards and he is not going to look at our resumes. God will evaluate our lives on one basis: our love for Christ and our love for others.

The heart of the matter is to love Christ enough to express his love to others. The Scripture says, "If I say I love God and hate other people, I am not telling the truth." (1 John 4:20). I cannot say that I am right with God and be out of sorts with other people. My relationship with God affects my relationship with my spouse, children, neighbors, brothers and sisters, in-laws, and my co-workers. My relationship with God affects my treatment of the poor, the homeless, the sick, and even the way I treat my adversaries.

The only thing that matters to God is whether we love Christ and whether that love is expressed in our love for others. The Scripture says, "let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth." (1 John 3:18).

Many Blessings, Pastor Mike

First Music Camp at Kemble --
 "Our God is a Great Big God"



With this as their theme, a capacity crowd of thirty campers registered for the first summer Music Camp for grades 2-8, held at Kemble August 8-12.

Organized in a matter of weeks, it was an example of what people of good will can accomplish when they all work together! Dottie Lange, owner of The Monogram Shoppe, designed, produced and donated t-shirts for campers and staff; Lynn Kopko of the Safe Sanctuary Committee organized registration and sign-up with the able assistance of Music Chairperson Jill Magill, who also provided daily name tags and refreshments; Karen and Mike Perrone signed on as helpers; Lou Bonilla, Kemble Media Director, provided sound and visuals for the Dance and Movement sessions led by Pamela Harriott, who also created signs for each classroom, and a banner that was placed high in the front of the sanctuary proclaiming the theme, "Our God Is A Great Big God". Jane Butler and Nancy Brzuska led games; Jim Krauss and Music Director Christine Laquintano taught musical terms and the use of drums, tone chimes and rhythm instruments (donated or loaned by several people); Pastor Mike led opening and closing exercises each day.

One mother reported that her son was ambivalent about attending the music camp: he wasn't sure it would be cool. After the first day, he reported that, indeed, it was! Only one of the campers came from a Kemble family, making the camp an opportunity to introduce several new families to the church and its ministries.



Above left: Dance & Movement Class; Right: Music Camp Staff



Musical Games!



Rhythm Instruments

Everyone had a great time making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Nursery Attendant at Second Service



Connie Byers has been a most welcome addition to the Kemble staff this summer. One young mother expressed her joy at Connie's steady presence in the nursery. She said her son now recognizes Connie when he enters the nursery. "There are no more tears!" she added.

"Bethel For Children" Debuts

Bethel means *House of God*, so "Bethel For Children" is the name of Kemble's Sunday School program for children. The Motto is: *Jesus Loves You and So Do We*. Each class, in addition to grade level has been given a name and scripture that applies. The classes are:

Christ's Nursery – Infant through age 3

Teacher: Connie Byers

Helpers: Karen Perrone and Elizabeth Giedosh

"Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them."

Mark 10:16

The Little Angels – Ages 4 and 5

Teacher: Lisa Hunter

Helpers: Cathy Hingley and Barrett Sims

"Jesus said, 'Let the children come.'" Matthew 19:14

The Explorers – Grades 1 and 2

Teacher: Lynn Kopko

Helper: Lisa Clark

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."

Psalms 119:105

The Adventurers – Grades 3 and 4

Teacher : Ginny Kelly

Helper: Brenda Hufsey

"You will search for me. And when you search for me, with all your heart, you will find me." Jeremiah 29:13

The Apollos – Grades 5 and 6

Teacher: Pamela Harriott

Helper: Jeff Pirog

"For I know the plans I have for you." Jeremiah 29:11

Our main goal this year is to show the children that they are part of the church family and that the church belongs to them, as well as to adults. Not only do we want them to know that Jesus cares about them, but as members with them in the family of God, we, the congregation, also care about them. To this end, on Communion Sunday each month, the children will stay in church participating in the service, just as the adults do. Occasionally, there may be something special geared toward the kids, in addition to the Childrens' Sermon. Through this exposure, they will have an opportunity to learn the hymns and rituals of their church; experience the warmth of the 'Passing of the Peace'; hear and make prayer requests. Please make a special effort to learn their names when you see them in church, and introduce yourselves to them.

The Sunday School leadership team this year includes Pam Fuller, Superintendent, Bev Wellons, Assistant Superintendent. The team that produced our outstanding Summer Music Camp is the Support Team.

Annual Church Conference October 29

The annual Church Conference (formerly Charge Conference) will have a new look this year.

Beginning with breakfast **at 9 a.m. at Haddonfield Methodist Church**, it will convene members from 51 churches in the Gateway South District.

Together they will address the challenges facing those who maintain, administer and manage what is in our churches today.

This change reflects the denomination's effort to redirect members' time from meetings to ministry.

Breakfast Kicks Off New Sunday School Year

Over 60 attended the breakfast that kicked off the new Sunday School year on September 11.



Trustees Update

> The new roof is being installed on our Christian Education Building! This project will take some time, so please be patient. Damaged wood needs to be replaced. The gutters are being evaluated for integrity.



Next, the steeple will be repaired in needed areas. Once that is completed, the interior areas damaged by the leaking roof will be fixed.

Maintenance on our historical 128-year-old building is a never ending job, which our Trustees tend to with utmost care.



> *Woodbury Youth Drill Team* practices at the church on Wednesday and Friday evenings. In addition to competing in shows and parades, the team, made up of middle school children, performs community service. The motto of the team is

"Discipline, Dedication and Desire". They gave a brief demonstration during the service on September 11.

> The after-school Teen "Lounge" has resumed operation in Raver Hall on Thursday afternoons. It is open to students in grades 6-12. On other days of the week, they meet at the YMCA.

25-Year Members Recognized

Ninety-one members of Kemble were honored on Sunday, July 24, where they were called forward to receive a pin commemorating 25 years of membership. Several members whose service reached 50 years were honored also. Honorees and families enjoyed reminiscing during the lunch that followed. (See picture on last page.)

United Methodist Women

The UMW is undergoing some changes in its organizational makeup. Due to diminishing numbers of members, the Executive Committee has decided to leave the Gateway South Women's Division, which reserves pledge money from our members. The group will honor its commitment for pledges through 2016. Starting in 2017 there will be no individual pledges.

Beginning in November, the Golden Circle will be called Circle of Friends. This group is made up of members of disbanded circles who meet together to stay a part of UMW activities.

Jill Magill and Norma Warren will serve as UMW Co-Presidents in 2017.

Church Family

Baptized: *Elizabeth Louise Swartz* on September 11, daughter of Jessica and Jesse Swartz, granddaughter of Bud and Betty Heckler.

Nicholas Christopher Caines, Jr. on September 11, son of Nicholas Caines and Rose-Ann Rodrigues. Rev. Dr. Michael and Pamela Harriott stood as sponsors.

New Members: *Robert and Peggy Sickle* rejoined since moving back to Woodbury after a long residency in Delaware.

Deceased: *Gloria J. Mills*, of Woodbury, on August 27.

Neighborhood Center in Camden

Summer is over and the day camp, which nourished over 90 children both spiritually and physically, is over again until next year!

The Center is now conducting its "after school" missions. Its evening teen program focuses on college readiness, homework, testing preparation, college financing, essay writing and college visits. Many Camden teens have no context for college, so it is important to take them on college trips and tours to experience the possibilities of college. The Center asks your help in breaking the cyclical nature of poverty by providing a path of opportunity, of dreams and possibilities, to its teens. If any Kemble member can help, here are some donation suggestions:

\$75 covers one Teen's hotel stay for one night of the college tour;

\$150 buys The Neighborhood Center College Tour t-shirts;

\$250 purchases meals for one Teen for the weekend;

\$500 provides bus transportation for one day of the tour;

\$1500 covers bus transportation for the weekend.

Can you help? Donations may be sent to The Neighborhood Center, 278 Kaighns Ave, Camden, NJ 08103 or can be made online at <http://www.ncicamden.org/>. Thank you.

Another way to support the Center is to get fit for a good cause. A *Commit to Fit and Halloween Fun Run* will be conducted by the Fit Docs of Rowan University. The 5K run will be held on Saturday, October 22 at Rowan, in Glassboro. Costumes are encouraged. Registration is at 8 a.m., warm-up at 9, and run begins at 9:30. Questions may be sent to the Fit Docs, using the email address RowanFITdocs@gmail.com. You may register online at WWW.COMMITTOFIT5K2016.ORG. The cost is \$12, kids are free. Onsite registration will be \$15.00. Proceeds will benefit the Neighborhood Center.

Please also keep the Center in your prayers as the economic times present a real challenge to its goals and purposes. Thank you, again.

Let The Lord Be Praised With Song!

Kemble supports three choirs and would love to have new members join the ranks of our returning singers.

Sanctuary choir (grades 1-5) and Chancel choir (grades 6-10) rehearse on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. The Senior choir (grade 11 thru adults) rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7 pm.

Sanctuary and Chancel choir singers are asked to meet in Raver Hall at 6:30 pm accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you have any questions, please email, call or text Music Chair Jill Magill (magill3556@verizon.net, cell: 856-371-9650).

Many recent studies affirm the benefits of choral singing: it is stimulating to brain development, and creates a strong sense of community. Moreover, Christian choral music contributes to the growth of the spirit, and provides an opportunity for service in Christ's church.

Hoagies and Football!

Does it get any better? Square Circle will hold a **Hoagie Sale on October 9th** after both services. Italian and turkey hoagies will be available for \$5 each. Take some home to enjoy during the Eagles - Detroit Lions game. Proceeds will support Square Circle's mission projects, including our little adopted girl from Kenya and providing Christmas gifts for a needy family.

Kemble Kitchen Community Lunch

The Church would like to thank everyone who has helped to make the monthly Community Lunch such a success. In September, the Square Circle served over 100 people! We have volunteers lined up to prepare meals through the remainder of the year. However, we are looking for some new faces who might be interested in cooking in 2017. Interested cooks, please contact Paul McMahan at 856-848-1922 or the church office at 856-845-1627.

Safe Sanctuary Training

Kemble is a community of faith and a safe haven. Its Safe Sanctuary policy, available at the Welcome Center, is to be followed by all persons and ministries dealing with children, youth under age 18, and vulnerable adults.



Safe Sanctuary Chair Lynn Kopko recently held a training session in this policy. Jill Magill and Jeff Pirog attended to update their certifications, which must be done every 3 years. Everyone involved in our Sunday School program must be certified in Safe Sanctuary procedures. Online training is also possible. Any church member or attendee who desires this training is welcome to become certified. Just contact Lynn through the church office.

Pitman Auxiliary* Yard and Craft Sale

Saturday, November 5, 2016 – 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Rain or Shine - An Indoor Event !!

Location: Pitman United Methodist Church

Donations of jewelry, knick knacks, seasonal decorations, crafts, puzzles, etc. will be accepted on Thursday, November 3, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Pitman UMC (No clothing, please)

Donations of baked goods will be accepted on Saturday.

Crafters may rent a 8' table for \$20. Contact Helen Scaletti at 856-589-3164 to reserve yours today!

*formerly Pitman Manor Auxiliary

Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries *Notes from the September meeting*

Approximately 50 children attended the *Vacation Bible School*, held in July. Planning for 2017 will begin shortly.

Food Pantry Coordinator Kathy Cunningham is looking for a few able-bodied volunteers to help unload boxes when the Food Bank truck makes its deliveries. Times vary. Kathy would like to develop a pool of volunteers she can call on for this task. Please call the church office or email contactgwcm@gmail.com for further details and to indicate your availability.

The *Summer Lunch Program* continues to fill a need. GWCM is most grateful for the \$15,000 grant from a private foundation that is earmarked for this program. Any extra non-perishables will be used during the November school breaks.

In September, eleven volunteer *Handy Helpers* accomplished 7 jobs.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 20, at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on Evergreen Avenue. Rev. Brian Burgess of Christ Episcopal Church will preach.

The GWCM website is currently inactive. Solutions are being sought to bring it up again.



On the occasion of her resignation as teacher of the Adult Sunday School class, we celebrate Mary Jane Warfle's life at Kemble.

Mary Jane Warfle (nee Sockwell) was born in Bridgeton Hospital and lived in Port Norris NJ with her parents for 18 years. She graduated from

Millville High School and attended Abington Hospital School of Nursing for one year. In 1951, she married Dayton Warfle and moved to Dividing Creek NJ where they lived for 18 years. Dayton was employed by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. After his promotion to District Manager in Woodbury in 1971, the Warfles moved to West Deptford. Dayton died in 1993 after a brief battle with mesothelioma. Mary Jane's current family consists of three children, seven grandchildren and 6½ great grandchildren, all of whom are very special!

Sunday School has been a huge part of Mary Jane's life, beginning in Port Norris Methodist Church. The Warfles joined Kemble Church in 1972. Mary Jane taught 1st and 2nd grade Sunday school. She remembers such students as Steven Catando and Kurt Gatton. She taught 5th and 6th grade Sunday School with the late Bill Cullen and served as Youth leader with the late Jim Kincade. In her early days at Kemble, Mary Jane was a member of the choir, often taking solo parts. She has served as Adult Sunday School leader for about 10 years, first with good friend, Carol DeLucas, and then by herself. Teaching Sunday School has been most gratifying.

Other interests have included tennis, folk art painting, theater, knitting and gardening. Spending time with her family gives her the greatest of pleasures. Mary Jane has had a variety of experiences throughout her life. She has been a substitute grade school teacher, a tutor at Gloucester County College, an insurance agent in her husband's business, a volunteer at Underwood Memorial hospital and is currently employed at Inspira Medical Center, Woodbury.

Mary Jane says, "I am truly blessed".

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Steve Bruce is the new leader for the Adult class which is studying the Psalms.

Coming Events: November 13: Men's Discipleship Sunday November 20: Laity Sunday January 13-15: Women's Winter Retreat
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25 Years at Kemble!

