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Change Your Clothes

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. (Galatians 3:27)

Each of the trees in the autumn forest are changing into beautiful colored clothes. Just like taking out new clothes that were hidden deep in the closet to leave for a long time, every tree in the forest in autumn changes into new clothes to leave their trees. Also, due to the cool weather in the morning and evening, I need to put thin clothes in the closet and take out long sleeves. The temperature in the house should also be changed from the air conditioner to heating at night.



To be a child of God is to change clothes. Just as Adam and Eve change into strong leather clothes given by God, which can withstand the world, instead of thin clothes made of wood leaves, taking off the clothes they were wearing and changing into clothes worn by God is to be God's children.

St. Paul said this into "dressed in Christ" in Galatians 3:27. Let's change into Jesus' clothes in the fall when the beautiful autumn leaves begin to dye. There are two kinds of clothes in the world. One is your own clothes that you made, and the other is the clothes of the prince or the princes of heaven woven and worn by God with the blood of Jesus. When we move on to God, only one piece of clothing is possible. No matter how colorful and cool other clothes look, they are not acceptable to God. However, no matter how humble you may be, God accepts you in the clothes of "Jesus" as your holy and lovely son and daughter. Because this clothing is made of God's lowering and abandonment, blood, sweat, and tears. Just as God changed the leaves leaving silently behind the hard work of midsummer into beautiful clothes, he dressed your children, who rely on God's arms from the world, Jesus, the most beautiful clothes in the world.

Now is the time to change back into Christ's clothes. Last summer, you worked hard in the world and wore the clothes of the world, but I hope you change into the clothes of Christ given by the Lord and start anew.

Our children started a new Sunday school last week. They started a new class with new teachers. Bible study for adults will also begin on October 8th (Fri). The textbook is "When Making Others Happy is Making You Miserable," by Karen Ehman (\$12.29, Cokesbury, \$15.00 order to Pastor Lee). When you make others happy, it makes you miserable often. Feeling overwhelmed, burnt-out, and pulled in too many directions by the needs of others? If you wish you had a little more freedom and margin in your daily schedule, this is the Bible study for you. Please let Pastor Lee know if interested.

Days for Girls Team started to make pies for missionary work. We will

CALENDAR

Arts and Crafts Group:
October 5, 19, 10 am

PIE Preparation:
Wednesday, Oct 6, 13 & 14,
9 am

Worship & Re-Opening
Committees Joint meeting:
Sunday, October 10, after
service

Election Candidates Forum:
Monday, October 11, 7 pm,
Sanctuary

Nominations Committee:
Tuesday, October 12, 7 pm

Finance Committee:
Thursday, October 14, 7 pm

Junior MYF: Sunday,
October 17, 6:30 pm

SPR Committee: Monday,
October 18, 7 pm

Church Council: Thursday,
October 21, 7 pm

Trick or Treat for UNICEF:
Sunday, October 31

gather every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to make pies and bake on October 13th and 14th. I hope you will participate a lot in God's missionary work and change living witnesses who testify to Christ in this season.

Pastor Yongyeun Lee

Community and Mission

Helen Camarce Carries On Mission Work

By Kathy Dube

Recently Jill Wilson and I met with our Missionary Helen Camarce via Zoom for an update on her Mission work in Cambodia. Jill has had an on-going relationship with Helen since she is Prospect's Missions representative and has gone on many work projects with other NYAC volunteers.



For members who have not previously known of Helen Camarce or had forgotten the valuable work she does, Jill updates us on her work in Cambodia:

"As you may recall, we have a Covenant Relationship with Helen. When we made that commitment, which we have had since 2014, we agreed to support her through prayer, communications, connection and financial support. Recently Kathy Dube and I had a delightful conversation with her on Zoom.



"Helen is still working daily at her office in Cambodia. She expresses deep gratitude for our prayers support. During the pandemic, these connections have helped sustain her. She feels connected to us! Her children and grandchildren currently are in Philippines, and her mom and sister are in NJ. But she is grateful for a Filipino couple living with her who has become her surrogate family. She has found creative ways to utilize technology to worship with family abroad, hold leadership trainings, and seminars which keep her work moving forward. Helen says Cambodia has done a good job with vaccine distributions and she and everyone (all 10) in the UMC office where she works have received a vaccine and stayed healthy."

If you wish to see/read more, she encourages us to follow her on Facebook. She posts to the Women and Finance page, which you can follow. <https://www.facebook.com/hlcamarce>. Or you can friend her individually at: <https://www.facebook.com/helen.camarce>. You can see all that the UMC is involved with in Cambodia at the above website. Her newsletters can be found on the home dropdown tab and find her under "staff". Most recently Helen and the team in Cambodia have been managing a "Clean Water" grant allowing the installation of wells and water filters in local communities.

Please continue to lift Helen up in prayer. She prays for us!

Racial Reconciliation

PUMC will be working with the Greater Bristol NAACP to host a candidate forum on Monday, October 11th, at 7 p.m. at the church. All of the candidates for local offices in Bristol have been invited to attend. Questions will be gathered from attendees and a moderated discussion of issues and questions will take place during the forum. All are encouraged to attend and learn about the candidates. More information will be communicated through the weekly bulletin.

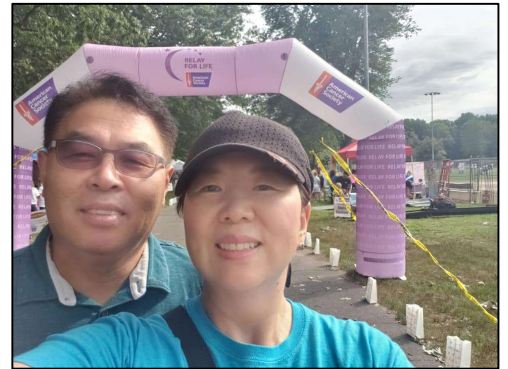
TEAM PUMC Relay for Life - Saturday, August 28th at Norton Park - Plainville.

By Luisa Gladu – Team Captain - PUMC

The theme this year was Lights, Camera, Relay Part II and Team PUMC went with Pirates of the Caribbean and brought a Pirate Ship to the walk.

The event was streamlined this year because of COVID we weren't able to walk the track for 24 hours as in past years, set up our bakery to raise more funds but the fellowship and support was still the same among the teams. We were able to gather and support each other in the fight to end cancer.

Team PUMC had three team members present, Gary Gladu, Laura Taylor and me. We may have been the smallest team there, but we made up for it with the Pirate ship and had many people stop by to take pictures. Pastor Lee & Ohyeun came to support us and Pastor Lee participated in the Zumba class.



We participated in the PUMC Pirate Lap and a few other themed laps. We walked the Survivor Lap, Caregiver Lap and the Memorial Lap which was done in silence for those we lost. Gary & I participated in the Talent Contest and I had the honor of giving the Caregiver speech.

Not even the rain could dampen our spirits when we lit our torches and luminaries.

Our team raised a total of \$2261.62, thank you everyone for your generous donations and support.

I need to thank my husband who works so hard to support me during these events. He prepped, set up and took down the Pirate ship all in honor and memory of my mother Patty Orefice who lost her fight with cancer in 2015. She fought so hard, never giving up hope and she even took care of me when I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2013.

Not a day goes by that I don't think of her strength and determination to fight and not let cancer win.

We hope that at next years event we'll come back strong with more team members and be able to set up our bakery and raise more money for the American Cancer Society because no one fights alone!

Small Groups

Did you know Prospect Church has several small groups? They include, along with contact information if you are interested in joining:

- Book Club, Jeanette Baker
- Nurture, Craft Group, Mary Rogers
- Days for Girls, Carol Rivard
- Racial Reconciliation, Jill Wilson, Corey Nagle

If you know of others please let us know!

Nurture Arts, Crafts Group

Nurture Team's Art and Crafts group decorated bottles (see photos on right) in their September get-togethers. In October the group will be decorating artificial pumpkins. Dates for October are Tuesdays, October 5 and 19 at 10 a.m. Feel free to join the group!



Music Notes

Music Director Heidi Flower is looking for folks to provide a musical selection during worship service. She is happy to work with you on choosing something and practicing!

On another note, this summer was quite rainy! As you might recall, we had a lot of hard rain during the month of July. The roof of the education wing sprung a leak, causing the music room to be flooded!

Our church is so fortunate to have willing hands to help with the cleanup and restoration! Many thanks to the following angels for their hard work and concern: Beth Provost, Ron Baker, Carla Heister, Jerry Rivard, Chris Wilson, Gary Gladu, Ron Baker, and Jill Wilson. Also thanks to the Trustees for their support.

I hope it will not be too much longer before our choirs can resume singing. With appreciation, Heidi

Education Activities

Education Director Christa Zaldivar

UNICEF

On Sunday, October 31, during fellowship hour, our Sunday School students will be dressed in their Halloween costumes and trick-or-treating for UNICEF!

UNICEF is an organization that works in cooperation with governments and non-governmental organizations to save and protect the world's most vulnerable children, working to ensure child rights and providing health care, immunizations, nutrition, access to safe water and sanitation

services, basic education, protection and emergency relief.

We are asking for the congregation's help in collecting loose change. Please bring as much loose change (or dollar bills) as possible, to help our children fundraise!

Thank you!!!

Youth Service Project



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We have some wonderful young people who are looking for ways to be of service to the members of our congregation! Do you have a project or task that they could help you out with? We will be happy to work with your schedule to accommodate your needs!

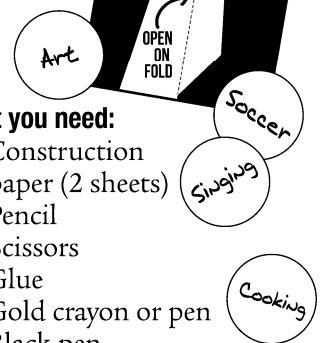
Projects may include: lawn mowing, weeding, fall yard clean up, painting, dog walking, house/pet sitting, car washing, garage cleaning, window washing, or technology problem solving!

Please submit your requests for our youth volunteers to Christa Zaldivar by e-mail: cjw02@hotmail.com or call/text 917-386-8599.

Thank you!

FULL OF TALENT

In Matthew 25:14-30, the master rewards servants who use their gifts instead of hiding them. What talents has God given you?



What you need:

- Construction paper (2 sheets)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Gold crayon or pen
- Black pen

What you do:

1. Fold one sheet of paper in half lengthwise. Trace your hand and lower arm so your arm touches the folded edge. Cut out the arm and hand, keeping the folded edge uncut.
2. Glue the folded hand to the other sheet of paper.
3. In gold, draw five coins in the hand. In black, write the skills and gifts God has given you.
4. Open the fold and draw 10 gold coins in the two open hands. In black, write how you can use your skills and gifts to help others and honor God.

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