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# **CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY**

**April 30**

**9am –noon**



We need “all hands on deck”! Please come out to help clean up the church inside and out. Many hands always make lighter work. Bring your rakes whatever tools you think will be helpful. We will post a list of tasks in the Narthex. Feel free to add to the list.

Questions? Contact Rena 908 872-9443 [rena.thorsen@gmail.com](mailto:rena.thorsen@gmail.com) or any of the Trustees.



## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please sign up to donate flowers. The 2022 Flower Chart is available on the Narthex Sign Up wall. Reserve your date as soon as possible for any week available during the year. Order forms are available on the wall. To reserve a date and complete an order call or email Nancy Sweazey at 908-766-6368 or [sweazeyn@gmail.com](mailto:sweazeyn@gmail.com).

On



March the 19<sup>th</sup>, a group of 20 or so met with bated breath, ready to do battle with each other, to see who would be crowned winners.

Four teams fought hard and dug deep into their memories of 2021 to see who could come out with the accolade of supreme knowledge of the year.

There were moans and groans, and much hilarity had by all – who knew that a genetically modified manatee was thought to have been released into the waters around Florida?! Sadly, it wasn't a manatee after all, but it definitely won points for the best answer of the evening.

A wonderful supper was put on by the Family Ministries team, and eventually a winning team was crowned. Congratulations go to “The Winner’s Circle” team – Donna, Kevin, Vince, Suzanne and Ian.

A huge thank you to all who took part, and to the Family Ministries team for hosting such a great event.

We'd love to see you all next year – come and challenge our winning team for their crown.

Serve The World Through Missions In

APRIL

## MARKET STREET MISSION



Located in Morristown, the Mission ministers to the homeless, helpless and hopeless by meeting physical, emotional and spiritual needs. As a way of celebrating and encouraging almost 90 men in the program, we are hosting an Ice Cream Party for them on *April 27!* We are asking for five volunteers to serve in person & offer our Christian hospitality from 5:30 to 6:30 (5:00 set up).

Our Little Lambs Families will be providing the “toppings”, and we’re asking for the following items to complete the festivities:

- Monetary donations for the ice cream, fruit & other perishables which will be purchased and delivered the day of the party
- Monetary donations to purchase reusable water bottles- we are purchasing in bulk and each bottle will cost \$2.70
- Cards of encouragement for each man (many are dealing with addiction & loneliness)
- Decorations (posters, streamers, stand up notes for the table...be creative!)
- Baked goods (cookies, cupcakes, etc.) Cards & decorations can be placed in bags labeled “MSM” next to the food bin in the narthex. Contact Terri (908-507-0334 [dowie0101@aol.com](mailto:dowie0101@aol.com) to offer monetary donations, baked goods, decorations or to volunteer to serve ice cream)
- Please stop by our [Missions page](#) on our website to read about how you’ve helped with our previous missions in the [Thank You Notes](#) section, or click here: [www.bjumc.org](http://www.bjumc.org)

## GOD'S COOP FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOU



God's Coop Food Pantry in Bernardsville, a local mission financially supported by BJUMC and our United Women in Faith, is currently looking for volunteers to help hand out food bags on Wednesdays (6:00-8:00pm) and Sundays (6:00-7:00pm). Please contact Linda Cargo at [cargoph@aol.com](mailto:cargoph@aol.com) for more information and/or if you would like to be placed on our volunteer list. Individuals are required to be vaccinated for Covid.





United  
Women  
in Faith

**United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith!** The move is part of a refreshing of the organization that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children, and youth.

The organization announced the new operating name in the March-April edition of **response**, its bimonthly magazine for members, and launched the rebrand with a new website and FaceBook event on March 3rd.

The new programs are fruits of research conducted over the past five years with more than 24,000 United Methodists and women of other Christian traditions participating in the surveys, focus groups and interviews. This input informed the prayerful discernment of staff and elected leaders.

The changes are designed to address the different needs and life stages of current members and new women and expand options for membership and engagement. The new name also aims to welcome current members whose local churches may choose to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church as well as women of other faith traditions who want to join.

New and innovative programs will be rolled out throughout 2022, including:

- **A new, easier to navigate website**
- **A new “All-Access” National Membership Option** enabling women to join United Women in Faith via the new website and participate online or in person at local units or larger events.
- **Soul Care Retreats**, a pilot recruitment program for members and their nonmember friends and new women focused on nurturing women’s bodies, minds, and spirits.
- **Innovations to Mission u**, the organization’s longtime spiritual growth and transformative education program. Beginning in spring 2022, Mission u will introduce new curricula each year, all focused on a shared biblical theme.

- The new Mission u curricula will be more adaptable for use in small groups, local churches, vacation Bible schools, retreats, and other settings.

***United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.***



**RUMMAGE SALE:** Thank you to all for helping to make our March rummage sale a huge success! With your donations and gifts of time and energy to help set-up, sort, price, sell and clean-up we raised \$4,300 that will be used to support our United Women in Faith mission giving for 2022.

## **UWF CALENDAR for APRIL**

All United Women in Faith events, circles and ministries are open to all women and youth of BJUMC, friends, and the community.

**Mondays at 9:00am, Walk and Talk** will meet at Harry Dunham Park, weather permitting. We meet in the parking lot off Liberty Corner Road and walk for about one hour. Open to all!! Contact person: Barbara Conca, [conca@optonline.net](mailto:conca@optonline.net)

**Tuesday, April 19th at 5:30pm New Circle** will meet for dinner at The Claremont Tavern in Bernardsville. Join us for a time of food, fellowship and fun. All are welcome. Contact Linda Cargo, [cargoph@aol.com](mailto:cargoph@aol.com) for more information.

**Tuesday, April 26th at 9:30am, Grace Circle** will meet at the home of Gloria Walker, 14 Valley View Drive, Basking Ridge. Contact person: Gloria Walker, [ghwalker1046@gmail.com](mailto:ghwalker1046@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, April 26th, 7:00pm, Hearts2Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet in the Youth Room. Contact person: Linda Cargo, [cargoph@aol.com](mailto:cargoph@aol.com). All are welcome to join us. Supplies provided. No experience is needed.

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**Tuesday, May 10th at 11:30am** we plan to meet at Leonard J. Buck Garden in Far Hills for a picnic lunch, discussion, and afternoon stroll through the garden.

**Tuesday, June 7th at 11:30am** we plan to meet at Natirar in Gladstone for a picnic lunch, discussion and afternoon stroll through the park.

# ADULT SMALL GROUP STUDIES

April 2022

## Spring 2022 Adult Small Group Studies

Our adult small group study program continues this spring. Due to the current state of the pandemic, we will be holding these programs through a hybrid approach of in-person and remote via Zoom.

Our gatherings are held on **Sunday mornings from 11am until 12 noon**. We hope that you can join us as we continue on our faith journey together. To join us online, the link to all of our classes can be found by clicking [HERE](#), or on the Bishop Janes website ([www.bjumc.org](http://www.bjumc.org)) or Midweek Minute. Here's what we have in store for the remainder of this year:

- ***What's So Amazing About Grace (April 24 – June 12)***. This study by Philip Yancy begins on **Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** and looks at grace; what it is, why it is so precious, and how to integrate it into your life. We'll do two sessions and then take a break for Lent. We'll pick up our program on grace on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and go until the end of the school year.
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- ***Savior, What the Bible Says About the Cross (March 6 – April 10)***. This Lenten class, created by Pastor Magrey deVega, helps us unpack the significance of the atonement and some of the theories that have been put forth for the mystery of salvation through the cross.

We hope you'll consider joining some or all of our small group discussions. If you have any question, please contact Ted Schroeder at [dotcschroeder@yahoo.com](mailto:dotcschroeder@yahoo.com), or Kevin Dresely at [ddresely@comcast.net](mailto:ddresely@comcast.net).

# WELCOME ALL Membership Directory Update



Have you ever tried to contact someone from Church and could not find their phone number? Good news, Cheryl Beyer, Welcome All Team Chair, is updating our Membership directory. and asking for your help in updating your contact information for our directory for the use of our church family

Please provide all of your current contact information, names, phone numbers, email addresses, address, cell phone numbers and names of family members in your household.

All of your information is needed for our church records but **we need your authorization for what contact information you would like put in the directory.** Please confirm that you want all, some or none of your contact information in the directory.

Please respond as soon as possible with your current information to help us to accomplish this task in a timely manner.

Thank you!

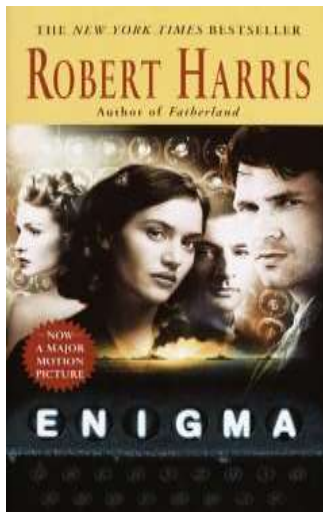
Cheryl Beyer contact information:

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908 672-6220

## **BOOK GROUP**

If you like to read and discuss books, join the BJUMC Book Group. It meets monthly, usually on the 2nd Thursday of the month from September-November and January-May at 7:00 p.m. in classroom 3 /4. Members suggest which books are discussed- all types and genres are considered. New members are welcome! Below are our selections for April and May. The April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12 (rather than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday) because of Holy week. Please bring book suggestions for the fall. Contact Janet Kaefer at [jbkaefer@optonline.net](mailto:jbkaefer@optonline.net) for additional information, or to add your name to the email distribution list for Book Group. Happy reading!



**April 12 (Tuesday), 2022:** Enigma by Robert Harris (led by Art Martin)

"LITERATE AND SAVVY . . . BRIMS WITH WARTIME INTRIGUE."

--The Washington Post Book World

England 1943. Much of the infamous Nazi Enigma code has been cracked. But Shark, the impenetrable operational cipher used by Nazi U-boats, has masked the Germans' movements, allowing them to destroy a record number of Allied vessels. Feeling that the blood of Allied sailors is on their hands, a top-secret team of British cryptographers works feverishly around the clock to break Shark. And

when brilliant mathematician Tom Jericho succeeds, it is the stuff of legend. . . .

"A TENSE AND THOUGHTFUL THRILLER."

--San Francisco Chronicle

Until the unthinkable happens: the Germans have somehow learned that Shark has been cracked. And they've changed the code. . . .

"SUSPENSEFUL AND FASCINATING."

--The Orlando Sentinel

As an Allied convoy crosses the U-boat infested North Atlantic . . . as Jericho's ex-lover Claire disappears amid accusations that she is a Nazi collaborator . . . as Jericho strains his last resources to break Shark again, he cannot escape the ultimate truth: There is a traitor among them. . . .

"GRIPPING . . . CAPTIVATING ." --New York Daily News

"ELEGANTLY RESEARCHED . . . Readers will find themselves perfectly placed to experience one of Britain's finest hours."

--People

"SATISFYING . . . Harris does a crackerjack job here, playing his characters' lives off historical events in surprising ways."

--Entertainment Weekly

"SUSPENSEFUL . . . FIENDISHLY CLEVER."

--Detroit Free Press



**May 12, 2022:** American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins (led by Tami Lane)

Jeanine Cummins's *American Dirt*, the #1 New York Times bestseller and Oprah Book Club pick that has sold over two million copies

Lydia lives in Acapulco. She has a son, Luca, the love of her life, and a wonderful husband who is a journalist. And while cracks are beginning to show in Acapulco because of the cartels, Lydia's life is, by and large, fairly comfortable. But after her husband's tell-all profile of the newest drug lord is published, none of their lives will ever be the same.

Forced to flee, Lydia and Luca find themselves joining the countless people trying to reach the United States. Lydia soon sees that everyone is running from something. But what exactly are they running to?

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Over the last year or two, our church has switched from a staff led model to a volunteer led model. We still have a lot of things around the church which need volunteers, in order to maintain our ministries. Most Ministry teams have modified a lot of their programming to make them more volunteer friendly. As a church, we uplift and thank all of our volunteers for the work they do to make this a wonderful place to worship, fellowship, and be a part of the body of Christ in Mission!

## ***Just a few of the places we need more volunteers:***

- ***AN URGENT NEED FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO RUN THE SOUND DESK AND HELP WITH OUR WORSHIP***
- **Counters**
- **Sunday School Volunteers for September**
- **Family Ministries Team (Event Planning and execution)**
- **Local Missions Teams: Foodbanks, Contact/Service Team, Evergreen Cemetery and more!**



## *Share with your Friends!*



Inviting your friends to church has never been easier. With so many options to choose from: daily devotions, worship services, small groups, all you have to do is share the link with a friend.

- “Liking” is different from sharing. We appreciate the likes, it makes us feel all warm and fuzzy inside, and lets us know people appreciate our work, but sharing is a way you can profess your faith, and invite others to join you. It’s really that simple!
- To share just click the **share** button on the Facebook post, and it will be on your page, so your friends know what your interests are. It’s a simple way of sharing your faith. No longer can you say, “I don’t have the words,” all you have to do is click the **share** button, and you’re done. It’s that simple