**Simpson Speaker**

**november/december 2019**



**“Committed by Faith, We Build and Grow”**

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**Rev. Kevin G. Davis, Pastor**

Holiday Services

**Thanksgiving Sunday Service November 24th 10 am Thanksgiving Eve Service November 26th 7:30 PM**

**Christmas Eve Services December 24th 7 pm & 11 pm**

Dear Friends,

Come! Invite! Participate!

We are quickly approaching an amazing season in the life of the church! In the coming weeks we will gather to honor and remember those whom God has called home. We will gather in worship and times of fellowship to give thanks for God’s blessing and providence! We will enter a season of preparation in Advent, and we will once again celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

What an awesome time in the life of the church!

Keep watch for a new worship and study opportunity. “Dessert Church” is coming! We have upgraded our website, and are committed to sharing our worship services on Facebook Live, and eventually on the web page. We will do our best to keep you informed through email and social media of what is going on in the life of your church! We want you to continue to be a vital part of what God is doing here at Simpson!

Come! Be with us whenever and wherever you can!

Invite! Bring someone new into the family!

Participate! Engage with us in mission and service opportunities that will be coming!

May we continue to grow in our faith together, especially in this exciting season of mission and ministry!

God bless us all!

Pastor Kevin

**Neighborhood business directory**

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| **Century 21**  Action Plus Realty  **Michelle Pearson**  Office: 1-800-299-2129  Cell: 908-421-0923  mpearson@actionplusrealty.com | **CHESTNUT HILL**  **CEMETERY** Burial plots available **732-254-0933** |
| **Bagel Boy**  **2329 Route 516**  **(Jake Brown Plaza)**  **732-679-5020**  **Fax: 732-679-5024**  **Custom Catering**  **Rich Ben** | **BRUNSWICK MEMORIAL**  **FUNERAL HOME**  **732-254-9393**  Michael Kulbacki Randy Gagnon  Manager Assistant Manager  NJ Lic. #4870 NJ Lic. #5006 |

**SUPERMARKET GIFT CARD NEWS**

DON'T FORGET.....  SUPERMARKET GIFT CARDS MAKE WONDERFUL GIFTS FOR THOSE ON YOUR LIST WHO HAVE EVERYTHING !  
      HAPPY HOLIDAYS  !!

Anita Fuzesi, Program Coordinator

Our annual church conference is

Saturday, November 2nd

10 am - 2 pm at Aldersgate UMC East Brunswick

All are invited to attend

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| **NOVEMBER  BIRTHDAYS**  Willow Caffrey 2  Daniel Palladino 4  William Jarvis 7  Joseph Layton 8  Denise Trimarco 11  Ashley Gaunt Brooks 13  Joey Davis 15  Steven Fasulka 15  Mina Opoku 16  Kelly Jarvis (Donohue) 19  Jayden Alexander Thompson 20  James Baron 21  Kristin Hart 23  Monica Gamadia 24  James Ploskon 24  Irene Ritz 25  Logan LoCascio                     26  Danielle Murphy 26  Miranda Yeats 30 NOVEMBER  ANNIVERSARIES Leonard and Pat Cosgrove 4  Rob and Sue DeFilippo 4  Reggie and Carol Tucker 10 | DECEMBER  BIRTHDAYS Bob Fuzesi 5  Axel Malson Cornelison 7  Mary Jane Ziobro                   10  Payton Holowinski 16  Donna Callahan 19  Anita Fuzesi 19  Jefferson Husarenko 19  Elmer Camba 26  Brittany Yeats 27  Caylee Salica 29  Nancy Magaw 30 DECEMBER  ANNIVERSARIES Elmer and Tess Camba 26 |

**Food Basket Collection Dates**

**please bring your donations before the delivery**

**Thanksgiving Delivery is November 24th**

**Christmas Delivery is December 22nd** **Lay Leader Lines**

Year number 3 for our Pumpkin Patch re-do. What a blessing for all that participate and all who visit. This year Zoofari was a very nice addition to the Patch. The children that enjoyed VBS got to have a pleasant re-visit. And those who were new got to experience what fun VBS can be. Perhaps we will have a few new students for VBS 2020.

We were blessed when the SWIM ladies organized a spaghetti dinner for us all to enjoy. The food and fellowship were a wonderful combination.

Please be ready for our interfaith Thanksgiving service. It will be Nov. 26th at 7:30 right here at Simpson. Four faiths united to remember how thankful we are all to be able to worship our God together. There is fellowship after the service, so it will be appreciated if goodies would be donated. Hope to see you all there.

Your Sister in Christ Nancy Magaw, Lay Leader

**WORDS on WORSHIP**

The coolness of the air and the changing colors of the leaves remind us that the last quarter of the year is upon us. September services were traditional in nature and Chancel Choir returned with better sounding performances facing the congregation. October started with World Communion Sunday and as of this writing, we have just concluded Laity Sunday. We still have to celebrate Reformation Sunday as the last Sunday of the month.

November and December worship schedules are as follow:

\* NOVEMBER.

3 - Communion Sunday; All Saints Sunday; 21st Sunday After Pentecost

10 - Traditional Service; Veteran's Sunday; 22nd Sunday After Pentecost

17- Traditional Service; 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

24 - Traditional Service; Thanksgiving Sunday; Christ the King Sunday

**26 - Eve Before Thanksgiving Eve Service/Interfaith Service with SUMC hosting**

**30 - Decorating Church for Advent**

\* DECEMBER

1 - Communion Sunday; First Sunday of Advent; Ornament Hanging Sunday

8 - Traditional Service; Second Sunday of Advent

15 - Traditional Service; Third Sunday of Advent

**21 - Set up Christmas Cross at 9 am**

22 - Traditional Service; Fourth Sunday of Advent

24 - Christmas Eve Services ( 7 pm and 11 pm)

29- Youth-Led Service; First Sunday After Christmas

The CAYA services continue early on Sundays with Pastor and Taeshin taking turns in leading. Pastor is still thinking of having a midweek service to incorporate Praise and Bible Study. This may pave way for Praise Team to be reunited.

We have procured banners to celebrate the seasons and hope to have a better sound system for the remaining services of the year. Thanks to all of you who participated in the fundraiser for the repair/tuning of the Bells. We look forward to the Bell choir blessing us with their performance for the Holidays. Likewise, we extend a great "thank you" for provisions/additions in the nursery.

Because of the busyness of the last quarter and the sprucing up that needs to be done for the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, we request those who are able to spare some of their time for decorating the church and the Hall. We also encourage everyone to participate in our Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. Simpson is hosting this year and it will be nice if we can show our neighbors our hospitality and spend time in fellowship.

We are into the last services of the year. Let us remember our blessings and be in thanksgiving. Prepare for the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and participate in all worship events. Let us be one in Spirit and proclaim the love of God. What does this season mean to you? Go tell it to your neighbors and spread the Good News. Look forward to 2020 with a better vision for worship, service and ministry. Let us remember our PURPOSE as children of God.

In God's grace and love,

Tess Camba

**SPEAKING OF THE MEMBERS**

**Gail Thompson** I am working part time teaching girls to sew.  I am at a catholic church in E. Brunswick and at a community center in Westfield.  It is nice to teach the girls and do my part in ensuring that the future generation will enjoy sewing for years to come.  I sew and/or able to do alterations to clothes.  I also like to sew simple designs for drapes and other home accessories. Please look at various things I've sewn on Etsy.com - name of my shop is SewingByGaylien (enter shop name in search box).  If you want to order something email or call me because no shipping will be charged.  DO NOT ORDER THROUGH ETSY BECAUSE THERE WILL BE A PROBLEM WITH THE ORDER SINCE IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SHIP IT. .

**Continuous prayers are needed for :**

**Mae DiPaolo, Jane Gregor, Emma Himey, Pat Iko, Frank Kardashian, Harriet Mitchell, Jimmy Robinson, Jr., Jean Sampson**

Do you have any news to share with our church family? Please submit your news to Karen Gaunt in the church office.

**Gift Card Fundraiser**

I will be taking gift card orders on 12/8 and will distribute them on 12/15. This is a great opportunity to avoid the crowds when holiday shopping. If you would like to order gift cards, please have them to me by the end of service on 12/8. I will be processing the order right after service to ensure the cards will be available to you the following week. By ordering gift cards you can help contribute to items we need at Simpson. With this fundraiser we have purchased table caddies for Simpson Hall, a new vacuum and a tablet to be used with our new credit card reader which enables us to increase funds. I am happy to announce that gift cards can now be purchased with credit cards with our reader or by ordering directly on [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com/). Soon we will be offering a time for assistance with showing you how easy it is. Please watch for a date in November. If you have any questions about this fundraiser, please feel free to contact me.

God bless, Sue DeFilippo

**OUTREACH**

**COMMUNION:** November communion will be going Neighborhood Center of Camden. At the Neighborhood Center, we are breaking the cycle of poverty by offering Academic, Athletic, and Arts programs for children and teenagers. Our programs provide a safe and fun space for children and teens to engage in activities that challenge them. December communion will go towards Feed the Children. This mission helps feed the hungry.We believe that we should create a world where no child goes to bed hungry

**FOOD PANTRY:** Our food pantry is running low. Please don’t forget to bring your nonperishable items to the Lords table 1st & last Sunday of every month.

**CHANGE FOR L.I.F.E.** Our change for life is still going on. This will be going towards Heifer International. Heifer International's mission is to work with communities to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth.

**VISITATION:** We were not able to visit any of our shut-ins. At this time visitations are on hiatus.

**BASKETS**: Yes, it’s that time of the year already!!! We will be preparing and delivering Thanksgiving baskets November 24th right after church with the youth group. December baskets will be prepared and delivered on December 22nd right after church with the youth group.  We will be using our very own Simpson reusable bags!!!

**SIMPSON REUSABLE BAGS**: We now have our very own Simpson bags, if anyone would like to buy them they are $2.00 each or just make a donation.

You can either see me or there is a table in the hallway with bags just place the payment in the envelope. The money that is collected will be going to the Youth Groups Missions.

God Bless,

Nancy Carrasquillo

Mission Chairperson

**Sunday school**

**Sunday School every Sunday, at 9 am.**

Sunday school is lots of fun. There is singing, storytelling, crafts, parties and more. Come join us each Sunday when we explore the wonderful stories of the bible. We look forward to seeing everyone each week so we can explore the bible together.

Zoofari! was a lot of fun on Sun., Oct 13. There were lots of laughter watching the children enjoy the games and crafts. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked to make it a success.

* **There will be no Sunday school on Sunday, 12/1, due to the Thanks giving weekend.**
* **Sunday, 12/8 from 11 – 1 there will be an Ornament and Mission project completion party. The Sunday school are putting together hygiene kits for UMCOR. The students are collecting the needed items, on 12/8 we will assemble the kits and make them ready to ship.**
* **On 12/22 the children will present a Christmas program during the service.**
* **There will be no Sunday school on 12/29 due to the Christmas and New Year holiday.**

If you would like to register your children ages 4 to high school. Just email Lynn Palladino, Sunday School Superintendent, [lynnpalladino@comcast.net](mailto:lynnpalladino@comcast.net) for a registration form and come join us any Sunday. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 732-718-1725.

**Sunday school teachers and helpers are needed.** Please feel free to talk with me about teaching Sunday school. It is rewarding and a great way to expand your knowledge of the bible and the stories within. Prayerfully consider giving your time to enrich a child’s world with the word of God.

Respectfully yours,  
Lynn Palladino  
Sunday School Superintendent

**RU Football Program Fundraiser**

Another season of Rutgers football is almost over, but we still have some opportunities to sell programs and raise money for Simpson! For those of you who are not aware of this fundraising program, Rutgers University has given Simpson UMC the sole privilege of selling game programs at all of the home football games. We arrive at Rutgers Stadium 3 hours prior to kickoff and we sell the programs through half-time. In return for our time and efforts, Rutgers pays us 15% of the total sales from the programs.

The home games scheduled for November are:

**Sat Nov 16 vs. Ohio St: game time not yet set**

**Sat Nov 23 vs. Mich St; game time not yet set**

Please contact Scott Hunter @ [RU1989@aol.com](mailto:RU1989@aol.com) or by phone/text at 908-705-3315 if you are interested in this exciting fundraising opportunity or if you have any questions. There will also be sign-up sheets in the Church hallway.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Among the things the youth group did during September and October were helped at the church spaghetti dinner, led worship one Sunday, attended Ignite youth retreat, and helped set up the zoofari event for VBS. We look forward to a great ending to 2019! The November and December schedule is not set yet for these months but some of the highlights already on the calendar are:

**Sun Nov 24 (after church -approx 2pm)- Prepare and deliver food baskets to area families**

**Sat Nov 30- Decorate Christmas wreaths**

**Sat Dec 7 – NYC trip**

**Sun Dec 15- Youth group Christmas party**

**Sun Dec 22 (after church-approx 2pm)- Prepare and deliver food baskets to area families**

**Sun Dec 29- Youth lead worship service**

There will be more going on in November and December so all youth group members please make sure to check your emails and your text messages for updates! Throughout the year the youth group participates in events focusing on missions, fun, fellowship, and fundraising, all the while growing in your faith. The youth group is open to anyone in grades 6-12, and you don’t have to be a member of Simpson UMC to be a member of the youth group. Friends are welcome as well! If you have any questions or comments about the youth group, please feel free to contact Scott by email at [RU1989@aol.com](mailto:RU1989@aol.com) or by phone or text at 908-705-3315.

Scott Hunter , Youth Group Leader

**ShareGood Thrift Shoppe**

Its Fall and you can see evidence of that at ShareGood. We already have our Halloween costumes and Christmas items on display. We will be adding items each week until the room is a HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA. It is always a lot of fun for the customers to search through the holiday items for the one special thing that says Christmas to them. Our “Anything in a Bag Sale” for $5 during the second week in October was a success. Our customers love it and we get a chance to clear the shelves. ShareGood always stands ready to help where help is needed. An update on our outgoing mission work: We have continued to donate medical supplied to the medical mission in Nigeria. Sent more Bibles and religious books to the Prison Ministry at the Garden State Youth Correctional Facility. We made our bi-annual run to the Shelters with items donated to the shop and from the congregation. Thank you to everyone who donated. We took three bags of personal items and laundry products to 4 shelters, The Antonia Maria Foundation for women, The Center for Greater Expectations for pregnant teens, Christians Charity Men’s shelter in New Brunswick, Ronald McDonald House. We also sent 9 bags of coats to the St. Vincent De Paul Coat Drive. Children’s books went to North Brunswick Food Pantry. We are involved in our own missions and the missions of our customers. We learn about the situations in their families, countries and neighborhoods. It fills our hearts with compassion to hear their stories and have the opportunity to help. The Thrift Shop is a wonderful outreach opportunity for Simpson and I encourage everyone to come out and see what all the fuss is about. You will not be disappointed. Oh, and remember to follow us on Facebook at [*sharegoodthriftshoppe@facebook.com*](mailto:sharegoodthriftshoppe@facebook.com). **ShareGood will be closed Nov. 28 & 30 for Thanksgiving weekend and the last two weeks in December we will be closed for the holiday break from Dec 24 through the Jan. 4 and will reopen Tuesday, Jan, 7, 2020.**

*We take what is given to us and share it with others through the shop and by assisting others to fulfill their mission to those less fortunate*.

Respectfully yours,  
Lynn Palladino   
ShareGood Thrift Shoppe Chairperson



**Deadline for Placing Order** is **Nov. 18th**

**$5.00 per Plant**

**Name:**

**Phone Number:**

**In Honor Of:**

**In Memory Of:**

**( ) I will take my plant following Christmas Eve worship**

**( ) Please deliver my plant to shut-in**

# Checks Payable to SUMC

**Give to Karen Gaunt**

**For more info. Karen 732-679-8416.**

**Simpson Women in Mission  (SWIM)**

The spaghetti dinner we hosted on September 28th was successful.  Being our first we did not have any guidelines to go by, but the end result was we made a profit of $872.00.  Thank you to all for your support , especially for the help in the kitchen. On Sunday morning, after worship, we had a mini bake sale with the desserts that were leftover.  Another $65.00 was made.

**Our annual December bake sale will be on December 8th.**  Having a cookie exchange in December was discussed.  A tentative date of December 15th was discussed, but with so many activities going on that project may have to be postponed.

Another fundraiser was presented.  SWIM was asked by a friend of a church member if she could display and sell her art work in Simpson Hall and would give us 10% of her sales.  After a discussion we felt that this is not something that is a good fit for our church or SWIM.

Our annual December dining out dinner will be on Tuesday, December 17th.  Place to be determined at our November meeting.  All women are welcome.

Respectfully,

Dotty Himelrick, President



**SWIM Bake Sale**

**December 8th**

**immediately following worship**