

MINISTRY & FELLOWSHIP AT JOHN WESLEY

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Rummage Sale Update: Sale Coordinator, Aline Ward, wanted everyone to know that the final tally for last month's Spring Rummage Sale is \$7,400!! Amazing! Also, if you are the owner of a pad-locked cubbie in the back closet off the Fellowship Hall, please contact Aline at (508) 444-6038 or aw7050@comcast.net.

New Member Informational Meeting – Wednesday, June 6th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Are you interested in learning more about John Wesley or joining our church? Come, ask questions, get to know the church more, and meet others who want to be part of our growth and outreach. We will welcome new members on Celebration Sunday, June 24th. For more information or if you plan to attend please see Pastor Rebecca.

CHILDREN & YOUTH EVENTS:

There will be **NO Youth Group** Tonight. Enjoy this Mother's Day with your family. Make sure she knows how much you love and appreciate her! **Middle/Jr. High Youth Group** meets next Sunday, May 20th.

Gosnold "Sticker Shock" Service Project (Saturday, May 19th from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm) We're asking all students (7-12th grade) to help participate in a prevention campaign for Gosnold that day. Students will go into Falmouth liquor stores and place over 6,400 "Parents Who Host, Lose the Most" stickers on paper bags, making adults aware it is illegal to provide alcohol to people under 21. Contact Allison today as transportation needs to be coordinated.

Youth Group Mission Trip (July 25-28, Winthrop, Maine): Students entering 7th grade and above are invited to join us for our Annual Summer Mission Trip to Methodist Camp Mechuwana where we'll be helping remodel a school into emergency apartments for single mothers and possibly serving at a local nursing home and thrift shop. There will be activities such as swimming/boating in the lake, bonfires, outdoor sports and more. Please speak with Allison if you have any questions and/or your student(s) are interested in going!

"Shipwrecked" Vacation Bible School (August 20-25, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm): Registration is open for this Summer's Vacation Bible School. Perfect for children entering Kindergarten through 5th grade! Please speak to Allison if you're interested in getting involved!

Recap: 15-Hour Shoe Fast/Simulation: Thank you so much to all the students who joined us in fasting and simulating what it must feel like to live barefoot. Our group participated in meaningful discussion, Bible reading, activities, games, foot washing, a bonfire and so much more! Ask a student what their favorite part was! A special thank you so all the adults that chaperoned and served with us, including Henry Brown, Tim Cline, Lorretta Croft, Cherylann Randall, Gary Bernhardt and Larry & Karyn Briggs

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Sunday is Pentecost, so in honor of the "tongues of fire" that enabled the disciples to go out and preach to all nations, **we will wear our red John Wesley tee shirts.** It is also Confirmation Sunday at 10:30 service, so please come celebrate and welcome our new Confirmands.

At the conclusion of today's service, we offer you the opportunity for prayer after the 10:30 service. We have **prayer teams who are willing to pray** with or for you or a loved one or friend. Your prayer request is kept confidential. You are invited to come forward, but if you prefer to stay in your pew, the prayer teams will come to you.

The deadline for the June newsletter is May 15th. Please submit any articles for this edition to Laura by that date: jwumcfalmouth@comcast.net.

Plant Sale Help – The sale will be Friday, May 25, 9 am - 6 pm and Saturday, May 26, 9 am – 2 pm. Volunteers arrive at 8:30 to prepare for the sale. Set up will be on Thursday, May 24 with heavy work (tents & tables) from 9 am – 12 pm and light work (unload & organize plants) from 1 pm – 5 pm. We need a security guard to watch the plants on Thur. & Fri. evenings from 7 pm – 11 pm. Pack up will be Saturday, May 26, 2 pm – 4 pm. This is wonderful fundraiser for the church and brings people from the community to our church and grounds. If you can help, please contact Tom Hoke at tomhoke@att.net or 617-834-8124. Or leave your contact info on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board and Tom will contact you!

We have a limited supply of red t-shirts available for anyone who needs one. The cost is \$10. (exact cash or check). Sizes range from small—2XL. Everyone is invited to wear their red shirts for Pentecost on May 20th, and if you're volunteering at the upcoming Plant Sale, you'll want to wear your shirt then. See Laura in the office or call (508) 548-3050.

Prayer Group meets on the second through fourth (or fifth) Wednesday of the month at noon in the Chapel. This is a meaningful, quiet time where we begin with music, scripture and then move into a time of prayers of thanksgiving and intercession for our church, members, friends, and the world. Participants are free to pray silently or aloud as they wish. It last about ½ hour – 45 minutes.

Save These Dates: The 2018 Annual Christmas Fair has been set. Please mark your calendars for November 16-17th. Contact Aline Ward at aw7050@comcast.net or 508-444-6038 with any questions or comments. Please consider being part of our fun team.

Lost and Found: If you've lost something recently, check the Lost and Found basket in the Church Office. Your lost item could be there. We will be doing a mid-year "clean-out" of the basket this month, so come in and look soon. Eyeglasses left behind will be donated to the Lions Eye Research container, and clothing, jewelry, and books will be donated to the Christmas Fair.

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SPIRITUAL GROWTH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Change of date – Men’s Breakfast. For May, the Men’s Breakfast is moved to the 4th Tuesday, May 22nd at 7:30.

How do we know Jesus is who we believe he is? Spend 6 weeks in the book of Hebrews and go deeper in your understanding of Jesus' identity, both within the Jewish faith and in our own lives. Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the Library. The study guide is \$10 from the church office

Blast from the Past: A 6-week Bible study for anyone who hasn't read the Bible much recently (or ever). We'll revisit some of the common Bible stories and passages you may have heard in Sunday School, as we learn how to read and understand the Bible. Both a Sunday morning at 9:30 and a Tuesday evening class at 6:30 are offered. Books are available for sale for \$10 in the office (check or exact amount cash). Contact Jenn Linton – 508-548-2792.

Methodism: “How it came to be and the great people who made it happen.” Led by Ted Burt on Thursday mornings 11:00 – 12:00 beginning May 3rd through June 14th, omitting May 31st. This is a fun and enlightening, interactive time. Come prepared to participate in conversations and (interesting) homework before each meeting. No books necessary.

OUTREACH MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

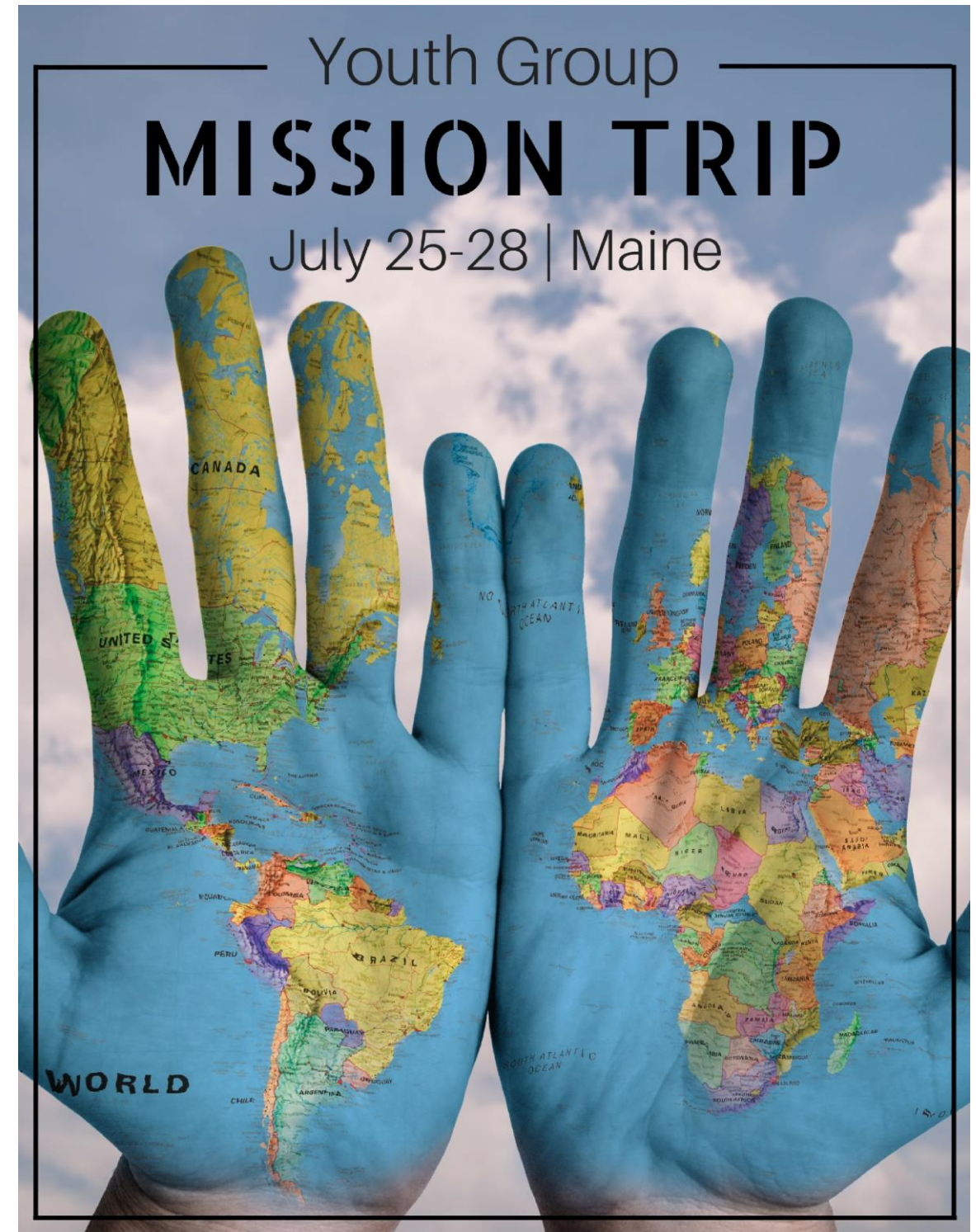
Our ministry has teamed up with **Flower Angels, USA**, an organization that spreads kindness and love by recycling flowers to create new bouquets and delivering them to people living in nursing facilities. Marjorie Dean will be reaching out to those who have supplied flowers for the church services to ask if they wish to donate to this worthwhile cause. Flowers can also be donated from other personal events, such as weddings and funerals.

You can **“Change the world”** every Sunday by putting your loose change in the offering plate. In May, we will support Betty Smith’s fundraising goal for *World Vision’s 2018 Global 6K for Water*. On Saturday May 19th, run with Betty, cheer her on, and/or donate to this worthy cause!!

Service Center Special Collection: In May, we are asking for donations of cereals and other non-perishable healthy breakfast foods. When choosing your donations, please keep in mind healthy foods. It may be difficult to find any cereal or food that has no sugar, but the less sugar the better. Donations can be dropped off in the receptacle in the Fellowship Hall for delivery at the end of the month.

We are looking for volunteers for the Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, August 17th to help set up the hall in the morning and to clean-up the kitchen following the dinner. Please contact Nancy Leger at 508-457-0398.

The next Outreach ministry meeting will be held on May 21st at 6:30pm, due to the Memorial Day holiday.



PLANT SALE

SPREAD THE WORD TO FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS



SET UP: Thursday, May 24 - 9 to 5
SALE: Friday, May 25 - 9 to 6
Saturday, May 26 - 9 to 2

John Wesley United Methodist Church
270 Gifford St., Falmouth, MA



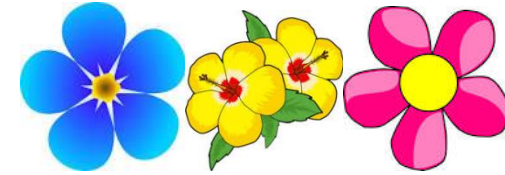
Selections of:
Annuals and Perennials
Hanging Baskets
Vegetable and Herbs



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, CONTACT TOM HOKE:
Email: tomhoke@att.net ... Cell: 617-834-8124



Altar Flowers



Each week church goers have the opportunity to purchase flowers to adorn our altar at the cost of \$40.00. Unfortunately, if no one signs up to purchase flowers our altar will be bare of a floral arrangement. Only the candles and bible will adorn the altar.

The donor may take the flowers after the 10:30 service. Otherwise, as part of our Outreach Mission of the Church, the flowers will be donated to a non-profit organization called "Flower Angels". They re-arrange the flowers and distribute them to nursing homes and hospitals. In this respect, the altar flowers have a dual purpose.

The following dates are available:

July 22; August 5, 19; September 23;
October 14, 21, 28; November 4, 11;

In addition, the entire month of December, except the Sunday before Christmas.

Please sign up on the flower chart posted on the Altar Guild closet door just outside the Sanctuary. Make check payable to JWUMC Altar Guild and place in the mail box outside of the office door.

If you have any questions please call Donna Fish 508-524-2250.