

The Mt. Fern United Methodist Church Welcomes You!

August 1, 2010

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 A.M.

*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.
Open hearts, open minds, open doors.*

THE PEOPLE GATHER AND PRAISE

Choruses of Praise

Greetings, Shared Joys and Announcements (Those not listed in the bulletin)
(Please sign friendship pads)

*The Call to Worship

Wealth is a funny thing. Strange as it may seem, it is the best way to poverty.

Are you saying we ought to feel sinful if we have money in the bank?

**No, but be careful how much value you give to what you own. True worth is not
determined by what you own, but by who owns you.**

Life is our most prized possession. And we want God to be in control of it. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise *"We Gather Together"* No. 131

*Invocation Prayer

A Reading from the Old Testament Hosea 11:1-11 O.T. 842

A Ministry of Gifts & Talents *"Fill My Cup, Lord"*
Linda & Elizabeth Verge & Karen Evans

A Moment with Our Children (Come forward)

*The Fellowship Greeting of Peace

EXPRESSIONS OF THE WORD

Prayers and Concerns for Others

Response: "Lord, hear our Prayer"

Words of Assurance and Prayer for Pardon

The Lord's Prayer (All)

*The Hymn of Preparation *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* No. 618

A Reading of the New Testament Colossians 3:1-11 N.T. 201

Unison Prayer of Confession:

**Father, we come weighted down with the problems of a wealthy society, and yet we
complain about what we do not have. Our bank accounts have become our Bibles.
Interest and dividends are the blessings we seek. But we are poor. Forgive us for
our warped sense of, distorted by our greed. Forgive us for our anxiety over wealth,
while at the same time we have little concern for our spiritual welfare. Make us rich
with the gifts of your Spirit which inflation, or a depression, or even death cannot
take from us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

*Gospel Lesson Luke 12:13-21 N.T. 74

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

*The Gloria Patri (all face the cross and sing) No. 70

The Sermon: *"The Gospel According to Gordon Gecko"* The Rev. Jack M. Copas

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Musical Selection

*Presentation of Offerings and the Doxology No. 95

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The Hymn of Dedication *"Be Thou My Vision"* No. 451

*Benediction

*Musical Postlude

(* = all who are able please stand)

The Rev. Jack M. Copas, D-Min.
Organist/Choir Director: Jeff Evans
Liturgist – David Edwards, M Div.
The Ushers at 9:30 a.m. – Jeff Minno & Joel Ercolani

This Week's Activities – August 1, 2010

Today - **9:30 a.m. – Worship & Communion**
11:00 a.m. - Envision

Monday - 7:00 p.m. – *Al-Anon/AA*

Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. – Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Black River Piecemakers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Ministry of Gifts and Talents - Running through Labor Day Sunday, we are looking for instrumentalists, singers, worship dancers, poets, visual artists, puppeteers, actors, pantomimists—whatever your art form--to volunteer to share in the **Ministry of Gifts and Talents** for the day. We're continuing what we began three summers ago—broadening the scope from the traditional "Ministry of Music" concept to make it possible for more people to participate. *Any* type of art form (vocal, instrumental, ensemble, music--accompanied, performance track or unaccompanied, dance, poetry, dramatic reading, skit, puppetry, pantomime, visual arts, etc.) and in *any* style is welcome! This list is not exclusive; it's just what came to mind. **The only real requirement for doing a Ministry of Gifts and Talents is that the person doing it wants to do his/her best, with a heart to please the Lord.** Please resist the temptation to decline this opportunity because you feel you're not "good enough". That's not what this is about. Please prayerfully consider being a part of our Ministry of Gifts and Talents this summer. You will be blessed and, I am sure, will be a blessing to others! This would be a wonderful chance for your child to "get his/her feet wet" in being in front of people. What better place to start than with your loving church family? **Sign-up on the rolling bulletin board.** If you have any questions, please call Jeff Evans at 973-366-44418.

Drop your birthday pennies in the Heifer International Bank.

Pastor Jack is inviting people to meet with him one-on-one at some mutually convenient time. Sign up on the rolling bulletin board.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please pray for the ministries of: The Greater N.J. Annual Conference; United Methodist Homes of N.J.; Interfaith Council for Homeless Families; and the churches and houses of worship in the Randolph area. Pray for Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar; and Skylands District Superintendent Renée McCleary.

Prayer chain requests should be sent to Rev. Jack M. Copas at copasjack56@gmail.com