



# UNITED INTOUCH

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## GUEST PREACHERS

While Pastor Walther is on vacation the following pastors will be preaching here at United:

August 3, 2008

Rev. Mark Kraai

August 10, 2008

Rev. Fred Mold

The Rev. Dr. Mark Kraai is certainly no stranger to United having served as our senior pastor from 1985 to 1998. Last month Mark retired from the faculty of New Brunswick Theological Seminary and at its June meeting the General Synod the RCA honored him with the title *Professor of General Synod Emeritus*. Later this month Mark and Linda move to their new homes in Kalamazoo, Michigan, where they will begin their active retirement. Following worship join us for a reception for Mark as he and Linda move from New Jersey to Michigan.

The Rev. Frederick Mold, Jr. is Pastor Emeritus of the Reformed Church of Tinton Falls, having previously served Reformed Churches in Middletown and Freehold, N.J. He is also Stated Clerk Emeritus of the Classis of New Brunswick. In 2003 he was declared Professor Emeritus in New Brunswick Theological Seminary having served as Vice President from 1979 to 1985 and Professor in the Department of Practical Theology for twenty-two years. Fred is currently the Stated Clerk of the Regional Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. He and his wife, Doris resides at Meadow Lakes in Hightstown N. J.

## PASTOR IS ON VACATION



Pastor Walther will be on vacation for three weeks beginning July 24, 2008. If you need pastoral care while he is relaxing, please give the church office a call.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Somerville Police Department is organizing and running the National Night Out celebration for Somerville at Exchange Field, Green Street on August 5, 2008 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. This celebration will include Police, Fire and EMS units. There will be activities for children at this event. National Night Out is a nationwide event that involves over 9,600 communities and military bases in the United States. The purpose for National Night Out is to publicly have the citizens show their resolve by doing such things as turning on and leaving on exterior lighting that day, church bells

ringing, numerous neighborhood events and a ride through by law enforcement.

## **SALE DAZE IS A COMIN'**

When cleaning out your closets, attics, garages or basements, don't forget SALE DAZE which will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 12 & 13. A "bunch of stuff" is already accumulating in the church basement. If you would be willing to help sort, price, test appliances to see what works and what doesn't, and discard what is not saleable, please contact Jane Huck at 908-725-0233. Jane will be scheduling time to have the Sale Daizies organize the stuff during August in the cool basement.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**When:** Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** Scampi's Seafood Restaurant

The Parish Life Committee has accepted Scampi's invitation to take part in the Scampi's Fundraiser Dinner Program. Scampi's does all the work, including having signage on their window. United needs to have 50 or more people dine at Scampi's on September 15<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. and United will receive 20% of the total food and beverage check (less gratuity and sales tax). Proceeds from this event will go toward the Lounge Redecoration project.

Scampi's Dinner Program is an easy, and delicious way to raise funds. A month ago, St. Johns took advantage of this program and raised over \$800. So, mark your calendars, save your money, build up your appetite, and come to Scampi's for dinner on September 15<sup>th</sup>. What a great way to start your week and enjoy a meal with friends and members of your church family.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

The Church family of Elizabeth Fowler congratulates her as she celebrates her 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of employment with the St. Joseph Rectory in Millstone.

## **JOURNEY TOWARDS A NEW DAY**

Community Care Hospice, 110 West End Avenue is sponsoring a Bereavement Support Group. The sessions will be held on Monday evenings, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. from September 22<sup>nd</sup> – October 27, 2008.

Advanced registration is required. The registration deadline is Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. The group is limited to 12 people. Please contact Angela Calogero, Bereavement Coordinator at 908-725-9355, ext. 2230 or by e-mail at [angela@communityvna.org](mailto:angela@communityvna.org). Group members will be encouraged to share their experiences, difficulties and strengths in a caring, compassionate and confidential atmosphere. *"Those we hold closest to our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they shared and the love they brought into our lives."*

## **RECYCLING AT UNITED**

A word about Somerset County and their recycling program. The Properties Committee of United is reminding all members and friends of our church to PLEASE recycle any plastic bottles or paper here at 100 West Main Street. There are blue recycling containers placed throughout the building. Please use them and help SAVE OUR PLANET. Somerset County is in its 21<sup>ST</sup> year of their recycling program. Let us do our part. Note: paper to be recycled can be placed in the box in the Sharon Thompson's office.

## **DO YOU HAVE A CONCERN?**

If you have a concern, please let the Church Administrator, Sharon Thompson know. We want to remember them in our prayers and mention their name in the "In Your Prayers" reminders for the week in our Sunday bulletin.



**Bible Readings for the Month**  
**August, 2008**

## CHRISMON WORKSHOPS

When would you like to get together to discuss the plans to repair and make new Chrismons? I have been in contact with another congregation for their expertise to guide us in this project. We will need to look at the Chrismons we have to repair them, purchase supplies to make some new ones and of course work together to create them. I also have some directions for counted cross stitch Chrismons, if anyone is interested in making a few, please let me know. I will put them together after the cross stitching is complete.

I want to set up a schedule in August to get started. If you are interested, please give me some dates that you would be available. Call me at 908-725-4545. Evenings or Saturdays are the best for me. This is going to be an exciting and fun program to be involved in. Christmas will be here before we know it. Let's get together soon. Thanks, Sharon Thompson

Sunday August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Genesis 32:22-31 or Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 17:1-7, 15 or Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21
Sunday August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 or I Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22 45b or Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33
Sunday August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Genesis 45:1-15 or Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 133 or Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-21a 29-32; Matthew 15 (10-20), 21-28
Sunday August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Exodus 1:8-2:10 or Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 124 or Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20
Sunday August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Exodus 3:1-15 or Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 5c or Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28



## UNITED GRADUATES 2008

<b>Rachel Sara Bennett</b>	Toms River High School – attending Boston University in the fall. Rachel's grandmother is Freddie Oakley.
<b>Kaitlin O'Rorke</b>	Hillsborough High School – attending Raritan Valley Community College in the fall. Kaitlin's mother is Lisa O'Rorke.
<b>Cassi Lea Wilbur</b>	University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's degree in Science and Nursing. Cassi's grandmother is Mildred Moore.

## OUR SUNDAY SERVERS FOR AUGUST, 2008

	<b>Ushers**</b>	<b>Counters</b>	<b>Coffee Hour**</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Nursery Care</b>
<b>3</b>	Deacons Serving Communion by Intinction	Michelle Lane Marge Rowell	Parish Life	Alice Gunzelman	*Heather Rogalski
<b>10</b>	Carol Davis Michelle Davis	James Phillips Kathy Phillips		Toni Moore	*Heather Rogalski
<b>17</b>	Stires	Cathy Stires Lois Mason		Millie Moore	*Heather Rogalski
<b>24</b>	Eileen Huntley Elizabeth Fowler	Jane Coleman Toni Moore		Dee Davall	*** No Nursery Care
<b>31</b>		Eileen Huntley Dee Davall		Millie Moore	*Heather Rogalski

**\*Volunteers are needed to join Heather in the Nursery. Please consider serving in this ministry to our youngest members and give the church office a call if you would like to help care for our children.**

**\*\* If you can volunteer to usher, or prepare coffee, please call the church office and add your name to the list or sign up during coffee hour. There are a few open dates ushering and coffee hour.**

**\*\*\* No Nursery Care available. Heather Rogalski will be vacationing that Sunday.**

## DATES TO REMEMBER IN

Sunday, August 3	10:00 a.m. Worship (Holy Communion The Rev. Dr. Mark Kraai preaching) 11:00 a.m. Lemonade/Coffee Hour 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Ignite
Sunday, August 10	10:00 a.m. Worship (Rev. Fred Mold preaching) 11:00 a.m. Lemonade/Coffee Hour 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Ignite
Wednesday, August 13	7:30 p.m. Investment Committee
Sunday, August 17	10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Lemonade/Coffee Hour 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Ignite
Friday, August 22	12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Ship's Galley (URC Hosts)
Sunday, August 24	10:00 a.m. Worship (Rev. Paul Van Elk preaching) 11:00 a.m. Lemonade/Coffee Hour 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Ignite
Monday, August 25	<b>INTOUCH DEADLINE</b>
Thursday, August 28	10:00 a.m. Collate Intouch
Sunday, August 31	10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Lemonade/Coffee Hour 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Ignite

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## **HUGS**

It's wondrous what a hug can do. It can cheer you up when you're feeling blue.  
A hug can say I love you so, and how I hate to see you go.

A hug means welcome back with cheer, it seems that you have been gone a year.  
A hug can soothe a small child's pain and bring a rainbow after rain.

About a hug there is no doubt, it's something we can't do without.  
A hug will warm, delight and charm. It must be why God made an arm.

Hugs are great for favorite aunts, 'twill help them more than potted plants.  
Kittens crave them, puppies love them. Heads of state are not above them.

A hug can break the language barrier, and make the dullest day far merrier.  
So stretch those arms without delay, and give someone a hug today.

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