

# 2018 Summer Swift Memorial Ministry Highlights

## October, 2018

### Vacation Bible School

by Pat Frost



We had 2018 Vacation Bible School August 13-17. There were 25 children participants, 16 adult volunteers (7 of which were 'teachers'), and 6 junior volunteers. And, I think they raised between \$200 & \$300 for the children's mission (Melissa can probably confirm amount). The contribution for VBS from congregation was over \$1,400.

### Sunday School

by Julia Chick

**Swift Memorial United Methodist Church** has two Sunday School classes and a Confirmation Class.

#### Discovering Jesus:

This is the newest class and is for children ages 4-7. The teachers are Julia Chick and Abigail Neff. The studies provided are from the "Gospel Light" curriculum. The studies provide simple lessons with crafts and colorings that teach about "Genesis" the beginning. Also an important part of our class is learning to pray. At the present time we are learning the Lord's prayer. The number of children attending can range from 4 to 8.

#### Sunday School 1101:

This is a class for children in 3rd to 6th grades. The teacher is Melissa Furtado with Sharon Kantzer & Mary Hunt Cifrino as substitutes. Their study is called "Heart Shapers" which covers the beginning of Jesus's ministry. This class has 3 to 4 children attending.

#### Confirmation Class:

This class is taught by Cathy Sharon Matthews and there are 3 young people attending. This class is learning the history of Methodism and the meanings of the Sacraments etc. This is helping our youth explore their faith and is an important step in their spiritual journey.



### The Trustees

by Bill Cifrino

The Trustees have been working on a number of projects to maintain and improve the church properties. Back in early June we installed lawn sprinklers to improve the church

lawn. We also fertilized and set up a rotation of volunteers to mow the lawn throughout the summer. Thanks to Rev. Dr. Hakyung Cho-Kim we obtained a nice garden shed which we installed behind the church. All materials for this project were donated and by mowing with volunteers we will save the church over a thousand dollars in mowing charges every year. This September the lawn was aerated and overseeded which should improve it further.

Dave Stockbridge has fixed up the church announcements sign at the corner of Old Plymouth and Scusset Beach Rd. Extensive work has been done to prepare the handicap ramp for repainting. A new surface will also be installed in the next few weeks. Funds for this project was raised by selling donated items online. The repainting of the church will begin soon. East Coast Painting has been contracted to paint the north and south gable ends of the church. This is the area where we have experienced the worst peeling. Other areas will be addressed next year. After several dead ends Bill Held has located a new (old/compatible) computer which should get the carillon up and running very soon.

## Strawberry Festival

By Wanda Crowell

The Strawberry Festival was held on June 17, 2018 and a delicious success! We sold out of hot dogs, burgers and strawberry shortcake! The weather didn't cooperate but we still had a nice turnout and raised almost \$3000. It's hard to believe but it's time for the Christmas Bazaar. If you could help us with the expense of buying clam chowder and supplies, it would be a big help. Your support for these events is greatly appreciated.



## Wesleyan Pilgrimage

By Pastor Joe



I had a privilege to travel to England on the 2018 Wesleyan Pilgrimage in July, 2018. The annual pilgrimage is sponsored by Discipleship Ministries and Higher Education & Ministry of the United Methodist Church. 38 United Methodist pilgrims visited sites tied to the rise of the Methodist movement and its founders, John and Charles Wesley. We visited Salisbury, Oxford, Bristol, Epworth, and London. I am so grateful that I learned a lot about the Methodist movement and John and Charles Wesley. This trip made me wake up to review my life journey and urged me to walk with the Lord for the rest of my life.

## Infant Baptism

Matthew & Josephine Hume-Hennessy were baptized on September 2, 2018. They are grandchildren of Darlene Hume.

