

Harvey Memorial United Methodist Church JANUARY 2020 MESSENGER

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I Want You!



In my wildest imagination in my youth, 20s, 30s, and even the earlier part of 40s, I could not see myself joining the Army and (not to mention) being deployed to serve overseas in my 50s.

As I explained my reason for joining the New Jersey Army National Guard after the Super-storm Sandy – how I saw these Soldiers brought order in the midst of chaos and how I questioned who serve their spiritual needs for these Soldiers who served – I saw an opportunity to serve "outside of the church wall" for these Soldiers, the community, and the nation. Most of all, it was an attempt to serve the wider Kingdom of God through the Army Chaplaincy! The deployment proved the blessings of the mission and ministry and here are snap shots of what I was doing and/or was able to do:

I have developed a "battle rhythm" that best suited and benefited not only 1-114th Unit but also other units there were other units from all over on the base), civilian contractors, OCN (other country nationals):

- * Sun. Protestant Contemporary worship at 1030 (0830 1200), then quick brunch, and Catholic Mass at 1330 (a priest CH comes to provide the religious services), and evening blended service at 1700.
- * Mon. I have tried to take the day off Sabbath -- but mission usually takes precedent (counseling, administration, Praise Team practice, etc.).
- * Tues. Command & Staff meeting report due by 1200 (for Wednesday meeting). Battlefield circulations (Visitations) which is about 1 and 1/2 hours away from the main base (1300 2130 or so).
- * Wed. Visit towers and ECPs (entrance check points). Afternoon meetings w/ASG (Area Support Group) and Command & Staff meeting. And the Bible Study at 1830.
- * Thurs. Preparation for the service(s)
- * Fri. Resiliency/Mission trips (Religious & Cultural awareness).
- * Sat. Final sermon prep. & worship prep.

On top of these regular routines, I am pulled in to counseling, Unit required training and events, and spending time with Soldiers (recreations at night), and Strong Bonds (which is a quarterly event that about 60 Soldiers participate over 2 nights and 3 days).

Through these efforts:

- 1. We have 40-50 Soldiers worship at 10:30 Contemporary Service, 15-20 at Catholic Mass, and it depends for Blended service but... averaged about 12.
- 2. Soldiers, who have been away from the faith community, came to the Bible Study and Worship.
- 3. Gave Word of the Day (at times scriptural) at Command & Staff meeting.
- 4. Counseled numerous Solders.
- 5. Created a Ping Pong league with Soldiers.
- 6. Not to mention,,, bring "Soldiers to God and God to Soldiers."

Indeed, what incredible blessings and eventful adventures I had simply by answering the call to new possibility/ministry! Through my deployment experience, I realize and recognize how the door to

the new opportunity to serve God and God's people opens simply by answering "YES" to God's call once again!

In this New Year 2020, dearly beloved, there are many mission/ministry opportunities and possibilities that are enfolding here at Harvey Memorial U. M. Church. There are many and various volunteer missions/ministries that God is calling you to do/serve. Also, there are two compensated positions that are opening, namely the secretary and sexton, due to Mrs. Gloria Cottrell is retiring after 40 plus years of her marvelous services. If you are interested, or better yet, called to serve these capacities, please contact the church office at 732-892-1660 or harveyumc@verizon.net. Just remember: incredible blessings and eventful adventures are waiting for you... simply by answering "YES" to God's call. Have a blessed New Year, as you be an agent of God's blessings unto others!



With the love of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Hyun-Bo Shim



Harvey members were very busy during the month of December. We visited nursing homes and sang Christmas Carols for them. The Point Pleasant Boro Show Choir came to Harvey and performed for us. We collected over 500 diapers for the Diaper Drive. We provided Christmas for three families. We collected so many Christmas cards for the Prison Ministry they overflowed the Maggs trunk! For New Years Eve we had a "thank you" covered dish supper for Pastor Patty followed by a New Years Eve Party. We ate, we played games, sang, watched the ball drop and had lots of fun!

And that was just December! Harvey members are so very active and hopefully this will continue throughout 2020. Many thanks to all who cooked, sang, donated and helped in any way.



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We wish you all a Happy Birthday!

If you have a birthday or anniversary and would like it to be listed in the Messenger, please contact Triche Sherman.



Here's wishing everyone a bright, happy healthy New Year! We have been blessed with a very active congregation, let's keep it going throughout the year.



Harvey's closet has been closed for renovations and will open when they are complete. If you have donations, please hold off bringing them to the church until the closet is officially open. If you can't wait, the Goodwill Donation center is on Arnold Avenue and will cheerfully accept your treasures.



Acolytes, Ushers & Greeters are DESPARATELY needed, especially Acolytes. No experience necessary. Please see Triche Sherman, Keith, Andrew or Mary Maggs, or Gail Hulse.



Praise Hour is held in the Newman Chapel on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30p. Gail Hulse and Gerry Ferrara lead the service each week with prayer, music, a message, and healing. Communion is celebrated on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Invite you friends to come experience the joy! On the off weeks, please join us for prayer meeting at 7:30.



Prison Ministry News

The Prison Ministry team will be visiting the church of the Reconciled, the chapel at East Jersey State Prison on March 15th. If you are interested in joining the group, please see Andrew Maggs or call him at 732-759-1830 for an application.

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NEWS & NOTES

The new flower chart has MANY openings. If you would like to dedicate the altar flowers in honor/memory of someone, the cost is \$30 for 2 bouquets. The Eternal Light chart also has openings, the cost is \$25 for one month. Both of these charts are located in the Narthex. Please use the envelopes for flower dedication payments. If you have something you would like to put in the messenger, please see or call Triche Sherman, 732-295-4121.

but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)



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