

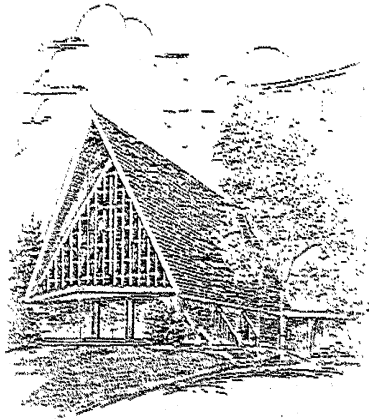
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Rev. Dr. Heasun Kim, Pastor



Pastor's Letter – “Power of the Least”

From every human communal experience that we know of, we understand the significance of leadership. Think about it: where you work, where you pray, your favorite sport, your experience in school, and your own family. In these situations and many more, leadership—effective and ineffective—plays a huge role in our lives and in the lives of those around us. Even more so, leadership is something we human beings crave. We all seem to be looking for someone to lead us to some kind of Promised Land. Yet, we easily think that the leader is someone else, but ME.

Our image of a good leader is one who possesses many superior qualities, such as knowledge, experience, wealth, etc. Yet, I find that one of the greatest leaders of Israel was an insignificant boy. David was an ordinary shepherd boy. David was not invited to the family meal when Samuel visited his home while his brothers celebrated with their honorable guest. However, God had chosen one of the least to be the king of the nation. We all know the story of David and Goliath. To slay Goliath David used nothing other than his sling and five smooth stones. Two important reasons for David's victory were his trust in God and his faithfulness to his ordinary work. David was able to use his skills as a shepherd to kill the Philistine champion, Goliath.

Simpson had a similar experience in June. As we purchased a new (used) bus, a member felt led by the Spirit to support this ministry. Larry Springer brought one dollar in an envelope as a seed offering to the Men's prayer group and shared his idea with the group. It immediately grew to forty-one dollars. Within three days, the envelope became a vessel of almost thirteen hundred dollars. God had blessed the least value of our paper currency to bear a significant fruit.

During this summer, Simpson continues to work for the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. We all know that we need many workers, but we don't see ourselves as one of them for various reasons. God does not require great things from us. God makes the least the greatest. If God made a shepherd boy, David, a leader, God can make anyone to be a great partner. In God's grace, all of us are called to be great partners of the ministry.

Grace,

Heasun Kim, Pastor

Words On Worship

We celebrated the first four Sundays after Pentecost in June. On the first Sunday (7th), Trinity Sunday and Peace with Justice Sunday were commemorated with Communion. Sunday School Promotion Sunday was celebrated the following Sunday (14th). On the 3rd Sunday (21st), we honored the Fathers during their Day. We likewise celebrated the fruits of our ministries during these 2 Sundays. The last Sunday of the month (28th) will be another Contemporary Service.

The succeeding Sundays after Pentecost will be celebrated in JULY and AUGUST with the 7 LAY SPEAKERS of this church delivering the messages related to POWER as required of us members to become disciples. The lessons will be taken from the Book of Acts and will be related to the lectionary readings. The summer preaching series hopes to renew the Church with the power of the Holy Spirit and transform members into becoming disciples for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sunday Worship Services from July 5th to September 6th are scheduled at 9:00 a.m. Alternative services are scheduled for Mondays at 7:30 p.m. for those who cannot attend the regular Sunday Services during this period. Rev. Kim will be available to give communion.

The Chancel Choir will take a break for the summer. Those who are willing to sing for the Lord can join the Summer Choir and/or render special musical performances during this time. Please let me, Cynthia Cornelison or Rev. Kim know of your availability.

Although the summer months mean vacations for most of us, let us not take a break from our worship disciplines. May we continue with the fervent desire to relate to God and serve in His ministry wherever we are.

In His grace and love,
Tess Camba

“Yes the Seed Will Grow”

On Friday, June 19th I went with Scott to purchase our new bus for the church not knowing that at 5:45AM a seed was being planted. Larry Springer started a seed with \$1.00 by the end of that day that seed grew into \$40.00 then to \$1000.00 then to \$1140.00 to go toward our new bus!!

What a great surprise to us when we returned back to the church with the new bus and the minister told us the GREAT news!!

Let us continue to have that seed grow and grow into full bloom;
a great gift of love.

Thanks Again,
Janet Davala

Summer Reminder

Don't forget to pick up your “**Gift Cards**” for *Shop Rite, Pathmark* and *A & P* over the summer months!!
Contact Person: Anita Fuzesi

Facilities Planning Committee identifies Attorney to keep us moving FORWARD!

The Facilities Planning Committee continues to build our team of knowledgeable individuals to work with our church team to make our education and fellowship addition a reality. Recently, we have secured the services of attorney Jonathan Heilbrunn. He is a local attorney familiar with working with the Old Bridge Planning and Zoning Boards. In addition, Mr. Heilbrunn also has experience working with churches and synagogues. He estimates that the costs for the legal fees related to the planning and/or zoning board activities for our Education and Fellowship addition will be approximately \$2500 - \$5000 for the life of our project. Next we will work to identify a site engineering firm, which is needed to prepare the site analysis required by the Old Bridge Planning Board.

The attorney and site engineer will join our existing team of knowledgeable advisors including our architect Gary Wagner and our RSI capital campaign expert Rev. Darrell Copeland.

Together, the Forward Team, the Facilities Planning Committee and our experienced advisors are continuing the preparations for our Education and Fellowship addition to grow our ministry. Please stay tuned!

Yours in His Name,

Frank Kardashian and Jessica Stehr

Facilities Planning Committee and Forward Team Co-Chairs

Lay Leaders

July and August is usually a time of winding down for the summer months. But not at Simpson! We need your prayers and support as our Facilities Planning Committee and the Forward Team will be working throughout the summer for our Expansion Project.

Keep our youth in your prayers as they travel to South Carolina on their yearly mission trip. This is a wonderful time for our youth to reach out and share the blessings they have received and help the less fortunate.

It was awesome to see 2 buses in our parking lot! I agree, Anita, we are a rich Church! We are richly blessed by God in fulfilling our need.

This summer we will be blessed by our Lay Speakers as they bring the message throughout our summer worship! Don't miss it!

Wishing everyone a very blessed and safe summer!

Love in Christ,

Betty Curnow, Lay Leader

Youth Fellowship

June was another great month for the youth at Simpson. In June we went to Great Adventure and saw the Christian hip hop/rock artist Toby Mac in concert, we participated in the Walk For Ages fundraiser, and we went on a mission trip to Beaufort, SC. In addition to all of this, by the grace of God, we were able to purchase a new 20-passenger bus!

The summer promises to be another rewarding time. As of the writing of this article, the July and August calendars are still being worked on. Throughout the summer we will go to Christian concerts, possibly attend a beach festival, and other events in which we will grow in our faith and enjoy times together. All youth group members will be getting schedule updates by email and also on the youth group website (www.freewebs.com/simpsonumcyouth).

“Inside Out” will resume practicing in the beginning of September. There will be no high school devotions Sunday mornings during the summer. They will begin again in September. Throughout the year the youth group participates in events focusing on missions, fun, fellowship, and fundraising, all the while growing in your faith.

The youth group is open to anyone in grades 7-12, and you don't have to be a member of Simpson UMC to be a member of the youth group. Friends are welcome as well! If you have any questions or comments about the youth group, please feel free to contact Scott by email.

- **Mission Trip**

This year the youth group here at Simpson is going to Beaufort, SC from June 27-July 4 on our annual summer mission trip. We will be participating in a program called a “Week Of Hope” and will be helping out in the local community in a number of ways. The youth that are going this year are Brittany Yeats, Jenette Mitchell, Melissa Cornelison, Jennifer Cornelison, Danielle Murphy and Klaudia Korley. The chaperones are Karen Korley and Sherry Fasulka.

Please keep us all in your prayers while we are away.

Scott Hunter and Ashley Spitzer

- **A Few Things to Keep In Mind**

1. **Tubing Trip**-The annual tubing trip down the Delaware River has been tentatively set for **Sat Aug 15**. The exact time and details will be coming during the summer by emails and notes in the bulletin. We normally go in July but since the summer has been so cold so far I am pushing it back to August to give the Delaware River some more time to warm up! Please watch out for further updates about this throughout the summer.
2. **Middlesex County Fair Parking fundraiser**-As many of you are aware, for the past 2 years the Middlesex County Fair has given us the sole privilege of helping to direct parking at the fair. In exchange for our efforts they pay us \$6,000, which is split between the youth group and the church. The fair this year runs from **Mon Aug 3-Sun Aug 9**. We need to have people there from **5pm-11pm Mon-Fri**, from **11am-11pm on Sat**, and from **1pm-7pm on Sun**. Please watch for signup sheets at the church throughout July and prayerfully consider giving of your time for this very important fundraiser.

3. **Rutgers Football Program Sales Fundraiser**-Once again Rutgers is giving our church the opportunity to sell game programs at all the home football games this year and we will receive between 15-20% of the total sales. The first football game this year is on **Labor Day, Monday Sept 7 at 4pm** (which means we need to be there by **1pm**). There will be information coming shortly about the rest of the schedule and the game times so please keep an eye out for those updates throughout the summer.

- **Perkins Fundraiser**

We have started a new fundraising program at Perkins Pancake House. This program is very easy and very flexible. Simply go to either the Perkins on Rt. 18 in East Brunswick or the one in Eatontown, **at any time on any day you want**, and Perkins will contribute 10% of your check back to Simpson. Just present a coupon to the cashier as you pay your bill. That is all you have to do. The coupons can be found at either door of the sanctuary at church. This is a fundraiser where the money does not go back to Simpson. This fundraiser goes directly towards saving a young child's life. All the money raised from this Perkins fundraiser will go towards the church's sponsorship of our child Fabricio through Compassion International. So, basically, every time you eat a meal at Perkins, you are literally feeding a starving child! Please tell your friends and family members about this and pick up coupons to give to them as well.

Scott Hunter

Outreach

- **Communion Offerings**

Our **July offering** will go to the Feed the Children organization in Oklahoma. We have supported this great mission before and it makes sure hungry children in the US are provided for. Supporting this worthy mission helps us keep our commitment to helping at the local level as well as globally!

Our **August offering** will go to the United Methodist Homes. As many of you know, we are asked to donate \$2.50 per member to help support those occupants who may not have all the financial means they need to stay at the homes. The United Methodist Homes will NEVER put a person out based upon their financial situation. They rely on the members of the United Methodist Church to help them meet this great commitment!

- **Elijah's Promise**

Our next dates are July 7th and August 4th. I hope everyone who is able will join us. Summer is a particularly low period of volunteerism at Elijah's because Rutgers is on summer break and many people are on vacation and such. Elijah's relies on groups like us to keep our commitment and bring enough people to prepare, serve and clean up for our one evening a month. See you there!

- **Change for L.I.F.E.**

As I mentioned from the pulpit, we just cashed in another \$266 dollars worth of change donated from you all! What a great job you are all doing to help save lives and make a difference in the suffering around the world! Please keep up the great work!

- **Pantry**

Our pantry is now free from the threat of major flooding in the store room. We are blessed to be able to help ANYONE who may need assistance with groceries. So if you know anyone who could benefit from our pantry please let Karen or myself know and we will arrange for the groceries to be picked up or delivered. Thank you all for your wonderful support!

- **Our New Bus**

I am grateful to Scott and Janet for their diligence in getting a suitable replacement for our beloved Gus. I am also grateful to the committees of our Church that made this happen so quickly. Our Church bus has truly become a vital part of our Outreach Ministry and I have come to rely on its use for our Holiday Basket deliveries. Thanks to everyone involved!

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Anastasio, Missions/Outreach

Guess whose BIG birthday is this year??

SUMC celebrates its 150th birthday this year! That's right! And –what a better way to mark this historic occasion than by officially kicking off our capital campaign for our new Education and Fellowship addition. With expanded and improved space, we'll be able to grow our ministry in new ways to strive for our next 150 years of making disciples and serving our community.

Please stay tuned for all of the exciting way to celebrate Simpson's 150 years of history and our future as we plan FORWARD for our Education and Fellowship addition.

Yours in His Name,
Frank Kardashian and Jessica Stehr
Facilities Planning Committee and Forward Team Co-Chairs

Speaking of Our Members....

Sue DeFilippo's Grandmother Edythe Sloneker passed away June 16th. Please keep Sue & her family in your prayers.

Melissa Henke & Jay Hunter had a baby boy Jayson James Hunter born on May 19, 2009 weighing in at 6 lbs. 9 ozs. Congratulations!!

John Hernandez has been hospitalized at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge Division in ICU with congestive heart failure.

Prayers are needed for healing.

Marguerite Ruquet is back home recuperating after having surgery on May 20th. Keep Marguerite in your prayers for complete recovery.

Noah Spitzer graduated pre-school from Apple Hill Academy (Tutor Time) on June 26th. He will attend kindergarten at Arleth Elementary School in Sayreville. Congratulations Noah!

Do you have any news to share with our church family? Please submit your news to Claudia Hunter or Karen Gaunt in the church office.

Begin reading now! Adult Study will start, Wednesday Sept. 16th

Greeting Everyone in the name of Christ!

We are beginning a very exciting adult study *right now!* Well... as soon as you get your books and begin reading! On the following page you will see I've collected some samples of the "Chronicles of Narnia" books/cassettes. I found the least expensive prices were from "ChristianBook.com". The choice is yours on how and what you want to use for the reading of the novels. Gosh! There is even the library!

If you have questions or would like some help, please call me. There are 7 books/stories in total. So let's get started! We'll begin the study in the fall using a study guide that we will provide. We will not be reading the novels as we go along, they really should be read ahead of time. I'm guessing, if you are familiar with them from having previously read them, or even watching the movies, you should have no problem participating in the study.

Irene Ritz

Background:

The Chronicles of Narnia is a series of seven [fantasy](#) novels for children and is considered a classic of [children's literature](#). Written between 1949 and 1954 and illustrated by [Pauline Baynes](#), the series is Lewis's most popular work having sold over 100 million copies in forty-one languages ([Kelly 2006](#)) ([Guthmann 2005](#)). It has been adapted several times, complete or in part, for [radio](#), [television](#), [stage](#), and [cinema](#). The series has been published in several different orders, and the preferred reading order for the series is often debated among fans; Douglas Gresham has stated that Lewis preferred that they be read in "Narnian chronology", not the order in which they were published ([Drennan 1999](#)).

The books contain Christian ideas made easily accessible to young readers. They are not pedantic, however, and their richness of adventure, color, and ideas has made them favorites of children and adults, Christians and non-Christians. In addition to Christian themes, Lewis also borrows characters from [Greek](#) and [Roman mythology](#) as well as traditional British and Irish [fairy tales](#).

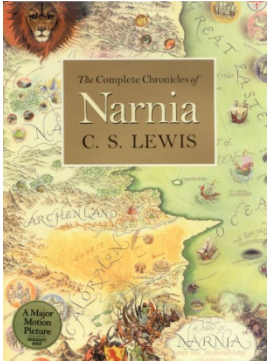
Clive Staples Lewis (29 November 1898 – 22 November 1963), commonly referred to as **C. S. Lewis** and known to his friends and family as **Jack**, was a [novelist](#), [academic](#), [medievalist](#), [literary critic](#), [essayist](#), lay [theologian](#) and [Christian apologist](#). He is also known for his fiction, especially [The Screwtape Letters](#), [The Chronicles of Narnia](#) and [The Space Trilogy](#).

Lewis was a close friend of [J. R. R. Tolkien](#), the author of [The Lord of the Rings](#). Both authors were leading figures in the English faculty at [Oxford University](#) and in the informal Oxford literary group known as the "[Inklings](#)". According to his memoir [Surprised by Joy](#), Lewis had been baptized in the [Church of Ireland](#) at birth, but fell away from his faith during his adolescence. Owing to the influence of Tolkien and other friends, at about the age of 30, Lewis returned to [Christianity](#), becoming "a very ordinary layman of the [Church of England](#)". His conversion had a profound effect on his work, and his wartime radio broadcasts on the subject of Christianity brought him wide acclaim.

In 1956, he married the American writer [Joy Gresham](#) (17 years his junior), who died four years later after a long battle against cancer. She was only 45 years old.

Lewis himself died three years later following a heart attack, one week before what would have been his 65th birthday. Media coverage of his death was minimal, as he died on [22 November 1963](#) - the same day that [President Kennedy](#) of the [United States of America](#) was [assassinated](#).

Lewis's works have been translated into more than 30 languages and have sold millions of copies over the years. The books that comprise *The Chronicles of Narnia* have sold the most and have been popularized on stage, in TV, in radio, and in cinema.



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