

SIMPSON SPEAKER
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Rev. Dr. Heasun Kim, Pastor

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

July 4th-Sept 5th 9am

Monday's @ 7pm

An Invitation to the Word; Let Us Read Together

It is hard to believe that my 11th year of ministry at Simpson begins July 1st. As I reflect on my time at Simpson, I realize that God has blessed me abundantly through all of you. Ten years ago, we began by getting to know each other and together, as pastor and congregation we have run a good race as faithful Disciples of Christ.

Now we are looking ahead to the next ten years of ministry, which will be even more fruitful than the past decade. John Wesley said that both laypeople and clergy are needed in “our theological task.” The laypeople bring an understanding from their ongoing efforts to live as Christians in the complexities of a secular world; clergy bring special tools and experiences acquired through intensive biblical and theological study. We need one another.

But how shall we go about our theological task so that our beliefs are true to the gospel and helpful in our lives? In John Wesley’s balanced and rigorous ways for thinking through Christian doctrine, we find four major sources or criteria, each interrelated. These we often call our “theological guidelines”: scripture, tradition, experience, and reason.

The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2008, pp. 76-83.)

In thinking about our faith, we put primary reliance on the Bible. It’s our sacred canon and, thus, the decisive source of our Christian witness and the authoritative measure of the truth in our beliefs. In our theological journey we study the Bible within the believing community. Even when we study it alone, we’re guided and corrected through dialogue with other Christians.

I would like for Simpson to begin a new decade’s life based on the Word of God. I invite all of you to read the Word thoroughly. During the last two weeks of August I will lay out a daily reading schedule for September. Then I will be preaching based on the previous week’s reading. This will consist of about 10 minutes of daily reading for the next 18 months. Yes! We will read whole Bible from the first chapter of Genesis to the last chapter of Revelation. I am so excited to read the Bible daily with my church family members. I hope this practice becomes a part of every member’s spiritual discipline.

Looking forward to this journey,
Heasun Kim, Pastor

WORDS ON WORSHIP

As of this writing, the summer months have come upon us. The Greater New Jersey Conference Meeting ushered us into the month of JUNE celebrating Sundays after the Pentecost. We had a busy First Sunday as we celebrated Communion, Conference Reports and Sunday School Promotion. On Father's Day, we were blessed to have the children lead us in worship. The last Sunday will be another Contemporary service. From **JULY 4th to SEPTEMBER 5th**, we will revert to our Summer Worship Schedule of Services at **9 a.m.** During this period, we will also need volunteers for the music ministry and rely on the Summer Choir. Again, if you are interested in offering you're individual or group musical talents, please see Cynthia Cornelison, Rev. Kim or myself. As previously mentioned, the **Lay Speakers Series** will start on **July 25th** and end on **August 22nd**. The 5 Lay Speakers of this church are scheduled to preach on these Sundays about the message of the book ENOUGH by Rev. Adam Hamilton. We will resume the **10 a.m.** traditional and contemporary services on **September 12th**.

As we look forward to the warmth that summer brings, let us not forget to share ours with those who cannot be with us in our congregational services and remember those who are in need of our prayers, encouragement and message of hope and love. As has been mentioned before, to truly worship God and bring glory to His name is to allow ourselves to be used in ways that oftentimes we cannot imagine. Again, let us think of what God is calling us to do today and in the days ahead. Summer may mean vacations for most of us but the work in the mission field does not take a break. We need to fulfill the Great Commission wherever we are.

In His love and grace,
Tess Camba

LAY LEADER LINES

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! As we enter into our summer recess, let us keep Jesus in our lives as we go about our plans to enjoy our summer break! Jesus watches and cares for us all year round! Please keep our members who are shut-in or ill in your prayers throughout our summer break. Sometimes it is easy to forget to include them in our scheduled prayers or visitation. I know they really count on us to let them know they are loved and thought of! Please know that your efforts make a great difference in their lives and you will also be amazed at the difference these visitations make in your own life as well! Our Ladies Luncheon program is on break for the summer and we will pick up again on September 22nd, 2010. We will announce the restaurant in the future. Hope to see all who able join us! Those who need a ride please let me, or Karen at the Church office know! Have a great and safe summer!
Love in Christ,
Betty Curnow, Lay Leader

To my wonderful church family,

I just wanted to say thank you all for your prayers, cards, calls, and love! I am blessed to be feeling good and am very optimistic that I will be back in full swing very soon! I am so grateful to be a part of such a great family and truly cannot adequately thank you enough with words. Please know that I love you all and so appreciate all of you so much! See you soon, we have lots of things to do for God and his people and I look forward to us doing them together! God bless you all!

Love, Debbie Anastasio

OUTREACH

COMMUNION OFFERING

Our July offering will go to UMCOR, US Disaster Response Spring Storms, #901670. As many of you, we were hit with storms that devastated many people's homes and lives, UMCOR uses 100% of our donations to help people rebuild their lives. Our August offering will go to Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen. Elijah's relies on financial support as well as our physical presence and the summer months tend to be light in the area of both support needs. Please support these worthy mission causes! Thanks so much!

ELIJAH'S PROMISE

Our next dates are **Tuesday, July 6th** and **Tuesday, August 3rd**. Please come out and join us if you are able, the summer months at Elijah's are very short on help because the students who usually do their community service are off so Elijah's really counts on their regular volunteers to be there. We work about 3 hours or so and have great fellowship too! Please let me know if you have any questions about coming or need directions. Hope to see you there!

CHANGE FOR L.I.F.E.

Our jar is at the back door to collect the spare change in your pocket that will spare lives! Please continue to support our mission designed to attack the ravages of hunger and poverty! Please keep up the great work, once again we collected over \$200, which helps at least 4 families get back on their feet and become self-supporting!

PANTRY

Our Pantry is still getting a lot of use and we are still in need of many of the following items to ensure we can keep helping those families in need. Here some of the items we need on a continual basis: Pasta and Sauce, Rice, Boxed Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Hot and Cold Breakfast Cereals, Tuna, canned vegetables and soups, canned meats/stew/chili and any other food items that do not need to be refrigerated. We are grateful for anything you can donate to help our community stay fed!

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Anastasio, Missions/Outreach

SUPERMARKET GIFT CARD NEWS

Don't take a summer vacation from Supermarket Gift Cards!! Continue to trade your cash or check for Shop Rite, Pathmark or

A & P gift cards all summer!!! Remember, the church treasury profits by 5% of all your grocery expenditures!! Hey, ya gotta eat!! Stop by the chapel after services every week!! Have a fun and safe summer!!

Anita Fuzesi, Program Coordinator

GIFT CARD PROGRAM

I am happy to announce that we made a profit of almost \$300.00! Thank you to everyone in the congregation who participated in this fundraiser. I will not be taking orders throughout the summer, as attendance is usually low, however I will begin to take orders again starting Labor Day Weekend. These gift cards will be available sometime in the beginning of October and then I will collect again for Christmas. Dates will be posted, as it gets closer.

Remember don't think of these just as gifts for others. You can purchase them for places you would regularly frequent and the church will profit. Please feel free to have friends and family order as well. They do not need to be members of our church.

Have a wonderful summer.

Sue DeFilippo

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

Youth Fellowship

June was a good month for the youth at Simpson. In June we went to a concert at Great Adventure, participated in the "Walk For All Ages", went to the music jamboree event at Aldersgate UMC in East Brunswick, and went to the Creation Festival.

The youth group doesn't slow down in the summer! As of the writing of this article, the July and August calendar is still being worked on but so far it looks like this:

Sat July 10- "Youthapalooza" at Trinity UMC in Hackettstown Sat Jul 24-Sat Jul 31- Mission trip to Indianapolis, Indiana

Mon Aug 2-Sun Aug 8- Middlesex County Fair fundraiser

Sat Aug 21- "Newsboys" concert in Ocean Grove

Sun Aug 29- Youth leads worship service

The youth praise band "Inside Out" will be in recess now until September.

High School devotions on Sunday mornings will also be in recess until September.

Please check out the music library in the youth group room and sign out a CD of your choosing.

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.

Scott Hunter and Ashley Spitzer

Mission Trip

This year the youth group here at Simpson will be going to Indianapolis, Indiana from July 24-July 31 on our 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. More information will be coming about this exciting trip throughout the month of July.

Please keep the youth and the local residents of Indianapolis that we will be serving in your prayers.

Scott Hunter

A Few Things To Keep In Mind

Middlesex County Fair Parking fundraiser-As many of you are aware, for the past 3 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 years runs from **Mon Aug 2-Sun Aug 8**. 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 sign up sheets at the church throughout July and prayerfully consider giving of your time for this very important fundraiser.

Tubing Trip-The annual tubing trip down the Delaware River has been tentatively set for **Sat Aug 14**. The exact time and details will be coming during the summer by emails and notes in the bulletin. Please watch out for further updates about this throughout the summer.

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 **Thursday Sept 2 at 7:30pm** (which means we need to be there by **4:30pm**). 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 through out the summer.

Scott Hunter

HELP WANTED/NEEDED

When our Sexton (Jenette Mitchell) heads off to college in August, we'll need to hire a replacement. We'd like to first exhaust any/all possibilities within the congregation before starting an outside search, which can be costly. So, if you or someone you know would be interested in this very critical, rewarding and fulfilling part time (+/- 10 hours per week) position please let Rev Kim, Bruce Donohue or Karen know. It would be great for someone in retirement that still wants to stay busy or a local college or high schooler (a Junior or older with a drivers license to satisfy the necessary weekly church visits). It's very important that our "home" for worship stays neat and clean so if you know of anyone who's conscientious, hard working and dependable, encourage them to apply.

Thanks, Bruce Donohue

SPEAKING OF OUR MEMBERS....

Debbie Anastasio is scheduled to have surgery on July 14th in Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in NYC. Keep Debbie in your prayers for complete healing.

Joan Baron is in Summerhill Nursing Home in Old Bridge for rehabilitation. Please keep her in your prayers.

Andy Chen was selected for promotion from Lieutenant Commander to Commander in the US Public Health Service. Promotion takes effect on Nov. 1st. Congratulations!!

Caitlin Fasulka attended the Lincoln Culinary Institute this year for Baking and Pastry Arts. She has held a 3.6 GPA and continues to do well. She will finish school on July 8, 2010 and will then go out on a 5 month Externship to further learn her trade. Upon finishing her Externship she will graduate from the Institute.

Yvonne Gottlieb will be graduating from Universal Word Center's "Word Up" School of Ministry and Spiritual Education, an extension of the accredited Gary Whetstone Worldwide School of Biblical Studies, having completed the course Victory in Spiritual Warfare 1 & 11 taught by Pastor Patty James (founder/teacher) on June 27th @ 1PM at The Hampton Inn, 370 Route 9N Woodbridge, NJ 07095. All are invited to attend.

Jane Gregor is in Care One in East Brunswick. Please keep Bill and Jane in your prayers for strength and healing.

Aaron Hart won the U-16 NJ State Cup with the Marlboro Lightning soccer team. They will be traveling to West Virginia to compete in the regional's. Congratulations!!

George Korley will have surgery on his hip in July. Prayers for complete healing.

Angelika Ladia since the beginning of first grade got all 1's on her report cards and did very good on the State Test. Congratulations!!

Erik and Stacy Ritz have been blessed with a beautiful boy, Aiden Loyal on June 15th. He weighed 6 lbs and measured 19 ¼ inches. He joins his big sister Kaelyn. The proud grandparents are Bob and Irene Ritz. Congratulations to all the family!!

Lois Wyse is in St. Peter's Hospital. Please keep her in your prayers.

Ginny DeGraw, Dottie Feldner, Gerry Muscarnera, Polly Rhodes and Joyce Sprague need our continuous prayers.

Congratulations to all our High School Graduates, they are:

Jennifer Cornelison and **Robert Gaunt** from East Brunswick Vo-Tech on June 23rd. **Jenette Mitchell** from Monroe on June 23rd. **Zachary Caffrey, Amy Layton** and **Danielle Murphy** from Old Bridge on June 24th

Interfaith Network of Care, Inc.

Wednesday, September 22, 2010 will hold a Charity Golf Outing 2010 in honor of our past founding board members, Ken Hunter and Vincent Aboussleman. This will be held at Mattawang Golf Club, Belle Mead, NJ. A full day of Golf, Food, Fun and Prizes for \$160 per golfer \$640 per foursome. Register by July 4th. Interfaith Network of Care, Inc at - 732-247-1655 Email at - sdowling@interfaithnetworkofcare.org Internet at - www.interfaithnetworkofcare.org and click "UPCOMING EVENTS" link

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Debra Jurgensen	1
Dianne Mataya	8
Karen Korley	9
Harriet Mitchell	9
Karen Cerabone	12
Kimberly Jurewicz	15
Annette Fakoury	16
Emma Himey	16
Bobby Spitzer	16
Jenette Mitchell	17
Alexander Leiba	23
Tyshon Woods	23
Cheryl Bennett	25
Karen Bennett	27
Hongkyu Kim	28

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph and Patricia Iko	3
John and Karen Panariello	18
Edward and Karen Yeats	22
Larry and Diana Springer	24
Paul and Mary Jane Ziobro	25
George and Joyce Korley	31

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Cornelison	3
Samantha Ziobro	3
Paul Ziobro	3
Lisa Jurgensen	6
Alan J. Meeker (AJ)	8
Linda Ryan	9
Megan Gaunt	10
Susan Meyers	10
John Magaw	11
Bryan Iko	13
Tammy Frino	16
Jill Meeker	16
Alexcia Carrasquillo	17
Mary Ann Murphy	17
Kim Donohue	19
Brian Zampella	19
Nanette Galati	20
Tommy Jurgensen	20
Chester Cannon	21
Melissa Cornelison	21
Caitlin Fasulka	24
Alexis Acob	25
Jamie Lee Panariello	26
Diane Ritchings	28
Mary Lou Kardashian	29
Jennifer Wojcik	30
PJ Ziobro	30

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

John and Nancy Magaw	11
Ken and Nancy Persing	15
David and Seiran Chapman	23
Les and Sue Rhodes	26

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