



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT MILLTOWN

Sunday, June 28, 2020



ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY, WE GIVE THANKS FOR OUR:

- Students and Families
- Sunday School Teachers, Substitute Teachers, and Sunday School Floaters
- Cindy Regan, our Nursery Lead, Nursery Substitutes, and Nursery Volunteers
- Youth Group Leaders
- Education Committee Members

TEACHERS

Preschool & Kindergarten: Nancy Shervanick

First, Second, & Third Grade: Janel Lockner, Emily Reiff

Fourth & Fifth Grade: Louise Davis-Lopez, Joyce Fircha

Sixth - Eighth Grade: Teresa Russo

High School: Jim Wright

Substitute Sunday School Teachers: Amy Bitalla, Julie Fircha, Susan Horan, Yolanda Mackey, Randi Riley, Lora Scammacca, Jessica Sudah

Sunday School Floaters: Amy Bitalla, Melissa Borsuk, Diane Bradford, Mercy Chang, Jody Crupe, Louise Davis-Lopez, Joyce Fircha, Amber Herkert, Eric Herkert, Jan Houtman, Amy Howatt, Bernice Howatt, Doriann Kerber, Janel Lockner, Yolanda Mackey, Tania Paladino, James Perdoni, Emily Reiff, Randi Riley, Lora Scammacca, Jean Seamon, Beth Shuster, Jessica Sudah, Osama Sudah, Jan Yocum

NURSERY

Nursery Lead: Cindy Regan

Nursery Coordinator: Jan Yocum

Nursery Lead Substitutes: Nancy Cahill, Julie Fircha, Ashley Hamm, Sarah Hart

Nursery Volunteers: Amy Bitalla, Melissa Borsuk, Jody Crupe, Sandy Fragoso, Carol Graham, RosaAnna Harrington, Amber Herkert, Bernice Howatt, Randi Riley, Lora Scammacca, Jean Seamon, Beth Shuster, Jessica Sudah, Jan Yocum

Nursery Volunteer Substitutes: Alma Applegate, Sharmy DeCamp, Sue Horan, Tania Paladino, Doreen Pardun



YOUTH GROUP LEADERS

Greg Applegate, Yolanda Mackey, Randi Riley

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Melissa Borsuk, Mercy Chang, Louise Davis-Lopez, Joyce Fircha,
Tania Paladino, Randi Riley, Teresa Russo, Lora Scammacca,
Pastor Barbara Shadis, Nancy Shervanick, Pastor Josh Shuster,
Jessica Sudah, Jim Wright

CONGRATULATIONS FOURTH GRADERS ON RECEIVING YOUR BIBLES



Collin Bitalla

Ibrahim Kamara

Patrick Regan

Dylan Riley

Liam Riley

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Sarah Paladino: Graduated from the Middlesex County Academy for Allied Health and Biomedical Sciences High School this year and this fall will be attending the Rutgers University School of Environmental and Biological Sciences. While at Rutgers, she will be part of the Douglass Bunting-Cobb Women in STEM program.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES

Michael Pinnella: Graduated from Middlesex County College and will continue at Rutgers this fall.

Ali Tagliaferro: Graduated from Mercer County Community College with an Associate's Degree in Applied Science with a focus in Radiography. Ali will finish her clinical education at Robert Wood Johnson in Hamilton in the coming months and then sit for the national board examination for Radiologic Technologist in the fall.

Gabi Tagliaferro: Graduated from Rutgers University School of Engineering Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelors in Material Science Engineering and has begun her new position as a material science engineer at Collins Aerospace in Danbury, Connecticut.

Olivia Wright: Graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science and a minor in Marine Science.



OTHER NEWS FROM OUR AWESOME KIDS

Collin Bitalla: Celebrated his 10th birthday and was on the honor roll.

Mason Bitalla: Graduated from Joyce Kilmer and moves on to high school in the fall. Mason celebrated a birthday and was on the honor roll.

Ashley Borsuk: Worked with Melissa at MLB residential lending learning about the mortgage industry, honed her cooking skills, volunteered at the Food Pantry, and finished the school year on the honor roll.

MacKenzie Borsuk: Celebrated her 4th birthday on May 23rd with a drive-by party by her friends from school and teacher.

Rachel Borsuk: Volunteered at the Food Pantry and finished the school year on the honor roll.

Cecilia Caruso: Made the Middlesex Honors Band as a percussionist and was in both band and chorus at school, was a finalist in the Science Bee, was chosen to be the Sayreville Board of Education President for *Let the Children Lead*, was on the school newspaper, and volunteered at the Food Pantry.

OTHER NEWS FROM OUR AWESOME KIDS

Madison Crupe: Graduated from Joyce Kilmer, moves on to high school in the fall, and volunteered at the Food Pantry.

Tyler Crupe: Completed his Eagle Scout rank including his Rain Garden project located behind the Ice Cream Depot.

Dahlia Davis: Has been working hard in school and has continued to stay on the honor roll throughout her 6th grade school year. She has been busy painting pictures on canvas (mostly Disney), but has also been commissioned to paint some pictures for others. Dahlia has also expressed her creative side by painting pictures on large rocks in our yard and "Welcome" signs on wood. Dahlia has enjoyed going on bike rides, has learned how to skateboard, and was the top cookie seller for the East Brunswick-Milltown-South River Girl Scouts with over 1100 boxes!

Gabe Greiner: Completed a virtual crossover from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. Thank you UMC Milltown for all of your support of Scouting Activities.

Nicholas Greiner: Graduated from kindergarten at Good Day and plans to continue on there forever. A huge thank you to Ms. Amy and team for transitioning to a virtual schoolhouse and keeping kindergarteners engaged!

OTHER NEWS FROM OUR AWESOME KIDS

Lucas Herkert: Celebrated his 8th birthday on May 28th. He is keeping busy reading, playing Nintendo switch, nature walks, legos, board games, and drawing.

Morgan Herkert: Performed her 1st dance recital virtually for First Position. She is keeping busy playing with her dolls, nature walks, board games, drawing, dancing, and legos.



OTHER NEWS FROM OUR AWESOME KIDS



Jesse Mackey: Graduated the 8th grade from Memorial Middle School in Spotswood, NJ. Jesse has been accepted to East Brunswick VoTech High School for the fall and hopes to study Pre-engineering like his brother. During his tenure at Memorial Jesse has maintained honor roll and remained very active. He is in the Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Art Club. Jesse wrestles for Memorial and took the Bronze in the Greater Middlesex Conference in his weight class; a great finish to his already impressive season. Jesse plans on continuing to wrestle at Spotswood High School next year. Jesse also plays travel soccer for Spotswood Stampede boys U14 team. In his free time he plays piano, works out, and plays video games. Jesse is disappointed he was unable to spend these last few months with his friends but is looking forward to making new friends next year.



Tyler Mackey: Successfully completed his Sophomore year at East Brunswick VoTech High School where he studies pre-engineering and has made the honor roll all 4 marking periods. He has adapted well to distance learning but is eager to rejoin his friends in September. In his free time he plays piano, rides his bike, swims, exercises, and plays video games. Quarantine time has given Tyler an opportunity to focus on his health and he is making great strides toward wellness. He is looking forward to continuing that path over the summer and hopefully getting his driver's permit!

OTHER NEWS FROM OUR AWESOME KIDS

Daniel Pinnella: Will finish up at Middlesex County College this fall and then plans to complete the US Career Institute's Home Inspection Course.

Grace Pinnella: Will finish up her Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History at Rutgers this fall. She has completed an internship at the Zimmerli Museum in New Brunswick and she now works there doing research with the education department. Grace is a member of the National Honors Society, the National Society of Leadership Success, Vice President of the Rutgers Art Student Association, and Treasurer of the Rutgers Medieval Studies Association.

Michael Pinnella: Plans to study environmental geology at Rutgers this fall. Michael is working this summer at the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park.

Dylan and Liam Riley: Have mastered remote learning for school and even took the time to teach their parents how to use the systems. They continued to work on their Cub Scout projects and attended remote scout meetings. For family time they were introduced to a series of 1980 and 1990 movies which they thought were so silly but laughed throughout the movies (*Back to the Future*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, *Smokey and the Bandit*). They played outside together and have been very patient with each other. They miss their friends, their school, and their church family.

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Anjelica Scammacca: Has been on the honor roll all year, has been doing online gymnastics, and will hopefully be playing softball soon.

Gavin Scammacca: Graduated from Parkview and is excited for baseball and outdoor basketball.

Anjelica and Gavin: Have both been gardening with Lora, painting rocks, puzzle building, building with legos, and giving their dog Franco lots of love.

Jackson Shuster: Celebrated his 3rd birthday on April 26th with a drive-by party including friends and the Milltown Police Department.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer of Music - Kids Only

Wednesday evenings 7:00 - 8:00 pm (July 15th through August 12th) we will be hosting a virtual program for kids with stories, music, and crafts.

Scholarships:

Scholarship applications are due August 9, 2020.

CASA:

Please continue to collect change for CASA over the summer. We will pool it together in September.

Also new games for older children in foster care: Jenga, Uno, Scrabble, Yahtzee, Dominos, and Coloring Books (Adult Type) are requested please.

Question for our next Education bulletin:

What have you learned from/about your family during quarantine?
Please send responses to ereiff27@gmail.com by August 9th.

