HAPPY BIRTHDAY USA
GOD BLESS AMERICA

WELCOME TO OUR JULY NEWSLETTER

BIG thank you to the Franklin's for once again hitting the mark on celebratory events with our showcase display! I am always amazed at the array of different showcase items they somehow acquired.

June was filled with events that brought us joy and opened our hearts to others…

UNITY DAY - BY LYNN FRANKLIN

On Saturday, June 6, New Providence United Methodist Church (NPUMC) participated in New Providence's annual Unity Day. We hosted a table where three special cultures were showcased: the United Kingdom, South Korea and Japan.

"The Wishing Tree" was another aspect of our interaction with visitors. The Wishing Tree was drawn on a large piece of cardboard and displayed near the table. Visitors to our table were asked to decorate The Wishing Tree with colored leaves on which s/he had written a positive wish. Interesting discussions ensued as the colored leaves were prepared by both children and adults.

The Wishing Tree is currently on display in the new room for our brothers and sisters in faith to view.

I stopped by and was so happy to see our church, Keys2Success and LINC represented. A truly uplifting event filled with smiles and sharing of cultures.

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY

The United Women in Faith were delighted to formally present two high school seniors $2,000 each towards their college expenses. The presentation was held during our coffee hour on July 7th where both families stayed to join us and engage in conversation.

Upon speaking to them you immediately sensed their sincere appreciation for their daughter's scholarship.

Dear Members of the Church Scholarship Committee,

I would like to sincerely thank you for awarding me the $2,000 scholarship. I am truly grateful for your generosity, kindness, and support as I prepare to begin this new chapter in my life.

I believe this blessing is a reflection of God's grace working through your church and congregation. Your encouragement and investment in my future mean more to me than words can express. This scholarship will help support my college education at St. John's University and inspire me to continue striving toward my goals with faith, determination, and gratitude.

I am thankful to be supported by a community that believes in uplifting and encouraging young people through both education and faith. I pray that God continues to bless your church and everyone who contributes to helping students like me pursue their dreams.

Thank you again for your generosity and for believing in my future.

With sincere gratitude,
Olivia Jenkins

UWIF PRESIDENT SALLY HOFFMAN HEADS UP A FUN & CELEBATORY EVENING

The evening was a night to honor our Thrift Sale volunteers and to award our community partners with proceeds from our sale. CSA (Community Service Association) was given a check for $7,000 and LINC received $2,000. Keys2Success received their $2,000 donation earlier in the month. It was presented by Claire Stang at the New Providence library at a Keys performance.

The evening began with a potluck picnic supper where several of our CSA & LINC friends attended. After the presentation the women were treated to a flower design class where Jackie Hagerty (Claire's neighbor and friend) demonstrated her talents.

STEWARDS OF THE EARTH SHOWCASE OUR "BEES" AT COFFEE HOUR

Last Sunday our Stewards of the Earth team put together a fun and delicious coffee hour featuring their love of bees. Dessert stole the show with Julie

Lister's butterfly cookies and Sally Hoffman's Bee Hive pastry! Julie put together a wonderful selection of informative information on our poster board.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU GET FOOD DONATIONS THAT SURPASS YOUR NEEDS….SOMETHING LIKE THIS….

You simply advise Pat Kennedy of this and problem solved! Pat delivered to Grace in Summit, our Chatham Methodist sister church and Our Lady of the Rosary also in Summit where all the items were graciously accepted.

Thank you Pat!!

SHOULD YOU NEED A HANDYMAN…also posted on our bulletin board

I am going to bring this newsletter to an end as I have people to see and places to go before I run out of steam!

Blessings,

Linda

BIRTHDAYS

Sharon Savoia	July 2nd
Kecia Price	July 16th
Grace Hoffman	July 19th
Tom Franklin	July 20th
Karen Kennedy	July 26

CALENDAR

July 7th	11:00 Lounge Thrift Sale
July 13th	LINC Fellowship Hall Sort 6:00 Young Men Orientation New Room 7:00
July 14th	10:30am Book Mission New Room 7:00pm Trustee Meeting Lounge
July 16th	6:00pm LINC Board Meeting
July 22nd	6:00pm LINC Sort Fellowship Hall
July 24th	LINC set up for distribution
July 25th	LINC Distribution
July 26th	3:00-6:00 Young Men Fellowship Hall
July 27th thru July 31st	Parking lot resurfacing