

## Mission Moment

March 17, 2019

This past Wednesday, Millville United Methodist Church again hosted a Lenten Prayer Service conducted by Pastor Brad, followed by a Soup and Salad Luncheon provided by the women of our UMW and other volunteers from our church. It was a great opportunity to join together to share in worship and then enjoy fellowship with not only our church family, but also with those from other neighboring churches, over bowls of delicious homemade soups.

The Joint Lenten Worship Service has been a part of the spiritual landscape in lower Sussex County annually for nearly 30 years. It can be traced back to the early days of the Southeast Sussex Ministerium. The Ministerium started as a group of ministers from various local churches who met and discussed matters related to their ministries. The group believed conducting joint Lenten services would be a good opportunity to join people together spiritually within our area.

Millville United Methodist Church hosted what is the first of this year's five Joint Lenten Worship Service and Soup and Salad events. They will be held on each of the remaining four following Wednesdays at various other churches belonging to the Ministerium. They offer an opportunity to not only worship and share with the various congregations and denominations locally, but also become familiar with the work of Christians throughout our part of Sussex County in meeting the needs of the disadvantaged.

The services are open to the public and all free-will offerings gathered are used by the Ministerium in its various missions, among which include assisting those in the community requiring immediate emergency assistance with daily living expenses; helping those who need it in meeting the challenges of daily living by supporting local food pantries; aiding the homeless by supporting the local homeless shelters; assisting The Way Home Program in Georgetown; and supporting the Southern Delaware Education Foundation as it provides scholarships for workforce training and certification to those in need.