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Umosella guest speaker for Historical Society

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The Historical Society of Hammonton resumed its monthly speaker series presentations at the Hammonton Canoe Club on Jan. 5. The historical society's presentation for Jan. featured the Umosella Family, who were established in Hammonton in 1904 and the guest speaker was Nicole Umosella, the great-granddaughter of Joseph F. Umosella Sr., the founder of Universal Supply Co., located in Hammonton. Nicole, a graduate of Hammonton High School and Penn State University, is the director of planning and inventory of the Joseph Umosella Jr. Family Foundation.

Joined by her family in attendance, Nicole started the presentation with a slideshow of the Umosella family tree. The Umosella family established their roots in Hammonton with Nicole's great, great-grandfather, Charles Angelo Umosella, came to America in 1904 and married Josephine Mascarella, with whom he shared three sons and seven daughters between 1904 and 1927, residing at 204 Valley Avenue in Hammonton. The slideshow featured a newspaper article of their wedding advertisement and family photos.

Nicole's great-grandfather, Joseph F. Umosella Sr was born in 1918 and married Isabel D. Umosella, sharing two sons and two daughters together between 1941 and 1955. Joseph Sr.'s father owned a gas station and a blind shop making custom blinds, both which were located in Hammonton. Joseph Sr. then founded United Asphalt in 1963 and Universal Supply Co. in May 1965 in Cedarbrook, N.J. and Hammonton, respectively. His son, Mark, took over United Asphalt in 1978 after Joseph Sr. passed away while Universal Supply was sold to his son, Joseph Jr.

Nicole then talked in depth of her grandfather, Joseph Jr., who graduated from Delaware Valley College in 1964 with a degree in horticulture and worked after college for Purina, selling feed to local farms as well as helping his father on weekends at Universal Supply Co.

Joseph Jr. then purchased Universal



THG/Mohammed Fuad. To purchase photos in The Gazette, call (609) 704-1940. Nicole Umosella (center) was the guest speaker for the Historical Society of Hammonton (HSH) on January 5. She is pictured with Greg White (left) and Bill Parkhurst from the HSH.

Supply Co. in 1965 from his father and grew it from one to nine locations, which is currently a 30-location business continuing to grow. He then purchased assets of Patriot Manufacturing, a bankrupt replacement window company, in 1979 and then made his son, Joseph III, a partner who then converted the business from aluminum to vinyl, growing it from 20 to 900 employees between 1988-1996, according to the presentation.

Joseph Jr. was also an early investor to Joseph III's business, INTEX Millwork Solutions and started the Joseph Umosella Jr. Family Foundation, which supports charitable organizations long after his passing, according to the presentation.

Nicole then presented a 15-minute video on the history of Universal Supply Co., which included interviews from Joseph Jr. himself, who talked about the company's history as well as his relationship with his father.

The presentation concluded with members in attendance reminiscing memories of Joseph Jr. Historical Society of Hammonton honorary trustee Bill Parkhurst added that Joseph Jr. was one of the early recipients of the Hammonton Chamber of Commerce Industry of the Year Award in the 1980s and told a story of Joseph Jr. ac-

cepting the award at the podium.

"After the award was presented and he got there behind the mic and everybody was waiting for his long talk, he said one sentence. He said 'my employees make me look good' and that was it," Parkhurst remembered, to which was met with laughs from the audience.

Parkhurst added that while talking about a situation with people he was in business with, he recalled Joseph Jr.'s generosity for those in need.

"He said 'you know, I am so fortunate that I am in a position where if somebody can't pay their bill, then I can help them.' What a guy," Parkhurst added.

Nicole noted the importance of the Umosella Family's impact in Hammonton, with the family having multiple businesses such as those stated above. With Joseph Jr.'s passing in 2013, Nicole made sure to keep his and the Umosella Family legacy alive.

"He's not around to share his stories, you know they said that he's a humble person and a very giving person, and people are used to seeing him," Nicole said. "Like I have memories of him, he pulled up one of his box trucks outside of ShopRite and he loaded it up with water when there was a hurricane down south. People are used to seeing him do those things and I just want to try to keep his memory alive and let people know that the charity is still there and we're still giving every year in his honor. A lot of good industries started here and for that to get documented, shared and not get lost with time."



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You get what you get and you don't get upset

Loraine Griffiths

Oh man that line resonated so hard this Christmas.

Well, I'll tell you what we all got and that was the flu. What we had to learn to navigate was sometimes you can't control the situation you simply need to just roll with it. This past Christmas Eve I was hosting our family. That's right about 18 people were in and out of our house for a few hours that day. I made a roast, baked ziti, garlic string beans, about a trillion cookies, and a

homemade red velvet cake with cream cheese frosting. We do not do the Feast of the Seven Fishes because I'm allergic.

Dinner went well, everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and out of nowhere Lily announced she wanted to go to bed. When she asked me to lay down,



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we had the following exchange.

Me: "Do you want to lay down because you want Santa to come?"

Lily: "I do want Santa to come but I just want to lay down, my head hurts."

Me: "What about a slice of cake or a cookie?" (Totally an Italian mother thing ... "oh you're not good let me feed you...")

Lily: "Mommy, I just don't feel good."

No sooner than I heard those words my gut instincts kicked in. Crap ... I thought to myself ... I went over

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FAITH FOCUS



Many of the services listed each week have been canceled or modified due to precautions for COVID-19. Check with your house of worship.

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish 226 French St. (609) 704-5945

St. Mary of Mount Carmel Parish consists of St. Joseph Church and St. Anthony of Padua Church.

The Mass Schedule at each location is as follows:

St. Joseph Church holds morning weekday Masses, Monday through Saturday, at 8 a.m. A Spanish Mass is at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. Saturday Vigil Mass will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday Masses are at 9 a.m. (English) and Noon (Spanish). Sunday Vespers are at 5 p.m. The Rosary is prayed at 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. St. Joseph Church is located at 226 French Street.

St. Anthony of Padua Church will hold Sunday Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. St. Anthony of Padua Church is located at 285 Route 206.

Masses/Devotions will continue to be Live-Streamed.

Confession will be held at St. Joseph Church from 2 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Saturdays before Mass, or upon request.

Music Ministry Schedule: Hand bell Choir - Monday at 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. starting on Monday, November 9, 2020; choir at special Masses on Feast Days; Choir - Thursday at 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Sing at Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass; Chant Choir - Thursday at 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; sing at Vespers on Sundays and Feast Days, and at special Masses on Feast Days. *All the choir rehearsals are held in the choir loft at Saint Joseph Church. For more information contact Yuko Unehara at music@smmcp.net.

Bereavement Ministry: Bereavement Counseling Person to Person available to those in need who are grieving the death of a loved one. Every 3rd Wednesday of the month. By appointment only.

Rosary for the Departed said every 4th Wednesday at 7 p.m. St. Anthony of Padua Church Route 206. Please RSVP if attending. Call Debbie at (609) 704-5601 or Bill at (609) 576-6221. All are welcome!

Do you pay your bills online? If so please consider setting up your weekly/monthly donation to the parish as an automatic check in the same manner. We have several parishioners who currently take advantage of this through their banks. Just indicate your envelope number and whether it is for the first or second collection.

The parish food pantry is open to the public every Thursday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., and in the evening from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is located at the French Street side of the convent.

Baptisms are held the second and fourth Sunday of each month at 12:45 PM at St. Joseph Church. Preparation sessions are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Please call the parish office to schedule as early as possible.

The MMC Youth Ministry (6th grade and up) has a very exciting year ahead, including some great trips! Join our email list - YouthMinister@smmcp.net.

For information on RCIA, contact Lori ScottoDiVetta at re.ed@comcast.net.

The parish office, located at St. Joseph Church, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Reverend David Rivera serves as Pastor. For more information, call (609) 704-5945 or visit <http://www.smmcp.net>.

Hammonton Baptist Church Third & Vine Sts. (609) 561-6867

The Hammonton Baptist Church will be having Welcome the New Year service on January 1 at 10 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship Service is 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Singing the great hymns of the Faith and Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Midweek, Midday Fellowship is Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. A brief devotional Bible Study and a time of sharing and prayer. Everyone is invited for a Midweek time of spiritual refreshment.

Hammonton Baptist Church is located at 19 S. Third Street (Third and Vine Streets). For more information contact the church by phone at (609) 561-6867, by email at hbc08037@verizon.net or visit www.hammontonbaptist.org.

Victory Bible Church 816 S. Egg Harbor Rd. (609) 567-4466

Sunday Worship services are held at 8:15 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Adult and children's Sunday School are held at 10 a.m.

On Sunday at 10 a.m. there will be Adult Small Groups study along with Adult Sunday School.

A group will meet on Wednesday nights called IMPACT—it is a college and career group, ages 18-28.

Junior church services (ages 4 to 11) are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday evening Bible study/prayer services are held at 7 p.m. Teen R.O.C.K. Youth Group for seventh through twelfth grade is at 7 p.m. and AWANA Ministry for children ages Pre-K through sixth grade is at 6:45 p.m.

Pastors are Anthony Parise, Samuel Mascioli and Gary Orme.

The church is located at 816 S. Egg Harbor Rd. For more information call (609) 567-4466 or visit www.vbc4me.org for other events and Bible studies. You may also visit their Facebook page.

First United Methodist Church 398 Bellevue Ave. (609) 561-1537

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Hammonton has services Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Children's Church and Nursery are available during 10:30 a.m. service. All are welcome to stay for fellowship and light refreshments at 11:30 a.m.

Bible Study will be held on Tuesdays at Noon on Zoom (phone #1-646-558-8656 ID#7331551458#).

The church is located at 398 Bellevue Ave. Tiffany Travia serves as Pastor. The church can be reached by calling (609) 561-1537 or by email at officefunch@comcast.net.

Visit our website at Hammontonumc.org for more info and events, follow us on Facebook at Hammonton Methodist. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. Please contact the church for more information.

Harvest Church 272 Rt. 206 (609) 561-1239

Sunday worship services are held every week at 10 a.m. along with a dynamic kids' ministry serving children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old.

On Sunday evenings, prayer is open for everyone from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Midweek Wednesday service at 7 p.m. offers a bible study for adults and Royal Rangers and Mpaqt Girls for kids ages third through 12th grade.

Youth and young adult meetings are every other Thursday at 7 p.m. Contact Student Ministries Director Ruben Ramos at (973) 934-6363 for more information.

Pastor Jim Rovaggi is Lead Pastor at Harvest Church.

Bible-based family counseling is available.

For upcoming events, follow Harvest Church at facebook.com/HarvestChurchNJ.

The church is located at 272 N. Route 206, one mile north of the White Horse Pike. Call (609) 561-1239 for information or visit www.hammontonag.church or find us on Facebook.

Presbyterian Church 326 Bellevue Ave. (609) 561-0168

English Worship is held at 11 a.m. on Sundays and communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. Children's Church is held during worship service for children ages 3 through 9. Nursery is also provided for infants up to the age of 3.

Sunday school gathering for a.m. and all classes for pre-K through adults will begin at 10 a.m. Nursery is provided for parents wishing to attend the church's adult classes.

Free refreshments are served during Fellowship time, immediately following 11 a.m. service.

Chancel choir rehearsal for adults and teenagers is held on Sundays at 9 a.m. Bible Study is held in the conference room Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

BSA Boy Scout Troop #58 and Cub Scout Pack #58 meet on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. BSA Scout Troop # 1058 also meets on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Goods for Our Neighborhood, which provides free clothing for people of all ages/sizes, housewares, personal items and children's books, is open every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon for those who are in need.

The Hammonton Presbyterian Church is located at 326 Bellevue Ave. Call (609) 561-0168 or visit www.hammontonpres.org for information.

Calvary Chapel 660 S. Egg Harbor Road (609) 704-8778

Sunday morning worship services 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Weekday services include: Revelation Study on Monday at 7 p.m.; Women's Bible Study on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday night services at 7 p.m. - Adult Bible Study (with childcare for children under 5), Awana Ministry for children ages PreK - 8th grade, Youth Group for grades 9 - 12th.

Check website for special events at www.cchammonton.org or call (609) 704-8778. Follow us on Facebook at Calvary Chapel Hammonton. Download our app to your phone Text: [cchapp](https://www.cchapp.com): 77977

Rosedale Baptist Church 115 E. 15th St. (609) 561-4208

Worship services are held at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sundays. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:45 a.m. Dedicated classes are available for pre-primaries, primaries, juniors, teens and adults. A fully-staffed nursery is available for all services. On Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. a midweek Prayer and Bible study for all ages is held.

Teens are invited to the Teen Slice Youth Group while children in sixth grade and younger are invited to Bible Club where children will be taught through Bible memorization, activities and lessons. Transportation services are available for all services. For more information, please contact the church by visiting the church's website at www.rosedalebaptistchurch.com.

St. James Lutheran Church 1341 Mays Landing Rd. (609) 561-4488

St. James Lutheran Church Core Values are: Faithful to Christ's message, Inclusive in all ways, Joyful Fellowship, and Compassionate Outreach. From these come our Mission: Welcoming all people

to abide in Christ, to experience God's love, and to do God's work in the world around us.

We are doing worship live and via Zoom on Sundays at 10 a.m. The Zoom link can be found on our web page at www.stjamesfolson.org. If you worship live with us, we ask that if you have not been vaccinated that you wear a mask and maintain physical distance to preserve the health of all. For those who worship at home, you may bring bread and wine/grape juice to your table and share with us in communion.

Also, we have Wednesday Devotional Services at 7 p.m. It is an informal service, centered around a devotion and conversation, with communion.

We invite you to gather with us and share in God's gracious love.

The Rev. Pamela Werner is our pastor. For more information, please call the church at (609) 561-4488 and leave a message. Our office hours are Wednesdays, 9-12; other times available by appointment. Visit our website at www.stjamesfolson.org. Updates on events and our schedule are available there. You can also find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stjamesfolson>.

Living Springs Global Fellowship (609) 839-9166

Living Springs meets together on Saturdays at 6 p.m. to worship, encourage each other, primarily using our spiritual gifts, share the Lord's Supper and hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the church through the teaching of the Scripture.

A healing room is open to the public on Monday evenings. For more information call (609) 839-9166.

Dan and Marcy McAnney are the founders of Living Springs Global Fellowship. Dan is the senior apostolic leader, ordained with Global Awakening.

Ss. Peter and Paul Trad. Roman Catholic Tridentine Mass Church 300 Peach St. (609) 888-6700

Ss. Peter and Paul Traditional Roman Catholic Tridentine Mass Church invites you and your family to experience the Immemorial Tridentine Latin Mass Every Sunday. This is the Mass understood and experienced prior to the Second Vatican Council. This Mass was never to be changed nor abandoned according to the Bull of Pope Pius V 1570 (Quo Primum Tempore).

Sunday Masses are as follows: 8 a.m. Low Mass and 11 a.m. Solemn High Mass. Week Day Masses are as follows: Monday through Saturday at 6 a.m. (Low Mass).

Special Masses and Devotions are as follows: First Friday Confessions from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., Mass at 6 p.m., Adoration and Devotion to the Sacred Heart from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; First Saturday Confessions from 7 a.m. to 7:45 a.m., Mass at 8 a.m. and Holy Rosary and Devotion to the Immaculate Heart from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday Devotions are Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 5 p.m., Novena at 5:30 p.m., Solemn Vespers at 5:45 p.m. and Low Mass at 6 p.m.

Confessions are held Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to noon, Saturday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Ss. Peter and Paul Traditional Roman Catholic Tridentine Mass Church is located at 300 Peach Street. For more information, visit www.trcatholics.org.

Spanish Pentecostal Assembly of God 100 French St. (609) 567-1222

Worship services are held Sunday at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday school at 11:30 a.m. Email hammontonag@hotmail.com for more information.

Life Mission Fellowship 111 8th St.

Life Mission Fellowship offers Sunday service at 10 a.m. and a Friday celebration dinner at 5:15 p.m. For more information write PO Box 467, visit www.life-mission.org or email admin@life-mission.org.

Jesus in the Midst Ministries 340 Egg Harbor Rd.

Service times are Sunday worship at 11:30 a.m., Monday night prayer at 8:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible study at 7:30 p.m. and third Friday service at 7:30 p.m.

Deeper Life Deliverance Ministry 199 N. Chew Rd. (609) 567-2565

Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. with Sunday education at 9:45 a.m. Deeper Life also offers Biblical education on Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Evangelistic Service on Friday at 7:30 p.m. For more information visit dldrestored.org or email deeperlife3@verizon.net.

Iglesia De Dios El Consolador 75 N. Chew Rd.

Worship services are Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information email iglesiaelconsolador@hotmail.com.

Submissions for Faith Focus are due by Thursday at 5 p.m. the week before publication. Fax information to 704-1938 or email the information to mhoffman@hammontongazette.com.

Councilman Gribbin speaks at Sooy



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On January 9, Councilman Thomas Gribbin visited with Warren E. Sooy Jr. Elementary School second grade students to share information about our federal, state and local government. He also told fun and interesting facts about Hammonton and went into detail about his role within the community. Gribbin gifted each second grader with their very own paper map of Hammonton. Pictured above (l-r): Gribbin with his daughters, Brynn and Paige, who both attend Sooy; Gribbin speaks to the students about Governor Phil Murphy. Below: Gribbin with Natalie Scaffidi's second grade class.





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