

**Awards**

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**Denman Evangelism Award – Laity: Lou Weil**

*Sponsored by The Foundation for Evangelism to recognize a clergy member, lay person or a youth pastor who has an outstanding personal evangelism ministry.*



Lou Weil has been an active member of Whiting United Methodist Church for the last 16 years. In addition to his service in the church, he has been a leader in the Northern Shore District serving as President of United Methodist Men since 2000, organizing the annual spring gathering and introducing the Amachi Program of the Big Brothers Big Sisters to young people. Weil attended the Man In the Mirror training in 2004, was sponsored by the Men’s Ministry of GNJ to become a pioneer participant in Men’s Ministry Specialist Training and has encouraged others to start UM Men’s groups. His most recent endeavor has been teaching Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University.

**Francis Asbury Award – The Feed Truck Ministry, under the leadership of Jessica Winderweedle.**

*Sponsored by the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry to recognize and encourage support of higher education and campus ministries within The United Methodist Church.*



The Feed Truck Ministry is a non-profit mobile food truck started by Kingston UMC under the direction of Jessica Winderweedle, who works to connect young adults with opportunities for volunteer service and spiritual engagement. The Feed Truck serves locally sourced, creative food offerings at food truck festivals, farmers’ markets, community events, college and seminary campuses and business parks. The Feed Truck had more than 12,000 transactions in 2015. It also selects local merchants, farmers, and employees so that they can benefit from The Feed Truck’s enterprise and ministries. Winderweedle, who serves as one of Kingston UMC’s co-pastors is a candidate for ordination in Greater New Jersey. A graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, she has extensive experience in business management and community involvement due to her decade-long career of opening and operating coffee shops.



**Helen Alter Davisson Award – Rev. Pat Brugger**

*Sponsored by the Commission On The Status And Role Of Women (COSROW), to recognize a woman who demonstrates vision, passion, resilience, sense of purpose, inclusiveness, perseverance, and a willingness to work with and stand for the status and role of women in ministry.*



Rev. Pat Brugger has always been a champion for social justice and the disenfranchised and she lives out her concerns in her daily work. She has served the city of Paterson both as pastor and as the executive director of CUMAC (Center of United Methodist Aid to the Community Ecumenically Concerned Helping Others) for the past 27 years. CUMAC is an organization that reaches hundreds of thousands of individuals and families feeding their bodies, minds and spirits.

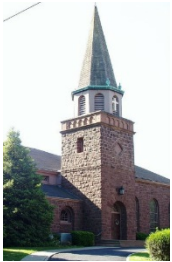
## **Award Recognition**

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Under her transformational leadership, CUMAC has grown and expanded in both size and scope. The lives of the countless individuals have changed because of her extending God's love to all people. She works one on one with people, particularly women and children, to assure that they are treated justly. She has been recognized with numerous awards by the state, local communities and corporations. She continues to be active in United Methodist Women and as an advocate for women's rights.

### **Christian Unity and Interfaith Relationship Award – Congregation: Vincent UMC**

*Sponsored by the Commission on Christian Unity and Interfaith Relationships for a congregation that is fruitful in the area of Christian Unity and Interfaith Relationships.*



Vincent United Methodist Church has been involved in ecumenical and interfaith ministry for many years. Through the Nutley Fellowship, the congregation has participated in the 9/11 Service, the Day of Prayer Service, the Blessing of Palms, a Good Friday Stations of the Cross and a Cross Walk through town. They host an annual interfaith Thanksgiving service, the weekly Care Kitchen, the Care Pantry and the Interfaith Hospitality Network. They also helped to reinstitute the Crop Walk in Nutley. The ecumenical work of Vincent UMC has led to a larger impact for God in the community.

### **Christian Unity Award – Laity: Carla Pitman**

*Sponsored by the Commission on Christian Unity and Interfaith Relationships for an individual that is fruitful in the area of Christian Unity and Interfaith Relationships.*



Elmer UMC member Carla Pitman has headed the Homeless Child Christmas Gift program for the last 35 years, a program that is now affectionately called Carla's Kids. Carla's Kids are children placed by Division of Youth and Family Services/Department of Children and Families (DYFS/DCF) and do not usually receive Christmas gifts. The children are "the least, the last and the lost." Pitman coordinates churches and organizations to provide Christmas gifts to these children. Each gift includes a Bible, a Christian book or other token to show the child the love of Jesus. Over the years, she and her team, have served approximately 20,000 families living in Cumberland and Salem Counties.