make a world tour in the interest of global unity and peace. His plan was to see as much of the world and the war, its battlefronts, its leaders, and its people. The hope of this undertaking was to help translate into reality the dream of a world without violence – the age-old dream of peace and harmony among nations.

It was a unique and challenging assignment and one that Willkie eagerly welcomed. He was to have the opportunity of seeing the world at war, of visualizing the world at peace, of viewing the nations of the world as though on a giant chessboard and of contemplating the best moves in the direction of international peace, understanding and co-operation. And in the process, he talked with Field Marshall Montgomery, Charles de Gaulle, Joseph Stalin and Chiang Kai-shek. He talked with soldiers at the front and their families behind the lines – with teachers, farmers and factory workers – with generals, prime ministers and kings.

He visited more than a dozen countries, traveled a total of thirty-one thousand miles and talked with hundreds of people around the world. The impression he got was not of distance from these people but of nearness to them. The more he saw of the world, the smaller it seemed to him; and the greater became his desire to see the nations of the world united in a just and lasting peace. “If I had ever had any doubts that the world has become small and completely interdependent,” he said later, “this trip would have dispelled them altogether.”

So what was his conclusion seventy-four years ago? He reported on a world transformed by swift communication and economic interdependence, a world of shrinking boundaries, of revolutionary new values and ideas. He stressed the need for broader vision and better understanding, insisted that our thinking and planning in the future must be world-wide. “There can be no peace for any part of the world,” he said, “unless the foundations of peace are made secure throughout all parts of the world.

Shortly after reporting his findings and impressions, Wendell Willkie wrote a book, “One World,” that became a sensation. As a child, I remember seeing a copy of Willkie’s book on a shelf in the library of my family home. My mother was much of a dreamer and no doubt the inspirational message and thesis of the book had great appeal to her. The gist of his message is summed up in the following paragraph – a simple, unadorned statement of fact which millions of folks found memorable and provocative.

There are no distant points in the world any longer. I learned by this trip that the myriad millions of human beings of the Far East are as close to us as Los Angeles is to New York by the fastest trains. I cannot escape the conviction that in the future what concerns them must concern us, almost as much as the problems of the people of California concern the people of New York. Our thinking in the future must be world-wide.

I believe that everyone can agree that Willkie’s conclusions are correct and remarkably insightful, reflective of what the last seventy-four years have turned out to be. So what has gone wrong? He made one fundamental misjudgment: The people in California don’t care about the people in New York and vice versa. What happened to the “One World” of Wendell Willkie is that we have evolved into a world where a great majority of people don’t give an iota about anything other than what they want. The motto has evolved into: “If it’s good for me, then everybody else has to make sure I get it.”

The purpose of this whole enterprise was to make people aware of the truth of what the world will become (and in fact became). The point that was somehow missed was, that we are members of a world team. We are partners in a grand adventure. We are offered the most challenging opportunity of all history: the chance to help create a new society in which men and women around the world can live and grow invigorated by independence and freedom. Unfortunately, this dream will never be realized as long as humanity is more interested in self-gratification and personal benefit. As long as individuals and civilizations remain all wrapped up in themselves, Willkie’s vision for “one better world,” will remain nothing more than a dream. So I leave you with a really uncomfortable truth: You cannot build a better world unless you first have better people.

Blessings, Will
WORDS OF APPRECIATION
“WILLING WORKER”

A church member of long-standing, would like to recognize by a note of appreciation and thanks to Betty Dunn, who represented Groome for many years as the Community Representative for the Lewes Rehoboth Association of Churches. Betty served also as the treasurer of United Methodist Women of the Women’s Society for many years and coordinated the summer services at the Cape Henlopen State Park until 2015. She continues to help in the office as a counter on Sunday mornings.

Thank you, Betty, for your continue service to the Lord.

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect and be thankful for all God has given us.

There is no better time of the year to express thankfulness and appreciation to the members of Groome for their dedication and willingness to serve in all areas of the church.

Let us continue to serve the Lord in gladness and thanksgiving, with our tithes and offerings and continued good stewardship, as we venture into the new year with new expectations and opportunities.

1 Chronicles 16:8 – Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples.

What a beautiful site adorns our altar for Harvest Sunday and the Thanksgiving season! Patty Morris and Sherry Mitchell spend many hours preparing the pumpkins and gourds for the altar table and each year the table seems more beautiful than the last. A big thank you goes to John Beau-champ for growing the pumpkins and gourds and donating them for the table.

Patty and Sherry decorate also the tables in the social hall for the different seasons of the year. The tables always look festive and we appreciate Patty’s and Sherry’s dedication to the church.

In Christian Love,
Retta Rose Frampton
Christmas Cookies for SCI

This is a wonderful time of the year to think about those less fortunate than ourselves. Lewes Rehoboth Association of Churches is asking the Body of Christ to participate in their annual Cookie Drive for Prison Ministries, SCI Project. This project was near and dear to the hearts of my mother, Betty Gooch, and my family, and I wish to continue honouring my mother’s legacy with your help. There have been changes made over the last two years regarding the cookie drive. The cookies can no longer be baked in outside kitchens. Given the new requirements, it has been suggested that we purchase the cookies through the prison vendor. The cost per box is $1. SCI currently has approximately 1200 inmates and your donations in any amount will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, you may contact me at (302) 236-8654.

In Christ Love,
Katina Gooch

Mitten and Scarf Tree

Again this year we will be decorating the Christmas tree in the annex with mittens and scarves to donate to West Rehoboth New Beginnings for the needy children of the community. The Christmas tree will be placed in the annex of the church on November 22, and with everyone’s help we hope to fill it with mittens and scarves of all sizes. Last year it was a great success, with over 140 items filling the tree.

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 2 Corinthians 9:10

Christmas Schedule

Groome Christmas Schedule

“Mitten and Scarf Tree”
Begins November 22

First Sunday in Advent
“Hanging of the Greens”
November 27

“Christmas Brunch”
Covered Dish/Meat and Drinks provided
Communion Sunday, December 1
“All are welcome”

“Christmas Eve Service”
“Service of Lessons and Carols”
December 24, 5:00 p.m.

For unto us a child is given and the government will be on his shoulders...Isaiah 9:6

No Mid-Week Gathering
November 24, December 22 & 29

Community Resource Centre
Lewes Rehoboth Association of Churches

The Community Resource Centre Baby Pantry supplies pampers and other baby needs in the Cape Henlopen and Indian River School Districts. At the end of 2015 Groome dissolved their baby pantry due to the fact that the Centre had more to offer clients. The Centre is asking members of LRAC churches to help replenish their pamper supply as they continue to meet the needs of their clients. A collection box for pampers is located downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who would like to donate pampers. All sizes are needed.

Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child

Groome has 22 more Christmas boxes to fill for Operation Christmas Child for the needy children around the world. Instructions for a boy or girl and their ages are in the boxes. The goal is to fill 100 boxes. Last year Groome filled 139 boxes. Please help fulfill this mission project by taking one or two boxes. The boxes have to be inspected and sealed by November 6 before they are shipped.

Thank you, Sue Lehman
November-December 2016

Happy Thanksgiving

Groome United Methodist Church
Pastor: Reverend Dr. Will Crossan

Sunday Worship Service—Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Saturday Worship Service “Anchor of Hope” - Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Children’s Church & Nursery

Mid-Week Gathering—Thursday 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Soup & Sandwiches/Bible Study
(September-May)

“Our Vision is to enhance people’s belief in Jesus Christ so they live a life of holiness and service to others.”

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