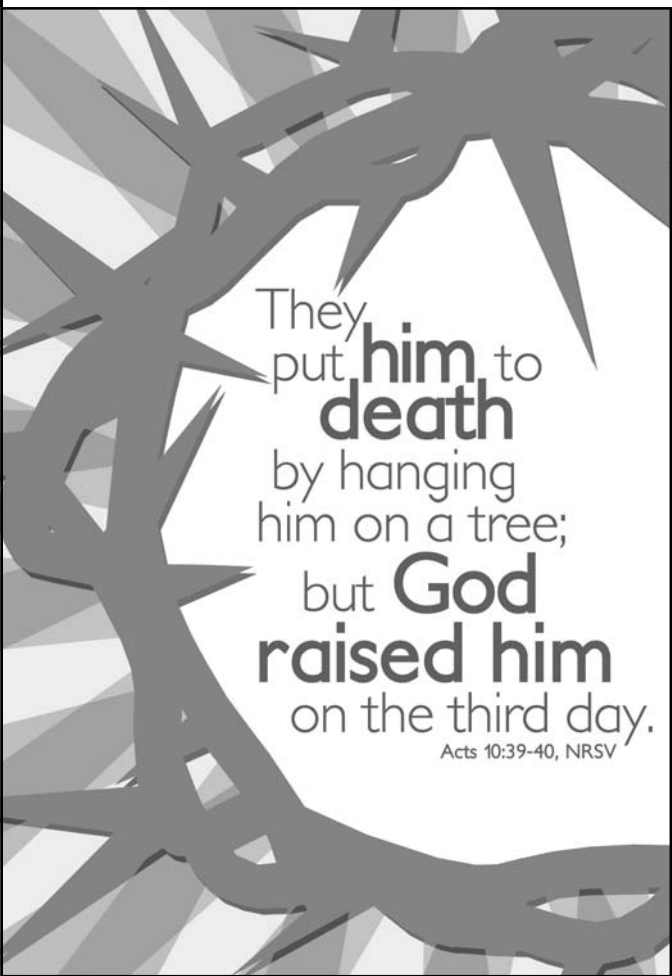




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They put **him** to  
**death**  
by hanging  
him on a tree;  
but **God**  
**raised him**  
on the third day.

Acts 10:39-40, NRSV

# Worship the Lord with Us!

## Sunday Worship

Traditional Worship Service: 8:30 am

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 am

Contemporary Worship Service: 10:45 am

*Listen to "A Place of Grace"  
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The submission deadline for the *May* issue of Windows is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## From The Pastor's Heart

Many celebrate this time of the year for a myriad of reasons. For some, it is just a holiday that is about candy, Easter eggs, ham, lilies, special breads and cakes, family, opening day with the Phillies and a lot more. Others celebrate the spring and the promise of summer with all the pre-summer warm, beautiful weather. Followers of Jesus Christ, however, celebrate Easter because of the hope that we can have personally in our hearts and lives because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ! In Christ, we have both a promise for today and an eternal hope. Apostle Paul says it this way... “but now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.” (Ephesians 2:13)

A South American Indian told the missionary who led him to Christ, “when I was living in the jungle, we never knew a day without fear. When we woke up in the morning, we were afraid. When we went out of our houses, we were afraid. When we walked along the river, we were afraid. We saw an evil spirit in every stone and tree and waterfall. And when night fell, fear came into our huts and slept with us all night long. That is what paganism is. And this is what the world is returning to.

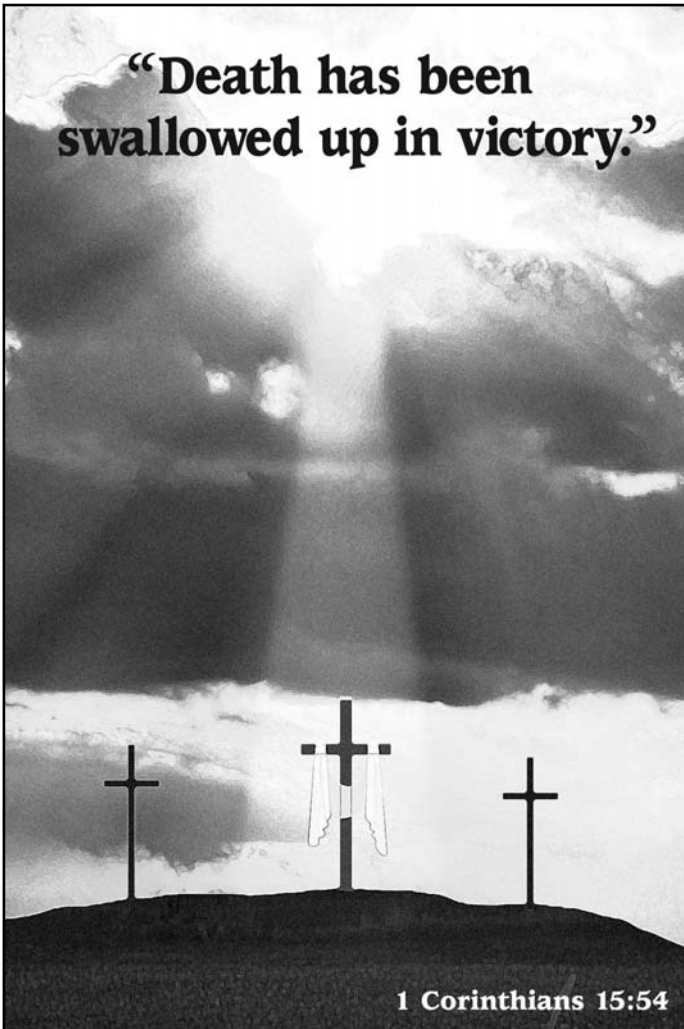
All around us, as Christian truth begins to fade, this pagan darkness settles upon the land. How thankful it ought to make our hearts that God has called us out of such darkness! Without the instruction of those who came to know God and then brought the message to us, we would have been nothing but pagans. Without any light in our darkness other than the natural light that came from our inner being, indicating that there is a God somewhere, we would be living like that still. But now, having once been far off, we have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

As the song writer writes, “Because he lives I can face tomorrow...(whatever life may bring)...because he lives all fear is gone...because I know he holds the future and life is worth the

living just because he lives.” May this Easter season bring each of us not only a hope that we can be thankful for personally, but a hope and a joy that is contagious. Maybe ask God today how we can share acts of kindness to others...just because He lives!

It is a joy and blessing to serve as your pastor. May the love and joy of Jesus Christ be yours this Easter!

In Him,  
Pastor Sam





### **NEED A RIDE ON SUNDAY MORNING?**

Each Sunday morning the church van picks up those who need rides bringing them to the 8:30 am service and returning them home after Sunday School at 10:30. If you are not currently on the rider list and would like to be, please contact our transportation coordinator, Bill Wertz.



### **WOULD YOU LIKE A PIECE OF 1ST CHURCH HISTORY?**

Check out the parlor hallway. There is a grand assortment of dishes, some with the FUMC emblem and some plain. There are various size plates, soup bowls and lots of glassware. Bring a box and some newspaper and help yourself. Any donations will be to Missions. Any questions, call Margie Underwood.



2011 Scholarship forms are available in the church office or on our website at <http://www.fumccollingswood.org>.

The completed forms may be returned to the church office in person or by e-mail to [maria@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:maria@fumccollingswood.org). Forms are due back to the church office by April 29.



A time of understanding our faith. Please meet in the Stokes Avenue Dining Room on April 15 & 29 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. If interested please let Pastor Sam or Ellen Wagner know or call/email the church office.

# TIARA CLUB

## *Daughters of the King*

*How great is the love the father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*  
1 John 3:1

Tiara Club is a women's ministry of First Church. How exciting it is to recognize our identity in Christ as daughters of the King, yes, princesses. And that is what we are. Not because of anything we've done but because of the love God has lavished on us. The Tiara Ministry's purpose is to provide varied opportunities for fellowship that will encompass interests of the full magnitude of ladies of our congregation. After all, we are all sisters in this, our church family. Consider this a personal invitation to be a part.

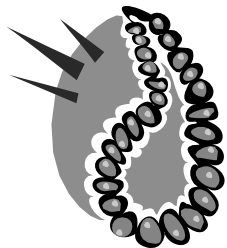
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All women are invited to a Bible study in the Stokes Dining Room (ground floor Education building) at 6:45 pm on Wednesdays. We completed our study of *8 Choices That Will Change a Woman's Life*. Now we're doing a 6 session study on *Three Simple Rules, A Wesleyan Way of Living*. Based on the works of John Wesley, we'll focus on "Do No Harm," "Do Good" and "Stay in Love with God." Please contact Ellen Wagner (ewagner36@comcast.net or 856-904-4232.) Hope to see you there!



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The Tiara Club is sponsoring a craft night on Friday, April 13 at 7:00 pm. All women are invited to make their own jewelry creation with Pam Kohler as our instructor. You can make a necklace and if time, earrings of very nice quality for only \$15. A sample will be on display next to the parlor with a sign up sheet.





# Holy Week



**PALM SUNDAY**  
**April 1<sup>st</sup> - 8:30 and 10:45 am**  
*An Unforgettable Moment!*  
**Matthew 21:1-21**



**HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS**  
**Monday through Friday, April 2 – 6, 2012**  
**7:00 – 7:30 pm in our Sanctuary!**

Join us each night as we follow what Jesus did on the way to the cross. We will reflect on what Jesus did each day through his week before the cross. On Thursday night we will be observing communion as well.



**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
**Friday, April 6, 12:00 - 3:00 pm**

A special time of meditation from God's word and music. Various speakers will be sharing with us. You are invited to come when you are able and leave when you must.





**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 8<sup>th</sup> – 8:30 and 10:45 am.**  
*An Unforgettable Day!*  
**Matthew 28:1-10**



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**Reflections on Jesus' Last Week**

Sunday	The Triumphal Entry - Hosanna!	Matt: 21:1-11 Mark 11:11
Monday	Clearing the Temple	Matthew 21:10-17 Mark 11:15-18
Tuesday	Day of Controversy and Parables	Matt. 21:23-24:51 Mark 11:27-13:37 Luke 20:1-21:36
Wednesday	Day of Rest	
Thursday	The Lord's Supper (Passover)	Matt 26:17-30 Mark 14:12-26 Luke 22:7-23 John 13:1-30
Friday	Crucifixion	Matt. 27:1-66 Mark 15:1-47 Luke 22:66 - 23:56 John 18:28 - 19:37
Sunday	Resurrection - He is Risen!	Matt. 28:1-13 Mark 16:1 Luke 24:1-47 John 20: 1-31

the **ryver**  
youth ministry of fmc

a ministry of students  
loving God, loving people,  
connecting with our neighbors

Senior High (grades 9-12) meets on Sunday nights and Junior High (grades 6-8) meets on Wednesday nights, both from 6:00-8:00 pm (for relationship building and spiritual topical discussions), and **everyone** meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am (for deeper Bible teaching and spiritual life training) except for the following:

- ♦ **All-ryver Serving** – (last Sun; all grades) – *focused on meeting needs in our surrounding community*
- ♦ **All-ryver Worship** – (last Wed; all grades) – *experience God through music, teaching, and arts*

## COMING EVENTS

**J.T.C. (Journey to the Cross)**

Monday 4/2 through Friday 4/6, 7:00 to 7:30 pm

Our church will be gathering each night this week for a ½ hour in an intimate time of worship and reflection, focusing our attention on all that Christ has done for you and I.

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by  
**GRACE**  
you  
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been  
**saved**  
through faith.

EPHESIANS 2:8, NRSV

### **Good Friday Service**

**Friday 4/6, 12:00 – 3:00 pm**

Many different speakers and musicians will be sharing Christ's 7 last words with us throughout this service. Come when you can, leave when you need to, but join us to reflect on His unbelievable sacrifice on the cross.



### **Youth Leader's Visioning Day**

**Saturday 4/21**

More times and details will be announced, but we will be spending several hours today praying together and seeking God for his direction in this youth ministry. Lunch will be provided.



### **Common Ground**

**Friday 4/27 – 8:00 pm**

High school seniors are invited to be a part of this awesome once-a-month young adult ministry – good fellowship, food, music & fun!





# SonRise National Park



Although Punxatawny Phil said there would be 6 more weeks of winter, for those planning for VBS, summer is just around the corner! That's right ... our annual Vacation Bible School for kids through completing 5<sup>th</sup> grade is scheduled for **June 25 – 29!**

This year's theme is **SonRise National Park**. What a great setting to think about our marvelous God and all He does for us. The kids will learn about ... True PEACE ... True RICHES ... True POWER ... True LOVE ... True HOPE.

It takes a lot of preparation, a lot of work and a lot of prayer to reach these children with the gospel of Jesus Christ. *Everyone* can play an important part in this annual outreach to children and their families. Here are a few suggestions for you to consider:

- Teach or co-teach a class of children
- Help or assist a classroom teacher
- Help in the kitchen (Nicole Meyers is our Kitchen Coordinator)
- Help with skits or music (Christine Walker is our Music & Assembly Coordinator)
- Help with record keeping (registration, attendance, counting collection, making copies, mailing out postcards and letters, and a dozen other things)
- Gather, assemble or package crafts (Jennifer Schwehm is our Crafts Coordinator)
- Hand out flyers

- Bring neighborhood children, your kids or grandkids or neighbors to VBS.
- Serve or make food for our parents' brunch on Friday of VBS week.
- Help with kids' recreation (we may have a Recreation Coordinator)
- Decorate or donate decorations – we want the classrooms and common areas to look like **SonRise National Park!**
- PRAY!!!...for the kids, families, teachers, helpers, weather, etc. That's something we can all do. God loves to hear and answer our prayers!

Questions? Want to help? Contact Ellen Wagner through the church office. We're looking forward to a fantastic week!



# APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	W
<b>1</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY!</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Senior High Youth Group	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Holy Week Devotions <b>7:00 PM</b> Job Seekers	<b>3</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Smooth Stones Bible Study (women) <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Holy Week Devotions	<b>4</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> J Group <b>6:45 PM</b> M (Jesus) Cr <b>7:00 PM</b> H Devotions
<b>8</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY!</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Worship Service	<b>9</b> Church Office Closed <b>7:00 PM</b> Connecting Team meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> SPR	<b>10</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Smooth Stones Bible Study (women) <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study <b>7:00 PM</b> Discipleship Team meeting	<b>11</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> J Group <b>6:45 PM</b> M (Jesus) Cr
<b>15</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Journey Membership Class <b>6:00 PM</b> Senior High Youth Group	<b>16</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Finance Team meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Trustees Meeting	<b>17</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Smooth Stones Bible Study (women) <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study	<b>18</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> J Group <b>6:45 PM</b> M (Jesus) Cr <b>6:45 PM</b> W Revive - C <b>7:00 PM</b> W
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<b>29</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Journey Membership Class <b>6:00 PM</b> Senior High Youth Group	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 AM</b> Church Council		

# 2012

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Junior High Youth Master's Men & J ew Men Holy Week	<b>5</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Noon TimePrayer <b>6:45 PM</b> Praise Team Practice <b>7:00 PM</b> Holy Week Devotions	<b>6</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Good Friday Service <b>7:00 PM</b> Holy Week Devotions	<b>7</b>
Junior High Youth Master's Men & J ew Men	<b>12</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Noon TimePrayer <b>6:45 PM</b> Praise Team Practice	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Tiara Activity	<b>14</b>
Junior High Youth Master's Men & J ew Men Wednesday Night hildren Women's Bible Study	<b>19</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Noon TimePrayer <b>6:45 PM</b> Praise Team Practice	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
Junior High Youth Master's Men & J ew Men Wednesday Night hildren Women's Bible Study	<b>26</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Noon TimePrayer <b>6:45 PM</b> Praise Team Practice	<b>27</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> Common Ground	<b>28</b>



**Tim and Kathy Sheetz**

We're so blessed to be part of your missionary family. Thank you for remembering us prayerfully and financially. We are always so cognizant of the ways the church family in Collingswood nurtured me as I was growing up, of the fact that you are Kathy's and my sending church and that we were honored to be able to begin the H\*V ministry at FUMC with the very first ever God's Special Children Sunday school class. We praise God that GSC continues strong today.

We're busy with preparations for Handi\*Camp!! This will be an interesting camp year for us all. I will be serving as interim Handi\*Camp Director this summer. That's taking Kathy and me waaaaay back to the first 11 years of this ministry when I was the camp director. Next year, Lord willing, Tara Kelley, from our fulltime staff, will step into the position.

Kathy and I are continuing to adjust to life without her dad. We said "good-bye" to him on Thanksgiving morning. We miss him very much. He was a very wonderful man who loved the Lord, loved his family and who was a chief prayer warrior for us in our ministry.

We have some prayer requests to share with you, if we may:

- 1) There is so much more we could be doing except for the two basic needs every mission agency faces: people and finances. Please pray for God's provision in these two areas. We're excited that 2 couples and 2 single women are praying about the possibility of joining us.
- 2) Plans are moving forward for us to relocate in about 10-12 months to the campus of Lancaster Bible College. We're excited about the possibilities to be able to have our headquarters right in the middle of the campus of young people being trained for Christian ministry.
- 3) We have serious need of men counselors and nurses for camp this summer.
- 4) Our need to own our own property for Handi\*Camp and for various ministry retreats is becoming crucial. Please pray that God will connect us to the right people to help make this miracle a reality!!!! We'd be very thankful to know that you're praying for these needs.



## **Armand and Jean LeBlanc**

*“I was in prison 5 years for opposing the government and my husband was hung. Our daughter now lives in Europe. After I got out of prison, I married again and I have 2 daughters that I brought with me here. My husband is still in our country but things were so difficult that the girls and I came out.”* Recently, Jean talked with this lady about her difficulties. After formal language study, we would like to visit in more homes like this to share the good news. Right now they know there is a fellowship in town that gives them food and clothing once a month. Lift up “F” to run to the Prince of Peace.

A couple we met at refugee day 2 months ago have been coming to English classes and Sunday service but recently “S” said I think we need to stop coming because my wife is getting very interested. “M” has been reading a booklet called *“What is Christianity?”* Lift her up for the spiritual hunger to continue and being drawn to the Savior.

In the next 2 months, Jean and I will be finishing up our formal language program. Lift up our final assessment & that we will continue to make progress in the language.

Please remember our children and grandchildren to continue to grow and rest in the Lord. Lori especially needs lifting up at this time as she carries a heavy load as Guidance Counselor at West Nairobi School in Kenya. She is planning a Career day, helping seniors with college requirements, helping plan graduation ceremony etc. She has agreed to stay at least one more year so needs to raise more support. Petition the Father to provide for her.





# *Wings of Prayer*



Dear Friends in Christ and Partners in Prayer,

This month the focus of this letter will be on joy. Joy is a gift from God. Joy is also a choice. We can choose to be joyful or sad about conditions in the world today. Choosing sadness doesn't change anything, does it? We just become miserable. But joy changes our outlook and causes us to look on the bright side of things rather than dwell on the bad.

Scripture tells us that God wants us to make a joyful noise unto the Lord, and in doing so we will have joy in living and joy in serving Him and sharing that with others who don't know Him. God doesn't want us to go around with long faces. He wants us to have joy in our hearts at all times and have that joy reflected in our countenance.

There are 3 joy stealers, the first one is worry, the second is fear and the third is stress. Paul tells us not to worry about anything but to pray about everything in Philippians 4:6. Fear causes us to make things worse than they really are, and stress can be caused by a combination of worry and fear. So let's follow Paul's theory to pray about everything and let God guide us and give us peace and joy will surely follow. God is at work in each one of us and He is in control of our lives so let's relax. All is in God's hands.

There are many things to pray about in these troubled times. Please continue to pray for those who are struggling to make the most of the bad situations that they are going through. Pray for our church and for Pastor Sam as he serves God. Pray for all those who are on the church prayer list, their names are as follows:

*Elizabeth Boswell, Nancy Tirpack, Joan Stecher, Heather A'say, Barb Edelman, Mary Emily Cameron, Karl Abraham, Joan Smith, Carl Capece, Matt Robb, Betty Strike, Lew & Mildred Smith, George Stevens, Christine Fink, Florence Keller, Warren Creely, Mildred Young, Caroline Gerelus, Paul Gaehring.*

As I close this letter, here is a good thought to carry with you: For citizens of God's kingdom, every day can be a day of joy if we so desire.

Love from your prayer partner,  
Betty Stoms



## Where God's Love Makes a Difference, But...

As the new year has unfolded, our church is enjoying exciting days. Our Bible studies, Sunday School, and morning worship attendances continue to grow. New people are connecting in many ministry opportunities. A new membership class of almost a dozen has started. There are additional Bible studies, small group experiences and other events coming soon. [To be involved in ministry just contact our office, one of our leaders or Pastor Sam.] This year has been our greatest year for Wee Soccer and Wiffle Ball is just around the corner. Much needed work around the property and the building inside and out continues to be done. (Looking good!) Our sound system project, phase one, is in now and the tweaking is in process. Every week we are hearing stories of God's love and grace touching and making a difference in many lives. But...we do have one area that brings concern in light of a growing church, in an old building in a shaky economy and that is our Finances.

Our church needs \$9,200 weekly to fully fund our Local Ministries and Missions Budget. Through the nine weeks of January and February, we are averaging about \$8,000 weekly. Neither budget area had any "surplus" to start 2012, so we need additional giving to keep our payroll, bills, and missionary support current. Another area of concern is our Radio Ministry which continues to be about \$100 short each week. Would you join us in prayer...asking what additional you may be able to do knowing that God is at work?

Thanks for your faithfulness to the Lord and the Kingdom work here at FUMC. If you have any questions on our Finances, please contact Stan Sheaffer for Local Ministries or Susan Gibbins-Davis for Missions.



**GIVE,  
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YOU**

Luke 6:38

## 2012 FIRST CHURCH BUDGET

### Local Ministries

Church Staff Payroll (2 Full-time & 7 Part-time)	\$168,500
Pension, Health Ins., Seminars, Transport.	\$43,500
Utilities for Church Buildings and Parsonages	\$59,000
Property Insurance	\$12,000
Bus & Van	\$5,000
Building and Grounds Maintenance	\$10,000
Bldg. Supplies, & Misc.	\$4,000
Worship (music, tech support, guest speakers)	\$1,500
Office equip, supplies, postage, payroll serv.	\$14,000
Conference Shared Ministries	\$50,500
Local Community Outreach	\$8,000
<b>Local Ministries Subtotal</b>	<b>\$376,000</b>

Missions primarily supports organizations founded by our church and missionaries from this church (**bolded**). Missionaries at \$2,000 or more are named

<b>Fellowship House</b>	\$20,200
Wycliffe ( <b>Albers, Hall, Hepners, Tolands</b> )	\$16,200
Handi-vangelism ( <b>Sheetz</b> )	\$9,800
SEND International ( <b>Parsons</b> )	\$6,500
Greater Europe Mission ( <b>Cherrys</b> )	\$5,800
Crossworld	\$5,700
Overseas Miss. Fellowship ( <b>Thompson</b> )	\$5,600
Biblical Ministries Worldwide ( <b>Brunners</b> )	\$5,000
S.I.M. (Truxtons)	\$3,600
Saints Prison Ministry	\$2,500
The Navigators	\$2,400
HCJB Global (Buckmans)	\$2,000
18 Missions up to \$2,000 annual support	\$18,100
<b>Missions Subtotal</b>	<b>\$103,400</b>

**Total Church Budget** **\$479,400**

Detailed Information is available upon request to Stan Sheaffer (Local Ministries), Mark Hamilton (Staff), and Susan Gibbins-Davis (Missions).

**WHAT AM I?  
(Anonymous)**

Through me, families are launched in marriage,  
persons are baptized, the young are trained  
in Christian character.

I provide a Church School and youth  
activities for your children.

I provide music to enrich your worship,  
and preaching services to help you live more nobly.

I heat and cool your Church building and keep it in repair  
for your comfort and use. I do your custodial work.

I help train ministers in the seminaries, and I provide  
assistance to those who retired after years of  
faithful service to God through the Church.

It is through me that the sick find spiritual strength,  
the troubled and discouraged are steadied.

I go out into the wide world, preaching the Gospel  
in every language. I carry the Word to people  
of every race, color, and clan.

I am your budget. Believe in me; support me,  
that I may carry on in our name. With your help,  
I make possible all of these services.  
As the budget, I am you at work.

But I do need your help. I do need your support.  
Without you to undergird me, I am helpless.  
You are my foundation, my supporting walls.

I am your money, your prayers, your concern – translated  
into action. I can do only what you, through your giving,  
make it possible for me to do.



### Birthdays

April 4	Lisa Santulli	April 11	Suzanne Hoover
April 6	Bernard C. Beals Debbie Cherry Bud Shropshire	April 12	Bea Hunsberger
April 7	Ken Steward, Jr.	April 13	Bert Stevens
April 9	Gregory McGaurn	April 15	Cindy VanPelt
April 10	Marion Shallcross	April 18	Bill Bittle
		April 25	Michael D Hoover
		April 27	Mark Burgoon

### Anniversaries

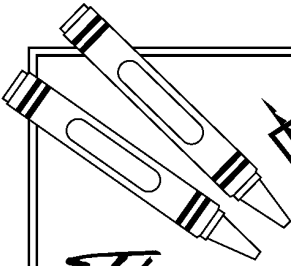
April 5	Tom and Cheryl Averell
April 20	Ken and Margie Underwood
April 23	Douglas and Julia Schmitt
April 25	Bill and Marion Wertz

If you have not already done so, please give your dates (birth dates and anniversary dates) to the church office in writing or by e-mail: [maria@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:maria@fumccollingswood.org).



### Weddings at First Church

Crystal Lyn Capece  
to  
Thomas Wayne Wright, Jr.  
03-11-12



# PUZZLE

## The purpose of the gospel

The gospel of John records many signs and miracles that Jesus performed in front of his disciples. Discover why these were written.



Directions: Use a Bible to fill in the missing letters of John 20:31. Then write the shape-enclosed letters in the corresponding boxes and circles below, in order of appearance, to discover John's message.

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JOHN 20:31, NIV

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Just Believe!

Answers: "... believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name:"



# Resurrection COUNTDOWN

Make this interactive craft to use as Easter approaches.

## What you need:

- An empty egg carton
- Scissors
- Tissue paper (a dark color)
- Pencil
- Bible
- 12 slips of white paper
- Glue
- Marker



## What you do:

1. Cut the lid and side flaps off the egg carton.
2. Lay the carton open-side down on tissue paper. Trace and cut out the rectangular shape.
3. On the paper slips, write 12 verses from John 12 about Holy Week (including one about Easter).
4. Place each slip in an egg cup, in order, starting at the top left and ending (with the Easter verse) at the bottom right.
5. Put glue around cups and carton edges. Lay the tissue paper on top.
6. Gently mark numbers 1-6 on the tissue paper along the top row and 7-12 along the bottom.
7. Before Easter, punch through one cup each day and read the verse.



All four gospels tell of Jesus' resurrection, but each gives a different list of women as the first to arrive at the empty tomb. Which woman appears in all four accounts?

- A. Joanna
- B. Mary, the mother of Jesus
- C. Salome
- D. Mary Magdalene
- E. Mary, the mother of James



(See Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1; Luke 24:10; and John 20:1.)

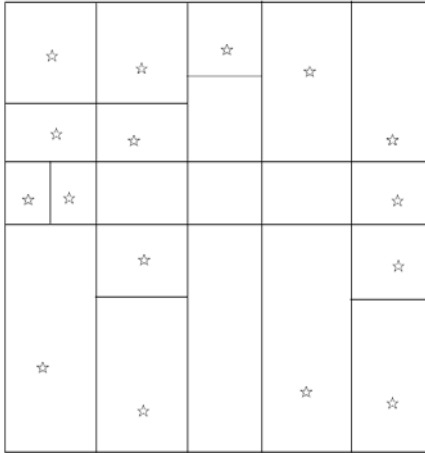
Answer: D

# Bits & Pieces

Happy Easter, kids!

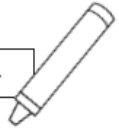
Here's some activities to enjoy as we celebrate all that Jesus has done for us this Easter.

Enjoy!

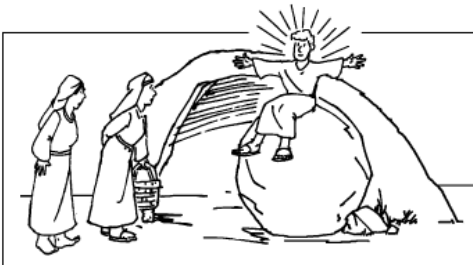


Jesus died on a wooden cross.

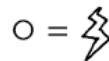
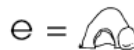
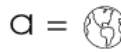
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What did the angel say to the 2 Marys who went to see Jesus' tomb?



Use the code to find out.



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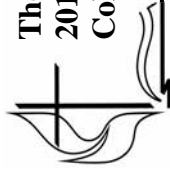
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"This year I'm prepared with my egg-hunting app."



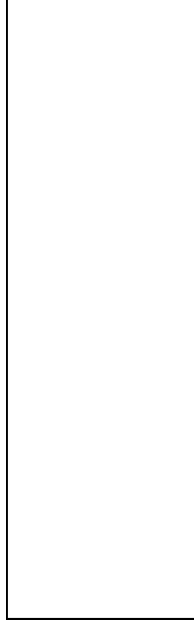
"I see you've laid up for yourselves treasures in heaven. Is this some sort of tax dodge?"



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