

# April



# 2016



REJOICE  
WITH A  
GLORIOUS,  
INEXPRESSIBLE

*joy.*

1 PETER 1:8. NLT

# Worship the Lord with Us!

## Sunday Worship

Traditional Worship Service: 8:30 am

Sunday School for all ages: 9:40 am

Contemporary Worship Service: 10:45 am

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Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

(Closed for lunch 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm)

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The submission deadline for the *May* issue of Windows is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

***THANK YOU FOR  
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# From The Pastor's Heart

**CAST ALL YOUR  
ANXIETY  
ON HIM,  
BECAUSE HE  
CARES FOR YOU.**

1 PETER 5:7, NRSV

Life can sometimes produce anxiety and fear even in the midst of good times of life. Even as I tune into the news, it is amazing how many things are reported on a daily basis that produce anxiety and fear. I heard a weather report predicting that we should have a hot summer this year. (YEAH!) Then it was said that we should have more hurricanes than normal this summer. On top of that, watching the presidential primary election, now that can lead to anxiety. (Just a little.)

The Bible speaks to how we deal with the fears in our lives. As I shared with many on Easter Sunday there are fears we can carry that are not good for our lives. (I have been asked to share the list that was in my message.) A list of some common fears:

- **Arachnophobia** – The fear of spiders.
- **Dentaphobia** – The fear of dentists.
- **Arachibutyrophobia** – The fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of one's mouth.
- **Aulophobia** – The fear of flutes.
- **Cyberphobia** – The fear of working with computers.
- **Peladophobia** – The fear of bald people.
- **Scuirophobia** – The fear of squirrels.
- **Long winda phobia** – The fear of long sermons.
- **Luposilpaphobia** – The fear of being pursued by a timber wolves around a kitchen table while wearing socks on a freshly waxed floor.
- **Methophobia** – The fear of Methodists.
- **Anatidaephobia** – The fear that somewhere in the world, there is a duck watching you.

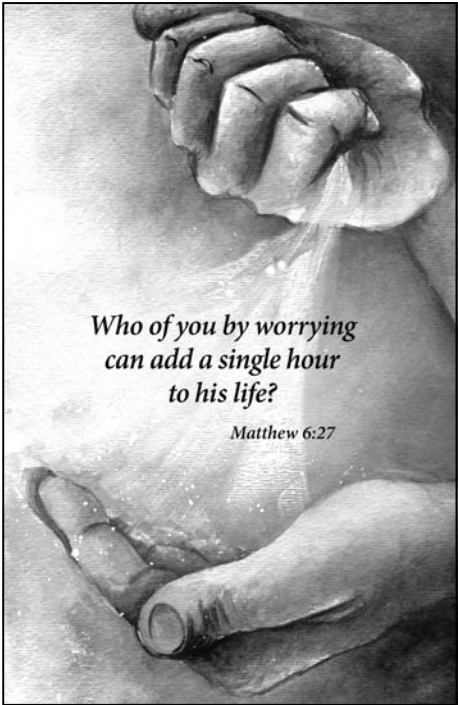
The fact of the matter is many fears are based upon a false reality or lie. I was reading Mark Bearden from “Revive” the other day that stated this and gave the following example to illustrate that thought as well.

**FEAR**

**LIE**

- Fear of death..... My security is in this life.
- Fear for safety..... God may not do what’s best.
- Fear of suffering ..... I won’t be able to bear it.
- Fear of rejection..... Worth comes from people.
- Fear of poverty ..... God won’t take care of me.

Worry feels deceptively necessary, but remember: It accomplishes *nothing*. Jesus asked, “Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to life?” (Matthew 6:27) In apostle Paul’s writing to the Philippian Church he commands: (verse 4:6-7) “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”



Paul says, in the middle of a world of worrisome possibilities and fearful scenarios, do not be anxious! Bring your cares directly to God. No fear about anything, but prayer about everything with THANKSGIVING! When we do that, we are making a choice to believe that God loves us and has a purpose for the things that are going on in our lives. He is shaping us to be like Jesus.

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**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**  
**(2016 – 2017 Academic Year)**

All applicants must submit a completed application and written essay.

You may download the PDF form from the FUMC website or you may pick up a printed version in the church office. Directions for completion of the application are included.

First-time applicants must submit references.  
Repeat applicants do not need references.

All applications and supporting information are due to the church office no later than Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. They may be mailed, hand-delivered, or e-mailed to [maria@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:maria@fumccollingswood.org).

**TRIUMPHANT SENIOR ADULTS (TSA)** announces its Spring event. Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:30 pm in the Stokes Dining Room, Chef Dick Esher with assistant Janel will provide a meatloaf lunch! Please give your \$7.00 cash and the filled out form which is found in your bulletin or at the connection points to Pat Gunning or Marva Wallace no later than Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!



## **DISCOVER FUMC (The 2 Sunday of every month!)**

You may be a first time visitor/guest, a regular visitor/guest, or just have questions about what FUMC of Collingswood is all about. Maybe you've been away from church for a while, or never been involved in church, or are curious about this particular church. You may have questions about what we believe about God, salvation, the Bible, and the Christian life. This one time discovery session is planned for you. There are planned programs for children and youth during this session or if you are more comfortable, they may remain with you. We would love to have a conversation with you. Several church leaders will meet with you for 45 minutes at 9:40 am in Room 206 right next to church office. Next Session is Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>!



### **MEMBERSHIP CLASS**

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Please see a staff member or email [maria@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:maria@fumccollingswood.org) if you are interested in becoming a member of First Church.

Reception of New Members will be on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **April Sermons and Scriptures**

April 3	Resurrection Changes Everything! (Part 1) - Communion	Luke 24: 13-35
April 10	Resurrection Changes Everything! (Part 2)	Luke 24:36-49
April 17	Resurrection Changes Everything! (Part 3)	Pastor Leon
April 24	Missionary Bevan Greiner	

# APRIL SHOWERS

COLLINGSWOOD MANOR

APRIL 12, 2015

Each resident is given a bag which they may fill with any of the donated items listed below. This is a special day which they look forward to each year. Please place donated items in the marked box in the boardroom. Thank you for your generosity! - The Collingswood Manor Auxiliary

## SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR DONATION

DISH CLOTHS	TEA TOWELS
DISH SOAP	COMBS
PAPER NAPKINS	TISSUES
BARs OF SOAP	SHAMPOO
LIQUID HAND SOAP	SPONGES
SHOWER CAPS	LOTION
LAUNDRY SOAP	POLY-GRIP
BODY POWDER	PAPER TOWELS
TOOTH PASTE	VASELINE
HAND TOWELS	TOOTHBRUSHES
COTTONBALLS	HANDY WIPES
DEODORANT	EMERY BOARDS
AFTER SHAVE	WASHCLOTHS
DENTURE TOOTHPASTE	PUZZLE BOOKS
DENTAL FLOSS	SANDWICH BAGS
SCOTCH TAPE	DENTURE BRUSHES
ALUMINUM FOIL	SAFETY PINS
SHAVING CREAM	NOTE PADS
SOCKS - for men or women	



The Ranch Hope Camden County Auxiliary is sponsoring a bus trip on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The trip includes lunch and a tour on the River Lady out of Toms River and Barnegat Bay. Following the cruise, we will travel to Smithville for free time. The cost is \$109.00. The bus will leave the Voorhees AAA office about 9:00 am and return by 7:00 pm. See Marjie Hammond or call Debbie Szafranski at AAA, 856-679-2662, for more information or to make a reservation.

First UMC of Collingswood  
Women's Ministry Presents

## *Secret Sisters*

An exchange of love, prayer, and sisterly affection

**Ladies age 18 years old plus are invited to participate. Fill out a Sister Survey by April 17<sup>th</sup> and return to a Connection Point or Nicole Meyers. Surveys can be found at Connection Points. Sister matches will be on a table across from the Connection Point by the Parlor on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. The following five Sundays in May you can leave something for your Secret Sister on the table. It doesn't have to be every week. You can leave a note of encouragement. You can be in prayer. You can leave a small gift. You can make something. Be creative and thoughtful. This is meant to uplift your Sister and be a blessing to another. In this spirit, we will not reveal ourselves as the focus is not on the giver, but on the needs of our Sisters. Matthew 6:3-4**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

Join us on Wednesday evenings for a great time of fellowship around the dinner table and being a part of a variety of studies to assist us in our daily walk with Christ. Dinner begins at 6:00 PM with classes for all ages to follow at 6:45 pm & 7:00 pm. April schedule is Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20. WNL ends for the season on April 20<sup>th</sup>. **Dinner reservations necessary!**

## GRACE CAFÉ

Join us on the last Friday of each month which for April is April 29<sup>th</sup> for an evening of entertainment! Sign-up starts at 6:30 pm. Entertainment from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. We are excited for you to join us! We invite you to share your talents! We welcome all performers to share their love of music, poetry, comedy, etc. There is a PA system, stage lighting, amps, keyboards, drum kit and a large stage area to enhance your performance. Complimentary coffee and assorted food items will be served (donations appreciated.) If you would like to bring a tasty treat to share, that would be great! Bring the whole family! For additional information contact John Vernon at 856-745-1032, Steve Yost 703-609-8718 or check us out on Facebook!!



## Looking Ahead Into May

### Mother's Day – May 10<sup>th</sup>

Special service of praise honoring all our ladies  
and a special gift, too!



**MEN'S BREAKFAST  
SATURDAY, MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 8:00 AM**

COMING SOON!!

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Ages 3 - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

SAVE THE DATE!!



... loving God,  
loving people,  
connecting with  
our neighbors

This is a youth ministry for people in grades 6-12, and everyone is welcome! There are a few regular times we meet each week (as follows), as well as other extra special events throughout the month (see below.)

But one thing is certain – we are never stagnant, because God is always moving!!

**the ryver (Grades 6-8 meet Sunday; Grades 9-12 meet Wednesday – both 6:00 - 8:00 pm)**

The perfect place to get started! Designed to help people connect with God and each other through games, music, and conversations about God, the Bible, and life.

**the ryver deep (Sunday morning, 9:30 - 10:30 am)**

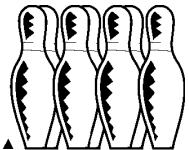
Essential for those who really want to grow in their faith! Grades 6-12 are together as we dig deeper in the Bible and learn how to live it.

Don't forget to check us out on **facebook:**  
"The Ryver Youth Ministry"

## COMING EVENTS

**Bowling with GSC – Saturday 4/9 – 11:15 am to 3:00 pm**

A great way to think beyond yourself and serve members of our church with special needs (& have a ton of fun in the process!) Bowling, pizza and drinks are all FREE. Please let Shawn know if you are interested.



\*\*\* Summer trip registrations are due Sunday 4/10! \*\*\*

**Great Escape (trip dates: July 25-30)**

A conference designed perfectly for people in grades 6-8! The week is packed full of recreation and fun, as well as dynamic speakers, musicians and other artists who will creatively share with you God's awesome love! You'll have one of the best weeks of your life!

**THE STORY- (trip dates: Aug. 8-14)**

Ever wonder what Noah has to do with Moses? Or what King David has to do with Joseph & Mary? Or what Adam & Eve have to do with Abraham & Jesus and Peter and YOU? This trip is for people currently in grades 8-12, to help you connect the dots of all the different Bible stories & books, and to see that really there is one continuous story that God is writing from the beginning to the end of time that involves you & I – and it's all about restoring what is broken!



**DARE 2 SHARE – April 15-16**

Pray for our team down in Washington, DC this weekend for the Dare 2 Share conference and for those God will be reaching out to through us!

**Grace Café – Friday 4/29 – 7:00 to 10:00 pm**

Good music, yummy food, great people! It's a nice relaxed atmosphere and great chance to hang out with your friends and even meet new people! Cost is free (although there's a donation jar you're welcome to give to for the food). And it's open mic – so sign up to sing, read poetry or share your gifts in some other way!



# APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>3</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>3:00 PM</b> Membership Class	<b>4</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> VBS Team <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council	<b>5</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Smooth Stones Bible Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> VBS Leadership Training	<b>6</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> WNL <b>6:45 PM</b> Child Bible Studies <b>6:45 PM</b> Mast
<b>10</b> Reception of New Members <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Ryver	<b>11</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Discipleship Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Missions - Evangelism	<b>12</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Smooth Stones Bible Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study	<b>13</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> WNL <b>6:45 PM</b> Child Bible Studies <b>6:45 PM</b> Mast
<b>17</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Ryver <b>8:20 PM</b> Youth Leaders	<b>18</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Trustees  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TAX DAY</b></p>	<b>19</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Smooth Stones Bible Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study	<b>20</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> WNL <b>6:45 PM</b> Child Bible Studies <b>6:45 PM</b> Mast
<b>24</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Ryver	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9:15 AM</b> Smooth Stones Bible Study <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study	<b>27</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> WNL <b>6:45 PM</b> Child Bible Studies <b>6:45 PM</b> Mast

# 2016

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Dinner Children & Adult Men's Men	7 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	8	9 12:00 PM GSC Bowling
Dinner Children & Adult Men's Men	14 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	15 Dare 2 Share	16 Dare 2 Share
Dinner Children & Adult Men's Men	21 12:30 PM TSA 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:30 PM Handi*Vangelism Support Group	22	23
Dinner Children & Adult Men's Men	28 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	29 7:00 PM Grace Cafe	30



**Melvin Floyd**

I am so happy that you are continuing to give to the ministry of Neighborhood Crusades. We are excited for all that God has called us to do in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is the only answer for the world today. Through our 39<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> Evangelism classes, Street Crusades, Homeless Outreach, and Tract Distribution we anticipate 2016 being one of our best years in ministry. Danny and Esther are forging forward, setting everything in place for our vision to become reality of reaching the lost and teaching Christians how to be an effective witness. God is good and your financial and prayer support is such a blessing! Thank you again for your generosity and I pray your 2016 is both joyous and prosperous.

**Tom and Glenda Lowell**

For sixty years God has equipped Trans World Radio to lead people to Himself. Today the TWR ministry continues to expand these opportunities with new technology and a younger group of missionaries that are talented to meet the needs of broadcasting the Gospel to the world. Our global media outreach engages millions in 160 countries with Biblical truth in their heart languages.

We are so thankful that our Lord is blessing and has blessed us abundantly as He promised, "The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame." Isaiah 58:11

*A listener from Cuba has written: "We discovered you a few days ago and you can't imagine how much good you have done for us since then. It is a blessing from God to receive these studies of the Word here in our own home. After listening, my husband and I reflect and discuss what we have learned."*

We are praying that God will grant safety and wisdom to those presently working on the Bonaire Transmitter Upgrade Project which will produce a stronger signal to Cuba and to all of Latin




America. Please pray that the additional funds needed to complete this \$3.8 million project will come in. We can only imagine the excitement of the listeners when they hear the Good News so clearly. PRAY with us!!

We have been married 60 years, served with TWR 50 years and both celebrated 80 years of birthdays. Many memories flood our minds from this journey of faith. Perhaps everyone reading this epistle could expound on how God has led them as well. What a legacy to leave for those coming behind all of us.

So here we are at the “golden years” of our lives... those are the days when you wake up in the morning and wonder which doctor you need to visit that day. Now a lot of our activities revolve around our church as we serve Him, such as teaching Sunday school, choir, missions, ministry to the elderly, deacons, encouragement through cards and visits... there is lots to do for Jesus even in retirement!

*“We do not know what next may come across our pilgrim way; we do not know tomorrow's road nor look beyond today. But this we know: our Savior knows the path we cannot see, and we can trust His wounded hand to guide and care for us and thee.”* (Anonymous)

May our Heavenly Father continue to guide and bless in your lives as we trust Him together.



Dear First UMC,

Thank you for accommodating me to your church and for giving to the ministry of our church. I really appreciate it. I pray for more ministry opportunities to your church congregation and the community around! God bless you as you continue to participate to “make disciples of Jesus Christ to transform the world!”

- Joy Eva Bottol

# History in the Making

On April 22, 2016, a gala will be held at the Adventure Aquarium on the Camden Waterfront to celebrate a significant milestone. Fellowship House of South Camden is celebrating **FIFTY (50!!)** years of ministry to South Camden's neediest young children.



Please consider how you might participate in this historic event. Maybe you'd like to attend. Tickets are \$75 each. Or perhaps you'd simply like to make a gift in memory or in honor of someone special. Your sentiments can be expressed as a tribute entry of 25 words or less, typed or neatly printed. Submissions for the program book can be e-mailed to [kmckinney@fellowshiphousecamden.org](mailto:kmckinney@fellowshiphousecamden.org)

Gifts can be sent and tickets can be purchased by mail (P.O. Box 261, Collingswood, NJ 08108) or through the website <http://www.fellowshiphousecamden.org/50th-anniversary>.

We would be delighted if you could celebrate this night with us! **Thank you** for partnering with us in the vital work of caring for Camden's children!



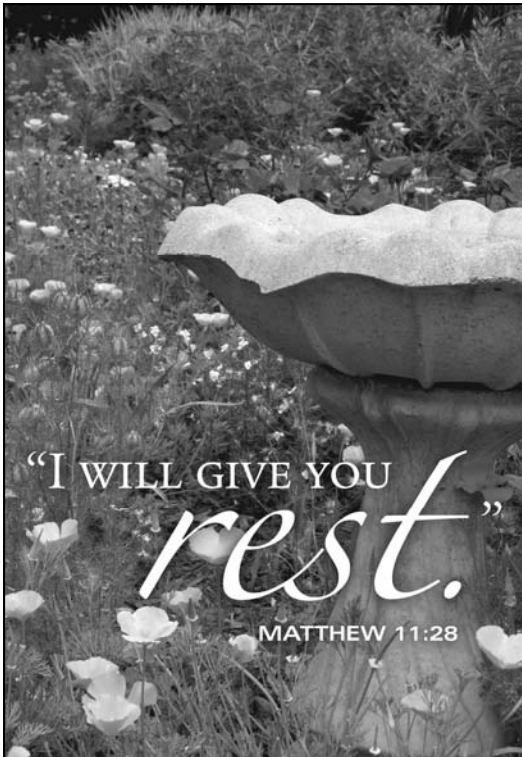
fellowship house  
OF SOUTH CAMDEN  
caring for camden's children

*(From the Heart of the Pastor - Continued from page 5)*

You may say, “I could never do that! You don’t know the circumstances I’m facing!” But it’s important to remember that you don’t have to have the answer to the problem before you can thank Him. For those who take the step of obedience to trust God with our fears, He reserves a blessing that goes beyond anything we could ever have anticipated: “The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Like the words of a old hymn “What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms. I have blessed peace, with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.” I don’t know what your facing in life, but I do know the One who does... just remember give HIM thanks and receive HIS peace.

It is a privilege to serve as you pastor.

In His Love & Care,  
Pastor Sam





# Wings of Prayer



This article or column started as something not too complicated. Yet the more I researched some of it, it took a different direction. I prayed, asking God if I should continue and believe this is what He wanted said.

Before that, though, please take a minute to pray for the people in our midst who have requested prayer. These include *Pete Carr, Lois Fuller, Elizabeth Boswell, Holly Gibbons, Rick Williams, Pastor Sam, Marva Wallace, Ginny Morrow, Bob Alber, Dan Hughes, Cheryl Averell, Sandra Wright, Arnie Arnold, Mark Averell, Matt Robb, Lew & Mildred Smith, Florence Keller, Ruth & Jim Doherty*. Also, please pray for those who are petitioning and praising God in private.

There are only five vowels, six if you count “y.” Why, then, are three of them right next to each other? Those are U, I and O. Those three letters have, especially when combined with an S and an N, have caused me to laugh, or to smile, or to turn red in embarrassment. Sometimes it has been all three.

I am glad that, regardless of how much sun is shining in the sky, there is always the Son from God the Father. We have just celebrated the resurrection of Jesus, the Son. Most Christians pay tribute to that by observing Sunday as a day of worship. So why is not called Sonday? Well. That is not the topic here.

There is no doubt that for me, who makes no claims to any ability in typing, the words sun, sin and son have been mistyped more than once. Is this an example of God’s sense of humor? Perhaps it is, but I wonder if Satan uses this as an opportunity to have us make a joke out of something that is not meant to be funny.

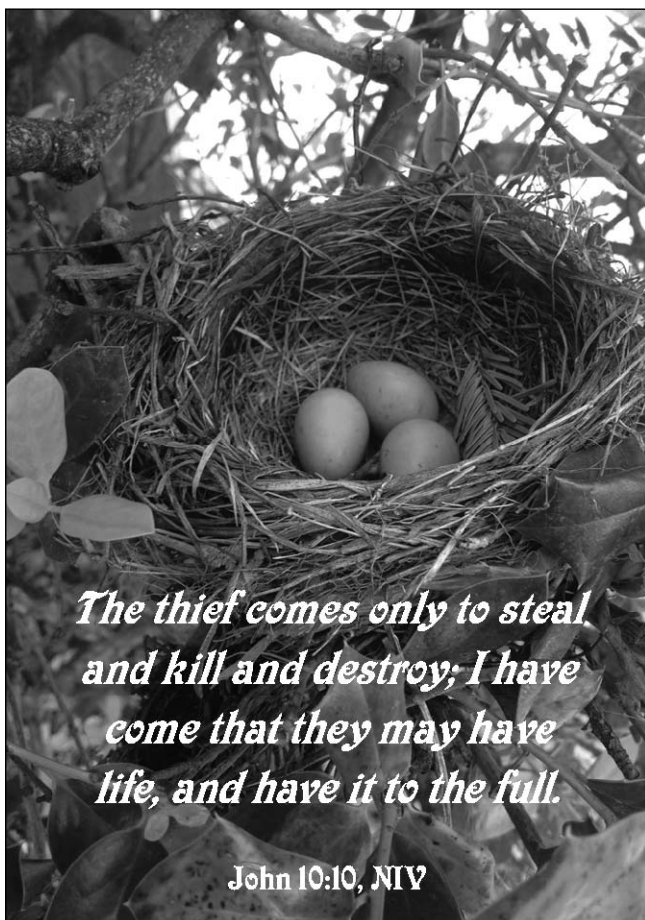
In Babylonian mythology, the god of the moon was called Sin. So if we capitalize the “S” on son, we refer to the Son of God,

Jesus Christ. If we capitalize the “S” on sin, it is a mythological moon god. When I first read about the latter, I smiled because the moon does not generate light. What we call moonlight is a reflection of the light from the sun.

In other words, the sun in the sky is what illuminated the moon to the Babylonians. They called this Sin. As Christians, though, we know that God’s Son died as the perfect sacrifice for all the sins of each one of us. Both the Son and the sun have eliminated sin. And the ultimate thief, Satan, is left in the dark.

Blessings,

*Mary Emily Cameron*



*The thief comes only to steal  
and kill and destroy; I have  
come that they may have  
life, and have it to the full.*

John 10:10, NIV

# ONLINE GIVING - 2016

## What it is



Online Giving is an easy, consistent way to donate to our church. It eliminates constantly writing checks and using the church envelope system. It also permits donors to support the church without being physically present due to weather, travel, illness, second homes, sick kids, etc. It is convenient for the donor and very useful to the church because income is received consistently. In February 2015 our church was closed for two consecutive Sundays due to weather. The offerings received through Online Giving were very helpful in meeting our payroll and paying our bills.

## Donor Registration

Donors sign up at the church website <http://fumccollingswood.org>. Touch or click the “DONATE” button and complete the form. This method may be used for Checking or Savings (EFT), Credit or Debit cards (MasterCard, Discover, and VISA).

## Frequency of donations

Donors may choose weekly, semi-monthly, monthly, or one-time. Donors may also select weekly for some funds and monthly (or whatever) for other funds by registering each donation plan separately.

## Church Fund Designations

1. Local Ministries/Missions – 90% of these donations go to Local Ministries/Operations and 10% to Missions.
2. Local Ministries/Operations – All ministries of the church depend on this fund which pays for our staff, our buildings, our operating costs, conference shared ministries, worship expenses, some costs of ministries to children and youth, etc. 100% goes to Local Ministries. Our 2016 Local Ministries net budget is \$416,000, an increase of less than 1%.
3. Missions – Missions primarily supports mission organizations

founded by our church and missionaries from our church. Our 2016 budget is \$100,500.

4. World Service – Methodist missionaries both in the USA and around the world are supported by this denominational fund.
5. Sunday School/Discipleship – Expenses for various children’s and youth programs such as teaching materials, children’s supplies, and Jr. High and Sr. High youth activities and retreats are paid by Discipleship. Donations here supplement Sunday School offerings.
6. Communion – Monthly offering for various needs as announced.
7. Local Benevolence Fund – Helps meet specific needs of members/friends of the church as determined by church staff.
8. Vacation Bible School – This early summer program is an excellent ministry/outreach to both church and neighborhood children.
9. Other Donations – This line is for any ministry or project not listed such as “Collingswood Manor” or “Sandy Relief.” The donor designates the recipient.
10. Seasonal – During the year we make available seasonal funds such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Staff Gift, Easter, etc.

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In our first four years, 58 donors have signed on. Donations in 2015 were \$169,500. Contact Stan Sheaffer (856) 858-3486 or stanemt@icloud.com with any questions.



**Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.**

**Malachi 3:10**



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.

- April 1 Jacob Burkett
- April 2 Heather Chamberlain
- April 4 Lisa Santulli
- April 6 Bernard Beals  
Debbie Cherry  
Charles (Bud) Shropshire
- April 7 Ken Steward, Jr.
- April 8 Aaron Atkinson
- April 9 Gregory McGaurn
- April 10 Marion Shallcross

- April 11 Suzanne Hoover
- April 13 Bob Gordon  
Bert Stevens  
Will Walker
- April 15 Adrianna Adams  
Cindy VanPelt
- April 18 Bill Bittle
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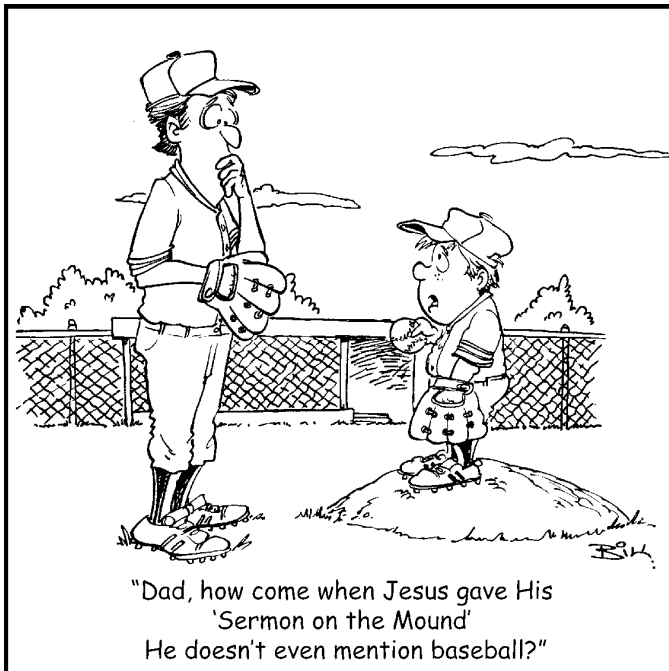
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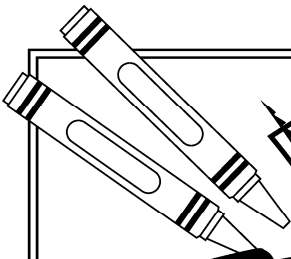




"Let's give 'em a good start  
with some holy water!"



"Dad, how come when Jesus gave His  
'Sermon on the Mound'  
He doesn't even mention baseball?"



# PUZZLE

## A SPECIAL GIFT

Give thanks to God for this amazing planet, which he filled with people, animals and plants.

*Directions: Following the code below, fill in the blanks to complete the Bible verse. Then color the earth.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Answer: The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Psalm 24:1, NIV

# SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.



## What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

## What you do:

1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.

# Bible Quiz

What was the name of Esther's cousin who raised her after her parents died?

- A. Hegai
- B. Haman
- C. Mordecai
- D. Ahasuerus (also known as Xerxes)



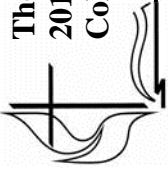
## EVANGELISM TIP



We draw people to Christ not by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

—Madeleine L'Engle

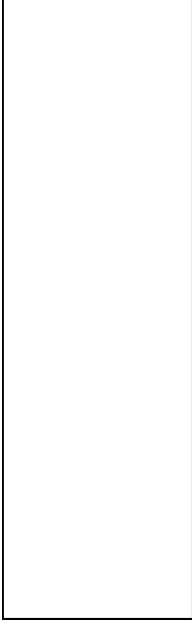
Answer: C (See Esther 2:7.)



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