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TITUS 3:5, NIV

*He saved us
through the washing
of rebirth and renewal
by the Holy Spirit...*

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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The submission deadline for the *June* issue of Windows is May 10th.

**THANK YOU FOR
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From The Pastor's Heart



May is a special month, not only because we had so many April showers which should bring plenty of May flowers. May also causes us to pause, and give time to reflect on Mothers, Memorial Day and Pentecost. Three significant times and days we often honor in May here around the church. After reflecting upon the power of the resurrection of Jesus throughout the Easter season, my mind is quickly drawn to the power of the Holy Spirit given to transform our lives. In Acts 1:8 we read “But, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you to be my witnesses everywhere.” The question is witness to what? In that day and today, witness to the life and story of Jesus. As we look to the summer months ahead and we continue our journey read this powerful one word at a time story of Jesus written by Max Lucado. My prayer is... as we consider all that was done for us through Jesus, how can we do anything but love God, one another, and connect with our neighbors with a fresh passion and energy this summer.

ROAD. DARK. STARS. SHADOWS. FOUR. SANDALS. Robes. Quiet. Suspense. Grove. Trees. Alone. Questions. Anguish. “Father!” Sweat. God. Man. God-Man. Prostrate. Blood. “NO!” “Yes.” Angels. Comfort.

Footsteps. Torches. Voices. Romans. Surprise. Swords. Kiss. Confusion. Betrayal. Fearful. Run! Bound. Wrists. Marching.

*Courtyard. Priests. Lamps. Sanhedrin. Caiaphas. Sneer. Silk. Arrogance. Beard. Plotting. Barefoot. Rope. Calm. Shove. Kick. Annas. Indignant. Messiah? Trial. **Nazarene**. Confident. Question. Answer. Punch! Peter. "Me?" Rooster. Thrice. Guilt.*

Proceedings. Court. Rejection. Prosecute. Weary. Pale. Witnesses. Liars. Inconsistent. Silence. Stares. "Blasphemer!" Anger. Waiting. Bruised. Dirty. Fatigued. Guards. Spit. Blindfold. Mocking. Blows. Fire. Twilight.

Sunrise. Golden. Jerusalem. Temple. Passover. Lambs. Lamb. Worshipers. Priests. Messiah. Hearing. Fraud. Prisoner. Waiting. Standing. Shifting. Strategy. "Pilate!" Trap. Murmurs. Exit.

Stirring. Parade. Crowd. Swell. Romans. Pilate. Toga. Annoyed. Nervous. Officers. Tunics. Spears. Silence. "Charge?" "Blasphemy." Indifference. Ignore. Dream. Worry. Interview. Lips. Pain. Determined. "King?" "Heaven." "Truth." "Truth?" Sarcasm. (Fear.) "Innocent!" Roar. Voices. "Galilean!" "Galilee?" "Herod!"

9:00 AM. Marchers. Palace. Herod. Fox. Schemer. Paunchy. Crown. Cape. Scepter. Hall. Elegance. Silence. Manipulate. Useless. Vexed. Revile. Taunt. "King?" Robe. Theatrical. Cynical. Hateful. "Pilate!"

Marching. Uproar. Prisoner. Hushed. Pilate. "Innocent!" Bedlam. "Barabbas!" Riot. Despair. Christ. Bare. Rings. Wall. Back. Whip. Slash. Scourge. Tear. Bone. Moan. Flesh. Rhythm. Silence. Whip! Silence. Whip! Silence. Whip! Thorns. Stinging. Blind. Laughter. Jeering. Scepter. Slap. Governor. Distraught. (Almost.) Eyes. Jesus. Decision. Power. Freedom? Threats. Looks. Yelling. Weak. Basin. Water. Swayed. Compromise. Blood. Guilt.

Soldiers. Thieves. Crosspiece. Shoulder. Heavy. Beam. Heavy. Sun. Stagger. Incline. Houses. Shops. Faces. Mourners. Murmurs. Pilgrims. Women. Tumble. Cobblestone. Exhaustion. Gasping. Simon. Pathetic. Golgotha.

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Mother's Day – May 11th

Both services:

“Legacy on what women bring into our lives.”

Children’s choir and a special gift for ladies.

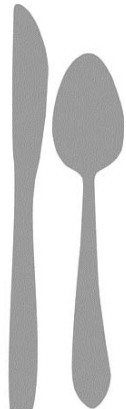
MOTHER’S DAY OFFERING

It has been a tradition at FUMC to have a special offering on Mother’s Day (this year, May 11th) for the Fellowship Fund of United Methodist Homes of New Jersey. Our conference has requested that each member give \$2.50. You will receive a letter with an enclosed envelope for this purpose. This offering will go entirely to the Fellowship Fund of all New Jersey United Methodist Homes. Please return your offering by/on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 11, 2014. Jesus taught (Matthew 25:40) *“..inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, you have done unto me.”* We pray you will be blessed as you give freely to this fund.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT NEWS

Wednesday Night Bible Studies
ends for the children (Grades K-5)
on Wednesday, May 14th.
Wednesday Night Dinners will end
on Wednesday, May 7th.





**SATURDAY, MAY 17TH AT 8:00 AM.
MEN'S BREAKFAST WITH TIM MERRILL
SHARING THE MESSAGE.**

**FAITH SHARING WEEKEND
May 17th and 18th**

Dave and Liz Givens will be leading us!
They have encouraged people all around the world
not to fear in sharing your faith. (Everyone is invited!)
Saturday, May 17th at 5:30 pm - Dinner and Training
Sunday, May 18th at 8:30 and 10:45 am - Worship Services

Many Christians struggle to effectively share their faith, even though they believe their faith to be essential to their own identity and transformational for others. If you would like to learn more, please join us on Saturday, May 17 for dinner & training from 5:30 to 8:00 pm and on Sunday, May 18 for worship at 8:30 or 10:45 am. Childcare will be provided Saturday night, but seating is limited, so we ask that you pre-register by calling the church office (856) 858-1186 before May 3.



We are fortunate to have as our weekend leaders the Rev. David and Elizabeth Givens, who spent 37 years as missionaries with SEND International, during which time they lived in the Philippines and Hong Kong and traveled to all the nations in which SEND is active. Passionate about mobilizing students and churches for missions, Dave and Liz have led numerous seminars on evangelism and godly decision-making. Each summer they mobilize a team of ESL teachers to serve in Beijing.



The Camden County Auxiliary of Ranch Hope is sponsoring a bus trip to see Moses at the Sight and Sound Theatre on May 16th. The cost is \$139.00 and includes free time for lunch and shopping at Kitchen Kettle, the show, and then dinner at Shady Maple. The bus leaves from AAA locations at Voorhees and Sicklerville. If anyone is interested, see Marjie Hammond.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

On Sunday, June 8th, we will be recognizing our 8th grade, high school, college and grad school graduates. Students or parents are asked to submit **IN WRITING** or by email (maria@fumccollingswood.org) the information about graduation. Please include the name of the graduate, middle school, high school or college and any info about future or continuing education. Please submit the information by Sunday, June 1st.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



The Collingswood Food Pantry is in a continuous need for donations.

Please bring your nonperishable items to the church and place them in the baskets in the parlor and/or the boardroom. Thank you.



BABY BOTTLES

In May, starting Mother's Day and ending Father's Day, we will be having the Baby Bottle Boomerang for the Pregnancy Care Center in Cherry Hill. Our contributions will help pregnant women make the correct choices during their pregnancy.





NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a place to help at church that involves playing, snacks and fun? We have the right spot for you! ☺ Our infant and toddler nurseries are in desperate need of volunteers! We support both the 8:30 am and 10:45 am worship services. We will be happy to work around your schedule. If you're only available during certain times of the year, that's great, too. Please contact Kathy Boswell if you are interested. Thank you!

For unbelievers, church can be intimidating. That barrier can be overcome by personal invitation. Do you have a neighbor, a co-worker or a friend who doesn't know Jesus? Who in your life is God leading you to invite to Alpha?

We presently have a group attending our initial series beginning, but there's room for more. Please pray for these men and women whom the Lord is drawing to Himself. They, too are on a journey, whether they're aware of it or not! Questions? Contact Doug Wagner or Ellen Wagner.





CHILDREN'S Ministry NEWS

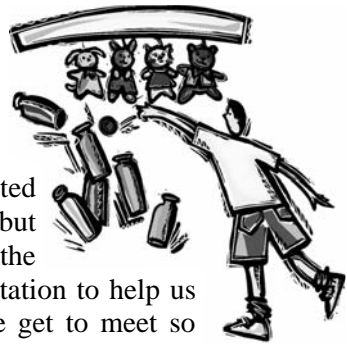


Children's Choir

Don't miss our Children's Choir on Sunday, May 11th during the 10:45 am service. They have a special song just for their mothers!

May Fair is coming!

On Saturday, May 24th, you can help us promote our Vacation Bible School and make many new friends in our community. Once again First United Methodist will have a tent at May Fair, but this year we are right in the middle of the children's area and have a huge game station to help us attract a crowd. How exciting that we get to meet so many children and their families while sharing the opportunities families have to worship and grow at First Church. Our church family can make this fun packed day a success by helping with the following: set up the tent and games, operate a game station, run the craft table, greet families at our tent, answer questions about First Church, break down our tent, clean up after May Fair, and prepare give away bags. Don't forget to volunteer on the worship guide tear off.



The trend today is for most churches to charge a fee for Vacation Bible School. Our Children's Ministry Team feels strongly that the free gift of salvation should remain free. We want to give away that gift by teaching our community children about God's love. That why we need you to know about the upcoming communion offering for Vacation Bible School on June 1st. Please plan to support our VBS on this day from your generous offerings.

Save the Dates!



June 23rd - 27th from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
(ages 3 years old - 6th Grade)

Please begin to pray now for the following two things:

1. Pray for the children who will attend our VBS that they will discover God's love.
2. Pray asking God how and/or where you can help.



Tuesdays and Thursdays
from July 8th - 31st from 10:15 am
- 3:00 pm. Begin praying how
you can be a part of this exciting
opportunity to touch the lives of
children grades 3 - 6 through
teaching the book of John and
building relationships through fun
day trips!!

the **ryver**
youth ministry of fumc

a ministry of students
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

**National Day of Prayer
Thursday, 5/1**

Take a stand and be an example to your school – join other Christians in your school to meet and pray at your flagpole this morning.



Happy Mother's Day – Sunday, 5/11

Junior High will NOT be meeting tonight, to give you the chance to do something extra special for your Mom today!

Faith Sharing Weekend – Sunday 5/18

Many of you have friends & family members that you want to see know Jesus. Many of you have wondered how to live and share your faith more effectively with those you care about. This is a FREE dinner and training for YOU, featuring our missionaries Dave & Liz Givens. Talk to Shawn if you're interested.



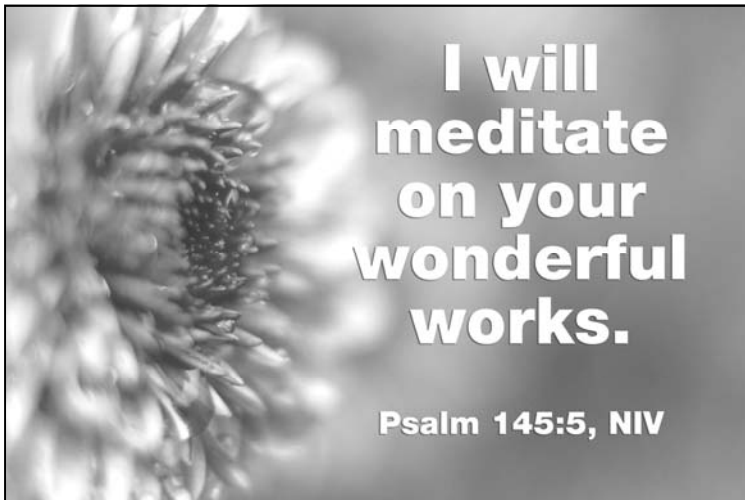
Leaders' Visioning Day – Sunday 5/18

We'll be staying after church today (and lunch will be provided) to spend some time praying, visioning and planning for the fall.



May Fair – Saturday 5/24

A great opportunity to join with our church in reaching out to our community with the love of Jesus! See Shawn for ways to get involved.



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MISSIONARY MESSAGES



Curt and Carol Detwiler

Our time together with our “kids” this past winter was an amazing blessing. We had almost 2 weeks and filled them with great memories. It is an encouragement to us that they both love the Lord and are active in strong Bible churches and that they still enjoy the same things we have done as a family through the years. Our bowling times are crazy-funny, but also are now getting an edge of competition between father and son. And Katie and I still look forward to happy hours with our favorite puzzles. Katie’s puppy, Tillie, filled the house with some added laughter as her pranks and puppy-love added to the days we shared.

As we move ahead into 2014, Curt and I look forward to celebrating 40 years together. It hardly seems possible. Be looking for many old photos in our coming letters as we take a look back and so willingly praise God for His work in our lives.

Update on the “PANI” project

We are so very grateful to those of you who expressed your prayer support for the difficulties we were facing last month with the new station director in this central Asian country. We were so thrilled to learn and pass along to you his change of heart, and willingness to regularize the contract situation as quickly as possible.



We want to pass along the most recent information that the broadcasts are going out every night, on full power with all systems “go!” Reaching a potential audience of 210 million people, the transmitter shares the Good News of Jesus Christ to listeners in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Northern India.

Although TWR has been broadcasting in the region on shortwave radio for some time now, PANI’s new AM transmitter expands our impact dramatically with 500,000 watts of power – 10 times the wattage of the most powerful AM transmitters permitted in the United States. With this transmitter, TWR also expands the time

we can spend broadcasting the Good News in the region's six key languages: Punjabi, Pashto, Sindhi, Urdu, Farsi and Dari.

Thank you so much for your prayers as the Lord saw us through the difficult days of relationship building with the station management. Let's thank the Lord together for His intervention!

Lee & Lonna Lowell

This will be a furlough year for us, so you may be hearing from us as we work to set up meetings in churches and try to arrange a time to visit during our travels. We would love to see as many of you as possible. We have a mission's conference here in North Carolina in February, and we are making plans to be in Illinois and then Michigan in the months of September and October. We are still working on our schedule, so if you would like to see us and get together for some coffee (tea for Lee), please feel free to contact us.

We are excited to share with you what God is doing and what he has allowed us to accomplish through the work of TWR. Please pray for new donors who will catch the vision of missions and may be interested in supporting us as we minister with TWR. Since our assignment change, we are currently under supported, which places a strain on the ministry.

Thank you so much for faithfulness over the years and interest in our family and the ministry of Trans World Radio. People are finding Jesus, believers are being encouraged and God continues to show His greatness in our lives. Thank you for your part in His ministry.

Bruce Johnson, President SIM USA

Dear Friend,

The year is young and already I am on the road!

As you're reading this, I'm visiting Japan and Malaysia, meeting with SIM leaders from around the world. I'm excited to tell you that this mission has a big year ahead. We are more committed than ever to responding to need, proclaiming the Gospel, and equipping the Church with your prayers and support.

But this year SIM leaders from the many nations we inhabit have all expressed a growing heart for reaching the unreached people groups that amazingly still exist in pockets of the globe.

It surprises many that in this day of connectivity and communication there are still so many who have never heard the

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gospel—but its true. There is yet a huge task before us and the Lord is strengthening us to meet it.

SIM's ministry would not be passible without the prayers and financial support of God's people—which means that “our ministry” is also “your ministry.” Together, whether you and I pray, give, or go, we are all having impact for the Kingdom wherever MM serves.

Thank you for your partnership. I am honored to serve the Lord with you.

Boxley and Joyce Boggs

Now we are beginning our 51st year of marriage and are in our 40th year of ministry with Crossworld. It is all by the marvelous grace of our loving Lord. How we praise Him! Would you pray with us about the following? Thank you!

1. A young Russian man, S. M., spent a week with us over the holidays and was a great blessing. However, he needs the Lord. I have carefully explained the gospel to him and am urging him to read the Gospel of John.
2. Another friend, J.R., in Haiti is in desperate financial straights. With only one leg, no job, poor health, and four kids, the electricity for his whole neighborhood was just cut off. We have been helping him as we are able, but he needs a generator so he can sell computer time and phone calls to his neighbors to earn enough to buy food.
3. Another couple, J and P, are truly suffering. She has lost her mental faculties and her husband needs emotional strength and wisdom to deal with it properly and in faith. I pray with him on the phone nearly every day while he listens and weeps.
4. I am mentoring a young seminary student whose name is Dane. We meet regularly to discuss the Word and ministry and to pray. He is a great blessing to me and I pray he grows spiritually through our relationship.
5. Joyce broke her shoulder nearly four months ago and has a new stainless steel one. Her physical therapy sessions are helping, but they can be very painful and she is still weak.

Words fail to adequately express the strong love we have for you as our brothers and sisters in Christ who pray for us and give to our ministry. We sincerely thank you and we thank the Lord for you. May God's very richest blessings in our Savior be yours!

(From the Pastor's Heart - Continued from page 5)

Skull. Calvary. Crosses. Execution. Death. Noon. Tears. Observers. Wails. Wine. Nude. Bruised. Swollen. Crossbeam. Sign. Ground. Nails. Pound. Pound. Pound. Pierced. Contorted. Thirst. Terrible. Grace. Writhing. Raised. Mounted. Hung. Suspended. Spasms. Heaving. Sarcasm. Sponge. Tears. Taunts. Forgiveness. Dice. Gambling. Darkness.

Absurdity. Death. Life. Pain. Peace, Condemn. Promise. Nowhere. Somewhere. Him. Us.

“Father!” Robbers. Paradise. Wailing. Weeping. Stunned. “Mother.” Compassion. Darkness. “My God!” Afraid. Scapegoat. Wilderness. Vinegar. “Father.” Silence. Sigh. Death. Relief.

*Earthquake. Cemetery. Tombs. Bodies. Mystery. Curtain. Spear. Blood. Water. Spices. Linen. Tomb. Fear. Waiting. Despair. Stone. Mary. Running. Maybe? Peter. John. Belief. Enlightenment. Truth. Mankind. Alive. Alive. Alive! **ALIVE!** by Max Lucado*

The Hebrew writer pens it this way... “**Let us fix our eyes upon Jesus**, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Consider Him** who endured such opposition from sinful men, so you will not grow weary and lose heart.” May we live with a greater eternity in mind!

In His love and Grace,
Pastor Sam

GOD *exalted*
HIM *at HIS*
right hand as
Leader and
SAVIOR.

Acts 5:31, NRSV



WYCLIFFE SKYPE PROGRAM

This is for you, fellow Christian - Please read!

Have you ever thought to yourself, “Self, I’d like to be missionary, to help spread the Word of God to people who have never heard the gospel. I’d love to go but....” And maybe you finish that sentence with one of the phrases below:

I presently have a job and am not in a position to **leave** it.

I have family responsibilities and cannot **leave** them.

I have health issues that prevent me from **leaving** the area.

I am in school and need to finish my education; I cannot **leave** that.

I do not have the education/skill/knowledge/_____ (*fill in the blank*) to go, so I will **leave** it at that.

I have good news: you can be a missionary from your home. You can be part of a mission board without having to return to school; raise funding for a missions trip; or give up home, family, career, culture, and the life you have now. Your voice can be heard overseas without leaving the comfort of your living room, kitchen, dining room, or wherever you use your computer. Wycliffe Missions has a special organization which partners English-speaking Christians with those in foreign countries who are learning English so they can help missionaries translate the Bible into their own languages. You become their teacher in the ministry of saving souls through the use of the Wycliffe Associates ELL (English Language Learners) Skype Mentoring Program. You become a missionary—and you don’t even have to learn another language! **THIS IS EXCITING!**

But, you say to yourself, “Self, I’m (possibly) not a teacher. I’ve never Skyped. I don’t even know what it is. I wouldn’t know what to do. And I hope I’m not talking to myself out loud.” My

answers to that are these:

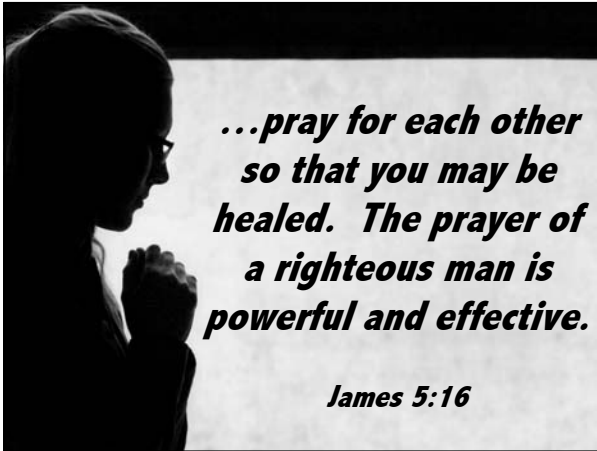
1. You don't have to be a teacher. Wycliffe provides an easy-to-follow curriculum, written for both teachers and non-teachers.
2. If you own a computer, it is relatively inexpensive and painless to get and install a web camera, and it is free to use with the internet. Or, if you have the latest technological device, your camera is built in and ready.
3. There is a lovely Wycliffe contact person who is available to answer any questions you have.
4. With regard to the talking-out-loud issue, with so many people having their cell phone headsets wrapped around an ear, it's difficult to know whether these people—who are alone and talking aloud—are talking on their cell phone or talking to themselves. So don't worry about being seen (and heard)—you've got company—possibly strange company, but company.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact me, Carol Heim, by phone (cell: 609-230-6089; home: 956-854-0882; or email: carolheim@verizon.net.) There is a person in a country overseas that could use your knowledge of English and your willingness to help. If you do not help them, there may be no one else to do it. And if you do, you will be richly blessed in knowing that you are part of Jesus' last command: "*Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.*" (Mark 16:15) Will you answer the call—literally?





Wings of Prayer



When the Titanic hit an iceberg, 2 ships heard her distress call. The radioman on the closer ship went to the captain when he heard the call. The captain did nothing. The Titanic was a great ship. It would recover. Responding to the distress call would get his ship off schedule. A ship much further away changed course, shut down anything not absolutely essential to speed as fast as able to help. This action minimized noise on the ship so further distress signals would be heard immediately. Crew members worked overtime to get their ship to the Titanic, or what remained, as quickly as possible. They were able to save many passengers, yet many more were lost.

Our prayer lives may parallel how these two captains responded. Sometimes we are in a hurry. To meet all the obligations we feel are imperative, we rush through prayers or take short cuts. When I was a youngster, either my mother or dad would come in at bedtime to listen to my prayers. With four brothers to include, I sometimes wished I could say “my brothers” and not take time to number them one by one. At the same time I knew that God knew the number of hairs on my head. Hmmm. Perhaps I should have, and still need to, take time to tell God all that is of concern.

Then, there are those times when we focus our prayers on each person or situation known to us that are either a blessing or needing God's help or intervention. Not finished praying, we take time to listen for God's response. We know that it is God's will that matters and not what we want. There are times, as the hymn says, of "trials and temptations." Still, we continue on our journey home to God.

May our prayers for those in our midst needing help be of the second kind. These people include *Bonnie Hammerstedt, Ray Grube, Rich Snyder Jr., Connie Zabel, Robert Elfreh, Nancy Creely, Jen Steward, Tom Costello, Virginia Armitage, Jim & Ruth Doherty, Nancy Marino, Tom Christensen, Rich Snyder, Matt Robb, Lew & Mildred Smith, Florence Keller.*

Peace and Son shine,
Mary Emily Cameron

Be a Praying Parent

Prayer is the saucer into which parental fears are poured to cool. ... Each time a parent prays, Christ responds. His big message to moms and dads?
Bring your children to me.

—Max Lucado, Fearless



**May 1,
2014**



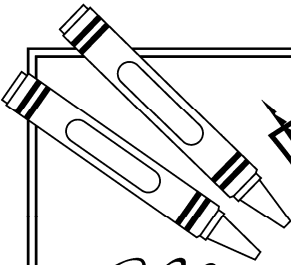
If you have not already done so, please give your dates (birth dates and anniversary dates) to the church office in writing or by e-mail: maria@fumccollingswood.org.

May 3	Zachary Jungclaus	May 18	Mark Hamilton
May 6	Phil Boswell	May 19	Mary Newell
May 10	William J. Alexander	May 20	Tina Hemphill Rosalie MacGlaughlin
May 11	Ken Underwood	May 21	Marjie Hammond Dana Schoch
May 12	Ken Steward Ethan Zook	May 22	Megan DeFoney
May 14	Nathan Schwehm Eric Wertz	May 24	Kathy Boswell Connie Cline
May 15	Ruth A. Covintree		



May 8	Harold and Marion Shallcross
May 15	Dave and Marjie Hammond
May 20	James and Donna Jungclaus
May 29	Shawn and Nicole Zook





PUZZLE

Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

Directions: First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

MOTHERS

Eve³¹ bore
 Sarah²⁵ bore
 Rebekah⁷ bore
 Rachel¹³ bore
 Leah¹² bore
 Zilpah⁴⁴ bore
 Bilhah³⁴ bore
 Jochebed¹⁹ bore
 Naomi² bore
 Ruth¹⁴ bore
 Hannah²⁶ bore
 Bathsheba bore
 Elizabeth¹⁰ bore
 Mary³ bore
 Eunice⁶ bore

CHILDREN

Cain, Abel²⁵ and Seth¹¹
 Isaac¹⁸
 Jacob and Esau¹⁵
 Benjamin and Joseph²⁷
 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,²⁰
 Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah⁴³¹⁷³⁰³³
 Gad and Asher³⁵³⁹
 Dan and Naphtali²⁸³⁶
 Moses²⁹³⁸
 Mahlon and Kilion⁸³²
 Obed⁵
 Samuel²¹
 Solomon²³
 John the Baptist⁹³⁷
 Jesus¹⁶
 Timothy⁴



“ _____ ;

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 ... 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

_____ W _____

21 22 3 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 4 32 33

_____ f _____ !”

34 35 36 37 38 39 31 41 42 3 43 44

PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Answer: "May your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!" Proverbs 23:25, NIV

Blooming Button Flowers

For Mother's Day, add a special touch to any houseplant with this easy craft.



What you need:

- A small houseplant with leaves
- Colorful buttons of various sizes
- Green 26-gauge floral wire
- Wire cutters

What you do:

1. Stack three buttons from largest to smallest, with the smallest on top. Align the button holes.
2. Cut 8 inches of wire. Thread it up through one hole of the stacked buttons and back down through another hole.
3. Twist the wire just below the bottom side of the button stack to secure it.
4. Insert the “flower” in the plant’s soil and repeat the process.
5. Present this to Mom and wish her a happy Mother’s Day!

Bible Quiz

Complete the following Bible verse:
“A gentle answer turns away _____,
but a harsh word stirs up _____.”

- A. an argument; obedience
- B. wrath; anger
- C. jealousy; resentment
- D. falsehood; truth

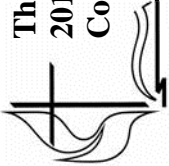


Ankh

Also known as an ansate cross, this originated in Egyptian hieroglyphics. It represented life and regeneration. Its shape and meaning made perfect sense to ancient Christians, who appropriated it as a symbol for eternal life.



Answer: B (See Proverbs 15:1, NIV.)

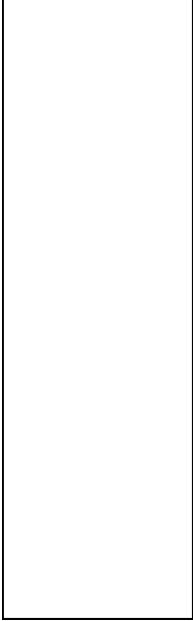


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