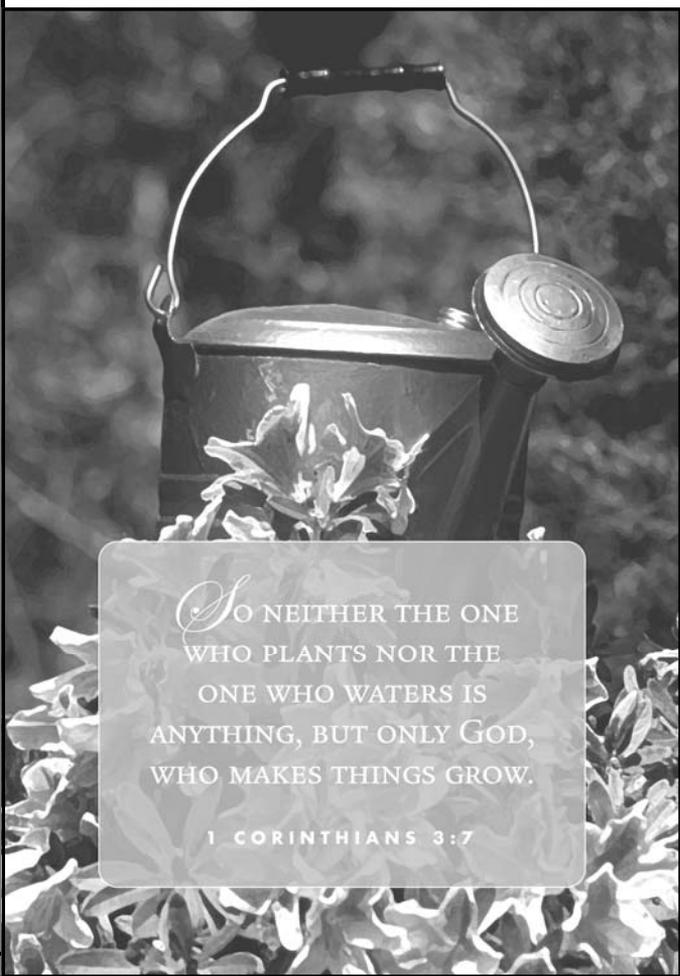




May

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Three small bird silhouettes are perched on the tail of the word "May". One is on the left, one is in the middle, and one is on the right. They are all facing right.

*S*O NEITHER THE ONE
WHO PLANTS NOR THE
ONE WHO WATERS IS
ANYTHING, BUT ONLY GOD,
WHO MAKES THINGS GROW.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:7

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

YOU are in
the **SPRIT**,
since the **SPRIT**
of **GOD** dwells
in **YOU**.
Roman 8:9, NRSV

May is one my favorite months of the year. As I was looking at my calendar for May 2016, I noticed there are at least three special days that we love to remember and celebrate during this month. Of course there is Mother's Day, as we honor our moms in many different ways. My favorite way is take mom to the Phillies game. Then there is Memorial Day, when we honor

those who paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives to serve our country. The third day we remember is Pentecost, which is the birthday of the church. After remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus, it now brings a celebration of the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised to us.

When you think about it, Pentecost is one of the least celebrated special days in our society today. However, the implications are without limits, as the Holy Spirit can reside within us to empower us, comfort us and guide us to live out the Christian life in a spirit-led adventure. Now that's worth celebrating!

We see this in Acts chapter 2 when Peter, who once wavered in his faith, became a man that the Lord guided in some powerful ways. He went from living a tenuous life to a person fully committed to God after encountering the Holy Spirit in his life. He went from lacking full trust before his encounter with Jesus to bold faith after His encounter with God's Holy Spirit within Him. As we celebrate Pentecost this year 2016, we, too, can experience the same presence of God to live a life of spiritual power and inner peace. I always look forward to study and share about the Holy Spirit, especially at Pentecost!

In preparing for this journey, I have been recently re-reading a book entitled “The Hole In Our Holiness” by Kevin DeYoung. The hole in our holiness is that some people look at holiness all too often as the jimmies on an ice cream cone, extra toppings on our pizza, or the optional features we can choose when we are buying a new car. Others look at holiness as some unattainable other that can never be experienced by real people. Throughout time, the call to “be Holy for I am Holy” says the Lord, is pretty clear! So, how do we connect with a Holy God in a broken and fragmented world today?

Isaiah, a mighty follower of God, in the beginning of his ministry connected with God. In fact, he said “I saw the Lord.” At that moment, he saw the amazing power of God, and then himself in a new way. God cared for his soul, and then Isaiah responded to God to use his life. This all took place during one of those difficult times for both Isaiah and the people of his times, but the Lord took care of Isaiah and the people. Isaiah chose to live a holy life 2900 years ago in response to seeing the Lord. My prayer is that we would, too, as we journey together! Would you join me in the days ahead? There are many places we find in God’s Word that the Lord is calling us to a deeper loving relationship with Him and others.

In His Love and Service,
Pastor Sam

“I will put
my **SP**IRIT
within you,
and you
shall **LIVE**...”

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV



Mother's Day – May 8th

Both services:

“A Living Reminder”

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

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

It has been a tradition at FUMC to have a special offering on Mother's Day (this year, May 8th) for the Fellowship Fund of United Methodist Homes of New Jersey. Our conference has requested that each member give \$3.00. 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 8, 2016. Jesus taught (Matthew 25:40) *“..inasmuch as you have done 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.

DISCOVER FUMC

This is an opportunity to learn more about FUMC.

It is held on the 2nd Sunday of every month
at 9:40 am in Room 206 (next to the church office.)

May Sermons and Scriptures



- May 1 *Resurrection Changes Everything! (Part 4)* John 21:1-14
Communion
- May 8 **Mother's Day - A Living Reminder** 2 Timothy
1:3-7
- May 15 **Pentecost Sunday - When God's Spirit Shows Up Something Happens!** Acts 1:1-8,
2:42-47
- May 22 Missionary Sunday - Don Parsons
- May 29 Memorial Day Sunday (5th Sunday Praise Service)



ATTENTION GRADUATES

On Sunday, June 5th, 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, May 29th.

Social Concerns
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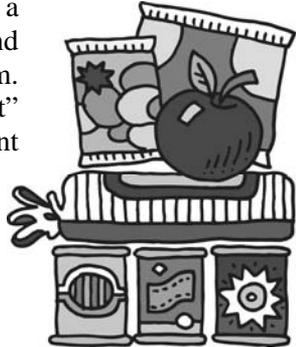


BABY BOTTLES

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.

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO HELP OTHERS IN NEED?

The Collingswood Food Pantry is in need of volunteers. Right now they are looking for people who can hand out bags of food. (They are not very heavy.) There are other jobs available as well. Can you spare 3 or maybe 6 hours a month? The pantry is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Maybe you'd like to sign up to "try it out" for a day. If you have questions and want to talk to someone from our church who volunteers, call Sherry Rappe. For those who are ready to volunteer, please call Bonnie McElligott, St. Paul's Pantry Director.



HANDI*CAMP has a great need for summer staff in the areas of male and female counselors, service staff, adult dishwashers, volunteer kitchen helpers, nurses and Bible teachers. Please pray for these positions to be filled and if you would like to serve with us, please contact Tara Kelley at tkelley@hvmi.org for more information. Thank you.

YARD SALE



FUMC will once again join the Collingswood community in taking part in the annual town wide yard sale on Saturday, June 4th. Proceeds will benefit summer programs of four worthy missions. These are Fellowship House, Handi*Camp, Neighborhood Center, and an evangelical soccer camp for teens.

Donations of items for sale are needed. So start now! When spring cleaning, save the unwanted items. No clothes or large electronics please. Volunteers will be needed to price and organize items before the sale, bake for the bake sale and help the day of sale.

We will once again have a church table and prayer station. Last year several people requested and received prayer support. It promises to be a great day of forming new relationships while helping missions. Last year we made over \$1600 while having fun working together! Help make this year's sale a success as well! See Sharyn Bailey with questions.



On Saturday, June 11 volunteers will be needed for the annual cleanup at Malaga in preparation for Handi*Vangelism Camp. See Joan or Ken Steward for more info.

It's a fun time of fellowship while doing mission work.

The Ranch Hope Camden County Auxiliary is sponsoring a bus trip on June 15th. 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.

Art & Science Camp 2016

Ages: Grades 2nd to 6th

Dates: August 9, 10, 11 & 16, 17, 18

Time: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Cost: \$10 per day per child or \$40 for 6 days
Max \$75 per family

We will be offering the following classes:

- Science/Biology
- Engineering/Design
- Culinary Arts (Cooking)
- Legos or Robotics
- Art/Drawing
- Art/Painting
- Interpretive Dance
- Music/Drama

- ★ We need people that are skilled in these areas to volunteer to lead a class.
- ★ To volunteer, sign up using the form on the worship guide tear-out.
- ★ Online registration available soon.

How can you help support our summer children's ministries?

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 share this free gift by teaching the children in our community about God's way and how they can walk in it. That is why we need you to know about a special upcoming communion offering on June 12th. All the funds will go to VBS and children's mission projects. Please pray about how you can support both of these ministries with your generous offering.

COMING SOON: VBS 2016



June 20th - 24th, 2015

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Ages 3 (potty trained) - 6th Grade

Prepare to embark on an adventure like no other, scouring the mysterious fathoms of the deep sea. Thrilling discoveries await just beyond the portholes of your submarine. Things look very different once you get below the surface - and that's true for life above the surface, too.

As kids submerge themselves in God's Word, they will discover that Jesus saw people differently. He didn't just see what's on the outside; He saw who people were down deep.

As kids learn to see themselves and others as Jesus sees them, they can realize that everyone needs a Savior - even those who look like they have it all together. A relationship with Jesus Christ changes everything! All you have to do is dive in!

SAVE THE DATE!

2016 Submerged Vacation Bible School

June 20th – 24th 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Volunteer Job Descriptions

Decorating Team: Using the Submerged decorating guide and provided resources help decorate multiple VBS team centers and classrooms.

Prayer Team: Meet before and during the week of VBS to pray for all children, families, leaders, and helpers participating.

Greeter/Registration: Be a friendly face that assists parents and children in registering and locating classes/centers.

Bible Story Drama Team: Help teach the Bible story through drama as each group of children visits the Bible Story Center.

Small Group Team: After each age group visits the Bible Story Center lead small groups of students using the Submerged life application questions to help students learn and apply the daily life point. Participation in a special training session is required.

Recreation Team: Help gather and prepare game supplies. Lead children in playing the active Submerged games.

Craft Team: Help prepare the materials for the selected crafts. Explain and supervise the crafts as each group of children visits the Craft Center.

Snack Team: Using the Submerged Snack Center Guide lead children to create their daily snack which reteaches the daily Bible story theme.

Memory Verse Team: At the music/memory verse center use games from the Submerged planning materials to lead students to memorize the daily Bible verse. Gather materials and prepare the daily games.

Music Team: Teach children Submerged songs and motions.

Missions Team: Use Submerged video resources and materials to introduce children to 2 missionary families.

Classroom Teacher - 3, 4 & 5 Year Olds and Kindergarten: Use Submerged resources to teach Bible stories, crafts, etc. to children.

Classroom Helper - 3, 4 & 5 Year Olds: Assist classroom teacher as needed. For example, help with Bible story, crafts, & games.

Age Group Guides for Grades 1st – 6th Grade: Escort a group of students to the different activity centers. Be prepared to talk to students about the daily Bible story & verse.

Travel Buddy: Travel with and assist students with additional needs.

Nursery Team: Teach and care for children ages birth up to three years old of the VBS volunteers.

Run Laptop: Operate the laptop during the opening, the Bible Story Center sessions (if needed), and closing assemblies – playing video clips and music videos.

Run Sound System: Operate the sound system in the Sanctuary for opening and closing assemblies and also for the Bible Story Center sessions.

Photographer/Videographer: Photograph and/or video specific segments of VBS. Compile photos and/or videos for the closing program and Celebration Sunday.

Clean Up Team: After VBS concludes on Friday remove all decorations from classes/centers and prepare the building for the Sunday Celebration. After the Sunday Celebration and picnic remove all set decorations from the Sanctuary.

Sunday Celebration Picnic Team – June 26th 12:00 pm: Set-up, prepare, serve, and/or clean-up after the Celebration Picnic.

Help with Follow-up Mailing: Work with Children’s Director to send a “thank you” follow-up letter to all participating families.

Please pray about where you can volunteer.

Please Note: For the safety of all our children, all persons who work with VBS children **must** attend one Vacation Bible School training session and must be Safe Sanctuary background checked. Please see Rhonda Fraley for a Safe Sanctuary background check form.

VBS Training Dates: (Please plan on attending one session.)

Thursday, May 5th 10:30 – 11:30 am

Thursday, May 5th 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Your team leader will notify you of additional team training soon!

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
1 Communion 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:40 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service 6:00 PM Ryver	2	3 9:15 AM Smooth Stones Bible Study 10:00 AM Followers Bible Study 7:00 PM Children's Ministry Planning Team	4 6:45 PM Ma
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22 GNJ Annual Conference Missionary Sunday - Don Parsons 8:30 AM Traditional Worship Service 9:40 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service 6:00 PM Ryver 8:20 PM Youth Leaders	23 GNJ Annual Conference	24 GNJ Annual Conference 9:15 AM Smooth Stones Bible Study 10:45 AM Followers Bible Study 12:00 PM Followers Closing Luncheon	25 6:45 PM Ma
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2016

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Easter's Men	5 10:00 AM VBS Training 12:00 PM National Day of Prayer 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM VBS Training <i>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</i>	6	7 6:30 PM Bigger and Better
Easter's Men	12 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	13	14
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... loving God,
loving people,
connecting with
our neighbors

This is a youth ministry for people in grades 6-12, and everyone is welcome! We meet regularly each week and have other extra special events throughout the month.

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

the ryver (Sunday nights, 6:00-8:00 pm)

If you're new, this is the best place to start! We have a ton of fun connecting with other people through interactive games, connect with God through worshipful music, and our lives are changed through our talks about God, the Bible, and life – both in large and small group settings.

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

Essential for those who really want to grow in their faith! This is where we dig deeper into the Bible and learn how to live as followers of Jesus, as well as get involved with the whole church family.

COMING EVENTS

Summer Trip Meeting Sunday 5/1 – 3:00 pm

This MANDATORY meeting is for everyone involved in The Great Escape AND the Story trips. This year we'll be combined for some parts of our training and in our specific teams for other parts. I'm so excited to get started with this – God will do great things!



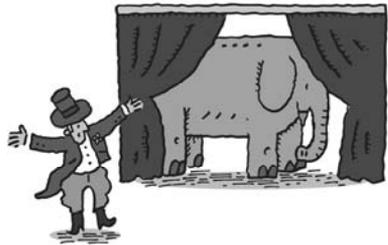


**National Day of Prayer
Thursday, 5/5**

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.

Bigger & Better – Saturday 5/7 – 6:30 to 9:30 pm

Bring some friends & form a team for this insanely fun adventure. Your team will start with a toothpick and come back with...(who knows what)...a table? Dresser? Car? Prizes will be awarded for the team with the biggest/best results!



GRACE CAFÉ – Friday 5/27 – 7:00 to 10:00 pm

Join us on the last Friday of each month which for May is May 27th 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!!





Dave Baily, Jr., Ranch Hops, Alloway, NJ

If you are reading this article, the odds are that you are probably already a stakeholder in the Ranch Hope ministry. Either you personally support the Ranch Hope ministry or you support us through your church or community organization. If I were to tell you that Ranch Hope is viewed by some as controversial or in a negative light, I imagine it would catch you off guard! Unfortunately, this is true. The mission of Ranch Hope has always been to create a model community setting for children to find safety, security and healing in their lives. This community, created in 1964, has been upgraded with new, state of the art four-bedroom homes where young men are mentored and supervised by caring adults. Youth who arrive in our community with a history of truancy and educational issues begin to make progress and actually attend school on a consistent basis. And yes, our community includes the opportunity for our youth to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the first time in some of their lives or to expand a spiritual journey that began prior to their arrival. We often hear the African proverb, "It Takes a Village" quoted. And yes, we too believe that a healthy community includes multiple and various components that are quickly accessible for a child.

So what's the controversy you ask? There are those who believe that because our community includes multiple homes, with upwards of sixty children in one location that this isn't "normal" or healthy. There are many times when I wonder if universities come under such scrutiny. There are those who question Ranch Hope's having core Judeo-Christian values. They believe that we must, therefore, be a group of people that would discriminate against and not serve equally those who don't share these values—values founded on agape—unconditional love for all those we are called to serve.

Recently, as I sat in the stands watching our middle school basketball team compete against teams from Salem and Woodstown, I was reminded that the majority of our players had never participated on a basketball team prior to coming to Ranch Hope.

Yet, there they were in uniforms, trying their best in front of a crowd of mostly strangers and having fun. Just one very small example of how our community is impacting children every day. Yes, it was very normal and no, it didn't seem too controversial.

I ask that you pray for the Ranch Hope community. Pray that we continue to follow and uphold our mission to children and families. I want to thank you for your continued support, as it is making a difference in these young lives every day.

Greg and Sue Stowers, France

There is so much for which to be thankful here in France. People are very grateful for the gifts American Christians gave toward the renovation project at the Franconville church. Many have asked us to convey their thanks to you. Hopefully the construction will be done by late spring but in the meantime that congregation is having their Sunday worship services at our other church in Sannois at 4 pm each Sunday. Both services are packed out. Even when the renovation is complete, we are thinking of keeping the 4 pm service which will give us three services each Sunday. Many have recently become Christians and there is a spirit of joy and unity between the two churches. We feel so blessed to be here enjoying the sweet fellowship of our French believers.

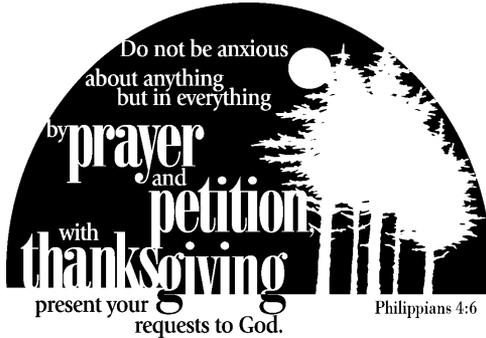
Curt and Carol Detwiler, NC

By now, you are probably aware of the ministry TWR has called TWR360. If you are not familiar with this incredible resource, you need to be! TWR360 was first launched a few years ago. The site delivers audio, video and text-based resources (including e-books) designed to encourage people in their faith and in sharing the gospel with others. That means TWR360 is a tool both for your personal use and to share with others — especially others who do not speak English. You see, TWR360 automatically detects the user's language settings on his or her device and displays all content currently available in that language. There are currently 42 of TWR's 230 languages on TWR360. So you can now expand your own outreach to people you might have been hesitant to share

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Wings of Prayer



Each week, the bulletin and Maria's email has a list of people with specific concerns as well as those with ongoing issues. When I write this column, I include a blank space that is bracketed saying "Insert names here" for those currently on the prayer list. Here I must ask those people to forgive me. There have been months when I am caught up with my topic and almost forget to include them. I know there was one month I sent an urgent email to Maria and Phil with an edited version that included those requesting prayer. Since then, I have been more aware of who is on that list.

When you first open the church's web page, two statements are likely to immediately catch your attention. "Where God's Love Makes a Difference!" and "Loving God, Loving People, Connecting With Our Neighbors." There have been visitors and members who have said that "you can feel the love" here. I certainly felt that love and acceptance when I first came.

Another statement I heard that I found interesting was: Collingswood FUMC is "the prayingest church." That may sound good, but it is not to everyone. I recently heard that attribute made a negative. This person had some specific needs they thought the church should have responded to. The comment was made, "They pray a lot so then they don't have to do anything." Ouch!

God does not mean for us to go through life alone. This has been true since Eve was created for Adam. That means we need to take care of each other. Part of that is sharing our prayers and praises with at least some members of the church. That may be a small group or a class you attend on Sunday or Wednesday night. The Prayer Warriors are an active part of the church that, until recently, I did not know is a group that actively prays for the needs of individuals and the church.

There are some people who are not comfortable asking for prayer themselves. I have asked people when they have shared with me if they would like to pray. Not one person has declined. We can also ask if we can put them on the “prayer list” at church. But what is that “list?” Is it the one in the bulletin? Or is it the one Maria emails out each week? Maybe it is prayer requests that are posted on the church or personal Facebook pages. And then again, which does it matter - where you post your request or to whom you make your request?

Take a moment to regularly look at the names of people requesting prayer. Read them individually. Say a prayer for each individually – for any noted need and for any other needs they may have. With permission, share the needs of people you know who are not included. Visit or call people you know who are alone. Check on them if you haven’t seen them. Invite them for a walk, a cup of coffee or tea, a meal or some activity. Remember that praise is a part of prayer and rejoice with them.

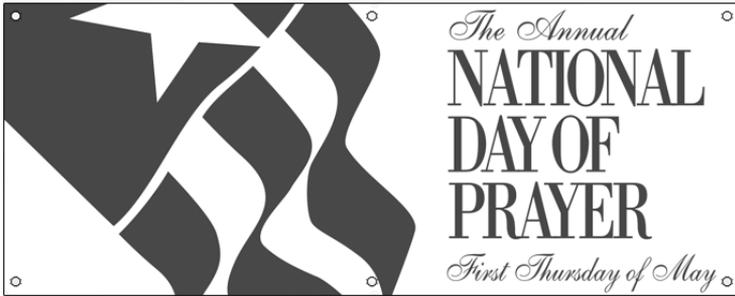
The list below are those people known to want prayer. Take a pencil and add the names of others you know. Then keep that list nearby. Look at it often and reach out to God on their behalf.

*Bruce Boswell, Rick Williams, Marion Wertz, Lois Fuller,
Marva Wallace, Holly Gibbons, Pastor Sam, Rick Williams,
Matt Robb, Dan Hughes, Cheryl Averell, Bob Alber,
Mark Averell, Lew & Mildred Smith, Florence Keller,
Doris Sery, Sandra Wright, Jim & Ruth Doherty.*

Blessings and Son shine.

Mary Emily Cameron

**The Collingswood Community Churches
invites you to join us to pray on May 5th
for our town and nation on the
National Day of Prayer
May 5, 2016
from Noon - 12:30 pm
at the
First Baptist Church of Collingswood
23 Frazer Avenue**



*"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions,
prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving
be made for all people - for kings
and all those in authority"
(I Timothy 2:1-2, NIV)*



**We ask you to join with us
at First Baptist Church
or pray where you are
in a spirit of thankfulness
and also with a deep concern
for the future elections and
choices that our country and
community face in the times
and days in which we live.
May we seek the Lord and His
love and blessing together!**

(Missionary Messages - Continued from page 19)

with before — like the people who care for your yard, the girl in the checkout line, the guy at the gas pump. And trust us, after living on foreign soil for over 28 years, nothing sounds so good as when you hear it in your own heart language. Go to www.TWR360.org and have a look around. Want to see what your neighbor will see when they log on? Check out the link at the top right for languages and do a little ‘foreign travel’ right from your own home. The daily record, so far, for number of visitors to TWR360 is 21,751. Share the site with all those whom you know need to hear the Word of God, whether for the first time or Christians who need to be encouraged in their walk.

Ken and Karen Pregizer, Yukon, Canada

February 11 marks the fifth year we have been living in Canada! It’s hard to believe that five years ago we were driving the U-Haul truck across the border at Beaver Creek, Yukon and received our one-year work visa. With God’s help and your prayers, we really feel at home here in the Yukon. The month of May will mark our one-year anniversary of receiving Permanent Residency. That means that we can work and live in Canada for as long as we want! Although we are not citizens of Canada, we could pursue dual citizenship 4 years from now.

Please pray for the immigration status of the Pilch family. They have been serving with us here in Canada for over three years and have not been able to obtain permanent residency status. The rules have changed since we applied, which made it very difficult for immigrants to qualify for Permanent Residency in Canada. SEND is working on documents that we pray will give the Pilchs a better chance to score more points in the new system. It used to be first-come-first-served but the government decided to go to a point system. Those who score high on the scale are invited to apply for Permanent Residency. This family has impacted the community where they live with a strong witness and reputation for hard work. They are anxious to begin a new work in another community. PLEASE pray for a favorable outcome to the application SEND will be submitting.



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.

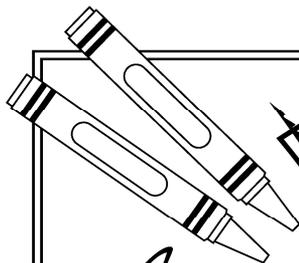
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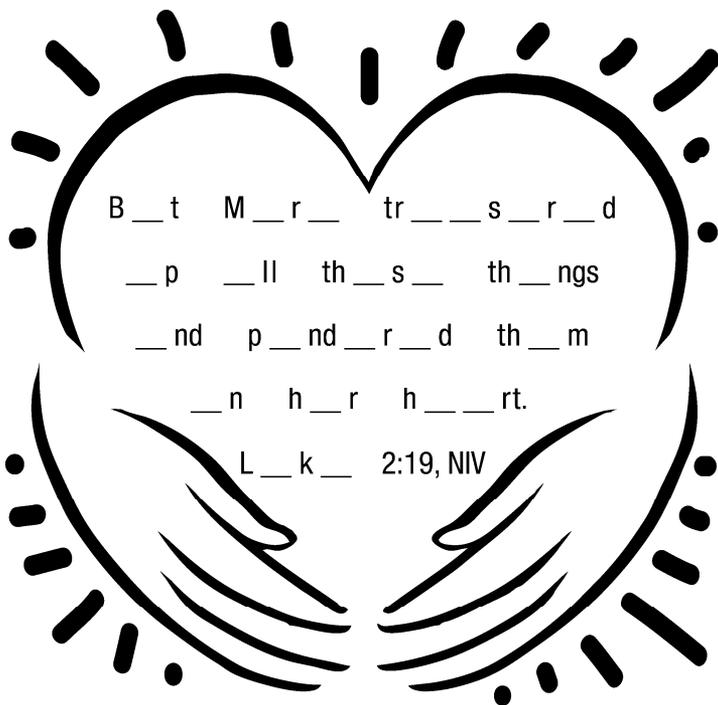
PUZZLE

A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

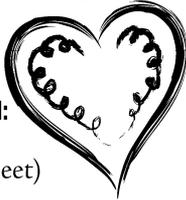
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Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

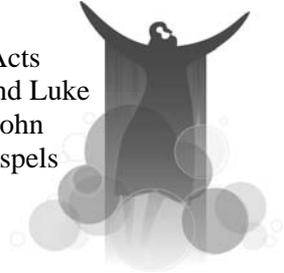
What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift — and a hug!

Bible Quiz

Which books of the Bible include an account of Jesus' ascension?

- A. Luke and Acts
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four gospels

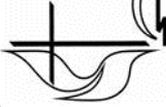


Always With US

Forty days after Easter, we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. This occurred 10 days before Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' followers, as he had promised.

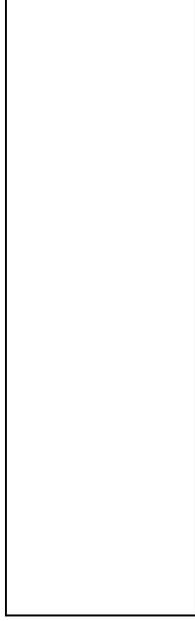
Jesus' ascension reminds Christians that although his body couldn't remain present everywhere, we can universally experience his spiritual presence. In fact, Jesus' final words to his disciples — and to us — contain this key promise: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20, ESV).

Answer: A (See Luke 24:51 and Acts 1:9)

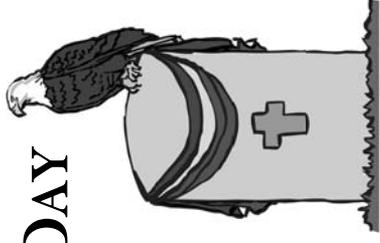


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