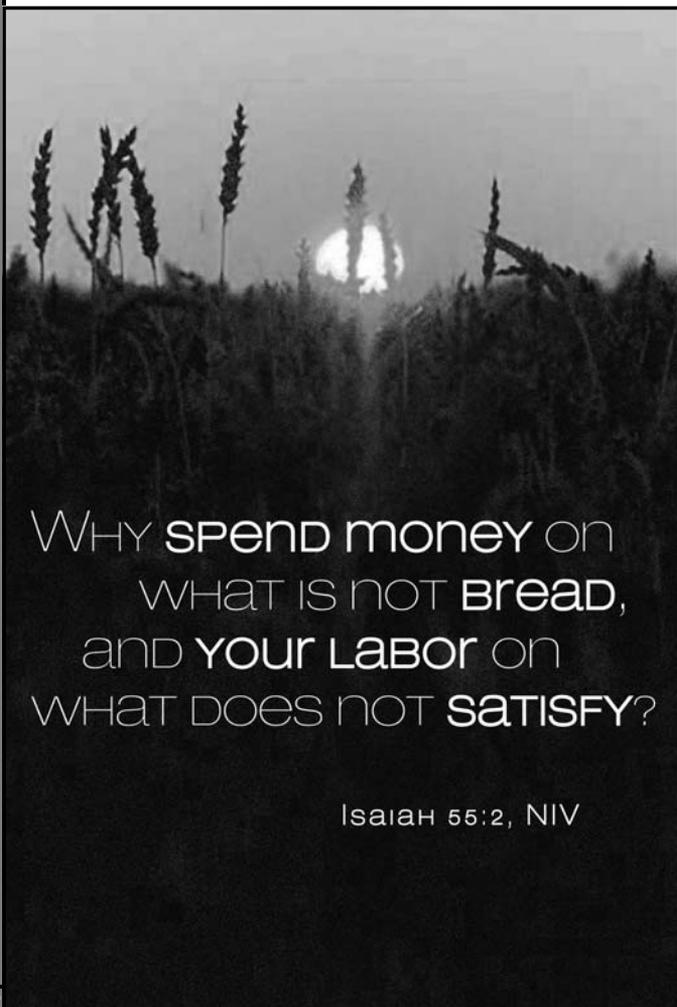




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Why spend money on
what is not bread,
and your labor on
what does not satisfy?

Isaiah 55:2, NIV

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From The Pastor's Heart



*Are you tired? Worn out? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. **Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.** I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.*

Matthew 11:28-30, The Message

The fall routine is beginning, back to school, back to college; schedules begin to fill up as the summer vacations are coming to a close. Some get anxious just thinking about it. Looking at the fall and now getting into an early fall routine, I recently returned to the gym after a summer-plus break. As I looked around, I watched the weightlifters, (not the biggest guys like me in the gym either.) I noticed that some of them were working in pairs. One of them would lie down on the bench to lift the weights while the other would stand near the lifter's head. The person standing near the lifter's head is called the spotter. The spotter stands near the lifter's head just in case the lifter gets in trouble and needs some help. Sometimes, the spotter doesn't do anything at all. Just knowing that the spotter is there is enough to give the lifter the confidence needed to lift the weights. At other times, the spotter calls out words of encouragement to the lifter. "Come on, you can do it! You can do it! Push! Push!" he calls out. Those words of encouragement are just what the lifter needs to give him the strength to lift the weights. As more and more weights are added, the bar becomes very heavy and the lifter becomes very tired. When the weight gets to be more than the lifter can handle, the spotter reaches in and helps the lifter lift the weights.

Thinking about these weightlifters, provides a good picture of the way our Heavenly Father helps us to bear the challenges and

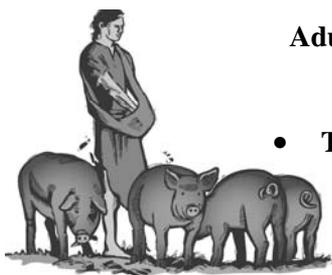
burdens we face in our daily life. There are many routine days that we may struggle a bit as we face a few obstacles along the way, but just knowing that God is with us gives us the confidence we need to overcome those obstacles.

There are other days that are more difficult and we may need more encouragement. Do you ever have a day when the weight is more than you can handle? Of course we do. We all have days like that, don't we? It is good to know that when things are more than we can bear, God is there! We find that encouragement in God's Word. "Don't be afraid, I am with you." (Gen.26:24) "I'll give you strength." (Psalm 28:7) "I'm with you in times of trouble." (Psalm 34:6) These words of encouragement are just what we need to face the hard times that may come our way.

Listen to these words again that Jesus spoke, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." On those really hard days, Jesus steps in and lifts our burden. With him, our burdens are lighter. It is in the midst of this religious setting that the Lord makes a very gracious invitation to all who would want to experience the relief, joy, and the blessings of His life through a grace/faith relationship with Him. This is an invitation aimed at all of us, the curious and the convinced, to bring us to a place of a deeper level of peace and commitment in which we take His yoke and learn from Him as committed disciples or followers.

This month in our Church worship services the theme is discipleship. Our challenge is to continue to grow deeper in our walk in Christ's love together, to walk together, follow together, and learn together. Some say, "How do I do that?" Simply follow Jesus' words ... "*Walk with me and work with me-watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace* (I love that.) *I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.*" (Matthew 11:28, The Message) What a way to begin the fall, **learning to live in the unforced rhythms of His grace.** Would you join me?

In His love and grace,
Pastor Sam



Adult Combined Summer Sunday School
Understanding the Parable

- **The Prodigal Son** (Luke 15:11-32)
 - Sept. 7 - Carol Heim
 - Sept. 14 - Jonathan Schwehm



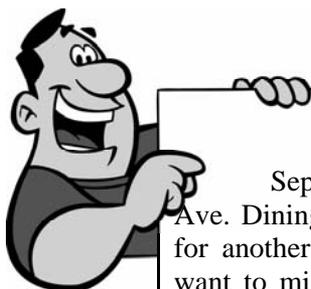
WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE (WNL) Something for Everyone!

Dinner and classes will resume on Wednesday, September 17. We will begin at 5:45 with a delicious catered dinner by a local restaurant and time of fellowship. Bible study, classes and activities for all ages will take place between 6:45 and 7:00 p.m. Some of the adult class titles for the fall include: Book of Colossians, Apostle Paul's Missionary Journeys, Living Wills, Sharing Our Faith, What To Do After Calling 911, 4 Great Dates (Couples Night Out), Landscaping 101.



Close Out the Season at the Shore
Saturday, September 20

You are invited to join with the First UMC Collingswood family as we spend a day at the shore! No need to pack a swim suit or boogie board - this is going to be a mission of mercy. We are joining with **A Future with Hope** - the United Methodist Church's response to Superstorm Sandy - to help rebuild the shore and put peoples' lives back together. Please sign up at the Connection Point if you want to help. Questions? Contact Doug Wagner.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

September 20th @ 8:00 a.m. in the Stokes Ave. Dining Room – grab your forks and get ready for another awesome Men's Breakfast. You don't want to miss Harry's wonderful breakfast. Former Eagle Defensive Back Pastor Cedrick Brown will be bringing a challenge for men. You can sign up the week before by using the tear off in our bulletin or call the church office or email maria@fumccollingswood.org.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY - September 21

First United Methodist of Collingswood is joining thousands of other churches across America this month inviting people Back To Church. On Sunday, September 21st we're enjoying a special day encouraging everyone to come back to church. This is a great time to invite un-churched people in our community to come give church a try! Be praying about who you will invite or bring. This Sunday we'll also resume our regular Sunday school and Sunday Bible classes at 9:40am.



Lift Dedication Sunday– October 5th!

Combined service @ 10:45 am

Speaker – Tim Sheetz

Great stories, exciting time of worship.

Light refreshments in the Sunday

School Temple will follow the

combined service.

ALPHA IS BACK!

Everyone is on a spiritual journey, as the Apostle Peter says: *The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.* (2 Peter 3:9 NLT) Alpha is a way we can help unbelievers think through their ideas about God. We will be running our next series on Tuesday nights beginning September 16 and ending November 25. We only ask one thing of you. If you know someone who is outside the faith, or unsure in their faith, would you *please personally invite* them to attend? Questions? Contact Doug Wagner.



NEW CLASS FOR NEWER BELIEVERS

Journey is a step-by-step look at the Bible class for those who have recently accepted Christ as their Savior or those who need to solidify their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus. We will tackle the basics - God, Man, Jesus, the Bible, the Holy Spirit - building a solid foundation on God's Word. No questions are off limits. Two options each week this fall - during Sunday morning Discipleship Hour or midweek WNL.



September Sermons - "Discipleship"

Sept. 7	"The Scoop on Dirt" (The Parable of the Sower)	Matthew 13: 11-23
Sept. 14	Unshakable Children's Ministry Day / Communion Sunday (The Wise and Foolish Builder)	Matthew 7:24-27
Sept. 21	"Connected" (Vine and Branches)	John 15: 1-8
Sept. 28	Servant's Heart Challenge and Lay/Staff Appreciation Day "Rhythms of Grace"	Matthew 11:28-30

LOOKING AHEAD FOR THE FALL...

- September 9th **Followers Bible Study**
Coffee time 9:30 am
Bible study 10:00 -11:00 am
Bert Stevens, study leader.
- September 16th **Smooth Stones Bible Study**
9:15 to 11:30 am
Linda Schoch, study leader; child care provided.
- September 17th **WNL begins**
- September 20th **Men's Breakfast**
- September 21st **Back to Church Sunday!**
- September 21st to
September 28th **Ministry Emphasis – Servant's Heart
Challenge**
- October 4th **Ladies Special Event**
- October 5th **Lift Celebration Sunday**
- October 26th **Fellowship House Annual Breakfast and
Auction - 9:00 am**
- October 29th **Trunk or Treat**
- November 15th &
November 16th **Missions Weekend:** Special speakers, dinner,
luncheon, challenges and excitement.
- November 17th **Church Conference**
6:00 pm – SPR
7:00 pm – Church Conference



Calling all ladies!

The Inviting Colors of Fall:

Ladies, come learn how we can connect the beautiful colors of fall to our walk with the Lord.
Find out what color you are.

Ladies Progressive Dinner

Saturday, October 4 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm

What's a progressive dinner? It's a fun night where you travel from location to location for different meal courses. We've put our own spin on this progressive dinner, by having all of our meal locations right here at the church! The dinner progresses throughout the evening at various meal stations. Ladies 18 and over are invited to enjoy an evening of good food and conversation. Please ask a friend to join us.

Want to come, but not sure what to do with your kids?

We'll have babysitting at the church!

For the babysitting, we ask you to sign up ahead of time, then you can drop off your kids at 4:45 pm at the church nursery.

The evening will begin in the Stokes Dining Room.

Sign-ups begin September 7th

RSVP by September 30th.



**Rev. Myrna Bethke
District Superintendent
Service of Installation**



When: September 21, 2014, 6:00 pm

Where: Mantua United Methodist Church
201 Mantua Blvd.
Mantua, NJ 08051

All are invited to attend the Service of Installation for our new District Superintendent, Rev. Myrna Bethke.

Light refreshments are being served following the service.

An offering will be taken for the Neighborhood Center's replacement school bus. The Center's bus was destroyed by a fire in April, in which no one was hurt. The bus is vital to the Center's mission and work. It picks children up from their schools and brings them to the Center for the School Age Program allowing mom and dad to stay at work. It brings teenagers home safely at night after they have attended the evening Leadership Academy programs, and it picks up Senior Citizens so they can have fellowship time here at the Center.

Children are welcome to attend. Childcare will be provided.

THANK YOU!

A total of 414 food items were collected for the Collingswood Food Pantry. This will make a huge difference to families in our community facing food insecurity. A huge "thank you" to all who took part. Please continue to support the Pantry on an ongoing basis. The statistics for the food collection throughout the district will be available soon.



Thanks!



CHILDREN'S Ministry NEWS

Safe Sanctuary Training for New Volunteers and Update Training for Current Volunteers

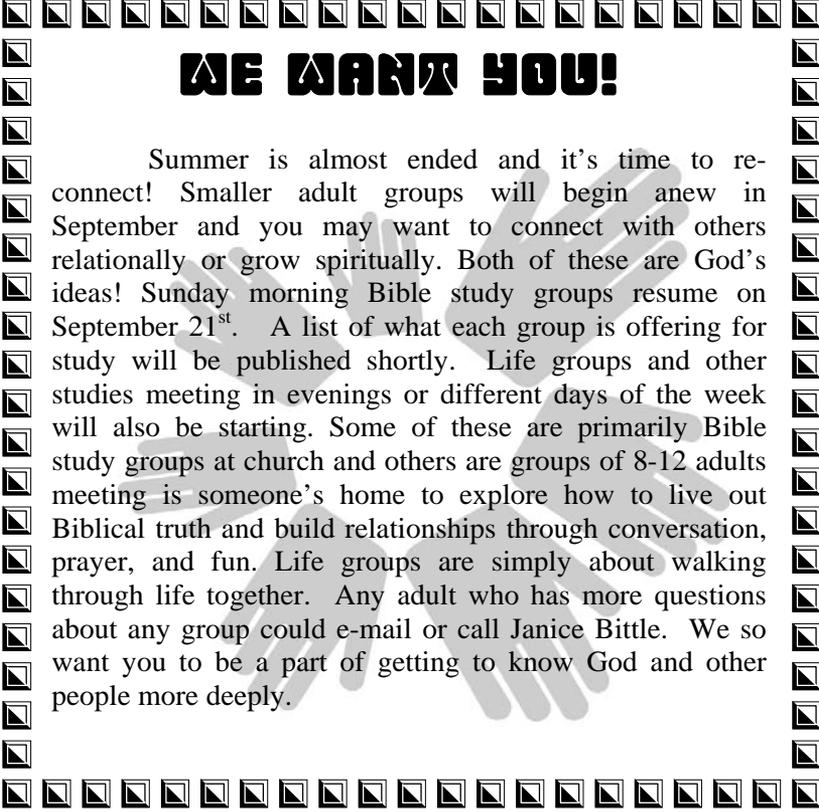
All volunteers who work with children and youth at First United Methodist Church must go through the Safe Sanctuary process which involves an initial background check and yearly safe sanctuary training. Please plan to attend one of the following sessions. Tuesday, Sept. 2nd from 9:30 – 10:00 AM or Thursday, September 4th from 7:00 – 7:30 PM.

Don't Miss Our NEW Look!!

Our Children's Ministry launches our new "brand" on Sunday, September 14th at both services!! All children in attendance will receive an iron on decal of our new logo. What a great way to start back to school with our design on a backpack, t-shirt, lunchbox, etc.!!

Kids - have you ever wanted to tell your friends at school about God but you just weren't sure where to start? Join us on **Wednesday, September 24th from 7:00 – 8:00 PM** to make a cool tool to help you share your faith with your friends. This session is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade.





WE WANT YOU!

Summer is almost ended and it's time to re-connect! Smaller adult groups will begin anew in September and you may want to connect with others relationally or grow spiritually. Both of these are God's ideas! Sunday morning Bible study groups resume on September 21st. A list of what each group is offering for study will be published shortly. Life groups and other studies meeting in evenings or different days of the week will also be starting. Some of these are primarily Bible study groups at church and others are groups of 8-12 adults meeting in someone's home to explore how to live out Biblical truth and build relationships through conversation, prayer, and fun. Life groups are simply about walking through life together. Any adult who has more questions about any group could e-mail or call Janice Bittle. We so want you to be a part of getting to know God and other people more deeply.

“Community is Messy”

All Life group leaders, Bible study teachers, and anyone interested is invited to this continuing educational opportunity for those of us who don't know everything there is to know about groups. Wednesday, September 10th - parlor at 7:00 pm. DVD teaching by Heather Zempel, discipleship pastor at National Community Church in Washington D.C. Two 15 minute talks will be followed by discussion questions for us as group.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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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! 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



Ryver Kickoff Cookouts
JH - Sunday, 9/7
SH - Wednesday, 9/10
5:30 - 8:00 pm

Don't miss our opening event of the year (and don't let your friends miss it either!) Free cookout – games – basketball – swimming- and the best youth leaders ever! (jk – we're not really that stuck on ourselves). Please let us know if you're coming by Facebook, email or phone.

Future of Hope - Saturday, 9/20

More info is coming, but mark your calendars (youth AND parents) – a team of people from our church will be heading to the Jersey shore today to help rebuild homes of people still affected by Hurricane Sandy! Life has moved on for us but many people are still greatly in need – will you be part of bringing God's future and hope to them?

SYATP (See You At The Pole)

Wednesday, 9/24

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.



Parents' Dessert Night - Sunday, 9/28 - 6:00 pm

ATTN: PARENTS! Tonight is your night to get spoiled over a **FREE** buffet of desserts! It's a chance for us to say thank you for all you do, a chance for you to get to know us and some of the other parents and learn a little more about what happens in the ryver youth ministry. **Please RSVP to Shawn Zook no later than Wednesday, 9/24.**

*This is our God:
God is LIFE!*

*I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit; apart
from me you can do nothing.*

-John 15:5





Luis Centeno

It's been a while since we last shared with you the many things God has been doing in our lives. Let me share with you just a few verses which have helped us through the years of ministry here in the inner city of Philadelphia, and by no means are these the only ones.

“This is my comfort in my affliction your word has revived me.” Psalms 119:50

“Great peace have they who love your law and nothing can make them stumble.” Psalms 119:165

“When your words came; I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight.” Jeremiah 15:16

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower the righteous run to it and are safe.” Proverbs 18:10

A well-known author, scholar, and theologian Dr. Ravi Zacharias wrote: “Nothing ranks higher for mental discipline than a plan and systematic study of God's word, from whence life barometer and values are planted in the mind.” Amen to that.

These verses have been my life sustaining strength through the many trials of doing front line inner-city ministry, where you get exposed to the depths of human sinfulness and address the spiritual and emotional pain the suffering of hurting and broken people. Many are suffering from depression, anxiety, panic attacks, substance abuse, post traumatic distress disorder and, of course, suicidal thoughts.

This is just a small portion of the trauma of sin and suffering that is off the charts in the inner-city and around the country. Those of us who minister to people in the city face these situations continually.

The good news is that Jesus Christ can take our sin, emotional pain and spiritual confusion. The Savior who took it to the cross of Calvary to set us free through His death, burial and resurrection. In this way, we have new and abundant life in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. We spend our lives sharing this incredible message of hope so that those of us that are missionaries, pastors, Christian workers, can bear good fruit for the glory and honor of Jesus.

Ken and Joan Steward

We are grateful for all who follow our ministry and receive our prayer letter. Would you commit to pray for us in ministry on a regular basis? We are trusting God to provide for all our needs through those who prayerfully consider giving financially to support us as HVMI missionaries as we are on the road to becoming fully supported. For now, we are juggling active full time ministry during the Winter, Spring, & Summer with Fall seasonal work in our business until we reach the point when we can move forward to serve full time year round as we feel called to do and as the ministry needs.

As we reported in our last update HVMI is actively seeking a “Place of Our Own”, a ministry site to hold its offices, campground, teaching and retreat facilities, etc. After several visits to the contending site as well as a number of meetings, progress is being made. This new ministry center could be a reality in the near future! When this happens we are committed to move to this location to take on the roles of caretakers of the property as well as cook in addition to other ministry responsibilities. It would become our new home. However, we need to increase our monthly income through support. We are grateful to all who have already helped us reach approximately 40% of our monthly needs.

Ken and Donna Rudy

In a recent e-mail we received a photo which reminded us that God is at all times and in all places continuing to work through networks of people whom we know and love to reconcile lost people to Himself.

The photo we received was sent to us by Salomon and Narun Sahok, a key couple in our early work with Cambodian refugees in France. The Sahoks were one of the original 6 couples who moved into our neighborhood in Villefontaine, France in 1976. They were new believers with a desire to learn more about their new found faith. Our daughter, Darla, who was a young teenager taught French to the refugee women. It was through these classes that Soeung (Salomon) began showing up to ask more questions about the Bible. At this time, that Darla asked Ken to come with her to help with some of the questions that were coming up.

Salomon and Narun grew to become leaders of the Cambodian Church in Lyon, France. God used our friendship with

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them through regular visits to their home and visiting them at the hospital following the birth of their first born son, Dyna (Daniel). Later the Sahoks were discipled by co-workers and Salomon began studying the Scriptures at a Bible Institute in Lyon, while working a full-time job.

Today, the Sahoks live 6 months of each year in Kampong Cham, Cambodia and six months in France. Daniel and his wife, Solange, are youth directors at a local church in the Paris area. Along with our daughter, Darla, we had the joy of meeting them at a Cambodian restaurant in Paris while spending this last Christmas with our family.

One of the other couples in the photo were Brian and Jodi Williams, Crossworld colleagues from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania who also (after their retirement) are serving in Kampong Cham.

We rejoiced as we realized how God is still at work linking our past ministry with the present. Each of you have been an essential element through your involvement with our work over the last 40 plus years. We are grateful for how the Lord continues to demonstrate His faithfulness through you.



Lowell & Claudia Wertz

Has anyone said something that changed your perspective forever?

Years ago I was in the USA preparing an airplane to be flown to Zaire. A United Airline pilot, Bob Johnson, was going to fly the single engine plane across the Atlantic Ocean. A departure date was set. He took days off work and purchased all the needed flight clearances and permits. Then an issue came up with the plane causing a delay. He had to cancel everything. One time was bad enough, but this happened several times! I could not imagine the frustration he was feeling. Yet he was not frustrated at all. He said, "When I fly single engine over the ocean, and unexpected delays come up, I take it from the Lord. He knows best and He might be saving me from big problems."

Knowing God has perfect timing is one thing -- trusting in it

is something else. Bob helped move me in the right direction. When the hospital project we were desperately trying to start a few years ago fell apart, I was extremely disappointed. We had worked for two years and came up empty. The suffering and deaths that resulted from failing haunt me. But when I remember what Bob told me, I am better able to trust God for His timing.

My college Bible teacher told me to never pray for patience, because the answer will just be more problems. Africa only has three speeds - slow, stop, and reverse. The only way I can get anything done is to have many “irons in the fire” at once. But sometimes you just have to wait.

Our broadcast license application has been on file for two years. We keep waiting. Impatience builds inside of me like an over-inflated inner tube. Is the radio station going to fall apart like the hospital project? How long can this go on? Then I remember Bob's attitude and I begin looking at things differently. No time is being wasted for lack of a license - there is much to do to prepare for when the license arrives. The station will be better because we were able to work while waiting. His timing. His radio station.

Trusting God is not easy. That is why God has His special person for your path. The faith of another can become one's own.



A Gift of Joy and a Message of God's Love

Operation Christmas Child is one way you can make a difference in a young child's life. This is a great way for your family, Sunday school class or small group to take part in this shoe box programs. These shoeboxes, filled with gifts will be sent around the world to children who perhaps have never received a gift or who are survivors of natural disasters. Gift ideas: school supplies, toys, hygiene items, hard candy, T-shirts, socks washcloths, etc. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will delight a child. Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box to help cover the cost of shipping. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. Franklin Graham is the President. Please bring your filled shoe box to the board room by November 16, 2014. Let's make this a banner year. Thank you for all the support you have given in the past and now again in 2014. May God bless you as you bring joy to others.





Wings of Prayer

*First, I thank my
God through Jesus
Christ for all of you,
because your faith
is proclaimed in all
the world. For God
is my witness,
whom I serve with
my spirit in the
gospel of his Son,
that without
ceasing I mention
you always in my
prayers...*

Romans 1:8-9 RSV

Recently there was a posting on the church's Facebook page requesting prayer by an attorney. It said, "I have a very emotional case this morning involving a mom and a dad and a 20 year old daughter. The circumstances are not the greatest ..." Later the results were posted. "It wasn't pretty but justice was served. Thanks for the prayers!" Later a subsequent prayer was posted. When the issue was temporarily resolved, the update was posted and ended with. "Thank you so much for your continual and persistent prayers!" That got me thinking how social media has changed how we communicate with each other and with God.

There are many Facebook and other social media pages that will guide us in or request we say prayers for almost any conceivable situation. Do some of these become "mechanical" - people reciting them from habit and not remembering they are speaking to God? Perhaps. If they are said in that manner, however, the problem is more with the pray-er than the prayer. Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and all the other social media sites reach more people than any of the tele-evangelists. They may help some of the unchurched or those who "gave up on God," bringing them into His flock.

Posting a request for prayer, as was done in the situation above, can bring a feeling of being able to do the proverbial "something." I recently posted a request for a friend who

acknowledges there is a God, but her relationship “has lapsed.” Within 2 minutes, three people responded they were praying. Within a few hours, over 30 people had responded. Later, letting her know that there were people praying for her she was thankful yet did not understand and asked, “Why?” I told her, and believe it to be true, it was because she does matter. This caring starts with and can always be found in God.

Looking at postings on Collingswood FUMC’s Facebook page, it seems requests and comments are often from the same people, although there are many more “friends” for the page. Why more of us don’t use it, I am not sure. I would encourage those of you who are “Friends,” consider sharing your joys and sorrows. If you are not using this Facebook page, I would encourage you to look at it. On the first page (www.Facebook.com), enter “Collingswood FUMC” in the search block. Then request to be a friend. You can read what is being said about activities, services, events and members as well as prayer requests. You are not comfortable praying out loud, so why consider writing anything others will see? You don’t have to! Pray for needs listed on the page in the privacy and quiet of your own place.

That brings me back to the two requests from the attorney. Not only did she let us know what the results were, she also was aware of and thanked us for “our continual and persistent prayers!”

That is indeed how we are to pray.

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers... (Roman 1:8-9 [RSV])

In your prayers, please remember these people: *The Mountain Family, Leslie Wallace, Julie Schmitt, Amy Halsted, Lisa Barikian, Bob Sutton., Matt Robb, Lew & Mildred Smith, Florence Keller, Jim & Ruth Doherty, Connie Zabel, Tom Costello, Virginia Armitage, Tom Christensen, Rich Snyder.*

Blessings, Peace and Son shine.

Mary Emily Cameron



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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| Sept. 4 | John Mark Hamilton | Sept. 18 | Nancy Creely |
| Sept. 6 | Pat Gunning | | Joan Ferrara |
| Sept. 7 | Pastor Sam Mountain | Sept. 19 | Kyle Ehret |
| Sept. 11 | Barbara Rapp | Sept. 24 | Kyleigh Hamilton |
| Sept. 13 | Marion Wertz | Sept. 26 | Kathy McGaurn |
| Sept. 15 | Al Neu | Sept. 30 | Nancy Gross |
| Sept. 16 | Britny Molloy | | Karen Kline |
| | | | Gary McGaurn |



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| Sept. 10 | Steve and Michelle Latch |
| Sept. 14 | Bernard and Carol Beals |
| Sept. 15 | Armand & Jean LeBlanc |
| Sept. 25 | Dan & Margie Hughes |



**An Early
Step Toward
A Godly Walk**

Baptisms at First Church

Leo Thomas DePaul - July 13, 2014

Joe Williams - August 10, 2014

Joel Szychoski - August 10, 2014

Dear Church Family and Friends,

This year three members of our Church Staff are celebrating milestones here at First Church. What a great opportunity for a celebration!

Retirement - Bill Barnes will be retiring at the end of September after 20 faithful years of custodial service to our church. He has served us well through the years and now it's time for him to enjoy a well earned retirement.

15 Years of Service - Maria Gianfrancesco is celebrating 15 years as our Church Secretary. She has been the link to all who come through the church office as well as providing administrative support to our church staff.

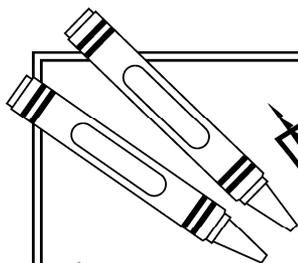
10 Years of Service - Shawn and Nicole Zook are celebrating 10 years of Service as our Praise Team Leader and Youth Director. They have touched the lives of many of our young people and have been a blessing to us.

The Celebration - God's word tells us to be thankful for how He provides and be encouragers of each other. We are planning a time of celebration and recognition on September 28th during the 10:45 service. We are asking you to get a card or write a note for each of them expressing your love and appreciation for their service to us. Of course, if you are able to include a love gift I know this would be greatly appreciated.

Two ways to hand in your cards and gifts - There will be a box marked Staff Cards on the counter in the Church office or bring them with you the morning of the 28th and place them in the baskets that will be provided.

Please join together in this endeavor as we honor those who have been a blessing to us.

In His Service,
Prin Pappas



PUZZLE

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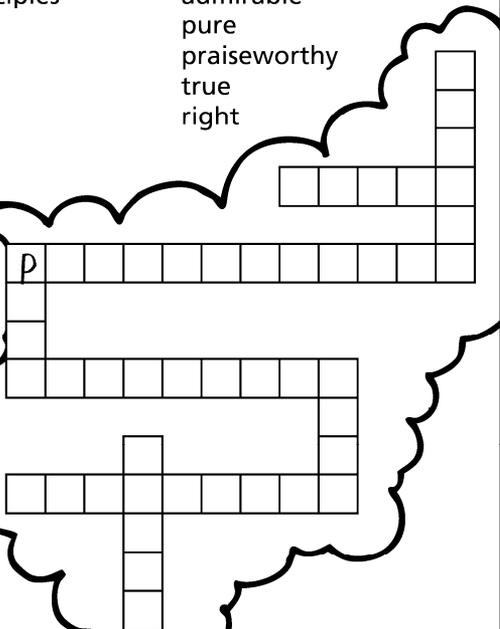
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- correct
- commendable
- extremely good
- having high moral principles
- deserving respect
- pleasant
- real
- wholesome

COLUMN 2

- excellent
- lovely
- noble
- admirable
- pure
- praiseworthy
- true
- right

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable** — if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy** — think about such things."
Philippians 4:8, NIV



REMINDER BOARD



Start off the school year right by making this wipe-off board, which can help you remember important things.

What you need:

- Adult help
- 5" x 7" picture frame with glass (available at a dollar store)
- Lined notebook paper
- Scissors
- Low-heat glue gun
- Buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes
- 1" piece of Velcro
- Erasable marker

What you do:

1. Using the cardboard insert or picture from the frame as a pattern, cut the notebook paper to fit the frame. Then insert it behind the glass.
2. Decorate the outside of the frame by gluing on buttons, ribbon, stickers or foam shapes.
3. Glue one side of the Velcro to the erasable pen and one side to the frame. Then attach the pen to the frame.
4. Place the board on your desk, dresser or kitchen counter. On the glass, write daily reminders about assignments and activities.

Bible Quiz

According to Luke, how many disciples did Jesus send out two by two ahead of him to the various towns he planned to visit?

- A. 12
- B. 70 or 72 (ancient manuscripts vary)
- C. 490 (70 times 7)
- D. 144 (12 times 12)

Answer: B (See Luke 10:1.)

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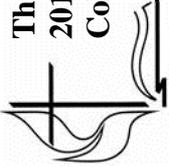
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commendable	real
lovely	pleasant
excellent	deserving respect
noble	pure
admirable	having high moral principles
right	extremely good
true	noble
praiseworthy	lovely
righteous	correct

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