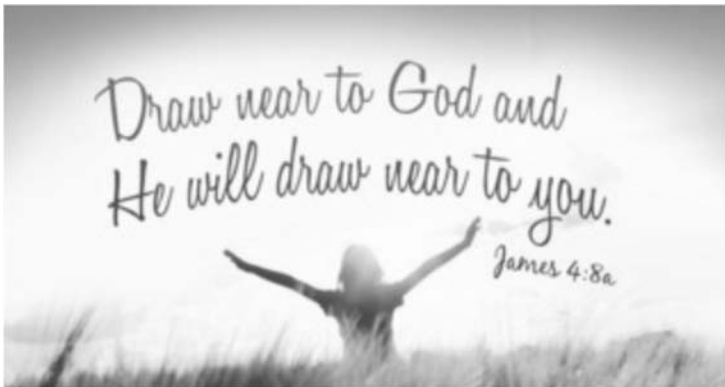


Let's be honest. How many times have we fallen short at being a good friend, a wise parent, or a self-giving spouse or caring neighbor because we didn't love—truly love—at the highest level? It's tough. It's easy to fall short. The bar is high, especially if we aspire to love like Jesus. But it's not impossible. As followers of Jesus, we are meant to radically love those around us and give the world a glimpse of what God is like. But this is easier said than done. What does it actually mean to love like Jesus? And why do we so quickly get bogged down in our own selfishness, sin, and futile efforts?

In this 6-part sermon series, we will journey together and examine Jesus' life and character traits to give practical definition to what it means to love like Jesus. The Holy Spirit invites us to trade detachment, exclusivity, judgment, fear, and self-concern for mindfulness, approachability, grace, boldness, and self-giving. He empowers us to love like Jesus, and frees us to experience genuine joy. As we journey together in this study of God's word this fall, I believe not only we will see a transformation in our own lives and relationships, but also witness spiritual awakening in our church, which can extend to our greater communities. "Love like that" will guide us to desire deeply to relate to others and communicate the message of the gospel with awesome, biblical, Christ-empowered love.

My prayer is that we will draw closer and nearer to the Lord and learn to love like Jesus—to "Love Like That." Will you join me in that journey in the days ahead?

In His Love and Service,
Pastor Sam





CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

We are forming a journey class that explores church membership. It will be a time and a place to grow in our walk with God and to better understand what First Church is all about! This class will prepare you for church membership as you become ready to connect with us at that level. Please sign up on the tear off in your Sunday bulletin if you are interested in joining the class and becoming a member. You can also call the church office at 856-858-1186 or email the church office at maria@fumccollingswood.org.



CHURCH CONFERENCE **Wednesday, October 23rd** **7:00 pm**

All chairs of our committees are asked to submit a report and answer these 2 questions:

1. What ways has God blessed your ministry team this year?
2. What do you believe God wants you to accomplish for next year?



These reports are due in by Tuesday, October 15th. You can email them to maria@fumccollingswood.org. Any questions, let Maria know.

Thank you!

OCTOBER SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES



Love Like That series begins.

This series is inspired by the book “Love Like That” by Dr. Les Parrott . This sermon series will guide us to take a look at the way Jesus loves us and how we respond with His love in every area of our lives, especially with those we meet every day! This journey has the potential to be truly transformational as we pray and are open to “Love Like That.”

October 6	Prayer and Praise Sunday	Communion
October 13	<i>Love Like That</i>	Ephesians 5:2
October 20	<i>Loving while being more MINDFUL!</i>	Luke 4:16-18
October 26	<i>Loving while being more APPROACHABLE!</i>	Matthew 9:9



**May the Lord make you
increase and abound in
Love for one another
and for all...**

1 Thessalonians 3:12, NRSV



LOOKING AHEAD FOR THE FALL...

October 3 rd	Wednesday Night Live begins
October 23 rd	Church Conference
October 30 th	Trunk or Treat

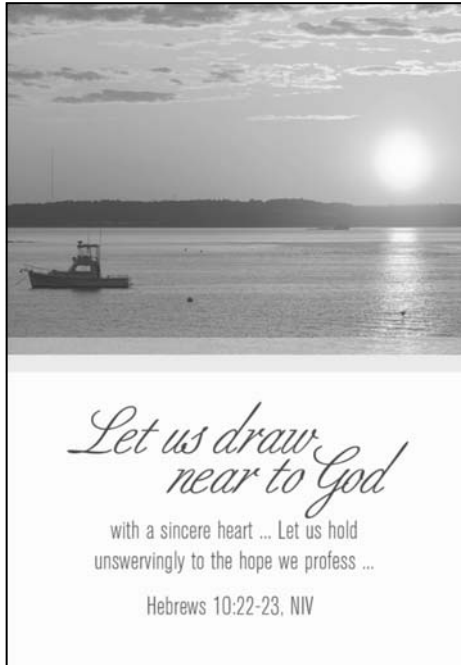
WEDNESDAY NIGHT Drawing Near Nights Something for Everyone!



Draw Near

*“Draw near to God
and he will draw close to you”
James 4:8*

This Fall and Winter, Wednesday nights will be exciting at FUMC. This will be a time of prayer, reflections and drawing near to God. In a world with so many uncertainties, we will have an opportunity to draw close to God together each week. The dates for “Drawing Near Nights” are: Wednesdays, October 2nd, 16th, (23rd - Church Conference), (30th - Trunk or Treat!), November 6th, 20th, December 4th, 18th. There will also be a dinner at 6:00 pm on the following dates: October 16th, November 20th and December 18th.



TECHNICAL MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES

Do you enjoy learning new things? Do you like working with computers or would you like to learn to work with a computer? Ever wonder how a sound board works but were afraid to ask? Would you like to be part of the praise team but don't sing or play an instrument? You might be the right person to join FUMC's Technical Ministries team which includes the laptop ministry.



We are always looking for volunteers to expand our Technical Ministries team (including the laptop team.) Each Sunday, we are responsible for the lights and sound for our services, recording and editing the service for streaming from our website and for running the projection system in the Sanctuary. The laptop ministry assists Pastor Sam as well as the praise team in providing a positive worship experience for the congregation. We serve the Lord by enabling His message to be seen and heard by others.



You don't need any experience - just a willingness to learn. If you are interested in helping us out, you may contact Phil Boswell (e-mail: pdboswell@verizon.net), Shawn Zook or the church office. You are also welcome to drop by the sound booth or control room and talk to any of our operators.

IRELAND MISSION TRIP

November 10 - 14

Cost: \$450 + airfare

(Missions Committee offers some scholarships.)

On this trip you will be getting first hand access to strategy and vision to serve the people of Dublin and post-Christian catholic Europe. Our staff are on the front lines of the response to the elevated rates of addiction and suicide as well as the mounting refugee and immigration crisis that are facing Europe. Please see Pastor Matt if you are interested or need more information.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 10:00 AM Follower Bible Study	2 6:45 PM Draw Kids and Adults 6:45 PM Master
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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Singing Near for Men's Men	3 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	4	5
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Singing Near Singing Near for Men's Men	17 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	18	19
Men's Men ch	24 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	25	26
Trick or Treat	31 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice HALLOWEEN		



Trunk or Treat 2019

A great opportunity to share with children from our community and remind them that God loves them...and we do, too!!

**Wednesday, October 30, 2019
6:00 - 7:15 pm**

Last year we had HUNDREDS of people come to our Trunk or Treat event. Wear your best family-friendly costume and bring other boys and girls along for the fun!

Decorate your car and bring treats to hand out. The church will provide hot dogs and cold drinks. Children go trunk to trunk in their costumes to collect their treats. To give treats to hundreds of people, we need your help. You can donate bags of candy and snack size goodies (or a cash donation if you wish) and place them in the decorated boxes located next to the Connection Points.

PLEASE NOTHING WITH NUTS!

Thanks for helping with this outreach effort.

See Pat Gunning (email: pat@fumccollingswood.org) or contact the church office if you want to decorate your car for the event. You can also sign up on the tear off in your Sunday bulletin for ways to help.



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.

- Oct. 1 Taylor Cobert
- Oct. 2 Betty Strike
- Oct. 4 Kim Harris
- Oct. 5 Jenn Knudson
- Oct. 7 Joan Steward
- Oct. 8 Elizabeth Boswell
- Oct. 10 Dylan DeRue
Tyler Wertz
- Oct. 11 Jerry Adams
- Oct. 13 Bill Bickel
William Hoover

- Oct. 15 Jack MacNamara
Nicole Meyers
Jill Tribulas
- Oct. 16 David Hammond
- Oct. 17 Steve Latch
- Oct. 19 Tom Averell
Linda Rameriz
- Oct. 21 Michael D. Schmitt
- Oct. 22 Janel Esher
Nicole Zook
- Oct. 23 Ethan DeRue
- Oct. 26 Betty-Ruth Schopfer
- Oct. 27 Jan Michael Hoover
- Oct. 31 Veronica Hamilton



- October 2 Gus and Mary Mondatsos
- October 3 Steve and Linda Schoch
- October 5 Will and Christine Walker
- October 18 Ron and Kathy Warwick
- October 19 Vince and Maria Gianfrancesco
- October 21 Mark and Rose Hamilton
- October 29 Jonathan and Jennifer Schwehm



Dick and Mary Ann McCloy, South Carolina

Dick is gearing up for the fall classes. Praise: We have been given longer teaching times and the 7th and 8th graders will each have their own class time rather than together, which makes for extra buses and teaching staff. Pray for all of this to come together well. Also pray as the letters go out to the parents that the Lord will give us His choice students for the fall, winter and spring classes. We also have the opportunity this time to be at the parents open house evening with a table to help parents become acquainted with School Time Bible of SC and the classes available to their students. Yes, this is DURING the school day when students are released from non-core subjects to attend the class. FCA and Good News club are either before or after school as clubs. There are different rules for each. Pray for the school students of America to once again know God's Word and to value life. Pray for revival of God's people in America.

We praise the Lord for the wonderful times He has given us this summer with family and friends and we thank you for your continued prayers for us and our family and "retreaded" ministry in SC. Let us know if YOU are traveling down this way and can stop in too. You are most welcome!

Larry and Fay Buckman, South America

Two major events are quickly approaching. We have been invited to take 15 indigenous missionaries to a Call2All conference in Rio de Janeiro. This will be the first opportunity our missionaries will have to present their mission of reaching indigenous tribes on a major stage. We are expecting 4,000 leaders. In preparations, our indigenous leaders went with me to Brasilia to invite Dr. Damares Alves, the Minister of Human Rights, to challenge our Brazilian churches to support the indigenous initiatives. She has been a long-time friend in Congress, but God has raised her up to represent a clear Christian voice on our behalf. Pray as we expect many to answer God's call.

Later in October, Ben (my son) and I will be traveling to Mozambique and Malawi to train pastors in Biblical Counseling using Genesis 1-11. All the major sins are there, followed by God's response. We'll be teaching in Portuguese to 100 pastors in

Mozambique at two sites. In Malawi it will be in English to 75 pastors at two locations. Pray for our security in travel, especially the land portions. We're still raising funds for the training materials that will be duplicated in Malawi (\$300.) Feeding and transportation for 100 pastors for two weeks will be about \$2,000.

Remember to send us any second-hand smart phones you would like to donate for our indigenous missionaries. We received one so far.

There is always lots to do and pray for as we move forward in faith. But God is before us, who can be against us? We praise the Lord for great health and protection as we minister.

Neale and Barbara Goetch, South Carolina

Hearing of the unrest in Hong Kong, we have been concerned for the safety of a Chinese brother and sister, who wrote, "It's probably the worst social and political turmoil since the 1967 riot against the British. We feel emotionally disturbed. We are constantly exposed to negative news and violent scenes. More and more people are suffering from psychological problems. May the Lord make great use of all Christians so that love, peace and respect and forgiveness can glue our society together again..." Do pray with us for the believers in Hong Kong.

As we write this Update Neale's Mom (93) in Wisconsin is now under hospice care in the Memory Care unit where she has been for two years. Having had a special time with her in June during which we prayed together and, each of us realizing our good-byes might be our last before together again in Heaven, we haven't made another trip to see her (though there are many heart tugs!). Her homegoing will be an answer to her prayers, and the longing of Jesus as well, who prayed, Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am [John 17.24]. Thank you for your prayers for Mom and for us.

A dear friend recently shared a challenging quote from Oswald Chambers: "Character is made by things done steadily and persistently, not by the exceptional or spasmodic; that is something God mourns over. It is inbred in us that we have to do exceptional things for God, but we do not. We have to be exceptional in ordinary things, to be holy in mean streets, among mean people." Our prayer is that the fruit of the Spirit which is goodness will be displayed in our lives in the ordinary tasks and happenings each new day.



Wings of Prayer

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Then all the people said "Amen" and "Praise the Lord."

1 Chronicles 16:36

"Amen." We say it automatically at the end of every prayer we utter. We say it in response to another person closing in prayer. We use it to show agreement with something someone has spoken or written. And, according to certain Facebook posts, we're supposed to type it in the comments to prove that we believe in God, ensure we will go to heaven, increase our chances to win a million dollars, help someone get a kidney transplant, or all of the above! Okay, that last one isn't true. But, have you ever stopped to think why we say "Amen," or what the actual meaning of the word is?

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, the definition is: *Amen --used to express solemn ratification (as of an expression of faith) or hearty approval (as of an assertion.)*

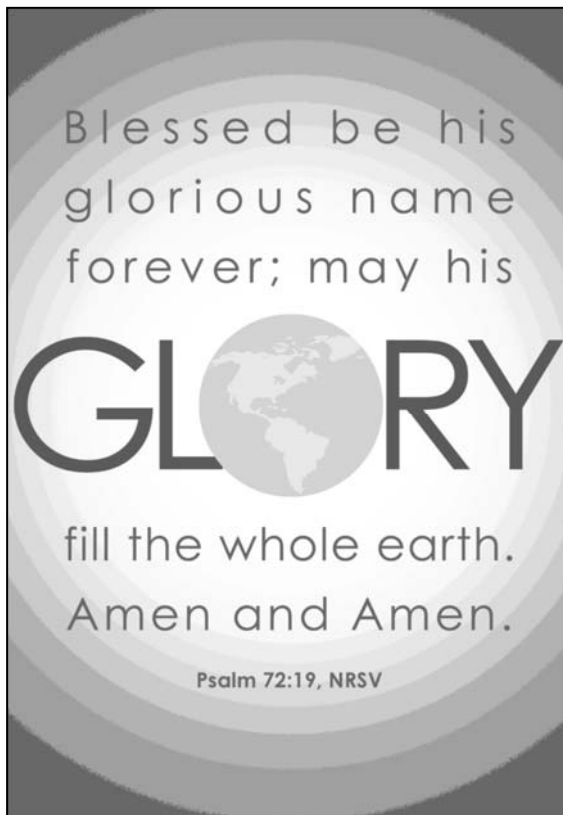
The word, which can mean "let it be, "so be it," "verily," and "truly," first occurs in the Hebrew Bible in Numbers 5:22. It is part of instructions for a test that God was commanding be used. He stated that this is how the person being tested was to respond. When the priest addresses a suspected adulteress, she is to respond "Amen, amen." Overall, the word appears in the Hebrew Bible 30 times.

When we say "Amen" after someone else prays, we are showing our agreement with what has been said and it shows that we join in the praises, confessions, requests and thanks that have been offered.

When we close our own prayers with that word, we are basically saying that we have said all we have to say and we are leaving it there with God. We need to remember this. Saying “Amen” is like closing a book after we have finished reading. It is telling God that we are trusting that he has heard our prayer, is acting on it, and that we will accept his answer. I may start ending my prayers by saying “So be it” instead of “Amen”. Saying “Amen” has become so automatic that changing the words, while not changing the meaning, might help me remember why I am praying...and, more importantly, to whom I am praying.

Can I get an Amen?

As you pray, please add the following friends and church family to your petitions: *Mary Mondatsos, Mary Emily Cameron, Victims of Hurricane Dorian, Audrey Diehl, Carolyn Alexander, Betty Alber, Elizabeth Hollows, Bea Williams, Jantzen Aurig, Arnie Arnold, Cheryl Averell, Holly Gibbons.*





PUZZLE

Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.

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reway

delfis



Galatians
6:9



James 3:18



John
4:35

Peacemakers who sow in _____ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _____ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _____!
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields

HARVEST

* Trail Mix *

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.

Bible QUIZ

Name the first three kings of Israel in the order of their reigns.

- A. Saul, David, Solomon
- B. Samuel, David, Saul
- C. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
- D. Solomon, Jesse, David



The Day's First Task

The moment you wake up each morning, all your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists of shoving it all back, in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other, larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in.

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



Answer: A (See 1 Samuel 9:15-17; 16:1-13; 1 Kings 1:28-30.)

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*To see all people **WORSHIP** God, **CONNECT** with His people,
and join His **MISSION** in this world.*