

IN THE WILD

AMAZING ENCOUNTERS
WITH JESUS
JOHN 20:31

JUNE 24 - 28, 2019



"THESE ARE WRITTEN
SO...that by
BELIEVING
you may have
LIFE
IN HIS NAME."
JOHN 20:31, ESV

Worship the Lord with Us!

Sunday Worship

Traditional Worship Service: 8:30 am

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Contemporary Worship Service: 10:45 am

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

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

Pentecost

The Ultimate Soul Quencher

Summer is a great time to renew and relax with family and friends. Summer is now in our midst and many plans are made and being made. A question that is often asked these days is, "What are your plans for the summer?" Often, we reply with our favorite place to chill and relax. However, our summers are a great time for fun and to recharge.

As important as it is to recharge our physical and emotional batteries, we also need to take time to recharge our "soul" or spiritual lives. It is as refreshing as a cool dip in a pool or a fresh glass of lemonade watching the Phillies play on a hot humid day! (Yes, they are fun to watch this year!) The words "soul quenching" came to mind - a time when the depths of our spiritual lives are recharged, renewed and made fresh, transformed by the warmth of God's presence deep within us. So often when I think of the experience of transformed lives I think of Pentecost. Now this is not a vocabulary word we use every day.

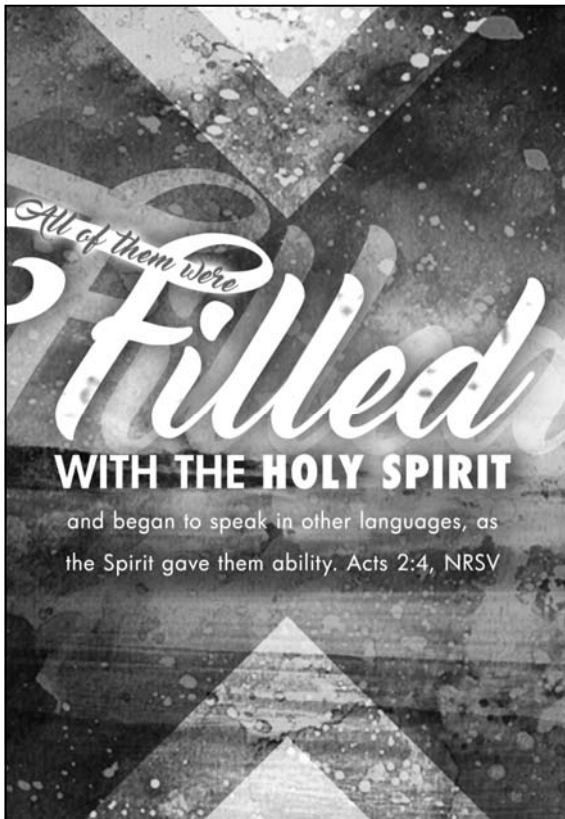
On June 9 we will be sharing about Pentecost during our morning service. It is a special day to remember for it's the birthday of the church. Pentecost is a time to reflect and remember when some 2000 years ago 120 people were waiting on the Holy Spirit of God. Lives were changed and the church was born. As Luke records



in the book of Acts 1:8, *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”* There was something truly amazing when the presence of the Holy Spirit infused the early disciples and followers. Their lives and journey took on a whole new adventure because the presence of God now was in them and in their midst. The Good News is the Holy Spirit desires to continue to reside in our lives, coming alongside us as Helper, Guide, Savior and Friend!

In our culture today, many of us can get so busy “doing” that we can miss the power of His presence in our lives. As we allow the Spirit of God to be present in our lives it is surprising how that very same presence can lead us into making an eternal difference in our lives and other’s lives too! Let’s go make a difference!

In His love and grace,





ATTENTION GRADUATES

On June 2nd, we will be recognizing our 8th grade, high school, college and grad school graduates. Students or parents are asked to submit the information about graduation IN WRITING or by email (maria@fumccollingswood.org.) 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 26th.

GAME NIGHT – held the 2nd Saturday of every month from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in Stokes Dining Room. Feel free to bring your favorite game or come and learn a new one! Also, bring your favorite snack to share. Hope to see you there. Any questions, please See Emily Davis.



OPTIONS PREGNANCY CARE CENTER



Baby bottles and envelopes will be at the exits of the church thru Father's Day, June 16th, when we would like them returned by. You may take either a baby bottle or envelope to contribute to Options for Women in Cherry Hill. Our contributions will help pregnant women make the correct choices during their pregnancy.



JUNE SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES



Join us as in the month of June as we focus on Living Out our Purpose Series ... God has a purpose for all our lives, in this series we are looking to see how we can rediscover and live out God's purpose and thrive in His love in our lives individually and as a church family. "Live your lives in Christ, rooted in him, strengthened in the faith, and overflowing with thankfulness." (from Colossians 2:6-7)

How We Connect...

June 2	Graduation/Scholarship Sunday Communion - "All Out"	Colossians 2:6-7
June 9	Pentecost Sunday COMMUNITY	Acts 2:42-47
June 16	Father's Day ENCOURAGEMENT	Galatians 6:1-2, Hebrews 10:24, Colossians 3:16
June 23	TRAINING & GROWING <i>"Discover and learn how to use spiritual gifts"</i>	Romans 12:3-8, Ephesians 4:11-13
June 30	VBS Sunday "In The Wild" (Encountering Jesus) Combined Service at 10:45am	John 20:31

JUNE EVENTS

June 2 nd	Student Recognition and Scholarship Sunday
June 9 th	Fauré Requiem Concert - 4:00 pm
June 16 th	Father's Day Join us and bring a friend for this inspirational service for everyone as we honor our men and fathers.
June 18 th	Collingswood Baccalaureate – 7:00 pm
June 30 th	VBS Celebration Sunday! Combined service at 10:45 am after Sunday School at 9:40 am and a picnic following the combined service.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019



- When? **June 24 through June 28**
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Where? First United Methodist Church
Collingswood, NJ
- Who? Children ages 4 through entering 6th grade
- What? **In the Wild! Amazing Encounters with Jesus!**

Throw on your camera strap and buckle your seatbelt for Amazing Encounters with Jesus. VBS 2019 takes you on a wild adventure—with elephants and egrets, polar bears and penguins, cockatoos and crocodiles. As you seek out exotic animals, you'll also find snapshots of real-life encounters with Jesus in Scripture. Kids go from bewildered to believing as they get In the Wild at this summer's VBS.



VERY IMPORTANT MEETING

Tuesday, June 11th at 7:00 pm.

Church Parlor

ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS MUST ATTEND!!!

If you signed up to help, you need to attend!

You will receive your materials and will be reviewing your assignments this evening. Also, those who did not attend the Safe Sanctuary Training will need to stay for an extra 15 minutes.



**Summer Adult Sunday School/Discipleship Classes
Sunday, July 7th through Sunday September 8th.**

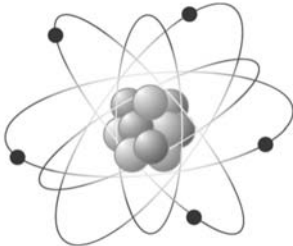
More information regarding classes and location will be available at the connection points and in your Sunday bulletin.

Looking ahead....

Art and Science Camp

**Monday through
Thursday,
August 12, 13, 14
and 15!**

**For those entering 2nd through those
entering 5th grade. Look for more
information shortly!**

An illustration of an atom with a central nucleus made of protons and neutrons, and three elliptical orbits with electrons. It is positioned to the right of the text in the camp announcement box.

**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 2nd. 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.



**COLLINGSWOOD SINGS
AND
COLLINGSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
CHOIR PRESENTS:**

Fauré Requiem Concert
Sunday, June 9, 2019
4:00 pm
Held here in our Sanctuary.

If anyone is interested in being a part of this concert,
please email Cristin Introcaso.

Rehearsal will be held on Friday evening,
June 7th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.



JUNE

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Men's Men	6 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	7	8 6:00 PM Game Night
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Men's Men	20 6:30 PM Praise Team Practice	21 <i>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER</i>	22
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Walt and Pat Stuart, France

Ethiopia is once again in the headlines all over the world. This time for the horrendous crash of a flight between Addis – Abba and Kenya. 157 souls perished on that flight including 22 workers for the UN.

Pat and I had just flown out a few days prior to the accident having spent a wonderful time with our son Tim and his wife Mona. We were introduced to two very different worlds. One world was the academic and privileged world of the International Community School of Addis (ICS) where Tim serves as Head of School.

And then there is the world of deep poverty, daily survival and illiteracy where Mona is heavily involved in a number of Christian NGOs. There was light shining at the end of the tunnel as I heard testimony after testimony as to how God led these men and women to have such faith, love, compassion and hope for children who were sold into sex trafficking, others living off on the largest garbage heap I've ever seen and a ministry of "Doulas," helping mothers who are choosing to have babies and raise them alone rather than abort them. Our son, Troy, his wife, Cristi, and their son Caleb joined us in Addis and helped with the physical plant for this ministry and clothing for the babies. They flew back to the States the same day as the Boeing 737 crash.

We just received a note from Mona: "Today Tim is speaking with one hundred Ethiopian Airlines personnel to offer words of encouragement and consolation. Pilots and flight attendants. Thanks for your prayers that God will give him a Spirit-anointed and powerful 'our best with Africa and our world' moment."

This event has taken place. There were far more than 100 present and much crying and grieving took place. Pray for the words that were spoken would penetrate the heart of these folks who lost a whole crew of colleagues and friends. We are thankful that God has seen fit to raise up a Prime Minister who is a practicing believer in Jesus Christ. May Ethiopia return to its roots of the Ethiopian Eunuch who was baptized by Phillipe!

Thank you for your faithful prayers on our and our family's behalf. This is the only way to move forward in sowing and reaping Eternal Harvest.

Saints Prison Ministry, USE

Correspondence From Behind the Walls

I hope that the Lord is on your side and that his blessings are upon your life. I thank God for his mercy, even in this place. I also want to thank you for the birthday card you sent me. I really appreciate that blessing, especially when it came from someone like you, a real family. It is especially special to me because I receive no other cards all year. All my family is too far to visit, but they can't even send a simple card but you do. I don't have enough words to describe the joy and happiness of receiving this gift from you!

- German H., Allen CI, Louisiana

I am so very grateful to receive a birthday card from you guys. Hearing from you guys just lifted my spirits in so many ways and I would like to say Thank You very, very much cause it was so much appreciated. Keep up the good work and please continue to share the word of God with the world. Hopefully I will get to thank you in person next summer when your softball team comes back to play against us!

- Mark A., SCI Retreat, Pennsylvania

As you well know, I am in prison and have been incarcerated for almost 33 years as I write this. Its been a long journey, including travel from one prison to another. Over the years I've always received a birthday card from your ministry. I would change prisons every couple years and the cards and New Creation newsletter always managed to find me somehow - even when I was in the hole! For years I have wanted to say "thank you," but I never seemed to get around to it. I kept thinking that I "won't hear from them this year" and made excuses for my not writing. But that is my fault and I was raised better than that. I just want you at the Saints Prison Ministry to know how grateful I am, and despite being embarrassed at taking so long I think this is a privilege to share this moment with you. Sometimes when you are at a very low moment, something unexpected happens in your life when you need your spirit lifted up. I thank the Lord for the Saints Prison Ministry being that something special, and I know there are other prisoners that feel the same way.

- Jessie G., Union CI, Florida

I am one of the soccer players from the varsity soccer team and we enjoy every time the Saints come to visit us. We appreciate the time that you devote to us every year for all the sports, but I'm

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more touched by your efforts spiritually. It can't be easy to stand in front of a group of people and put your not-so-perfect life on display for people to hear, but last year you had a guy that gave his testimony that touched me in a way that made me come to attention. He caused me to realize what I already knew in my head - that God is truly real and very much alive! I hope to stay in contact with you and I want to be enrolled in your Bible Studies (I lost the card you sent me). I look forward to seeing your guys come again soon.

- Will S., SCI Mahanoy, Pennsylvania

Bob and Barbara Alber, TX

Mission Jamaica June 19-29, 2019

This year's team of 14 teens, young adults, and leaders will serve two new ministries in Montego Bay in addition to our regular outreach to the Westhaven special-needs orphanage, Infirmary, and Teamwork Associates.



This is Melody House Community Home for Girls. Yvette is their leader and founder. She has welcomed us to paint the exterior of the group home, the kitchen/dining area, as well as the dorm. A lot of work needs to be accomplished in a short period of time, but with the Lord's help, our team will

get the work done! We are also hoping to meet some of the young ladies while we work there and get them involved in our work.

Our second group project is a pregnancy resource center for girls who are pregnant and needing assistance. You will love hearing the story of Christina, the founder. She has several great rooms, hallways, and bedrooms needing painting. We will start with a few of the largest rooms this year and we hope to be back with a team in 2020 to finish the work and also to offer a trauma-healing workshop.



Mark's Road to the State Finals!

If you follow us on Facebook then you will have traveled this amazing journey with us as Mark's high school varsity soccer team, the Heritage High School Jaguars, advanced all the way to State Championships! It was a real-life Cinderella story: the team did not even finish in first place after the regular season, but during the post season they seemed unstoppable!

For us, the highlight was Game 2 of the regional playoffs when the team came back from a 2-0 deficit after a 2.5 hour rain-delay to score 3 goals in under 9 minutes! The 3 goal-scorers pose here with their Regional Championship trophy. Mark's goal was the tie-breaker that sent the team to the State Finals. What a ride!!!

Out of almost 300 4A teams, the Jaguars made it to the final game, facing 3-time winner San Elizario from El Paso. Going into overtime at 0-0, our boys fought hard, but were eventually outscored 1-0. We couldn't be more proud of Mark and his teammates for not just their Silver Medals, but for their perseverance and team spirit.





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.

June 1	Jeremy Wallace	June 20	Audrey Diehl
June 3	Virginia Morrow	June 24	Aryana Zook
June 5	Maxwell Schoch Samuel Schoch	June 26	Janice Bittle Miles Tribulas
June 6	Lisa Mountain	June 28	Prin Pappas Brian Steward
June 13	Jean LeBlanc Dawn Molloy	June 29	Jason Meyers
June 15	Shirl Latch	June 30	Nathanael Meyers
June 19	Linda Schoch		



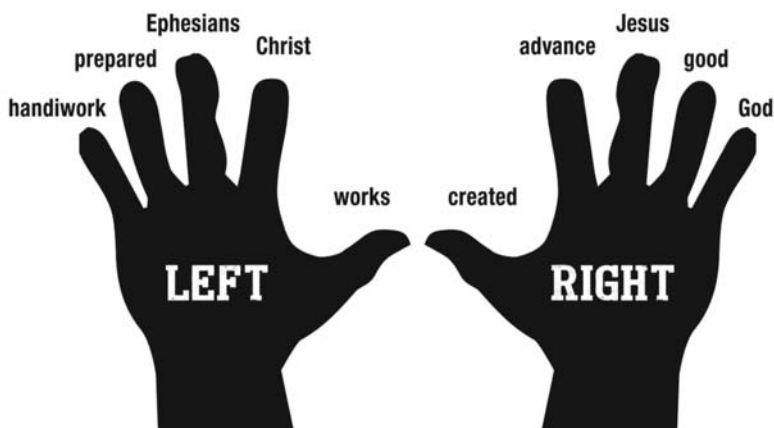
June 1	James & Katherine Jungclaus Jr.
June 2	Phil & Kathy Boswell
June 4	Stan & Pat Scheaffer
June 11	John & Lori Vernon
June 20	Leon & Rhonda Fraley
June 21	Michael & Dawn Molloy
June 23	Dean & Beth Stefano
June 28	Tom & Carolyn Thompson





God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.

Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.



For we are God's _____, _____ in

L pinky

R thumb

_____ to do _____,

L pointer

R middle

R ring

L thumb

which _____ in _____

R pinky

L ring

R pointer

for us to do. 2:10, NIV

L middle

Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians

GIVE A HELPING HAND



Make this craft to show appreciation for your dad or another special man.

What you need:

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Adult garden gloves
- Garden gloves that fit you
- Permanent marker

What you do:

1. Paint your right palm and press it on the back of the right adult glove. Lift to reveal your handprint. Repeat with your left hand and the left glove.
2. If you have younger siblings, layer their handprint(s) on top with a different color.
3. Write your name(s) and the date.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 on your gloves.
5. Present the gift. Offer to use your gloves to give a helping hand with chores!

Bible Quiz

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul



TRIANGLE & CIRCLE

Dating back to ancient Christianity, a circle symbolizes eternity, and a triangle, with its three equal sides and three equal angles, symbolizes the Holy Trinity. Placed together, they represent the eternal Three-in-One and One-in-Three: God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



Answer: B (See Acts 2:14ff.)

Puzzle!

Write the names of the parents of these biblical children.
For help, look up the verses in an NIV Bible.

Joash (<i>2 Kings 11:2</i>)	A	_____
Obed (<i>Matthew 1:5</i>)	B	_____
Joseph (<i>Genesis 35:22-24</i>)	C	_____
John the disciple (<i>Matthew 4:21</i>)	D	_____
John the Baptist (<i>Luke 1:13</i>)	E	_____
	F	_____
Lo-Ruhamah (<i>Hosea 1:3, 6</i>)	G	_____
Jezreel (<i>Hosea 1:2-4</i>)	H	_____
Esau (<i>Genesis 25:28</i>)	I	_____
David (<i>1 Samuel 16:19</i>)	J	_____
Jacob (<i>Genesis 25:28</i>)	K	_____
Samuel (<i>1 Samuel 1:19-20</i>)	L	_____
Gershom (<i>Exodus 2:21-22</i>)	M	_____
Samuel (<i>1 Samuel 1:19-20</i>)	N	_____
Jesse (<i>Matthew 1:5</i>)	O	_____
Gershom (<i>Exodus 2:21-22</i>)	P	_____
	Q	_____
Joseph (<i>Genesis 35:23-24</i>)	R	_____
Isaac (<i>Genesis 21:3</i>)	S	_____
John the Baptist (<i>Luke 1:13</i>)	T	_____
Jonathan (<i>1 Samuel 14:1</i>)	U	_____
Solomon (<i>1 Kings 2:1</i>)	V	_____
	W	_____
	X	_____
Jesus (<i>Matthew 1:18</i>)	Y	_____
Isaiah (<i>Isaiah 1:1</i>)	Z	_____

Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Zebedee, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekah, Elkanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Sarah, Elizabeth, Saul, David, Mary, Amos

WHAT RAIN REVEALS

Unless you're a pluviophile (someone who loves rain), a stretch of sunshine-free days can seem drab and dreary. To make South Korea's long monsoon season more colorful, art students created murals on some Seoul sidewalks with hydrochromic paint. It's invisible on dry surfaces, but as soon as water hits, vibrant images appear. Rain transforms gray pavement into bright scenes of fish, whales and turtles.



Life's storms, whether literal or figurative, can dampen our enthusiasm and even challenge our faith. Yet adversity often reveals God's true colors — and ours. No matter what clouds pass overhead, God remains perfect, loving and steadfast. And by praising God "rain or shine," we, as his artwork, reveal that our Creator and his every brushstroke are trustworthy.

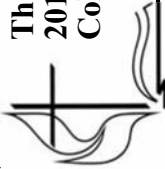
ANGLES ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

Weary long-distance hikers sometimes encounter "trail angels" — people who offer food and drink, bandages, shoelaces and even a place to do laundry. Along the Pacific Crest Trail, one home, dubbed Hiker's Heaven, serves as a mail drop. Trail angels say they find great joy in offering kindness to strangers.



Unexpected kindnesses — and regular rest stops — make any journey less grueling and more enjoyable. That's also true on the journey of life as we experience (and bestow) generosity and pause to spend time with God. After all, "It is God to whom and with whom we travel," said Elisabeth Elliot. "And while he is the end of our journey, he is also at every stopping place."

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Father's
Day!

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