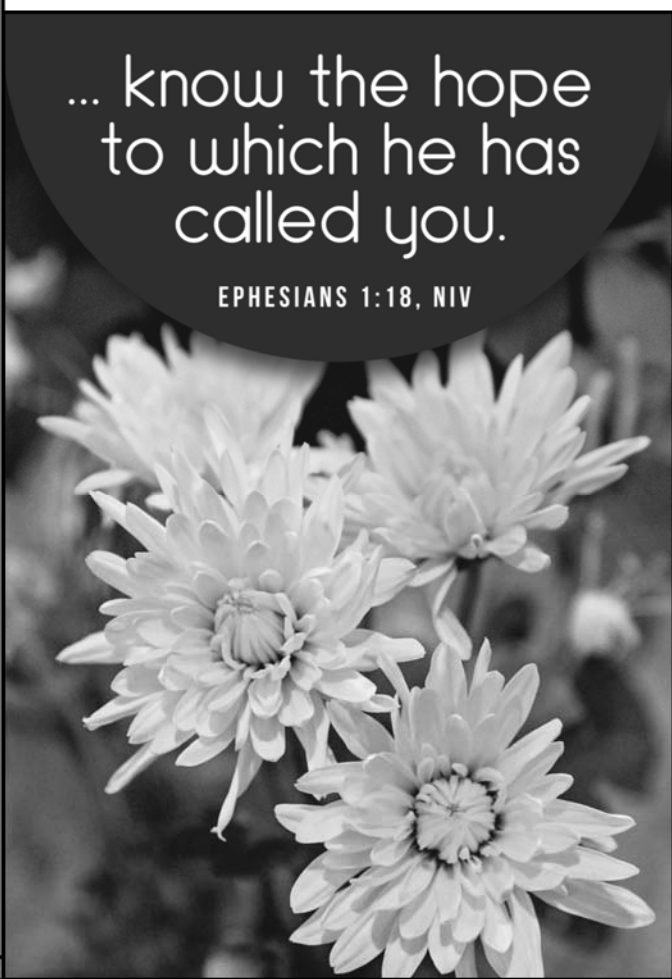


... know the hope
to which he has
called you.

EPHESIANS 1:18, NIV



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From The Pastor's Heart

May is an amazing month to reflect upon so much of what God has done and is doing in our midst. As we celebrate Moms and Memorial Day, we know that each of these days has special meaning in our lives. I look forward as we get closer to summer, my favorite time of the year. I love to take a trip down to the shore or to the mountains and look at the beauty and vastness of nature. Then I realize my smallness compared to God's greatness and the earth's grandeur.

I was talking with someone this week and we were reflecting on the greatness of God and about how much God cares for us. We talked about how much God loves us especially in the midst of the things that challenge us. As we look around our world, culture, the church and personal lives we see many challenges these days, but we also see God's hand in so many ways. God is greater than all our challenges and does not waste our challenges but can use them for His plan.

I was reading a devotional by the Denison family that focused on Jesus as the great Shepherd. I share part of this with you to encourage you this month:

Jesus is the most equipped guide we could ever have. He holds all of creation in the palm of his hand, and yet he knows the number of hairs on our head. He is the God of the gigantic and a lover of every little detail about us. And He longs to lead us to safe pasture. As we look at the parable of God as the Good Shepherd today, allow your faith and affections to be stirred by God's promise to guide you into the matchless life he has in store for you.

John 10:14-15 says, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep." Jesus paved the way for us to enter into the most amazing pasture of all: the very presence of the living God. He laid down his life as our Good Shepherd that we might eat of the fruit of his death and resurrection. But God didn't only lead us to heaven; he continually leads us as our Good Shepherd day in and day out.

In the Psalms 23 David writes, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of

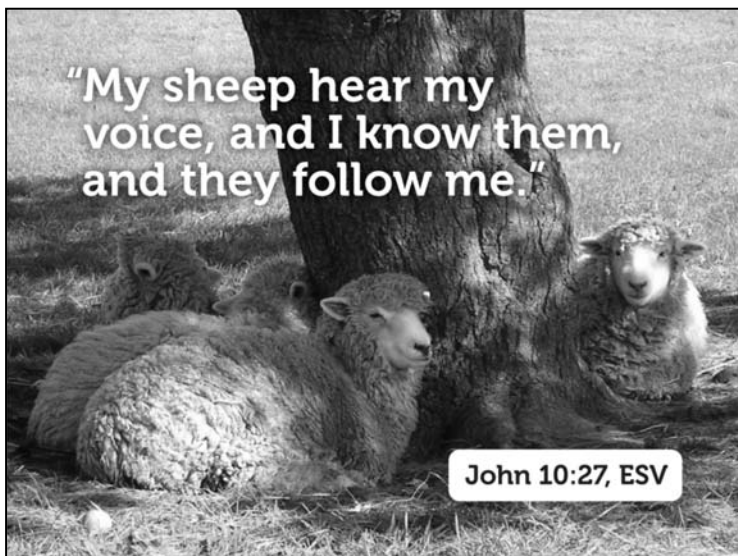
righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." (Psalm 23:1-6).

God's staff is meant to comfort us. As our Good Shepherd he promises to lead us daily to the plans he has for us. That doesn't always mean that we will be led out of "the valley of the shadow of death," but that in the valley he will "prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." Our great comfort is the fact that God will never leave us or forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6). As Psalm 139:9-10 says, "If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me." God is with us in times of trouble. He will protect us, provide for us, and lead us to still waters.

God longs to guide you today. What trouble is before you? Where do you need guidance? Where do you need help? God promises to be your Good Shepherd. You have the most high God on your side. You can trust Him to lead and guide you.

Take some time today and remember and reflect that you have the great Shepherd to lead and guide you every step of the way. Now that's something to be thankful for!

In His Love and Grace,
Pastor Sam





MOTHER'S DAY

Both services: Karry Corbitt will share the message.
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 12th) 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 UM Homes. Please return your offering by/on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12, 2019. Jesus taught (Matthew 25:40) *"...inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, you have done unto me."* We pray you will be blessed as you give freely to this fund.

MAY SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES



May 5 Following Jesus Matters. Luke 24:13-33
 "When Disappointment comes."
 Communion

May 12 Mother's Day

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 ...

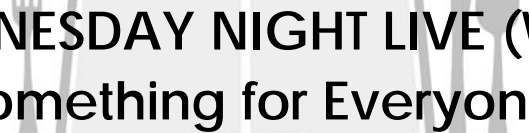
May 19 **E ncouragement** Galatians 6:1-2
 Intentionally strive to support, Hebrews 10:24
 lovingly correct, and build up others. Colossians 3:16

May 26 **C ommunity** Romans 12:13
 Serve and help meet the needs of Hebrews. 13:16
 other followers of Jesus. Galatians 6:9-10



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.



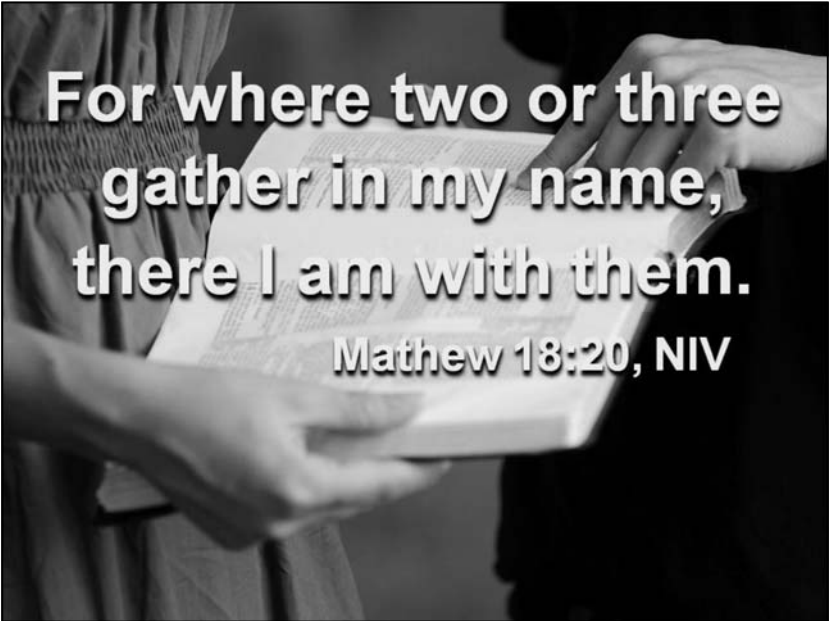
WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE (WNL)

Something for Everyone!

Bring the whole family for an amazing, home-cooked dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by gatherings for all ages! Reserve your spot for dinner by signing up on the tear off. Kids will gather each week at 6:40 for exciting activities and relevant Bible lessons, led by our wonderful children's team. Then teenagers (6th grade up) and adults gather at 6:50 for their own experience, involving prayer, Bible study, training, and hands-on serving. Don't miss this opportunity to grow as a church and as individuals - making disciples who make disciples! WNL ends on Wednesday, May 8th.

5/1 - "First Night" Prayer

5/8 - Serving in Our Community



**For where two or three
gather in my name,
there I am with them.**

Mathew 18:20, NIV

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Safe Sanctuary training will be held on Wednesday, May 1st at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. If you have taken this training in the past 2 years, you do not have to attend. See Pat Gunning with questions.

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.



THE NEXT MEN'S BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 18TH AT 8:00 AM. DON OVERTON WILL BE SHARING THE MESSAGE.



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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019



When? June 24 through June 28
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where? First United Methodist Church
Collingswood, NJ

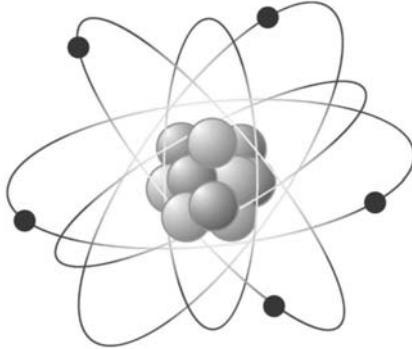
Who? Children ages 4 through entering 6th grade

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.

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!**

**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.

MAY

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MISSIONARY MESSAGES



It is with sadness that we announce the homegoing in March of our longtime supported missionary John Barcas.



Joan Steward for Jamaican Mission Trip

Dear Church Family,

As many of you are aware our church is joining again with Aldine United Methodist Church for a short-term missions trip to Teamwork Christian Academy in Montego Bay Jamaica. An exciting thing about this trip is that Pastor Sam is joining us for his first overseas missions trip, hopefully.

This trip is serving primarily as a work trip with a water system replacement project of the entire Teamwork property. We are excited to be able to provide and install a reliable source of potable water to the center. This will allow them to have better use of their property and allow them to provide housing for missionary groups to once again stay on site which is a primary source of income for them to run their Christian center. Additionally, we will have 5-7 team members doing evangelism as well as serving our

work team. The dates of the trip are 6/2 thru 6/9. Four team members are going 4 days in advance, including Bob Albers brother-in-law who is the water systems engineer on the project.

Those coming from our church are Pastor Sam, Ken Steward (Project Lead,) Joan Steward, Harry Rameriz, Ed Davis, Emily Davis, Michael Molloy, Bill Wertz and Tyson Chamberlain. There are 6 others coming not from FUMC.

I am writing to request prayer support for this trip

Ken and Karen Pregizer, Yukon Territories

In ministry news, we are looking at some changes to our lives in the months ahead. For a couple of years, we have been praying and seeking for someone to fill our shoes in our current role as Regional Ministry Director for the Canadian team. Realizing that we cannot continue in this role for many more years, we had our eye on a couple who are part of our team but asking them to move out of their community where they have made so many inroads was not something we wanted to do.

However, last year they began to sense God was nudging them to consider making a change and so they are now excited about moving to Whitehorse after their two children finish school late this Spring! Once they are settled here, we will pass the baton on to them and will be available to assist where needed. We are confident they can do the job with minimal overlap, and we want to be as supportive as possible in making this a successful transition. Please pray for housing in Whitehorse for the Bakers. With all the housing that has been built here in the past eight years, it is still a very tight market!

So what does this change mean for us you may ask? SEND North is approaching a critical time in August when our current Treasurer/CFO Clive Donaldson will be retiring and moving out of Alaska. Thus far, SEND has not been able to recruit someone to fill his shoes. When Clive was asked who he thought could do the job from within the mission, he indicated that Ken would be his choice. Since we are already on the field and fully supported, it makes the most sense in the short-term for Ken to step into this role until a long-term individual can be found.

Ken has agreed to take on this position in order to allow Clive to retire as planned with the understanding that SEND will continue to advertise for this need. We would appreciate your prayers for the learning curve that he'll be working through in the months/year ahead.

We have no plans to move back to Alaska as we feel that

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most of the job can be accomplished by living in Whitehorse with the help of technology such as Skype and the internet. However, we will need to make some trips to Anchorage from time-to-time especially during the cross-training period.

Alan and Barbara Bachman, Florida

We travel this journey until permanent residence allocation comes in Glory. God ALWAYS supplies what HE knows we need. (Even when we don't.) HE speaks to us in many ways!

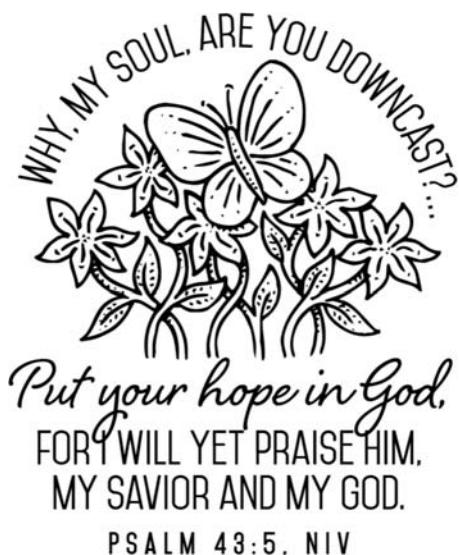
Good Samaritan Village, Kissimmee, Florida is our home since being obliged to leave an active preaching / teaching ministry in Brasil, September 2016. The Village houses about 2 thousand residents.

Barbara's memory (dementia) declines noticeably, now only mobile with my help. Two years ago, she walked well. My care of her is 24/7. I take Barbara in our golf cart as possible. A retired nurse graciously stays with Barbara on specific occasions while I minister on TV and Spanish Services.

There is a community church, vibrant, a blessing to many from all walks of life, centered in biblical teaching. "It's all about Jesus." Barbara loves worshipping. She remembers hymns from our youth before Brasil. She focuses on Bible teaching while she listens. Our church transmits on the Village TV. I have been asked to present a 1/2 hour TV devotional twice monthly in English and once in Spanish.

Twice monthly, I work with the leader of a "Care Giver" group to offer, guidance and encouragement to those dealing with issues often dissimilar in varying aspects. I bring Barbara. It is imperative that the care givers not feel them to be the victim, get over wrought and burn out!

One day at a time! This 63rd year of "wedlock" is a continuing commitment made to our LORD at 19 when we exchanged vows before God and men. Grateful to God for you.



Joy of Motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" — and a sticky kiss.

—Unknown

Thanks, Mom!

At his graduation, a young man tasked with giving a speech began reading from some notes. "I want to talk about my mother and the wonderful influence she had on my life," he said. "She's a shining example of parenthood, and I love her more than words can ever do justice."

The graduate then paused, appeared to struggle a moment and looked up at the audience with a mischievous smile. "It's really hard to read my mom's handwriting," he said.



Wings of Prayer

"Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them."

Mark 11:23

MOUNTAIN VIEWS

By Marion Wertz

How big a mountain appears to you depends on where you are viewing it from. If you are standing in the valley looking up at the mountain, it seems enormous and insurmountable. If you live on the side of the mountain, you become used to it. You know that it's there, but it's become a part of your everyday life. You have figured out the safest paths to travel by, and sometimes you even forget that you are on a mountain. Finally, if you have your back to the mountain, and are looking in another direction, you don't see it, have no idea how big it is, and you may not even realize that it's there.

When we first encounter a difficult time in our lives, we are standing in the valley staring up at the peak. We can't imagine ever getting over that mountain. This is when we need to acknowledge who God is and that he is bigger than any mountain we will ever face. We don't necessarily need to scale the mountain, because God can remove it altogether!

When we have difficult situations in our lives for a long time, we become like the people who live on the mountain. The difficulty becomes part of who we are. We get used to carrying the

weight. We may even think that this is the way our lives are meant to be and become resigned to living a life without hope. But we can be encouraged that God wants good things for us! As Romans 5:5 tells us, *"...hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."* It may not turn out the way we imagine, but God has promised us that we will see his goodness. Psalm 27:13-14 tells us: *"I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."*

We all have mountains in our lives. Things that are so big we can't imagine ever being able to scale them, much less move them. And yet, in the verse above, God is essentially telling us that we can tell the mountains in our lives to "go jump in a lake." The key lies our faith and where we place it. It's not about believing that we ourselves are capable of overcoming difficulties, but in believing that God is bigger than any mountain that we face. *"Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?'"* John 11:40

Understand, though, this doesn't mean that God will grant anything we ask as though he were some sort of magic genie. Our desires must be within God's will for our lives. As it says in 1 John 5:14-15, *"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him."*

The mountains will always be there. We need to be like the person who turns their back to the mountain and focuses on something else. The something else that we need to focus on is God. We need to remember that he is bigger than any mountains in our lives. He is the one who created them, therefore he is capable of moving them. Our job is to remember who he is, trust him, and have faith in his ability to handle anything that we come up against.

As you pray to God to move your mountains, please remember the following people and their needs: *Harold and Marion Shallcross, Carolyn Alexander, Carol Harding, Bud Shropshire, Ginny Morrow, Barbara Edelman, Joyce Schoch, Betty Alber, Pastor Sam, Elizabeth Hollows, Bea Williams, Jantzen Aurig, Audrey Diehl, Arnie Arnold, Cheryl Averell, David Shropshire, Holly Gibbons.*



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(birth dates and anniversary
dates) to the church office
in writing or by e-mail:
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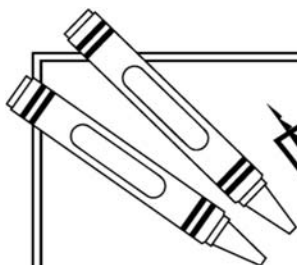
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May 15	Dave and Marjie Hammond
May 20	James and Donna Jungclaus Angel and Brooke DeRue
May 29	Shawn and Nicole Zook



"Can you say 'try the patience of a saint' in a public school?"



"Mom — you deserve a raise for raising me."



PUZZLE

A blessed woman

The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.

She gets _____ while it is still _____ ;



she provides _____ for her _____



Her _____ rise _____ and



_____ her blessed.



PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (NIV)

Answer: up, night, food, family, children, up, call



HEART-SHAPED *breakfast*



Treat Mom with this yummy, beautiful yogurt parfait.



What you need:

- Large heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Greek yogurt (any flavor)
- Toppings (mini chocolate chips, granola, shredded coconut, chia seeds, oats, slivered almonds, blueberries, sliced strawberries, raspberries, bananas)
- 2 teaspoons maple syrup

What you do:

1. Place cookie cutter on a plate. Spoon in yogurt, spreading it to the edges of the cookie cutter.
2. Add toppings, making a nice design. Remove cookie cutter.
3. Drizzle syrup around the edge of the plate.
4. Serve to your mom on Mother's Day!

Bible Quiz

In Matthew's genealogy of Jesus, to what two women is Boaz connected?

- A. Rahab and Ruth
- B. Tamar and Rahab
- C. Ruth and Bathsheba
- D. Bathsheba and Mary

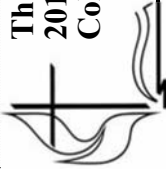


7-Pointed Star

This star represents Isaiah's list of the gifts of the Spirit to be revealed in the Branch of Jesse — that is, Christ: "The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him — the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD — and he will delight in the fear of the LORD" (Isaiah 11:2-3, NIV). Some baptism and confirmation liturgies pray for God to "stir up in" the newly baptized or confirmed "the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in [God's] presence."

Answer: A (See Matthew 1:5.)

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