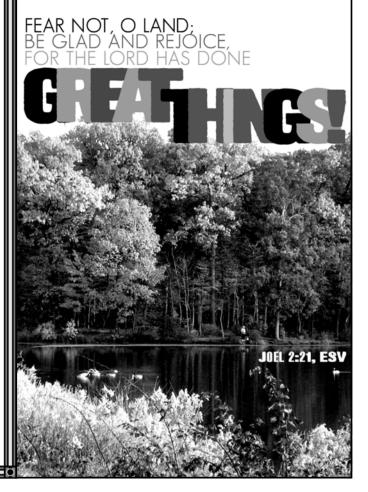


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The submission deadline for the *Holiday* issue of Windows is November 10th.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING WINDOWS!

From The Pastor's Heart

Before we know it the weather will be getting colder and the leaves that are gathering up will be covered by frost and then snow. We will recognize that Thanksgiving and Christmas are on their way. It is a good time to look back and think about this past year and the journey we have been on. As I was reflecting on this past year and the goodness of the Lord in my life, I immediately thought of Apostle Paul's words "In everything give thanks to the Lord." I also thought about David's words in the 107th Psalm, verse 1: "Oh, give thanks to The Lord, for He is good for His love endures forever." As I thought about these two verses, they were both familiar and impacting at the same time.

I began to think about all the ways I have seen God working in my life, my family's life, the church family and in many others' lives. What I am most thankful and grateful for over this past year besides the normal blessings of life, like my family, are two new precious granddaughters within a year! Thinking about what I am most grateful for today is simply hope that comes from the Lord. Because of Jesus Christ in my life, I know that God is with me and can guide me every step of the way.

Recently, the Lord spoke to my heart from Psalm 119:105 where David says "Lord, your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." What an amazing picture to think about. I have said that verse since I was five years old. What it says to me today is so much richer and deeper. The Lord provides His word and His presence in every step I take. Therefore, I can have hope every moment of everyday in everything life brings my way. What can bring us hope even when we are facing some tough days in life? God's word and presence is light to our feet and path especially when we don't know what lies ahead. We can have this simple hope in the One who guides our every step. The heart of thankfulness is so key to all of life. This reminds me of a Max Lucado story about a little boy I want to share with you.

So, taking his hand, I said, to the little boy `Come with me' and I took him into a coffee shop." Max told the owner, "I'll have a

cup of coffee and give the boy a piece of pastry...whatever he wants." Since the coffee counter was at the other end of the store, Max walked on and got a cup of coffee, forgetting about the little boy because beggar boys usually get the bread and then run back out into the street and disappear. But this one didn't. After he got his pastry, he went over to the big American and just stood there until Max felt his staring eyes. Max said, "I turned and looked at him. Standing up, his eyes just about hit my belt buckle. Then slowly his eyes came up until they met mine. The little boy, holding his pastry in one hand looked up and said, 'Thank you, sir. Thank you very much.'"

Max said, "I was so touched by the boy's thanks that I would have bought him the store. I sat there for another 30 minutes, late for my class, just thinking about a little beggar boy who came back and said, 'Thank you.'" This young lad had an attitude of thankfulness and it was expressed.

If we have an attitude of thankfulness, it will show. We will be expressive. We will praise God, we will have joy in our hearts. Having an attitude of thankfulness is extremely important in the life of a follower of Jesus. In fact, one sign that Jesus



Christ is living in your heart is gratitude with generosity. Issac Walton, a 17th century author, once said, "God has two dwellings one in heaven, and the other in a tender and thankful heart." May this simple story be a reminder of what God can do with a tender and thankful heart.

In His Love and Grace, Pastor Sam



LINEAGE OF LOVE: God's doing something exciting here at FUMC, and we are inviting you to be a part of it. Lineage of Love is a women's mentoring ministry, where you can either apply to be a mentor (Naomi) or a protégé (Ruth). This adventure will begin in January 2019, and take you through the year, as you walk together, and grow in the Word and in your relationship with Jesus. See the connection tables for all the details, or contact Linda Schoch or Joyce Toure'.





Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour on November 4th!

CHURCH CONFERENCE Thursday, November 15th 7:00 pm

All chairs of our committees are asked to submit a report (one page or less) 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 Sunday, November 11th. You can email them to maria@fumccollingswood.org.

Thank you!

NOVEMBER SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES



Miracles Everywhere Series

As Jesus met people 2000 years ago and amazing things happened through God's spirit and the power of God. We can continue to experience that same power and grace from our Lord today!

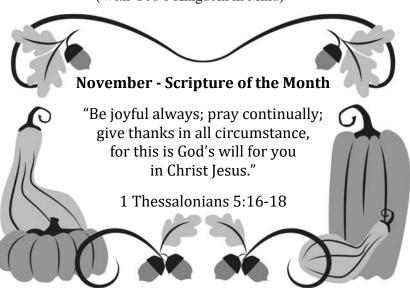


Nov. 4 "Miracles Happen When Jesus John 2:1-11 is Around"
Communion

Nov. 11 "There is nothing Fishy about Luke 5:1-11 this Fish Story"

Nov. 18 **MISSION SUNDAY**Dave Bailey - Guest speaker

Nov. 25 **THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**Living with Thankfulness
(With God's Kingdom in Mind)





Don't miss being part of WNL this fall!! We know that involvement in Worship, Connect, AND Mission are all crucial for our lives to be thriving in God's love. So while many other programs in the church hit the Worship and Connect pieces, WNL will help you grow in Mission.

It starts with a wonderful dinner at 6:00 pm.

Cost: Adults 11 & over, \$6.00, \$3.00/child 10 & under, Free 3 & under, family maximum \$25)

After dinner, youth (grades 6-12) and adults are encouraged to be part of the WNL Experience beginning at 6:45 pm. It's not just a class - it's so much more!! Through Bible teaching, training, prayer, and hands-on serving experiences, you will be equipped to live in Mission with our community and the people you love!

- 11/7 "1st Night" Prayer Gathering
- 11/14 Serving Night kickoff for our missions conference with local missions
- 11/21 (Off for the holiday)
- 11/28 "Eternal Perspective" wrap up
- 12/5 "1st Night" Prayer Gathering
- 12/12 Serving Night caroling at Collingswood Manor

WNL also includes a great program for kids! Classes begin at 6:45 pm.

Grades 3, 4, 5 – Survive and Thrive Grades K, 1, 2 – Bible Art



FUMC 2018 Missions Conference

Missions: The Heartbeat of God

"And [Jesus] said to them, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16:15



What is a missionary? One definition says, "A person sent into an area to carry on evangelism." Jesus gave this command to everyone. You. Me. Everyone. As we listen to the experiences and challenges of our visiting missionaries next month, what will God be saying to you? What area does He want you to go? The location will vary with each person. Maybe your home. Your neighborhood. Or beyond the horizon. The world is waiting for you to share the Good News. Will you listen to God's call? Will you obey? Let us support those who have spent their lives fulfilling the Great Commission by attending the Missions Conference and being inspired.

Schedule

Wednesday, November 14. 6:00 – 8:00 PM Dinner, service project, and message.

Saturday, November 17 Service project, dinner, and speakers.

Sunday, November 18

Missionary speakers during discipleship hour and two services with a missionary speaker.

Missionary speakers during the weekend of November 17 & 18 are the following: Bill and Brenda Antinore, Dave Bailey Sr., Luis and Elsie Centeno, Jim and Diane Larkin, Kyle and Leah Robinson, and Lorraine Stirneman.

We ask that you pray for this conference and plan to attend each of the events. Let us all share in this time of praise, inspiration, appreciation, blessing, and learning.

LAPTOP MINISTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Do you enjoy learning new things? Do you like working with computers or would you like to learn to work with a computer? 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 the laptop ministry. There is a need for

more people to work with the laptop ministry. The laptop ministry assists Pastor Sam as well as the praise team in providing a positive worship experience for the congregation.

Details: The person scheduled to run the laptop for the contemporary service attends praise band practice which is usually on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and again on Sunday at 7:30 am. The service itself is at 10:45 a.m. The person running the laptop starts at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Programming is done by the person running the laptop. Training will be provided.

SHOWING OUR LOVE TO OUR STAFF

Our staff works diligently to serve the Lord and to serve us. Each year we give you – our church members and friends – an opportunity to show them love and thank them for all they do. In mid-November you'll receive a letter in the mail describing this annual event. Every gift is important; any amount is welcome. The letter will describe how you can give and asks that all monies be received by the church no later than Sunday, December 9th so we can present checks to our staff on Sunday, December 16th. Any questions can be directed to the SPR ministry team. Thank you in advance for your generosity toward our selfless staff.

Carol Doron, SPR Chairperson.





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 or Susan Gibbins-Davis.

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GRACE CAFÉ Open Mic Night November 30, 2018



Join us on the last Friday of each month for an evening of entertainment! Sign-up starts pm. Entertainment from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. We welcome all performers to share their love of music, poetry, comedy, etc. All generations welcomed! There is a PA system, stage lighting, amps, keyboards, drum kit and a large stage area to enhance your performance. Coffee and assorted food items will be served. If you would like to bring a tasty treat to share, that would be great! Bring your entire family! For additional information contact John Vernon or check us out on Facebook - Grace Cafe!





Holiday Events



November 24th

Collingswood Holiday Parade 10:00 am to 12:00 noon.

December 16th

Discipleship Classes at 9:40 am. Combined Service at 10:45 am. Family Christmas Presentation (*Children's Play*) Presentation of Staff Love Gifts

Combined Parsonage Open House (Zook & Mountain Families) to be held at the home of Pastor Sam and Lisa Mountain - 3:00 to 6:00 pm

December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service at 6:45 pm. "Experience the Miracle of the Manger"
John 1:1-5



This year we will once again decorate our Sanctuary with poinsettias placed by members and friends. Please fill out the envelopes placed around the church in honor or memory of loved ones! The cost is \$6 per poinsettia. Please turn in by Sunday, December 9th.



Do your kids need to burn off some energy?

Indoor Wee Soccer 2018



The First United Methodist Church of Collingswood is sponsoring an indoor soccer program for children in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade which will begin on February 2nd. There will be 2 age level programs — Kindergarten and 1st grade and a 2nd and 3rd grade program. All games are played on Saturday mornings in February beginning at 9:00 AM. Sign up Saturday, January 26th from 12:00 - 2:00 PM (Use office entrance on Dayton Avenue) There is a registration fee of \$10.00 per child to participate in the 4 week program. The church is located at the corner of Park & Dayton Avenues in Collingswood. (201 Dayton Avenue)

For more information on the program please call the church office @ 856-858-1186 or register at our website: FUMCcollingswood.org.

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VISSIOGISE VESSIGES



Dana and Debbie Cherry, Germany

Praise the Lord with us! Our two-year German visas came today.



Helen, Indonesia

¹ God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

² So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea.

³ Let the oceans roar and foam.

Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge! Interlude

⁴ A river brings joy to the city of our God, the sacred home of the Most High.

⁵ God dwells in that city; it cannot be destroyed From the very break of day, God will protect it. (Psalm 46:1-5)

Dear praying friends,

By now you probably have heard that there was an earthquake measuring 7.5 on the Richter scale on September 28 near Palu, Central Sulawesi where I normally live and work. There was also a small and short-lived but deadly tsunami (1.5-3 meters) along the coast which took out a modern bridge and many local eating places along the Palu bay. A mosque close to the sea was also ruined as were the two malls in the city. I do not know the extent of the damage to the new mall, but the old mall collapsed. The old mall was about 2 miles from my house, which is about a 20-minute drive

from the coast. My house is at least 3 meters higher than the river that is about a 5-minute walk from my house.

When the disaster occurred, I was safe and sound in Jakarta attending meetings (about 1000 miles from the location of the earthquake). My housemate Desly and my landlady were able to evacuate to higher ground outside the city and all my expat friends were able to evacuate to a city in South Sulawesi.

For the first week or so after the earthquake there was no electricity or telecommunications and fuel was in short supply in Palu since the oil company facility near the epicenter of the earthquake was damaged.

I am currently in Singapore waiting for my long-term visa to come through. I just heard that my paperwork is still in Palu. This could delay the process considerably since the city is still in a state of shock. As far as I know some of the government offices have not resumed functioning.

Thank you so much for standing with us in prayer.

Larry and Fay Buckman, South America

Today we hear a lot about RESISTANCE. Most of the time it has to do with Washington politics and world leaders. But now it's time to explain how resistance is growing as we go deeper into the Amazon with the Gospel. Since March we have been training young missionaries to take the Gospel further up river to unreached and unengaged people groups. (UUPG) We started several WhatsApp pages so that indigenous missionaries could get back to our teams for prayer and support. Every day the pictures and descriptions come flowing in. We're watching a new boldness and vision to reach tribes who are totally isolated. The students have identified 28 unreached tribes close to where they live. We've selected 8 tribes that appear on other international mission lists as "UUPG". Now the resistance is fighting back.

Every team that returns from ministry is reporting people coming to faith while others report repentance for sin and a desire to be reconciled. There is revival spreading in ways we never expected. A few weeks ago, the Yanomami men we equipped, traveled 10 days to the north. They followed footprints they had never seen before. Every tribe has a different foot shape. They followed them into a village of people who only spoke a few words in Yanomami.

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They later described their houses as an oval shaped big house, with weaving of palm branches into open porches. Each family lived under their porch. It was totally open in the center. The first night when they turned on their audio Bible flashlights the people fled into the jungle. The Yanomami missionaries threw the flashlight on the ground and asked them to pick it up. One person did, then everyone realized this light would not hurt them. They showed the Jesus Film each evening but after two days felt it was time to leave. In these cultures, body language is just as important as verbal communication. I believe the Holy Spirit told them to leave.

The second story is even more intriguing. There is a tribe that is totally off limits with an army posted downriver from the entrance to the village. The discovery of infanticide, "killing deformed babies or death to the parents," rocked the Brazilian congress. The Brazilian missionaries who brought this story to light literally fled the country and have not been able to return. Anthropologists and government officials spoke in defense of indigenous cultures whose values may be different but should be respected. Of course, we kill our unborn before they are born. The army is on this river to keep out any more missionaries who would want to tell them about Jesus. But recently one indigenous pastor went up the river and stopped at the base. He announced that he was going into the tribe to do a survey. He was turned back and told to leave. So, he paddled his canoe up river and found their trail. He walked in and spent the night. God used that experience to call him.

We know who is orchestrating the resistance. It's Satan, the enemy of God. His plan for salvation gives life for death. Several takeaways are becoming more evident.

- 1. The last frontier to reach UUPGs in Brazil can only be done through our indigenous brothers.
- 2. Our job is to equip and empower them to go deeper, wider and higher to find them.
- 3. Resistance in Brazil will continue to escalate as we pray for God to protect and deliver.
- 4. Without the unity of the Body of Christ this task is impossible. Thank God the churches in Brazil and abroad are becoming engaged.
- 5. I need more personnel here and, on the field, to coordinate and oversee these missionaries.

We serve the All Mighty Lord and King.







Wings of Prayer

"Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, both provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home."

Many of us have heard or sung this song around Thanksgiving time. We tend to think that's the appropriate time to sing it, a bit like we sing Christmas carols in December and Easter songs when that holiday rolls around. But have you ever really read and considered the words beyond this first verse?

Verse 2 talks about "wheat and tares together sown". Brings to mind Jesus' parable of the sowing and harvest of wheat and tares in Matthew 13. The farmer planted good seed, but the enemy entered the field and planted tares or weeds. As the plants grew it was not hard to see the difference between the wheat and the weeds, but Jesus said the field owner told his servants not to pull up the weeds because they might pull up good wheat with them. Rather, when the harvest time came, they would cut everything and then easily separate the wheat from the weeds. The end of verse 2 of this song implores the "Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be."

Verse 4 reads "Even so, Lord, quickly come to the final harvest home; Gather thou thy people in ... Come, with all thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home."

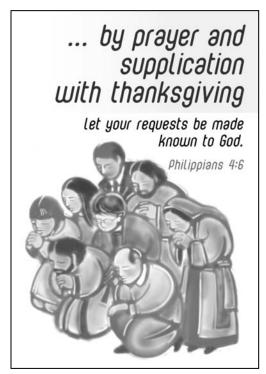
This song we might think of as a good Turkey Day song is actually about something very different. It's not about the farmer saying, "Whew! Got all my crops in before the first snow!" It's not about us gathering around an overloaded table to celebrate copious amounts of food. It's not even about the Thanksgiving Day football game. (No, the Eagles don't play on Thanksgiving Day this year.)

What is it really about? It's about the day of Jesus' return! When Jesus comes again, it won't be a quiet, obscure event. The sky will be split apart; trumpets will blast; Jesus will come in a way that everyone, absolutely everyone will see Him. Some to tremble

because they belatedly realize Jesus really is the Son of God. Some to eternal joy in the presence of the God they love and the Savior who paid the ultimate price for their entrance into the harvest home.

I will admit that before God prompted me to write this, I usually thought of this hymn as primarily about the fall harvest, the plenty that is stored up to keep us fed through the cold winter. But now I look at this differently and say with the hymn writer "grant that we [I] wholesome grain and pure may be". I hope you will be able to say with me "Lord, enable me to be good grain in fertile soil so I bring honor and glory to You". Come, thankful people, come thank and praise God for who He is and all He's done!

As we pray, let's give thanks for all God's many blessings, for the help He provides to us, His Spirit's presence in our lives, and the promise of living eternally with Him. Then, when we've focused on who God is and all He has done, we can bring our requests to Him. Here are some members of our church family you can remember in prayer: Bea Williams, Jantzen Aurig, Charles Hill, Sherri Rusk, Audrey Diehl, Arnie Arnold, Cheryl and Tom Averell, David Shropshire, Holly Gibbons.





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.

Nov 3	Kathy Warwick	Nov 19	Logan Hoover
Nov 10	Jen Shannon	Nov 20	Donna Jungclaus
Nov 13	Megan Atkinson	Nov 21	Bill Wertz
Nov 16	Patricia Sheaffer	Nov 23	Michael Molloy
Nov 17	Mark McGaurn	Nov 28	Steve Hemphill Alison Tribulas



November 8 Ken and Joan Steward November 13 Jason and Jen Knudson





Please welcome the following new members who joined the church on October 28, 2018:

Carol Harding
John and Marie Harvey,
Beth and Bob Krchnavek
Joe and Jenn Mick
George and Melanie Plotts



Baptisms at First Church

Navy Hale DiOrio September 23, 2018

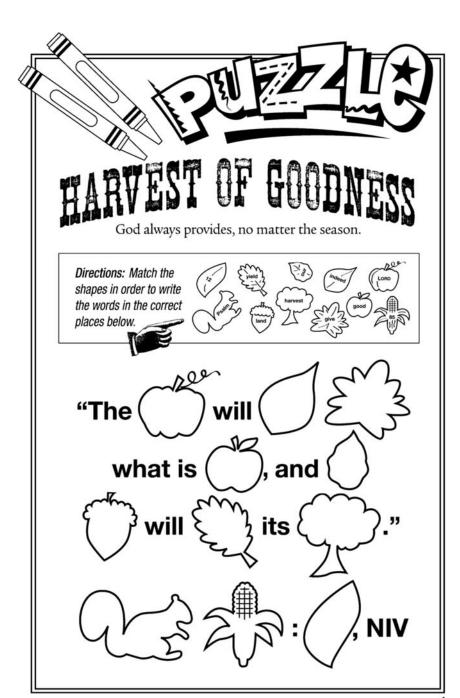
Catherine Lynn Fiolo-Miller September 30, 2018



Deaths at First Church

Matt Robb September 23, 2018





Answer: "The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest." Psalm 85:12, NIV



Enjoy searching for seasonal aspects of God's creation!



What you need:

- Family members and friends, divided into groups if desired
- Maps of local areas
- Lists of fall-related items (one per person or group)
- Digital cameras or smartphones
- Prizes

What you do:

- 1. Hand out maps and lists of items (scarecrow, pumpkin, red leaf, squirrel, apple tree, pine cone, acorn, bug, bird, sunflower, etc.)
- 2. Instruct participants to walk through their assigned area, find and take photos of the items, and report back at a specific time.
- 3. When everyone returns, share your photos. Award prizes for the most items found, the most unusual item and so on.



After Cain killed Abel, their parents, Adam and Eve, had another son. What did they name the baby?

- A. Seth
- B. Enoch
- C. Shem
- D. Lamech



LITTLE WORD, BIG DIFFERENCE

God says to give thanks in everything. That doesn't mean you need to give thanks for everything. You don't need to give thanks for that bad day. Or for that bad relationship. Or being passed over work. Financial hardship. at Whatever it is — you are not to give thanks for the difficulties but rather in the difficulties.

That is a very important distinction, and one I think we often miss. Giving thanks in everything shows a heart of faith that God is bigger than the difficulties and that he can use them, if you approach him with the right heart and spirit, for your good and his glory.

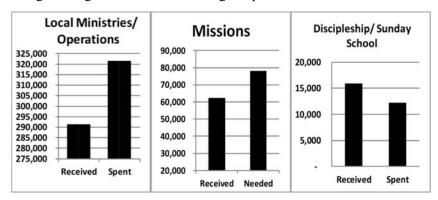
—Tony Evans

Answer: A (See Genesis 4:25.)



SEPTEMBER 2018 FIRST CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT -

We appreciate your consistent, generous giving as we build the kingdom together. Finances through September were as follows:



Local ministries/operations Account - This account supports our church's personnel, property, program and administrative expenses and the Greater NJ Annual Conference shared ministries. The 2018 local ministries/operations budget is \$464,763. It is funded by 90% of the 90%/10% local ministries/operation-missions offerings, 100% of the local ministries/operations offerings, 90% of loose plate offerings, conference apportionment-world service offerings and miscellaneous income.

Missions Account - This account supports First Church-related missionaries, First Church-related ministries and other missionaries and ministries. The 2018 missions budget is \$104,288 or \$8,691/month. It is funded by a 10% tithe of the 90%/10% local ministries-operations/missions offerings, missions offerings, 10% of loose plate offerings and the Easter and Christmas missions offerings.

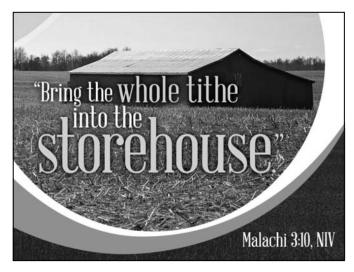
Discipleship / **Sunday School Account** - This account supports the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and certain youth expenses. The 2018 Sunday School/Discipleship budget is \$17,000. It is funded by offerings given in Sunday School classes and by offerings to the church designated for Sunday School/Discipleship, Vacation Bible School and youth.

Designated Funds - In addition to their support of the local ministries/operations, mission and Sunday school/discipleship budgets, members and friends of First Church gave \$1,972 as follows to designated funds during September:

- \$750 in memorial gifts
- \$253.34 for the Sunday school, VBS and youth programs.
 These funds have been transferred to the Sunday school
 treasurer and are in addition to offerings taken in Sunday
 School classes. They are reflected in the Sunday school /
 Discipleship portion of the September 2018 First Church
 Financial Report.
- \$514.26 for the Local Benevolence fund. These funds have been transferred to the Benevolence treasurer.
- \$600 for computer software
- \$34 for Operation Christmas Child

Consistent support of our local ministries/operations, missions and Sunday School / Discipleship ministries by members and friends of First Church enables us to do all we do. Thank you. We report finances to the congregation each month.

Contact local ministries-operations account treasurer, Ted Robb [856-858-4523] for questions on the local ministries-operations account report, missions account treasurer, Jean Robb [856-858-4523] for questions on the missions account report and Sunday School treasurer, Charles Hill [856-854-4010] for questions on the Discipleship/Sunday School report.



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