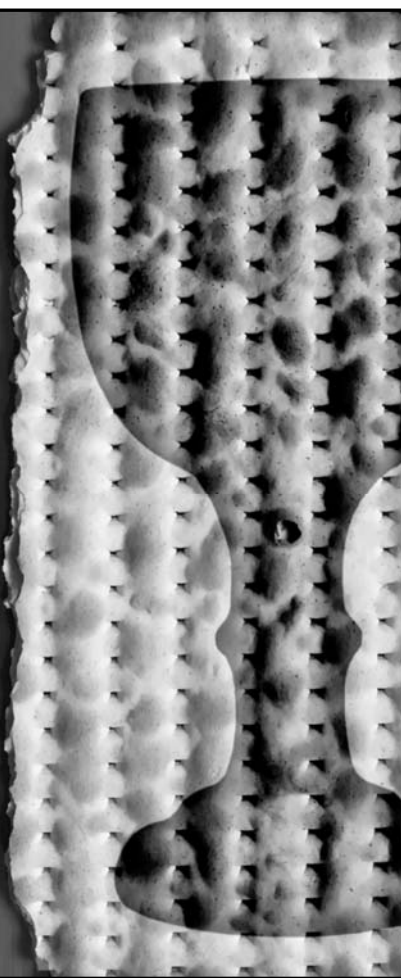


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For as often  
*as you*

EAT  
*this*  
BREAD  
*and*  
DRINK  
*the*  
CUP,  
you proclaim  
*the*  
LORD'S  
DEATH  
until he comes.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26



# **Worship the Lord with Us!**

## **Sunday Worship**

**Traditional Worship Service: 8:30 am**

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*April* issue of Windows is  
March 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## From The Pastor's Heart

**Our prayer this year is to “Thrive in God’s Love.”** No matter where we turn we know that if we allow God to guide and lead us, His love will make a difference in our daily lives. As I write my thoughts this week, the season of Lent begins which is all about God’s love. Everyone has their spin on what it means. Lent is a time of soul-searching and repentance in preparation for the celebration of Christ’s death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter. In the Western Church, Lent consists of the 40 days before Easter, not counting Sundays. The first day of Lent is Wednesday. The day before Lent begins has become a day of feasting and revelry before the solemn fasting of Lent. Mardi Gras is French for *Fat Tuesday*, because it was the last day for feasting before the Lenten fast. Obviously the sensuality and excess of Mardi Gras has no place in the life of a Christian, and Mardi Gras is in no sense a Christian holiday.

For many of us here at the church Fat Tuesday means having a Fastnacht donut. You might even find some here in the church office. Maria is always happy to share. The origin of these donuts is that they were made right before Lent to empty the pantry of lard, sugar and butter which many traditionally fasted from during Lent. These donuts are very popular in the area surrounding Lancaster, PA counties.

### WHAT IS LENT ANYWAY?

Lent is simply a time of seeking God with all our hearts and self-denial. Self-denial means willing to give something up so we might be able to find deeper serenity or clarity. Sometimes we can begin with outward stuff in self-denial. But Jesus is not concerned with us giving up chocolate, coffee and occasional TV night – His greatest concern is with what’s going on in our hearts.

We can learn much from three main practices of Lent from ancient times...

- (1) Reflection on the significance of Christ’s death along with prayers of repentance and confession.** Read over the

Gospel accounts of Christ's arrest, trial, and crucifixion. Reflect on His suffering, and the tremendous love that it represents. Reflect on your own sin and what it cost Him. Take out some time for prayers of confession and repentance. Do some spiritual "house cleaning."

- (2) **Fasting as a means to focus more wholly on God.** Give up something for God. Fasting is not a means to "earn" something from God, but rather a way to learn to curb your appetites and focus more completely on God. There are many varieties of fasting the key is to create new space for God to work in our lives.
- (3) **Giving to assist the poor.** Use the money that you save by not eating or fasting to help someone (the poor.) Consider one WAWA coffee for 40 days could add up to 40 dollars or more for the kingdom.

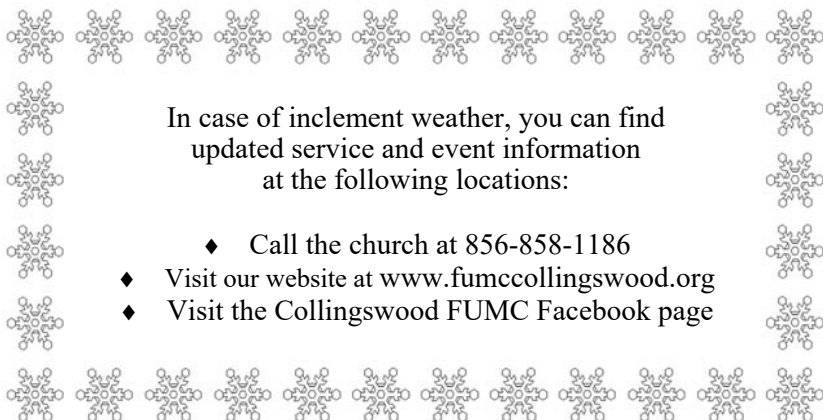


Even more - Rachel Evans suggests good questions to consider as we examine our hearts:

1. When I wake up on Resurrection Sunday morning, how will I be different? What am I preparing for?
2. Is there something in my life—a habit, a grudge, a fear, a prejudice, an addiction, an emotional barrier, a form of excess—that keeps me from loving God with my heart, soul, mind, and strength and loving my neighbor as myself? How might I address that over the next 40 days?

May this be Lenten season bring fresh blessing and joy as we seek our Lord together as we prepare for the celebration of His Resurrection!

In His Love and Grace,  
Pastor Sam



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- ◆ Visit the Collingswood FUMC Facebook page

## **DISCOVER FUMC**

This is an opportunity to learn more about FUMC.  
It is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month  
at 9:40 am in Room 206 (next to the church office.)



**THE NEXT MEN'S  
BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD  
ON SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH**

# MARCH SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES



## 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 both 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)

- |          |  |                               |
|----------|--|-------------------------------|
| March 4  | <i>Living Our Our Purpose - Mission</i>        | Matthew 28:18-20<br>Communion |
| March 11 | <i>Living Our Our Purpose - Commitment Day</i> | John 13:34                    |

## Celebrate Jesus Series 2018

We will focus on His life, remember His death, celebrate His Resurrection and allow His love to invade our lives anew this Easter. Come celebrate Jesus with us!

- |          |   |                                     |
|----------|---|-------------------------------------|
| March 18 | <i>Celebrating Jesus, Part 1 - Jesus Loves</i>                              | John 4:1-42                         |
| March 25 | <b>Palm Sunday</b><br><i>Celebrating Jesus, Part 2 - The Lord Needs It!</i> | Luke 19:28-38                       |
| April 1  | <b>Easter Sunday</b><br><i>Celebrating Jesus, Part 3</i><br>Communion       | Luke 24:1-12,<br>Philippians 3:8-10 |

**Daylight  
Savings Time  
begins at 2:00 AM  
on March 11<sup>th</sup>.**





# EASTER 2018

## PALM SUNDAY

March 25<sup>th</sup>

9:40 am Sunday School

10:45 am Combined Worship Celebration

Message: "Celebrating Jesus, Part 2"



## HOLY THURSDAY

March 29<sup>th</sup>

Holy Thursday Service with Communion, 6:00 pm

## GOOD FRIDAY

March 30<sup>th</sup>

Good Friday Service, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

A special time of meditation from Jesus' last words from the cross with special music. Various speakers will be sharing with us. You are invited to come when you are able and leave when you must.




## EASTER SUNDAY

April 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:30 and 10:45 am

Message: "Celebrating Jesus, Part 3"

Communion

**EASTER FLOWERS:** if you would like to place Easter flowers on the altar in memory or in honor of loved ones, please fill out an envelope which can be found in the church office, outside the parlor and in the narthex. Please print clearly!! The cost for the flowers is \$7.00 each. Checks can be made out to FUMC, memo: Easter plants. Please have them in no later than Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.





***Good Friday Men's Breakfast  
March 30, 2018***

***Guest Speaker: Stefen Wisniewski  
Starting Offensive Guard of the  
Philadelphia Eagles -  
2018 Super Bowl Champions***



***The Scottish Rite Ballroom  
315 Whitehorse Pike  
Collingswood, NJ***

**6:55AM      \$ 20.00/pp**



*For tickets:  
Contact Gary or Kathy McGaum  
or Bob Gordon  
or Facebook: Greater South  
Jersey Annual Men's Good  
Friday Breakfast: click on the  
Eventbrite link*



## **FUMC EASTER EGG HUNT**

Date: Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

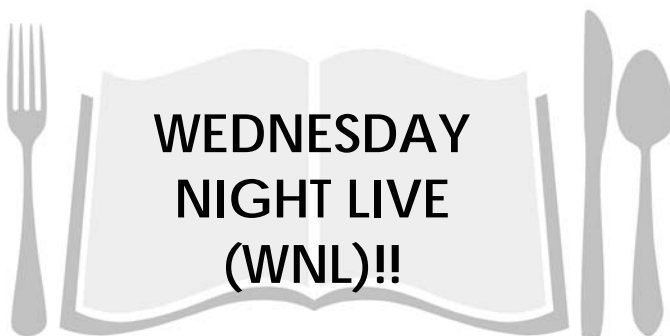
Location: Church Campus

Ages: 2 years – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
(Children hunt by age group.)

Donations of wrapped candy are needed.  
(No nuts please.) Thank you!







Bring the whole family for an amazing, home-cooked dinner at 6:00 pm, followed by gatherings for all ages at 6:45 and 7:00 pm. Reserve your spot for dinner by signing up on the tear off on Sunday mornings or call or email the church office by Tuesday.

The cost of the WNL dinner is:

\$6/person – adults (age 11 and older),  
\$2.50/child (10 & under), 3 and under free.  
(family maximum \$25)

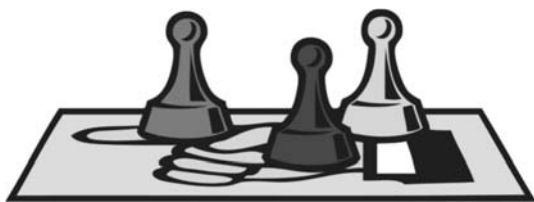
Children and Adult Bible Studies:

- 3/7 - "First Night" Prayer Gathering (Dinner) – WNL Kids
- 3/14 and 3/21 – WNL Dinner and Bible Studies
- No WNL or Bible Studies on March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>

*You have been  
enriched  
in him.*



1 CORINTHIANS 1:5, NRSV



## GAME NIGHT

**GAME NIGHT** – held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### GRACE CAFÉ Open Mic Night March 30, 2018



Join us on the last Friday of each month for an evening of entertainment! Sign-up starts at 6:30 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!

SING  
SONGS  
OF PRAISE.

James 5:13

<div>MARCH</div>			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>4</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Ryver  <i><b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT</b></i>	<b>5</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b>	<b>6</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Follower Bible Study	<b>7</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> WNL <b>6:45 PM</b> Mas <b>7:00 PM</b> "Firs Prayer Gather <b>7:00 PM</b> WNL
<b>11</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Ryver  <i><b>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT</b></i> <i><b>DAYLIGHT-SAVINGS</b></i> <i><b>TIME BEGINS</b></i>	<b>12</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Missions - Evangelism	<b>13</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Follower Bible Study	<b>14</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> WNL <b>6:45 PM</b> Mas <b>7:00 PM</b> WNL Studies
<b>18</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Ryver  <i><b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT</b></i>	<b>19</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Discipleship Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Finance Meeting	<b>20</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Follower Bible Study  <i><b>1<sup>st</sup> DAY OF SPRING</b></i>	<b>21</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> WNL <b>6:45 PM</b> Mas <b>7:00 PM</b> WNL Studies
<b>25</b> <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Combined Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Ryver  <i><b>PALM SUNDAY</b></i>	<b>26</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Trustees Meeting	<b>27</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Follower Bible Study	<b>28</b>

## 2018

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team Practice	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Life Groups	<b>3</b>
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L Dinner ter's Men Bible	<b>22</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Praise Team Practice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Easter Egg Hunt
	<b>29</b>  <b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> <b>6:55 AM</b> Good Friday Men's Breakfast 7:00 PM Grace Café  <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>31</b>



## **Saints Prison Ministry, USA**

1,251 men and women behind bars made a decision to follow Jesus Christ in 2017 because you chose to support the Saints Prison Ministry. Your partnership with us - whether it was giving of your time, on your knees in prayer, or donating financially - made the difference to those prisoners and their families.



The Lord blessed us with opportunities to share the Gospel in 12 different states this year, playing and preaching in front of more than 16,000 inmates in 135 prisons. Hundreds enrolled in the Saints Bible Correspondence School, and in this past year alone we graduated 84 students on to CBI.

2017 was a great year and God was glorified in everything we did this year. But what concerns us the most is what we didn't do.

Preaching to 16,000 lost souls sounds good, but that is less than 10% of the inmate population in the United States...much less. It is actually less than 1% of the population to which God has called us to minister...much less. The mission field we call the US prison population is closing in on 2.3 MILLION - so in 2017 we used every



resource at our disposal to reach .7% of those on a hot ballfield or in a sweaty gymnasium who so desperately need the Living Water.

You have helped us do so much in the past, but the need is great and we are being called to meet that need. The field is ready for harvest but we have to get there and we need more laborers. We have accomplished much with limited resources and now we need you to prayerfully ask God how He wants to use you to increase those resources in 2018. Already prisons in states we rarely reach have started calling to see if 2018 will be their year for a visit.

### **Lowell and Claudia Wertz, Tanzania, Africa**

#### **Q: Were you able to get the feeding center open again?**

**A:** Yes, Praising God that we are back feeding the kids. The closing of the feeding center came as a real shock to us. We could not imagine such a thing coming from the government here. At the same time they ordered all the children not to beg in public anymore. This left the kids with no alternative to get food. We held numerous meetings with the government. Our pastors and administrators did excellent work in the negotiations. It was finally requested of us to write a letter giving our position. We sent a strong letter. Our negotiating team felt we should risk reopening the feeding center even without an official lifting of the ban. For the sake of the children, we did so. There has been no action taken against us. One of the people causing us problems was fired. The poor kids and adults are eating again, three times a week.

### **Boxley and Joyce Boggs, FL and Haiti**

For me, one of my favorite and most comforting theological truths is The Providence of God. Knowing that God is arranging the affairs of my life for my good and for His glory brings me a settled peace no matter what is going on. When life is not making sense, at least from my limited perspective, when my plans are not working out—which it seems is often!—when matters seem against me, I hone in on this wonderful truth, that God is good and has something good in mind for me through this disappointing or painful event. This is the truth of Romans 8:28...”For we know that all things work together for the good of those who love God: those who are called according to His purpose.”

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I'm focusing on this wonderful truth right now as I think of a trip to Haiti February 3-10 I've been planning since last year about this time when I did the same thing. I was going again as a chaplain/translator with a group of surgeons and nurses and other workers from my home state of West Virginia to help poor Haitians who have little or no access to medical help. Well, in God's providence, my wife, Joyce, fell and broke her hip on New Year's Day and I had to cancel going. I asked a close missionary friend who also speaks Haitian Creole to step in for me. He said yes, then last week he came down with a severe eye infection and is now on strong antibiotics and not at all sure that he will be able to go. As if all this were not enough, I just learned that the team leader, the one in charge of arranging and coordinating everything has come down unexpectedly and shockingly with aggressive cancer!

By God's grace, the trip is still on, although not for the team leader, not for me, and possibly not for my replacement. At this point another truth has become so obvious: "For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand (Ephesians 6:12-13).

Needless to say, the team very much needs your prayers. Pray for:

1. The former team leader, Julie, who is undergoing extensive cancer tests, and for those who will be assuming her responsibilities;
2. My replacement, Bob, that his eye will heal sufficiently for him to go;
3. Pray that God will have shown his love and mercy in a great way, resulting in salvation for Haitians, not only physically through the surgeries and other medical interventions, but far more importantly, eternally.

Knowing we have the Lord and friends like you behind us is part of God's gracious providence in our lives. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



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 please give your dates  
 (birth dates and anniversary  
 dates) to the church office  
 in writing or by e-mail:  
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March 3	Matthew C. Schmitt	March 11	Mark Burgoon
March 5	Harold Shallcross	March 14	Cheryl Averell
March 6	Barbara Hamilton	March 16	Ean Meyers
March 7	Steve Schoch	March 18	Brad Mountain
March 9	Lorraine Rudderow	March 22	MaryEmily Cameron
March 10	Bob Alber	March 26	Bob Holmes
	Emily Davis		Donna Pelligrini
	Carol Doron	March 30	Christine Walker



March 12	Betty & Jack MacNamara
March 22	Brent & Nora McGlaughlin
March 30	William & Suzanne Hoover





## *Wings of Prayer*



Psalm 37:5, NRSV

Last week I saw a segment on the PBS News Hour about what appears to be a trend of younger adults leaving their suburban lives to take up - of all things - farming. They highlighted a couple who responded to an ad on Craig's List by an older farmer in the Midwest. He needed help on his 950-acre farm and wanted to be sure it would remain a farm after his working years were over. The couple responded, left their jobs and their lives in the Northeast to learn farming.

As you can imagine, their lives are changing dramatically as they work with the farmer to learn all they need to keep the farm functioning well. Long days. Much less money. The uncertainties of farming – drought, rainfall at the right times, price fluctuations. A real change in culture for these 30-somethings! And for the lives of their children as they grow up on a Midwestern farm rather than in an Eastern suburb.

What would make this family give up what most Americans consider so important for such a radically different life? Adjusted priorities – that's what I think. Taking a hard look at what is most important and reordering their lives accordingly.

I imagine this can and should resonate with us as Christ-followers. The 12 disciples radically changed their lives to follow Jesus as He preached for 3 years in Israel. But what happened to them through their walk with Jesus transformed the rest of their lives.

Does our faith, our commitment to follow Jesus Christ, radically change our entire lives? As we focus on our revised vision statement for FUMC, are we also pondering and praying about those 3 things impacting our lives?

WORSHIP – What priority do we place on worshipping our awesome, holy God each and every day? How can we grow in this area of our lives?

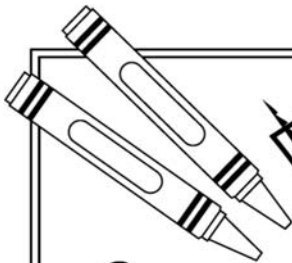
CONNECT – Is it a high priority for us to connect with God’s people? How can we make our connections with our brothers and sisters in the Lord more meaningful, more intentional, more authentic?



MISSION – All Christ-followers have a mission from God. It’s not just growing in knowledge of God and our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. What priority do we place on intentionally bringing others to faith in Jesus Christ? We don’t ‘save’ people, but the Spirit working in and through us does. Do we consciously live our lives as God’s spokespersons, God’s ambassadors, God’s hands and feet to represent Him and draw others to Him?

I’m excited God calls me – calls us – into a relationship with Him and as a partner in bringing His good news to the world! As we pray, as we communicate with God, He reveals Himself and His will to us. In prayer, we bring our praise, thanksgiving and requests to Him. Our good and gracious God knows our hearts, knows our needs, but He loves to hear from us. Let’s join in prayer for our witness, our growth in Him and those around us with needs: Donna Quick, Dave Cockerham, Harry Miller, Harry Ellis. Arnie Arnold, Cheryl Averell, Matt Robb, Bill Antinore, David Shropshire, Florence Keller, Jim Doherty, Holly Gibbons.










# PUZZLE

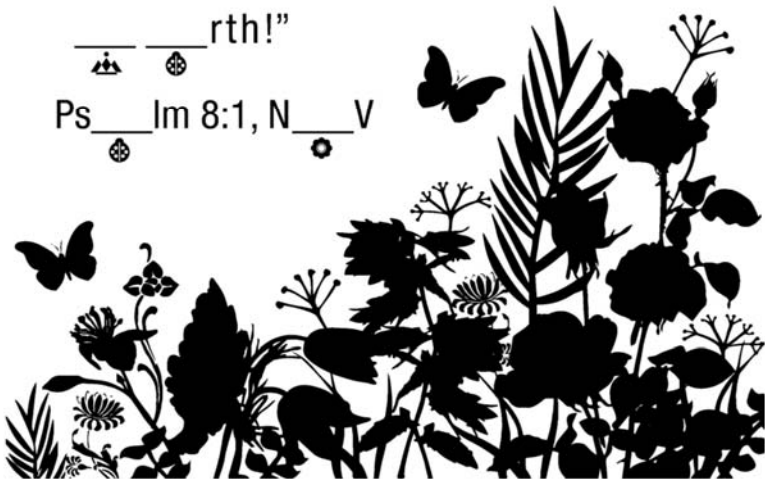
## Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

*Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.*

A =  E =  I =  O =  U = 

"L\_\_RD, \_\_ \_\_ r L\_\_rd, h\_\_w  
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 \_\_ \_\_ rth!"  
 Ps\_\_lm 8:1, N\_\_V



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"  
 Psalm 8:1, NIV

# FRUIT LADYBUGS

Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

## What you need:

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- ½ cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help



## What you do:

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V atop each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennae and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!

# Bible Quiz

According to Matthew's account, what was torn when Jesus died?

- A. Mary's headdress — she tore it as a traditional Jewish sign of grief
- B. A Roman guard's sash — Peter grabbed and ripped it in anger
- C. Jesus' robe — the soldiers divided it among themselves
- D. The temple curtain — torn in two from top to bottom



## TORCH



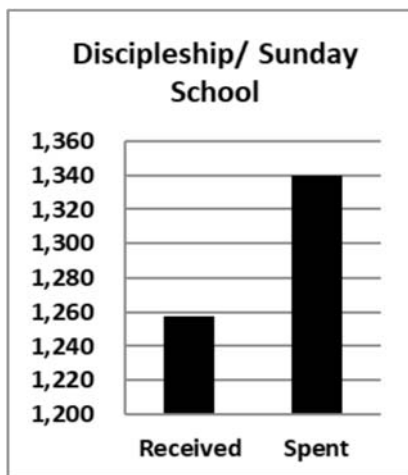
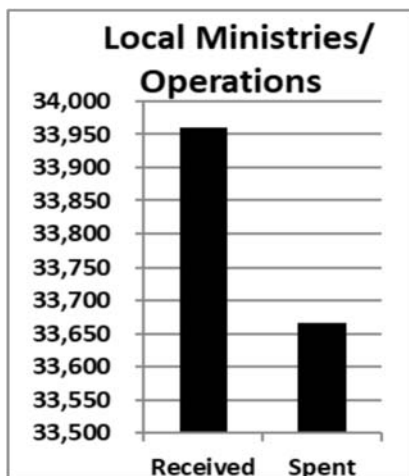
The torch primarily represents the Passion of Christ, perhaps because he was arrested and tried during the night, when the Temple guard would have used torches for light. The torch also can symbolize spiritual enlightenment, or martyrdom for the sake of the gospel.

Answer: D (See Matthew 27:51.)

# Financial Notes



**JANUARY 2017 FIRST CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT** - We appreciate your consistent, generous giving as we build the kingdom together. Finances through January 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.

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, for questions on the local ministries/operations account report, missions account treasurer, Jean Robb, for questions on the missions account report and Sunday School treasurer, Charles Hill, for questions on the Discipleship/Sunday School report.



# ONLINE GIVING AND 2018 BUDGETS

## What it is

Online Giving is an easy, consistent way to donate to our church. It eliminates writing checks and using the church envelope system. It permits donors to support the church without being physically present due to weather, travel, illness, second homes, sick kids, etc. It is convenient for the donor and very useful to the Church because income is received consistently. When the church is closed due to bad weather, the offerings received through Online Giving are very helpful in meeting our payroll, supporting our missionaries, and paying our bills.



## Donor Registration

Donors sign up at the church website <http://fumccollingswood.org/>. Touch or click the “DONATE” button and complete the form. This method may be used for Checking or Savings (EFT), Credit or Debit cards (MasterCard, Discover, and VISA.)

## Frequency of donations

Donors may choose weekly, semi-monthly, monthly, or one-time. Donors may also select weekly for some funds and monthly (or whatever) for other funds by registering each donation plan separately.

## Church Fund Designations and Budgets

1. Local Ministries/Missions – 90% of these donations go to Local Ministries/Operations and 10% to Missions.
2. Local Ministries/Operations - All ministries of the church depend on this fund which pays for our staff, our buildings, our operating costs, Conference Shared Ministries, worship expenses, some costs of ministries to children and youth, etc. 100% goes to Local Ministries. Our 2018 Local Ministries budget is \$464,763.
3. Missions – Missions primarily supports mission organizations founded by our church and missionaries from our church. Our 2018

budget is \$104,288.

4. World Service – Methodist missionaries both in the USA and around the world are supported by this denominational fund.

5. Sunday School/Discipleship – Expenses for various children's and youth programs such as teaching materials, children's supplies, and Jr. High and Sr. High youth activities and retreats are paid by Discipleship. Donations here supplement Sunday School offerings. This budget is \$17,000 for 2018.

6. Communion – Monthly offering for various charitable needs as announced.

7. Local Benevolence Fund – Helps meet specific needs of members/friends of the church as determined by church staff.

8. Vacation Bible School. This early summer program is an excellent ministry/outreach to both church and neighborhood children. It is well staffed and well attended.

9. Other Donations - This line is for any ministry or project not listed such as "Collingswood Manor" or "Sandy Relief". The Donor designates the recipient.

Seasonal - During the year we make available seasonal funds such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Staff Gift, Easter, etc.

### **Servicer**

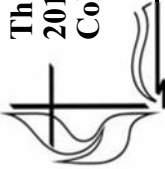
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### **Usage/Questions**

In the five years we have offered this giving option, 64 donors have signed on. Donations in 2017 increased to \$210,683. Contact Stan Sheaffer (856) 858-3486 or stanemt@icloud.com with any questions.



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