



# FIRST CHURCH WINDOWS



*Happy Mother's Day*



The LORD loves  
righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full  
of his unfailing love.

PSALM 33:5, NIV



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

# **Worship the Lord with Us!**

## **Sunday Worship**

**Live-Streamed Service at 10:00 AM**

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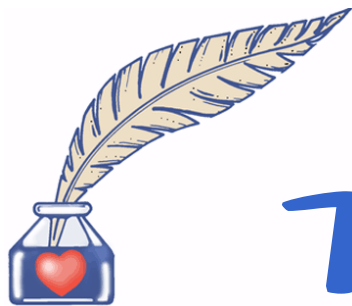
The submission deadline for the *June* issue of Windows is May 21<sup>st</sup>.

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

One of my  
favorite months  
of the year...



May is one my favorite months of the year. As I was looking at my calendar for May 2021, I noticed there are at least three special days that we love to celebrate during this month. Of course, there is Mother's Day, as we honor our moms in many different ways. Then there is Memorial Day when we honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives to serve our country. The third day we remember is Pentecost, which is the birthday of the church. It's a time when after remembering the death and resurrection of Jesus, now brings a celebration of the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised to us. This year it falls on Sunday, May 23, 2021.

When you think about it, this special day can go by unnoticed in our society today. However, the implications are without limits. The Holy Spirit can live within us to empower, comfort and guide us to live out the Christian life in a spirit-led adventure. Now that's worth celebrating!

We see this in Acts chapter 2 when Peter, who once wavered in his faith, became a man that the Lord guided in some powerful ways. He went from living a tenuous life to a person fully committed to God after encountering the Holy Spirit in his life. He went from lacking full trust before his encounter with Jesus to bold faith after His encounter with God's Holy Spirit. As we think about it we, too, can experience the same presence of God to live a life of spiritual power and inner peace.

Several years ago, I read a book entitled "The Hole in Our Holiness" by Kevin DeYoung. I have shared some quotes from him before. The hole in our holiness is that some people look at holiness as the jimmies on an ice cream cone or extra toppings on our pizza. It can be the optional things we choose from like when we are buying a new car with many bells and whistles. Others look at holiness as some "unattainable other" that can never be experienced by real people. Throughout time, the call to "'be Holy for I am Holy,' says the Lord" is pretty clear! So how do we connect with a Holy God in a broken and fragmented world today?

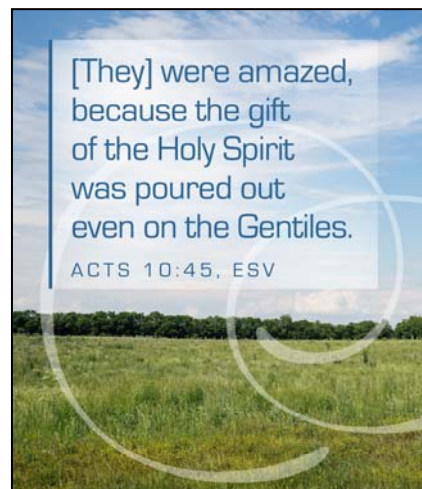
Isaiah, a mighty follower of God, in the beginning of his ministry, connected with God. In fact, he said, "I saw the Lord." At that moment, he saw the amazing power of God, and then himself, in a new way. God cared for his soul, and then Isaiah responded to God to use his life. This took place during one of those difficult times for both Isaiah and the people of his time. However, the Lord took care of Isaiah and the people. Isaiah chose to live a holy life 2900 years ago in response to seeing the Lord.

My prayer is that we would also live a holy life as we journey together! There are many places we find in God's Word where the Lord is calling us to a deeper loving relationship with Him and others. Would you join me to continue to pray for the days ahead? There is much to trust the Lord for as we look to the future, as we pray for Pastor Scott Rambo and family and all that the Lord has in store for all of us. Even though we may not always be sure where life is taking us, we do know from Isaiah's life, that God showed up at the right time. Anything can happen to transform lives and everyone around us for His will and His Glory!

In His Love and Grace,  
Pastor Sam

[They] were amazed,  
because the gift  
of the Holy Spirit  
was poured out  
even on the Gentiles.

ACTS 10:45, ESV





## Our New Pastor

We are privileged to announce the appointment of Scott Rambo as our new Senior Pastor!

Scott is husband to Meg and dad to four boys; Tim, Ben, Josiah and Eli. He grew up in South Jersey, graduated from Asbury College with a B.A. in Media Communications and earned an M.Div. from Wesley Biblical Seminary. Scott has served at Trinity UMC, in Mullica Hill, since 2017, as an associate Pastor. Prior to joining the staff at Trinity, Scott and Meg served in Uganda with World Gospel Mission. He loves to see people engage their faith and be empowered to respond to God's work in their lives. Scott is a reader, runner, guitarist, Philly sports fan, coffee lover and rides a motorcycle.

We thank God for His provision and we welcome the Rambo Family as they begin their ministry here at First UMC on July 1<sup>st</sup>.





Do you miss serving the church?  
Do you have a passion for serving the King behind the scenes?  
Do you enjoy learning new things?  
Do you like being around technology?  
Do you like working with computers or  
want to learn to work with a computer?

**JOIN THE TECH CREW!**  
**It is as easy as pressing a button!**



We are looking for volunteers to expand our tech crew. Each Sunday, we need operators to be responsible for the lights and sound for our services, overseeing the livestreaming of the service and running the projection system in the Sanctuary. You don't need any experience - just a willingness to learn. Now that we have resumed in-person worship, we want to teach new people and expand our team. For more information contact Will Walker at [will@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:will@fumccollingswood.org) or Phil Boswell at [phil@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:phil@fumccollingswood.org).

**OPTIONS**  
♀ **FOR WOMEN**

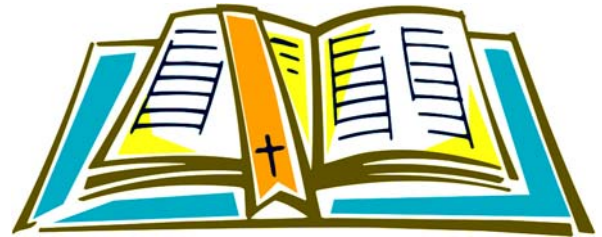


Beginning on May 9<sup>th</sup>, we will once again be having our "Baby Bottle" collection to support Options for Women, a pregnancy care center, in Cherry Hill, NJ. You can pick up your Baby Bottle before or after our Sunday Service and be sure to check out their website (<https://optionsnj.org>) for other important needs. Our contributions will help pregnant women make the correct choices during their pregnancy. Thank you so much. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Boswell.

Bottles will be distributed on Mother's Day and Collected on Father's Day.



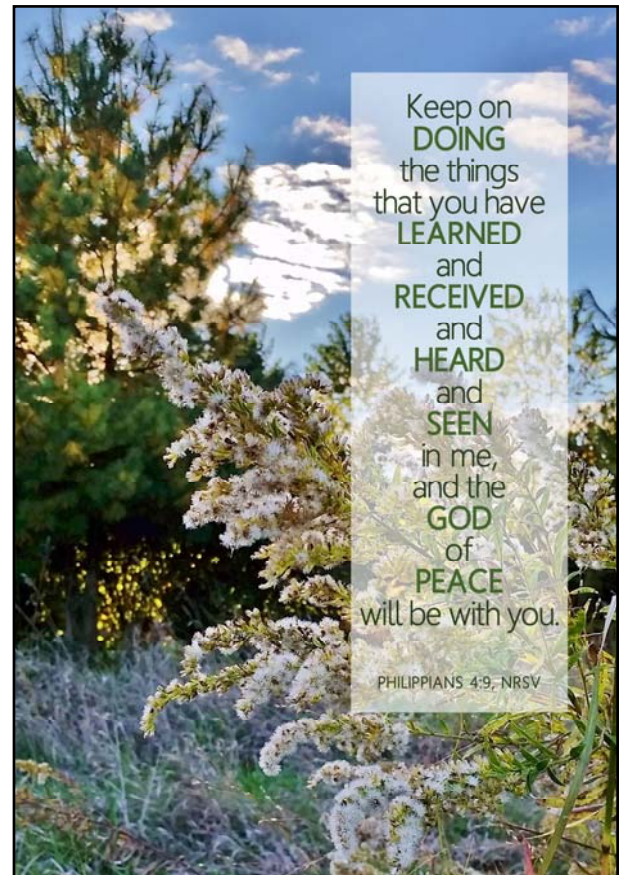
# UPCOMING SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES



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During these next two months we are going to learn some powerful truths about how living like Christ makes all the difference. What a great way to reflect on Christ together after Easter, in a time of transition. Join us as we journey through the book of Philippians and learn how to really live!

May 2	Living with Real Humility	Philippians 1:27-2:4
May 9	Mother's Day	
May 16	Living with the Attitude of Christ	Philippians 2:5-18
May 23	Living with Real Mercy	Philippians 2:19-30
May 30	Praise and Worship Living with Real Hope	Philippians 3:1-16



## Job Opportunity



We're still actively seeking an Office Manager (aka Church Secretary). If you know of anyone who has moderate computer skills, good organizational skills, and a heart for Jesus, who might be interested in this paid position, please ask them to contact Carol Doron at the email listed below.

### Office Manager for FUMC Collingswood

20 hours/week  
Tuesday - Friday  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

If interested, please contact Carol Doron at [bcdoron@aol.com](mailto:bcdoron@aol.com)

# MISSIONARY MESSAGES



## Boxley and Joyce Boggs

We stay connected daily with friends and pastors in Haiti who do cry out to the Lord in their many serious trials. Political chaos and crime go virtually unchecked, especially in the capital city of Port-au-Prince. The leaders of the UEBH (Union of Evangelical Baptists of Haiti) have invited me to come down in mid-May to participate in the STEP (Seminare Theologique Evangelique de Port-au-Prince) graduation ceremony of student pastors and to visit the believers. Please pray with me to know the Lord's will in this. The US Embassy advises that Haiti is too dangerous for visitors, yet flights still operate, and some Americans do go in and out of the country. I realize one cannot serve the Lord without risks, and I'm leaning toward going, but I do ask for your prayers.

Another matter is the great need for a new vehicle for our UEBH ministry, the House of Hope in Haiti. Since 1956 the HOH provides physical and medical live-in hope to nearly 100 Haitian children with many types of illnesses, mainly TB and severe malnutrition. The main goal, of course, is to not only bring healing to their bodies, but most of all to see these kids place their faith in Christ. Check out the House of Hope at <https://www.houseofhopehaiti1-lapointe.org>. The price of a new Nissan, not a fancy one, just a plain pickup truck, is \$37,000. That's because of shipping and custom taxes. Used trucks in Haiti are just too beat up to be feasible. The Lord has provided \$23,000 so far through donations. Joyce and I and our son David have decided to take a big step of faith and make up the difference. When that truck comes in, Linda and Jenny, who oversee the HOH ministry, will be filled with joy and gratitude for what God has done. I will let you know how it all turns out.

We praise the Lord for you, our faithful supporters, in this the 50<sup>th</sup> year SIHCG we were accepted by Crossworld as missionaries. We are blessed beyond measure to serve Christ and equally blessed by your gifts that have made it all possible. To God be the glory!

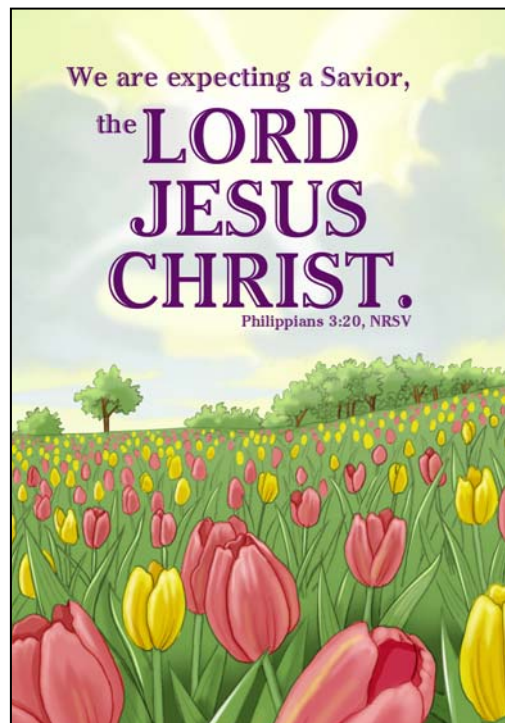
## Tim and Kathy Sheetz

According to the Farmers' Almanac, if the weather at the start of March was bad (like a roaring lion), the month should end with good weather (gentle, like a lamb.)

For the Sheetz's, March began quite stormy. We're hoping for a calmer end to it. Have you heard? Tim and Kathy got COVID!!! Yes! We did! It was a bit of a rough patch for us both, but, at least, we got to "weather it" together. (Weather it! Get it?? If you don't, you don't know Tim!) Our symptoms reared their ugly heads on March 3<sup>rd</sup>; but we had already started quarantining from the 1<sup>st</sup>, having been aware of a possible exposure. Symptoms began subsiding about ten days later.

We've been wonderfully spoiled by family and friends over these days. Get well cards, phone calls, emails and texts daily to check on us. Daughters who routinely call to ask our "vitals," and giving lots of advice if our oxygen levels were one tick down or our temperature checks one tick up! Food being left on our porch by dear ones who dropped it and "ran," at least to the curb in front of the house, before letting us know it was there. We've had some lovely conversations through our closed front door, happy to keep our loved ones safe. We have felt pretty unwell physically — but - sooooo loved!

Thank you for praying for us. Most of you didn't know to pray about our encounter with COVID — but our great God assigned your prayers specifically to our need. HE is quite awesome! YOU are so dear to us. We are grateful for each one of you.







May 3	Zachary Jungclaus	May 15	Ruth A. Covintree
May 4	RuthAnne Detwiler	May 18	Mark Hamilton
May 6	Phil Boswell	May 20	Tina Hemphill Rosalie MacGlaughlin
May 9	Jason Knudson	May 21	Marjie Hammond Dana Schoch
May 10	William J. Alexander Joan Stecher	May 22	Megan DeFoney
May 11	Ken Underwood	May 24	Kathy Boswell Connie Cline
May 12	Ken Steward Ethan Zook		
May 14	Nathan Schwehm Eric Wertz		

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: [office@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:office@fumccollingswood.org).



May 7	Jim and Jane Doyle
May 8	Harold and Marion Shallcross
May 15	Dave and Marjie Hammond
May 20	James and Donna Jungclaus Angel and Brooke DeRue
May 29	Shawn and Nicole Zook

**50<sup>th</sup>!**

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4.)



# A lasting promise

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.

*Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.*

Find a letter that's in  but not in . \_\_\_\_\_

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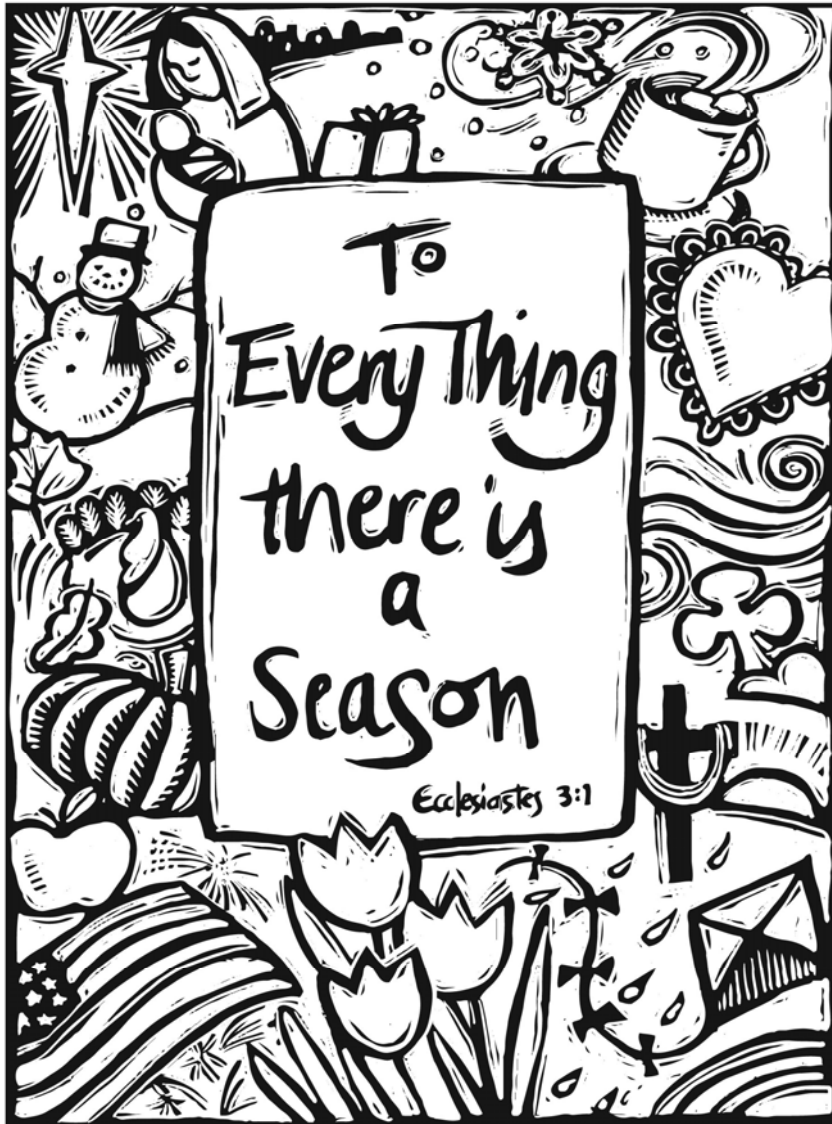
“But you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power

# COLORING PAGE

Enlarge, print and color this image.



**"If at first you don't succeed,  
try doing it the way mom told you to  
in the beginning."**

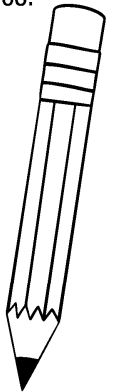
**—Unknown**



Jesus commands us to be his witnesses. This craft is a reminder to reach out to all our "circles."

## What you need:

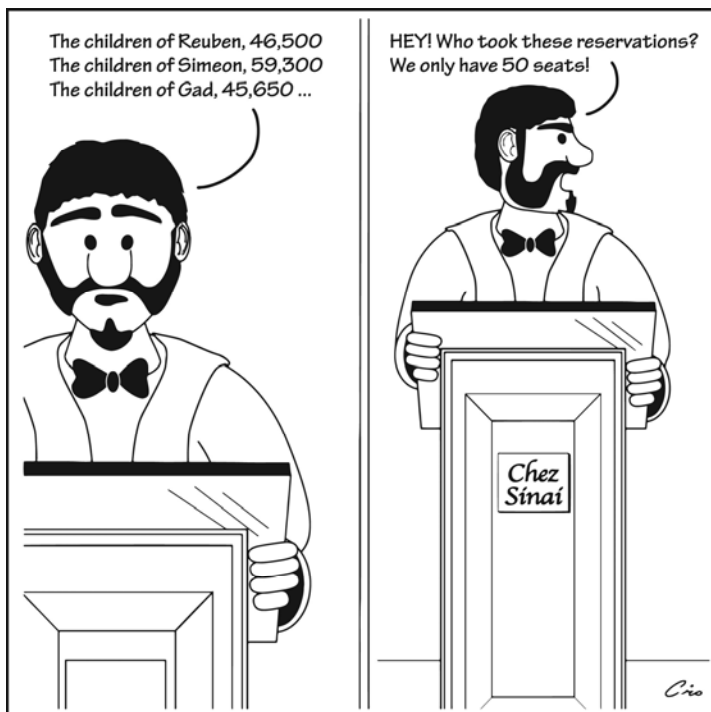
- 5 bowls or cups (assorted sizes)
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Brad fastener
- Crayons or markers



## What you do:

1. Place the bowls and cups upside down, each on a different color of paper. Trace around the circles and cut them out.
2. With a pencil, pierce a small hole atop each circle. Layer circles on each other from largest to smallest, aligning the holes. Insert the brad through all layers.
3. Starting in the center, label the circles *my house*, *my city*, *my state*, *my country*, *the world*. Draw a picture on each one.
4. Pray, asking Jesus how you can spread his message.





## A SHARED EXPERIENCE

What comes to mind when you hear the word Pentecost? Many people think of a mighty wind, tongues of fire and multiple languages. But Acts 2 begins with another detail that's just as key: Jesus' disciples "were all together in one place." Because they were together physically and spiritually, the early believers didn't miss the life-changing, world-changing birth of the Church.

The pandemic, while changing our definition of gathering, also highlighted our need for interaction. If Jesus' first followers hadn't been assembled on Pentecost, they would've missed the outpouring of God's power and the indescribable joy God had for them. Think about what believers today might miss if we neglect to worship with other friends of Christ. Who would want to miss God's blessings, promises and joy?

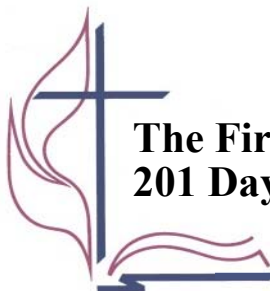


Is it enough to think today  
Of all our brave, then put away  
The thought until a year has sped?  
Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song  
And deck a grave; and all year long  
Forget the brave who died that we  
Might keep our great land proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,  
That we who live give heart and soul  
To keep the land they died to save,  
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!

—Annette Wynne



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