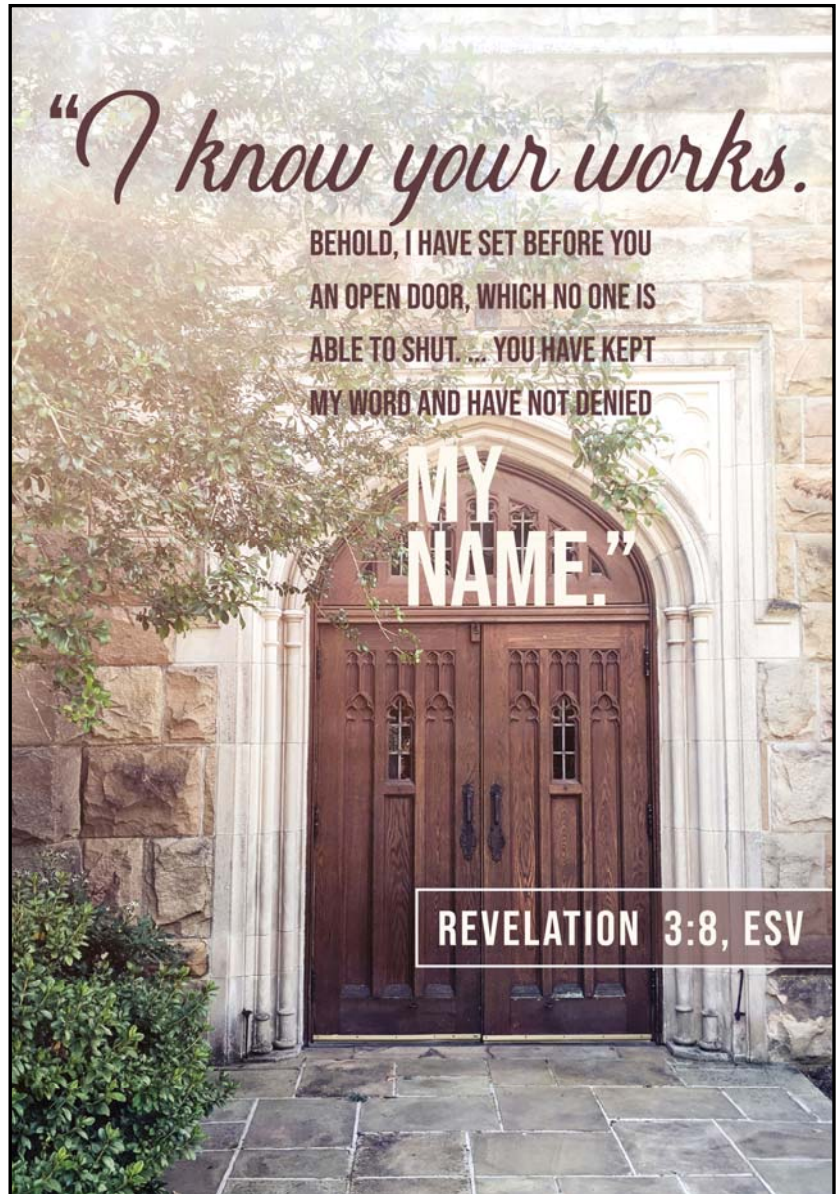




FIRST CHURCH WINDOWS




**WELCOME
PASTOR
RAMBO**



"I know your works."

BEHOLD, I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU AN OPEN DOOR, WHICH NO ONE IS ABLE TO SHUT. ... YOU HAVE KEPT MY WORD AND HAVE NOT DENIED

MY NAME."

REVELATION 3:8, ESV



***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

In person worship has resumed!

Pre-registration is no longer required to attend our services in-person, but sign-in for attendance purposes is needed.

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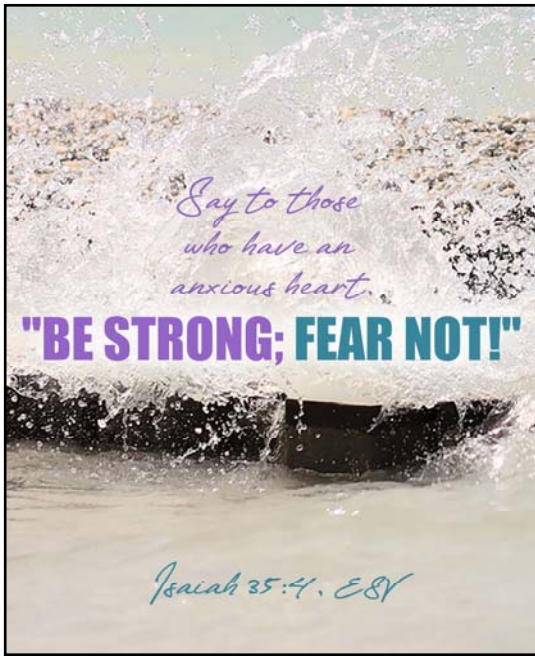


This space is usually reserved for the pastor but as I write this, we are in the middle of a transition period. We have said farewell to Pastor Sam and Lisa and are welcoming Pastor Scott, Meg and their family to our church. We were sad to see Pastor Sam and Lisa leave because we have been blessed by their ministry here. But part of being a pastor is moving around as God calls you to and hand over the keys (so to speak) to a new pastor.

The expression “handing over the keys” usually refers to that time when a project, such as the building of a house is complete and the keys of the house are then turned over to the new owner. But we also use it when we have changes in leadership like getting a new pastor.

In the Bible we see examples of God providing new leaders when the previous one was called to leave. When it was time for Moses to leave the Israelites, God had provided Joshua to lead them into the promised land. And when God took Elijah away, He had prepared Elisha to take over.

I recently realized I’ve been the editor of Windows for 22 years and counting. During that time, we’ve had several pastors and been through a lot as a congregation. But God has always been there to get us through. I don’t know what the future holds for FUMC or for Windows. But we can rest assured God has a plan for both.



A Message From Pastor Sam & Lisa

Dear Church Family & Friends,

Lisa and I want to thank you, FUMC church family and friends, for a special and meaningful time last Sunday. We will treasure our last 13 years together, both the blessings and the challenges we have shared together, for the joy of the Lord is our strength. We want to express our deep appreciation for all the cards, generosity and gifts shared with us. Our tears have been bittersweet as we move to Woodstown to follow God’s call and next assignment for our lives. One picture that brought it home for Lisa and I was taken during the conclusion of the service during the last prayer;



hands were raised towards the Lord and heaven as one body during the last prayer together. As the words to the song, “Way Maker” reminds us, the Lord is our promise keeper, always working miracles, providing a way and lighting the darkness. Thanks again for the journey, love and grace we have shared together in Jesus. Each one of you and the Rambo family are in our prayers for His will and glory to be done!

In His Awesome Love and Grace,
Pastor Sam and Lisa



Berean & Forum Sunday School Class

To all members of the Berean and Forum Sunday School Class - please note that we will be resuming our class in September 2021. If you are looking for a good Sunday School class, you are welcome to attend! If you have any questions please contact Karry Corbitt.

New Church Directory!

An updated Church Directory is now available! You can help us reduce mailing costs by picking up your copy when you sign-in before Sunday church service. Thanks to all who contributed their time in the lengthy process of this publication!



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, 9:00am - 2:00pm

If interested, please contact Carol Doron at bcdoron@aol.com.

Summer Camp Days - "Lots of Fun"

! For all children, Pre-K to Grade 6, Summer Camp Days are coming soon! From 10:00 am to 11:30am, outside behind the church, we will have a Bible story, games, prizes, a craft or two and a snack! There may even be a Carnival Day and a Water Balloon fight. You won't want to miss it!!



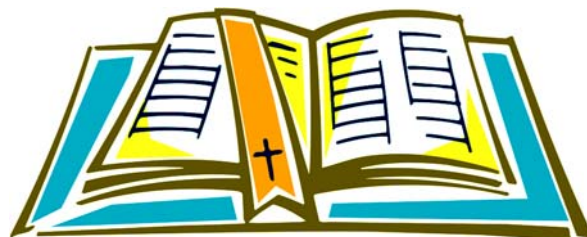
Mark the dates on your calendar:

- Wednesday, June 30th
- Wednesday, July 14th
- Thursday, August 5th
- Thursday, August 19th



Any questions please call Miss Pat -(856)962-8010

UPCOMING SERMONS AND SCRIPTURES



Please join us for our upcoming sermon series called *Let's Eat*. Starting in July, over the course of 10 weeks, we'll take a look at the 10 meals that Jesus shared with people as recorded in the gospel of Luke, and how we can get to know Jesus better through those meals.

July 4	Let's Party	Luke 5:27-32
July 11	Let's Repent	Luke 19:1-10
July 18	Let's Give It Away	Luke 9:10-17
July 25	Let's Wash	Luke 11:37-52
August 1	Let's Remember	Luke 22:14-38
August 8	Let's Be Humble	Luke 14:1-24
August 15	Let's Believe	Luke 24:36-43
August 22	Let's Listen	Luke 10:38-42
August 29	Let's Love	Luke 7:36-50
September 5	Let's Recognize	Luke 24:28-32

THEN

their eyes were

OPENED

and they recognized

HIM.

LUKE 24:31, NIV



OUR GRADUATES

Graduate School

Max Schoch completed his Master's Degree in STEM education at Rowan University, and is currently interviewing for teaching positions in South NJ.

High School

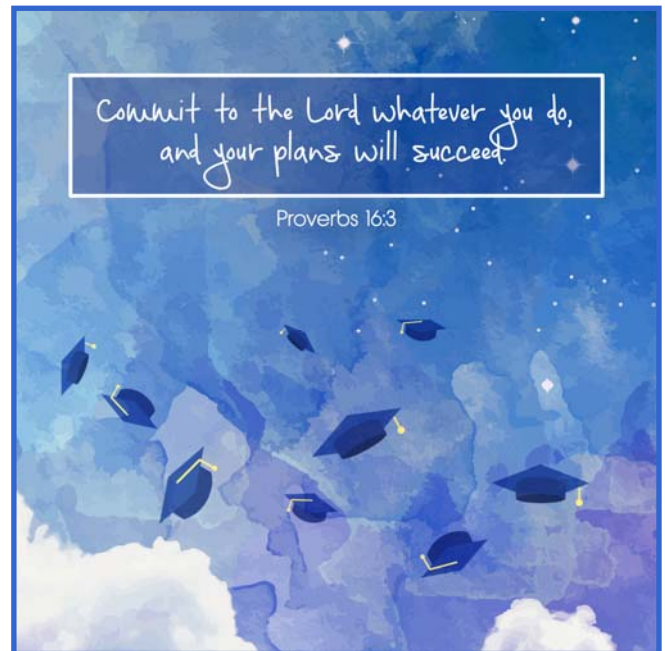
Marissa DiTore graduated from Cherokee HS, and will be attending Auburn University in the fall, majoring in civil engineering.

Jolie Jensen graduated from Haddon Heights HS, and will be studying independently, pursuing a career in videography/video editing.

Frank Persicano graduated from Collingswood HS, and will be leaving on July 26 to join the US Navy.

Alden Walker graduated from Haddon Township HS, and will be attending Messiah University in the fall, majoring in music with a concentration in commercial music.

Tyler Wilson will be graduating from Audubon HS and attending Ursinus University in the fall, majoring in physiology.



Middle School

Blessy Alkuino graduated from Collingswood MS, and will be moving to California in July, and attending Adrian Wilcox HS.

Elizabeth Boswell graduated 8th grade from Rohrer MS, and will be attending Haddon Township HS in the fall.

Melyssa O'Brien graduated from Collingswood MS, and will be attending Collingswood HS in the fall.

Gianna Persicano graduated from Collingswood MS, and will be attending Collingswood HS in the fall.

Matthew Plotts graduated from Collingswood MS, and will be attending Collingswood HS in the fall.

Alison Tribulas graduated from Collingswood MS, and will be attending Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Newfield, NJ in the fall.

Congratulations to our 2021 Scholarship Recipients

Aria Walker and **Aryana Zook** are receiving the FUMC Scholarship.

Alden Walker is receiving the FUMC Scholarship, and the Schopher-Weinberg Scholarship.

MISSIONARY MESSAGES



Curt and Carol Detwiler, TWR

Dear Ministry Partners,

June is officially begun, and we are grateful for your continued interest in TWR media ministry, the Detwilers, and praising the Lord for His wonderful answers to prayer in the past few months. We hope you were able to join us in prayers of Thanksgiving for His obvious answers which we highlighted to you in mid-May. Are you ready to move ahead with new challenges and requests as we pray in His will for salvation and growth of new believers?

- Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka have all been hit very hard with waves of COVID 19, lockdowns, staff illnesses and deaths. Many ministry initiatives have had to be delayed or cancelled, and just regular program production has been quite challenging for the small teams working in these countries. Even if the staff members have stayed well, they are also impacted by COVID illnesses and deaths in their immediate families. Please pray that our Father will protect the staff members from further losses, and that He will provide all the resources needed to ensure His word goes out to those in these countries without interruption.
- What do the countries of Angola and Mozambique have in common? Well, for starters, they were each at one time colonies of Portugal. The colonial language they inherited was Portuguese. The Portuguese heritage also seemed to transition not very well to independence. As a result, the histories of these countries are filled with challenges and difficulties. As the Portuguese left, and the people in each country took over the reins of their own government, it was a rough road in each country. What else do they have in common? Poverty, and competing political systems and ideologies. TWR has also had struggles in each of these countries to try our best to work with National Partners for the sake of reaching the citizens of their countries. Please join us in praying for those partners who are working with TWR to produce programs and broadcast them to their peoples. Pray for the health of the program producers, the reception of the signals, and the commitment needed from those working for the TWR partners in each of these countries.

Bob and Barbara Alber, Wycliffe Bible Translators

Bob's Ministry Update

Bob has really been enjoying the variety in his work. He completed his April road trip of 21 campuses visiting 30 students, starting in Minnesota and zig-zagging for two weeks until reaching Pennsylvania and spending a few days there with his family.

Back in Florida, Bob dove into writing and editing copy for a virtual "Wycliffe Connection" which helps missionary families transition from their overseas assignments to life in the U.S. Wycliffe never offered an online event like this before and it was a challenge to adapt the week-long program to fit just three days of online learning.

Bob used personal examples to guide young people to complete their own "identity balloons" and help them better understand their complex identities as "third-culture kids." Please pray for Bob as he prepares to serve in future workshops that equip missionary kids with tools to navigate the ever-changing American culture.

Don and Esther Parsons, Mission Eurasia

Dear Friends & Family,

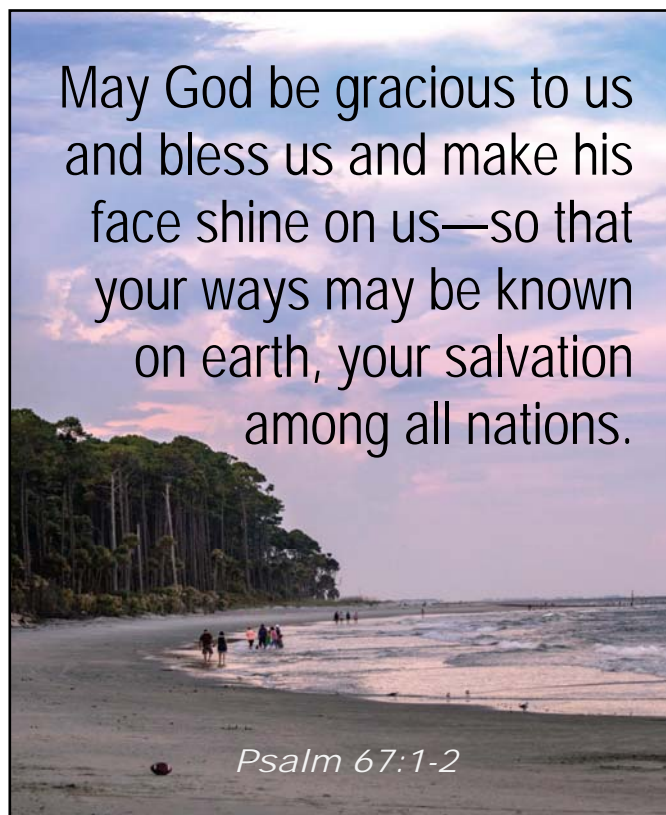
God has been so gracious to us all! He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing! (And as you can see above, he has blessed us as grandparents too!) His abundant blessings have a purpose—so that all nations, tribes, peoples and tongues would know and worship Him. We are privileged to be able to serve with you as together we share God's blessings with the nations! Thank you for being a part of our team!

Over the last few months I have had the privilege of working with a dear brother in Christ in Russia. Konstantin is from a Muslim unreached people group called the Siberian Tatars. There are very few believers among the Siberian Tatar people. But Konstantin, a graduate of Mission Eurasia's School Without Walls training, is an exception and he has a deep burden to share the love of Jesus with his people, and with other unreached peoples in Eurasia. His favorite method for sharing the gospel is setting up small art exhibits on the street and in city squares and talking to passersby about the Bible story depicted in the pictures, or sharing the testimony of one of the artists.

In late April and May Konstantin decided to take his evangelism on the road. He traveled over 10,000 km (over 6200 miles) to dozens of cities. When he went, he didn't know how he was going to pay for the gas or where he would sleep. But God provided. Not only did Konstantin share the Truth with hundreds of people along the way, but he also lit a spark in many churches. Since arriving home he has gotten calls from pastors to return and train their people to effectively share the gospel. One pastor went out and began buying art so that his church could follow Konstantin's example.

I have been asked to come alongside this brother to encourage, mentor and help equip him to move forward to engage the unreached and mobilize the church. I think I am learning more from him. Konstantin's vision is to train teams of evangelists and disciplers throughout the region. He's got the passion and the skills but needs vital resources. Pray that God would provide everything necessary to fuel a movement.

Praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve and mobilize the church in Eurasia to reach the unreached. Thank you for standing with us.





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| July 4 | Karisa Pascall | July 19 | Leon Fraley
Stephany Nielsen
Margie Underwood |
| July 5 | Jonathan Schwehm | July 22 | Roy Gordy |
| July 6 | Judy Boswell
Bob Brown
Jean Robb
Alden Walker | July 23 | Doug Schmitt |
| July 9 | Maria Gianfrancesco | July 24 | Carolyn Alexander |
| July 10 | Andrew Boswell | July 25 | Connie Farling |
| July 11 | Eric Van Pelt | July 27 | Aria Walker |
| July 14 | Mackenzie Hemphill | July 28 | Nicole Hoover
Margie Hughes |
| July 15 | Kristin Hosking | | |



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| August 3 | Brooke DeRue
Katherine Jungclaus | August 20 | Dana Cherry
Nancy Masarek |
| August 5 | Bill Hoover | August 22 | Barbara Brown
Rhonda Burgoon
Sebastian Chamberlain
Shawn Zook |
| August 8 | Carol Harding | August 29 | Julie Schmitt
Rachel Schmitt |
| August 10 | Bill Brown
Ron Hoover | August 30 | Will Bickel
Matthew Molloy |
| August 11 | Jennifer Weitzel
Michelle Croxton | | |
| August 12 | Alyssa Adams | | |
| August 19 | Brent MacGlaughlin | | |

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.




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| July 13 | Jason & Nicole Meyers |
| July 17 | Bill & Carolyn Alexander
Gary & Kathy McGaurn |

Bible Quiz

An unnamed relative of Paul obstructed a conspiracy to kill the apostle. What was this rescuer's relation to Paul?

A. nephew
B. niece
C. brother
D. sister



Answer: A (See Acts 23:12-22, esp. v. 16.)



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| August 5 | Mark & Rhonda Burgoon |
| August 11 | Dana & Debbie Cherry |
| August 17 | Bill & Carol Doron |
| August 24 | Bill & Janice Bittle |



As sweet as honey



Honey is both a sweetener and a medicine.
How can our words be used in the same ways?



Directions: Use the hexagon key to fill in the missing vowels and complete Proverbs 16:24, NIV.



Gr c s w rd s

 r h n c mb,

sw t t th s l

 nd h l ng



t th b n s.



PROVERBS 16:24, NIV

Answer: Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. Proverbs 16:24, NIV

Puzzle!

Complete this Bible passage by adding the missing vowels.



Th_r_for_

_s G_d's ch_s_n p__pl_

h_ly _nd d__rly l_v_d, cl_th_

y__rs_lv_s w_th c_mp_ss__n,

k_ndn_ss, h_m_l_ty, g_ntl_n_ss

_nd p_t__nc_. B__r w_th

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F_rg_v__s th__ L_r_d f_rg_v__y__.

C_l_ss__ns 3:12-13, N_V

Answer: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:12-13, NIV

A SWEET TREAT



Make this refreshing treat on a hot summer day.



What you need:

- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- 1 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 Tbsp. honey
- ¼ cup granola or cereal

What you do:

1. On a baking sheet covered with parchment paper, spread yogurt in a thin layer, about ½-inch thick.
2. Drizzle honey evenly over yogurt. Sprinkle granola (or cereal) on top.
3. Freeze about 30 minutes, or until firm.
4. Crack frozen yogurt into pieces and peel away paper. Enjoy!



IN GOD'S HANDS

In *Keep a Quiet Heart*, Christian missionary Elisabeth Elliot ponders the faith implications of fretting about days to come. "Today is mine; tomorrow is none of my business," she writes. "If I peer anxiously into the fog of the future, I will strain my spiritual eyes so that I will not see clearly what is required of me now."

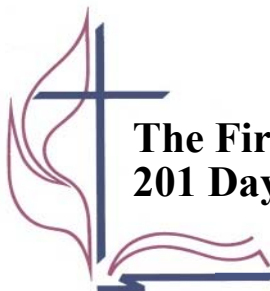
And what's the alternative? Instead of dwelling on times to come, which we can't change anyway, Elliot recommends: "Leave it all in the hands that were wounded for you."

Dear heavenly Father,

Open my eyes, Creator of the universe, that I may see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; open my ears, that I may hear what the heavens are telling me about your glory, which transcends all material bounds and yet deigns to reside with human beings.

May I ever marvel at your tender care for us, and give you thanks and praise forever. Amen.

—Prayer suggested by Psalms 8 & 19



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