



# The Messenger

First United Methodist Church Newsletter  
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Join us for Worship - Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 8:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am  
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**PEACH FESTIVAL**  
**Saturday, August 24th**  
**6:00 - 8:00 pm**



Our annual Peach Festival will feature fresh peaches, ice cream and home-made cakes, as well as many new family-oriented activities this year! And everyone attending is asked to please donate a can of food for the Moorestown food pantry. The Outreach Committee, new sponsor of this event, is looking for volunteers to help with set-up, clean-up, and peeling of peaches. If you can help, please contact Marilyn Arbittier at 856-235-3701. Look for more details in upcoming Sunday bulletins!

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## UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY AVAILABLE SOON

Be sure to pick up your copy of the 2013-14 Church Directory (non-photo, just names, addresses & phone numbers), which will be published in early August. It will be available in the Narthex (on the first aid cabinet below the phone) before or after worship, or in the church office during the week. Just look for the green cover!

In order to protect the privacy of our members, please dispose of your old directory safely, shredding it if possible. Thank you!

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*First United Methodist Church is a community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting world through words and actions.*

## ARE YOU ON OUR EMAILED “MESSENGER” LIST?

**Please note** that there has been a change to how the PDF version of the monthly “Messenger” is accessed. The email from the church will no longer have the PDF file as an attachment; instead, it will have a link to the page on the church website where you can get the current issue, as well as back issues and the calendar pages. If you still receive a mailed paper copy of your monthly “Messenger” and would like to help us “go green” and save some money too, let us know that you would like to be added to the email list! Email [church@meetwithGod.com](mailto:church@meetwithGod.com), or call the church office at 856-235-0450.

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## A REMINDER FROM THE COOL AIR MINISTRY

Although summer is half over, there are plenty of high temperatures still to come! If you or someone you know is in need of cool air, please call the **COOL AIR MINISTRY**. Contact Elmine van den Berg, 856-778-3197. We gratefully thank those who have contributed to this important ministry!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 7th	Sing-Along at Mt. Laurel Ctr. - 10:30 am
Aug. 8th	VBS volunteer meeting - 7:00 pm
Aug. 18th	Last day of Summer Sunday School
Aug. 18th	Light Harbor - 2:30 pm
Aug. 19-23	Vacation Bible School - 9:00 am - Noon
Aug. 22nd	VBS Family Night - 7:00 pm
Aug. 24th	Peach Festival - 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Aug. 25-29	Vacation Bible School - 5:45 - 8:00 pm
Aug. 29th	VBS Family Night - 7:30 pm



FROM THE DIRECTOR  
OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,  
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.”  
Hebrews 4:14 (NIV)

What does it mean to have Faith? At times I think it is easy to respond to a question like that especially if things are going along as 'you' had hoped but what about when things in life are not going according to 'your' plan.

Typically, when someone professes Jesus as their Lord and Savior it is implied that they 'have faith' and that no matter what comes their way they would be able to handle it. However when things in life become chaotic and out of control it can feel like our faith-'tank' changes and may even at times feel empty.

Why do you think that is? After all surely we will have difficulties and we were not promised a life without complications, if we accepted Jesus as our Lord, we were however promised to have the strength to face challenges, disappointment and hurts when we put our FULL faith in Jesus.

Faith in Jesus is not a “when I feel like it” kind of Faith. Faith in Jesus is a constant trust, an unconditional love, an amazing sense of peace and a, “I can handle anything” kind of feeling. It's knowing that when we can't God will provide the people and avenues that can.

It's knowing that Jesus is right with us no matter what and it's claiming that the Holy Spirit will give us the wisdom and strength to make it through.

Having faith in our **Great High Priest** is exactly what we need to hold firmly to, no matter the situation, and professing should not a mandatory chore but instead, our true heart's desire. So...”Shout it from the mountain top...and Pass it On!” (UMH pg.572)

To God Be the Glory!  
~Karen Murray, DCE

**Important Dates...**

- **VBS - Week 1** - Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> - 9am-12pm
- **VBS - Week 2** - Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> -Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> - 5:45pm-8pm  
\*\*\*To Volunteer, please call Karen Murray at 856-222-1120\*\*\*
- **September 8<sup>th</sup>** - Our REGULAR Sunday School Program returns.
- **September 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>** - Fall Rummage Sale!

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**SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY**

Blessings brothers and sisters-in-Christ! If anyone is interested in community seeking connection and faith together, the Mack-Youse home is continuing a small group this September. We will be using the Convergence DVD and question format. The September study is *Heaven: Understanding God's Plan and our Hope, Four Conversations with Randy Alcorn (author of Heaven.) and Donald Miller.* Topics covered are the following: What does the Bible say about Heaven? What's God's plan for us today and in Heaven? What does my life today have to do with my life in Heaven? For more information or questions, please call Nadine Mack, 856-793-0546.



Newly Baptized

**Baptism:**

Hunter Robert Allison  
on July 7, 2013; son of  
Ross & Heather Allison

**Death:**

Nan Scheyhing  
on July 19, 2013

