



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
Visit us on the Web at: www.meetwithGod.com -or- Email us at: church@meetwithGod.com

JUNE 2015



BLOOD DRIVE Tuesday, June 30th

The Outreach Committee and the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, June 30 at the Moorestown Library, located at 111 West 2nd St. (corner of Church St.). The new location will allow us to collect blood in a comfortably air-conditioned environment during the summer, when donations are low and need is high. Appointments are available every 15 minutes from 1:30 to 6:15 pm. To make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: moorestown first united) or contact Jen Dunne Appleton at 856-979-6329 or jendunne1@gmail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL August 10th - 14th Ages 4 through 3rd grade 9 am to Noon

Theme for this year is
“Animals Throughout the BIBLE”



Teachers, Assistants & Helpers are always **NEEDED**
Registration Forms available at the Welcome Center
or online at www.meetwithGod.com

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.*



GROUNDS FOR GOOD Friday, June 5th

Grounds for Good is closing out the season on Friday, June 5 with a performance by our very own praise band drummer Norm Dorrell and saxophonist Colleen Farrell. The evening will feature an art exhibit, free coffee and tea and delicious baked goods for sale. Admission is free, but proceeds and donations will benefit ARC of Burlington County, a nonprofit organization committed to helping improve the quality of life for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Doors open at 7:30, with music kicking off at 8. See you then!

EYES OF OUR HEARTS

Breakfast for the homeless and hurting. Every 3rd Saturday at the Volunteers of America in Camden through the Seeds of Hope Ministries. Come and join us on Saturday, June 20 as we serve. To donate, volunteer or for more information call Judi at 267-808-4765.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May31-Jun.7 Host IHN
- Jun. 1st Chick-fil-A fundraiser - 5:00 pm
- Jun. 3rd Sing-Along at Mt. Laurel Ctr. - 10:30 am
- Jun. 5th Grounds for Good - 8:00 - 11:00 pm
- Jun. 9th Church Council - 7:00 pm
- Jun. 12th My Abba's Hands quilting - 7:00-9:00pm
- Jun 13th My Abba's Hands quilting - 9 am - 3 pm
- Jun. 14th Last Day of Sunday School - 9:30&11am
- Jun. 14th Music Ministry Sunday - 9:30 & 11 am
- Jun. 16th The Serving Plate - 5:00 pm
- Jun. 17th Internat'l Women's Friendship Grp-10 am
- Jun. 20th Eyes of Our Hearts breakfast - 7:00 am
- Jun. 20-21 Youth Weekend - all services
- Jun. 21st Light Harbor - 2:30 pm
- Jun. 30th Blood drive-M'town library-1:30-6:15pm
- Jun. 30th Crafts for Good - 7:00 pm



FROM
PASTOR RICHARD

Confirming Our Faith

What a wonderful celebration we had on May 17 as 20 young people were confirmed and became full members of our church. Their commitment to Jesus Christ and to the church were expressed in their responses to the confirmation questions and in their vows to support the church with their prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. As we shared in the joy of this special day, each of us was reminded of our responsibilities within the life of the church and to renew our vows of faithfulness to the church of Jesus Christ. As people of faith, we have become recipients of God's amazing grace and we respond in gratitude by sharing the good news of Jesus, caring for one another, and finding ways to serve the Lord in our communities. We look forward to the gifts and participation of these new members of the church and hear the call to join with them in service and ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Richard

SHIRT SALE

**Let's Celebrate our 200th Anniversary
in FASHION!**

Please fill out the order form and return to the church office by **May 31** with payment.
Your order will be processed after we receive the payment.

Please check the sizes before you order, during the coffee hour in Fellowship Hall (samples will be displayed). You can drop off the order form and payment during that time.

Your Name:

Email Address:

Phone:

Size and Pricing (\$25 per shirt)

Women

Small____ Medium____ Large____ X-Large____ 2XL____

Men

Small____ Medium____ Large____ X-Large____ 2XL____

Total payment enclosed \$_____

THANK YOU for Your Order!



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

“Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.” 1 Chronicles 16:11

It was this time last year when our church was facing a major change. Knowing we were having a pastoral change beginning July 1, 2014 caused a bit of anxiety for some folks because let's face it, change is sometimes hard. However, as I look back on the year since that change took place all I see is good.

We were fortunate to be on the receiving end of a wonderful new Pastor and his adoring wife. Pastor Richard and Joanna molded beautifully into the ministries of this church and brought with them the desire to give their best at all times. As a congregation, I believe we were truly blessed and I believe we will continue to be blessed through both our Pastors and all those who give of their time and talents to the ministries of this church.

As I said though, change is sometimes hard but I believe through experiencing change we also get to experience growth. And, if we are to grow in our relationship with God, develop a stronger bond with Jesus Christ and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit we must acknowledge and embrace change.

The scripture above makes that declaration. Look to the Lord for his strength; it's God's strength that gives us the power to face whatever comes our way. Whether it's a change in our health, a change in our family or a change in our Church, it's the power of God that will get us through. We must seek his face always and follow his path. Change is good, growing is good and trusting in God's leading is truly the only way.

Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

If we are going to become the reflection of Christ in this world we must change and seek God's leading in all we do.

May God Bless You as You seek His will and His way.

Karen Murray, DCE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Vacation Bible School registrations are due soon! Go to www.meetwithGod.com to register. Dates are August 10th - 14th, 9am - noon. (Volunteers Needed)

Summer Sunday School begins July 12th at 9:30 for children ages 5-2nd grade. We will meet in Room E-104. Volunteer Teachers & Helpers are needed. Please email Karen Murray at education@meetwithGod.com to volunteer.

A Special Program on Nutrition & Exercise will be presented during the summer for Youth & Young Adults. Dates are yet to be determined but WATCH the website & bulletin insert for details.

Prayer & Pilates will continue on Mondays & Wednesdays at 5:30 in the Heritage Room. Just show up & join in. ALL Adults welcome.



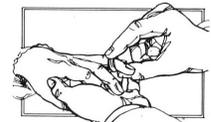
Newly Baptized

Baptisms:

Hadleigh Elizabeth Marshall on April 26, 2015; daughter of Bill & Christa Marshall

Weddings:

Rebecca Holden & Matthew Lasoski on April 25, 2015



United in Marriage



Deaths:

Veronica Erb on April 26, 2015

William Needs on April 27, 2015