



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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AUGUST 2016



PEACH FESTIVAL
Friday, August 19th
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for a night of peaches, ice cream, music and fun! Tickets will be \$5 per person, \$15 per family, and children under 5 are free. Watch upcoming Sunday bulletins for more details, including how to get your tickets!

Volunteers are needed! We need help with peeling peaches on Thursday, Aug. 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We also need cakes and other baked goods to go with the peaches (can be dropped off in the kitchen Aug. 18th or 19th), help with serving, and help cleaning up after the festival on Aug. 19th. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Thank you!

FUMC GOLF OUTING



Save the Date!

Oct. 1, 2016
1 PM Start

Moorestown Field Club

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION

If you would like to use your mobile device to make an electronic donation to FUMC Moorestown, just scan this QR code and you'll be connected to our mobile giving page!



SAVE THE DATE: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Sunday afternoon, October 9, we will hold our second annual Blessing of the Animals in our courtyard at 3:00. Dogs, cats, birds and other companion animals are invited. From a spiritual standpoint, this worship service will provide an opportunity to celebrate our deep connection with creation and each other that our pets help enable. All pets will need to be on a leash or otherwise restrained. As part of the service, we will collect cans or bags of pet food to donate to the animal shelters and rescue groups that we support. Questions: Margie Morgan at 856-764-1247 or margmorgan75@gmail.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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 5th	Youth Kayaking trip - 9:00am - 4:00pm
Aug. 7th	Sunday School teacher training - 10:45am
Aug. 9th	The Serving Plate - 5:00pm
Aug. 11th	Youth beach day at Ocean City-9am-9pm
Aug. 14th	Last day of Summer Sunday School
Aug. 15-19	Vacation Bible School - 9:00am - Noon
Aug. 18th	Peach peeling - 7:00pm
Aug. 19th	Peach Festival - 6:00 - 9:00pm
Aug. 20th	Eyes of Our Hearts breakfast - 7:00am
Aug. 21st	Light Harbor - 2:30pm
Aug. 23rd	Youth beach day at Ocean City-9am-9pm
Aug. 24th	Internat'l Women's Friendship Grp-10am
Aug. 24th	Last Youth Summer Program - 6 - 8pm
Aug. 30th	Crafts for Good - 7:00pm



FROM
PASTOR RICHARD

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

For six weeks this summer, we have been looking at the 23rd Psalm. This familiar Psalm is one of the most meaningful and beloved passages of Scripture. Persons throughout the ages have turned to its comforting and inspiring words. What wonderful assurance to know that the God of the universe is also our loving Shepherd who cares and provides for us. It is the Lord's guidance that leads us to those places of rest and peace. And what comfort and hope it brings to our hearts to know that God is with us even in those dark valleys of life. It is so reassuring to be able to turn to our loving Shepherd in the midst of the everyday journey of life with its joys, sorrows, trials, and challenges. As you read this article today, I invite you to once again recite the words of the 23rd Psalm and let its beautiful message lift your spirit. Most of us love the poetic words of the King James Version of Psalm 23. It is my favorite as well. But here is another version of the Psalm that may also give you insight into its wonderful message.

From The Message

1-3 God, my shepherd!

I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word,

you let me catch my breath

and send me in the right direction.

4

Even when the way goes through

Death Valley,

I'm not afraid

when you walk at my side.

Your trusty shepherd's crook

makes me feel secure.

5

You serve me a six-course dinner

right in front of my enemies.

You revive my drooping head;

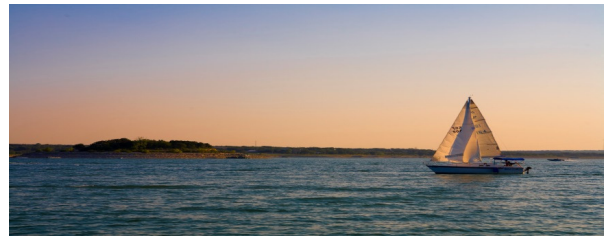
my cup brims with blessing.

6

Your beauty and love chase after me
every day of my life.

I'm back home in the house of God
for the rest of my life.

**YOUTH MINISTRY
SUMMER 2016**



Summer Youth

Wednesday nights, 6pm-8pm, through August 24th
Dinner & fellowship - All Jr. & Sr. High invited

August 5th - Kayaking

Cost: TBA - we will leave the church parking lot at 9:00am and return approximately 4:00pm

August 11th - Ocean City Beach Day

We will leave the church parking lot at 9:00am and return at 9:00pm. Cost: \$10 for beach tag / spending money for the boardwalk.

August 19th - Peach Festival

Jr. & Sr. High will participate by making hamburgers, hot dogs, pork roll & cheese, etc...

August 23rd - Ocean City Beach Day

We will leave the church parking lot at 9:00am and return at 9:00pm. Cost: \$10 for beach tag / spending money for the boardwalk

We will most likely need drivers for our trips - if you are available, please let me know. Thank you!

**For questions call, email or text: Kathy Clawges,
856-912-1148, kclawges@gmail.com**



Baptisms:

Noah Lynn Tilly
on July 10, 2016; son of
Erik & Jennifer Tilly



**FROM THE DIRECTOR
OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES
BRING YOUR CHILDREN TO THE**

CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S CHAT
During the 9:30 Worship Service
(aka Children's Sermon time)

Our Pastors will be giving a short
Children's sermon before dismissing
the Children to their
Summer Sunday School Program

ALL Children ages 2yrs. - 4th grade are invited to come
to the Altar (when called) to enjoy a short message.
When the message is over the children will be dismissed
to their Parent, Sunday School Classroom or the
Nursery.

This will occur every week in August.

Beginning in September it will take place on the last
Sunday of each month. we LOVE having your children
in Worship and we know that through this opportunity
MANY lives will be changed.

Please support this effort and bring your children to the
9:30 Worship Service!
(Children's Bulletins & coloring pages are also available at
EACH of our 4 Worship Services.)

The Education Department is ALWAYS in need of
Volunteers!

Immediate Needs Include:

Covering the Summer
Sunday School Classes
(Curriculum, Craft & Snacks provided)

PLEASE SEE the Sign-up Sheet in the
Education Entrance (near the elevator)

SEPTEMBER Needs Include:

Sunday School Coordinators

1x per Month - Greet folks, collect offering & pick up
attendance folders

Monthly Helpers

Every Class & with our Special Needs students

**In order to be in compliance with our Safe Sanctuary
Policy EVERY classroom needs at least 2 adults in it
during the Sunday School hour**

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS welcome as HELPERS
(Community Service Hours apply)

****NURSERY ASSISTANTS NEEDED****
1x per Month at 9:30

To volunteer or for more information, contact
Karen Murray, DCE at education@meetwithGod.com

Important Dates:

Sunday, August 7th - Sunday School Teacher Training - 10:45 a.m. in Room F103 (the Library)

Sunday, August 14th - Last Day of Summer Sunday School

August 15th - 19th - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 9:00 a.m. - Noon

***Friday, August 19th - Family Fun Celebration at the Peach Festival - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Watch upcoming
Sunday bulletins for more details!***

Sunday, September 11th - Fall Sunday School session begins, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.