

OPEN HEARTS

OPEN MINDS

OPEN DOORS



**GLASSBORO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GUMWRAPPER**

February 2019

The vision of First United Methodist Church of Glassboro:

*“Our church will be **the** spiritual hub of Glassboro where lives are transformed as we engage daily to help every kind of person see and believe in Jesus Christ.”*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Imagine something with me. It's Sunday morning. We have 250 people worshipping today across both our services. Our Sunday school classes are full! Over 120 children and adults are engaged in learning about Jesus Christ. You sit in your pew knowing that double that number will be actively serving the people of Glassboro and beyond throughout the week. You look around and the sanctuary is filled with college kids, senior citizens, families, singles, and every kind of person. New faces and familiar ones are praising Jesus together. You look at the screen and see an announcement that five new people are professing their faith and joining our church today. Two of them live on your street. The music begins and you are ready to praise God. It's a good Sunday. Here's my question:

How did we get here?

That's the future and the question I presented to our church council members at the leadership retreat we had in January. The purpose of the retreat was to focus our leadership on how to best guide our church to fulfill God's vision for us. Our leaders took this question and ran with it! We brainstormed idea after idea. Nothing was too wild. At the end, we had a whiteboard full of potential ways our church fulfilled that vision. Almost all of them had to do with being out in our community helping people, meeting needs, worshipping God, and building relationships that transform lives. Not everything on that list will be done but it began the conversation that will guide us through the year about how we can make that vision a reality together. The retreat ended with a renewed sense of excitement about our future and a renewed commitment to making disciples of Jesus Christ. It was a good way to start the year. Here's my question to you:

How will you get us there?

It won't be one idea, one committee, one director, one chairperson, or one pastor who God will use to make our church THE spiritual hub of Glassboro. It will be all of us working together, using the gifts God has given us to share our love for Jesus in ways that make a difference in people's lives. The Nominations committee will be meeting soon to launch our **new Mission and Outreach Team**. If you have a passion for imagining, planning, or doing ministry that matters, talk to me or one of the Nomination committee members. You can also take part in the things we are doing and will be doing soon without joining a committee. Just step up and ask how you can take part in helping people see and know Jesus Christ.

How do you think we got there? Let me know your wild ideas for how we will become the spiritual hub of Glassboro. Email them to pastor@glassboromethodist.org.

Yours in Christ, Pastor John

Welcome New Members!

Terri and Art Ganderton



Melissa Glenn



Plea of My Heart



Which way Lord is the plea of my heart. What way do I go? How will I find the answer?
The crooked places He will make straight. Even the bird their heavenly notes and music can
sometimes even be used to point the way.

Eyes to see, ears to hear the Lord is near. To listen, to obey the Lord, wisdom will be released and
on the way.

Plea of my heart praying never to depart. Fellowship and friendship with the Lord is truly fulfilling.
Nothing or no one can its equal be.

Plea of my heart oh! May each day be devoted to thee. May is start with your words and direction
singing in my heart.

Penned by the late Ann Palmer

Affectionately yours

St. Valentine, a Roman priest, was martyred in 270 A.D. for loving Jesus. Some sources say he
performed weddings after the emperor banned them; others say he rescued Christians from Roman
prisons. Two centuries later, the pope declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day.

According to legend, the priest signed his letters "Your Valentine." Later, Christians followed suit
to honor him. By the mid-1700s, friends and sweethearts exchanged heart-shaped trinkets or sent
handwritten notes of affection on February 14.

Love and laughter go hand in hand!

Share these jokes with your beloved on February 14 — or whenever some humor can brighten a day!

Q: What valentine did the French chef give his wife?

A: A hug and a quiche

Q: What did the paper clip say to the magnet?

A: "I find you very attractive."

Q: What did the pencil say to the paper?

A: "I dot my i's on you!"

Q: How did the phone propose to his girlfriend?

A: He gave her a ring.

Q: What do you call a very small valentine?

A: A valentiny



EVEN A CHILD IS KNOWN BY HIS ACTIONS, BY WHETHER HIS CONDUCT IS PURE AND RIGHT.

(PROVERBS 20:11 *NIV)

Where is God?

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In a certain suburban neighborhood, there were two brothers, 8 and 10 years old, who were exceedingly mischievous. Whenever something went wrong in the neighborhood, it turned out they had a hand in it. Their parents were at their wits' end trying to control them.

Hearing about a Minister nearby who worked with delinquent boys, the mother suggested to the father that they ask the Minister to talk with the boys. The father agreed. The mother went to the Minister and made her request. He agreed, but said he wanted to see the younger boy first and alone.

So the mother sent him to the Minister. The Minister sat the boy down on the other side of his huge, impressive desk. For about five minutes they just sat and stared at each other.

Finally, the Minister pointed his forefinger at the boy and asked "Where is God?"

The boy looked under the desk, in the corners of the room, all around, but said nothing.

Again, louder, the Minister pointed at the boy and asked, "Where Is God?"

Again the boy looked all around but said nothing. A third time, in a louder, firmer voice, the Minister leaned far across the desk and put his forefinger almost to the boy's nose, and asked "WHERE IS GOD!"

The boy panicked and ran all the way home. Finding his older brother, he dragged him upstairs to their room and into the closet, where they usually plotted their mischief. He finally said, "We are in B-I-I-I-I-G trouble now!" The older boy asked, "What do you mean, B-I-I-I-I-G trouble?" His brother replied, "God is missing and they think we did it."





SALT SHAKERS large group gathering will be on Friday, February 8th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship House. This is where we will let you know who is in what group. Contact Brian Mickle or sign up in the narthex to join a group.



VBS 2019:

To Mars and Beyond Volunteer Kickoff Party

Sunday, February 24th at 12:15pm. Lunch will be provided. Come on out and see what this year's VBS will be all about! There are so many ways to help make it a huge success.



OPEN MIC NIGHT

**SATURDAY,
FEB.
23RD
7 PM**

**FUMC
GLASSBORO
FELLOWSHIP
HOUSE**

**(60 STATE ST.
GLASSBORO)**

OPEN TO ANY AND ALL ARTISTS, POETS, MUSICIANS, AND CREATORS. SIGN UP TO PERFORM ON THE SHEET IN GROUNDED, BY E-MAILING SARAH MICKLE, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & WORSHIP ARTS, AT SMICKLE@GLASSBOROMETHODIST.ORG, OR JUST SHOW UP! REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

KINGDOM KIDS IS BACK! Join us on Sunday, February 10th at 12:30pm for High Elevations trampoline park. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are welcome! Let Brian, Katie or Alex know if you can make it!

GIFT CARDS The Finance Team has gift cards available in the narthex for Shoprite, Acme, Bed Bath & Beyond, the Blooming Group (Outback, Carrabba's, and Bonefish Grill), Staples, and the Darden Group (Olive Garden and Longhorn) on the first Sunday of each month. Checks payable to the Church are preferred, but cash is acceptable.

UPPER ROOMS for January/February are available in the cabinet in the narthex.

Please stop by the Card Ministry Table in the narthex to sign this week's cards. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15). A word of encouragement goes a long way to comfort those who are sick or grieving, celebrate a joyous occasion, and share God's love. A greeting card allows you to show that you care.



If you missed church on Sunday or want to hear the sermon again, you can watch the sermon on the church website at glassboromethodist.org or on YouTube (search for First United Methodist Church Glassboro.)



Wi-Fi is available in the church and Fellowship House.

1UMCGUEST Password: fellowship1

HOAGIE TICKETS The UMW is offering Heritage's Hoagie tickets outside the Memorial Room after each service every Sunday. Tickets are \$6.50 each, which includes hoagie and beverage of choice. To buy tickets, contact Joan Aveni or Audeen Conklin.

Make sure to stop by **GROUND**ED, our coffee house. Grab a quick cup and have some great conversations.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF GLASSBORO
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Pastor John

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Convened by Pastor

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Pat Heritage
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Chairperson: Pastor John
(terms not limited)

Sarah Mickle, design and oversight
Diane & Jay Schoener, Communion
Rusty & Bonnie Marshall, Ushers 11am,
Paraments
Julie Balkenhol, Altar Flowers
George Balkenhol, Temperature Control

Brian Mickle, Kids Corner
MaryJo Szwack, Communion
Charlie Adams, Ushers 9am, Greeters,
Acolytes
June Armstrong, Readers 11am

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Regular Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Mon-Thurs; 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Fri

A MESSAGE OF *Love*

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.



What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.



The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you _____." Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, peace, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect