



Glassboro First United Methodist Church

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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. –Matthew 28:19-20

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am writing to celebrate all the ways our church is fulfilling Jesus' call to go into the world and make disciples. We'll start with that "make disciples" part. So far this year, 20 people have been baptized, confirmed, or received into membership! This includes people of every generation from babies to seniors, singles and families. Many more new people have been faithfully attending worship and participating in our ministries as well. As a result, our attendance has been steadily rising—even in the summer! But that's only one part of making disciples. It also includes building us up and sending us out and we have plenty more to celebrate in that regard.

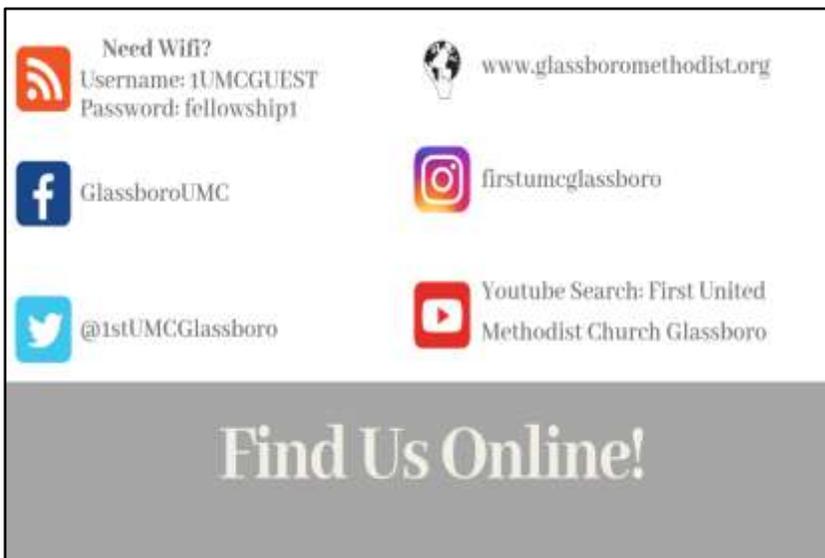
We have so many tried-and-trues as well as new ministries that are good reasons to praise God. Our Sunday School, Grow Groups, Bible studies, children's, youth, and college and young adult ministries all have great plans for the Fall to help our congregation and our community grow in faith. One major praise is that our Jesus and Java college ministry will be meeting regularly on Rowan U.'s campus! Our new Mission and Outreach Team just completed our backpack drive which provided over 50 backpacks to kids in need throughout Glassboro. They have been building relationships with organizations around Glassboro to help identify ways our church can best reach our community with Jesus' love. Our service and care ministries continue to make an impact on people's lives as well. These are just a few! We'll have a chance to see all that we are doing as a congregation at our Ministry Fair on Sunday, Oct. 13th from 9am-12pm. This is a chance for new and seasoned members to see how we can be involved in following Jesus' call.

Jesus also said “go” and we are doing it. One new way we are going into the world starts this month. We will be livestreaming (broadcasting, for the less tech-savvy) our worship services on the internet. This means that anyone who cannot be with us in person can worship live with us online. All you need to do is go to our Facebook page on Sunday morning—you don’t need a Facebook account—and click on the service. Think of all the people this could reach! Our shut-ins, all those away from home, visitors from across town or around the world can worship, pray, hear the Word, and even give! All those services will be saved for later viewing for those who can’t log on at the time or just want to watch it again. Today, people are more likely to check out a church’s livestream than they are to show up so this will enable us to reach far more than ever before. Watch our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, website, and bulletins for more info. Oh yes, we’re on Instagram too.

This is an exciting time for First United Methodist Church! Thank you for all the ways you help our church change lives with the love of Christ. Please pray for our church, our leaders, all those serving in ministry, and everyone we reach. Consider how God is calling you to be more involved in going and making disciples with us.

To God be the glory!

Pastor John



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LIVE STREAMING
of our worship services starts
September 8th on our Facebook
page. You do not need a
Facebook account to view the live
stream.

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Join us for a women's conference on HOPE!



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Pitman United Methodist Church

The theme for this upcoming event is “HOPE.” As you know the need for hope is universal, however, who or what we put our hope in makes an enormous difference in our lives. Paul says in Romans 15:13 that God is the source of hope that we can overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit when we trust in Him. We are passionate for women to know that Jesus is hope and that He alone can transform hopelessness into hopefulness.

The conference is free with lunch included. A love offering will be taken. We are so excited for Titus Women (tituswomen.org) and Pitman UMC to partner together to host this women’s conference for the women of the area. Registration, information and opportunities to help volunteer will be coming soon. . For any questions contact Stephanie@tituswomen.org

Our speaker is Fiona Richardson. Fiona is originally from England, but spent several years as a missionary to Tanzania and currently lives in Indiana. With humor and wit, Fiona has a passion for taking God’s Word and applying it to the real places of our hearts and lives. Fiona and her husband Philip have two teenage daughters.

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers



Tom and Samantha Sheridan who joined through profession of faith and their daughter, Kayla Williams who joined through baptism.



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

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 mourn." (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 even when you are not present physically.

UPPER ROOMS for September/October are available in the cabinet in the narthex.

Church office hours return to normal September 3.

Monday – Thursday 9:00AM to 2:00PM

Friday 9:00AM to 1:00PM



Thank you for supporting our **backpack drive** for our Glassboro schools!

Altar flowers are available for September 8, September 22, and September 29. The cost is \$25. Please contact Julie Balkenhol at 228-0989 if you would like one of these dates.



Basic and Advanced Lay Servant Classes | Fall 2019

Register today for Fall Lay Servant Classes, either [Basic](#) or [Advanced](#). Classes that begin as early as Sep 21 are scheduled by district, but laity may enroll in a course schedule that best suits their needs.

Basic: Delaware Bay, Instructor: Rev. Walter Kellen

Dates: Mondays, Oct 21 & 28, Nov 4, 11 & 18

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Friendship-Finley UMC, 252 Centerton Road, Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Advanced: Delaware Bay, Instructor: Rev. David Strobe

Dates: Thursdays, Oct 17 & 24, Nov 7 & 14

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location: West Park UMC, 625 Shiloh Pike, Bridgeton, NJ 08302

For more information, please contact: Beverly Karlovich

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The Sunday school has openings for September. If you are interested in filling in as a substitute or would like to help teach please contact Ruth Doran or Brian Mickle right away.

ATTENTION ALL TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

First United Methodist Glassboro invites you to a **Special Blessing of teachers and backpacks on Sunday, September 8th** at our **9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Services.**

We would love for you to join us!

61 Academy Street N
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POWER HOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF RALLY AND VBS WRAP UP!

Get ready to learn, be amazed, and explore how God's Love is OUT OF THIS WORLD

SEPTEMBER 8
9AM- VBS WRAP UP
9:50AM- POWER HOUR RALLY

Come sing some songs and receive a prize for attending VBS! And stick around for some more songs and attend the POWER HOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Prayer Walk

September 14, 2019 @11:00AM

DONUT SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 15TH AT 10AM
IN FELLOWSHIP HOUSE

Come learn more about our adult Sunday school or just come to fellowship!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
AFTER BOTH SERVICES

MINISTRY FAIR

A MORNING OF
FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP
walk the room to learn more about
ALL the ministries we offer!

TRUNK OR TREAT FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 19, 2019
4:30pm-6:30 pm
Glassboro United Methodist Church

DJ - Pony Rides - Bounce House
Food Trucks - LOTS of Candy!

October 28, 2019 @7:00PM

CHURCH CONFERENCE

The many and the One

When I studied in Spain, it was profound to hear a scripture in Spanish during worship, knowing my friends and family heard the same passage in English that day back home: two languages, various Christian denominations, multiple places — one God.

Many Christian congregations and judicatories hold worldwide partnerships through a “companion church” program. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, for instance, relates to a total of 120 church bodies globally. Companion synods and congregations pray for one another, visit each other, share ministries and learn from far-flung siblings in Christ. Horizons expand, enabling people to see God’s family more broadly: multiple languages, worship styles, cultures — one God.

“Just as a body, though one has many parts ... so it is with Christ,” writes Paul. “For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body. ... Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many” (1 Corinthians 12:12-14, NIV). Numerous members, diverse functions, unique gifts — one God.—Heidi Mann, from The Newsletter Newsletter

Back-to-school humor

What kind of school do you go to if you’re ...?

... An ice cream man? Sundae school

... A giant? High school

... A surfer? Boarding school

... King Arthur? Knight school



Teacher: What’s the chemical formula for water?

Student: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Student: Yesterday you said it was H to O.

Math teacher: A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet?

Student: In jail!



Labors of love

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, “It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God.” As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer’s end but in celebrating the ways nearly all “duties and labors of life” can empower ministry and faith.

Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they’ll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in “spiritual union with God”: cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise.

In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!

Special dates

- Labor Day, September 2, 2019
- National Grandparents Day, September 8, 2019
- Patriot Day, September 11, 2019
- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 – Oct. 15, 2019
- First day of autumn, September 23, 2019



Happy birthday to — and for — you!

Birthdays are unique because they celebrate who someone is, not what they’ve done. Henri Nouwen wrote, “It is more important to celebrate a birthday than a successful exam, a promotion or a victory. Because to celebrate a birthday means to say to someone, ‘Thank you for being you.’... On a birthday we do not say, ‘Thanks for what you did, or said, or accomplished.’ No, we say, ‘Thank you for being born and being among us.’”

To rejoice over someone purely for who they are is an echo of God’s joy over us. Some families celebrate “baptism birthdays” (anniversaries) by lighting candles, sharing scripture and prayer, perhaps looking at photos and recounting stories of that milestone event that marked the beginning of their faith life.

On a birthday, said Nouwen, “we lift someone up and let everyone say, ‘We love you.’” In baptism, God lifts us to his very heart and declares, “You are my precious child. I love you.”



Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.

ACROSS

- 2. David's grandfather
- 5. Jacob's grandfather
- 6. Esau's grandmother

DOWN

- 1. Judah's grandmother
- 3. Joseph's grandfather
- 4. Solomon's grandfather
- 7. Jesse's grandmother

One G _ N _ _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obad, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation



GROWING generations

Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

What you do:

1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.



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First UMC Calendar, Holidays in United States Sep 2019 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10am - One Service	2 Labor Day 6:30pm - Directors meeting	3	4 6:30pm - Refresh @ 8pm - AA	5 6:30pm - Children & Family 7pm - Sacred Signers	6	7 10am - Women's Grow
8 9am - Elevate 9:50am - Care Givers 11am - Traditional Worship 12:30pm - Magnify Practice 7pm - Jesus and Java	9 6pm - Worship Committee 7pm - Finance Team	10 10am - UMW 6pm - Mission & Outreach 7pm - Men of Armor	11 8pm - AA	12 7pm - Sacred Signers	13	14 11am - Prayer Walk
15 9am - Elevate 10am - Donut Sunday - 11am - Traditional Worship 12:15pm - Ageless Angels 12:30pm - Magnify Practice 7pm - Jesus and Java	16 7pm - Church Council	17	18 6:30pm - Refresh @ 8pm - AA	19 7pm - Sacred Signers 7:15pm - Chancel Choir	20	21 9am - Neighborhood Watch
22 9am - Elevate 11am - Traditional Worship 12:30pm - Magnify Practice 7pm - Jesus and Java	23 10am - History Team 6:30pm - VBS Wrap up 7pm - Finance Team	24 7pm - Men of Armor	25 8pm - AA	26 7pm - Sacred Signers 7:15pm - Chancel Choir	27	28 11am - Prayer Walk
29 9am - Elevate 11am - Traditional Worship 7pm - Jesus and Java	30	1 6:30pm - Refresh @ 8pm - AA	2	3 6:30pm - Children & Family 7pm - Sacred Signers 7:15pm - Chancel Choir	4	5 10am - Women's Grow