



United Presbyterian Church

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Where God is exalted, Everyone matters, and You belong!

June 2019

Worship with us at 11:00 a.m.

Legend of the Sand Dollar

By Elder George Hansen



Do you see our Lord, Jesus Christ in this picture? No? Look very closely! Still no? He is there! Please read on!

Of course, the picture is of sand dollars. My wife Ginni and I (along with our grandson Connor) enjoy summer days on the Jersey Shore in Surf City on Long Beach Island. One of our activities is to walk along the water looking for shells and other items from the ocean that have washed ashore. Sand Dollars were very plentiful last summer. My guess is that with all of the dredging of the sand out in the ocean, due to the beach replenishment projects occurring, the sand dollars were likely disturbed from the ocean floor and were pushed ashore by the current and tide.

Do you know anything about a sand dollar? Why are they named "sand dollar"? Where do they live? Where do they come from? Well, here are some quick facts.

Specifically, they are Echinoderms, which is the group that includes starfish, sea cucumbers, and sea urchins. When sand dollars are alive, they are found generally in shallow water at the oceans sandy bottom. They are covered with a "fuzz" or densely packed, tiny, dark purple spines. Sand dollars use their fuzzy spines, aided by tiny hairs to move along the ocean bottom and to bring food to their mouth

The sand dollar life lasts six to ten years. Once it is no longer living the sand dollar washes ashore. During this time a little erosion and/or natural "cleaning" of the "fuzz" takes place and what we see on the beach is the internal skeleton. ***Sand dollars are NOT shells but actually skeletons (TESTS).***

When the skeletons (tests) of dead sand dollars wash ashore, they are usually bright white from being bleached by the Sun. Long ago, people who found these dead sand dollars thought they looked like old silver Spanish or American dollar coins, so they called them sand dollars.

A bit too much information about sand dollars? Agreed, so let's get to the heart of this story- Where is Jesus Christ in the picture of the sand dollars? This poem tells us:

Legend of the Sand Dollar

*There's a pretty little legend that I would like to tell of
the birth and death of Jesus found in this lowly shell.*

*If you examine closely, you'll see that you find here
four nail holes and a fifth one made by a Roman's
Spear.*

*On one side, the Easter Lily, its center is the star that
appeared unto the Wiseman and led them from afar.*

*The Christmas poinsettia etched on the other side re-
minds us of His birthday our Happy Christmastide.*

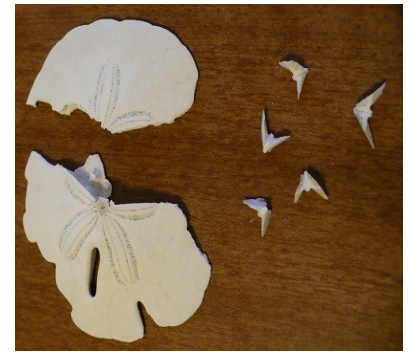
*Now break the center open and here you will release
the five white doves awaiting to spread Good Will and
Peace.*

*This simple little symbol, Christ left for you and me to
help us spread his Gospel through all eternity.*

Anonymous

Important:

Deadline is the 20th of each month for the Newsletter. Leave your news in the Church Office or email it to upcnews525@gmail.com



How about that?! The Sand Dollar, it's design by God, the Creator, tells the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ! It tells the story of the birth and death of Jesus.

With summer quickly approaching my hope is that you will have the opportunity to search for a sand dollar. Perhaps you already have one. If not, I would be happy to share one of mine with you for these sand dollars provide us with a symbol of Jesus Christ...a symbol to remind us that we are never alone. A symbol, created by God, reminding us that God always is with us and always walks beside us.

So, please keep your sand dollar with you either in your hand or heart so during those moments when you need strength...when you need comfort...when you need reassurance...when you need hope---you will see that sand dollar and you will realize you are not alone. Jesus walks with you!

In closing I offer this prayer-

Heavenly Father, thank you for providing us with reminders of your presence in our lives. Reminders of your Love, of your Peace and of your Joy. Father, we love you and thank you for the love you have for us. In the name of the Holy and Blessed name of Jesus Christ,

Amen

BOY SCOUTS CELEBRATES JULY 4th

Support our Scouts while you cheer during the annual July 4th procession down Front Street. Scouts will have **REFRESHMENTS ON SALE**



BINGO NIGHT PRIZES

Boy Scout Troop 5 is running bingo night at **Arista Care at Norwood Terrace** the first Monday night of the month. They are looking for prizes for the residents. They can use toiletries, jewelry, lotions, shampoo, razors. Leave your donation in the church office.

Flea Market 2019

Members and Friends of United, **thank you** for all you did to make this a successful event.

It is always great meeting and talking with our neighbors—while shopping or buying lunch.

We make a GREAT TEAM—GO UPC!

This is one of many ways to minister to our community! Funds raised from this event will benefit our young members who will travel to the Triennium to be held at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana in July

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Ministry

We have been blessed to have the Word delivered to us by a group of awesome ministers of God!

June

- 2nd Elder Allegra Hoots
- 9 -23 Pastor Michelle Wildridge
- 30th Pastor Samuel Yenn-Batah

July.....

- 14-28 Pastor Samuel Yenn-Batah

What Is Ministering?

Ministering is learning of and attending to others' needs. It is doing the Lord's work. When we minister, we are representing Jesus Christ and acting as His agents to watch over, lift, and strengthen those around us.

What Can I Do?

The ways in which we can love and minister to one another are limitless. Every child of God is unique; therefore, effective ministering must be highly individualized and led by the Spirit. What works for one may not work for another. Leaders have encouraged Church members to begin ministering with prayer, keep it simple, and learn what works best for those they are called to serve. Ministering today no longer requires a formal visit. Interaction can take place at home, at church, or in any setting that is safe and convenient.

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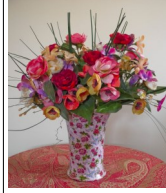
Church Administrators

- Director of Music:** Ronn Daniels
- Executive Assistant:** Pat Perry
- Sexton:** Sue Terry

Session Members (Elders)

- Al Tate (Clerk)
- Emory Dawson
- Patricia Dawson
- George Hansen
- Avril Lecky
- Marcia Marsh-Hinds
- James Plummer

Church Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-3pm



ALTAR FLOWERS MINISTRY

Please consider contributing to the Sanctuary's altar flowers. It beautifies the Sanctuary each Sunday and brings cheer to members and friends who are not able to join us for worship. You may add your name on the flower chart in the Narthex or call the Church Office. To make your flowers in memory or celebration of someone, please share the information. Contribution is \$25.00. Zorina Bowers, Deacon



June

- 4 Sharon Stemple
- 10 Daniel Bofah
- 11 Kabanja Semambya
- 12 Susan Terry
- 17 Morena White
- 21 Emory Dawson
- 22 Donna Garzinsky-Reiche

July

- 14 Mary Semambya
- Oladimeji Falowo
- 15 Joy Awobue
- 18 Tasha Rudolph
- 25 Chris Awobue
- Avery Breitenbach-Allen

Concerns

Call or visit our members below:



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|----------------|----------------|
| Carl Foerster | Fred Robinson |
| Helen Foerster | Gail Stokes |
| Barbara Hyney | Izaiyah Stokes |
| Frank Klikus | Jamie Sweeney |

Board of Deacons

- Helen Foerster - Moderator
- Maggie Anglin
- Daniel Bofah
- Thelma Fleming
- Kayode Falowo
- Virginia Hansen
- Barbara Hyney - Volunteer
- Jim Plummer—Session Representative
- Neekah Hinds (in training)
- Desirae Hemans (in training)
- Tania Hemans (in training)

To contact the deacons for assistance
Call the church office at 908-756-2666

Dear UPC:

I wanted to let you all know how much we appreciate everything that everyone has done for our mother over the past year. She loved this Church dearly and regularly spoke fondly of what she was up to with her Church friends. Helping others was her passion and she tried to be a good Christian example to us. She loved singing in the choir, hosting the homeless, working with the soup kitchen, and serving on many committees. We are glad she felt so at home at UPC and was so loved by her church family.



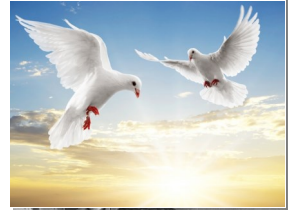
We thank you for the bouquet of flowers. It was such a beautiful arrangement and we appreciated that it was designed using various shades of light pink which was Mom's favorite color.

Thanks to everyone who served food, cleaned up, performed, wrote in letters and spoke lovingly of our mother at the service. It was all very touching and comforting to us.

Love,
The Boot Family

- 1** Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2** Sing to the Lord, praise his name;
proclaim his salvation day after day.
- 3** Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous deeds among all peoples.


Psalm 96:1-3



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9am-3pm: Flea Market 7pm A/A
2 10am Adult Education 11am Worship - Communion Sunday School 7:30pm A/A	3 7:30pm Boy Scouts	4 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	5 7pm A/A	6 10:00am Senior Exercise Class	7 6pm Open Mic	8 7pm A/A
9 11am Worship RECOGNITION SUNDAY 12:45pm Deacon Mtg 7:30pm A/A	10 7:30pm Boy Scouts	11 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	12 7pm A/A	13 10am Senior Exercise Class 7pm Administration Mtg	14 6-8pm Game Night	15 7pm A/A
16 <i>Father's Day</i> 11am Worship 7:30pm A/A	17 7:30pm Boy Scouts	18 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	19 7pm A/A	20 10am Senior Exercise Class 7:30pm Session Mtg	21 	22 7pm A/A
23/30 11am Worship Sunday School 7:30pm A/A	24 7:30pm Boy Scouts	25 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	26 7pm A/A	27 10am Senior Exercise Class	28	29 7pm A/A

The calendar reflects regularly occurring events and subject to change. Check with the Church Office for changes

Committee Meetings (unless stated otherwise):

Communion & Deacon — 1st Sunday Monthly

Youth Sunday—2nd Sunday monthly

Dedication Sunday—4th Sunday Monthly

2nd Sunday: 9:00am Worship Committee
12:45pm Deacons Meeting
3rd Thursday: 7:30pm Session Meeting

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		2	3	4	5	6
			11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	7pm A/A	Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
11am Worship - Communion Sunday 12:45pm Outreach Mtg	6:00pm Vacation Bible School	6:00pm Vacation Bible School 11:30am Seniors Exercise Class	6:00pm Vacation Bible School 7pm A/A	6:00pm Vacation Bible School 10:00am Seniors Exercise Class 7pm Admin. Mtg.	6:00pm Vacation Bible School	7pm A/A
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