



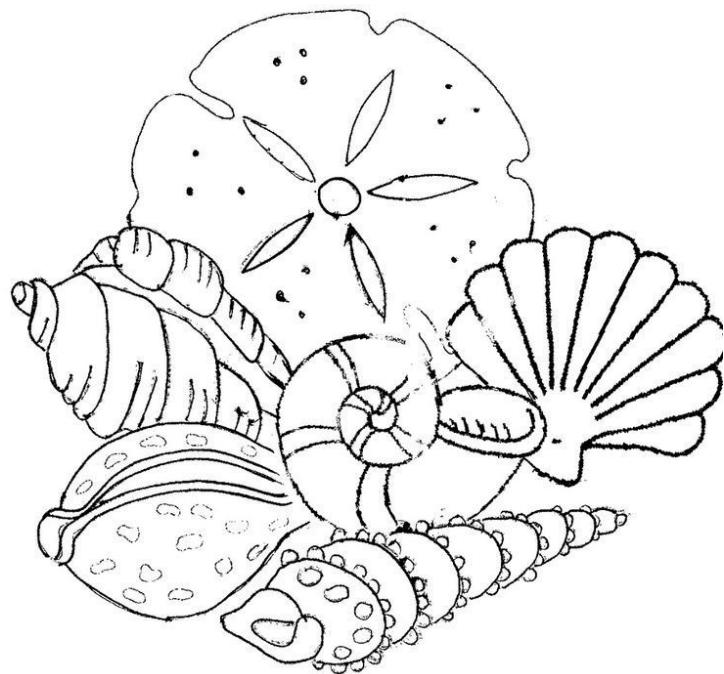
Join us every Sunday:

Worship 11:00am

Sunday School 9:30am

All are Welcome!

You can also join our live-streamed service on [Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)!



Tuesday Morning Devotional Group

The Morning Devotional Group meets every Tuesday on Zoom at 9am. To join the group, contact Sharon or Bob Perkinson at perkinshar@yahoo.com or perkinbob@yahoo.com.



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God's Children, historically and intentionally diverse, daily sent on Christ's mission of love and grace

A Moment for Reflection

Greetings Church Family and Friends,

August always makes me think of beachy weather. And when I think of the beach, I think of seashells and my love of collecting them. To me, they are some of the most beautiful of God's creation.

As a child, I would pretend to have a shop where people could come to buy shells or jewelry made with shells. I would line up the prettiest of the shells I had collected and make up a little display where I pretended to sit behind the table where they were and help customers. When I actually would find shells with a hole in just the right spot, I would string a strong cord through the hole to make a necklace.

Even as an adult, I love to walk on the beach and search for shells. It is quite difficult to find shells that are completely in tact. I don't know if I have ever found a complete sand dollar, but I remember buying one a long time ago. It had a paper with it that told of the legend of how these creatures represent Christ. I found that fascinating and I would like to share it with you now:

On the top of the shell is a symbol that looks like a star-the star of Bethlehem that led the wise men to the Christ Child. Around this star is an outline of an Easter lily-a reminder of the Lord's resurrection.

A sand dollar has 5 holes-4 around the ends of the star and one in the center. These represent the 4 wounds of Christ when his hands and feet were nailed to the cross, and the center one represents the wound made from a soldier's spear.

When you turn over the sand dollar, you see the outline of a poinsettia, the Christmas flower. If you break open a sand dollar, you will see 5 dove-shaped pieces emerge. Doves are a symbol of peace and goodwill.

What a magnificent creation from our Lord to represent the story of Christ! Blessings!

Stephanie

Upcoming Meetings

August 7-Congregational Meeting following morning worship

August 9-Stewardship & Finance-6:30pm via Zoom
August 16-Session-6:30pm

Speakers for August Worship Services

August 7-Rev. Cameron Harkness-Communion

August 14-John Feuchtenberger

August 21-Jim Spencer

August 28-Barbara Hopfa

Lay Liturgists for August

August 7-John Feuchtenberger

August 14-Jim Harvey

August 21-Ellen Light

August 28-Charley Dodson

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our members and others for whom prayer is requested:

Family & Friends of Eleanor Kensinger, Family & Friends of Stanley Nentarz, Family & Friends of Schuylar Reggi Barnes, Priscilla Valko, Greg Testerman, Betty Bailey, Betty Kincaid, Carolyn Neale, Suzanne Compton, Robert Perry, Eddie & Billie Boyd, Sarah Murphy, Tokita Webb, Randy & Jeri Snider, Chuck & Zella Denham, Louis Scott, Donna Baugh, Lilian Blackman, Tamie Brence, Patti Gay Hartzell, Oleksiy Hodonavets, Jack & Ruth Hansel, Brenda Payne, Paul & Theresa Dodson, Don Kennedy, Zac Carter, Margaret Anne Ridlehuber, Ed Box, The People of Ukraine, and those affected by COVID-19

REMINDER: If you have an addition for the September Newsletter, please have it to the church office by **Monday, August 22**.

Announcements or changes to the prayer list for Sunday's bulletin are due to the church office by **Wednesdays at 11am**.