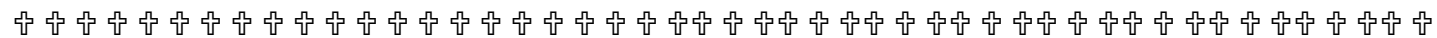


May Mission News

Here are some mission opportunities for May.

1. The Ministerial Clothing Shop is in need of funds because of the anticipated move into the new facility.
2. UMCOR is providing humanitarian relief for the Palistinian refugees in Gaza.
3. It is time to replenish the Faith Promise Fund to be used locally as needed.
4. Global Ministries is asking for continued support for missionaries and projects here in the US and overseas.

There are so many oppourtunities to support mission outreach to many worthy and much needed Methodist projects. If you choose to support one or more of these listed above, please make your contributions to FUMC and designate the project. Remember John Wesley's well known words that tell us to "do all the good we can, to whomever we can, for as long as we can".



Angie started her Chemo yesterday. She will have 6 months of treatment. Her cancer is very rare. Her husband is with her to support and do all he can to keep her in good spirits, make sure she eats and keeps strong. She is in the Philippines, her home country, during this time, staying with her sister's family. This is a difficult time for everyone . Please continue to pray and think of her!

As for Connie, the funds so many have sent from America continue to put the language center in a healthy place: electrical wiring has been replaced and I hope that will take care of fires (\$65); the molded ceiling hole in my office was replaced (\$45) ; the damaged and rotting trees on the property were taken down and trimmed yesterday (\$130); a printer and computer was purchased as the other mission initiative office took ours (\$650). Next is budgeting a security guard for the Center to stay in the guard house, including weekends. We have no one at night and our equipment is at risk or if a fire or midnight rain caused damage, no one would know until the next morning. There is also grounds upkeep. This person would be \$70 a month, \$840 per year. I am looking into reliable companies to provide this service. More students are coming and my free Friday classes at the primary school continue. We are progressing! Hallelujah! And the Laos staff is amazing. We pray together every morning, and their support is such a comfort. God is good!



MISSING!

The Memorial Committee is looking for a missing book of memorial contributions from a few years past. It is a red binder with a clear front. If you have it, have seen it, or know where it might be, please contact Karen Heighton. Thank you!



Dear Marshall FUMC,
 Pastor John and Irma Davis
 Would like to thank everyone
 For the calls and cards
 When his brother, Bob,
 Passed away in early April.



THE MESSENGER




From the Pastor's Pen

May 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I greet you in the name of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As I write this letter, I am listing to the postponed 2020 General Conference of the United Methodist Church, going on for a couple more days in Charlotte, North Carolina. Many actions have taken place, and there are some who are celebrating while others are heartsick by the direction our beloved United Methodist Church is heading. News articles are coming out with spin from all sides. The question I am receiving is, what does this mean? The truth is, as of now I would have to say I am not sure.

Over the coming days I will be pouring over the legislation passed by General Conference to try and determine what has truly taken place. What I can tell you is that the actions of the General Conference are likely to have changed the nature of our denomination. The way forward is fuzzy, and some actions of the General Conference will need to be ratified by a 2/3 majority vote of the Annual Conferences that make up our worldwide church. This will take some time. Some estimates project that we will not know the answer until fall of 2025. I promise that I will share with you my understanding of these actions as soon as I am able. As always, I welcome your questions, but will note that my answers will be limited for the next couple of weeks as I try to come to a full understanding. I know that this is not an adequate answer for now, but it is the one I have.

So, what do I know for sure?

- I know that as a pastor and as a church, we must be about the Father's work. The work God has called us to is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We are to share the lifesaving message of the Gospel. There are many in this world who do not know God, who need salvation through Jesus Christ. As the Apostle Peter, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit put it, **"There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."** Acts 4:12 NLT That name is Jesus Christ, and we must proclaim that message with all our hearts so that many more will know that we have a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

- I know that when we repent of our sins and commit ourselves to Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and are made new. As the Apostle Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit said, **"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."** 2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

- I know that the Bible **"reveals the Word of God so far as it is necessary for our salvation. It is to be received through the Holy Spirit as the true rule and guide for**

faith and practice.¹ The whole Bible is the word of God and therefore must be our guide, for **“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.”** We cannot change the Scripture to fit our own desires, nor can we add to it or take away from it. Our church must be Biblical in all we do.

- Lastly, I don't know what the future holds, but I do know who holds the future! And so, my brothers and sisters in Christ, stand strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, and allow the peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding to uphold your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Serving Christ with you,

Pastor Bill

¹ Article IV of the Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, one of our United Methodist Foundational Documents.



Marshall Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution and Clothing Store needs your help! A large number of Clark County residents receive free food at our local food pantry each month. This can only be provided if the community supports Marshall Ministerial Alliance Food Distribution and Clothing Store with both monetary donations, donations to the clothing store, & especially volunteer time. Please remember to volunteer at the clothing store on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 8:30 to 12. Help is also needed on the 4th Tuesday of every month for food distribution from 12:00 to 4:30 PM. There will, also, be even more of a need volunteers when the new Thrift Store opens in late Spring.



Yay!! That was so much fun last month that I want to keep playing Hide and Seek all year long, so look for me again this month!

Only one person was able to find me last month and that was Becky Farrell.

Happy Lion Hunting!



Bob & Joyce Smithson	5/4
Tim & Lesa Trudeau	5/10
Jon & Gail Glick	5/12
Garvin & Barb Manhart	5/19
John & Linda James	5/19
Mike & Carole Henderson	5/26
Kyle & Adrienne Hutson	5/26
Russ & Karen Haenig	5/29



Everly Eithel	5/4	Bria Lake	5/15
Sally Mallory	5/4	Garvin Manhart	5/15
Larry Strohm	5/4	Dan Harper	5/18
Jen Crumrin	5/5	Gail Glick	5/19
Janet Eitel	5/5	Tim Trudeau	5/20
Paul Cannady	5/6	Henry Arthur	5/25
Lily Setzer	5/6	Tom Hintz	5/25
Evadene Crumrin	5/7	Jon Glick	5/26
Brian Macke	5/8	Ivy Claypool	5/27
Lesla Trudeau	5/10	Oakley Claypool	5/27
Tiffany Macke	5/13	Robin Lake	5/29
Dennis Miller	5/13	Flossie Rhoads	5/29
Jamie Schneider	5/14	Debbie Miller	5/31

May Volunteers

Greeters-	12 th & 19 th Joe & Alice Schroeder
Ushers -	12 th & 19 th Jody & Jackson Green
Liturgist-	5 th , 12 ^t , & 19 th David Rardin
Counters-	Diane Moore
Nursery	5 th – Jenna Morey & Dana Ramsey
	12 th – Ken & Nancy Claypool
	19 th – Fred & Janet Eitel
	26 th – Amy & Kaylee Daugherty

Lobby Watch	5 th – Brian Macke
	19 th – Rick Manuell



May 5-MaryAnn Stepp

May 12- Cris Fitzjarrald

May 19-Garvin & Barbera Manhart

May 26 - Kobe Brannan & Family

We are still in much need volunteers many kinds of volunteers for the rest of the year. If you would like to be a counter, please see Heather in the office.



Dom & Sue Lombardo, Jaclyn (Kathy Brown's Friend), Jane Warner, The Family of Bob Davis (brother of Pastor John Davis), Molly Macke (Patty & John's daughter-in-law), Angie Broncano (Laos Missionary with cancer), Brenna Higginbotham, Eddie Gutierrez, Flossie Rhoads, Allyssa Henson (great granddaughter of Bev Smith), Mike Delp (Friend of John & Linda James), Unspoken, Tim Bronkie (Pastor's friend), Marianne Wrone, Gail Glick, Diana Bailey, Tiffany Macke, Millie Swalls (Nora & Brad Swalls' granddaughter), Kinley Nash (Lois & David Nash's granddaughter), Bishop Frank Beard, D.S. Angie Lee, Chase Brady *[Joyce Gwyn's great-grandson]*, Peg Hintz *(Tom Hintz's mother)*, Julie Krietemeier *(Beth Macke's sister)*, Israel, All Long-term Healthcare Facilities in Clark County, Natural Disaster Victims, Our Missionaries

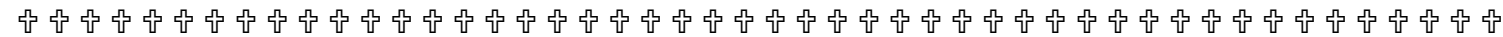
Our Military Personnel:

Our Nation, Our Nation's Leaders, and Armed Forces

Chris Bradford	John Flowers	Daniel Gard
Michael Holmes	John Kuhn	Shelby Sanborn
Lewis Sanborn	Jake Hoalt	Chaplain Jonathon Maloney

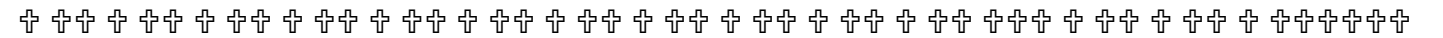
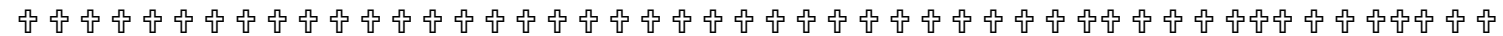
Our Homebound & Health Care Facility Residents

Violet Cook	JoAnn Donehue	Ray King
Mary E. Koutsoumpas	Phyllis Boatright	Dan Flowers
Ron Hicks	Sharon Miller	



Holy Grounds Coffee Group meets every Tuesday. All are welcome to join!

- 5/7 9:00 AM-breakfast at Marshall Family Restaurant.
- 5/14 2:00 PM-at the Villas of Holly Brook
- 5/21 9:00 AM-at the Gypsy Queen
- 5/28 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall



Choir has been adjusting times to find when is the most convenient for everyone, and I THINK we have settled in to 5:30 every Wednesday. Maybe if you have thought about joining us, but haven't been able to come later, this time might work for you! We don't have a lot of practices left before we break for the summer, but we would still LOVE to have you join us!



We are also working with a new "men's" choir. (Notice that I put men's in quotes there.) ANYONE who sings tenor or base can join us to be part of "The Low Notes" choir. We'll sing about once a quarter, beginning on Mothers' Day, May 12. We can use some more low singers! If you'd like to make a joyful noise with us, but don't want to commit to every single week, here's your opportunity! Practice for "The Low Notes" is at 6:30 on Wednesday. Come check it out! We'd really like to have some of our YOUTH or younger adults to join us, too!!!

For the ladies and female youth, we have the "Women of Faith" choir, who will also be singing about once a quarter, beginning in June. This choir will practice at 6:30 beginning May 15. If you know anyone who isn't currently in choir, but might like to sing once in a while, please encourage them to read this article and/or talk to me, or just show up to practice!!

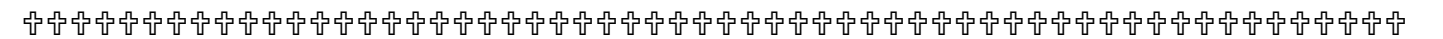
Be thinking ahead to summer break, as well. I will be looking for special music for July and August. If you know of anyone who may be visiting home from college, or just lives away but will be here on a Sunday, let me know, or have them talk to me about doing a special while they're here. I'd love to have volunteers, but I will gladly call and ask specific people if I don't get any. 😊

A special thank you to those from the choir who told me their favorite hymns! I hope everyone enjoyed singing some of them while Pastor Bill and I were away.

As always, feel free to talk to me if you have any questions.

Serving Christ With You,

Becky

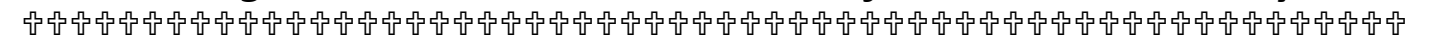


***Looking for a gift? Going out to eat?
Need fuel for your vehicle?***

***We have SCRIP cards for these vendors
and many many more!***



Contact Angie Setzer or see Rick Manuel after church on Sundays.



Children & Youth Ministry



It's been a good kid month here at FUMC. YF went to Willowbrook for bingo, cleaned pill bottles for Matthew 25 Ministries, and totally enjoyed a progressive dinner. Thanks SO much Grahams, Crumrins (and Grandma Alane), and Farrells!

Christian Skate Night is May 6th. Meet at the church at 5:30.

Now it's time to gear up for summer here at FUMC! VBS will be the week of June 17 from 9:00 – 11:30. The following items will be needed:

Brown wrapping paper from Amazon boxes

Crayola makers

Googly eyes

PLASTIC PEANUT BUTTER JARS

Canoe

Kayak

Large houseplants (Ex: philodendron, rubber plant, ferns, peace lilies, bird of paradise, pothos). Please do not bring any houseplants before the week of June 10.

If you can help with items on this list, you can drop things off in my office. – Yes, I will find room for all the stuff.

Searching for Pen Pals! Let's add to our list of kids with church family pen pals. If you wish to have a pen pal, let me know and I'll match you up. We will enjoy a Pen Pals & Pasta Night in May. More info soon.

Summer KFC will begin on Wed. June 5., Each Wednesday will be a different adventure. The kick-off will be a picnic at Lincoln Trail. Meet at the church at 10:30 on June 5. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and ice cream treats will be provided. You can pick up a calendar of events and times in the church office. Updates will be sent via text each week to give info on our next adventure.

From Kelly



Prayer Focus for the month:
**Mothers All
Over the World**



The annual United Women in Faith rummage will take place Saturday, May 4th from 8 a.m. until noon. Items may be brought in Wednesday afternoon, after Power Lunch. Tables will be labelled so you may distribute your items. We do not take adult clothing or TV's. We will also be selling books, CD's, etc. Start clearing out now!

Mother/Daughter/Friend Dinner: Sat., May 11, 5:30 PM. United Women in Faith Mother Daughter Friend Dinner will be Sat. May 11th at 5:30PM in the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up at The Welcome Center. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 6-10, and free for ages 5 & under

"Sweet and Salty" - four Sweet Adeline women from Mattoon will be presenting the program. Summer Reading Challenge will begin in June. If you would like to be on a team, please sign up at your circle meeting in May. More information will be in the June newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar:

Yard Sale - Sat., May 4

UWF Board Meeting - Tues., May 7, 4:00 pm, High School Classroom

Esther Circle - Thurs., May 9, 7:00 pm

Mother/Daughter/Friend Dinner - Sat., May 11, 5:30 pm

Faith Circle - Thurs., May 16, 9:00 am, Chapel

Sisters In Faith - Thurs., May 16, 6:00 pm, Chapel

Susannah Wesley Circle - Mon., May 20, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

First Summer Book Study - Thurs., June 1, 8:30 am



What a beautiful day we had for our Women's Retreat! We cannot thank Nancy & Jack Crumrin enough for graciously offering the use of their banquet hall.

Special thanks to Nancy Claypool for her organization and decorating skills. To Darlene Hildebrand for leading us, thanks so much. Final thank you to our circle members for all you did to make this a success.

Sisters in Faith

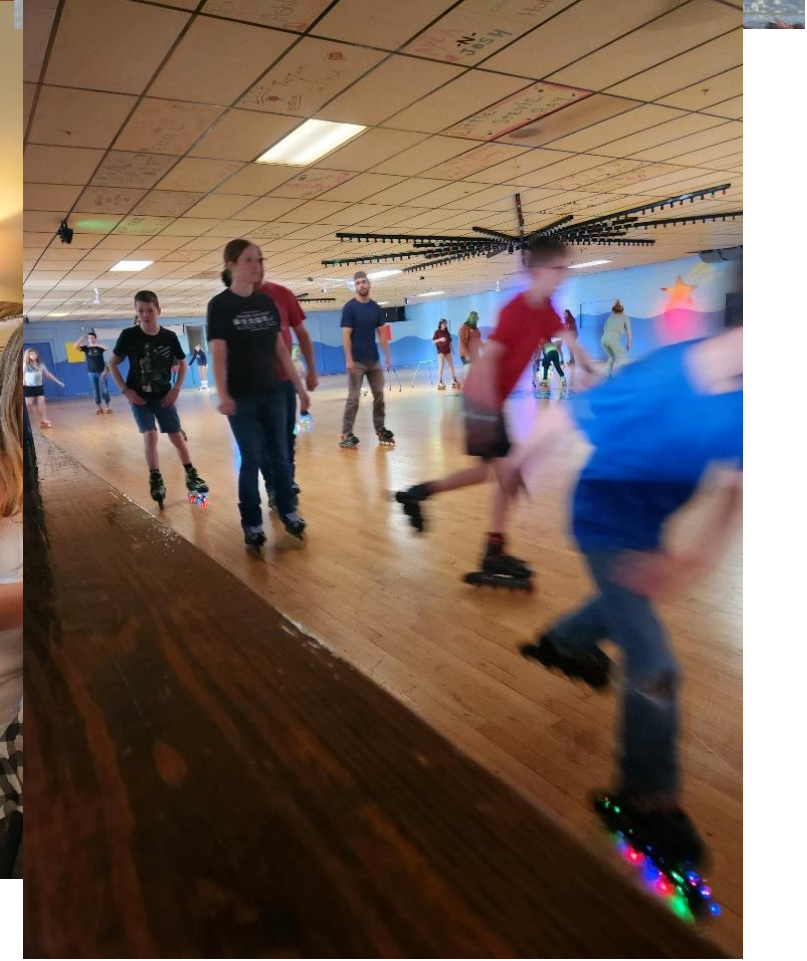
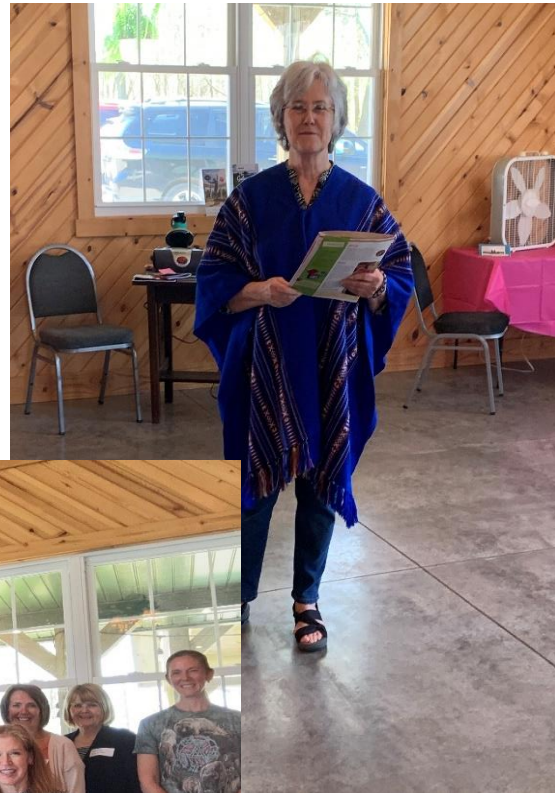
Sisters in Faith thank you for supporting our bake sale.

We raised over \$500.

We appreciate your generous support.

Thank you,

Sisters in Faith



MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1. Power Lunch Low Notes 6:30	2.	3. Exercise – 8:30 AM	4. Rummage Sale 8AM to Noon
5. Confirmation Class 3PM Sr. High YF 5:30PM	6. Exercise- 8:30 AM Yoga- 9AM Christian Skate Night Meet @ church at 5:30PM	7. Holy Grounds- 9AM @ Marshall Family Restaurant UWF Board Mtg 4PM	8. Choir Practice 5:30 Low Notes 6:30	9. Esther Circle 7PM	10 Exercise – 8:30 AM	11. Mother Daughter Friend Dinner 5:30PM
12. UMM Co-Op Breakfast-7AM Fellowship Hall Mother's Day NO Confirmation Class Or YF	13. Exercise- 8:30 AM Yoga- 9AM	14. Holy Grounds-2PM @ Hollybrook	15. Choir Practice 5:30 Women of Faith Choir 6:30	16. Faith Circle-9AM Sisters in Faith 6PM	17. Exercise – 8:30 AM	18. <i>Come volunteer at the Food & Clothing Bank from 8:30-12</i>
19. Confirmation Class 3PM Sr. High YF 5:30PM	20. Exercise- 8:30 AM Yoga- 9AM Susannah Wesley 6:30PM June Newsletter Articles Due	21. Holy Grounds-9AM @ Gypsy Queen Finance 6PM Trustees 7PM	22. Choir Practice 5:30 Women of Faith Choir 6:30	23.	24. Exercise – 8:30 AM	25.
26. NO Confirmation Class Or YF	27. Memorial Day Exercise- 8:30 AM Yoga- 9AM	28. Holy Grounds- 9AM In the Fellowship Hall Come volunteer at the Food & Clothing Bank from 12-4:30PM Church Council 6 PM	29. Choir Practice 5:30 Women of Faith Choir Practice 6:30	30.	31. Exercise – 8:30 AM	