



# CALVARY CONNECTION

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## Pastor's Ponderings

Have you ever changed your mind? I'm not talking about deciding whether to eat something different for dinner or changing your clothing a couple of times before your night out. No, I'm referring to something a great deal more significant that has the potential to shake you to the core of your being.

Perhaps it is a long-held belief about how to save for retirement. Maybe the best way to raise a child. Which political party best represents your thoughts on governing. Diet, exercise, health matters in general, lifestyle choices, etc., sometimes changes like fads and sometimes very engrained beliefs are changed as new "evidence" or experience emerge or as you reach a different season in life.

I remember an episode of M\*A\*S\*H where they had a few injured Brits being cared for and their leader on the battlefield gave them tea to drink. But they had wounds to the abdomen, and the tea was causing all sorts of health issues. When the doctors confronted the leader and told him not to give injured soldiers tea, he was taken aback! Anything but tea! He had to change a long-held belief.

But for many people, their religious beliefs are their most cherished and deeply held beliefs. And when one starts considering alternatives to what they have believed, perhaps for their entire life, it can create a great deal of internal stress and tension.

Some of the issues/topics where I see this most frequently are baptism (infant/adult only, immersion/sprinkling/pouring, only

once or often, etc.) Holy Communion, the theology of the "rapture", concept of heaven and/or hell, creation and the age of the earth, role of women in ministry, working on the sabbath, etc. When a person was brought up in the church under very specific teaching by very convincing and confident leaders, not exposed to different teaching or alternatives, made to believe it is "this way or the highway", (which equates to – either implicitly or explicitly – that everyone who does not believe "our" way is wrong and going to hell), then it seems sacrilegious to even consider other views.

I want to say three things about this:

- 1) Do not presume that you have a lock on the truth – that you know everything that there is to know and that everything you believe is right.
- 2) Be open to listening to other viewpoints. Obviously, you have to weigh the evidence, but do not discard it out of hand. One of my favorite phrases from seminary is "epistemic humility." Basically, it means that I am humble enough to know that I might be wrong about the way I think. I know I am wrong about something(s) because I am not perfect – I am necessarily wrong. Since I do not know where I am wrong, I will be tolerant of others and even go beyond mere tolerance to listening intently with the idea that I might need to change my mind. They may be right!

3) Since it is really challenging for us to change a long-held belief about our faith, imagine how difficult it is for someone not raised in the Christian tradition to be convinced that Jesus is the Way and the God revealed in the Holy Bible is the only God.

I was fortunate enough growing up to have a dear friend who was raised in the Baptist tradition. I cherish that relationship because it is easy for me to stand so firmly on my convictions that I could fall into the sin of thinking that if you do not agree, you must be wrong, and if you are wrong, you are doomed to hell. How absurd! How pompous! I am very thankful that my eternal destiny doesn't rely on me having everything exactly right or said another way, not believing something in error.

On the other hand, I am very reluctant to change most of my deeply held theological beliefs and I will not be giving up the basics of the faith anytime soon. But I challenge you to be open to conversation, scholarship, and the views of other Christian traditions to help expand your knowledge of a God that is too expansive to fully comprehend.

Grace and peace,  
Pastor Steve



**Do You Need a Ride to an appointment? We have several drivers that would like to help you. Give us plenty of time, just let the church office know and we will help get you there. Call 304 372-3203 between 8am and noon Monday thru Friday.**

## **BE PREPARED FOR WORSHIP**

Worship is supposed to be participatory with each person contributing to the worship of Almighty God. One way that you can participate more fully, is to come to Sunday worship prepared and expecting God's presence. To assist your preparation, read and reflect on these scriptures and themes the entire week before worship:

May 3 -- What God is Doing in You!-1 Peter 2:2-10 Holy Communion

May 10 – Defending Your Hope- 1 Peter 3:13-22

May 17 – Combined worship at 10am – Graduation Sunday, Witnesses -Acts 1:1-11

May 24 -Gifts of The Spirit-1 Cor 12:3b-13

May 31-Guest Speaker-Pastor in Alaska

## **United Methodist Foundation**

### **Sunday**

**May 3, 2026**

The UM Foundation serves individuals and churches in many ways.

### **Service to Individuals and Families**

Meet with donors to help match their needs to give, in their circumstances, with the needs in ministry.

### **Service to Churches and Agencies**

Meet with church committees, leaders, and congregations to help create cultures of generosity for ministry.

Check the church bulletin this coming Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, for more information.



- May 3 Mother Daughter Banquet
- May 3 United Methodist Foundation
- May 14 Food Pantry
- May 17 Graduation Sunday
- May 17 Memorial Service Judy Lieving
- May 21 Blood Drive
- May 28 Food Pantry
- May 22-23 Stuff Sale
- May 29 - June 5 Nome, AK mission trip
- June 1 Church Picnic
- June 10-13 Annual Conference
- June 11 Food Pantry
- June 19 Office Closed - Juneteenth
- June 25 Food Pantry
- July 4 UMM Pancake Breakfast
- July 6-10 VBS
- July 19-26 Fair Kitchen
- July 26 - August 7 Anchorage, AK mission trip

**United Women in Faith**



**Mother -  
Daughter  
Banquet**



**May 3, 5:30 pm  
Bring your daughters and  
mothers,**

**Wear your best Tea Party Hat**



**Enjoy this tribute to Mother's Day**

The Mary Martha circle will meet May 17 @2pm at the Higginbotham Residence with Debbie Higginbotham the Program/Host.

The Deborah Miriam circle will meet May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am in the Conference Room with hostesses Beth Manry and Autumn Hopkins and Program by Mary Ulland.

The Discovery circle is scheduled to meet May 3 @ the Mother/Daughter Banquet.



**The church office is open  
Monday through Friday  
8:00am – 12:00 noon.**



**United Methodist Men**

The United Methodist Men will meet May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship. Don't forget the Church Picnic coming up very soon in June.

**MONDAY JUNE 1 @ 6:30 PM**

**MEN PROVIDING**

**HOT DOGS**

**BRING A**

**COVERED DISH**

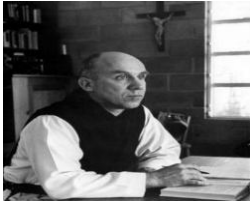
**AND A LAWN CHAIR**



**Wee Read & Feed**

Our mission is to bring children and their families to Jesus and to improve literacy skills by making books available at no cost. Donated books may be left at the desk by the church office. Leave a note so we will know they are for Wee Read & Feed. Joyce Groves 372-8612.

## Quotes of the Month



**Thomas Merton** (January 31, 1915 – December 10, 1968) was an American Trappist monk, theologian, mystic poet, and social activist. He was a professed member of the Abbey of our Lady of Gethsemani, near Bardstown, KY, living there from 1941 to his death.

Merton wrote more than 50 books in a period of 27 years, mostly on spirituality, social justice, and pacifism, as well as scores of essays and reviews. Among Merton's most widely read works is his bestselling autobiography *The Seven Storey Mountain* (1948). Merton became a keen proponent of interfaith understanding, exploring Eastern religions through study and practice. He pioneered dialogue with prominent Asian spiritual figures.

After converting from the Church of England to Catholicism in 1938, Merton was accepted by the Franciscan Order and intended to enter the Franciscan novitiate until he was instructed to withdraw his application. Dejected, he looked for a job and was hired to teach at St. Bonaventure University, founded by the Franciscans on the outskirts of Olean, New York. During this period Merton renounced any remnants of an unchaste lifestyle and delved into prayer and spirituality.

Merton found a welcoming atmosphere and spiritual guidance from Franciscan mentors like Fathers Irenaeus Herscher, Thomas Plassman, and Philotheus Boehner, while joining the Third Order (Secular Franciscans) as a way to live out Franciscan ideals. He attended St. Mary of the

Angels Church in Olean to pray and to go to confession. At the close of 1940, he stopped into St. Mary of the Angels one last time to pray the stations of the cross before boarding the train taking him to the Abbey of our Lady of Gethsemani.

Here are a few of his more famous quotes:

*Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business and, in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy.*

*In a world of noise, confusion and conflict it is necessary that there be places of silence, inner discipline and peace. In such places love can blossom.*

*The beginning of love is to let those we love be perfectly themselves, and not to twist them to fit our own image. Otherwise, we love only the reflection of ourselves we find in them.*

*Do not be too quick to condemn the man who no longer believes in God: for it is perhaps your own coldness and avarice and mediocrity and materialism and selfishness that have chilled his faith.*

*My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following Your Will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.*



## Blood Drive

### Blood Drive:

On Thursday, March 19th the Red Cross Bloodmobile visited the church and successfully collected 33 units of blood products. These lifesaving gifts will be distributed all over the country to meet the needs of people during some of their most critical and frightening moments.

Giving blood is a fairly quick process and you'll even get a snack afterwards! It is also a wonderful time of fellowship with the community.

If you've never given blood or if it's been a long time since your last donation please consider signing up for the next drive, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00-6:00pm. Walk-ins are welcome but scheduling an appointment is quick and easy with the app!

Also, a special thank you to all the volunteers who give of their time and to the Deborah-Miriam circle for sponsoring the drive.

If you'd like to get involved or have any questions please see me, Autumn Hopkins. I'd love to talk to you about where you can jump in!

## EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN



### Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer concern that you would like to share with the members of the Calvary prayer chain, please send your request to Kathy at [calvaryumc316@gmail.com](mailto:calvaryumc316@gmail.com) or Pastor Steve at [stevecpa@hotmail.com](mailto:stevecpa@hotmail.com)

You may call or text the request as well.

Please ask the person for whom you are requesting prayer for permission to place them on the prayer chain. If they say no, I am sure you will honor that request and either just pray for them privately or submit an "unspoken" request for the entire team.

## Prayers and Squares Ministry

The Prayers and Squares group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m.



And, on as needed times if they have special projects. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please call Joyce Davis at 372-4555.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to create beautiful prayer shawls for comfort and hope. Currently they are working on Prayer Scarves for our graduating seniors to remind them when they are away, their home church continues to pray for them. People knit/crochet shawls and lap robes for many reasons, to console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, and bring hope to those in despair. They may also be knit/crocheted to celebrate life and its milestones. If you can knit or crochet (or would like to learn) and are interested in this mission, please contact Faye Milhoan or call the church office at 304-372-3203. Get those needles creating.



### Lunch Bunch

Do you normally eat alone? Do you find it difficult (not to mention lonely) to cook for one? Do you eat out more than you should or settle for cereal or a PB&J sandwich? Would you rather have some company about once a week? It is often the highlight of the week for many. There are a lot of smiles and conversations! Let Pastor Steve know if you would like to join them sometime!



## John 3:16 Fellowship

“Celebration” was the theme of our April meeting’s devotion and the importance

of celebrating the fact that Jesus rising from the dead gives us extraordinary hope to live every day differently. Easter isn’t just a one-day-a-year celebration.

Linda Dickerson, chairman of Calvary’s centennial celebration, was a welcome guest. She provided information on the history of our church and outlined future events planned to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October.

Once again, cards of encouragement were signed to send to each of our “college kids” and shut ins. As in the past, our time in fellowship was enjoyable, the food delicious and the afternoon passed by all too soon.

The next, but last time together for the spring season will be May 19<sup>th</sup> so please mark your calendar to attend. Like Uncle Sam’s slogan, “We Need You!”

Vanessa Rothrock



## !!! ATTENTION ALL YOUTH !!!

The Elementary Youth wrapped up the final month of this year with a lesson about ‘Doubting Thomas’ which included playing games blindfolded. Then, the following week, they joined the middle school youth to paint hearts that will serve as a reminder at Annual Conference in June of the issue of food insecurity across WV. A HUGE THANK YOU to Felicia Shockey once again for her assistance in this creative project as the kids’ painted hearts will be strung together to adorn the chapel at WV Wesleyan throughout conference. We all should be mindful that

childhood hunger is heartbreaking - and that our love must move us to action.

Last Sunday the youth delivered a fun and joyous Song & Praise Service with the youth choir singing 4 songs followed by several singing and piano playing individuals, duos and trios. Due to several events at the church planned for Sunday evenings throughout May, youth groups will not meet again until following Labor Day in September. We hope everyone has a fun & safe summer and look forward to gathering together again next school year!

Contact information & Remind group info can be found below.

### Elementary Youth: Taran Wolford –

Cell: (304)532-2317 –

Remind: Text @efgfk86 to81010

### Middle School (M&M’s):

Ashley Hosaflook – Cell: (304)786-0046 –

Remind: Text@fdfd9e to 81010

### High School: Jimmy Groves –

Cell: (304) 532-7649

Youth Choir: Hilary Groves – Cell: (304) 532-7648



## Graduation Sunday

One of the highlights of the annual

graduation Sunday at Calvary is the presentation of the Morley Parson’s scholarships to our graduating high school seniors. This year will be extra special – this is the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the Morley Parsons Scholarship program!

We have invited every former scholarship recipient to be with us for this momentous occasion. Many have indicated their intention to attend.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. We will have one combined worship service at 10am to celebrate our graduates and our scholarship program. We will also have a meal for everyone following worship. Since the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July pancake breakfast has been the source of many of the funds for the scholarship over the last 25 years, we will have pancakes! (Other food will be available if you do not like pancakes). Sunday school will meet at 9am that day. Please make every effort to join us on May 17<sup>th</sup>!



### Joke of the Month

A priest, a pastor, and a rabbit walk into a bar. The bartender says, "Is this some kind of joke?" The rabbit says, "I don't know – I am just here because of autocorrect!"



## MISSION TEAM UPDATE

### MISSION MOMENT

Your Mission Team met on April 16<sup>th</sup>. This is such a great group to work with. We had several in person and 2 members meeting with us by ZOOM. Several items were discussed which I will share with you.

We are working on an application form for "Calvary In the Classroom". We are making this accessible to middle school and high school students that need a little extra help with items like graduation caps and gowns, school trips, etc. We will be setting a cap on the amount and will require receipts or invoices to show what has been spent. We are going to work with both Ravenswood and Ripley schools through the counselors or principals. The funds from the auction is getting us started. You will be kept up to date on the details as they are established.

Karen Facemyer gave us an update on the cookbook. You will hear more about that as they work on finishing it. This will be a great gift for the members of your family.

What a joy it was to be able to share in the commissioning of Riley Shockey for her trip to Honduras. The Mission Team approved assisting her with part of the cost of her trip. I am looking forward to her sharing her experiences with us when she returns. We encourage other young people to consider a mission trip. We are working on some guidelines so we can assist with their experience. Please keep Riley in your prayers.

The Mission Team is looking into a shirt for the 100-year anniversary of the church. We will also be placing another order for CUMC shirts such as is worn in the fair kitchen. You will get information soon.

Many other events will quickly be here. We will still be doing our coat drive and the

Adopt A Family program. If you have a heart for mission, (I hope we all do), I encourage you to attend our meetings or give us your thoughts and ideas as to how we can be in mission in our community. Our next meeting will be June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.



**Food Pick Up Schedule  
for May**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Senior High Class**
- 8<sup>th</sup> Patty Smith**
- 15<sup>th</sup> Connie Waybright**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Debbie Sisson**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Dallas Skeen**

**Annual Statistics**

|               | <b>2022</b> | <b>2023</b> | <b>2024</b> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| # HH          | 1,878       | 2,076       | 1,929       |
| # Individuals | 5,673       | 6,023       | 5,402       |
| Total lbs.    | 63,069      | 62,536      | 59,671      |

**The following items are needed on a daily basis to support the church food pantry:**

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|-----------------|---------------|
| Chicken Broth   | Canned Items: |
| Beef Broth      | Corn          |
| Mac & Cheese    | Green Beans   |
| Soups           | Meat          |
| Corn Bread Mix  | Chicken       |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Spam          |
| Spaghetti       | Treet         |
| Elbow Macaroni  | Tuna          |

If you cannot help with the food deliveries or the distribution days and are searching for a way to support the food pantry, the Kroger Community Rewards program is an easy way to do this. The program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Kroger and swipe your Shopper’s Card. Any transactions moving

forward using the Shopper’s Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. If you are not already signed up for this, check out the procedure on the financial page in this newsletter. We receive a check of about \$300.00 quarterly from this program. If you need help signing up for this program, check with the church office.

Matt 14:16 Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”



**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JUDITH LIEVING**

We will gather as a church and as a community Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm for a service to honor and remember Judy Lieving. We will begin in the church sanctuary and then transition to the fellowship hall for a more casual time of fellowship and sharing stories. We will try to make accommodations for each person who wishes to share their memories and to speak in honor of Judy – some will be in the sanctuary and some in the fellowship hall. I hope that you will plan to join us.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

## BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW

### Bet Ya Didn't Know (or maybe you did)

Over the last couple of decades within the church there has been a ministry trend known as "fresh expressions." In very broad terms, the fresh expression movement is intended to form faith communities outside of the traditional church setting - it is an attempt to engage with folks in places they already gather in order to make new friends, share the story of the gospel, and to express the love of Jesus to all. It is being the church in non-traditional places and ways (like our Loads of Love ministry at the local laundromat).

This is not a new, twenty-first century concept! When John Wesley was preaching in those beautiful church buildings, he was convinced that he was engaged in was the only "proper" way and place for preaching and heartily resisted preaching "outside." So much so, that he said, "*I should have thought the saving of souls almost a sin if it had not been done in a church*". One issue was the concern of encroaching on another's parish. Later, he would comment that the world was his parish.

However, after visiting George Whitefield's preaching to Bristol's

Kingswood miners, Wesley was persuaded of the necessity of "**field preaching**" to reach the large number of people excluded from parish churches due to poverty, social marginalization, or doctrinal differences. He saw it as a way to proclaim the Gospel to those "untouched and seemingly untouchable" by the established church. Wesley's outdoor ministry was not just a method of evangelism—it was a **principle of mission**: taking the Gospel to the people where they were, regardless of social or institutional barriers.

Wow! Doesn't that sound like some of the reasons and the target "audience" for our Fresh Expressions?

Wesley's first major outdoor sermon was on April 2, 1739, from a small eminence in the city, speaking from the Sermon on the Mount to about three thousand people. He later preached to thousands more in nearby areas, including 1,000 at Bristol and 1,500 on Hannam Mount. He developed techniques to make himself audible to large crowds, using the "five people to one square yard" formula to gauge congregation size.

While he valued the reach of outdoor preaching, Wesley was **realistic** about its limitations. He admitted it often aroused curiosity but "rarely made any impression at all till

the novelty of it was over," and found it ineffective without follow-up societies.

Today, our Fresh Expressions efforts do not center around a sermon preached to a crowd. They are more focused on conversation and personal connection with a very small group of people - typically no more than about 12 folks at a time. We might call it friendship evangelism. But the concept of reaching people who are otherwise not connected to a church and who do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ is still the impetus for our efforts. It is an attempt to include those who are not included or who may never come to a church building.

While few people have a problem with "preaching outside" or worshipping outside of a church, the concern of Wesley about the need for "societies" remains and must be addressed if we want to make a lasting impact. The fresh expressions must be long-term and ongoing and build relationships to provide the opportunity for growth as a disciple of Jesus. We are not exclusively trying to convert people as much as focusing on their entire being and ongoing walk of faith as a disciple of Jesus Christ.



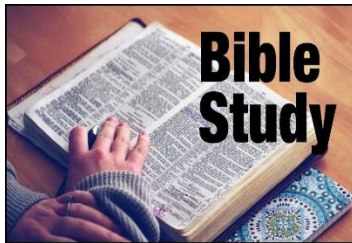
## NEW CALVARY CONNECT CARD

Calvary has a new way for us to connect with new members, visitors, or even regular, long-time members. The intention is for folks to be able to share their contact information with us, to communicate a desire for follow up by a member of the church or the pastor, ask for additional information, and there is a section to allow them to ask anything else they want! The form can be accessed by scanning a QR code in the bulletin (and included at the top of this article), or directly in the app and website. If you see someone new in worship, mention it to them and encourage them to fill out the form! Why don't you scan it or check it out on the website or app? We will gladly receive comments and suggestions for improvements!



## MISSION TRIP – NOME, AK

Bill Hosaflook and Pastor Steve will be heading to Nome, AK, May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 5<sup>th</sup> as part of a United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) team. They, along with 8 others from WV, will be rebuilding a garage at the United Methodist Church in Nome that has collapsed. Please hold the entire team in prayer for safety and success.



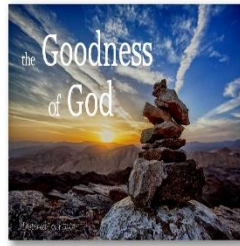
## NEXT TWO BIBLE STUDIES

I am in the planning stages of two new Wednesday Bible

studies. Both studies will be developed based on requests by you! The start dates will be announced at least two weeks prior.

The first study will be conversation around your questions about God, the Bible, and our faith. I invite you to submit questions to me that you would like to discuss – things that have confused you or challenged you, or perhaps there are questions for which you have heard many various answers, and you want me to explain the difference views and why they may be professed. Please submit your questions in advance in as much detail as possible via text to 681.368.4040 or by email to [stevecpa@hotmail.com](mailto:stevecpa@hotmail.com) We will discuss as many each week as time allows. One warning – the answer might be, “I don’t know.” But I will do as much research as I can to speak to the question. You may start submitting your questions now.

The second study will be, “The Basics of our Faith.” Or “United Methodism 101.” Or “Basic Christianity.” My current plan is to start with an overview of the history of the Church and discuss the divisions and disputes and disagreements that have contributed to our current structure, denominational differences, and the varied ways we understand our faith. From that foundation we will look at some of the commonly held beliefs of Christianity and then move into a discussion of the distinctions of United Methodist theology.



## Goodness of God

I was on my way to P&S’s and decided to pick up lunch at a popular fast-food restaurant. The young woman at the window saw the seven quilts piled in the passenger’s seat and asked if I sold quilts. There were no cars behind me in line, so it gave me the opportunity to tell her about the P&S’s ministry. I kind of finished by mentioning the young people at Burlington, and that we had heard that the quilts were quite meaningful to them. She assured me that indeed the quilts would be very important to them.

I was one of those kids, she said. And then (still with no cars in line) she told me her story. What it’s like to be taken from your home with only a few clothes thrown in a garbage bag. Trying to get your life in order. In her case, separation from her parents was a good thing. She wasn’t at Burlington but a similar sort of facility. She reassured me that what we were doing was a wonderful thing. That giving quilts to kids in crisis was completely worthwhile. I held her hand and told her how happy I was that she had made it through and that I was sorry we weren’t there for her in that situation. And not to hesitate to reach out to us if she got in crisis again.

When I told my P&S’s girls the story, they immediately and in unison said, “Take that girl a quilt.” The church prayed over the quilt, and I delivered it through the drive thru window. Her reaction was just right, and her coworkers were impressed too. I just said, “You’ve got a lot of people in your corner,” and drove away.

Where is the blessing in this exchange? Well, I can’t help but think that our drive thru friend is the main character. But we P&S’s ladies were blessed as well. We savored the encouragement for a bit, and then we got back to work.



## Flowing in the Spirit:

We all agree the scripture tells us our bodies are a temple of the holy spirit, but how many of us really treat our bodies with the care and respect we would show a temple? Life is busy. We're tired. It's easy to sit down and get lost in our phones or the latest television program.

How can we step back into treating bodies with grace and respect through gentle movement? Join me for a 10-week series of light movement and spiritual exploration each Thursday at 11am in the Fellowship Hall, concluding June 25th.

Each class will begin with a scripture reading, then we will move into the asana of yoga (the physical movements) and end with a short devotional reflection and a few moments of silent meditation.

If you're a seasoned athlete or you haven't gotten up from the couch all year it doesn't matter. Join us and invite your friends! This will be a fun and hopefully meaningful time of exploration. Yoga is for everyone and this first series will be especially accessible. It will be chair yoga! You won't have to get on and off the floor. All the movement is modified to be done from a seated position or from standing with the support of the chair.

Mats, chairs and blocks will be provided. Wear comfortable clothes, bring some water and an open heart. I hope to see you there! If you have any questions or concerns please see me, Autumn Hopkins, and I'll be happy to chat with you.



## SPRING HEIGHTS

As most of you probably know, the WV United Methodist Conference camp is Spring Heights which is located in Spencer - so, right in our backyard! The director of Spring Heights is a member of Calvary - Louisa Smith. Louisa works hard to utilize the camp all year and not just for the summer camping season.

However, summer camp for youth is probably the highlight of the year. The United Women in Faith sponsor youth from Calvary to be able to attend, and we normally have a few kids who take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to grow in their faith and meet new friends during a week at camp.

As you can probably imagine, the camp is run on a shoestring budget and requires a lot of volunteers to make it possible. Sometimes we send volunteer teams to the camp to do repairs and maintenance projects. But the camp season is when the camp is utilized 24/7 for 5 weeks and it takes an army of volunteers and paid staff to make it work and to be the spiritual and formative experience the youth need.

This year, the dates for camp are:

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| June 28 - July 3 | July 5 - 10  |
| July 12 - 17     | July 19 - 24 |
| July 26 - 31     |              |

While you are welcome to participate in a lot of ways, Louisa has communicated a very specific need for this year's camping season:

Volunteer in the kitchen. Members of Calvary volunteered for one week last year, and Louisa was very thankful. She said it worked out very well and she knows they will

need help again this year. They will have a paid cook on staff, and the volunteers help with food prep, serving the food, and clean up at the end of the meal.

Please pray about this. If you know of someone else who might fit in perfectly, please share this request with them. While we don't need to know this week, we do need to know soon - camp will be here before you know it and the leadership has to be in place and trained well in advance. If you would consider either working in the kitchen or as a volunteer dean (or as a counselor), please let me know and I will relay the information to Louisa.



The DaySpring mobile camp, a ministry of Spring Heights, will be coming to Jackson County! There will be more information forthcoming, but please mark your calendars for Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Calvary is pleased to sponsor this camp experience in collaboration with Epworth UMC and Sandyville UMC for all kids in the Jackson Co. area. Pre-registration will be required and there will be a cap of 30 campers permitted. The camp will take place at Cedar Lakes! We need volunteers to help at Cedar Lakes each day (8am – 2pm) as well as people who will help prepare meals and/or snacks. Watch your bulletin and weekly updates for more information.

# SAFE SANCTUARIES

Providing a safe environment for children & youth as they grow in faith



## SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING

Safe sanctuaries, in this context, is a term reserved specifically for policies and procedures adopted to protect the children, youth, and vulnerable adults of our congregation and the adults who work with them. It is primarily, but not exclusively, concerned with making sure Calvary is a safe place where children are protected from inappropriate adult/child encounters (and volunteers are protected from false accusations).

Calvary's safe sanctuaries policy requires ALL persons who work with the children and youth of the church to receive training provided by church leadership prior to working with the kids. The policy also requires retraining, or a refresher, every three years.

If you would like to help with the children and youth programs at the church at any level (Sunday school, VBS, Sunday evening groups, etc.), you must remain current in your training.

We will be holding our second (and final) training event of 2026 on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 5pm. If you need to be trained for the first time or you have not attended a follow-up training event since 2023, you should attend. If you want to work with the children/youth but you have a scheduling conflict for May 31<sup>st</sup>, please contact Heather Starkey as soon as possible at 304.771.0166.



## Home Repair

Parchment Valley Conference Center will once again be hosting youth groups this summer in the “Brothers Keeper” program. During the week of June 21 – 26, several teenagers will be in Jackson County and their primary work project for the week is home repair and maintenance for folks in the community who may not be able to afford to hire the work completed and/or are not able to do the work themselves.

We have application forms in the church office if you know of someone who may benefit from this mission project.



## DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS

Do you struggle with knowing what to say to folks who are battling a severe or terminal illness? How about what to say to someone who has recently experienced the death of a loved one? What is helpful and what may not be as well received? Does it make you nervous or uncomfortable even being around folks in either of the two previously mentioned life situations?

This is an area in our culture that is very intimidating for folks. Overall, our society does not handle death and dying in healthy ways. And the ironic thing is that all of us will face some variation of these circumstances at some point – from both sides.

Deb Higginbotham and Pastor Steve will be leading a discussion on this topic, and we hope to include a panel discussion with some folks who have recently experienced loss. While every incident of loss and every person is different, some basic principles apply in most encounters.

We will probably offer this session on a Saturday morning so as many people as possible can attend. Look for the date in your bulletin, the weekly update, and hear it announced from the pulpit.

**RIPLEY ROTARY CLUB**  
with  
**WVUMedicine**  
JACKSON GENERAL HOSPITAL

**Community HEALTH FAIR**

**Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup> 7am to 11am**

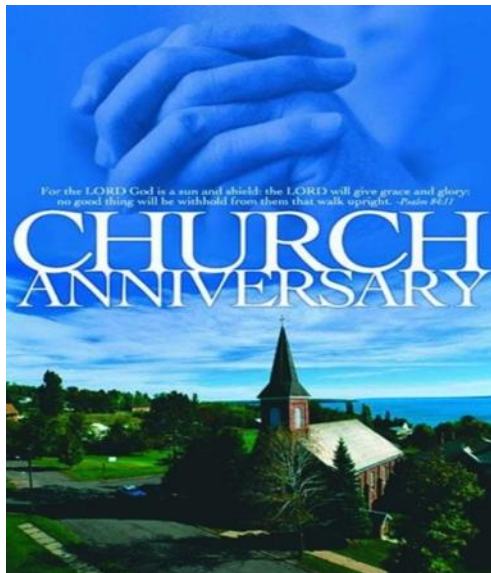
**Jackson County Fair Grounds New Exhibit Hall**

Everyone welcome to join us at our community health fair! We offer low-cost lab services (no order needed), complimentary screenings, valuable information, and the opportunity to connect with local healthcare providers.

- Comprehensive Metabolic Panel and Lipid Panel (must be fasting) \$25
- Complete Blood Count - \$10
- Thyroid Panel (TSH, Free T4) - \$35
- A1C - \$15
- Vitamin D - \$30
- PSA (Prostate-specific antigen) - \$17
- Only Cash and Checks Accepted
- Lab results sent to your primary care provider and available on MyChart.

For more information:  
Call 304-421-9981 or email [shara.shamblin@wvumedicine.org](mailto:shara.shamblin@wvumedicine.org)





## **100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF CURRENT SANCTUARY 100 Years on Court Street**

As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, we are less than 170 days from the 100-year anniversary of the dedication of the current sanctuary! The sanctuary was dedicated and the first service was held on October 12, 1926. We will celebrate on October 11, 2026. Between now and then, you will read a few tidbits of Calvary's history that dates back to the early-mid 1800's. The first church building of the congregation that is now known as Calvary United Methodist Church was built on what is now the parking lot of United Bank (between Calvary and BoMar) in 1888 for a cost of approximately \$1,500.

Do you have any pictures, newsletters, newspaper articles, bulletins, etc. from over the years at Calvary? Obviously, we are looking for old items since they are more difficult to acquire and help tell the history. However, even more recent highlights are welcome – things like baptisms, weddings, VBS programs, UM Men or UM Women events, dinners and receptions, quest speakers, the church building through the many additions and improvements, etc. Even pictures of this part of Ripley that might show how it has changed. We would love for you to either donate them to our archives for

preservation or allow us to borrow them for display during our celebration in October. If you have anything to contribute, please make sure it is labeled as well as possible with the content as well as your information so it can be returned.

### **100 Years of Calvary Weddings**



For the upcoming celebration of 100 years, we are compiling all the weddings held in the building. If you were married at Calvary United Methodist Church, please send a wedding photo with your names and date of wedding to [adickirson@hotmail.com](mailto:adickirson@hotmail.com) or text it to 304.786.0046. If you are unable to send the photo electronically, reach out to me and I will make arrangements to get an electronic copy of the photograph. We are collecting all the wedding photos from the past 100 years to be displayed at the October 10 & 11 event so if you know anyone else married at Calvary United Methodist Church, please share this information with them. I will be checking my spam email often, but if you don't receive an email back from me confirming receipt, please call or text. I don't want to miss anyone!

To summarize:

- email [adickirson@hotmail.com](mailto:adickirson@hotmail.com) with photo of Bride and Groom married at Calvary United Methodist Church.
- Calvary weddings in the subject line
- include names of bride and groom and the date of the wedding
- contact info in case I have any questions

Thank you!

Ashley Hosaflook



The dove is one of the most recognizable symbols of the Christian faith. The dove (or turtledove) is mentioned several times in scripture. A turtledove is a specific kind of dove – so, all turtledoves are doves, but all doves are not turtledoves.

In Genesis, after the rain subsides, Noah sends a dove from the ark to search for land. There are references to a woman being as beautiful as a dove in the Song of Solomon. Leviticus (among other books) is where you find specific mention of a turtledove as an animal for sacrifice – usually if the person is very poor and cannot afford other animals. Mary and Joseph bring turtledoves to the temple when they present Jesus.

But the dove is most commonly associated with the Holy Spirit and the presence of God. The Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove when Jesus was baptized. The cloud in the background may represent the Spirit that hovered over creation at the beginning. I was unable to discern the image over the dove's head in our stained-glass window. If it is a flame, that is another symbol of the Holy Spirit.



The image within this stained-glass panel is a sheaf of wheat and two clusters of grapes. Both wheat and grapes were very common in the Middle East during biblical times. There are many references in scripture about eating wheat, the heads of wheat, etc. Many times, in Jesus's parables, Jesus refers to commonly known elements to make theological points. He talked about the grains of wheat, etc.

Of course, grapes would have been eaten fresh but most commonly would have been pressed into juice and fermented into wine.

This image, with both wheat and grapes, refers to the Lord's Supper. Jesus shared a Passover meal with his disciples and then instituted the Eucharist meal. The wheat representing the bread that in turn is the body of Christ, and the grapes representing the wine that is the blood of Christ. This becomes an enduring symbol of Christ's presence in the elements of Holy Communion as well as the presence of Jesus continually with us.

**Rooted in Love: Breaking Bread,  
Opening Books**

Conference-wide Awareness Campaign

**WV children are facing two realities:**

**Hunger**

**Limited access to books**

71,140 to 73,650 children face hunger

67% of school-aged children qualify for free or reduced meals

WV is 8<sup>th</sup> highest in child food-insecurity in the nation

WV is below national average of 214 in reading levels

25% of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students were at or above level in 2024

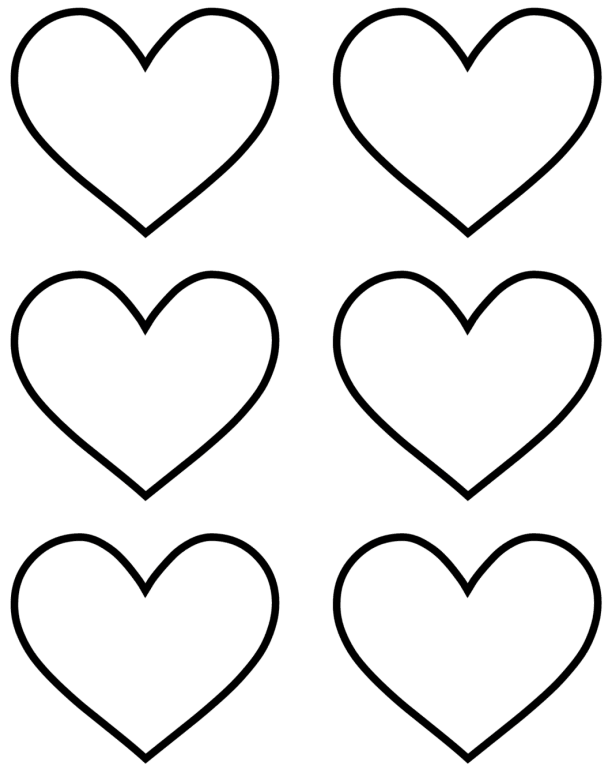
78% of 4<sup>th</sup> graders were behind in reading in 2022

**Two ways to contribute to this awareness campaign**

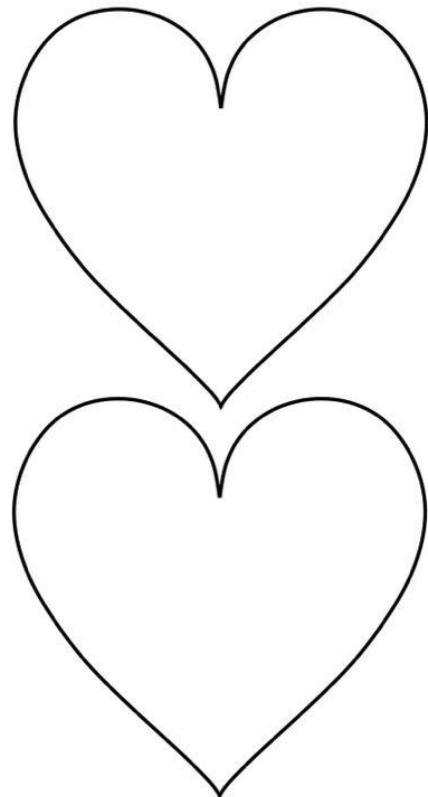
**Create Strings of Hearts** – String together paper hearts with ribbon to adorn the chapel at Annual Conference. These will serve as a powerful visual reminder that childhood hunger is heartbreaking-and that our love must move us to action.

**Make Bookmarks to Share-** Design and create bookmarks that will be distributed to conference participants. Each bookmark can carry a message of hope, encouragement, and a reminder that opening books opens doors for children.

Use these patterns to make your hearts, color them and turn into the church office.



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**West Virginia Area Conference of the United Methodist Church  
Spring - 2026  
Lay Academy Summery of Courses Offered**

**This is a SUMMARY of the Lay Academy Courses scheduled and offered in the WV Area Conference for 2026.**

For additional information or to register for a course, please the following web pages and calendars for information or contact one of the District Offices.

\*denotes Required-Advanced Course for Lay Speaker; \*\* Adv Courses for Renewal Credit

for more info: <https://www.wvumc.org/laity>

Updated: 3/27/2026

| District            | Date (2026)   | Course   | Instructor         | Location                     | Notes   |
|---------------------|---|--|--------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Greenbrier Wesleyan | Saturday, April 25  | Basic*   | Carmen LaRue       | Frankford UMC, Frankford, WV |   |
|                     |   | From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon* | Tyler Hylton       |                              |   |
|                     |   | Lay Pastoral Care Giving**                                 | Amy Paul           |                              |   |
| Nine Rivers         | <i>Nine Rivers District Lay Ministry Team</i> is offering a different format in 2026: there are courses being scheduled and offered "on demand" by local churches and Parishes; for more information contact the District office at 304-342-8843. |  |                    |                              |   |
| Mon Valley          | Saturday, May 2 (8:00 - 4:30)   | Basic*   | Stephen Price      | Philippi UMC, Philippi, WV   | Info & Registration:<br><a href="https://wvumc-reg.brtaapp.com/MonValleyDistrict2026SpringLayAcademy717171">https://wvumc-reg.brtaapp.com/MonValleyDistrict2026SpringLayAcademy717171</a> |
|                     |   | Leading Worship*   | Sam Haught         |                              |   |
|                     |   | Living our UM Beliefs*                                     | John Brosky        |                              |   |
|                     |   | Class Leaders  | Pam Todd           |                              |   |
| Potomac Highlands   | Feb 3, 20, 27, 24 & Mar 3   | Polity*  | Jane Arnold        | Zoom                         |   |
|                     | April 25  | Basic*   | Rev Vickie Minnich | 1st UMC, Keyser              | 8-hr class w/3-hr homework before class   |
|                     |   | Leading Small Group Bible Studies                          | Rev Lisa Fox       |                              |   |
|                     |   | Sacriments   | Rev Alanna McGuinn |                              |   |
|                     |   | Preaching*   | Rev Nathan Epling  |                              |   |

| District       | Date (2026)       | Course   | Instructor   | Location  | Notes   |
|----------------|-------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Southern       | May 8 & 9         | Compassionate Emergency Response**             | Rev David Stilgenbauer (w/Rev Don Stilgenbauer & Rev Scott Mayberry) | UM Temple, Beckley & New Vision Depot                       | \$25/person; ERT and UMCOR Training   |
| Southern       | May 15 & 16       | Spiritual Gifts*                               | Rev Kelly Martin   | UM Temple, Beckley  | Books & Lunch provided; See web page for registration links   |
|                |                   | Worship*                                       | Rev Richard Moeller  |   |   |
| Southern       | May 16 & 23       | Basic 2.0: Intro and Update to Lay Ministries* | Gary Hartsog, Cert Lay Speaker                                       | UM Temple, Beckley & Zoom                                   | Books & Lunch provided; See web page for registration links   |
| Northern       | Part 1 - April 25 | Basic: Introduction to Lay Ministries*         | Pat Ramsey, CLM  | Wellsburg UMC, 11 <sup>th</sup> & Charles St., Wellsburg WV | Snacks & Lunch provided; No course cost; Purchase/borrow own book<br>Register On-line:<br><a href="https://bit.ly/LSAregister">https://bit.ly/LSAregister</a> |
|                | 8:30am to 2:30pm  | Leading in Prayer*                             | Heidi Schmidt, CLM   |   |   |
|                | Part 2 - May 2    | Heritage: Living Our United Methodist Beliefs* | Mary Tennant, CLSp   |   |   |
| Little Kanawha | To be Scheduled   | To Be Determined                               |  |   |   |
|                |                   |  |  |   |   |
|                |                   |  |  |   |   |

| District            | Contact           | E-Mail   | Office Phone |
|---------------------|-------------------|--|--------------|
| Greenbrier Wesleyan | Whitney Underwood | <a href="mailto:wunderwood@wvumc.org">wunderwood@wvumc.org</a>       | 304-872-1800 |
| Little Kanawha      | Sonnie James      | <a href="mailto:sbjames@wvumc.org">sbjames@wvumc.org</a>             | 304-428-6461 |
| Mon Valley          | Sarah Estep       | <a href="mailto:sestep@wvumc.org">sestep@wvumc.org</a>               | 604-366-3811 |
| Nine Rivers         | Jennifer Goldizen | <a href="mailto:jmgoldizen@wvumc.org">jmgoldizen@wvumc.org</a>       | 304-342-8843 |
| Northern            | Peggy Klages      | <a href="mailto:pklages@wvumc.org">pklages@wvumc.org</a>             | 304-232-7504 |
| Potomac Highland    | Juanita Flores    | <a href="mailto:jflores@wvumc.org">jflores@wvumc.org</a>             | 304-822-4191 |
| Southern            | Lisa Stilgenbauer | <a href="mailto:lstilgenbauer@wvumc.org">lstilgenbauer@wvumc.org</a> | 304-252-7985 |

## Attendance for April 2026

|     |    |         | 9:00 | 11:00 | Sunday School |
|-----|----|---------|------|-------|---------------|
| Apr | 5  | Worship | 268  | 29    | 114           |
| Apr | 12 | Worship | 142  | 25    | 112           |
| Apr | 19 | Worship | 152  | 24    | 105           |
| Apr | 26 | Worship | 137  | 12    | 83            |

### Tithes and Offerings

|                          |                     |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>2026 Budget</b>       | <b>\$310,924.00</b> |
| <b>Needed Each Week</b>  | <b>\$5,979.31</b>   |
| <b>Rec. Year-to-Date</b> | <b>\$112,803.07</b> |



## RENEW YOUR KROGER CARD

### Time to renew Calvary UMC Food Pantry as your selection for Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you are supporting the Calvary UMC Food Pantry by connecting your Kroger Rewards Card to the Food Pantry on Kroger Community Rewards Program, then it is time for you to renew that connection for the coming year. To renew, please do the following:

1. Go online at [KrogercommunityRewards.com](http://KrogercommunityRewards.com) and click on Sign-In/Register.
2. Use your email address and password to sign in.
3. Once you are signed in, click on View Your Rewards Details.
4. Scroll to the bottom of your Account Summary to view your Community Rewards selection.
5. Select Calvary UMC Food Pantry by either typing it in or using our NPO Number which is 83824.
6. Make sure you get the Calvary UMC in Ripley (83824) because there are three Calvary UMC's listed.

If you have been participating in the Kroger Community Rewards Program but do not have access to a computer or do not have an email account, please contact Melanie Purkey at 304-372-6910 (H) or 304-377-6339 (C). If you have not participated in the program but would like to, follow the enrollment directions in each week's church bulletin.

**From Dec 1, 2024 to Feb 28, 2025      84 Households Participated bringing \$301.03 to CUMC**

### ONLINE GIVING

The QR code has changed for online giving. Please use this barcode for your online giving through your credit or debit card or your bank account number. This can be a one time or regular transaction. You can also choose to pay the fee or have the church pay the fee.



# May 2026

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

- 1—
- 2—Patti Rogers, Nicole Wolfe
- 3—Alison Poole
- 4—Gino Degregori, Abigail Smith, Nick Miller
- 5—Isaac Thompson, Olivia Poole, Cole Wolfe
- 6—Kelly Groves
- 7—Logan McCoy, David Thompson
- 8—Linda Waybright
- 9—Becky Hall
- 10—Taran Wolford
- 11—Susan Gaskins, Nikki Hunter, Robbie Rogers, Michelle Vance
- 12—Case Isner, Mike Phillips
- 13—Natalie Holcomb
- 14—Gail Varney
- 15—Chris Miller
- 16—
- 17—Cayla Defren
- 18—Tanner Defren, Gavin Hall
- 19—Lois Magee
- 20—Greg Reed, Lena Wolford
- 21—Carson Merritt
- 22—Cheryl McCoy, Grayson Rothrock, Kayleigh Chappel
- 23—Michael Hosaflook, Tori Starcher
- 24—
- 25—Brent Sturm
- 26—
- 27—Kevin Matheny
- 28—Charles Hicks
- 29—Kate Burdette, Regan Shockey, Mike Wilt, Rod Kelly
- 30—April Morales, Channing Facemyer
- 31—Jessica Isner



### **Anniversaries**

- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1—Mike & Brooke Hosaflook | 26—Mike & Sharon Wilt       |
| 5—Jared & Vicki Cochran   | Dale & Camilla Ruben        |
| 22—Allen & Danielle Fish  | 29—EJ & Mary Ulland         |
| 25—Todd & Cheryl McCoy    | 30—David & Vanessa Rothrock |
| Paul & Cinda Francis      |                             |



**Schedules For Our Church Volunteers**

**May 2026**

**Worship Leader – Rothrock/Reed Family  
Natalie Holcomb**

**9:00 am  
11:00 am**

|               | <u>Nursery</u>   | <u>Acolytes</u>  | <u>Children's Church</u>  | <u>Prayers of the People</u>  | <u>Sound &amp; Streaming</u>   | <u>Scripture Reader</u>   |
|---------------|--|--|---|---|--|---|
| <b>May 3</b>  | Staci Cummings & Bella Lee   | Katelyn Fish & Mary Fish   | Staci Cummings  | <b>9:00 am</b> Rothrock/Reed<br><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Betty French  | <b>Sound –</b> Jeremy Rhodes<br><b>Live Streaming–</b> Russ Hunter                               | <b>9:00 am</b> Rothrock/Reed<br><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Jeremy Rhodes                       |
| <b>May 10</b> | Hannah Bolyard & Alexi Fish  | Ashlyn Wolford & Sophia Wolford  | Taran Wolford   | <b>9:00 am</b> Rothrock/Reed<br><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Betty French  | <b>Sound –</b> Nancy Smith<br><b>Live Streaming–</b> Russ Hunter                                 | <b>9:00 am</b> Rothrock/Reed<br><b>11:00 am</b> Jeremy Rhodes                         |
| <b>May 17</b> | Anni Barnette & Lindsay Toler  | Rhett Ruben & Ridley Ruben   | Stephanie DeWees  | <b>9:00 am</b> Rothrock/Reed<br><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Betty French  | <b>Sound –</b> Trevor Cummings<br><b>Live Streaming–</b> Jeremy Rhodes                           | <b>9:00 am</b> Rothrock/Reed<br><b>11:00 am</b> Jeremy Rhodes                         |
| <b>May 24</b> | Alyssia Ruben & Cheyenne Hicks   | Harper Patterson & Ty Cummings   | Megan Geyer   | <b>9:00 am</b> Rothrock/Reed<br><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Betty French  | <b>Sound –</b> Steve Sisson<br><b>Live Streaming–</b> Jeremy Rhodes                              | <b>9:00 am</b> Rothrock/Reed<br><b>11:00 am</b> Jeremy Rhodes                         |
| <b>May 31</b> | Megan Geyer & Jenna Reed   | Ava Bolyard & Wes Hicks  | Gloria Burdette   | <b>9:00 am</b> Rothrock/Reed<br><b>11:00 a.m.</b> Betty French  | <b>Sound –</b> Jeremy Rhodes<br><b>Live Streaming–</b> Stephanie DeWees                          | <b>9:00 am</b> Rothrock/Reed<br><b>11:00 am</b> Jeremy Rhodes                         |
|               |  Nursery Ministry |  Acolytes |  | <i>In Our Thoughts &amp; Prayers</i>  |  MEDIA TEAM |  |

Reminder: The nursery is for ages 5 years and under. -  
If you are unable to tend the Nursery as scheduled,  
please switch with someone or call Cinda Francis (273-5264)

Pre-worship 9:00 am Rothrock/Reed  
Prayer Leaders: 11:00 am Natalie Holcomb  
Children's Time: 9:00 am Hannah Bolyard  
11:00 am Heather Starkey



| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|--|--|---|--|---|--|
|  |  |  |   |  | 1<br>11a Tai Chi Youth<br><br>Cheryl Decorate                 | 2<br>7:00 a Mens Devo<br><br>Cheryl Decorate   |
| <b>3 UM Foundation Day</b><br>9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship<br>10:00 a Sunday School All Ages<br>2:00p Evans Eagles<br>5:30p Mother Daughter Banquet  | <b>4</b><br>6:30pm UMM                           | <b>5</b><br>9:30a Tai Chi<br>6-7:30p Scouts<br>6:30p Grief Share   | <b>6</b><br>1-3:00p Prayers<br>&Squares<br>7:00p Choir  | <b>7</b><br>11:00p Flowing in the Spirit   | <b>8</b><br>11a Tai Chi Youth                                 | <b>9</b><br>7:00 a Mens Devo<br>9a-3:00p Modern Quilt Guild-Conf.Rm<br>11:00a-12:30p Movin in May-Dance w/Parkinsons |
| <b>10 MOTHERS DAY</b><br>9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship<br>9:00 a Live Streaming Service<br>10:00 a Sunday School All Ages   | <b>11</b><br>6:00p Woodruff Acres Assoc.-Conf Rm | <b>12</b><br>9:30a Tai Chi<br>4:00p-7:00p ADK<br>6:00p Fair Camping  | <b>13</b><br>10:00pDeborah Miriam<br>7:00p Choir        | <b>14</b><br>9-11:00 p Food Pantry<br>11:00p Flowing in the Spirit                     | <b>15</b><br>11a Tai Chi Youth                                | <b>16</b><br>7:00 a Mens Devo<br>11:00a-12:30p Movin in May-Dance w/Parkinsons                                       |
| <b>17 GRADUATION SUNDAY</b><br>9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship<br>9:00 a Live Streaming Service<br>10:00 a Sunday School All Ages<br>2:00p Mary Martha – Higginbotham’s<br>3:00p Piano Recital-Sanctuary<br>6:00p Memorial Service Judy Lieving                                     | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b><br>9:30a Tai Chi<br>6-7:30p Scouts   | <b>20</b><br>1-3:00p Prayers<br>&Squares<br>7:00p Choir | <b>21</b><br>11:00p Flowing in the Spirit<br>12:00-6:00p Blood Dr<br>6:30p Horse Comm. | <b>22</b><br>11a Tai Chi Youth<br><br>----- S T U F F         | <b>23</b><br>7a Mens Devo<br>7a-12n Band Boosters kitchen<br><br>S A L E-----  |
| <b>24</b><br>9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship<br>9:00 a Live Streaming Service<br>10:00 a Sunday School All Ages   | <b>25 Memorial Day</b><br>Church office closed   | <b>26</b><br>9:30a Tai Chi   | <b>27</b><br>7:00p Choir                                | <b>28</b><br>9-11:00 p Food Pantry<br>11:00p Flowing in the Spirit                     | <b>29</b><br>11a Tai Chi Youth<br><br><b>Pastor in Alaska</b> | <b>30</b><br>7a Mens Devo<br><br><b>Pastor in Alaska</b>   |
| <b>31</b><br>9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship<br>9:00 a Live Streaming Service<br>10:00 a Sunday School All Ages<br><br><b>Pastor in Alaska</b>  |  |  |   |  |   |  |
| <b>Younger Youth and M&amp;M’s Youth Groups Sunday Evening at 5:30 PM choir 6:00 PM</b><br><br><b>Your Youth Group Leaders</b><br><b>Younger –</b><br>Taran Wolford 532-2317<br><b>M&amp;M’s -</b><br>Ashley Hosaflook 373-7580<br><b>High School –</b><br>Jimmy Groves 372-6910 |  | <b>Church Office Open-<br/>Monday thru Friday-8:00 - Noon</b><br><b>Sunday Services</b><br><b>Traditional/Live Streaming Service 9:00 a.m.</b><br><b>Sunday School 10:00 a.m.</b><br><b>Blended Service 11:00 a.m.</b> |   |  |   | <b>Worship Leaders:</b><br>9:00 am<br>Rothrock/Reed<br>11:00 am<br>Natalie Holcomb                                   |