



CALVARY CONNECTION

May 2025

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Pastor's Ponderings

I began typing this article while sitting at a table at The Grind. It is Thursday morning, and they are doing robust business; right now, there are seven people in line, and one lady is waiting on her order that was already placed. There are younger folks and older folks. Men and women. Tall and short. Loud and quieter. Some are on their phone and others talking to the people around them. A few stay here to enjoy a bagel and coffee, and others take it with them to enjoy at home or work. However, being Ripley, WV, there haven't been any people of color in here this morning (but there often are). And I don't think I have heard two orders that are identical! We are all different! Isn't that wonderful!

Of course, some folks think that everyone should be exactly like them since they have life figured out and make the right choices and the right beliefs and right politics and religion and...anyone or everyone who disagrees with them obviously must be wrong. But that is probably the topic of a future series of articles because that will take a lot of ink to address!

I try to celebrate diversity in many ways, but for this article I want to reflect on the power of diversity within the church. One of the many blessings of baptism and faith in Jesus Christ, is the gift of the Holy Spirit within us. The presence of Christ with us always! And one of the roles of the Holy Spirit is to empower us with a spiritual gift for ministry. The diversity of this giftedness is astounding! AND necessary. If we are to reach a diverse people with the love of Jesus Christ, we need to be able to demonstrate that love in various ways. And all the gifts are intended to work together for the building up of Christ's Church – not for personal gain or recognition or accolades or even for feeling good about yourself or what you see God doing through you.

It is the role and responsibility of the Holy Spirit to ensure that each congregation has the right blend of gifts to be effective in ministry. It is our responsibility to discover our individual giftedness and calling and to employ it (them) in a way that demonstrates the love of Jesus Christ for all people. And we also must determine where our gift fits in with the larger community.

As you probably know, I feel a call to and giftedness in disaster relief ministry and mission work. But even within that ministry, it seems like I end up being the one who stands and talks to the person we are helping (I'm not the only one). And while I can cook and prepare meals, that is not usually where I am called to spend my time on a

mission trip – I can, and I don't mind and at times I do help in that capacity. But there is often a person on the team who sees that as their primary calling and gift to offer and the reason they are on the team. For me to take that away from them, especially since it might be an ancillary gift in that moment for me, would be depriving the other from serving in the capacity for which they feel called.

Some folks have a passion for and calling in Christian education and teach Sunday school, lead VBS, lead the youth groups, etc. Others sense a calling and giftedness to being present with folks when they are hurting or lonely or depressed. Still others feel a strong need to advocate for the poor and marginalized, and to be a voice for the voiceless or the face of those forgotten by society at large. Others have musical talents and gifts that are employed to lead others in worship. Some like to send cards on special occasions or just to say that we are thinking of that person. And while we are all called to be hospitable and generous givers and share our faith, some people have the spiritual gift of hospitality or generosity or evangelism. Did you know that administration is a spiritual gift?

So, what is your spiritual gift? You have one, you know. How do you serve God by serving the church and serving others? We need you. The church needs you to employ your spiritual gift in combination with everyone else using their gift for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. When each one of us is faithful to use the gift that God has entrusted to us, the church becomes a vibrant place of diversity that reaches many people in the community with the love of Jesus Christ. Not sure of your gift? Maybe you think you know what your gift is and you definitely know the area that you are most passionate about, but you may not know how to use that in the church. Please come in and talk to me sometime and I might be able to pray with you about this. Maybe we can share a meal and talk about how to best utilize your gift or how to convert your passion into a ministry. I would love to talk to you.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve

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. On May 4th, we will begin a 6-week sermon series from the book of Acts. To assist your preparation, read and reflect on these scriptures and themes the entire week before worship:

May 4 – Saul Saw The Light! – Acts 9:1-20

May 11 – A Servant's Heart – Acts 9:36-43

May 18 – No Distinctions? – Acts 11:1-18 (combined service Graduation Sunday with Holy Communion)

May 25 – Visions Women and Reason – Acts 16:9-15 (combined service Confirmation Sunday)

Confirmation Class



Our new class began the confirmation process on Sunday, February 2nd. Felicia Shockey is our coordinator, and we have five youth paired with five mentors who will work through the 13-session curriculum called *Making Disciples*. We plan to have confirmation Sunday May 25th during a combined morning worship service at 10am. Please be praying for each person and the entire process. This year's confirmation class includes:

Bella Lee mentored by Gloria Burdette

Korey Hersman mentored by Felicia Shockey

Isaac Young mentored by Mike Wilt

Alexi Fish mentored by Tara Lee

Eliza Reed mentored by Danielle Fish



We need a few more people to help in the A/V booth on Sunday mornings at both services. We try to schedule volunteers on a rotating basis to work either the sound booth or the visual/livestream portions. We can train you (it isn't rocket science). The main quality we are looking for is availability - folks who attend Sunday morning worship on a fairly regular basis and who are willing to be trained and who will help operate the system from time to time on a rotation with others.

If you are interested in volunteering with the A/V booth, the handbell choir, Sunday morning worship services, let the church office or Pastor Steve know or talk to one of the following people:

A/V : Jeremy Rhodes or Steve Sisson (Sound booth)

Handbell choir & Adult Choir : Sherry Poole

9:00 am Service: Jenny Parsons

11:00 am Service: Judy Lieving



United Methodist Men

The UMM will meet May 5th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come bring a dish and enjoy the fellowship.

The UMM will be sponsoring the Annual Church Picnic on June 2. Plan to attend and bring a covered dish.

More info to follow.



United Women in Faith

Calvary United Women in Faith will be holding the

Mother/Daughter Banquet on Sunday, May 4th at 5:30 pm. The Discovery Circle is in charge of the food with Deborah/Miriam Circle in charge of the tables and Mary Martha will be providing the program.



The **Deborah Miriam Circle** will meet May 14 @ 10:00 am in the Church Conference Room with Program Leader Mary Ulland. Bring your own snack. The Blood Drive will be held May 15, 12-6:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the drive by checking in donors, running the canteen by giving snacks to and monitoring the donors after giving, or providing food for the Red Cross workers please let Kathy Marlow or Lora Sturm know. The time is broken up into 2 periods and it takes 3 people per period. If you are interested in helping for 3 hours every 2 months please let us know.

The **Mary Martha Circle** will meet May 18 @ 2 pm. with Debbie Higginbotham hostess/program leader.

The **Discovery Circle** will meet May 4th at the Mother/Daughter Banquet.



John 3:16 Fellowship –

Our April meeting proved once again what wonderful cooks we have at Calvary. Our Easter brunch was delicious and our time spent together as always was very special.

Our devotion for the afternoon was entitled “Resurrected Bodies” with an important reminder from 1 Cor. 6:20 – “You were bought at a price. “Therefore, honor God with your bodies”. Keith King provided information on the “Movin’ In May” community program for 2025 and the various scheduled healthy related activities that everyone is invited and encouraged to participate.

Due to a conflict in my schedule our May gathering will be May 27th, the fourth Tuesday (day after Memorial Day) at 3:16 pm with a “Welcome Summer Time” BBQ (indoors). Since, this will be the last fellowship for the spring I really hope you will be able to join us.

Vanessa Rothrock



Youth Groups

Elementary Youth (1st -5th grades), is led by Taran Wolford (304.532.2317). If you have a child in this age bracket, please join her remind to receive information specific to that group by texting @efgfk86 to 81010 to

receive information about meeting each week or you are welcome to text her directly.

Middle School Youth is led by Ashley Hosaflook (304.786.0046). If you have a child in this age bracket, please join her remind by texting @fd9e to 81010 (if you are not already registered) to receive information about that youth group each week.

High School Youth is led by Jimmy Groves (304.532.7649). If you have a child in this age bracket, please text him your number to be added to the group text.

The Youth kicked off April with a wonderful evening filled with singing and piano playing by some of the youngest, talented members of our congregation for the Youth Song & Praise Service on the 6th.

Everyone did such a wonderful job and if you were unable to make it or haven't seen this service yet, you can still go back and easily watch it (Thank you Facebook!). On Palm Sunday, the middle school youth were kind enough to hide SEVERAL dozen easter eggs for our younger ones to hunt and find and Easter was spent celebrating with our individual families. Due to the Mother Daughter Banquet coming up followed by Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend, our youth groups concluded this past Sunday by celebrating with outdoor games like kickball, relay races and even water balloons in the courtyard followed by a picnic with our families. Although the weather kept us from meeting for several weeks when 2025 first began, we hope all our youth enjoyed the year and we look forward to resuming our Sunday evening meetings again in September! Don't forget - The youth choir will sing again on Mother's Day and if anyone is interested or has questions about attending Spring Heights Church Camp this summer, please reach out to your leader.



We hope everyone has a fun summer!



Youth Meetings are 5:30 pm with choir and regular meetings at 6:00 pm each Sunday

Your Youth Group Leaders

Younger Youth –	Taran Wolford	532-2317
M&M's -	Ashley Hosaflook	786-0046
High School-	Jimmy Groves	532-7649
Youth Choir -	Hilary Groves	532-7648

Fund Raiser for Crossroads Camp Scholarships Pepperoni Rolls -- Sold by The LKD Ministry

Spouses

Orders can be made by calling or sending an email to:

Patty Blanchard

gmapattyrn@gmail.com

Rod Blanchard

wvminister@yahoo.com

Office 304-863-6082 Home 304-893-9845

Order by 5/19 for delivery on 5/24



GRADUATION SUNDAY

Calvary will **celebrate our graduates on Sunday morning May 18th with a combined service at 10:00 am** and a luncheon for the

graduates and their families. The high school graduates need to complete an application for the Morley Q. Parsons scholarship. If you have someone graduating from high school or college please let us know so we can recognize them. The deadline for getting your application and information in is May 3. **Any questions should be directed to Terry Landis 377 Random Road, Ripley, WV 25271 (404)272-2649.**



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.



GriefShare

The current program has ended with an expected date of return in early August.

Prayers and Squares Ministry

The Prayers and Squares group meets the 1st & 3rd 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 ople 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. The reasons to knit/crochet a shawl or lap robe are as numerous as the people who knit/crochet them. 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.



EMAIL PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know that Calvary has an email group for the “soul” purpose of intercessory prayer? When a church member (or person actively involved at Calvary) becomes aware of a specific prayer need, the information is communicated to Judy Lieving, our prayer coordinator, who then forwards the request via email. When we receive the email, we then enter into a time of prayer for the need listed. Do you feel called to a ministry of intercessory prayer? Would you be willing and available to join with us in intentional prayer? This is not intended to be a source of information—just to let you know there is a need. It is intended to be a form of communication to allow you to pray for a specific need. If you feel called to intercessory prayer for the needs that might be shared in this way, please contact Judy Lieving at judithlieving@gmail.com to be included on the email prayer chain.



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



Looking Ahead

May 4	Mother/Daughter Banquet
May 18	Grad. Sunday-Comb. Service 10 am
May 23-24	Churchwide STUFF SALE
May 25	Confirmation Sunday-Comb. Service
June 2	Annual Church Picnic
June 11-14	Annual Conference
July 7 - 11	Vacation Bible School



Quilt Camp

The Prayers & Squares Ministry is considering a “Quilt Camp” this summer for our youth. If interested contact Gail Varney or the Prayers & Squares group.

Making a Difference

We will have a BIG celebration on Sunday, May 25th, at a combined 10am morning worship service. That day has been designated as Confirmation Sunday, and we will celebrate the culmination of the confirmation process. We have five youth who will be in the position to publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ, and either be baptized or remember their baptism that happened when they were an infant. They will join the church as full members, and they will then begin to be integrated fully into the life of the church. This is such a BIG DEAL!! What a joy and privilege and responsibility the church has to train the younger generation, teach and mentor them, and to walk alongside them as they claim the Christian faith as their own. A big thank you to Felicia Shockey who organized this program and who also participated as a mentor. Also, a big thank you to the other mentors as well as the adults who spoke to the class about their spiritual gifts and how they use them in the life of the church.

And a big thank you to – you! The entire church plays a huge role in this process in so many ways, and I may speak to the other aspects in other articles, but right now I want to remind you that your faithful undesignated giving to the general fund of the church makes programs such as this possible and changes lives. When you give a tithe (10%) to the church, we have the resources available to offer the space, curriculum, and the programming to help guide the youth so they can fall in love with Jesus and serve him as their Lord.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR Pastor at The Grind coffee shop

I plan to be at the Grind on Tuesdays from 9am – 10am, *Wednesdays from 9:00am – 10:00am* and Thursdays from 7:30am – 8:30am. I have decided to *not go midday on Saturdays*, at least through the summer. There are several things that require my time and attention and being at The Grind in the middle of the day makes it difficult to accomplish what I need to do. However, I am more than willing to meet you at The Grind to chat most anytime – just reach out to me and ask. And if you want to talk about a more confidential matter, we can meet at the church.

This is a great opportunity to just sit and chat – about anything! It is a very casual, relaxed atmosphere and I have enjoyed getting to know several of you a bit better than I ever could only on our Sunday morning interactions. Stop in and say hi some morning. Watch your weekly update emails and Facebook for possible schedule changes on any given week.



Food Pantry Ministry Annual Statistics

	2022	2023	2024
# 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:

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

Food Pick Up Schedule for May

3 rd	Senior High Class
10 th	Patty Smith
17 th	Connie Waybright
24 th	Debbie Sisson
31 st	Dallas Skeen

Food Pantry Ministry March

For the first time since our food pantry started, we purchased more pounds during March, than were donated. 60% of the pounds of all the food we brought in, in March, were purchased.

For comparison, in 2024, 30% of the pounds of food brought in were purchased.

We are getting fewer pounds monthly donated from USDA. The last two months we averaged 1,223 pounds per month. In 2024 we averaged 2,064 pounds per month donated from USDA. Our food donations from our church and community are also down.

However, we are not panicking. Thanks for the financial contributions of our church and the community, we have enough to sustain us for two plus years. Praise the Lord!!

For the month we served 150 households or 430 individuals.

Month	Households	Individuals
January	95	267
February	178	496
March	150	430

.....Mike Wilt



Quotes of the Month

How about a few from Charles Spurgeon?

The Bible is not the light of the world, it is the light of the Church. But the world does not read the Bible, the world reads Christians! “You are the light of the world.”

A time will come when instead of shepherds feeding the sheep, the church will have clowns entertaining the goats.

You may fear that the Lord has passed you by, but it is not so: he who counts the stars, and calls them by their names, is in no danger of forgetting his own children. He knows your case as thoroughly as if you were the only creature he ever made, or the only saint he ever loved. Approach him and be at peace.

It is not a matter of time so much as a matter of heart; if you have the heart to pray, you will find the time.

Bet Ya Didn't Know (or Maybe You Did)

Did you know that the first worship service held in our sanctuary was on the second Sunday of October 1926? That means that next year Calvary will celebrate 100 years of worship in this sanctuary!!!! One hundred years of faithful witness in our community; one hundred years of service; one hundred years of mission, from this sanctuary! It is hard to imagine the number of lives that have been impacted positively by Almighty God because of the collective work of the people called Calvary - originally, EUB and now United Methodist. And we want to plan a celebration as big as this milestone!

However, we do have one major project that we need to complete prior to this celebration. As you might imagine, since the building is 100 years old, there are almost always maintenance and upkeep issues to address, and overall, we have kept up with those and the building is structurally sound, and all repairs are made on a timely basis. But there is one BIG renovation / restoration project that we now face - the stained-glass windows.

The stained-glass in the sanctuary is beautiful and when the morning light shines, our worship space is filled with the colors of the glass, and it helps enhance the sense of the presence of God. However, they are also 100 years old and the normal lifespan of stained-glass is 80-100 years and our panels are definitely showing their age.

This is not just a cosmetic issue, and it isn't about the quality of the glass itself. But if you look, you will see that several of the panels are "distressed." The panels are no longer perfectly vertical; they are folding or collapsing. The worst panel is probably the one behind where Keith sits at the piano; but there are at least 14 that are in bad shape (and remember, they are all the same age which means they are all destined for distress and must be restored).

The trustees have been studying this issue for over a year and have worked with three different contractors who are licensed and qualified to do this work. Did you know that we have 54 stained-glass window panels? That is a lot! The decision has been made to have all 54 windows repaired / restored since they are all the same age and will deteriorate quickly over the next few years.

The process will be for the contractor to remove the windows and take them to their studio for the re-leading and other needed work. They will bring them back to the church and reinstall. We anticipate that

the contractor will also run into wood deterioration around some of the frames and seals which will cause some additional work.

All the estimates are coming in at roughly the same price - around \$110,000 - \$120,000. When we add 10% or so for the expected woodwork and add a little for other unexpected costs, the trustees are estimating that the work will cost a total of \$125,000 - \$135,000. However, that is at today's cost. The windows will only get worse, and the price will only increase.

This is a project that must be completed for the integrity of the windows and the resulting integrity of the worship space and even the building. And we would very much like to complete this work in time for the 100-year anniversary in October 2026. So, the question becomes, how will we pay for it?

The trustees are exploring many sources of funds. Since Calvary is in a historic district, we are looking for possible grants to help restore the building to the original. However, the responsibility primarily rests with us, the people who worship here and call this place our spiritual home. The folks who sit in the warmth of the sunlight that pours through those beautiful stained-glass windows each Sunday morning.

Therefore, would you be willing to "sponsor" one window panel in memory or honor of a loved one? If you notice, many of the current windows have a plaque with the name of a person or family who gave a specified amount to provide that window panel in the first place. We would be doing something like that - not removing the current dedication plaques, but adding new ones - or perhaps having a board with the names of all donors at various levels.

At the current price estimates, the cost to fully fund one panel in memory or honor of a loved one will probably be \$2,300 - \$2,400 and would take about 55 people or families to fully fund this project. Maybe you are not able to pledge the full amount, but you could possibly give at another level - say, \$1,000 (or even \$500). It might be possible for you to give in one payment or 12 monthly payments.

There is an old proverb that says, "Many hands make light work." The more people that are involved, the easier it is for everyone. This is an essential project for the maintenance of the building as we attempt to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us and to preserve or enhance it for the next generation. We need your help. Please let Pastor Steve, Kathy in the church office, or one of the trustees know if you are willing to help financially, and at what level you can give. The trustees will continue to pursue many different

sources of funds for this work, including funds we have on hand, but ultimately it is the responsibility of the members of the church and we believe that you will joyfully and generously support this work. Please prayerfully consider this request and let us know as soon as possible.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Steve



Joke(s) of the Month

Moses is wandering around and he finds the burning bush. He looks closer and sees that while the bush is clearly on fire, it is not burning up. He just can't believe his eyes, and in his amazement he says "No way!" Then, a voice comes from the bush, and says "Yah way!"

The Sunday School teacher asks the children to draw Christmas pictures. She goes over to one student and sees he's drawn a picture of four people on an airplane.

"What is this?" she asked.

"Mary and Joseph and Baby Jesus on a flight to Egypt," he says.

"Well... who's the fourth person?"

"That's Pontius, the pilot."

Stuff Sale

Once again this year, in concert with the "Ripley on Sale" event over Memorial Day weekend, Calvary will have the church-wide stuff sale on Friday, May 23rd and Saturday, May 24th. You can bring your **pre-priced** items for the sale beginning Sunday, May 18th. The proceeds from this sale help pay down the mortgage on the building. You might be surprised, but even with modestly priced treasures, we still normally raise over \$2,000 on this sale. That is because people like you generously donate sellable items that you no longer want. Please, no clothing and no tires. If you donate electronic items, please make sure they still work. For that matter, please make sure that all donated items work! While we will take "cheap", yard sale-type items, we do require that the things work and be in reasonable condition.

We will need plenty of help – organizing, setting up, cashiers, clean up, "runners", and other jobs as well. There will soon be a signup sheet available for your commitment to help. This is usually a fun time as we interact with each other and the people of the community as well as being a fundraiser. I hope that you will be able to participate on many levels!

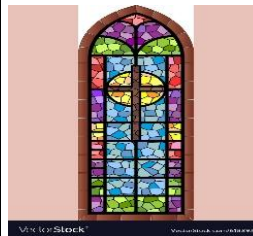
Goodness of God Story



Fred Hopkins and I recently went to McDowell County with a conference ERT team doing flood relief work. We worked at a few different homes and completed various tasks. As a side note, it got a little frustrating trying to locate some of the homeowners and we spent nearly as much time running up and down the roads as we did working! But work we did, and whether the task is large or small it is always needed and typically beyond the capability of the homeowner.

I could probably share a few different God stories from this trip, but the one that sticks out most in my mind was at the last place we worked. The entire crew of 8 or 9 of us pulled the wet insulation out from under the doublewide home of an older couple and we bagged it for disposal. The gentleman of the home was in his 70's and completely exhausted from trying to work on other projects by himself and he didn't know how he was going to get that insulation out and let the floor dry. They were all very appreciative that we could and would help them.

When we completed this project and were preparing to leave, we gathered the family (including the man's sister) by their doorway to pray. Someone said that we take pictures so our churches know we have been working and not slacking off! The sister pointed skyward and said the One that is important knows! Of course, she was right. We do not serve others to get accolades or recognition but because it is how Jesus has asked us to live.



100 YEARS OF CALVARY

Our current church building (the sanctuary and that portion) will soon reach the milestone of 100 years since dedication. I will try to present little bits of historical information on our building and those that were instrumental in the construction of

this beautiful place of worship. The heading will be 100 YEARS OF CALVARY. Be watching the bulletins and the newsletters for the next several months. Several families that are now part of the CUMC family had relatives who were attending services during those early days of worship in this sanctuary and if anyone has any information or pictures from that era or anything you would like to share, I would greatly appreciate it. Leave it outside the church office or give to me. Thanks, Kathy

Attendance for April 2025

			9:00	11:00	Sunday School
Apr	6	Worship	169	23	118
Apr	13	Worship	195	Combined	91
Apr	20	Worship	243	23	124
Apr	27	Worship	149	23	103

Tithes and Offerings

2025 Budget	\$314,721.00
Needed Each Week	\$6,147.17
Rec. Year-To-Date	<u>\$103,483.19</u>



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 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 2025
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—David Pickens
27—Kevin Matheny
28—Charles Hicks
29—Kate Burdette, Regan Shockey, Mike Wilt, Rod Kelly
30—April Morales, Channing Facemyer
31—Jessica Isner









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 2025

**Worship Leader – Greathouse 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 & Streaming</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>
May 4	Cinda Francis & Lilah Hosaflook	Ashlyn Wolford & Katelyn Fish	Staci Cummings	9:00 am Greathouse Family 11:00 am Betty French	Sound – Jeremy Rhodes Live Streaming– Jeremy Rhodes	9:00 a.m. Greathouse Family 11:00 a.m. Connie Waybright
May 11	Janet Hall & Jenna Reed	Rhett Ruben & Ridley Ruben	Alyssia Ruben	9:00 am Greathouse Family 11:00 am Betty French	Sound – Nancy Smith Live Streaming– Jeremy Rhodes	9:00 a.m. Greathouse Family 11:00 a.m. Connie Waybright
May 18	Hilary Groves & Alexi Fish	Lilah Reed & Alaina Hicks	Hannah Bolyard	9:00 am Greathouse Family 11:00 am Betty French	Sound – Trevor Cummings Live Streaming– Stephanie Dewees	9:00 a.m. Greathouse Family 11:00 a.m. Connie Waybright
May 25	Staci Cummings & Bella Lee	Cohen Isner & Case Isner	Stephanie Dewees	9:00 am Greathouse Family 11:00 am Betty French	Sound – Steve Sisson Live Streaming– Stephanie Dewees	9:00 a.m. Greathouse Family 11:00 a.m. Connie Waybright
	 Nursery Ministry	 Acolytes			 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 Greathouse Family
Prayer Leaders:	11:00 am Heather Starkey
Children's Time:	9:00 am Gloria Burdette
	11:00 am Natalie Holcomb

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 RHS Alum 2:30p RFL 5:30 p SPRC 6:30 p 	2 11a Tai Chi 	3 7:00 a Gideons 
4 9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship 9:00 a Live Streaming Service 10:00 a Sunday School All Ages 2:00p Evans Eagles 4:00p PJH Choir Practice 4:30p Confirmation Class 5:30 Mother/Daughter Banquet	5 6:30p UMM 	6 9:30a Tai Chi 	7 11a&6p Bible Study 1-3 p Prayers Squares 7p Choir 	8 9-11 Food Pantry 9-12 COHORT 	9 11a Tai Chi Set up Hicks Hall 	10 7:00 a Gideons Hicks Hall Booked 
11 9:00&11:00 a Morning Worship 9:00 a Live Streaming Service 10:00 a Sunday School All Ages 2:00p Mary Martha Circle-Conf Rm 4:00p PJH Choir Practice 4:00p Discovery Circle 4:30p NO Confirmation Class	12 	13 9:30a Tai Chi 6-8 Scouts 	14 10 a Deborah Miriam Circle 11a&6p Bible Study 7:00p Choir 	15 12-6 p Blood Drive 2:30 p RHS Alum 	16 11a Tai Chi Hicks Hall booked? 	17 7:00 a Gideons JCCEOS 9-2p conf rm 
18 Gradustion Sunday 9:00 a Sunday School All Ages 10:00 a Morning Worship Combined (Live Streaming) 11:00 a Graduate Luncheon 4:00p PJH Choir Practice 4:30p Confirmation Class 5:30 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Groups	19 World Plant a Vegetable Garden Day 	20 9:30a Tai Chi 4p Alpha Delta Kappa 	21 11a&6p Bible Study 1-3 p Prayers/Squares 7p Choir 	22 9-11 Food Pantry 	23 11a Tai Chi 	24 7:00 a Gideons 
25 Confirmation Sunday 9:00 a Sunday School All Ages 10:00 a Morning Worship Combined (Live Streaming) 4:00p PJH Choir Practice	26 Memorial Day Office Closed 	27 9:30a Tai Chi 6-8 Scouts 	28 11a&6p Bible Study 7p Choir 	29 	30 Happy Flip Flop Day 	31 7:00 a Gideons 
Younger Youth and M&M's Youth Groups Sunday Evening at 5:30 PM choir 6:00 PM <u>Your Youth Group Leaders</u> Younger – Taran Wolford 532-2317 M&M's - Ashley Hosaflook 373-7580 High School – Jimmy Groves 372-6910		Church Office Open- Monday thru Friday-8:00 - Noon <u>Sunday Services</u> Traditional/Live Streaming Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Contemporary Service 11:00 a.m. COMBINED WORSHIP MAY 18 TH AT 10AM COMBINED WORSHIP MAY 25 TH AT 10AM				Worship Leaders: 9:00 am Greathouse Family 11:00 am Natalie Holcomb