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United Methodist News

May 2015

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Sunday, May 17, the 2015 graduating high school seniors from our church will be recognized during worship, and will be honored afterwards at a reception hosted by the United Methodist Women.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Let the church know of college graduations. Next month we'll put a list in the newsletter.

May Events

May 1 & 2 — Rummage Sale for Missions

May 3 — Kids For Christ

May 7 — UMW General Unit Meeting

May 9 — Shared Blessings

May 10 — **Mother's Day**

May 13 — YOUth Group

May 17 — VBS Sneak Peak

Last Day of Sunday School

May 20 — Newsletter Articles Due

May 23 — Shared Blessings

May 24 — THS Graduation

Begin 9:30 a.m. worship time

May 25 — **Memorial Day**

May 27 — Meeting of the Holy Folders

May 31 — YOUth Family Picnic

Arrangements for Church Altar

Once again there are sign-up sheets in the church dining room if you would like to share flowers from your home this spring and summer. Feel free to have the Tipton Greenhouse help you out if you'd like.

Artwork or sculpture would work great too. We do not have anyone signed up for the first 3 Sundays in May so please sign up in the dining room or contact Becky Young, 563-357-1245 or bbyoung49@gmail.com

YOUTH FAMILY PICNIC & GAMES

This is an event for the entire family!

Sunday, May 31, 2015

At Cedar Valley Park, Shelter #1

11:00 a.m. (or when you get there after 9:30 worship)

EAT at 11:30 a.m.

PROVIDED: Brats & dogs; buns, condiments & drink

BRING: food for a potluck; games; even ball gloves!

(If the weather is wet, we'll be in the shelter; then bring inside games.)

TRIAL PERIOD

We have a long summer this year. Memorial Day is early; Labor Day is late. That means we'll have 9:30 a.m. worship 16 Sundays!! The HCI Hospitality Team, of which you may become an active member, has decided to host the post-worship Fellowship time in the Gathering Place the 16 Sundays of 'summer.' Materials for hosting will be in the kitchenette. There will be some tables & chairs on which to roost, though it is hoped people roam and mingle – perhaps more than when we roost at tables with well-known friends. It may also be easier to invite and accompany new people to the Gathering Place than to the basement dining room.

The HCI Hospitality Team is intending to create, in time, a 'welcome center' sort of space in the Gathering Place. It seems the most logical location with our absence of a 'foyer' or large enough 'entry space.' If you have ideas to enhance our 'welcome,' give your comments! Healthy Church Initiative Hospitality Team currently consists of: Karen Strefling, Marjorie Stonerook, Becky Young, Bob Cummins, Barb Rickard, Mary McKinney, Jane Moen, Pastor Paul.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



Paul's Ponderings

I determined to pray Psalm 22 during the “Dark Saturday Prayer Vigil.” I started out just fine as I prayed, “My God, My God.” Sometimes it’s a stretch to think that I can directly address God. For the Hebrews it was a death sentence to be that close to God or to even utter God’s name but I got through that part okay.

But then I got to the last part of the first verse. Whoa. That slowed me down! I thought of some times, not nearly what Jesus experienced, when in a state of self-pity I might think, “Why have you forsaken me?” But eventually I dealt with that and was able to pray those words from a different vantage.

How many times have others prayed those words: “My God, why have you left me alone?” (NCV) I realized that it may be their prayer because I am the one God expected to be with them, to bring illumination to the darkness of their loneliness, but I was too self-absorbed, distant or pre-occupied to think of another; and to be with them as a servant, a minister on God’s behalf. After all, Jesus on the cross reminds us that in God’s way of dealing with the world, God thinks incarnation is pretty important.

Okay, so it was an experiment. Isn’t worship always an experiment? How can humans even pretend how to adequately express the glory of God? But sometimes words can be inadequate and fall short of the goal. So, yes, it was with some amount of consternation, and after sharing the link with various people whom I respect and asking for their feedback, that I determined to use a 20 minute ‘video story-sermon’ for the 7:00 a.m. Easter service. While I am eager for feedback on the use of such media in such a setting, the tears people were subtly wiping from their eyes suggested to me that any words I could have put

Our work with THE STORY is now nearly completed. Or, is it more appropriate, and I pray, accurate, to say it is now ready to begin?! There is much more to “THE STORY,” not only the aspect of catching up on all the parts of the Bible not covered in the abridged text, but also... How shall we live THE STORY in our world?

Thank you for the work you’ve put into it. I appreciate that the children’s Sunday School teachers put some plans on hold or adapted to include the themes that their siblings and parents and others in the church would also be studying. By the way, the financing of THE STORY was an act of faith. We “charged” nothing for the materials and made them as available as we could. Yet, as people were moved, we received material donations in the amount of \$1,611. Our cost wasn’t much more than \$2,000. Thank you. *Pastor Paul*

Then I thought of something I recently read: “A prophet is someone who knows what time it is.” I frequently think of myself as a prophet, but do I know, always, ‘what time it is?’

Putting it another way, where today is the road from Selma to Montgomery? How many people today died in the Arizona desert between water holes or shade trees? How many people, even people I know, needed to be reminded today that their life matters?

Well, after a while my body needed to move and I looked at the clock. It had been an hour and a half, but I was already on verse 10. I decided it was a good place to quit:

*On you I was cast from my birth,
And since my mother bore me
You have been my God.*

Those words to me were the fresh breath of prevenient grace, that even if I am not as prophetic, not as faithful, not as passionate as I might be, I am God’s and there’s nothing that can change that.

I’ll have to pray the remaining 21 verses some other time.

together would quite likely fallen short of such impact.

I wished we had more time and occasion to process the film, as that is exactly what the confirmation class was able to do later in the morning. Every person, every person’s personal experience brings nuance and breadth to the meaning and validity of the message of “The Butterfly Circus.” If you missed the 7:00 a.m. Easter service, just google “The Butterfly Circus.” You’ll also notice that there are discussion questions available.

Missions

Rummage and Recycle Sale

SALE HOURS

Friday, May 1: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 2: 8:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Bag sale – all day Saturday - \$2 per bag

DONATIONS may be brought to the church and placed in the Gathering Place. **The deadline to bring donations for the sale is Tuesday, April 28.** All items must be clean and “like new” or “gently used”. This year, we are NOT able to accept large, old TVs, sorry, there’s little demand and it’s hard to get rid of them after the sale. Please bring larger items (i.e. furniture) AFTER noon Sunday, April 26.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: A sign-up sheet for the various responsibilities is posted on the breezeway door. Just show up any time you’re able to help out.

SET UP SCHEDULE – FELLOWSHIP ROOM

Sunday, April 26 after worship – move tables and rummage to Gathering Place

Tuesday, April 28, 4:00-8:00 p.m. – set up Gathering Place and begin setting up for the sale

Wednesday, April 29, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 30: 8:00 a.m. – until done (if needed)

CLEAN UP SCHEDULE:

Saturday, May 2 at 11:00 a.m.

Clean-up will be done immediately after the sale. If you have a truck or van and are willing to haul a load to Goodwill or another charitable organization, please sign up to help out. Usually 5-6 vehicles are needed to haul everything away.

THANKS in advance for your support of this event. Your donations, assistance with the rummage sale, and/or stopping by to shop are all appreciated.

Prayer Bear Ministry

Have you noticed the stuffed animals in the pew near the pulpit? Each of the animals has a prayer attached to it. If you know of someone who would benefit from some TLC, please read the prayer and give them a stuffed animal to remind them of God’s love.



Missions Work Trip

July 13-17

The Missions team will be spending three days in Cedar Rapids at the Mission of Hope and two days in Tipton this summer. The advantage of staying close to home is that we can focus on local needs. We are hoping to get more people involved with projects, have people cook meals and provide snacks for us, and/or even join us for devotions on those last two days. We are in the process of setting up our projects for that week, but all skills and abilities are welcome.

Interested? We are accepting registration materials until May 10. We need to know how many people plan to participate, so we know how many projects to take on. Anyone (14 and above) intending to participate in this work experience **MUST** complete a registration form and turn it in to the church office with a \$75 registration fee. Youth going into 7th grade this fall are welcome to participate if a parent is involved in the work trip. Registration forms are available in the sanctuary or church office. If you’re interested in working a day or two, please complete a registration form and add \$15 per work day.

Questions? Contact Renee Mente OR the church office.

Shared Blessings

Thanks to Abigail Circle and other individuals from our church who’ve helped with the Shared Blessings meals this year. We’ve been fortunate to have many community organizations help with Shared Blessings the past 4 months. Groups that have helped so far this year include Antheneum, Bennett Peace UCC, Tri Sigmas, Trinity Lutheran Church and the Lions Club. Trinity Lutheran and the Lions Club do Shared Blessings quarterly. If you are a part of these groups or know anyone from these groups, please personally thank them.

More volunteers are needed for upcoming months.

The calendar has many totally open dates. Please consider signing up as an individual or if you are a part of a group, get your GIG, Sunday School class, UMW circle, youth group, etc. to sign up for a day. The sign-up sheets are located in the Gathering Place. We need people to prepare the meals, bus drivers and people willing to do meal deliveries. Thanks in advance for your willingness to make a difference in our community.



Neighbors and Disciples Prayer Vigil Report.

Thank you to the 28 people, from preschool through senior adults, who signed in at the prayer vigil on Holy Saturday, April 4. Participants were not asked directly for feedback, but we heard that it was a blessing for those who were new to a prayer vigil and to those who have been to many. With some interactive features, like carrying a cross, singing a hymn, acting out stories; as well as quiet reading, reflecting, and prayer, it was designed to allow for everyone to have some time with talking God and listening. We posed a few finish the sentence statements and then turned the responses into these word clouds. The larger the words are in the word cloud, the more often the word occurred in the response. For example, in the "Prayer is..." cloud the most frequently written word was God, followed by conversation, talk, asking, and forgiveness. Our next prayer vigil will be around November.

Prayer is....



Today I Prayed for....



I Heard from God....



Member News

Baptism:

Jorden Abrahama. Anderson, son of Kim and Nathen Anderson; baptized April 26

Milestones:

Alec Amons claims that the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary will let him leave with his Masters of Divinity degree May 16th!!

Some people have 'new addresses,' at least as they heal. **Ike Ward** is at the Mechanicsville Care Center; **Erma Lyle** and **Jerry Gallagher** are now at Cedar Manor, joining numerous others from 1st UMC. Stop & visit!

College Students!

Please inform the office of ADDRESS CHANGES. This time of the year it's important to relate summer addresses for college students. Thank you.

Summer Church Camps

It's time to mark your calendar and register for Summer Church Camp. www.iaumc.org/camps; or call 1-800-765-1651. Iowa UM Conference Camp. Catalogs are now available; and the camps are also on the website.



As a reminder of the usual camp scholarship:

The United Methodist Women (UMW) will pay half, or up to \$100, for any child attending a United Methodist Church camp. Campers wishing a stipend for a campership are asked to submit a written request to the UMW President prior to the time of the camp.

Okoboji – Okoboji.Camp@iaumc.org
www.OkobojiCamp.com

Pictured Rocks – PicturedRocks.Camp@iaumc.org
www.PicturedRocks.org

Wesley Woods – WesleyWoods.Camp@iaumc.org
www.WesleyWoodsIowa.org

NURSERY in the SUMMER Schedule

We have a goal of offering a nursery during worship these summer months. There are 16 Sundays from May 24 – September 6th. It would only take 32 people to staff the nursery once each, two-per Sunday.

KIDS FOR CHRIST (KFC) in May

is on the 1st Sunday [so families can be together on Mother's Day.] Everyone is invited to KFC at 2:30 p.m. Sunday May 3rd.



Sunday, May 3rd

2:30 to 4:30

All ages are welcome!

We will make crafts, visit our friends at Cedar Manor, and enjoy snacks.

HOSPITALIZED?

Healing is a big part of the Christian tradition. It is important for healing that the mind and spirit cooperate with the body. It is precisely for that reason that in the old days, most hospitals made a phone contact with a patient's local church/pastor upon admission. Please be aware that hospitals no longer make that contact with your local church. (There is one in the area that has a chaplain's department willing to make that call but it may not happen in a timely manner – depending on other responsibilities that beg the chaplain's attention.) Your pastor is willing to make hospital visits; and we have some lay people willing to be health ministers, but you will not see either one if we do not know you are there.

Also, in the realm of "caring ministry," we do not provide care on the basis of "I read it on Facebook." That's just too closely related to gossip! If you read something on Facebook, check it out and then if caring ministry is needed and welcome, contact the church office.

Sometimes people are hesitant to provide notification because they don't want to inconvenience or put the pastor or parish visitor 'out.' Well, for that very reason, every (UM) church is required to have a line in their budget for "Mileage." When we travel for ministry-related purpose, we turn in mileage. In 2014 that amounted to a reimbursement of \$2,437.40.

Little Friends Preschool (LFP) Update

The 'transition board' of Kim Walter, Gail Fleming, Diane Wallick, Bob Young and Pastor Paul with clerical assistance from Kim Cross continues to work on documents, policies, procedures in preparation for licensing LFP under the ownership of First UMC. One of our actions was to identify a mission statement:

The Bible tells us, "Jesus grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him." (Luke 2:40)

Little Friends Preschool will provide a setting for learning, creativity and fun that encourages growth of the whole child. We celebrate and give importance to both the academic and social development of children. Most importantly, your child is God's 'Little Friend!' We want your child to grow and know how special they are. We will strive to give families a sense of community, raising children together.

We are also working on a new logo, trying to build off the 49 year tradition of Little Friends as it slightly changes direction to be a church owned and operated "ministry." Mary Jo Heil is helping us with a logo that communicates the message that all children are "God's Little Friends!" (No, the bearded guy in a robe is not Pastor Paul!)

There are all sorts of forms which must be prepared and ready prior to putting out the formal enrollment packet to parents. Our target is mid-way through the month of May. Names for prospective students are being accepted. YOU can pass the word!

Discipleship

WALK TO EMMAUS

A Free Gift for Yourself and Those You Care About

If you want more information you may do an internet search, go to <http://www.cedarrapidsemmaus.org> or talk to Pastor Paul.

District Conference and Celebrations plus Annual Conference Information ~ May 3

Living Water UMC Church, Marion

2:00 to 4:00 P.M. District Conference and Celebrations

4:00 to 4:30 P.M. Break

4:30 to 5:30 P.M. Annual Conference Information

Again, we would like to highlight the many ministries and celebrations going on throughout the EC District with a video. We are asking for photos and a short written report about your ministry/celebrations.

In order to be a part of this video your photo(s) and report must be sent digitally and received in the district office no later than Wednesday, April 1. Please forward your photos to district office.



Thank You Notes:

Wesley United Methodist Church, just east of downtown Ottumwa, hosts a monthly clinic to help low income residents navigate U.S. immigration laws. Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) provides free, high-quality immigration legal services, education, and advocacy through a network of clinics across the state. Some clients may drive a couple of hours to make use of JFON's service, Carol Ryan reports, but last year about "half of the clients were from Wapello County," where Ottumwa is the county seat.



Pastor Paul and Jane will be on

vacation May 18-28. On-call pastors will be available to provide services if and as needed. If you have a need or know of someone with a need, you may contact the office M-F mornings and Karis will make an appropriate contact. Outside of office hours, you may contact one of the Lay Leaders, Kathy Houstman (886-6239) or Bob Cummins (886-6207) and they will determine with you the best way to address the situation.

MAGIC COFFEE?? For a number of years Jerry & Alice Ann Gallagher have made sure there was coffee in the cupboard. When the supply got low, new cans of coffee just seemed to appear. Thanks, Alice Ann & Jerry!! Now they have retired from that task, leaving it for someone else to assume. While Gallagher's chose to foot the bill for coffee, that is not an expectation going forward. In fact, it has been suggested that we pursue using Fair Trade Coffee. It is likely that the cost would increase if we went that direction. Anyway, if you'd like to be the "Coffee-Getter" it's pretty easy to apply. Just let the church office know!

"Were you BORN IN A BARN?" Did you ever hear that, when as a child you had not properly closed or latched a door? Yeah, me too. So I thought of that sentiment as I considered how to say: "You Must **PUSH** the **TOWER DOOR CLOSED** or it will **not** be **latched**." After you go out, push it closed. If it still opens, it was not latched. If it fails to open, it is latched.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (Members and Constituents)

- 2 – Larry Glick, Keith Wood
- 3 – Pat Christensen, Lucas Lieser
- 4 — Dave Hill
- 5 – Christine Boeve, Charles Linn, Steven Miles
- 6 – Brett Eggert, Kathy Houstman, Justin Martin, Nate & Katie Shaull
- 7 – Rebecca Boltz, Mary Bormann, Connie Smith
- 8 – Coryn Wallick
- 9 – Alec Amosson, Davis Butler, Alicia Geary, Kim Walter, Kenadie Behne
- 10 – Phyllis Behrens, Alvin Wright
- 11 – Steve Eiler, Neva Harper, Travis & Camille Person
- 15 – Gail Fleming, Brian & Amanda Schmidt
- 16 – Randy Amosson, Randy Behne, Curtis Smith, Robert Wood
- 17 – Lucas Yerington, Becky Young
- 18 – Kaylee Driscoll, Ruel Wehde
- 19 – Delores Creque, Jane Moen, Amber Rogers
- 20 – Don Griffith, Chris & Angie Keller
- 21 – Pat Fankhauser, Laura Hembry
- 22 – Emily Beers
- 23 – Nathen Anderson, Brian Boedeker
- 24 – Kenzie Mente, Kim & Jason Walter
- 25 – Annette Lukemyres, Katie Neville, Ron & Sally Ahrens, Paul Frederiksen & Jane Moen
- 26 – Renee Mente, Adam & Katie Rippentrop
- 27 – Steven Licht, Ashley Neville, Merlyn Timm, Will Williams, Jennifer Wiskus-Rausch
- 28 – Savannah Brown, Ethan Wulf, Roberta & J. Gesling
- 29 - Kelly Huston, Eli Lindsey, Michelle O'Leary
- 30 – Finn Williams
- 31 – Rick Christensen

(Please contact the church office for additions and/or corrections.)

HELP!! We want to be a SAFE CHURCH but we need someone to assume responsibility for the administration of the Safe Sanctuary Policy. This is a very important role begging for attention. If interested or curious, contact Pastor Paul.

May Sunday Servants

Liturgists Twyla Hein - Coordinator

10 – Judy Reidel
17 – Karen Strefling
24 – Melinda Stonebraker
31 – Judy Rouse

Power Point Becky Young - Coordinator

3 – Brian Heil (both)
10 – Becky Young (create), Kelley Leiser (run)
17 – Alec Heil (both)
24 – Carmen Hoffman (both)
31 – Comstock family (both)

Fellowship Coffee Bark Rickard & Dixie Martin - Coordinators

3 – Kim Cross & Twyla Hein, Rhonda Waugh, Nancy Bourroughs
10 – Ruel & Jan Wehde, Charette-Conanat Family, Ron & Dixie Martin
17 – H. S. Graduation Sunday
24 – Gordon & Jan Esbeck, Glenn & Ellen Fear
31 – JoAnn Beers, Wallick Family

Greeters Becky Young - Coordinator

3 – Rich & Karen Zobel
10 – Ron & Lois Salmonson
17 – Jason & Kim Walter family
24 – Ruel & Jan Wehde
31 – Matt & Alicia Harper family

Communion Stewards Donna Gault - Coordinator

Confirmation Students

Nursery Office - Coordinator

3 – Liz Simons & Maddie Peters
10 – Webb family
17 – Karen Anderson
24 – Mary & Chris McKinney
31 – Alicia Harper

Children's Lesson Office - Coordinator

3 – Pastor Paul
10 – Roberta Gesling
17 – Dusty Johnson
24 – Dusty Johnson
31 –

Ushers Lorna Muller - Coordinator

3 & 17 Judy Ohrt & Vivian Shontz, Bob & Ginny Cummins
10 – 31 Ron & Lois Salmonson, Bob & Ginny Cummins

Acolytes Kim Walter - Coordinator

3 – Jack & Ava Boldt
10 – Meredith Coppess & Danica Rippentrop
17 – Davis Webb & Nicholas Eicher
24 – Volunteers
31 – Dawson Mente & Caleb Shumaker

Presence and Gifts from Mar.

Presence: Worship: 1st – 107, 8th – 123, 15th – 103, 22nd – 131, 29th – 176

Sunday School: 1st – 83, 8th – 76, 15th – 58, 22nd – 65, 29th – 87

Average attendance:

Worship: 128, Sunday School: 73

Gifts: General Fund \$12,555.05, Benevolence \$100.00, Facility Use \$50.00, Remodeling Fund \$15.00, Apportionment \$30.00, Shared Blessings, \$74.18, Youth Event \$163.00, One Great Hour \$20.00, Copper Kettle \$267.39, Easter Pool \$920.00, **Total** \$14,194.62

NEW LOOK for the CALENDAR

We decided to try a new format for the calendar that is included in your newsletter. Instead of the grid-style calendar, it will be a list. Our reasons for this are numerous, but include:

1. Many of our applications are lists, like the newspaper, website, breezeway listing and Sunday program, so it seems more efficient to make it a 'list' in the first place.
2. Some days on the calendar grid are empty while others have so many events that only a partial listing is visible; and even on a day with limited events, sometimes details get cut off or are illegible on the 8½ x 11 version.
3. It's easier to edit and update by deletion, change or addition.

We think this will be an effective change. Thank you to the person who made the suggestion!!! If YOU have ways to make church communications more effective and/or efficient, let us know!

**Newsletter articles are due
Wed., May 20.**

**Meeting of the Holy Folders is
Wed., May 27.**



United Methodist Women

UMW General Unit Meeting

Thursday, May 7th at 6:30
Salad Supper; bring a dish to share!

May Circle Meetings

Abigail — Wed., May 20th at 8:00 p.m.
Hostess: **Judy Keller**

Mary Martha — Fri., May 15th at 1:30 p.m.
Hostess: **Sherry Willey**

Priscilla — Thurs., May 28 at 6:30 p.m. @ Church
Hostess: **Nancy Burroughs**

Worship in May

WORSHIP – through the summer Sunday worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. This 9:30 a.m. start time will run from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, from May 24 thru September 6th. Chaos will be providing music the second Sunday of each month. Chancel Choir will sing the 3rd Sundays. It is preferred to have “special” Acts of Praise every Sunday. Get out there and start asking people to be a blessing!

May 3 — Communion; “Paul’s Final Days”
Chap. 30

Scripture: Ephesians 3;14-21; Matthew 19:28-30
Music: Chancel Choir and keyboard

May 10 — Mothers’ Day; “The End of Time” Ch 31
Scripture: Revelation 22:17-21; Luke 24:44-53
Music: Christian Chaos, Choir Kids

May 17 — HS Graduate recognition; “The End??”
Scripture: Acts 29
Music: Chancel Choir & keyboard

May 24 — **9:30 a.m.**
Memorial Weekend and Pentecost (wear RED!)

Scripture: Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Music: Choir Kids and Christian Chaos

May 31 — **9:30 a.m.**
Scripture: Isaiah 6; Psalm 29
Music: Keyboards, “Special” welcome!

Prayers

Hospitalized/Procedures:
Keith Wood @ St. Luke’s
Judy Keller @ Mercy-IC

Healing: Phyllis Behrens, Wanda Berner, Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming’s bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook’s sister), Jerry Ferguson, Berrie Glick, Sean Hannes, Jean Heil (Brian’s mom), Arlene Hein, Rex Idlewine, Calvin Kuehl, Ted Licht, Erma Lyle, Gerry Reeve, Kiaya Rickard-Urban, Erica Shumaker, Ray Steinberg, Gary Taylor, Alberta Wagaman, Carolyn Wiggins (S. Gould’s sis), and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Peace, strength and healing prayers invited for Ike Ward, now resident of Mechanicsville Care Center. Family & friends of Don Young who died April 15. Griffin Tauke (2nd gr) No. Liberty & Carsten Kime (Tipton 1st gr) & families as these little guys face cancer
Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions
Persons uprooted due to “natural” and/or “human” disaster; and those who are called to help.
Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.
Couples/Families searching for the way forward.
Persons & families of incarceration;
Persons in employment limbo;

In Treatment: Wally Reidel, Barb Knack (B. Cummin’s sis), Melissa Bliss(wife of D. Cartwright’s nephew),

Hospice/Palliative Care: Connie Back(Roberta Gesling’s mom), Esther Burns (Patti Seydel’s mom), Wayne Eisele (Mike’s father, in W’loo), Elmer Flory, Mabel Lamp, Henry Wiskus,

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel’s son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby



May 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Every Sunday

8:30 a.m. Choir Kids - Sanctuary
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School -
 (Through May 17)
 10:30 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

Every Wednesday

6:00 p.m. G.I.G. - Johnson's
 6:00 p.m. G.I.G. - 113
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir -
 Sanctuary

Every Thursday

10:00 a.m. G.I.G. - 113

Friday, May 1

10:00 a.m. Rummage Sale - GP

Saturday, May 2

8:00 a.m. Rummage Sale - GP
 12:00 p.m. Church Women
 United - 1st UCC

Sunday, May 3

2:00 p.m. District Conference @
 Living Water UMC
 2:30 p.m. KFC

Tuesday, May 5

4:00 p.m. Communion @
 Prairie Hills
 5:00 p.m. PEO DY

Wednesday, May 6

10:00 a.m. Pastor @ Bible Study
 1:00 p.m. Confirmation Early Out
 Dining Rm

Thursday, May 7

6:30 p.m. UMW General Unit
 Meeting - DR
 6:30 p.m. Xn Chaos

Saturday, May 9

11:00 a.m. Shared Blessings Meal
 - DR/K

Sunday, May 10

Mothers' Day

Monday, May 11

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Xn Chaos
 6:30 p.m. GS Daisy Troop (#4218)
 - RM 111
 6:45 p.m. Mission's Committee
 Meeting - Wesley Rm

Tuesday, May 12

2:00 p.m. Pastor @ Prairie Hills

Wednesday, May 13

8:00 a.m. Pastor @ ECI -
 Mt Vernon
 10:00 a.m. Pastor @ Bible Study
 1:30 p.m. Bible Study -
 Wesley Rm
 6:15 p.m. Youth Group -
 HS Center
 7:00 p.m. Leadership Council -
 Wesley Rm

Thursday, May 14

10:00 a.m. Senior Park Program
 12:00 p.m. Pastor @ TMA

Friday, May 15

Small Group Leadership - Ankeny
 1:30 p.m. Mary Martha Circle

Saturday, May 16

Small Group Leadership - Ankeny

Sunday, May 17

Last Day of Sunday School
 VBS Sneak Peak
 High School Graduation
 Recognition Sunday

Monday, May 18

Pastor on Vacation
 4:30 p.m. Grief Group - RM 113

Tuesday, May 19

Pastor on Vacation

Wednesday, May 20

Pastor on Vacation
 Newsletter Articles Due
 8:00 p.m. Abigail Circle - DR/K

Thursday, May 21

Pastor on Vacation
 6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 8719 -
 Dining Room
 6:30 p.m. Trustees - Wesley Rm

Friday, May 22

Pastor on Vacation
 Last Day of Little Friends
 Preschool

Saturday, May 23

Pastor on Vacation
 11:00 a.m. Shared Blessings Meal
 - DR/K

Sunday, May 24

Pastor on Vacation
 1st Day of Pentecost
 Memorial Sunday

Monday, May 25

Pastor on Vacation
 Memorial Day
 Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26

Pastor on Vacation
 6:00 p.m. Daisy Troop #4231 -
 RM 111

Wednesday, May 27

Pastor on Vacation
 Meeting of the Holy Folders
 1:30 p.m. Bible Study-Wesley Rm

Thursday, May 28

Pastor on Vacation
 6:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle - Dining
 Room/ Kitchen

Saturday, May 30

11:00 a.m. Shared Blessings

Sunday, May 31

11:00 a.m. Youth Families @
 Cedar Valley Park



