

May 2022

GoodNews

Love God · Welcome All · Serve Everyone



GRACE NOTE

The Good News

“Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia”

The next fifty days of the liturgical season finds us meeting Jesus after his death and resurrection. He has come back to reassure his disciples – his friends, of his presence, albeit temporary, to make sure they continue to connect the dots to what he had been showing them and teaching them to be the will of God for all of us. And what is the will of God? That we all are created by God and loved by God. And having been blessed with that love, we love just as God showed us. As simple as that sounds, love is hard to sustain.

Much like the weather. We have the expectation that since it is May, spring is here, and warmer and sunny days are abundant to help the flowers bloom. We may experience rain, but only enough to keep the earth moist.

Well... that hasn't exactly been our experience lately, has it? Climate change has made the temperature in the 70's one day, plummeting to the 30's the next; we now experience snow and rain squall, flooding, and hurricanes, and fires. The earth is still being watered but maybe not enough. The seasons as we know them are no longer as predictable as we want them to be or expect them to be.

Much like our life. We have expectations of our dreams coming true if we work on it. We expect certain stages of life to happen – go to school, earn a degree, find a mate, get married, have children, buy a house with a two-car garage. Have a job that will give you a pension. Retire and do the things we want once retired.

Well... for many of us, some of those expectations happen, but not as easy as it sounds. Like the weather, the global climate of wealth, greed, war, violence, hunger, poverty, disease, to name a few, have made life uncertain and unpredictable. That uncertainty has been heightened by the pandemic.

I see the next fifty days reminding us of the promise of new life through the teachings of Jesus Christ. From death comes resurrection. Resurrection reminds us God's love is stronger than any calamity or uncertainty. And we have a part in making God's presence known through our lives. The world around us meets God through us.

I hope that because of our care of each other, we have contributed to the news that we are out of the pandemic phase (per Dr. Fauci!) getting vaccinated, boosted, masking, keeping safe distance, staying home when sick.

We come together to worship God and bask in God's love, learning from the Scripture, sharing/witnessing with our presence, prayers, gifts, service – discovering again and again the love of God which knows no bounds!

Indeed, Christ is risen! Christ is alive! In You!

Thanks be to God!

Pastor Grace



Prayer Requests

Marna Frank
Virginia Rodgers
Tom Brehm
Ruth Callan
Ellen Shuemate
Rosemary Steele
Marylin Zirbel

To keep our list updated, we will remove names after 30 days. Please notify the office to place/re-place a name on the list. Thank you for your help with this ministry.



Make plans today to come and have breakfast with the Scouts!

Saturday, May 14 from 7 am—1 pm

Down in Fellowship Hall

Help support your local scouts all the while not having to cook or clean up!

Coffee Hour Schedule

May 1 Joy Buttke, Crystal Tuchalski
May 8 Deon Frieri
May 15 Atha Atkinson
May 22 Patti & Brianna Sloca
May 29 Alice & Lennie Hill

Upcoming Events in May!

- 1 Communion Sunday
Scrip—Order online or on paper
Church Council Meeting 10:15 am
- 3 UWF Meeting 9:30 am
- 5 Knit/Crochet 6:30 pm
- 8 **Mother's Day**
- 11 UWF Meeting 6:30 pm
- 14 Scout Pancake & Porky Breakfast 7am-1pm
- 30 Memorial Day office closed



A VIEW FROM THE PEW

There is no question that we have all just gone through a particularly vivid experience with the pandemic. Some of us have suffered personally through the sickness or know people who have. Others suffered directly from the economic impacts. All of us were affected by the changes in our life that the pandemic brought.

It is natural enough to wonder "Why?" What possible good purpose of God's did this pandemic serve? Well, I am here to tell you- I don't know! A lot of the time, we will see something like this that hits us and wonder 'why?' and that's OK. It is a perfectly valid thing to wonder, but sometimes, you just don't get the answer. Each week, we all go out into God's world, to live the lives He gave us, and to play parts in His plan. Sometimes, we will know what that part is right away. Other times, we may only find out well afterwards. That happened to me some years ago at work, when a woman approached me and called me by name.

It turned out that, as she put it, I was on a picture in her basement. I had coached her son playing soccer some dozen years before. Now for various reasons, Kathy and I had spent about five years coaching soccer for our kids' teams some time back. That phase of my life was well behind me though, and I'd not thought of it in quite a while.

Talking to her, I learned that this woman attributed to us and our style of coaching the fact that her son grew to love the game and become so skilled that he earned a scholarship in Soccer to College. So, our extracurricular detour into athletics helped to pay for a young man's college. I was blessed to learn the benefit I helped another to receive. Most of the time, I think, we are not so fortunate. And we never do learn who is helped by our good acts, but as I have lived, I have grown more and more confident in my faith that they do exist, that we do touch and help one another, serving as God's hands in the world.

And sometimes, it is not even by doing a kindness ourselves that we advance God's plan. By seeking help when needed and accepting when offered, we allow others to do good, which helps their souls, even as it serves our own needs. As Shakespeare says of Mercy, so I say to you of charity- It is twice blessed, it blesseth he who gives, and the one who receives. So, I challenge you all with a different task as we go into God's world. Do God's work. Even if your way this week to do God's work is to allow somebody else doing good for you.

By: Alan Mulroy

Happy Birthday MAY

- 1 Carlton Gaines
- 2 Charlene Nelson
- 4 Mike Gerdes
- 4 Jane Sekas
- 6 Erin Gerdes
- 8 Sandi Daugherty
- 11 Cindy Escue
- 14 Reyes Jimenez
- 14 Jill Misurelli
- 17 Moises Guerrero
- 23 Bob Petersen
- 23 John Walker
- 28 Pastor Grace
- 29 John Sloca
- 29 Nancy Barthuly
- 31 Atha Atkinson
- 31 Joe Briscoe

JUNE



Happy Birthday

- 3 Margaret Christian
- 10 John Khoury
- 11 Virginia Rodgers
- 15 Alice Hill
- 17 Pete Krystowiak
- 19 Kelly Euler
- 20 Isaiah Frieri
- 21 Marna Frank
- 25 Elise Valentine
- 30 Janet Truax

A GIANT Happy Birthday

to

Atha Atkinson who will turn

90!

On May 31!





SHALOM FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

We continue to collect food for the pantry. You may drop your nonperishable items off at the church from 8-noon, Monday through Friday or bring them with you on Sunday.



You can help support the

Shalom to Home Project

by bringing in bath towels, paper towels, facial tissue, toilet paper, comet and/or window cleaner.

Come join us to knit or crochet on: Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 pm.

And/or

Thursday, May 12 at 10:00 am



Terry's Circle

United Women of Faith (UMW) will be having our May Meeting, Tuesday, May 3rd, at 9:30 at the Church.

Please come and join us for a few hours of fellowship and inspiration.



Cyndi's Circle

The next UWF meeting for our circle will be Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30 pm.

We will be discussing issues surrounding women's health care.

Melodies of Compassion

For this quarter we are supporting the people of Ukraine through UMCOR. As you know, the war has been devastating for the civilians of Ukraine. The loss of life and property has been outrageous. We as United Methodist's can help through UMCOR in meaningful ways with our donations. See below for information on how we will donate our Melodies:

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United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery. This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>

- By toll-free telephone: 888-252-6174
- By check made out to Global Ministries/UMCOR with "Advance #982450-Ukraine" written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068 or given at or through any United Methodist church

One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church's leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

--From the UMCOR website----

Thank you for your generous support,

Christie Hansen and the Outreach Committee

Kairos Outside Ministry Program

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." (2 Cor 9:12)

Kairos Outside offers a comfortable, non-judging and free retreat for women to support each other as they journey through the incarceration of a friend or relative.

The Kairos Outside weekend is a 2 1/2 day program based on a series of talks by volunteers designed to address the pain of enduring separation from the person inside and the judgment of the others from their community. Guests hear the talks in small family groups.

The program is interspersed with music, prayer, and fun activities.

Kairos Prison Ministry is a Christian program, although no religious affiliation is necessary to be a guest. Any 20-year old or older female family member whose life has been impacted by the incarceration of a loved one, or a woman who was unable to attend Kairos Inside while in prison, is eligible to attend Kairos Outside.

Kairos Outside Helps Women Impacted by Incarceration:

- * By providing a safe place to share.
- * By offering unconditional love and acceptance in a Christian setting.
- * By women journeying together in small groups through SWAP (Share, Witness, Account & Pray) and Reunion meetings.
- * By fostering spiritual growth and community.
- * By promoting participation in small groups.
- * By creating an opportunity for a relationship with God.

Opportunities to help with this ministry for the upcoming Kairos Outside Weekend #5:

- * Purchase a meal ticket for \$10.00. The signed meal card will be placed at the place setting of a guest to show them that real people care about them. This is a great way to show them the love Christ has for them.
- * Sponsor a guest for \$125.00. This signed room card will be placed on the door of the room where they will be staying to let them know you care. It will also show them just how much they matter and are loved by Christ.
- * Color our Agape Logo and write out a prayer or piece of scripture on it with just your first name to be posed all over the community room of the retreat so the guests will know they are being prayed for.
- * Place a prayer and/or scripture on a strip of construction paper with just your first name on it. This will be added to many others that will be linked together into a prayer chain for the guest that will be in the community room.

Mary Borckardt has placed information regarding all of the above opportunities on a table in the narthex of the church. You may contact her with any questions that you may have at (214) 714-6028 or maryborckardt@gmail.com. Please find it in your hearts to help in at least one of these opportunities to show the love of Christ to others who may not know Him.



**SCRIP ORDERS GO IN
May 1st**

One way that you can still support the Church is through SCRIP. Now is a great time to sign up to purchase SCRIP on your computer or phone! Many businesses allow you to upload SCRIP gift cards to your phone such as Amazon, Home Depot, Kohl's, Lowe's, Starbucks, Target, Walmart, Meijer, Pick n Save, Kwik Trip and more. Also, many of the gift cards you already have can be reloaded online.

Sign up at ShopWithSrip.com or MyScripWallet.com.

The Wesley enrollment code is: 769DLL2B6L818.

You will need this code to sign up under Wesley.

You can still purchase physical SCRIP gift cards by filling out the attached pdf form and mail it or drop it off at the church.

If you need help or have questions contact Beth Brooks 847-344-1312



<https://www.facebook.com/WesUMC>

The Faithful Pig Keeper

Stewardship at Wesley

What is tithing?

Tithing is commonly understood as the giving of one-tenth of one's income for God. This standard of giving comes from several passages in Scripture (e.g. Genesis 28:10-22).

The founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, offered an even higher standard for giving, and for our entire approach to living. It's found in Wesley's sermon, "The Use of Money," which is among the Standard Sermons included in our doctrinal standards.

Here is Wesley's own brief summary which is the foundation of our teaching: "Gain all you can.... save all you can... give all you can." As he develops each of these points in his sermon, his message is plain. We are to seek to earn all we can in ways that are helpful to ourselves and others, never harmful. We are to "save all we can" by being frugal in our expenses. And then having earned all we can and spent only what we must to care for our own basic needs and those of our family (which we are never to neglect!), we are to give everything else away.

Indeed, Wesley says, "Render unto God, not a tenth, not a third, not half, but all that is God's." For some of us, after earning and saving all we can, while caring for our family's basic needs, there may not be much left over. For others, there may be much, indeed. Whatever that is, we say, give it all!

The United Methodist Church, in its Book of Discipline, emphasizes tithing as a "minimum goal of giving" and encourages local churches to find creative ways to become "tithing congregations with an attitude of generosity." The church asks all those being ordained to "teach and model generous Christian giving with a focus on tithing as God's standard of giving."

United Methodists value the tithe as a benchmark for giving, one we encourage our members to move toward and, once achieved, move beyond. We believe our giving should be both more challenging and more gracious to the whole world than simply trying to give a tithe of our income. We also believe that there is joy in giving, and the greater the generosity the deeper the joy.

Adaptation of an article by Rev. Ken Sloane, director of Stewardship & Generosity, Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church

Financial Facts: March 2022

Monetary Gifts and Other Income--\$12,157.33

Expenses--\$14,215.18

Net Funds--(\$2057.85)



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES!

Did you just say to yourself,
“Oh, I wish there was some way I
could help at church?”

Well, here’s your chance!

There are several opportunities that have opened up for all of you!

Counter: Stay after service to count the offerings and input that information in-
to the computer. We need 5 people for this. Training is provided.

Usher: Greet people as they come in, make sure any needs are taken care of,
count the number of people who are at the service, bring that number and the at-
tendance sheets into the office.

Food Delivery: Once a month bring food donations to the Shalom Center Food
Pantry and bring back the receipt with poundage information.

Lawn Care: Cut the grass, trim and generally make sure the yard looks nice for
the neighbors.

More and more people each year are leaving for months at a time. Sadly, these are
the people who volunteer the most hours each month. We are in dire need of
folks who will come through and help out ~ *I hear you add jewels to your heavenly
crown when you do volunteer work!*

Please call or email the office if you have time that you can give your church.

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