

MAY NEWSLETTER 2021

RICHMOND

First United Methodist Church Newsletter

Greetings Church, and many blessings to you all. I pray that this Springtime has been well. We are entering into the month where we remember our moms, those that have given their lives in service for the United States Armed Forces, and we remember to file our annual income taxes. May I speak to all three briefly.

Mothers' Day. This day brings a different mix of emotions and thoughts for all people. I would encourage you to call your mom and let her know you love her. For some that may be difficult, and I understand that. For others, our mom may have passed, and so this day will be tough. If your neighbor is a mom, maybe you could simply share words of gratitude with her. Moms are special to each person. Why? Without them, we would not be here.

Memorial Day. The day we remember those that have died in service for the Armed Forces of the United States. The day when we may grill meat and veggies or go to the park or the beach. I would guess that many of us know someone that has served in the past, whether family member or friend. Remember them and give thanks for their service. Allow the day to be more than just a three-day weekend that kicks off the "summertime" season.

Tax Day. This is an important thing to do. Even Jesus mentions in Mark's Gospel about paying taxes. Mark 12 has an encounter where Jesus is questioned about paying taxes to Caesar. Here is how verse 17 captures his response, "Jesus said to them, 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' And they marveled at him," (ESV). Paying taxes is important. Given to God what is God's is even more important. What I mean is this...

You are the LORD's creation, and what He wants is to be in relationship with you. God longs for being with and walking through each day with you. Yes, just as in the day of Jesus, our money may have a governmental image upon it, yet your very being has the image of God upon it. You are made in the image of God. May we honor the LORD with all that we are.

In other news, May 6, 2021 is National Day of Prayer. I will be at Beebe Street park set up to have conversation and prayer with any who would like to do so. I will be there from 10am-5pm. I wonder if there may be a few that would be encouraged to come and be part of this event? We will be there to offer prayer for anyone that happens by.

Until next time, may the LORD bless you and yours in such a way that you would be captivated by His unfailing love for you.
Be a Blessing, Pastor Tom

IMPORTANT DATES



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 8am Facebook Live 9:30am In-Person Service	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo 10-12 Busy Hands Bible Study 7pm	6 National Day of Prayer Beebe St. 10-5	7	8
9 Mother's Day 8am Facebook Live 9:30am In-Person Service Potato Sunday	10 Tax Day	11	12 10-12 Busy Hands UMW 12:30pm Bible Study 7pm	13	14	15
16 8am Facebook Live 9:30am In-Person Service	17	18	19 10-12 Busy Hands Bible Study 7pm	20 Leadership Board Meeting 7pm* *this may change	21	22
23 8am Facebook Live 9:30am In-Person Service	24	25	26 10-12 Busy Hands Bible Study 7pm	27	28	29
30 8am Facebook Live 9:30am In-Person Service	31 Memorial Day		10-12 Busy Hands Bible Study 7pm			

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



BY DONNA QUICK, PRESIDENT

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*Peace I leave
with you; my
piece I give to
you. I do not
give to you as
the world gives.
Do not let your
hearts be
troubled and
do not let them
be afraid.*

*John 14:27
NRSV*

This scripture verse is a personal favorite! Peace...

Yes, we are gathering and adhering to safe guidelines...and the reunion of shared time has been priceless! We give what we can to support each other! I like what Lindsay L. Gray, Editorial Director, wrote in her letter to preface the May-June Upper Room, "Even when we think that we can do or give is not enough, it is still worth doing what is right, giving what we have, and being who we are for the good of the world. The Holy Spirit, our advocate and comforter, rekindles the message of Christ in our hearts and sends us into the world to love our neighbors."

With those thoughts in mind, Busy Hands is 'working' each Wednesday 10am-12pm. Following Busy Hands on May 12, UMW will have a casual meeting.

Save the Date!! We are participating in a Virtual Fundraising Banquet for The Compassion Pregnancy Center on **Wednesday, June 9**, our regular meeting date! You won't want to miss this professionally-produced event.

Looking forward to seeing 'U' at our 'U'MW opportunities for supportive fellowship!

SIGN UP!



LAWN CARE

We need volunteers! The grass will need to be cut on Thursday, Friday or Saturday each week. We have a sign up sheet in the back of the Church by the coffee.

STORYTIME

Every Thursday we will post a Storytime on Facebook for children. If you would like to read a story please call or email the church. All you need to do is read the story and Jennifer will record you and take care of the rest.



DAY OF PRAYER

May 6th is National Day of Prayer. Pastor Tom will be at Beebe St from 10am-5pm. He does need to leave from 2:15-3:30pm. Would you love to help out during that time or any time during the day? Please call or email us.



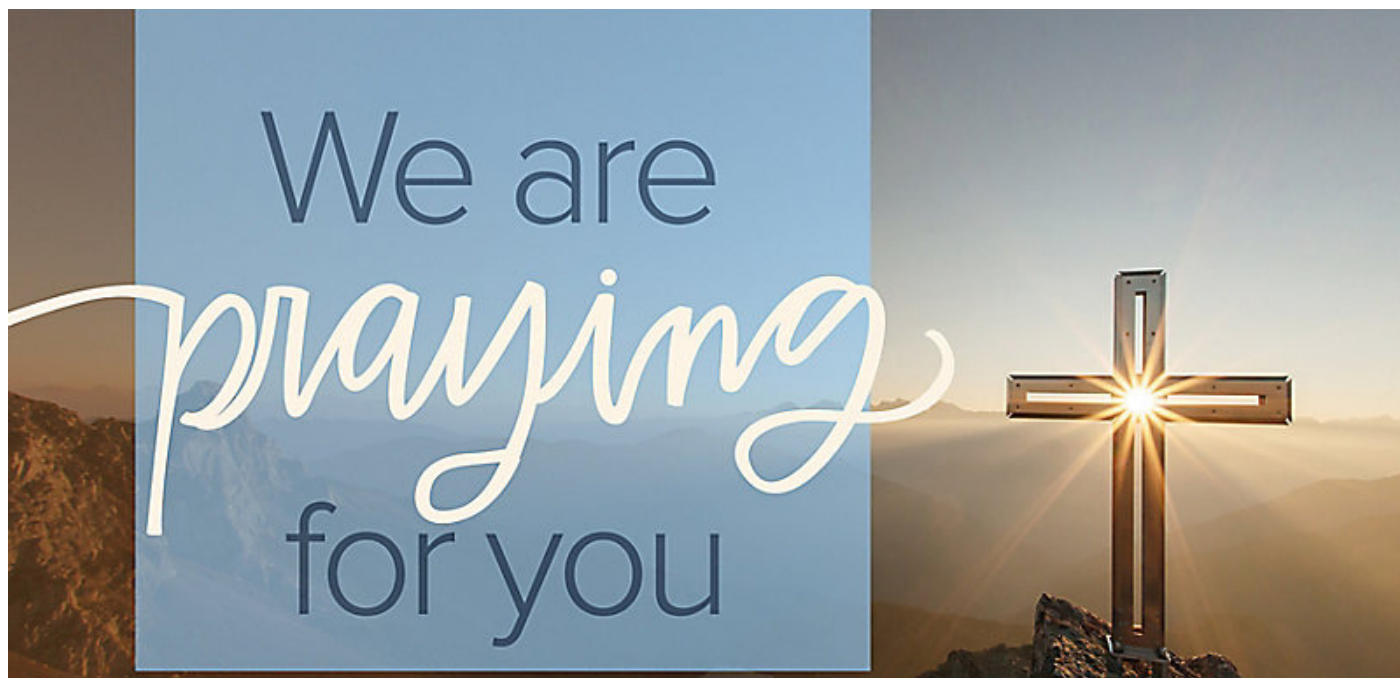
MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 2:	Amy Foster Lily Yelencich
May 5:	Kim Grose
May 7:	Ben Kondex
May 8:	Donna Quick
May 11:	Christine Rowley Mary Ann Rowley Helga Wisswell
May 13:	Amanda Brown
May 16:	James Allen
May 17:	Scott Light
May 18:	Lindi Denny
May 19:	Marie Pobanz
May 21:	Noel Grose Josiah Kondek Carrie Maro
May 28:	Dawn Waller
May 29:	Carol Walters
May 30:	Doug Logan



Do you have a 2021 Graduate? (High School or College) We are putting together a special day for them and would love for you to email or call us with their name and the school that they are graduating from.





May we be in prayer for **Sandy McClellan** and family as her sister Carol has passed away.

- **Virginia**, a coworker and friend of Anita Calomeni, hospitalized with Covid Pneumonia
 - **Scott**, friend of Alane Rowley, not doing well after surgery for prostate cancer
 - **Gary & Patty Montgomery**, have Covid
 - **Diane**, friend of Jennifer Patterson, struggling with Covid
 - **Winnie Rickert**, health concerns
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- Those families with loved ones that have passed recently
 - Local and national leaders
 - Medical and health professionals
 - Service men and women
 - The students, teachers, and staff of the schools
 - Those seeking employment, housing, and everyday needs
 - The social unrest in our country



2021 Phone Directories are in!
They will be located on the
Welcome table in the lobby.

APRIL FACTS & FIGURES



DATE:	ATTENDANCE TOTAL:	GIVING TOTAL:
April 4, 2021	In-Person: 6:30am: 6 8am: 29 10am: 26	\$1,846
April 11, 2021	In-Person: 29	\$1,841.08
April 18, 2021	In-Person: 30	\$1,405
April 25, 2021	In-Person: 41	\$2,445

APRIL GIVING TOTAL: \$7,537.08
APRIL EXPENDITURES TOTAL: \$8,549.14

MAY READINGS

May 1 1 Kings 10-11, Luke 21:20-38
May 2 1 Kings 12-13, Luke 22:1-30
May 3 1 Kings 14-15, Luke 22:31-46
May 4 1 Kings 16-18, Luke 22:47-71
May 5 1 Kings 19-20, Luke 23:1-25
May 6 1 Kings 21-22, Luke 23:26-56
May 7 2 Kings 1-3, Luke 24:1-35
May 8 2 Kings 4-6, Luke 24:36-53
May 9 2 Kings 7-9, John 1:1-28
May 10 2 Kings 10-12, John 1:29-51
May 11 2 Kings 13-14, John 2
May 12 2 Kings 15-16, John 3:1-18
May 13 2 Kings 17-18, John 3:19-36
May 14 2 Kings 19-21, John 4:1-30
May 15 2 Kings 22-23, John 4:31-54
May 16 2 Kings 24-25, John 5:1-24

May 17 1 Chronicles 1-3, John 5:25-47
May 18 1 Chronicles 4-6, John 6:1-21
May 19 1 Chronicles 7-9, John 6:22-44
May 20 1 Chronicles 10-12, John 6:45-71
May 21 1 Chronicles 13-15, John 7:1-27
May 22 1 Chronicles 16-18, John 7:28-53
May 23 1 Chronicles 19-21, John 8:1-27
May 24 1 Chronicles 22-24, John 8:28-59
May 25 1 Chronicles 25-27, John 9:1-23
May 26 1 Chronicles 28-29, John 9:24-41
May 27 2 Chronicles 1-3, John 10:1-23
May 28 2 Chronicles 4-6, John 10:24-42
May 29 2 Chronicles 7-9, John 11:1-29
May 30 2 Chronicles 10-12, John 11:30-57
May 31 2 Chronicles 13-14, John 12:1-26



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