

Special Sundays in May



Ascension Sunday: May 13 **Always with Us:**

Forty days after Easter, we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. This occurred 10 days before Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' followers, as he had promised.

Jesus' ascension reminds Christians that although his body couldn't remain present everywhere, we can universally experience his spiritual presence. In fact, Jesus' final words to his disciples — and to us — contain this key promise: "I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20, ESV).
(May 2016 issue of The Newsletter newsletter)



Pentecost Sunday: May 20 **Pentecost Power**

Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the Holy Spirit descended onto Jesus' disciples. While they were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish festival of Pentecost, the disciples

saw flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began talking in many languages. As a result, the disciples were able to share the good news of Jesus in the native tongues of all the pilgrims assembled in the city.

Even today, the power of the Holy Spirit fuels the "flame" that ignites Christians' outreach efforts. Only by the Spirit's power can we know Christ and make him known throughout the world.

Poet William Blake (1757-1827), who's been described as a passionate, Pentecost kind of person, wrote this poem about the Spirit's power:

Unless the eye catch fire,
The God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire,
The God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire,
The God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
The God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire,
The God will not be known.

(June 2014 issue of The Newsletter newsletter)



Trinity Sunday: May 27

Focusing on the Trinity:
Christians are monotheists, meaning we believe in only one God. Yet we talk

about the doctrine of the Trinity. In the church year, the Sunday after Pentecost is known as Trinity Sunday. It's a day for focusing on what theologians call the Triune God — the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Someone said about the concept of the Trinity, "You will lose your soul if you don't believe it, and you will lose your mind if you try to explain it."

The bottom line is this: God (one Person) has been revealed to mankind in three ways. He is our Creator, who then came to Earth as our Savior (in the person of Jesus) and is eternally present with us as the Holy Spirit.

On Trinity Sunday, we praise our Triune God for meeting all our needs.
(June 2009 of The Newsletter newsletter)



Peace with Justice Sunday: May 27

Peace With Justice Sunday, one of the special Sundays of The United Methodist Church on the first Sunday after Pentecost, enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs.

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Office Hours
Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—4:00 PM
(closed noon to 1:00 PM for lunch)

Sunday Services
Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship: 10:15 AM

Nursery facilities for ages five and under are available for Sunday School and worship services.

Wednesday Activities
Chancel Choir Practice ... 7:00 PM

Deadlines
Bulletin Deadline is every Wednesday at 12:00 noon.
Newsletter deadline is the 15th of each month.

FIRST FAMILY

Youth Sunday

May 20, 2018

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Graduation Sunday
May 20, 2018
10:15 a.m.
Reception to follow

Trent Hohenstreiter

Trent will be attending the University of Indianapolis majoring in mathematics and minoring in physics. He plans to run cross country and track.

Michael Knecht

Michael will be attending Franklin College to study Secondary Education, and he will also be playing baseball in college. His career goal is to become part of the Seymour High School staff, as a history teacher and a baseball coach. His dream occurred when he became involved with high school sports and activities, and he was able to see, first hand, how this community comes together and embraces its youth. Michael says that teaching and coaching would allow him to give back to the community that has given so much to him, and would allow him to educate Seymour's future workforce and to get involved in the community every day. "By receiving my degree in Secondary Education, I will be a step closer in having my dream job," he states.

Ashley Sargent

Ashley will be attending IUPUC to major in Business, specifically Human Resources and Marketing. She will continue her school to work job at Cummins here in Seymour. Her ultimate goal is to move into the Marketing or Human Resource Department at Cummins.



MAY 2018

May 06, 2018

Acolyte(s).....Trey & Noni
Children's Sermon.....Rachel Nay
Flowers.....
Liturgist..... Shawn Sunbury

May 13, 2018

Acolyte(s).....Ashley & Andrew
Children's Sermon.....Rachel Nay
Flowers.....
Liturgist.....Kevin Gabbard

May 20, 2018

Acolyte(s).....Noni & Morgan
Children's Sermon.....Noni
Flowers.....
Liturgist..... Youth Sunday

May 27, 2018

Acolyte(s).....Ashley
Children's Sermon.....Rachel Nay
Flowers.....
Liturgist.....Steve Freeman

USHERS:

*If you are interested in ushering, see Bill Seward.
Melvin Beeker
Bud Shippee
Tim Trimpe*

Worship Assistants

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



Clothing Center
May 1st & May 17th
@ 1:30 p.m.

Volunteering at
Community Diner
Every Monday from
2:30 to 6 p.m. @ FUMC.

For
Community
Provisions



Toiletry items
For the Clothing Center:
Soap ~ Toothpaste
Toothbrushes ~ deodorant
Shampoo ~ Conditioner

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

The May UMW meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 3rd, at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall.



MAY 18-20th: UMW Assembly

Every four years there is a world wide UMW Assembly. Four years ago it was in Louisville, Kentucky. Mitza Durham and I went and we learned so much. It was a wonderful experience! Talk about synergy! Wow! We are extremely lucky because this year it will be in Columbus, Ohio. There may still be scholarships if you are interested. Mitza will be going. I am very sorry that I will not be attending. I highly recommend it!

Dena Moore

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1. Establish a relationship of trust. **Trust is basic.** The key to unlocking our potential to live an abundant life is: Trust and obey God in all circumstances. *Proverbs 3:5-6 directs: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths.*
2. Love is giving and forgiving and desires a great life for us. *John 3:16-17 shares: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*
3. We teach by what we say and do. *Proverbs 22:6 advises: Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won't depart from it. Respect and cherish your children, spending quality and quantity time with them reading, praying, playing, advising, dining and teaching. In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus says, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Some of the best advice I was given when my children were small included:

- ◆ If you catch your child doing something good, praise them! The things we praise will be repeated! *Example: "You helped me by picking up the mess with me! Great job!"*
- ◆ Say what you mean, and mean what you say! Follow-through! Honestly sharing that *"Whining never produces rewards!"* is a very clear concept when we are always rewarding only the good behavior instead of the bad.
- ◆ Teach your child good decision-making by giving them as many healthy age appropriate choices as reasonably possible, and talking about the natural consequences of good decisions (and vice-versa!). *Example: "I want you to not get sick. Do you want to put on your*

coat and go outside, or do you want to stay inside to play?"

- ◆ Respect and Listen to your child, helping them identify their emotions and show empathy.
- ◆ Teach gratitude, including "please" and "thank you", and teach respect of others as well as of themselves.
- ◆ Raise your child in the midst of a community of faith, hope, and love. Take them to worship and Sunday School, and listen to their questions, helping them to seek answers. Volunteer to be a teacher or helper!
- ◆ Make bedtime at the end of the day a time to listen to what's on your child's heart, and help them learn to pray. Remind them that you love them, and that Jesus loves them! Rituals are important!
- ◆ Assure your child that you love them, and want the best for them; by your consistent behavior, help them identify that you have their best interests at heart, and will say "yes" whenever it is reasonable, and "no" when it is important.

Think about some of the best advice you've been given, and share your stories with love!



Happy Mother's Day
May 13, 2018

E-Race Hunger - You can Help!!!

Our Cluster of local United Methodist Churches is using the entire month of May to "e-Race Hunger" in our community. Items brought to First United Methodist Church, Seymour, will be distributed to "Provisions" which we support on a regular basis, as well as "Anchor House". Items can be brought throughout the month of May and placed in the containers near the Church Office/Double glass doors area. Checks may be written to FUMC, with a special designation of special giving to either ministries or both indicated on the Check.



Donations of all types of foods, along with cleaning supplies, are needed. Peanut butter and Spaghetti prep items are always particularly needed!

"For I was hungry, and you fed me"...Matthew 25: 35



May 2018 Newsletter
Article – From
Rev. Sandy Cooper

The greatest thing my mother ever did for me was within a relationship of trust, to teach me how to trust God with my life. Psychologists in their great study of human psychosocial needs posit that the first great psychosocial crisis for a human being, which occurs in the first year of life, is "Trust versus Mis-trust". If children are loved and live a life of nurture and stability where needs are met, they learn to Trust. As we show we are "trust-worthy" we influence others.

I remember that Timothy, a contemporary of and leader with the Apostle Paul, was greatly influenced by his mother and grandmother. Paul reminded him, "I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also" (2 Timothy 1:5). Our faith is taught and "caught" from those we trust who reveal by their words and actions who they really are.

Mother's Day is an inspirational day in May, when we are reminded that our relationships with our parents, grandparents, or whoever "mothered or parented us" that we call "family" – those relationships are to be treasured and honored in whatever ways we honestly can.

Speaking with the good fortune of being a parent as well as certainly having experienced being a daughter, I believe that a spiritually healthy family can be one of life's greatest blessings. God's people gathered as a church family have the wonderful opportunity to create supportive relationships, encourage thankfulness, pray with and for one another, and uplift the positive nature of praise and love that comes from God. We teach one another. The church is called to teach our children and youth several important truths that will enhance every day of their life, such as that they are loved by God, no matter what, and that they are valued and cherished by God who forgives their sin and offers abundant life and peace. We teach that they are to love as Christ loves us, and to forgive and value others, with wisdom, patience, and understanding. We teach by our honest love, practiced!

Mother's Day is also a time to share time-honored "wisdom". I believe that often **"When our children hurt, we hurt."** If we are emotionally healthy ourselves, we long for the greatest health and the greatest life possible for our children, our "steps", and grand-children, and our "greats" and beyond! Christ as the "Good Shepherd", and God as our "Heavenly Father" longs for us as Christian followers to be nurtured to tremendous spiritual heights and maturity for an abundant, fruitful life.

Part of what I have learned so far about positive parenting from God is:

05/01.....	WW; Clothing Ctr. @ 1:30 pm
05/02.....	Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
05/03.....	UMW @ 7 pm Fellowship Hall
05/05.....	Cinco de Mayo
05/06.....	Communion Sunday; S. S. @ 9 am; Worship @ 10:15 am; Youth @ 4 pm
05/07.....	Community Diner @ 4:30 pm; Inside/Outside @ 6:30 pm;
	Cub Scouts @ 6:30 pm; Boy Scouts @ 7 pm
05/08.....	WW
05/09.....	Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
05/10.....	Ascension Day
05/13.....	Ascension Sunday; S. S. @ 9 am; Worship @ 10:15 am;
	Youth @ 4 pm; Mother's Day
05/14.....	Staff Mtg. @ 10 am; Community Diner @ 4:30 pm; Cub Scouts @ 6:30 pm;
	Trustees @ 6:30 pm; Boy Scouts @ 7 pm
05/15.....	WW
05/16.....	Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
05/17.....	Clothing Ctr @ 1:30 pm
05/19.....	Kylee Shippee Fellowship Hall @ 1 pm
05/20.....	Pentecost Sunday; Graduation Sunday & Reception / Youth Sunday
	S.S. @ 9 am; Worship @ 10:15 am; Youth @ 4 pm
05/21.....	Community Diner @ 4:30 pm; Cub Scouts @ 6:30 pm;
	Finance @ 7 pm; Boy Scouts @ 7 pm
05/22.....	WW
05/23.....	Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm
05/24.....	Head Start Graduation
05/27.....	S.S. @ 9 am; Worship @ 10:15 am; Youth @ 4 pm
05/28.....	Memorial Day / Church Office Closed
05/29.....	WW
05/30.....	Choir Rehearsal @ 7 pm



Inside/Outside
Committee

Monday, May 7,
2018 @
6:30 pm in the
Chapel



Monday, May 14,
2018 @
10 am in the
Chapel.



BOARD of TRUSTEES

Monday, May 14,
2018 @
6:30 pm in the
Chapel.



Finance
Committee

Monday, May 21, 2018 @
7 pm in the Chapel.



May Anniversaries & Birthdays

If your anniversary/birthday is not listed or is incorrect, please notify the church office.

- 5/03.....Jade Catterton
-Todd Koleszar
- 5/06.....Dottie Burkhart
-Shelley Caudill
-Cameron Galbreth
-Terry & Joy Beem (19th)
- 5/07.....Sharon Aker
-Sharon Copler
-Denny Brown*
-Trish Norrell
- 5/8.....Shawn & Amy Blankenship (14th)
- 05/09.....Kylee Shippee
-Leah Boling Day*
-Isabella Grace Kilpatrick
- 05/10.....Bill & Debby Klinger (43rd)
-Marnie Dirks
-Elizabeth Hess
- 05/12.....Steven Sunbury
- 5/16.....B.J. Galbreth
-Allan & Kim Cain (30th)
- 05/17.....Hope Helm
- 5/18.....David & Janet Schaeffer (27th)
-Becky Davidson
-Peyton Erp
-Lennox Tungeitt*
- 5/20.....Lori Sunbury
-Mike & Ingrid Kilpatrick (40th)
- 05/21.....Addison Norman*
- 05/23.....Gabriella Parisi
-RJ Shippee
- 05/24.....Charlie Hunterman**
- 5/26.....Bob & Joyce Kauke (50th)
- 05/27.....Dwayne Hohenstreiter
-Larry & Diane Kemling (29th)
- 05/29.....Andrew & Stephanie Maschino (19th)
- 05/30.....Charlotte Greasham
-Joyce Kauke
-Mark Davidson

***SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS:**
1 ~ 10 ~ 25 ~ 35 ~ 95



Prayer Walk

Every Monday
from 11 a.m.
to 12 p.m.



Mar. Budget Income:13,779.45
Mar. Budget Expense: \$22,973.64
Deficit/Gain (\$ 9,194.19)

General Operating Fund Balance
Deficit/Gain: (YTD).....(\$ 3,388.98)



Happy Birthday!

Happy 95th Birthday to
Mr. Charlie Hunterman

on
May 24, 2018.



Happy 30th
Anniversary

Allan & Kim Cain

May 16, 2018



Happy 40th
Anniversary

Mike & Ingrid Kilpatrick

May 20, 2018

50th

Robert & Joyce Kauke

ANNIVERSARY May 26, 2018



WELCOME New Member

Welcome new member, Hannah Tungeitt, who united with FUMC on Easter Sunday. Hannah and her family live in North Vernon and she works in Columbus. Family members include her husband, Gary Tungeitt, sons, Hunter Crossman, and Lennox Tungeitt. Their address is 2131 Ascot Court, North Vernon, 47265.

Her parents David & Donna Crossman live here in Seymour and worship with FUMC on many occasions.



Congratulations to Allan and Kim Cain upon the birth of their first grandchild, Oaklynn Cain, on November 15, 2017. Oaklynn is the daughter of Tyler & Carrie Cain.



Congratulations to Trey Hohenstreiter and Rhiannon McGrew

For being inducted into the National Honor Society at Seymour High School on Monday, April 16, 2018.



Dear Church Family,
Thank you all for the care and concern you have shown during my recuperation from my fall.

Larry Sunbury

4/7/2018
Rev. and Church Family,
Thanks for all you did for Flo's service, coming to the nursing home, lunch (was wonderful) and anything else you did for her. We miss her but will see her again in heaven.

In Christ's love,
Bob & Kim Lucas

(card is on the bulletin board)

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Arthur Chandler
Designated ~ Memorial Garden
By Mr. Kendrick Sinnock

In Memory of Florence Lucas
Undesignated
By Jim & Sharon Aker
John & Ann Britton
Rev. Sandy Cooper
Jane Dirks
Carolyn Gordon
Marvin & Ronna Hall
Tom & Bev Johnson
Bill & Libby Koleszar
Ron Nelson
Jerry & Pat Norrell
Julie Tate
Sharon Tirey
Roger & Michele Teipen
Jr & Donna Wessell

Designated ~ Youth Fund
By Billie Wintin