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May Highlights

- 2—Youth
- 9—Mother's Day
- 16—Youth
- 17—Red Cross Blood Drive
- 23—Day of Pentecost,
Senior Recognition Day
- 30—Trinity Sunday, Youth
- 31—Memorial Day—
Church Office Closed

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What Is Pentecost?

Pentecost is a Greek word meaning "the fiftieth day." The feast of Pentecost was celebrated 50 days after the Jewish Passover. (When counting, omit the Sabbaths.) The Jewish feast of Pentecost was the festival giving thanks for the first fruits of the corn harvest. Acts 2:1 notes that on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. This event was called Pentecost by the early Christian Church. And it is observed today as the birth of the Church. Read the whole story at Acts 2:1-21.

Children and Youth

Sunday Youth Group
5:00 – 6:30 May 2, 16, 30

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SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY: On Sunday, May 23rd during our 11am worship service, we will recognize, honor, and celebrate our Class of 2021. All High School Seniors and recent College Graduates who are members of Andrews UMC or have participated in our youth program are invited to attend. I will be putting together a video for the service.

If parents would like to send 20 photos via zip drive or paper photos to be scanned, please drop them off at the church on or before May 18th. All paper photos will be returned, please put them in a zip lock bag. For more information contact Robby Morris.



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Pastor Tom's Message

We sang in worship yesterday! And the songs' praise resounded throughout the sanctuary. It was as if we were releasing a breath held much too long. Although we were muted by masks the sound was magnificent. I believe that music takes the mind and heart to places the spoken word cannot. It was glorious. And though we were masked the smiles the music generated were reflected in the eyes peering from above the covering.

The psalmist calls us to worship, to remember God's faithfulness to us and all of creation, and to live in respect and awe of God's tender mercy toward us. Find a tune in your heart that will give life to the words recorded in Psalm 95 and SING ...



Psalm 95: 1- 7a

*O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God
with songs of praise!*

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

*In God's hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.
The sea is God's, and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.*

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the lord our Maker!

For God is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.

KEEP SINGING ... and may the joy of the song that is God's love fill you to overflowing!

Grace and peace,

Tom+

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.</i> - Acts 2:3-4</p>						
<p>2-5th Sunday of Easter 11:00—Worship 5-6:30 Youth</p>	3	4	5	6 10-12—**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 4:30—Welcome Table— First Baptist Church	7	8
<p>9-6th Sunday of Easter 11:00—Worship Mother's Day</p>	10	11	12	13 10-12—**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 4:30—Welcome Table— United Methodist Women	14	15
<p>16-7th Sunday of Easter 11:00—Worship 5-6:30 Youth</p>	17 1:30—6:00 Red Cross Blood Drive	18	19	20 10-12—**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 4:30—Welcome Table— Former Civitan's Group	21	22
<p>23-Day of Pentecost Senior Recognition Day 11:00—Worship</p>	24	25	26	27 10-12—**Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation 4:30—Welcome Table— Vengeance Creek Baptist	28	29
<p>30-Trinity Sunday 11:00—Worship 5-6:30 Youth</p>	31—Church Office Closed Memorial Day					

** The Sanctuary is open on Thursday mornings from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon for individual prayer and meditation. Please observe the necessary health precautions of wearing a mask, maintaining a safe distance from others and having no more than 10 people in the Sanctuary at a time.

Birthdays

- 1— Nicholas Adams
- 2— Jackson Tallant
- 6— Annaneal Stevens
- 7— Alaina B. Ledford
- 8— Don Duncan
- 9— Kandy Barnard
- 10— Dana Tefft
- 15— Kim Rogers, Sue Tallant
- 19— Carmen Clayton
- 22— James Hall
- 23— Beth Duncan
- 24— Laurel Hall
- 25— Carole Maennle, Katherine Dooly
- 28— Mack Tallant
- 29— Daryle Forbes, Mary Mainguy
- 30— Jymme Gann, Lavenia Hawk, Ray Wilson, Susan Freel Bode
- 31— Lochlain Ledford

Anniversaries

- 28— David & Tammi Queen
- 29— Vernon & Terry Gribble
- 31— Keith & Patricia Francis



Stewards of Time

Then God said, "Let there be light." And so light appeared. God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. God named the light Day and the darkness Night. There was evening and there was morning: the first day. (Genesis 1:3-5, CEB)

There you have it. On the first day, God created what would become primary markers of time – day and night. On the fourth day, God created the stars, the moon, and the sun “to separate the day from the night” and to “mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years” (Genesis 1:14, CEB). God knew time and the passing of time would be important to humans. On some occasions, time seems to fly; at other times, it appears to crawl. Some periods of time seem to last far too long, and others end much too quickly. Time and the marking of time matter.

But there is something else about humans and time. Time is a gift filled with choices. Circumstances affect whether we see an event as a time for rejoicing or mourning, a time for working or playing, a time for quietly praying or loudly shouting. Still, we have choices about how we will be good stewards of this gift from God.

You hold a calendar. Just as do the lights in the sky, this calendar indicates the sacred seasons that Christians use both to recall times past and to look to the future. It includes information helpful to United Methodists as we fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. However, much of the space is blank. In the days to come, you will fill those spaces with notes of appointments to keep, tasks to do, and events to remember.

Consider also filling some of those spaces with practices you will continue or begin to help you grown as a disciple – setting aside time for prayer and worship, for serving and giving, for spending moments with those closest to you, and for enjoying all of God’s creation.

God gives us time and markers of time. May we be faithful stewards of all.

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Donating blood can make a big difference in someone’s life. There is currently a critical need for blood. Our next blood drive will be on Monday,, May 17, 2021, 1:30—6:00pm, in the Family Life Center. Go online at www.redcross.org/give-blood.html to schedule an appointment or drop in.

♥ April Honorariums and Memorials

In Memory of Jane Swan,
by Brenda Hughes,
by Ken and Ann Deese,
by Roy and Louise Gilbert
by Pamela S. Vernon.

In Memory of Rebecca Woods,
by Roy and Louise Gilbert.

In Memory of Bill Mitchell ,
by Heidi Monsour.

To the Welcome Table:

In Loving Memory of Jane Swan
by Annaneal Stevens.

**In Honor of Martha West,
Nenia Thompson, and Mary
Mainguy,** on their birthdays,
by a friend.

To United Methodist Men:

In Honor of Maurice West, on
his birthday, by a friend.

To the Choir:

In Honor of Pam Mills, on her
birthday, by a friend.

To the Youth:

In Memory of Jane Swan,
by Robert and Kay Turner.

*He has made
everything
beautiful in its
time. He has also
set eternity in
the human
heart; yet no one
can fathom what
God has done
from beginning
to end.*

-Ecclesiastes 3:11