



MAY 2019

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RUMMAGE SALE

The HOPE CIRCLE annual Rummage Sale was held on April 27th. It was a rousing success raising over \$1,700. many thanks to the volunteers of the Hope Circle who worked very hard to sort, price and set up all of the tables of merchandise.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Beginning this month, May 2019, the Men's Prayer Breakfast is moving from the Fellowship Hall to the Fountain City Diner located on Tazewell Pike. All are welcome to attend. The time remains the same 8:00am.



TAI CHI

The Tai Chi classes normally held on Thursday evenings are suspended through the month of May 2019.

Tai Chi will resume on Thursday June 6th.

WAY TO GO! WAY TO GIVE!

What a wonderful day of music! Thank you to the Brickyard Quartet for joining us today and providing wonderful music for worship and our music scholars fundraiser. Thanks to [Jim Kennedy](#) for his passion for music in the church and in schools!

The fundraiser was an amazing success. The St Paul family showed our appreciation and their love of our music program with donations of over \$2,000 to our Choral Scholars Program o



Celebrating 72 Years of Praising God with Open Hearts, Open Doors, Open Minds

From Our Pastor



Rev. Tim Best

Dear St. Paul Family,

Christ is Risen! The season of Easter is so much work for the church each year. The last few weeks of lent are filled with worship planning, choir practices, our annual egg hunt, and other special programs. Each year it is a gift to watch the church family come together in worship and service for this most holy of seasons for Christians. This year has been particularly special because it is our first Easter together. I am still blown away by the organization of the egg hunt (a big thank again, to Jennifer Courter), the participation of our children with the choir anthem on Easter Sunday, and the hospitality shown to sister and brother Christians from Germany, who are also members of our United Methodist Church. The bus ministry has taken off this spring and a new Sunday School class for Adults has formed. Indeed, the Risen Christ is at work in our midst.

After worship on the first Sunday of Easter many of our children gathered in front of the church to play, run, take pictures with their families, and enjoy the weekly suckers from Mr. Walter. Seeing the children of St. Paul participate in worship with their dancing, chime-ringing, serving as acolytes, and shouting "Christ is risen" at the top of their lungs, reminds me of the purpose of our community. We are a resurrection people. Our St. Paul family struggles to be a faithful witness of God's loves in our community. We struggle to realize our spirit led vision for ministry on a tight budget. We work diligently with a finite number of members and volunteers to host excellent programs for the sake of our community. At a time when the fate of our denomination is uncertain and the safe decisions appears to be to back away, we recommit to remain patient with those we don't agree with or understand.

St. Paul is a resurrection community. The powers of decline, apathy, and nostalgia do not have the last word. The message of Easter is for us as people, as individuals, but it is also for our communities. In the aftermath and uncertainty of the special called General Conference, stacked on top of the challenges every church faces, the future might seem bleak. St. Paul is teaming with new life and new possibility that proclaims the God of Resurrection whom we worship. We have a new Nursery and Children's coordinator, Jennifer Miller, who is doing an excellent job in her new role. Amber Edrington has taken on the role of Missions chair. Amber has an amazing vision for the ongoing work of the church, I encourage you to ask her about it sometime. Mobile Meals continues to be a vibrant ministry of so many of our members. As I approach the end of my first year as your pastor and look ahead to my second I am overcome with hope. I am convinced that God still has so much grace and resurrection love to reveal in our community through our church.

As we continue to celebrate Easter over the next 6 weeks, will you join me in prayer? Will you pray that God will reveal to us how we might proclaim the goodness of God's resurrection kingdom in Fountain City and beyond? May our prayers open our hearts to the humble and simple ways that we might confront the powers of sin and death in our daily lives and in our life together.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

We covenant to be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support it with our Prayers, our Presence, our Gifts, and our Witness.

OUR PRAYERS: The Family of Bill Akins, Angela Camp and Krista Jeffers

OUR PRESENCE: YTD: 61

OUR GIFTS FOR April

Anticipated Contributions to Budget: \$14,478.93

Actual Contributions to Budget: \$12,951.64

Shortfall: (\$1,527.29)

Church Calendar - May 2019

Wednesday, May 1

5:30pm - Fellowship Dinner

Fellowship Hall

6:30pm - Grief Share

Friendship Room

6:30pm - Bible Study

Thursday, May 2

1:00pm - Group Leaders' Book Study

Friendship Room

7:00pm - Life in America Class

Upstairs Classroom

Saturday, May 4

8:30am - Men's Prayer Breakfast

Fountain City Diner

Sunday, May 5

9:30am - Sunday School

10:45am - Worship Service

The Rev. Pat Clendenen

Wednesday, May 8

6:30pm - Grief Share

Friendship Room

6:30pm - Bible Study

Thursday May 9

1:00pm - Group Leaders' Book Study

Friendship Room

7:00pm - Life in America Class

Upstairs Classroom

Sunday, May 12 - Mothers' Day .

10:45am - Worship Service

Tuesday, May 14

6:30pm - Leadership Council Meeting

Fellowship Hall

Thursday May 16.

7:00pm - Life in America Class

Upstairs Classroom

Sunday, May 19

9:30am - Sunday School

10:45am - Worship Service

Powell High School Hand Bells

Monday, May 20

6:30pm - Hope Circle

Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 22

5:30 - Agapé Café

Fellowship Hall

Thursday May 23

1:00pm - Group Leaders' Book Study

Friendship Room

7:00pm - Life in America Class

Upstairs Classroom

Sunday, May 26

9:30am - Sunday School

10:45am - Worship Service

Tuesday, May 28

5:00pm - M.G. Support group

Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 29

6:30pm - Grief Share

Friendship Room

6:30pm - Bible Study

Thursday May 30

1:00pm - Group Leaders' Book Study

Friendship Room

7:00pm - Life in America Class

Upstairs Classroom