

Special Weekends in May

May 12/13—Mother's Day



There will be opportunity to honor and remember the mothers in our lives. Donations to Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana and Homes of Hope can be given in honor/memory by contacting the office or using the slips in the

bulletins the last weekend in April and the first weekend in May.

May 12/13—Monkey Bread

The Youth Mission Trip Team will be making and selling Monkey Bread to help fund their trip to Tennessee in July.



May 21—Graduation Sunday



Please join us at both worship services on Sunday to honor our graduates. There will be a brief reception following the 8:45 service.

May 26/27—Memorial Day Weekend

Please join us in worship this weekend. Patriotic music will be shared.



Cookout for Missions

Our Memorial Day cookout for missions will be on Saturday, May 26th from 10am-2pm at County Market. Invite your friends and family! Grillers, servers, eaters and dessert makers will all be needed for this fun event. It's a great opportunity to share smiles and good food in service to our community. Watch for a sign up sheet (for workers and dessert donations) in the hallway outside the office. Hope to see you there!

Dishes & Coats

There are numerous dishes on the north side of the kitchen.

These belong to people who may have brought dishes for a funeral meal, potluck, or Wednesday evening meal. If any of these dishes belong to you, please take them home! Any dishes that are left after May 15th will be taken to Shepherd's Closet in a couple of weeks.

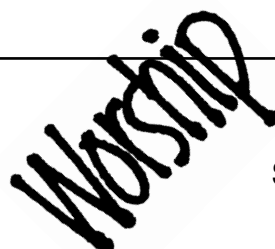


There are also a number of coats on the coat racks in the Fellowship Hall. These will also be taken to Shepherd's Closet if they are still there after May 15.

Please take a moment to look in both places to see if any of these items belong to you!

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Saturday • 5:30pm—Casual Worship
Sunday • 8:45am—Traditional Worship
Sunday • 11:00am—Contemporary Worship
Sunday School—10:00am

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Church Membership, Compassion & Servanthood

Richard Foster: "A natural and understandable hesitancy accompanies any serious discussion of service. The hesitancy is prudent since it is wise to count the cost before plunging headlong into any Discipline. We experience a fear that comes out something like this: "If I do that, people will take advantage of me; they will walk all over me." (Celebration of Discipline)

Any initial discussion of church membership usually invokes an immediate fear of being asked to give away our time; and time is like gold: to be guarded carefully. Therefore, any conversation about church membership needs to be in the context of compassion and servanthood.

Jesus gave us two great commands: to love God; and to love others, and love ourselves. These commandments give us the necessary balance and boundaries to govern our time, focus, and energy.

Love shouts that God created us, and that every human life has the same equal right to dignity and esteem. Tragically, we live in a world of pain; emotional and physical pain experienced at the very core of our being when dignity and esteem have been denied, refused, and crushed.

Compassion is a choice: a choice which affects how we are going to invest our time, focus, and energy. Compassion is a choice to be like Jesus: to refuse to ignore the pain of others. Ironically, as we help others, we in turn receive a joy that cannot be found in any other source.

Jesus freely chose to be a servant; which is to say: to be a person of compassion; to bring light and hope to people in the darkness of pain when human dignity has been stripped away. Jesus: "That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for many who are held hostage." (MSG).

Servanthood is not obligated servitude; but rather a compassionate choice to work together towards a more just world in which human dignity is restored. To be sure, an individual can work towards the end of justice alone. However, a collective group can accomplish more exponentially. Joining a church must be understood in such a context of a community working together for the human dignity of all. ~ *Pastor John*

May's Mission Socks will support offerings taken at Annual Conference

An offering for the **John Kofi Asmah School in West Point, Liberia**, will be taken for furnishing for the school.

A second offerings will help provide funding for the spiritual life programs at **The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and Spero Family Services** (formerly the United Methodist Children's Home).

A third offering will be taken for the **Tom Brown Scholarship, Wiley College**, which assists a student of Wiley College.

The last general offering will be taken for the **Ordinands' Trip, Spring 2018**. This trip is used to form spiritual leaders at the beginning of their ministry.

MMDC Collection

Attendees to 2018 Annual Conference are urged to have their congregations collect items for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. A truck will be located at the Peoria Civic Center to accept those donations during the Annual Conference.

Tornado totes include the basic necessities for persons whose homes have been affected by tornados or floods. The items needed for each tote include the following:

- \$9 Donation for 2 Totes
- 2 pairs of work gloves
- 2 boxes of gallon-size plastic bags
- 2 permanent markers (i.e. Sharpie)
- 1 roll of duct tape (prefer colored)
- 2 dust masks (no surgical)
- 24 heavy duty trash bags rolled (33-45 gallon)
- 24 clear trash bags (20-33 gallon)
- 1 canister disinfectant wipes

Supplies can be collected and brought to Annual Conference and/or contribute to Advance Special #6620 and indicate "Tornado Tote".

Kid's Crossing

Wednesday Night Programming

We wrapped up our Wednesday Night Growing in God Program on Wednesday, April 25th. We provided Subway for families, put on a short program, and proceeded to make Blessing Bags for families to take home with them. The purposed of the Blessing Bags is for the families to keep them in their cars in the event that they see someone on the street in need. The contained items such as Kleenex, toothbrushes, snacks, water, and socks. This was a great way to share in fellowship and mission with our Growing in God Families.



Vacation Bible School



This summer, GCUMC will be hosting a Vacation Bible School! Tentative dates are July 30th-August 3rd with time TBD. As always, we are looking for volunteers as this will most likely be during the day, not in the evenings. If

you have any interest in helping out with teaching, providing snacks, or just being an extra set of hands, please let me know! We would love to open this up to all the kids in the community, but we will need the volunteers to do it! Look for more details to come in the next couple of months, and don't be surprised if you get a call or email asking for your help!

~April

New Member Class

Pastor John is offering a New Member's Class on Sundays, May 6th and 20th, during the Sunday School Hour (10-11am) in his office. If you are interested in attending, please contact John or email the office.

Wesleyana Circle

The Wesleyana Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 8th, at 1:30pm at the Villas of Hollybrook.

Graduation Sunday



If you have a graduate in your family, please let the office know prior to Wednesday, May 16th. Graduates can include middle school, high school, 2 year college, 4 year college, graduate degrees, etc. If you have a family member who graduated mid-term (last December for example), please let us know as well so they can be recognized on May 19th/20th during our worship services.

Updating our Records!



We are going to be updating our membership records during the months of May and June. If you could, please provide the following information to the office at your earliest convenience. Even if you think we have everything, please still provide this information so we can check that everything is correct.

- Names in household
- Address
- Home Phone
- Cell Phone Numbers
- Email Addresses
- Dates of Birth
- Anniversary (including year)

Also, if you have a recent family picture you would like to have included in our online/printed picture directory, please email that to gcumc@sbcglobal.net.

PRAYERS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

Courtney Troyer	1	Brady Cox	8	Chris Hazen	25
Shane May	1	Ryan Thorp	8	Connie Tennyson	25
Sharalyn Borchers	2	Darrell Messmore	10	Mark Spangler	26
Janet Jensen	2	Rachael Bingham	10	Hunter Hansen	26
Janet Utterback	2	Olivia Hawthorne	10	Ava Conrad	26
Mike Utterback	3	Meredith Fornero	12	Alia Conrad	26
Eric Gee	4	Julie Steinman	12	Beverly Crow	27
Sam Horsch	4	Judy Morano	12	Austin Seneca	27
Shelbie Kearfott	6	Donald Jensen	13	Mackenzie Seneca	27
Don Barnes	8	Kelsey Whitehouse	14	Uyen Littell	28
Michelle Engel	8	Tammy Cowell	16	Stephanie Kietzman	29
		Craig Sharp	17	Phil Whitehouse	29
		Joe Kearfott	19	Mikayla Woodward	29
		Candice Hawthorne	20	Matt Lindelof	31
		Bo Grider	20	Marsha Moody	31
		John Davis	22		
		Bob Davis	22		
		Jerry Holsten	24		
		Frank Titus	24		



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

	Day	Years
Gene & Terri Moore	2	31
Jeremy & April Rotramel	7	13
Bud & Carolyn Ryan	7	52
Bill & Susie Dueringer	11	15
Derek & Stephanie Kietzman	15	19
Ron & Wanda Baird	18	44
Jason & Heather Murphy	22	14
Scott & Marsha Moody	23	20
Todd & Uyen Littell	26	
Wes & Karen Leenerman	27	51
Bob & Jane Hill	28	63
Jerry & Karen Wright	29	52
George & Lori Frashier	30	26

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Offering & Attendance

Jan-Mar 2018 Offering for Budget	\$73,957.36
Jan-Mar 2018 Budget	\$80,364.82

Weekend	Sat 5:30	Sun 8:45	Sun 11:00
March 31st & April 1st	22	218	38
April 7th & 8th	22	137	36
April 14th & 15th	21	136	24
April 21st & 22nd	14	110	21

Nursing Home Residents Health Concerns

Manor
Ruth Fisher
Judy Peters
Jane Hill
Phil Lutz
Annex
Mary Rosebraugh
Sonny Boundy
Doug Hager
Paxton Health Care
Bill Dueringer

Delmar Bedel
Edith Christensen
Nancy Davis
Fran Davis
Ruth Fisher
Herb Green
Bob Hill
Phil Lutz

Servicemen and women

SSG Colton Young
AB Cody McCoy
PFC Glenn Mehl III

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

**May
2018**

	1	2 1:00 PM Connection Team 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal Meeting 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir	3	4	5 Communion 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship	
6 Communion 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School/ New Member Class 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	7 9:00 AM Prayers	8 1:00 PM Communion Manor/Annex 1:30 PM Wesleyana Circle (@ Holly Brook)	9 7:00 PM Pie Night @ Manor 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir	10	11	12 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
13 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	14 9:00 AM Prayers 5:30 PM SPRC 7:00 PM Covenant Council	15 Newsletter Articles Due 6:30 PM Poured Out Church Planning Meeting	16 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir	17	18	19 Mission Socks 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
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27 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	28 9:00 AM Prayers	29 10:00 AM Communion @ Holly Brook	30	31		



MAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

	Liturgist	Greeters (West, South, North)	Acolytes	Sound Room (8:45)	Projector (8:45)	Projector (11:00)
May 6	Karen Kummerow	Rick & Becky Young Joe & Zach Wier	Addison Farmer & Bailey Grider	Steve Hawthorne	Zander Wier	Phillip Littell
May 13	Virgil Rosendale	Shirley Jackson & Jane Tankersley Mike & Ann Young Kenny & Candice Hawthorne	Maci Lindelof	Jon Clark	Erin Arsenault	Mitchel Quinley
May 20	Marsha Riddle	Shirley Jackson & Jane Tankersley Mike & Ann Young Kenny & Candice Hawthorne	Grace Steidinger	Lonnie Engel	Connor Engel	Rachel Quinley
May 27	Kim Fisher	Tom & Sandy Fairchild Dwayne & Barb Horsch Arsenault Family	Maddox Lindelof	Steve Hawthorne	Dani Eckerty	Katie Quinley

Head ushers for May are Carey & Carter Wilson.

OUR STAFF

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