

Special Weekends in May

May 11/12—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 11/12—Monkey Bread

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



Cookout for Missions

Our Memorial Day cookout for missions will be on Friday, May 24th from 4-7pm 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! (in this newsletter for meeting info.)

Visioning Meeting

As we take a step back in evaluating programs, there comes a time when Re-Imagining is needed. This is currently the case for our Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal and also the Growing in God Youth Program. A visioning meeting will be held on June 11th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. As we move forward and look to 2019/2020, we are looking into alternate days and times to have this program in order to meet with the varying demands of the families of both our volunteers and our kids. We are asking anyone involved with the meals and those actively volunteering in the youth programming to attend, as well as anyone in the congregation who would like to be included in the discussion and visioning of the future of these programs.



May 12—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 25/26—Memorial Day Weekend

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



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Worship

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

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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 **Our Kids Campaign**.

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 2019 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".



Listening Prayer Circles Re-imagine, Re-Create, Re-Energize: Children & Youth Wednesday Night Meal

"Our single most important pursuit is to seek to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit."

Imagination & creativity come from Holy Spirit. For us to know Spirit's way; Spirit's desire, we must attentively listen. When we are in tune with Spirit in God's Mission, we will be fruitful in our ministry!

Please join us in prayer via our Listening Prayer Circles. Each Circle will meet 30 minutes once per week for 7 weeks and consist of guided times of scripture-listening, silent-listening, and listening to others' brief sharings. (This is not a discussion or meeting; it is listening and sharing what we heard. Please see 'Visioning' article in this newsletter for meeting info.)

Now through June 4th, the Circles are: Tuesdays, 10:30 am & 6:30 pm, at the church. If you are interested but need another time, please contact Susan Schultz, drdoug@mchsi.com; 217-784-8833.

We invite ALL to be in prayer about the mission of our church. How may GC UMC reach the people of our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Spirit knows. Let's listen, together, and learn how we may reach the children and youth, and families, of our community with the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Monical's Night

Take a night off from cooking and dishes on May 6th and help support our Mission Team on their summer mission trip to Pennsylvania. Monical's is offering the group 20% back from any dinners purchased that night with the provided flyer. If you are interested in participating, please stop by the office to get the flyer. This is a great way to help the youth group and also enjoy a nice evening without worrying about the dreaded question "What's For Dinner??"



Kid's Crossing

Wednesday Night Youth Programming

We wrapped up our Wednesday Night Growing in God Program on April 24th. We celebrated with a

Resurrection Party. The K-5 youth had spent the previous 5-6 weeks studying the Stations of the Cross and all the dark things that happened to Jesus leading up to his death. What a great joy to Celebrate his Resurrection on our last night of Growing in God!

We will take a break from weekly meetings until September. There will be some fun family nights planned for this summer as well as Vacation Bible School, so keep a lookout for more information on those!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and efforts to make our Wednesday Night Youth Programming such a great time of learning and play for our youth.

Vacation Bible School



This summer, GCUMC will be hosting a Vacation Bible School! Tentative dates are July 15-19th from 1:30pm-3:00pm. As always, we are looking for volunteers. If you have any interest in helping out with teaching, providing

snacks, or just being an extra set of hands, please let me know! 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

Summer Music 2019

If you are interested in sharing your gift of music during a traditional worship service this summer, please contact the office. The worship committee is currently looking for individuals and groups to share music during the months of June, July and August. Music can be vocal or instrumental.

Wesleyana Circle

The Wesleyana Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 14th, 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 8th. 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 11th/12th during our worship services.

Automatic Giving

As a reminder, GCUMC offers you an option to give automatically to the church once or twice a month from a checking or savings account. Please let the office know if you are interested in this service and our financial secretaries will contact you and walk you through the process of signing up!

Thank You

The family of Jack Royal would like to thank our church family for their prayers, cards, food and donations. A special thanks to Pastor John, April, Bev and the ladies of the church for serving a delicious meal.

~ **Marlene, Steve, Denise, & Chris, and families**

Thank you to all of my church family for their prayers, cards, and concerns during and after my kidney surgery. A special thank you to my wife Chris for her wonderful care and my son, Dave, for filling in with the Sunday drinks in my absence.

~ **Jim Hazen**

Thank you to my church family for the cards, visits and prayers during my recovery.

~ **Tom Bennett**

PRAYERS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday!

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



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

	Day	Years
Gene & Terri Moore	2	32
Jeremy & April Rotramel	7	14
Bud & Carolyn Ryan	7	53
Bill & Susie Dueringer	11	16
Derek & Stephanie Kietzman	15	20
Ron & Wanda Baird	18	45
Jason & Heather Murphy	22	15
Scott & Marsha Moody	23	21
Todd & Uyen Littell	26	
Wes & Karen Leenerman	27	52
Jerry & Karen Wright	29	53
George & Lori Frashier	30	27

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Nursing Home Residents

Wayne Apperson

Manor

Delores Brown
Ruth Fisher
Edna Goembel
Carol Hari
Jane Hill
Alfred Landau
Phil Lutz
Judith Peters

Paxton Health Care

Bill Dueringer

Health Concerns

Delmar Bedel
Edith Christensen
Nancy Davis
Gabe Fairchild
Ruth Fisher
Phil Lutz

Annex

Mary Rosebraugh
Doug Hager
Marie Schneck
Joan Longmire
Evelyn Wachstetter
Janet McKinty

Servicemen and women

SSG Colton Young
AB Cody McCoy
PFC Glenn Mehl III & Taylor

Offering & Attendance

Jan-Mar 2019 Offering for Budget	\$68,017.21
Jan-Mar 2019 Budget	\$80,364.82

Weekend	Sat 5:30	Sun 8:45	Sun 11:00
March 30th & 31st	19	94	35
April 6th & 7th	17	99	20
April 13th & 14th	24	114	30
April 20th & 21st	21	198	34

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

May 2019

		1 1:00 PM Connection Team 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir		2	3	4 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
5 7:00 AM Men's Breakfast 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	6 Youth Night— Monical's Pizza! 9:00 AM Prayers	7 12:00 PM Lion's Club Lunch 1:00 PM Communion Manor/Annex 10:30 AM 6:30 PM Prayer Circle	8 7:00 PM Pie Night @ Manor 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir	9	10	11 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
12 Communion Mother's Day Graduation Sunday 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	13 9:00 AM Prayers 7:00 PM Covenant Council	14 Newsletter Articles Due 12:00 PM Lion's Club Lunch 1:30 PM Wesleyana Circle/ Holly Brook 10:30 AM 6:30 PM Prayer Circle	15 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir	16	17	18 Mission Socks 5:30 PM Saturday Night Light Worship
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26 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship	27 OFFICE CLOSED— Memorial Day	28 10:00 AM Communion/ Holly Brook 12:00 PM Lion's Club Lunch 10:30 AM 6:30 PM Prayer Circle	29	30	31	



MAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

	Liturgist	Greeters (West, South, North)	Acolytes	Sound Room (8:45)	Projector (8:45)	Projector (11:00)
May 5	Craig Kummerow	Mick & Mary Jo Kingsley Mike & Ann Young Joe & Zach Wier	Maysen Frashier & Grace Steidinger	Steve Hawthorne	Dani Eckerty	Phillip Littell
May 12	Jenny Arsenault	Mick & Mary Jo Kingsley Mike & Ann Young Joe & Zach Wier	Demi McCullough	Jon Clark	Zander Wier	Kearfott Family
May 19	Amy Hood	Shirley Jackson & Jane Tankersley Dwayne & Barb Horsch Kenny & Candice Hawthorne	Zoe Wier & Maci Lindelof	Lonnie Engel	Connor Engel	Katie Steidinger
May 26	Mick Kingsley	Shirley Jackson & Jane Tankersley Dwayne & Barb Horsch Kenny & Candice Hawthorne	Maddox Lindelof	Steve Hawthorne	Erin Arsenault	Phillip Littell

Head usher for May is Joyce Dewey

OUR STAFF

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