CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 17
8:00 - 12:00 PM  Church Office Hours
SUNDAY, MAY 19
Nursery is available from 9:00 am till 11:30 am
9:15 AM  SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
Clegg/Open Door - Parlor - led by David Cole, Billie Dadgar, Roger Guevara
Explorers/Morning Star - Upstairs - Scott Nipper/Dan Grantham
Children Sunday School - Preschool - 5th Grade
Upstairs in Treehouse - led by Shelly Burgess/Diana Courson
Jr. High and High School - Basement - led by Gary Herron
9:15 AM  Young Adult Sunday School - Pastor’s Home
10:15 AM  SANCTUARY WORSHIP
Ways to attend: In-Person, Facebook Live, Recording (posted later) on Website, YouTube
2:30 PM  Child Development Center Graduation - Peace Hall

MONDAY, MAY 20
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours
4:00 PM  STEWPOT
TUESDAY, MAY 21
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours
4:00 PM  STEWPOT
5:30 PM  Administrative Council Board Meeting - Averitt Hall
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours
11:00 AM  ADULT BIBLE STUDY
“JESUS CENTERED” (AVERITT)
5:30 PM  CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE
THURSDAY, MAY 23
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM  Church Office Hours
10:00 AM  THE CARING PLACE
4:00 PM  STEWPOT

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
“Jesus Centered” led by Pastor Kenny Lee
Wednesday
11:00 a.m.
Averitt Hall

Magnolia Blossom Festival and World Championship Steak Cook-Off
May 19—20
Historic Downtown Square
https://www.blossomfestival.org/

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First United Methodist Church
320 West Main, Magnolia, Arkansas 71753
www.magnoliafumc.org
To invite all to know the love of God, to share grace, and to develop relationships
May 15, 2024

Sunday
9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. — Sanctuary Worship
Noon — Cable Channel 13

Wednesday
7:00 PM — Broadcast of previous Sunday’s 10:15 Service Cable Channel 13

How to Reach Us:
Church Office Hours
Monday — Thursday 8:00—4:00
Friday 8:00—Noon
870-234-4530

Our Staff:
Reverend Kenny Lee
Shelly Burgess, Children & Families;
Tracie Nipper, Administrative Secretary;
Dr. Kim Shirey, Director of Music;
Sharon Ard, Organist;
Shawn Warlick, Building Supervisor;
Kenneth Manning, Custodian
Latrina Wyrick, Interim Director, Child Development Center
Barbara Lewis, Director, The Caring Place
Stephen and Dionedra Biddle, Stewpot Cooks
Burlene Easter, Kathy Easter & Kim Easter, nursery attendants

A Record of Our Faithfulness

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Manic Monday

It seems that May is a hectic month for the pastor. On the first Sunday of May, we celebrated our Confirmation Class. Our Confirmands made a confession of faith, remembered their baptisms, and one received the sacrament of baptism. Immediately, these newest members performed an act of service for the community by serving communion. These young people continue to look to us to continue to form their faith and help them grow in their knowledge and love of God.

On the second Sunday of May, we celebrated Mother’s Day and honor those who gave us life and raised us to become the people we are today. Our little family unit took Penny to dinner at a local restaurant. She received flowers, a card, and chocolate from Samantha and me. We allowed her a long afternoon nap, which she took advantage of, as did our nap-loving puppies. I hope that you celebrated the mothers in your life well.

This week, Magnolia High School Graduation will send a new generation of young adults out to change the world. The weekend offers us the Blossom Festival, Pentecost Sunday, and CDC Graduation. There is much work to do. I helped members of the Worship Committee change banners and move items around for Sunday. There is a need for an oil-filled Christ Candle that comes in around $300 with shipping. If you want to donate toward the purchase, please drop a check into the offering, with a notation on the check, “Christ Candle.”

Peace Hall will soon be bedecked with decorations, making it a place where children move from this season in their development to the more formal public education setting. We are excited and humbled about the time they shared with us, the relationships we formed, and the new opportunities life offers them and their families.

My family is excited about our very first Blossom Festival. We have been informed that the festival envelops much of the square, downtown, church parking lot, and even the parsonage. My sister and her husband plan to come and stay Friday night, and she will run a concession on Saturday, selling dog treats and Stanley cups. There is much busyness afoot.

Yet, busyness is often the enemy of our spiritual life. The most important thing we can do is intentionally set aside time with God. By prioritizing our relationship with Jesus, we can be grounded in life in a way that meets challenges as they come. Spiritual disciplines help us to keep the main thing, the main thing. Meditation is a practice that creates a safe space for us to listen to God speaking to us, but faithful listening requires time.

At the heart of Methodism are three simple rules. Do no harm. This is the primary question we should consider in everything we do in life. The human race, the environment, and the planet need us to lessen our impact and reprioritize our way of living. Do good. Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, by every means you can. Stay in love with God. Make time to read scripture, pray, meditate, and gather in the Christian community. Our relationship with God is the basis for all of our other relationships.

After reviewing this article, I realized my time would be at a premium. Manic Mondays come and go, but we only have one chance to spend the present moment on things eternal. Choose wisely.

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. Ephesians 5:15-17.

Pastor Kenny

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**Save the Date**

**Vacation Bible School 2024**

**July 8 -11**

We would love you to be a part of VBS this year!

For volunteer opportunities contact

Tabitha Lewis (870) 906-5746 or Shelly Burgess (870) 234-4530.

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**FUMC Child Development Center**

Graduation Presentation

Sunday, May 19

10:15 Worship Service

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**SPECIAL DATES FOR MAY**

- National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2024
- Ascension Day, May 9, 2024
- Mother’s Day, May 12, 2024
- Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2024
- Pentecost, May 19, 2024
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 20, 2024
- Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024
- Memorial Day, May 27, 2024

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**EMAIL ADDRESS REQUEST**

If you would like to receive information from Pastor Kenny, please fill out this form with your email and return it to the church office.

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