

MAY TIDINGS



A Letter From The Pastor

Dear Friends,
There is a hymn that captures our theme for the month of May, “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus.”

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask him to tell me if He were here;
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his
knee, And I shall fancy his blessing; resting on me.
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
All in the love-light of Jesus’ face.

Taking a deep dive into the stories of Jesus is how we better understand how Jesus is calling us into the world today. Our sermon series, “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” begins this Sunday and runs for the four Sundays of May. We will look at the narrative: stories about Jesus, the things he did and the things he said. We will also look at the stories or parables that Jesus told. We begin with the story of the “true vine” from John 15.



I love to experience the stories of Jesus and the scriptures in new ways. Marjorie Kumar is a trained “storyteller” and she will be giving us the scripture in “story” form. Hearing the “story” of Jesus reminds us that these are not just words on paper. We will experience these stories of Jesus as the earliest Christians would have. Long before the Gospels were written, followers of Jesus gathered and told the stories.

Let’s let the love-light of Jesus shine on us in new ways so that we can be better connected with the living Christ and hear his call to us more clearly.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Myra

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Outreach

We are very grateful for the Easter offering of \$3,850. We passed the goal of \$3,100 for Cass Community Services, Missionary Princess Jesu in Liberia, Methodist Children's Home, and our Covenant with Monrovia First United Methodist Church. Thanks for your generosity! CROP Walk is Sunday, May 5 beginning at Big Beaver United Methodist Church. Funds raised go to hunger projects – Troy People Concerned and Church World Service nationally and internationally. Sign up to walk, sponsor an individual walker, or sponsor the Troy First team. Gather at 12:30; walk at 1:00. www.crophungerwalk.org/troymi

We will collect needed items for the ministry of Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac during the Sundays in May. Grace is one of the largest faith-based, long term ministries offering life skills for those afflicted by homelessness, chemical dependency and abuse in southeast Michigan. Grace provides help and hope to those in need without government help. Their programs are for men, women and children who seek shelter and healing for their souls.

Please bring these items to the Christian Life Center on May 5, 12, 19, and 26: clothing, shoes, purses, belts, dishes, silverware, lamps, pictures, toys, movies, games, table cloths, bedspreads, jewelry and small appliances.

This is one of the projects that Bloomfield Hills St. Paul's members have been doing, and we are glad that we can continue it.

Rev. Rich Peacock, Chair
Jane Egermann, Secretary



Troy First Outreach Project for May
Collecting Items for

Bring items to church throughout the month of May.



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Grace Centers of Hope™



For a complete list of the most needed items, go to [www.https://gracecentersofhope.org/most-needed-donations/](https://gracecentersofhope.org/most-needed-donations/) **please do not bring large items (furniture, appliances, etc) for our Troy First collection**

UWF Update

BY NANCY DOLEHANTY

Our April Used Book Sale was a huge success with over a \$1,050 made for the United Methodist Children's Home Society. Thank you for your support of this project! A special thank you to Sharon Smith for organizing the sale, Rev. Marck for making sure the left-over books were donated and to all those who manned the tables during the sale.

There is still time to order your annual flowers from UWF in time for spring planting.

Order forms are at the Kiosk.

Our June General Meeting will take place on June 13th. We are planning a great barbecue dinner and all women of the church are invited to "Come to Camp" for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Hospitality

1) Coffee Hour needs your help

If you can offer some help to set-up before church or clean-up afterward, it would be greatly appreciated. Come at 9:00am to the kitchen to offer help. All clean-up is done by 12noon. Also, we are in need of some sweet treats--cookies, brownies, cupcakes. Pre-packaged is OK, but there is nothing like a homemade cookie!! Any and all help is appreciated. Thank you!

2) Save the dates:

Saturday, 7/13--All church picnic. Details about sign-ups in the June Tidings.

Sunday, 8/18-1:05pm- Take me out to the ballgame---at Jimmy Johns Field details in the July Tidings.

Upcoming events at a glance:

May 9 - Ruth Circle 9:30 AM;
Deborah Circle 7:00 PM

May 15- kitchen cleaning

May 19- host coffee hour; flower pick up day

May 20 - Fellowship Lunch at Chili's 11:30AM

June 13 - General Meeting Barbecue Dinner at 6:30 PM "Come to Camp"



UWF FLOWER SALE MAY 19

\$30 Hanging Geranium, Calibrachoa or Begonia

\$40 Geranium Porch Pots

\$16 Begonia or Impatiens Flats

Order form available at the welcome desk

Deadline is May 12



LIBRARY NOTES

Our Troy First Church library has just been enriched by the addition of 9 books coming from the United Women of Faith group at St. Paul UMC. Some women from the Troy UWF might have read them before—but we now have a copy in our church library.

The titles include:

152.4 TUT - The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama

248 ESC - True When Whispered Hearing God's Voice in a Noisy World by Paul Escamilla

261.7 WAL - God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It by Jim Wallis (an evangelical pastor in the original interpretation of that term)

271 KOW - A Monk in the Inner City by Mary Lou Kownacki

299.7 MAN - On This Spirit Walk: The Voices of Native Americans and Indigenous People by Henrietta Mann and Anita Phillips

323 KIN - Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?
By Martin Luther King, Jr.

364.1 BEL - In Our Backyard A Christian Perspective on Human Trafficking in the United States by Nita Belles

FIC LES - Pharaoh's Daughter by Julius Lester

BIO ROO -Eleanor A Spiritual Biography: The Faith of the 20th Century's Most Influential Woman by Harold Smith

REMEMBER—our library is on the 2 walls by the Chapel. There is a sign about how to check them out.

Jan Peacock
'unofficial librarian'



Youth/Family

Sunday nights from 6:30PM to 8:00PM during the school year

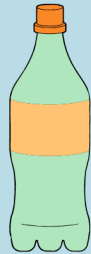
UMYF is wrapping up our official meetings in May. For youth 5th -12th grade, there will be pop up events as well as our Mission Trip to Midland, Michigan. Why Midland you may wonder? Midland's community reached out to Group Missions because there is a need in their community. In Midland there is a high population of elderly residents, single parent families, people with disabilities and military families that need our help!

The youth will help these residents by: building wheelchair ramps, weatherizing homes, reconstructing sagging porches, significant painting projects, and interior and exterior carpentry. Here are ways you can help our youth on this journey. During the week of May 13th-19th, you may drop off any empty cans and bottles for our youth to raise money via a bottle drive. The youth will also be hosting a bake sale on May 19th following worship in the CLC. Feel free to come see me if you have more questions about our trip!

Blessings,
Corinna



Bottle & Can Drive



Drop-off week: May 13-19 at the Church (Door 4)



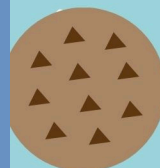
Thank you for supporting the youth mission trip to Midland, Michigan! July 21st-27th.



Youth Bake Sale

MAY 19TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP IN THE CLC

ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO MIDLAND, MICHIGAN



What's coming in May

May 1: Mid-Week Word Bible Study, 10am; Watercolor Paint Club, 11am-2pm; Choir Rehearsal, 7pm

May 2: UWF Exec Board Meeting, 1:00pm; Outreach Team Meeting, 7:00pm

May 4: Staff meeting, 3:00-5:00pm

May 5: Communion Worship, 10am, LIVE in Sanctuary and online; FIRST KIDS; Coffee & Conversation, 11:00am; Flower Sale Begins; Adult Sunday School classes, 11:20-12:00pm;

CROP WALK, 1:00pm; Contemplative Prayer, 5:00pm; UMYF, 6:30-8:00pm

May 6: Bell Rehearsal, 6:45-8:15pm

May 8: Mid-Week Word Bible Study, 10am; Watercolor Paint Club, 11am-2pm; Choir Rehearsal, 7-8:30pm

May 9: UWF Ruth Circle, 9:30am; Deborah Circle, 7:00pm

May 11: Men's Breakfast, 8am

May 12: **Happy Mother's Day!** Worship, 10am, LIVE in Sanctuary and online; FIRST KIDS; Coffee & Conversation, 11:00am; Adult Sunday School classes, 11:20-12:00pm

May 13: Staff Meeting, 5:30pm; Can Drive Collection

May 14: Finance Mtg, 7:00pm; Can Drive Collection

May 15: Mid-Week Word Bible Study, 10:00am; Kitchen Cleaning, 10:30-noon; Choir Rehearsal, 7pm; Can Drive Collection

May 16: Worship Team Meeting, 7pm; Can Drive Collection

May 17: Troy First Concert Series; Allison Rhoades & Rondo String Quartet, 7pm in Sanctuary
Can Drive Collection

May 19: Sunday Worship, 10am, **Pentecost Sunday**, LIVE in Sanctuary and online; FIRST KIDS; Coffee & Conversation, 11:00am; Flower Sale Distribution; Mission Trip Bake Sale; Adult Sun. School classes, 11:20-12:00pm;

Contemplative Prayer, 5pm; UMYF, 6:30pm; Can Drive Collection

May 20: UWF Fellowship Luncheon, 11:30am; Outreach at Lighthouse; Staff Meeting, 5:30pm

May 21: Trustees Mtg, 7:00pm

May 22: Mid-Week Word Bible Study, 10:00am; Watercolor Paint Club, final class; Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm-8:30pm

May 26: Memorial Day Sunday Worship, 10am, LIVE in Sanctuary and online; FIRST KIDS; Coffee & Conversation, 11:00am

May 27: Office Closed, **Happy Memorial Day!**

May 28: Church Council, 7pm

May 29: Mid-Week Word Bible Study, 10:00am; Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm-8:30pm

May 30: UMC Michigan Annual Conference; May 31: UMC Michigan Annual Conference

MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



- 2 Justin Urbach, Fay Steiger & John Gardner
- 3 Jonathan Strong, Lenox Shock
- 4 Carly Gordon, Diane Sadlier
- 5 Ralph Truelove
- 6 Tyler Drabek
- 7 Fred Dolehanty, John & Sheila Julian, Josh & Laynie Bryant
- 8 Lisa Sweeder
- 10 David Ostergaard
- 11 Joseph Robert Head, David French
- 14 Merrick Rumel
- 15 Erick Mile
- 16 Kyle Conley, Jane & Chuck Sonquist, Elizabeth Kumar
- 17 JoAnn Horning, Stephanie McNett, Kristin Truelove
- 18 Courtney Freeland, Doug Smith, Ryan Bise, Anna MacLean
- 19 Cathy & Scot Miller, Jeanna Brouillard, Ailina Zhou
- 20 Sue & Bill Wesp, Julie Geggie, Vivian Elizabeth Urbach
- 21 Leah Brouillard
- 22 John Abdo, Kristyn Urbach
- 24 Max Freeman, Brooke Schocke, Lori Decker, Faith Morgan
- 25 Katie Wassel Hancock, Ann Sobey, Dan Sobey
- 26 Cheryl Barnard
- 27 Todd Geggie
- 28 Marilyn Therrian, Mike Hartrick, Garrett Elliott, Aaron Mile, Sara & Lee Matthews
- 29 Donna Klungle
- 30 Jeff Goff, Ginny Whitford

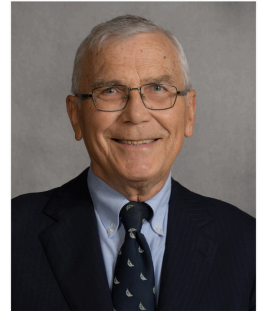
How to Reach Our Staff



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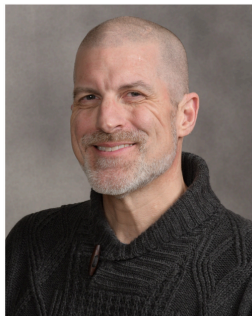
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