

# Epworth News

*The mission of our church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

**MAY  
2012**

**Celebrating the  
Risen Lord**

**Sunday Worship**

**8:30 a.m. Worship**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School**

**10:30 a.m. Worship**

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## May Flowers

Like you, I have heard the expression "April Showers Bring May Flowers" many times. I always had supposed that meant that April was the rainiest month of the year. At bare minimum, I thought the saying meant that April has much more precipitation on average than May. I recently found that at least in Marion, neither is the case. Data I located on the average monthly precipitation levels in Marion (1981-2010) revealed that May is the rainiest month of the year, followed by July, June, and then April. I wondered if there was some place in the United States where April is the rainiest month with May far behind and, on a cursory search, found none.

Clearly my powers of observation about the weather around me are dull, clouded by wishful thinking. Every year I have expected the heavy rains that make April so dreary to come to an end so that sunshiny May yields color, fragrance, and flowers in blossom.

Who in the world dreamt up that oft-repeated phrase and why? It originates from 1557, composed by Thomas Tusser, an English farmer and author of the popular *A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry*, in which he wrote:

"Sweet April showers Do spring May flowers."

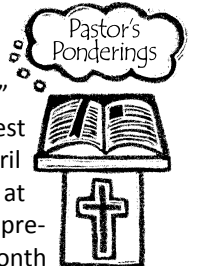
One commentator suggests that "April showers bring May flowers" is a reminder that even the most unpleasant of things, in this case the heavy rains of April, can bring about very enjoyable things indeed – in this case, an abundance of flowers in May. And so it is a lesson in patience, something akin to "good things come to those who wait." Perhaps in England April is rainy and May sunny? Not so—in England the difference between the average precipitations between April and May is even greater than it is here. May, with its flowers is much rainier than April.

Therefore, perhaps the real wisdom of the saying is that though the dreary rains periodically brings continue and even intensify, finding beauty and new life blossom in their midst make them all worthwhile.

Many things are blooming at Epworth in May. We are kicking off the rainiest of months with ***Over the Rainbow***, an inspiring evening of music, fellowship, and food for all ages on Sunday, May 6. Come and bring family, friends, neighbors, and strangers. Later in the month we will celebrate the Confirmation of seven wonderful young people, and then baptisms, graduations, and scholarships. Sunday, May 20 worship will feature special music to honor and celebrate and give thanks for Mark Stoneburner's eighteen years of outstanding service as Director of the Chancel Choir. Mark will direct the choir for the last time on Sunday, June 3 but, thankfully, will not say goodbye to Epworth!

I hope and pray that *your* May is full of beauty and blossoms.

Peace in Christ -- Colleen



**May 6** 8:30 and 10:30

***Topics I Always Wanted to Cover: Heaven and Hell***  
**Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**May 13** 8:30 ***Topics I Always Wanted to Cover: Mission of Christian Family***

9:30 Breakfast for Confirmands and their Families, and all Youth (Rm. 109—Fellowship Hall)

10:30 ***Celebration of Confirmation of Faith***

|                  |                   |                        |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Brandon Barkeloo | Austin Chivington | Jonathan Greene        |
| Alexus Holmes    | Alec Soule        | Drew Voll Mallory Voll |

**May 20** 8:30 ***The Rhythm of Life***

Celebration of the Ministry of Music

9:15 Breakfast for Graduates and their Families (Rm. 205—Parlor)

10:30 ***The Rhythm of Life***

Celebration of the Ministry of Music and Mark Stoneburner's Leadership  
 Recognition of High School and College Graduates  
 Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

11:30 All Church Potluck and Thank You to Mark Stoneburner  
 Suggest last names beginning with A-K bring Main Course to share  
 Last names beginning with L-R bring Side Dishes to share  
 Last names beginning with S-Z bring Desserts

**May 27** 8:30 and 10:30 ***Topics I Always Wanted to Cover: One Nation Under God: Christian and Citizen***

#### BAPTISM

If you are interested in receiving The Sacrament of Baptism, either for yourself or for your child, please call the church office to speak with Rev. Ogle as soon as possible. Our ***next celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism will take place in worship on Sunday, May 20*** and candidates for baptism or baptismal sponsors (parents) need to have an hour meeting with Rev. Ogle before the day.

#### NEW MEMBERS

Blest be the Tie that Binds our Hearts in Christian Love! The next ritual for ***the Reception of New Members will be Sunday morning, June 3***. If you are interested in becoming a member of Epworth, please call the church office to speak with Rev. Ogle.

#### GRADUATES

***Recognition of Graduates is Sunday, May 20 during 10:30 worship.*** If you are graduating from high school or college this year, please phone the church office to make certain that your name is included in the church bulletin and be prepared to indicate whether you and how many of your family will be able to attend the breakfast at 9:30 and worship at 10:30.

#### ***Opiate Drug Abuse in Marion: Awareness, Prevention, Treatment***

I have heard many of you express the opinion that drug abuse is one of the most significant obstacles to healthy community that Marion, city and county, faces. Marion and Crawford Counties have joined to form an Opiates Task Force and they have put together ***an informational presentation about the problem of drug abuse***, especially prescription drug abuse, in order to get the word out to the community. I wanted to make it possible for Epworth to have the best possible attendance and so I invited ***Jodi Demo-Hodgins, Executive Director of the Marion-Crawford Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services***, to come ***Sunday morning, May 27 at the 9:30-10:20 education hour to share about awareness, prevention, and treatment related to opiate drug abuse***. Her presentation will last about 20-25 minutes, which will allow time for questions before 10:30 worship. We will meet in Fellowship Hall. I encourage all adults and youth of the church to come and become a positive force for change in our community! - Rev. Ogle



## Children in Ministry

Jesus was once a small child.

It is rare for a week to go by without a news story of alleged abuse of children or youth --somewhere-- by persons who were entrusted to teach and help them. We would be foolish to believe that churches are immune to such tragedy. The United Methodist Church is committed to the rights of children to be nurtured and protected through Safe Sanctuary - a required policy to be developed by each congregation. In recent months a task force of parents and professionals from the congregation has developed such a policy for Epworth. Approved by the Administrative Council on April 19, the Safe Sanctuary Policy addresses the recruiting, screening and training of volunteers for ministries involving children and youth. It is a policy developed to prevent the occurrence of abuse of children and youth, as well as to protect church employees and volunteers from suspicion of abuse. Staff and volunteer training in Safe Sanctuary Procedures will begin with Vacation Bible School volunteers and mission trip leaders, and within a few months include all persons involved in the ministries with children and youth. The procedures will clearly identify safe practices of staff, volunteers, parents and the congregation at Epworth. Many of the practices are not new, but our intent to communicate with parents, staff and volunteers about Safe Sanctuary has never been clearer. We are grateful to members of the task force and the parents who have increased our sensitivity to their concerns. Call me if you'd like to be in conversation about Safe Sanctuary!

Jesus taught, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me." Providing a safe place for children to be nurtured is one way that we do so. We are blessed to be in ministry with children. *Sharon Gilbert*

### SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES

- ◇ 8:30 - 11:30 Nursery Care room 202
- ◇ 9:00 Children's Choir - room 204
- ◇ 9:00 Coffee in Common Grounds
- ◇ 9:30 Children's Sunday School ages 4-grade 2, room 206
- ◇ 9:30 Acolyte Fellowship, SS for grades 3-5, room 204
- ◇ 9:30 Faith & Family class for parents, room 210 (back of sanctuary)
- ◇ 10:30 Worship with Children's Moments
- ◇ Children's Worship in room 201 (ages 3-grade 2)

### Children's Sunday School Ages 3 - grade 5

Rooms 204 & 206

9:30 - 10:20

|        |                    |                                       |                   |
|--------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| May 6  | PreSchool-Grade 2  | The Good Shepherd and World Communion | Doug Warne        |
| May 6  | Acolyte Fellowship | The Parable of the Pearl              | Elizabeth Claborn |
| May 13 | Both classes       | Mother's Day story & craft            | Pam D. & Betty E. |
| May 20 | Pre-School-Grade 2 | Happy Birthday Church (Pentecost)     | Pam Douce         |
| May 20 | Acolyte Fellowship | The Story of Pentecost                | Elizabeth Claborn |
| May 27 | Combined classes   | The Parable of the Fishnet            | Sharon Gilbert    |

Thank you to our Children's Sunday School Storytellers: Elizabeth Claborn, Pam Douce, Betty English, Linda Foos, Andy Harper, and Doug Warne. Since September, our children have been blessed by the inspired presence of these gifted storytellers and their willingness to grow in faith with children. Thanks also to assistants Kathy Daum and Jeanne Yoakam whose many acts of kindness supported each group's learning. Our storytellers will enjoy a well-deserved summer off. Stay tuned for information about our summer Amazing Creation Sunday School - it's all about waters, earth and sky!

Needed for Children's Sunday School and Children's Worship snacks: Large box of Goldfish, Vanilla Wafer cookies. Call Sharon 387-8344 x12 if you can donate either of these items.

## ***Children in Ministry***

### **Mark the Calendar**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| May 6      | Children's Choir sings - Over the Rainbow, 5-7 p.m. |
| May 20     | Children's Choir sings 10:30 worship                |
| May 20     | Baptisms in worship                                 |
| June 3     | Summer Sunday School begins                         |
| June 10    | Family Road Trip Picnic - Highbanks, 12:30-3:00 pm  |
| June 25-29 | Vacation Bible School, 9:00-11:45                   |
| July 1     | VBS children sing in worship                        |
| Aug. 5-7   | A Taste of Camp, Camp Wesley                        |

### **Church Camps**

Hey kids - if you are entering grades 2-6, it's not too late to register for Camp Wesley, Camp Otterbein or Camp Widewater. Epworth's Children's Council will pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the cost. A group of Epworth kids entering grades 2-4 are attending A Taste of Camp, August 5-7 at Camp Wesley (Sharon will be chaplain there!) but there are *many* wonderful church camp opportunities for you to consider. Contact Sharon for more information.

## ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

### **SUNDAY EVENTS**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 8:30—11:30 am | Nursery childcare   |
| 8:30 am       | Worship Service   |
| 9:00 am       | Children's Choir (Rm. 204)  |
| 9:15 am       | Come Join Us Class (Rm. 205) (Adult class)                          |
| 9:30 am       | Children's Sunday School (ages 4 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade) (Rm. 206) |
|               | Acolyte Fellowship SS Class (grades 3-5 <sup>th</sup> ) (Rm. 204)   |
| 9:30 am       | Confirmation Class (Rm. 303)  |
|               | Youth Class (grades 9-12 <sup>th</sup> ) (Rm. 301)                  |
|               | Faith & Family (parents of young children) (Rm. 210)                |
|               | Messengers Class (Rm. 111) (Adult class)                            |
|               | Open Door Class (Rm. 305) (Adult class)                             |
|               | Common Grounds (Rm. 106) (Adults)                                   |
| 10:30 am      | Worship Service   |

### **NEWSLETTER**

**We will be doing a combined June/July Newsletter - so any information you may want to include in this newsletter will need to be in the church office by the end of the day of May 15th.**



I am looking for divers to join me,  
Ocho,  
for an underwater adventure at  
Epworth UMC Vacation Bible  
School  
June 25-29, 2012.  
9:00 - 11:45 am

Epworth United Methodist Church invites all children age 4 *(by August 1)* - Rising 6th grade to  
**OPERATION OVERBOARD - DARE TO GO DEEP WITH GOD, Vacation Bible School.**

Make your reservation to swim with humpback whales and sea horses, scuba through a coral reef and take a personal submarine to the ocean floor! As we journey below the water's surface, we will plunge into Bible stories of people with deep faith and learn to trust God, whose love is bigger than the sea. The fun begins Monday, June 25 and ends Friday, June 29 from 9:00 - 11:45 am at Epworth UMC, 249 East Center Street, Marion.

To make your reservation for Operation Overboard, complete this registration form or call the church at 387-8344, ext. 12, and ask about VBS.

Sharon Gilbert  
Director of Ministries with Children & Families

## Operation Overboard Registration

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed in 2011-12 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Information/Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Emergency Contacts

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to help with VBS.



# Epworth Youth

**Youth Group** meets every Saturday 6-8pm in the youth lounge. Rm 301  
Join us all year long...even during the holidays and summer!

**Young Adults** Just because you graduated from school doesn't mean it's "*the end*" ... College age students are welcome and encouraged to continue attending Sunday school classes

*Even youth group on Saturday evenings!*



## Confirmation Sunday

May 13 9:15-10:15 am  
Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

## 2012 Work Mission Trips

New York June 16-23

Hurricane Irene Relief  
Catskill/Hudson Region  
Questions?

Mexico July 14-21

Piedras Negras  
Casa de Misericordia Orphanage  
Questions?



"For I know the plans  
I have for you,"  
says the Lord.  
'They are plans for good  
and not for disaster,  
to give you a future  
and a hope.'  
[Jeremiah 29:11](#)

## Graduation Sunday



**Congratulations!**  
**High School Graduates**

Aaron Indoe      Dylan Richards  
Richard Haines      Erin Ison  
Brett Hall      Devlin McDaniel  
Nicholas McCleese



## May Calendar

**Saturday May 5**  
Over the Rainbow Prep

**Sunday May 6**  
Over the Rainbow

**May 12**  
HHS Prom  
Sunday Set-up

**Sunday May 13**  
Mothers Day  
Continental Breakfast  
Confirmation Sunday

**May 19**  
Sunday Set-up  
Game Night

**Sunday May 20**  
Graduation Sunday  
Sr. Breakfast

**May 26**  
New York Mission Prep  
Construction skills

*Fundraiser proceeds benefit the youth 2012 Work Mission Trips.  
Thank you for your support!*

# New York June 16–23

## Hurricane Irene Relief

### Catskill/Hudson Region

#### Rebuilding Homes & Restoring Hope

Many families continue to deal with the adverse effects of the Hurricane Irene destruction that occurred last September 2011. Over 1,584 individuals from the Greene County area alone applied for FEMA assistance. More than 300 households are in need of various assistance.



Disaster response volunteers from the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church were on the ground immediately after the storm, working with local agencies to provide relief to survivors. We are now in the recovery phase, rebuilding homes and restoring hope.

#### What To Expect:

1. **Type of work:** Rebuilding: installing insulation, hanging sheet rock, replacing doors, cabinets, fixtures, painting, trim work, etc.
2. **Areas/towns being worked in:** Prattsville, Lexington, West Kill, Fleischmanns, and Margaretville.



## Food Pantry Report: March Donations

|                     | January | February | March |
|---------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| Donation sacks      | 57      |          |       |
| Food items          | 253     | 994      | 772   |
| Personal Need Items | 102     |          |       |

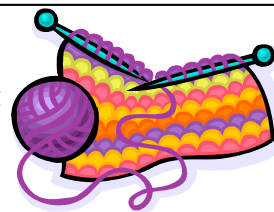
The donations from the Lenten food drive have been wonderful to see. This is the largest collection of donations I have seen since I started the delivery activity. I hope we can all keep up this level of help for the needy families. The Mission committee purchase for eggs is 180 dozen eggs purchased for St Paul's pantry in March. Keep up the good work Epworth. Contribute what you can when you can.

Wayne Newell

## WOMEN4WOMEN-KNITTING 4 PEACE

We will be dedicating knitted items at the 10:30 am service on June 3. Please bring your items and join us that day.

When anyone asks what can one person do to help encourage peace, remind them that one women came up with the idea to knit a "comfort item" for a women in crisis, and now in less than 6 years, over 15,000 items have been created. YOU are a part of this "PEACE full process. Thank you!!!!



May 6 brings spectacular music and food for the whole family! Mark your calendars now for ***Sunday, May 6 at 5-7pm*** and plan to bring many friends! The Rainbow Singers, local musicians John Garnes and Nathan Haubert, wonderful Epworth musicians including Rick Baird, Bill Swihart, Mark Stoneburner, and the Epworth Choirs—adult and children--will perform and sometimes join together in a delightful program of secular and sacred music.

After the musical celebration, there will be an Ice Cream Social - with food sure to please everyone, including the kids. No tickets needed and no admission price. The free will offering will benefit the Epworth youth mission trip and Epworth children's camp scholarship fund.

## CRAFTING WITH PHYLLIS

Every Thursday, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm - a group of people get together in Room 111 for crafting. We welcome anyone who likes to do hand work: be it quilting, scrapbooking, knitting, crocheting, painting, etc. Bring your craft with you and enjoy the fellowship you have while working with others. We LOVE the fellowship. You may come for an hour or come for all day - it's up to you. If you stay the whole time - bring a sack lunch.



# Epworth Women

## United Methodist Women – Women in Action!

On Thursday, May 10, Epworth's United Methodist Women – Women in Action! will host "A Black Tie Event: Fashion through the Ages." Traditionally called a Mother/Daughter Banquet, this event is for all women of Epworth and their female guests: daughters; mothers; sisters; friends; grandmothers; aunt; mother-in-laws, nieces – all women of ages!

We will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner, followed by "Fashion through the Ages" in the sanctuary. If you would like to help or loan items to be modeled or displayed, please contact Linda Middleton.

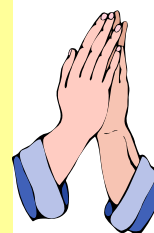
The regular monthly meeting of UMW will be held in Common Grounds at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 8. We hope you will join us as we work to expand our concepts of mission through participation.

– Amy Erickson



## PRAYER CHAIN

The call-in prayer chain is now available again. To put yourself or someone else on the chain, call Barbara Snyder at 382-4298. Calls can be placed from 7:00 am to mid-night. If Barbara is not available, please leave a message on the answering machine and she will take care of it as soon as she returns. If requesting prayer for someone other than yourself, please first ask that person (or a member of the family) if they wish to be on the prayer chain.



## Grounds for Thought Book Club

Come join us on the 4th Thursday every month at 1 p.m. in the Common Grounds Coffee Café for lively discussion, light refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome.

## PRAYER QUILTS WERE MADE FOR:

Janet Craeger for successful treatment and healing

Connie King for healing and strength

Ann Bush for recovery and good health

Royal Kids Campers

Marguerite Treanor for God's peace and comfort

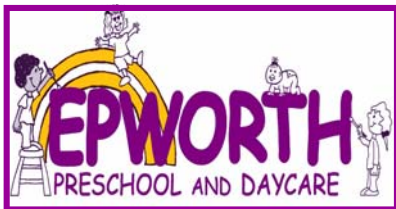
Courtney White for healing, strength, and a full recovery

Jody Pennington for recovery from cancer surgery

Marissa Severns for successful surgery and speedy recovery

Dee McGary for comfort through cancer treatments and day to day

Gloria Stiffler for successful surgery and a positive outcome



For gardeners the much awaited spring means that we can finally get back into the garden and work the soil. The children at Epworth are no exception as they have already planted their sugar peas, the all time favorite vegetable by far, and several different kinds of lettuce. Our spring bulbs are colorful and smell good too. The other day in the Discovery Room, the classroom for nature based curriculum, one of the children said "Miss Robin the light bulbs in the garden look beautiful!" This is a good example of children connecting their learning to what they already know.

For the last four years the children have made birdhouses in the Discovery Room with the help of parents, grandparents as well as Epworth members. This year we are trying something new as each child will make an insect collection box. Predictions are this will be a buggy spring and summer so the children should enjoy their collection boxes. We are grateful to Henry Lumber as they have helped us by cutting the wood to size and pre drilling the nail holes and screw hole. So if you hear pounding when you come into Epworth we aren't renovating it's the preschoolers at work creating their bug collection boxes.

Thank you to Bea and Jack Kellogg for their donation to the Preschool and Daycare in memory of Meredythe McDaniel.

### Don't forget

- ◇ Our annual garage sale date is Saturday, May 5 9:00-4:00. The sale will be at the same great sites at the home of Jack and Bea Kellogg 890 Vernon Heights Blvd and John McDaniel 900 Vernon Heights Blvd. Beginning Wednesday May 2 you can begin bringing your unwanted items directly to the garage sale sites. If you have large items or would like us to pick up your donations call 387-1062.
- ◇ Hog Raffle—Tickets are \$5.00 a piece or a book of 6 for \$20.00—Only 300 tickets being sold! The hog will be butchered and packaged for your freezer. Drawing will be held on May 5, 2012. Sponsored by the Brown Family and Maken Bacon Farms

Thank You

To our friends at Epworth UMC.

Thank you all for your prayers and support during my surgery and hospitalization. I feel very blessed. The flowers from the UMW Sunday were a nice surprise.

Wilbur Boyer

Dear Epworth,

My mother, Ann Bush, is unable to write to you to thank you for the beautiful prayer quilt you made for her. She is using it and I know your kindness is comforting for her. I also send my personal thanks. My church here in Stevens Point, St. Paul's UMC, also has a quilting ministry and it's nice to see the other side of the giving. Thanks for the beautiful quilt for Ann Bush.

Barb Munson

Dear Members of Epworth Church,

Thank you so much for the lovely quilt you sent before my surgery. I took it with me to the hospital, and it was so cheery in a dull room! I am very happy to report I had successful thyroid surgery and that I am cancer free. I am sure that all your prayers helped. Blessings to you all!

Krista Mitchell

To My Epworth Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer quilt that was given to me during my hospital stay—it reminded me that I was not forgotten and how many people care for me. Even the nurses prayed and tied a knot. Thanks again.

Love, Connie King

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Thank you for the quilt. It gave me much comfort in the hospital. Yours truly,

Marissa Severns

| May 2012   |   |  |   |   |   |
|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  |
| Saturday   |   |  |   |   |   |
|  |   | 1<br>7:30am Men's Breakfast<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm 109)<br>7:00pm SPRC (Rm 111)  | 2<br>Last date to sign up for Midwest Work Mission Trip<br>1:15pm PS/DC Teachers meeting (Rm 111)<br>1:30pm Staff Meeting (Rm. 208)<br>5:15pm Membership & Nurture (Rm 111)<br>6:00pm Disciple Bible Study 2 (Rm 106)<br>6:15pm Bells<br>7:00pm Choir | 3<br>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm 111)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm 112)<br>6:30pm Missions (Rm 205)<br>7:00pm Boy Scout Roundtable (Rms 106, 109, 111)   | 4<br>5<br>11:00am Prayer Quilt Ministry (Rm 111)<br>6:00pm Youth Group (Rm 301)       |
| 6<br>5:00 pm Over the Rainbow Celebration  | 7<br>6:30pm Divorce Care (Rm 205)<br>7:00pm Spiritual Formation (Rm 111)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Airport) | 8<br>7:30am Men's Breakfast<br>1:00pm Evelyn Kendall Circle<br>4:00pm Quilt Class (Rm 111)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm 109)<br>6:00pm Children's Council (Rm 210)<br>6:30pm UMW (Rm 106)<br>7:30pm Finance Committee (Rm 205)<br>7:30pm AML Circle (Rm 106)           | 9<br>1:30pm Staff Meeting (Rm. 208)<br>5:00pm UMW (Rm 109 & Kitchen)<br>6:00pm Disciple Bible Study 2 (Rm 106)<br>6:00pm Youth Council (Rm 301)<br>7:00pm Choir   | 10<br>UWM (Rm 109 & Kitchen)<br>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm 111)<br>5:00pm UMW Mother Daughter Sanctuary and Rm 109<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm 112)<br>5:30pm Circles: Allies & Families (Rm 106 and Rm 111)<br>7:00pm Trustees (Rm 210)                         | 11<br>12<br>6:00pm Youth Group (Rm 301)   |
| 13<br>Confirmation Sunday<br>9:30 am Confirmation Breakfast (Rm 109)   | 14<br>6:30pm Divorce Care (Rm 205)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Airport)<br>7:00pm PS/DC Board (Rm 111)        | 15<br><b>NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE - will be doing a combined June/July Newsletter - so get your information in early</b><br>7:30am Men's Breakfast<br>11:30am Cents for Children (Rm 111)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm 109)<br>7:00pm VBS Safe Sanctuary Training (Rm 205) | 16<br>11:00am PS Graduation (Rm 205)<br>1:30pm Staff Meeting (Rm. 208)<br>6:00pm Disciple Bible Study 2 (Rm 106)<br>6:30pm Piedras Negras Mission Team (Rm 205)<br>7:00pm Choir   | 17<br>9:15am PS Graduation (Rm 205)<br>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm 111)<br>11:00am PS Graduation (Rm 109)<br>11:00am PS Graduation (Sanctuary and Rm 205)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm 112)<br>6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm 111)<br>7:00pm Administrative Board (Rm 205) | 18<br>19<br>9:00am Women's Morning Out at Panera Bread<br>6:00pm Youth Group (Rm 301) |
| 20<br>Celebration of the Ministry of Music and Mark Stoneburner's Leadership Baptisms Children's Choir singing Graduation Sunday<br>9:15 am Graduation Breakfast (Rm. 205)<br>Potluck following 10:30 Worship (Rm 109) | 21<br>6:00pm Lay Leadership (Rm 210)<br>6:30pm Divorce Care (Rm 205)<br>7:00pm Boy Scouts (Airport)     | 22<br>7:30am Men's Breakfast<br>4:00pm Quilt Class (Rm 111)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm 109)  | 23<br>1:30pm Staff Meeting (Rm. 208)<br>6:00pm Youth Council (Rm 301)<br>7:00pm Choir   | 24<br>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm 111)<br>1:00pm "Grounds for Thought" Book Club (Rm 106)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm 112)<br>6:00pm Quilt Class (Rm 111)<br>6:00pm Alice Galloway (Rm 205)<br>6:00pm PS/DC Staff Appreciation Night                              | 25<br>26<br>6:00pm Youth Group (Rm 301)   |
| 27   | 28<br>6:30pm Divorce Care (Rm 205)<br><br>MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED                                  | 29<br>7:30am Men's Breakfast<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm 109)   | 30<br>1:30pm Staff Meeting (Rm. 208)<br>7:00pm Choir  | 31<br>10:00am Phyllis' Craft Class (Rm 111)<br>5:00pm PS Graduation (Sanctuary and Rm 109)<br>5:30pm Yoga (Rm 112)  |   |

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## SUNDAY EVENTS

|               |  |
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| 8:30—11:30 am | Nursery childcare  |
| 8:30 am       | Worship Service  |
| 9:00 am       | Children's Choir   |
| 9:15 am       | Come Join Us Class (Adult class)                             |
| 9:30 am       | Children's Sunday School<br>(ages 4 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade) |
|               | Acolyte Fellowship SS Class<br>(grades 3-5 <sup>th</sup> )   |
|               | Youth Class<br>(grades 6-12 <sup>th</sup> )                  |
|               | Faith & Family<br>(parents of young children)                |
|               | Messengers Class (Adult class)                               |
|               | Open Door Class (Adult class)                                |
|               | Common Grounds (Adults)                                      |
| 9:30 am       | Confirmation Class   |
| 10:30 am      | Worship Service  |

## EVENTS HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS ISSUE

May 6- 5-7:00 pm—Over the Rainbow Celebration—  
Open to the public—free!

May 10-6:30 pm—UMW hosting "A Black Tie Event!  
Fashion through the Ages" for all women of the  
church

May 13—Celebration of Confirmation

May 20—Baptism

May 20—Celebration of the Ministry of Music and  
Mark Stoneburner's leadership

May 20—Graduate Sunday

May 27—9:30-10:20 (Rm. 109) —Guest Speaker,  
Jodi Demo-Hodgins, Executive Director of the  
Marion-Crawford Alcohol, Drug Addition,  
and Mental Health Services

June 3—New Members

June 3—dedication of Knitting-4-Peace items