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MAY, 2017

“Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by nurturing the congregation, ministering to the community and around the world, and by providing a place for inspiring worship, study and authentic Christian fellowship.”

"Every day to us is Easter
With its resurrection song
Even when life overwhelms us
Easter people sing this song:
Alleluia alleluia
Everlasting Sunday song."
~Easter People, *Raise Your Voices* Vs. 3

This year, the liturgical season of Easter lasts for the entire month of May. So, when you see the white paraments for the next month or so, you will know why. The season of Easter lasts for 50 days, until the day of Pentecost. Pentecost means "Fiftieth Day," and in the Christian tradition, it commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early Church gathered together in Jerusalem.

During the 50 days between Easter and Pentecost, the Disciples (soon to be Apostles) spent a lot of time in prayer and fear until Jesus appeared to them. Then, after they saw the risen Christ, they spent the remainder of the time talking and learning from Jesus until he ascended into heaven. It was about 10 days after this that the exciting events of Pentecost occurred.

I encourage you to use this season of Easter to learn from Christ in preparation for great opportunities to share the word of Christ with others!

God Bless,
Pastor Tim

Note: Pastor Tim will be on vacation from April 26 to May 11. Below are the congregation's pastoral contacts during that time:

April 26 - 29 Alan Mears (828) 246 4099
April 30 - May 4 Philip Setzer (828) 238 4357
May 5 - 11 Ashley Thomas (794) 408 4248

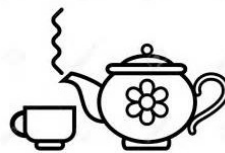


Memorial Day
May 29



May 14, 2017

A Special "Love" Offering will be taken this day for Arbor Acres Methodist Home, Winston-Salem, NC. Envelopes will be provided.



All women are invited to the Tabitha's Tea on Sunday, May 7 in our Christian Fellowship Center from 2-4 pm (Doors opened at 1:30 pm). For more information, see a UMW lady.

Volunteer

Join the town of Summerfield and represent our church by giving out bottles of cold water, coloring books, crayons, and pens under our Flat Rock tent. The date we'll be there is Saturday, May 13, from 10:00 am—4:00 pm. Set up on Friday (12th) with time to be announced but will be between noon and 3 pm. Again this year it is located next to the fire department. Come and meet new friends and neighbors. If you can't stay the entire time, at least please come out for part of the day. It's a great fellowship for our church. If you don't believe it, ask anyone who has done this in the past. It's fun!!

Many Christians are unaware that they live in a nation that has a law in place requiring our President proclaim a National Day of Prayer each year on the first Thursday in May.

Our theme this year is **For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us... Forgive Us...Heal Us!** Taken from Daniel 9:19, which says, "*O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God...*". As the 2017 **National Day of Prayer on May 4th** approaches, thousands of individuals, churches, and communities will be working to rally millions of Christian's to once again heed this call!

Scripture tells us again and again that our fervent prayer is effective. That our loving God responds to His children's earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much, and ultimately determine the course of history.

At this crucial time for our nation, we can do nothing more important than pray.





MAY

Janet Smith	May 1	Clara O'Brien	May 19
Pat Kinter	3	Margaret Norris	21
Drew Younts	4	Allen Ridenour	21
Amanda Avent	5	Mike Rumley	22
Harper Drum	6	Katie Haynes	23
Ann Smith	7	Ana Nino-Combs	24
Jerry Joyner	9	Cassie Holt	28
Katrina Hamrick	10	Daniel Pegram	28
Strick Strickland	10	Jimmy Joyner	31
Tim Lafon	12	Colt Rumley	31

MAY Anniversaries

Allen & Rita Ridenour	May 13	(Happy 50 th Anniversary)
Steve & Emily Subotnik	14	
Bryan & Sheena Rumley	15	
Pastor Tim & Kristin Drum	27	



Memorials:

To the Cemetery Fund in memory of Brad Hohn, Thomas & Ruby Vernon, Becky Edwards, Granny & Grandpa Gann by Shelby and Mike Jordan.

United Methodist Women

The May meeting has been moved to Saturday, May 6. Margaret Norris will have the program and refreshments. All women are encouraged to come. Lots of plans for the summer.



If you have never been to a UMAR Dance, you should come and see what joy and fun these folks have every time. It's at our church on Thursday, May 11, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

MISSIONS:

Joint Special Operations Command, Ft. Bragg, NC

This year Missions would like to honor our soldiers and families by collecting the following items in May:

- Boot/Tube socks with thick soles. (White, grey, green or black)
- Disposable razors
- Baby wipes
- Single toothbrushes
- Hard candy (NO chocolate)
- Chewing gum
- Crystal Light or other brands of drink mix for water bottle (Individual packets only)

Good Samaritan Food Pantry

For April our church provided the food pantry with 75 jars of jelly and 50 cans of fruit. For May the food item will be announced in the bulletin as soon as it is assigned to us. Please look for this there. REMEMBER, if you wish to purchase an entire box of food you can give \$25 to Jill Joyner by the 3rd Sunday of each month. If you write a check, make it payable to Bi-Rite.



Please give us a list of all graduates, high school and colleges in order for us to honor this great accomplishment. Give names to UMW President, Jill Joyner.

WEEKLY MINISTRIES		
Sun	8:30 am	Adult Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship (Communion on 1st Sundays)
		Liturgical Dance Team Practice (break for summer)
Tues	7:00 pm	Bible Study at Countryside Village
Wed	9:00 am	Coffee and fellowship with Pastor Tim at BJ's
Wed	6:30 pm	"Covent" Bible Study

Worship Helpers for May

Ushers: Mandy and Dakota Williams

DATE	NURSERY	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
May 7	Lisa Hutchins & Janet Hanks	Emily Fields & Ethan Cox
May 14	Priscilla Slate & Misti Ridenour	Charlie Fields & Will Hutchens
May 21	Bobbie Williams & Jerry Pegram	Jill Joyner & Ryan Fields
May 28	Jackie Younts & Erik Cox	Wayne & Nancy Farrar

UPCOMING EVENTS

***mark your calendars**

May 4		National Day of Prayer
May 6	10:00 am	UMW Meeting
May 7	2-4 pm	Tabitha's Tea
May 11	6:30—8:00 pm	UMAR "Spring 'n Swing Dance
May 12-13		Summerfield Founder's Day
May 14		MOTHER'S DAY
May 15	6:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
May 15	7:00 pm	Administrative Council Meeting
May 28		NO - 4th Sunday Lunch
May 29		Memorial Day
May 29	Noon	Newsletter deadline

Galatians 6:9 New International Version (NIV)

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

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