



Dear Church Family,

Vaccines: finally. I am grateful. I thank God for the inventiveness and committed energy of scientists who create vaccines. Without them, I think we would still be moving towards a peak in pandemic illness and death. Many if not most of us have received at least one vaccination. It's becoming possible to do more in our community and church. If you have not been vaccinated, I encourage you to do so – not only for yourself, but for your neighbors, friends, and family.

As I write this, India continues to experience devastating losses from the pandemic. It's estimated half a billion people have been infected. It is heartbreaking. When we think about the people who have died during the pandemic (not just from COVID-19) and how many people are affected for each death, it becomes hard to imagine the level of suffering and loss in other parts of the world. Every major challenge to sustainable life becomes that much worse in a pandemic.

If you have not done so in a while, I encourage you to make a donation to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). You can write a check to the church with the designation that it goes to UMCOR in the check memo. Quite often this part of our church family is the first to respond to world crises. It is one of the vital ways we show Christ's love for a world in need.

April 25 was the first Sunday we were able to have live worship in our sanctuary. While I am grateful for the technology to have church with you online, it was very spirit-lifting to be able to gather as a community in each other's presence. It did our hearts good. We will continue to take small safe steps towards richer experiences of in-person worship in the weeks and months ahead.

I'm grateful to God for the fullness of life we share – and I am grateful for you. I hope for the continuation of our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness as we celebrate God's presence through Jesus Christ in our lives.

Many Blessings!

Pastor Rob

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JUST A REMINDER....
Articles for the June Newsletter are due
in to Karen no later than
9:00am on Monday, May 17, 2021
You may text, email or call her at
(218) 766-9700



Patricia and Terry DeChaine- May 19th

Mike and Tricia Jessen- May 26th

When is the last time you've browsed the
UMC website? Resources, News and more!

www.umc.org

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A new way to inspire local church giving!

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MORE**

May Birthdays

- 04- Larry Young
- 06- Cheyenne Stowe
- 09- Alec Hess
- 10- Hope Sander
- 12- Thomas L D'Albani
- 14- Richard Parkos
- 16- Glenn Seibel
- 21- William Knudson
- 22- Kendall Dahlberg
- 24- Charlie Jessen
- 28- Stacie Parkos
- 29- Darren Kimble
- 29- Sherry Noska



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

The birthstone for May
is the Emerald
associated with
friendship, faithfulness
and loyalty.



- ...at Neilson Place: Jean Slinkman
- ...at Trillium: Judy Comstock
- ...at Windsong: Wag Collins, Bert Clark, Evan Hazard and Dotty Naramore.
- ...at home with her daughter, Kathleen Magsam
- ...at Havenwood Care Center: Patty Boyer, Mary Conner, and Betty Howard
- ...at Goldpine: Laura Hays, Ruby Hausauer, Helen LeClaire Robert Frazey, and Lois Jessen
- ...at Birch Haven Village: Betty Brooks
- ...Noli and family
- ...For Heather Burrell and family concerning daughter Mariah
- ...For new cases of COVID to drop and for as many people as possible to receive a vaccine.
- ...For our Law Enforcement, Firefighters, EMT's and Medical personnel, that they may continue to be safe in helping others.
- ... Please contact Jan Grimm to add a name to the Prayer Chain. Her phone number is:
H- (218) 444-0209 C- (218) 821-7816



Welcome May

- May 1st- May Day
- May 6th- National Day of Prayer
- May 9th- Mother's Day
- May 15th- Armed Forces Day
- May 31st- Memorial Day



Offerings and Misc. Received for March 2021

General Offering....	April 13, 2021.....	\$32,865.00
	April 27, 2021.....	\$7,040.00
On-line Giving for April.....		\$1,524.10



MOTHERS DAY QUIZ



1. This woman was the mother of nine children, including one President of the United States and two United States Senators.

Rose Kennedy

Abigail Adams

Eleanor Roosevelt

Barbara Bush

2. This woman and her famous husband were the parents of six children. Their firstborn was famously kidnapped from their home as an infant.

Answer: _____
(First and last name or last name)

3. Sally Hemings was allegedly the mother of six children by Thomas Jefferson. Why was this controversial?

She was Jefferson's cousin

She was Jefferson's slave

She was much older than Jefferson

She was much younger than Jefferson

4. This scientist and Nobel Prize winner raised her daughter alone after the death of her husband and fellow scientist.

Clara Barton

Marie Curie

Florence Nightingale

Elizabeth Blackwell

5. Mary Wollstonecraft is widely considered to be the "Mother of Feminism," having authored multiple works regarding women's rights. Her daughter, Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, is the author of what famous book?

The Pirates of Penzance

Dracula

Frankenstein

The Three Musketeers



Thank you, thank you, to the dedicated Meals on Wheels volunteers who delivered meals to the home bound the week of 4/26-30. They are Randy Burg & Carol Nielson, Tony & Carla Nicholson, Sandra Krantz & Vic Mosser, Jeff and Charlene Anderson, Diane & Leroy Morris, and Terry Thomas and Gerry Manley. Without our volunteers we would not be able to engage in this mission project of our Church. Our turn comes up every 11 weeks, so 4 to 5 times a year we do this task. The routes take about 1 hour to deliver, and if you are interested in joining our team, please call Terry Thomas, Coordinator, at 444-9580. Thank you.

Strange But True Mother's Day Facts

- * In 1939 in Lima, Peru, the youngest mother on record delivered a baby boy by C-section. She was only 5 years-old and the baby was raised as her brother.
- ** On the flip-side, the oldest woman to deliver a baby was recorded on April 9, 2003. Her name is, Satyabhama Mahapatra, and is a 65-year-old retired schoolteacher in India. She gave birth to a baby boy, which was her first child after 50 years of marriage. However, the eggs were donated by her 26 year-old niece.
- *** Before Octomom (Nadya Suleman) Bobbie McCaughey had septuplets – four boys and three girls – on November 19, 1997. The babies were born via C-section after 31 weeks.
- **** The shortest span between two babies is by mom, Jayne Bleackley. She gave birth to her son on September 3, 1999. Then only 208 days later gave birth to her daughter (on March 30, 2000).
- ***** Elizabeth Ann Buttle gives a whole new meaning to second family. She gave birth to her first child (a girl) May 19, 1956. Then when she was 60 years-old, she gave birth to her son on November 20, 1997, making the babies 41 years 185 days apart.



(left to right) Amanda and Ava Corcoran along with Stacy Molitor.)

Thank you to all the volunteers with Community Table. **Choice Therapy** should be proud of Amanda and daughter Ava Corcoran, along with Stacy Molitor.

These ladies work all day and then come to the church as volunteers, helping feed our community. To all of you who volunteer, THANK YOU! George and Pam Stowe are still involved but have scaled back some. Jane Killgore stepped in to help George. Ann Campbell has been Jane's right hand. It takes a village. Angie Scripture, Dawn Dahl and Linda Nelson, thank you as well. To anyone I have not mentioned, I'll

The crew is anxious to get back to having meals inside the church. For now, food is served to go and distributed at the North door of the parking lot along with other items. Participants can pick up a loaf of bread or sometimes desserts that are donated. If you know someone that needs a meal, feel free to stop by Wednesday or Thursday at our church. Serving is from 5-6 pm but many times they are ready by 4:30pm.

There are no income rules. All are welcome!

Do you have extra plastic bags? Community Table could use a few more so participants can carry their meals home easier. Many walk or ride bikes to the Church. Just drop them inside the door where coats are hung up.



THANK YOU from BUMC office staff for the gifts of appreciation you have shown. It was a long year of COVID for everyone. We really do appreciate the fact that you thought of us and put a smile on our face. Whether gifts, cards or lunch, we are so grateful. Soon we will be able to hug, shake hands, and see faces. Until then, stay well and know that your appreciation has meant a lot to all of us in the office.

Rob, Deborah, Leisa, and Karen "Bubbles"

May 2021

United Methodist Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 7am- YouTube and Facebook Service 10:30- In Person Worship	3	4 6:00-SPRC Meeting	5 1:00- Staff Meeting 5:00- Community Table	6 5:00- Community Table National Day of Prayer	7	8
9 7am- YouTube and Facebook Service 10:30- In Person Worship MOTHER'S DAY!	10	11 6:30- Trustees Meeting	12 1:00- Staff Meeting 5:00- Community Table	13 5:00- Community Table	14	15 Armed Forces Day!
16 7am- YouTube and Facebook Service 10:30- In Person Worship	17	18	19 1:00- Staff Meeting 5:00- Community Table	20 1:30- Finance Meeting 5:00- Community Table	21	22
23 7am- YouTube and Facebook Service 10:30- In Person Worship	24	25	26 1:00- Staff Meeting 5:00- Community Table	27 5:00- Community Table 6:00pm- Church Council	28	29
30 7am- YouTube and Facebook Service 10:30- In Person Worship	31 Memorial Day!  OFFICE CLOSED					

Answers to Mother's Day Quiz!

1. Rose Kennedy was the daughter of the Mayor of Boston, the wife of the Ambassador to England, and the mother of President John F Kennedy and Senators Robert and Ted Kennedy. She lived to be 104 years old, outliving four of her nine children.
2. Ann Morrow Lindbergh was the wife of famous aviator Charles Lindbergh. Their oldest son, Charles Lindbergh, Jr., was kidnapped from his bedroom in the Lindbergh home. His body was discovered months later only a few miles away.
3. Sally Hemings was a slave owned by Jefferson and was rumored to be the half sister of Jefferson's late wife.
4. Marie Curie assisted her husband in identifying and isolating the radium and polonium molecules. After her husband's death, she became the first female professor at the Sorbonne.
5. Mary Wollstonecraft died giving birth to her only daughter, who would grow up to become the author of "Frankenstein."

Bishop David Bard has turned the dial on the Minnesota Conference's Phased Re-Gathering Plan for Churches from Orange to Yellow—reflecting that the case numbers, while still concerning, are dropping and the positivity rate is declining toward 5 percent. The **Yellow Phase allows in-person worship with up to whatever number of people your space can accommodate with at least six feet between each family unit. Everyone must be masked. All congregations are encouraged to continue holding online worship (even if you also do in-person)**

Current Phase: Yellow



The Church Office is back open Monday thru Friday from 10am - 2pm.

We ask that you still wear a mask recommended by The Center for Disease Control. We'll continue to be proactive while attending Sunday services.

The CDC says that COVID 19 variants are still a threat and all should continue to wear a mask when around others that you do not live with. This applies even if you've had a vaccination.

Acting Bishop Bard has kept the church in the Orange Phase until numbers improve.



open hearts
open minds
open doors



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