



Elkton United Methodist Church

The **Beacon**



From the Pastor

Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

As has been my custom, I took the week after Easter off this year. Sadly, I didn't get to go away with my family to the Outer Banks as we did for so many years, because of conflicting schedules, but I did get a lot of down time that week, which I sorely needed. One of the things I did was sort through some things at home, getting things together to donate to Goodwill and such, and at one point, I was going through my jewelry box to see what was in there, and I came upon my charm bracelet, which is really, really old.

I picked it up and looked at all of the charms, and it was like walking through a history book! There was a clarinet and a band hat, a charm with Elkton High School on it, a charm that was a little replica of my first drivers' license (dated 11/15/71), a graduation charm (dated 6/10/73), among others. But here's the most amazing one I discovered as I looked at it in April of 2018 – a charm for my confirmation, which took place at Elkton UMC, and was dated April 28, 1968! So I discovered quite happily in that random search through my jewelry box, that this year is the 50th anniversary of my confirmation in faith!

I remember that day like it was yesterday. Back in those days, we got all dressed up in white dresses, while the guys wore shirts, ties and jackets. We had a big class and Rev. Thomas confirmed us. It was a great day in our lives!

Sunday, May 20th, Pentecost Sunday, will be a great day in the lives of this year's Confirmation Class – because it's the day they will kneel at the very same chancel rail at which I knelt with my fellow confirmands to be confirmed. I hope you'll make a special effort to be in worship that Sunday to celebrate this milestone in their lives with them. At a time when so few young people find their way to church, let's celebrate with this class the commitment they're making to Christ and the church in their confirmation. I can't wait to be a part of it with them!

Grace and Peace,
Karen

May 2018

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Looking Ahead

Sunday, June 3rd

Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, June 10th

Sunday School Promotion Sunday

Sunday, June 17th

Father's Day

Sunday, July 1

Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving
for Our Nation – ONE SERVICE
AT 10 AM!




Missions News

Submitted by Mike Foster, Chair

During the 2018 blood drive on April 15th, we had 35 participants who provided a donation. The church and all the members of the Missions Committee thank you. I also want to give a special thanks to those of you who were not able to give blood but donated your time monitoring the canteen.

We are beginning to look for those wishing to volunteer with the mission trips (Kentucky and Costa Rica in particular). It has come to our attention about the need to offer further specialized training. This training, VIM (or Volunteers in Mission), is provided by our jurisdiction and I will be getting in contact with the coordinator, Karin Tunnell, to consider some potential training dates at our church in mid to late May or early June.



On Sunday, May 13th before and after both services, you will once again have the opportunity to support The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, which will take place on May 19th at Elkton High School.

There will be a table set up in the Welcome Center where you can purchase luminaria bags in memory of loved ones or in honor of someone who is battling cancer or has survived cancer. Each luminaria bag is only \$5.00. Kim Artrip and Millie Jones will be at the table to talk with you about this important event in the life of our church.

Sunday School and Education News

Submitted by Katie Sparks, Director of Children and Education News

Teacher Appreciation

This month we celebrate and thank all of our Sunday School teachers for all that they do for our congregation. All teachers will be recognized during the service with a small gift and will have a “day off” where they will be provided a breakfast by the education department. Please take a moment to thank all of our teachers when you see them around the church!

Camp Pecometh Visits EUMC

On Sunday April 15, 2018, two representatives from Camp Pecometh visited our church. They not only gave out information to anyone interested in their program, but also spent the Sunday School hour with the children in our Sunday School program. They talked to them about camp, sang songs, played games and led through team building activities. If your child enjoyed this hour of “camp,” consider signing them up for either a partial or full week of camp this summer.

We know that camp can be expensive (especially if you have multiple kids attending), so EUMC offers a \$100 scholarship for all children who attend Camp Pecometh. We also have some generous donors in our church who will pay your child’s way if you need financial assistance. Check out Pecometh’s website for more information about camp (www.pecometh.org) and contact Katie Sparks for more information about scholarships.



Vacation Bible School Volunteers

The education department is still searching for volunteers for VBS. Vacation Bible School will run June 24, 2018, through June 28, 2018, in the evening. We need volunteers to lead groups, stations, and in the kitchen. If you are interested in volunteering please see Katie Sparks for more information.

Nursery

We have a fully staffed nursery each Sunday for your children to enjoy. If you have a child who is in kindergarten (or younger than that) we would love to have them join us during the service. The nursery is also available during the Sunday school hour for those who are not old enough to join a Sunday school class.

Youth News

Submitted by Sandy Wherry, Director of Youth Ministries

The message of Easter always leaves me in AWE of the wonderful SAVIOR who loves us and allows us to serve Him! We pray that all of us will continue to live the truth that Jesus is ALIVE and tell everyone about our experiences in Christ! It helps us to spread the Word and strengthen our faith.

The powerful message: Trust in Jesus’ teachings (Matt. 7: 24-27), spread His word and realize our real destination is heaven, having been reborn in Christ, celebrate Jesus’ resurrection and rejoice in His coming again! We all need to live like we believe with all our hearts, minds and souls that Jesus is alive and preparing a place for us!

We had such a momentous mission trip to Kentucky last year and everyone said they wanted to go again so here is your reminder: the Mission trip is June 24th – July 1st, and we need to know if you are planning to go with us. Since we are going earlier, we hope to be doing a little more construction. Please text Sandy if you are interested at 443-309-0160.

If anyone in the church would be willing to host the youth this summer for a meeting, again, please get in touch with Sandy at 443-309-0160.

The Prom Boutique received five boxes of dresses from Prom Girl again this year. Thanks to all those who have helped work in the boutique or contributed dresses, shoes and accessories. We have had a very successful season.

It’s graduation time and we need five photos of all the graduates for the Graduation Recognition Service that will take place on Sunday, June 3, 2018. Please encourage the graduates to attend. This is an encouraging service.



Annual Conference

This year's session of the Peninsula Delaware Annual Conference will take place from Thursday, May 31st to Saturday, June 2nd on the campus of the University of Maryland – Eastern Shore in Princess Anne, MD. Clergy and lay delegates from all of the churches in our conference (which is comprised of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and the State of Delaware) will gather to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and set goals and budgets for the years ahead. Heidi Gaultney will represent Elkton UMC as the Lay Delegate, and Pastors Bunnell and Graham will be attending as Clergy Delegates. The highlight of Annual Conference is always the Ordination/Commissioning Service, and this year that will take place on Friday, June 1st at 7 pm and will include our very own Brett Pinder and Carlos Reyes! For more details about that event and possibly attending, please contact Pastor Bunnell.

Evangelism/Membership Newsletter

Submitted by Lorraine Dryden Jones, Chair

Psalm 146:2 "I will praise the Lord all my life, I will sing praise to my God as long as I live."

Here we are in May already and that means the Memorial Day Parade is right around the corner. The date for the parade is May 28th, and this will be our 3rd year to be in the parade. Last year we had to line up by 9:30 am, and the parade started at 10 am; the route is approximately 1.1 miles. Our committee will again be decorating a pickup truck for our float and we ask for your help decorating and walking in the parade. We will be handing out flag pins and candy to the onlookers as we walk. So please, put on your walking shoes and join us to honor those who gave their all. If you have any questions, please contact me at 302-690-6772 or email me at lorraine0913@yahoo.com.

Details about the 4th of July and the Elkton Fall Fest coming in the summer newsletters.

UMCOR Sunday Update

Thank you so much for your generous giving to the UMCOR Sunday offering, which supports the administrative costs of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. To date, you have just under \$13,000! What a tremendous response! This continues our trend of being one of the leading churches in our conference in giving to help UMCOR continue its outstanding work in disaster relief! Thank you so much!

Finance News

Submitted by Bill Ferringer, Chair

	MARCH MONTH	MARCH YTD
Income		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	35,194	112,240
Expenses		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	33,010	106,452
Net Income/(Loss)		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	2,184	5,788

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New Members

We welcome the newest members into our church family!

Karen Anderson
Liz and Kyle Fennemore



Like us on Facebook

Don't forget that our church has a Facebook page, so check it out and like us! That helps spread the word to others of all the good things going on in our church, and hopefully entice them to come and check us out!

Music Ministries

Submitted by Sharon Williams, Organist/Coordinator of Music Ministries

Thank you to all our musicians who made our Easter Sunday so special with all the beautiful music. It was so nice to have Mark Macturk back with us playing his trumpet. Mark's Dad was a dedicated member of our chancel choir for a number of years.

After this month, our children's choir and bell choir will be taking a summer break. Thank you to Paul and Susan for their outstanding leadership this year and a special thank you to all the members of the bell choir and all the children who sang with the children's choir throughout the year.

Hope spring arrives soon!

Wednesday Night Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated every Wednesday evening in the Chapel from 6:15-6:30 pm.

Going Away?

If you are, don't forget that you can watch our worship services via You Tube. Videos of Sunday morning services are generally put online no later than about 9 pm that same evening. It's a great way to stay connected when you're away! To watch a service, simply go to our church website, elktonumc.org, click on sermons in the left-hand column, then click on "You Tube" videos, click on the service you want to see, and you're all set!

Wired Word Discussion Group

Submitted by Rev. Ray Graham

The Wired Word - After the Parkland School Killings, Students Across the U.S. Launch Protests Against Gun Violence.

Though not all Americans agree with the youth, those who do find the leadership and zeal from these teenagers to be inspiring and commendable. These teenagers want their efforts to somehow reduce the number of school attacks and deaths. We take this opportunity to consider some biblical views of young people and to think about the cause uniting those involved in the protests. We will meet in the Conference Room on Thursday, May 3rd at 7 p.m. All are welcome!



With Deepest Sympathy

Robert (Dippy) Cebula
Anne Kirk
Donald (Bud) Lewis

Baptisms

If you would like to schedule a baptism, please email Rev. Bunnell at eumc@comcast.net or call the church office at 410-398-0933

Stewardship Committee News

Submitted by Ellen and Rich Gruebel, Chairs

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

We thank everyone who helped our church celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd - and all the students who submitted bulletin covers for the contest, the Stewardship Committee members who visited the Sunday School classes to help them plant seeds, and the Chancel Choir who sang a wonderful anthem about "All Things Bright and Beautiful". Congratulations to Danielle Rogers who submitted the winning bulletin cover which was used in church on Earth Day. We're still looking into the possibility of starting a support group for the many caregivers in our congregation. Additionally, we've obtained much information about starting a GriefShare session at our church, so there will be more to come on that as the year moves forward. We're looking forward to other events in the coming months such as a Health Fair this year. Updates to come in subsequent newsletters!

Classic Christians' May Meeting

The Classic Christians (age 50 and over) will meet on Friday, May 18th at 6:30 pm in Weldin Hall for one of their favorite meetings of the year – it's BINGO night! The night begins with a potluck dinner (bring a dish to share) and then continues on in rousing games of Bingo for which there are wonderful prizes for the winners! Sign up to take part in this fun event on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.

Join the Classic Christians for a Unique Event in Lancaster, PA!

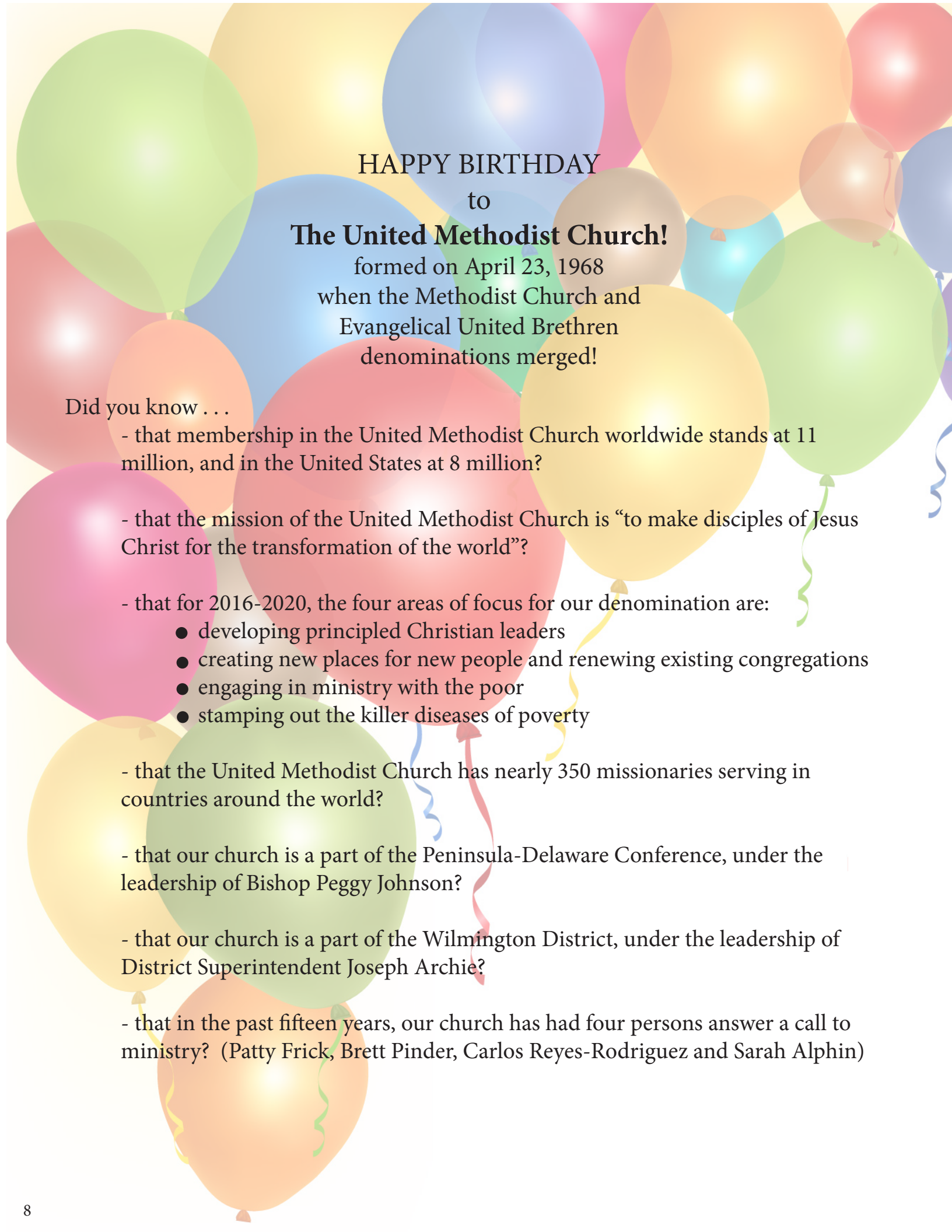
On Wednesday, June 20th, the Classic Christians will carpool up to "The Amish Experience" in Lancaster PA for a unique visual presentation of Bible stories. The show is at 11 am, and is presented in a building adjacent to the Good and Plenty Restaurant where you can go to lunch, or you can choose to go elsewhere if you like. Cost for the Bible show is \$16 per person, and lunch is on your own. There are only forty tickets available, so if you're interested, sign up soon. To sign up, see the registration sheet on the counter across from the Welcome Center.

Monthly Men's Breakfast

All men of the church are invited to take part in the Monthly Men's Breakfast. It takes place the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 am in the Elkton Diner. This month's breakfast will take place on Wednesday, May 16th.

Do you love choral music? Then we've got a trip for you!

The Classic Christians are sponsoring a bus trip for the whole church again this summer to Ocean Grove, New Jersey to attend the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Choir Festival. This annual event features a thousand singers in a mass choir, and it is always phenomenal. The performance takes place in the Great Auditorium which seats 7000 people and is always packed to the gills for the choir festival. The date is Sunday, July 8th, and the bus will be leaving our parking lot at 2:00 p.m. We'll arrive around 4 or so, which leaves about 3 hours to walk around the lovely Victorian town, have some dinner, and then get in line to go into the performance. Return time is not exact, but it will be about two hours after the performance ends, so it could be close to midnight – but it's worth it! Cost will be \$40/person, plus the cost of your dinner. To take part in this great experience, sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to
The United Methodist Church!
formed on April 23, 1968
when the Methodist Church and
Evangelical United Brethren
denominations merged!

Did you know . . .

- that membership in the United Methodist Church worldwide stands at 11 million, and in the United States at 8 million?
- that the mission of the United Methodist Church is “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”?
- that for 2016-2020, the four areas of focus for our denomination are:
 - developing principled Christian leaders
 - creating new places for new people and renewing existing congregations
 - engaging in ministry with the poor
 - stamping out the killer diseases of poverty
- that the United Methodist Church has nearly 350 missionaries serving in countries around the world?
- that our church is a part of the Peninsula-Delaware Conference, under the leadership of Bishop Peggy Johnson?
- that our church is a part of the Wilmington District, under the leadership of District Superintendent Joseph Archie?
- that in the past fifteen years, our church has had four persons answer a call to ministry? (Patty Frick, Brett Pinder, Carlos Reyes-Rodriguez and Sarah Alphin)

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Word Search puzzle solution on page 12!

May Birthdays




“One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and ask to seek him in his temple.” Psalm 27:4 (NIV)

5/1	Richard Achuff	5/13	Cecilia Gaultney	5/23	Grace Starrett
5/1	Lauren Zimmer	5/13	Barbara Pinder	5/24	Elijah DiSciullo
5/2	Linda White	5/14	John Stahl	5/25	Connery Eddinger
5/4	Amee McCarthy	5/15	Rebecca Cebula	5/25	Marlene Gautsch
5/7	Phyllis Crabtree	5/15	Phil Norman	5/25	Robert Meffley
5/8	Amanda Fetterolf	5/16	Phillip Lokey	5/26	Stephanie Darron
5/9	Bill Graham	5/17	Sarah Buckley	5/27	Harry Barnes
5/9	Richard Jones	5/18	Hilda Frantsi	5/27	Carolyn McCardell
5/10	Thomas Zaleski	5/18	Robyn Graham	5/27	Carlos Reyes-Rodriguez
5/11	Julian DiSciullo	5/18	Alison Sprague	5/27	Gerald Slayman, Jr.
5/11	Nathan Hanel	5/19	Romie Jones	5/28	Robert Perkins
5/12	Denise Lee	5/20	Kelly Eddinger	5/28	John (Mikey) Sparks
5/12	Matthew Lokey	5/21	Paul Humphrey	5/29	Virginia Biles
5/12	Sarah Schmook	5/21	Scott Shortall	5/30	Charlotte McCool
5/12	Dawn Stahl	5/22	James Gravatt	5/31	Wilson Forney
5/13	John Clark	5/22	Dave Pugh		
5/13	Ashlee Crawford	5/23	Beverly Ann Kennedy		

May Anniversaries

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24 (NKJV)

5/3	Jim & Lynn Dech	5/17	Brian & Deborah Ingram	5/24	Richard & Lea Gochnauer
5/3	Donald & Pam Stepler	5/17	Roger & Carol Robinson	5/25	Robert & Eileen Smith
5/8	John & Cindy Fetterolf	5/20	Keith & Andrea McKenica	5/26	Buddy & Faye Camors
5/10	Edward & Kelley Marsilii	5/23	Kevin & Linda White		

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
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Adult Choir Director.....Steven Gilmore
Adult Handbell Director.....Paul Deemer
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Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
8:00 a.m. - Noon
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday
8:00 a.m. - Noon

Sunday Worship Services

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - Noon

Sunday School (All Ages)

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Youth Fellowship

Sunday afternoon
12:30-3:00 p.m.

