

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are excited to again offer coffee outside on the lawn before Worship Service.

Thank you to our hosts/hostesses .

April 28: Sue Dostal, Josh Taylor, Sandy Blank

May 5 : Carol MacCourtney, Julie Savage

12: Betty Campbell, Tammy Holland

19: Emma Walters, Myra Davis, Sue Sites

IF anyone would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

Sunday School: immediately after the 10:00 service in the conference room. Join Debbie Wallin as she leads a new video on the book of Joshua by Louie Giglio.

Wednesday Dinner Main Dish:

May 1 : ?? Compliments of Ana

May 8 : Chicken compliments of the Dayhoffs

May 15 : Manwich compliments of Paula

Bible Study: Tuesdays at Noon (you may bring your lunch) and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. The title of the study is "The Cure".

Confirmation Classes continue after church 11:30—12:30 pm.

General Conference: April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, NC. For more information, check out the WV Conference website or the official UMC website.

September Club: Wednesday, May 1 at Noon. Main dishes will be Chicken Casserole and Roast Beef/vegetables. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Celebrate Moms: May 19-at 5:00. Dinner and a fun unique fashion show. Menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, and rolls. Please bring a side dish.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE & GOD'S BIG HOUSE (PRE-K - 5TH GRADE)

11:10 AM: ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL (CONFERENCE ROOM)

To parents of young children: Relax! God put the wiggles in children; don't feel you have to suppress those wiggles in God's house. Consider sitting toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to engage. Explain parts of the service and actions of the pastor, musicians, and leaders. Sing the songs, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. If you have to leave the Sanctuary with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. You and your child are a blessing to the church and this congregation. After the Children's Moments, children are welcomed and encouraged to stay and be part of the service or if you choose they can attend God's Big House (Ages: K-5th Grade upstairs with Mr. Andrew and our volunteers) or the Nursery (Ages: Newborn to Pre-K on the main level with Ms. Sarah and our volunteers). As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

*Congregation is invited to stand, if able.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONGS OF PRAISE: Graves Into Gardens
Make Room

*CALL TO WORSHIP LED BY MARTHA GILL

L: EASTER PEOPLE, WE HAVE BEEN SAVED BY THE RISEN CHRIST, THE LIFE-GIVING VINE.

P: **WE ABIDE IN LOVE, THE LIFE-GIVING VINE.**

L: WE ARE BRANCHES OF THE VINE—SUSTAINED, NURTURED, AND PRUNED BY LOVE.

P: **WE HAVE NO LIFE APART FROM LOVE, THE LIFE-GIVING VINE.**

L: WHEN WE MAKE OUR HOME IN THE VINE, AND THE VINE MAKES A HOME IN US, WE BEAR THE FRUIT OF LOVE.

P: **WE PRODUCE THE FRUIT OF LOVE, THE LIFE-GIVING VINE.**

L: EASTER PEOPLE, HOW SHALL WE BEAR THE FRUIT OF LOVE, THE LIFE-GIVING VINE?

P: **WE WILL LOVE AND LEARN TO LOVE AS WE REST, play, work, and build community with God and one another. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON) LED BY MARTHA GILL

*Christ is the vine. We are simply branches. If we abide in Christ,
Christ's words will abide in us. Ask for whatever you wish in
Christ's name and it will be granted. In the name of Christ,
you who seek forgiveness are forgiven! Amen.*

CHORAL ANTHEM

CROSS ROADS UMC CHOIR

A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH PAM DEMOSS

This, this is where children belong.
Welcomed as part of our worship and song.
Hearing God's Word, sharing love all along.
This is where children belong.

*SONG OF PREPARATION: I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR UMH 397

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 15:1-8 (NRSV) READ BY MARTHA GILL

THIS IS THE WORD OF GOD. DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

YES, WE BELIEVE IT.

MESSAGE: HOW WE SHOULD LOVE: WE BEAR FRUIT

REV. DUSTIN MCCUNE

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF GIVING

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here
below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. Amen.

*A SONG OF INVITATION: THE SUMMONS FWS 2130

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL SONG: THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. Make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. Amen.

*BENEDICTIONAL PRAYER

POSTLUDE