ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are excited to again offer coffee outside on the lawn before Worship Service. **Thank you** to our hosts/hostesses .

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 8 : Chicken compliments of the Dayhoffs

- May 15 : Manwich compliments of Paula
 - 22: Pizza Night-everyone brings their favorite pizza

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

Tonight: Meeting Night

Eternal Love Support Group will meet on May 16.

Common Grounds: May 16 at Johnson Memorial. Volunteers are needed. Please be there by 5:45 PM.

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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May 5, 2024 Sixth 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: This Is Amazing Grace How He Loves

*CALL TO WORSHIP LED BY KRISTEN MASSEY

L: BELOVED, WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, BECAUSE LOVE IS FROM GOD.

P: GOD'S LOVE IS POURED IN US FROM OUR BIRTH.

L: WE ARE CALLED TO EXTEND THE LOVE OF GOD TO ALL PEOPLE.

- P: GOD'S LOVED IS TAUGHT TO US THROUGH THE WITNESS OF GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE.
- L: WE ARE CALLED TO PROCLAIM GOD'S LOVE IN ALL THAT WE SAY AND DO.
- P: IN ALL CREATION, IN ALL OUR RELATIONSHIPS MAY GOD'S LOVE BE MADE KNOWN. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON) LED BY KRISTEN MASSEY

We, who so often take the wonders of creation for granted, welcome the opportunity to make a joyful noise before you, O God. We come here this morning to worship and to praise you, glad that we live in this country filled with such diverse and beautiful examples of your creation. Yet, joyful noises are not easy for everyone to make, as we come from differing situations. Some are burdened down with the stresses of daily living and all that involves; some wearied from tasks of serving others; some worried over the state of the world and where that is all leading. Speak to us all, O God, in the stillness of this time and remind us of Jesus' willingness to take our burdens upon himself and to learn from him - to experience his gentleness and steadfast love **for all**. Jesus also offers us his joy so that our joy might be complete. Confident in these promises, we offer this time of worship to you, O God, praying that it may reflect our praise and thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and for all that Jesus has done for us. This we pray in his name. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

CROSS ROADS UMC CHOIR

A TIME FOR CHILDREN WITH SHARON RILEY

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.

BAPTISM OF CARTER ALLEN CHAPMAN

*Song of Preparation: What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH 526

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 15:9-17 (NRSV) READ BY KRISTEN MASSEY

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

YES, WE BELIEVE IT.

MESSAGE: HOW WE SHOULD LOVE: WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER REV. DUSTIN MCCUNE

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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: Blest Be the Tie That Binds UMH 557

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTIONAL SONG:

THE BLESSING LED BY MARIS AND GIANNA ALUISE 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