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From Your Minister

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” — John 14:27

This is one of those weeks that carries a strange mixture of emotions. Many students, teachers, and families are celebrating this week. Graduations are taking place. The school year is coming to an end. Summer is almost here. I know that in my house there is excitement, relief, and anticipation for the days ahead.

But at the same time, people in our community are also dealing with fear and exhaustion after several of our schools dealt with threats and lockdowns. Thankfully, the threats were not credible, but moments like that leave people anxious. Students feel it. Teachers feel it. Parents feel it. Administrators feel it. Communities feel it.

Most of us live as people caught between gratitude and worry. That is part of why the story of Pentecost matters so much. The disciples also found themselves living in uncertainty. The resurrection had happened. Jesus had ascended. And now the future was unclear. But, even in the middle of fear and waiting, God gifted them with the Holy Spirit and reminded them that they would not face the future alone.

As we celebrate Pentecost this Sunday, I hope we will remember that same truth. Unfortunately, we cannot control everything around us. But, in the midst of our troubles, we can trust that God is still present, still moving, still loves us, and is still calling us to live with hope.

Coming Up This Week

Sunday Worship Information

Sunday, May 24, is Pentecost Sunday, and the chancel color will be red as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. We will continue our series, "Sent: Living What We Believe."

Our Senior Minister, Rev. Christian Smith, will preach from Acts 2:1-13 in a sermon titled "Sent in the Power of the Spirit."

We invite you to wear red and join us in the sanctuary at 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. If you are unable to attend in person, the 8:45 a.m. service will be streamed live on our church's YouTube channel.

All are welcome as we gather to celebrate the gift and power of the Holy Spirit and reflect on what it means to live as people sent by God into the world.



On Thursday mornings, from 7:30am to 9:30am, Christian enjoys coffee at The Exceptional Bean (55 N. Walnut Avenue.) You are invited and encouraged to join him for a cup of coffee and a chance to get to know each other better, share your thoughts and ideas for the church, or just enjoy a morning cup of coffee together. Please note that Christian will NOT be available for coffee next Thursday, May 28th; we will resume on the 4th of June.

Women's Bible Study

Day & Time: Tuesdays @ Noon

Location: Foundations Sunday School Classroom

Our Women's Bible study will resume Tuesday, May 12th. The book entitled "Busyness: Finding God in the Whirlwind" will be the topic for the next eight weeks. It is never too late to join! Please contact Lori Varney for a study guide. Since the class is at lunchtime, feel free to bring a brown bag lunch. See you then!



The Tuesday Noon Men's Bible Study continues with a study using Max Lucado's Life Lessons from the Gospel of Matthew as the text. All men in the church congregation are encouraged/invited to attend.

Weekly Mahjong Game

All Mahjong players are invited to open play on Mondays from 3-5. Please see Elizabeth Fournet or Angie Knight to sign up.





Our Twisted Stitches group meets on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Session Room of the church. You are invited to attend any or all sessions; we would love to have you join us. All levels of proficiency are welcome to come! We are involved in projects that help different agencies in the community.

In the weeks leading to Pentecost, we are doing a sermon series titled "Sent: Living What We Believe." Easter reminds us of what we believe. Christ is risen. Death has been defeated. New life is possible. But Easter is not just something we celebrate. It is something we are called to live.

We will explore what happens next for the disciples after the resurrection, and what it means

for us today. Again and again, we will see that Jesus does not simply comfort His followers. He sends them. And the same is true for us. We are called. We are forgiven. We are empowered. And we are sent. I hope you will join us as we discover together what it looks like to live out our faith in everyday life.



Food to the Rescue Packing Day

THIS EVENING - May 20th - 5:30-7:30 pm

1227 N. Washington Ave. Suite 112

In back of the Irrationale Kitchen

One of the things that makes our congregation special is the way you consistently show up to serve others. On May 20, we have another opportunity to serve alongside Food to the Rescue to bless families in our community.

We are happy to report that we now have enough volunteers to pack boxes for this evening's Food to the Rescue event. Thank you for joining us as we continue being the hands and feet of Christ in our community. Your commitment helps us demonstrate that our church serves with both compassion and excellence. Thank you for all the ways you serve so faithfully.



On May 24, we will host a Greet, Grab, and Go reception between services to welcome Caleb Cashion to our church staff as our new Director of Discipleship and Family Ministries. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet Caleb, welcome him into this new role, and offer encouragement as he begins this next chapter of ministry with us. We hope you will take a few moments between services to stop by and help us celebrate this exciting step in the life of our church.

Other Opportunities

Thank you!

Sweet Success! The annual CPWM Yard Sale netted \$7,299.06 the week before last. The monies collected in this sale are used to sponsor various missions throughout the year. Many thanks to so many people for donating items, helping in pricing and arranging donations, providing food for workers, transportation to and from the FLC, to name just a few. The Women's Ministry will be able to meet the year's budget due to your support and assistance! Thank you SO much!!!

Angie Knight is needing 20 card tables for use in a June 14th TN Alzheimer's event. The tables would need to be brought in on June 6th. This event is being sponsored by the church Mahjong group. Please put your name on your table(s) for return to the appropriate owner. Contact Angie if you have card table to loan.



The church is sponsoring a Meal Train for Charles and Wanda McCaskey. Wanda recently fell and broke her ankle. She is unable to put any weight on her foot for seven more weeks. You can help this family by providing a hot meal; we need meals for Tuesday, Thursday and Sundays. You can sign up at the following link - <https://mealtrain.com/y0y2lm> - or contact Alice Peek at 239-5513.

You are invited to celebrate the high school graduation of Brenna Schweikert on Saturday, June 6th, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Brenna is the granddaughter of Al & Sally Beyer. This will be a "drop-in" event and you are invited to bring cards/gifts of congratulations for her graduation and best wishes for future success. All are welcome to come by.



Sunday, May 31st, will be a One Service Sunday. We will gather for Sunday morning small groups at 9:00 a.m., followed by worship at 10:00 a.m. After worship, we will enjoy a potluck lunch together. We hope you will make plans to stay and enjoy this time of fellowship with your church family.











Coffee & Conversation



BIBLE STUDY ON FACEBOOK LIVE

HARD QUESTIONS *of* FAITH

8 WEEKS. REAL QUESTIONS.
BIBLICAL TRUTH.

-  **WEEK 1** | Why does God allow suffering?
-  **WEEK 2** | What is faith when we doubt?
-  **WEEK 3** | Why do some prayers seem unanswered?
-  **WEEK 4** | What does it mean to forgive?
-  **WEEK 5** | Why do some people seem blessed while others struggle?
-  **WEEK 6** | Why does God feel silent?
-  **WEEK 7** | Are we saved by grace or works?
-  **WEEK 8** | What happens after death?



*Bring your questions.
Let's seek truth together.*



STARTS JUNE 3!



WEDNESDAYS | 9:30 AM
FACEBOOK LIVE



Grab your coffee and join the conversation.



VBX: VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE



MISSION: POSSIBLE



JULY 13-16
4:30-7:00

NURSERY-AGE 11

REGISTER YOUR CHILD
USING THE QR CODE ON
THE LEFT.

REGISTER
HERE

SMALL GROUP

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help with children's SMSG summer classes.

Lead games & crafts.

No teaching required.

Contact **Cindy P., Jodi, or Christian** to sign up.

Stewardship Report

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Commitments - \$8,125.00 Undesignated - \$1,922.02 Other - \$5,100.00

This week's offering included \$100.00 for altar flowers and a
\$5,000 Crystal Spring Camp donation.

Total Deposit - \$15,147.02



Giving is one of the ways we respond to the grace we have received in Jesus Christ. Although we do not pass the offering plates during worship, the ministry of this church continues because of your faithful generosity. Offering boxes are available beside the narthex credenza and by the "Amen Corner." Plates are also available on the table at the front of the sanctuary. You may also give electronically by scanning the QR code shown here. Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of this congregation as we seek to love God and love our neighbors.

Prayer Concerns

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- Wanda McCaskey - broken ankle
- Jim Dixon - Surgery
- Tammy Stephenson - Liver Cancer
- Willene James - Freeman Smith's sister
- Ray Smith - Freeman Smith's brother
- Margaret Weaver - Evon Maggart's sister - hospice
- Unspoken Requests

Assisted Living:

- Doris Baggett - Signature Healthcare
- Roberta Ross - Standing Stone
- Ramona Tilghman - Life Care of Sparta
- Regina Weber - NHC

Cancer Treatment:

- Kristen Simon - Cindy Putz's Niece
- Becky Hull
- Robert Marbury - Jean Webb's brother
- Barbara Spurgeon - colon cancer
- Anne Taylor - Tracy Spark's sister
- Bill Snyder - Virginia Lovellette's brother
- Janet Lapoint - Evelyn Plecan's cousin
- Linda Stringer - Evon Maggart's sister
- Niki Work - Jodi Smith's cousin

