

## The Circuit Rider May, 2021

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### *From the Pastor's Pen*

Is something always worth the wait? The answer of course is 'no'...but why not? One reason is that sometimes we build the anticipation up in our minds and hearts to the point that the reality of the situation can't compete. I think about sporting events where the final game or series of the season is often very anti-climatic. In football, there is a two-week wait between the conference championship games in the NFL and the Super Bowl. And after the college regular season is done, there can be a month-long wait for some teams as the myriad bowl games are played out. While that's great for the media and rest for the players, there can be so much anticipation and hype that the actual game is a let-down compared to what it was billed to be. For me, one of the most anticipated thrills growing up was new album release dates. Because I was more musically-inclined than athletic, I counted down the days until my favorite artist's new record came out. Sometimes it was wonderful; most of the time, I liked it but wasn't blown away...then I moved on to something new.

Spring is a tough season to take. During the second-to-last week of April, we had a late-season freeze and snow event. I had to run around the night before the temperature was to dip into the 20's covering up my beloved plants so they wouldn't freeze their little leaves off! It took me an hour to get it accomplished. Thankfully it worked – I don't think anything was killed because of it. But after already experiencing 80 degrees around Easter time, this turn on the roller coaster ride seemed cruel. We just want it to get nice and stay nice – haven't we suffered enough during the last year? At least the weather should cooperate! Hopefully we are finally firmly entrenched in spring heading to summer - relieved that it's finally come to be. Sometimes we wait for things to happen – not so much to be amazed, but to simply get through them.

That is a good part of life in general: prepare, wait, prepare, wait, get to the event and go through it, recover and start the process over again with something else. If it's something that we like, we're

willing to go through it again and again. If we didn't enjoy it, we may avoid the same situation or minimize its impact on our life. Now that we're approaching summer, hopefully we're loving the weather and the farmers are glad to be out in the fields. But ask again in six months; then we'll be preparing for winter, and the change in seasons won't be so exciting! Preparing for, anticipating and then getting through something is what we go through all the time – likely every day. We'd be smart to figure out a way to handle each of these situations.

And that's where God comes in! If we can remember that our good God is with us in every situation – be it a broken relationship, a new job, the closing of a favorite restaurant, the reunion of our favorite band, summer or winter coming, we'll be able to face anything that comes our way. We may look forward to it; we may dread it, but we'll know we aren't alone in it. When there's something we're excited about, God gives us Someone to be thankful to for that happy time. And when we can't hardly wait to be done with something, God holds our hand and reassures us through the difficulties. May we always be willing to reach for that loving hand.

I hope you truly enjoy the rest of your spring as you spend more time outdoors and we see flowers blooming, trees budding, and crops start to grow. It's something we've waited a while to experience! So be thankful to God that we got what we anticipated. But also know that there are already people hoping for cooler weather! Through our faith, we can confidently march through every season and situation in life knowing that what we wait for can be wonderful. But even if it isn't quite what we expected, joy can be found in knowing God's presence with us no matter what.

*Thankful for the new life of spring with you,  
Pastor Ryan*

*Pastor Ryan's cell phone: 815-499-6314  
Pastor Ryan's e-mail: [revryansutton@gmail.com](mailto:revryansutton@gmail.com)*

## **ZEARING SCHOLARSHIP**

If you are a graduating senior from either Princeton or Bureau Valley High School and are active in this church, please consider applying for the Joseph and Nancy Zearing Scholarship. Applications will be available soon on the table in front of Pastor Ryan's office. **Deadline for submission is Monday, May 10.**



## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS GRADUATING?

The church would like to know of any graduates in the congregation. If you have a church member, a family member, or know of someone who will be graduating from Kindergarten, Junior High, High School, College, Technical School, Trade School or Military Academy, please let us know so that they can be recognized in the June Circuit Rider newsletter. \*Graduates from our church family will be the ones recognized on Graduate Sunday, June 13. Please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return to the church office by dropping it in the offering plate, in the white mailbox, mailing it, or e-mailing it to [fumcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fumcsecretary@gmail.com).

## RESULTS OF APRIL'S CHANGE THE WORLD

Thanks to all who donated checks, cash, and coins to Hungry World Farm during the month of April. We received a total of **\$379.89** to help them with their ministry.

## MAY HAPPENINGS!

### CHANGE THE WORLD FOR MAY –

The mission recipient for May's Change the World offering will be **Bureau County Food Pantry**.

### HOLY COMMUNION – May 2

On the first Sunday of the month, we will celebrate Holy Communion in the worship service. We will continue to use the safest method possible – the pre-packaged elements that each person picks up as they enter the sanctuary. If you are going to be worshipping from home, you are invited to stop in and pick up one communion pak for each person in the household during the week ahead of time. A bag with the elements in them will be on the front doors of the church starting on Monday, April 26. Feel free to come and pick yours up!

### MOTHER'S DAY – May 9

Come celebrate in worship those who have been mothers to us on Sunday, May 9. There will be a small gift given to all adult women in worship, and Pastor Ryan will provide us with some stories and information on



mothers. Come to recognize the mother-figures in our lives!

### NEW MEMBERS – May 16

Join us at the 8am service on Sunday, May 16 as we take in several wonderful new members to our church. We are so glad they are officially joining our fellowship – be here to congratulate and support them! And if you are interested in becoming an official member of PFUMC, please contact Pastor Ryan for more information by May 8 to be included.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – May 20

The next time the Red Cross will collect blood donations will be on Thursday, May 20 from 11:30am through 5:00pm. Sign up on line to reserve your place!

### LAST SUNDAY FOR THE BELLS – May 23

If you enjoy the sound of bells ringing, please be at the 8am service on May 23. That will be the last appearance of our Bell Choir until September. Come to enjoy the melodic sounds of praise!

### PENTECOST – May 23

Pentecost is the birthday of the church – when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles after Jesus had returned to heaven. They were given the ability to speak the gospel in many languages so that everyone could hear about Jesus. On Sunday, May 23, we will celebrate with the color of the day: red! Everyone is encouraged to wear red – the color of the day. You are also invited to bring in a red geranium. We would love to cover the Sanctuary in red that day! You can take it home with you and have it be a reminder of the Holy Spirit's presence in your home always. We will also be purchasing some red flowers for the Sanctuary to mark the occasion.



### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY – May 30

We finally have a date for Confirmation Sunday! After going on about 1¾ years together, the Confirmation class is about to 'graduate'! It's been quite a journey for this year's class of five students who started out learning about God, Jesus and the church pre-pandemic, had their learning put on hold for a good while, started up again, stopped again, and finally finished up the classes with Pastor Ryan and Kelly McKune. They have done a great job of sticking it out together!

At the 8:00am service on Sunday, May 30, we will welcome them into the membership of PFUMC. This is a great group of young people, and we would love to have a lot of people supporting them that day.

Please plan to attend as you meet them, hear their faith experience, and share the joy of young people acknowledging God through Christ in their life.

### **LAST SUNDAY FOR THE CHOIR – May 30**

If you enjoy the sound of the choir singing, please be at the 8am service on May 30. That will mark the last appearance of our vocal choir until September. It will also end our time of having Al Kniss performing as the choir accompanist.

### **MEETINGS IN MAY**

Our Table Board Meeting – Monday, May 3 – 5:00 pm  
Education – Monday, May 3– 6:30pm in Cushing Hall  
Staff Parish – Tuesday, May 4 – 5:45 pm in Sanctuary  
Girl Scouts – Tuesday, May 4 – 6:00 in Cushing Hall  
Staff Parish – Tuesday, May 11– 5:45 pm in Cushing Hall  
Missions – Thursday, May 13– 6:30 pm in Cushing Hall  
Trustees – Monday, May 17– 6:30 pm in Cushing Hall  
Bloodmobile – Thursday, May 20 – 11:30 am to 5:30 pm in Cushing Hall  
Finance – Monday, May 24– 7:00 pm in Cushing Hall and ZOOM

### **MUSIC FOR THE SUMMER**

Each summer, the chancel choir and bell choir take a needed break and we offer an opportunity for soloists, groups, and ensembles to fill in. It doesn't have to be singing...you could play piano, guitar or other musical instrument – traditional or contemporary - as you fill that time with music to honor God. You may sign a song or do an interpretive dance, too. There will soon be a sign-up sheet in the Music Room so you may sign up and showcase your God given talents and abilities.

### **RICH RUBIETTA SEEKS PERFORMERS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE VIDEOS**

Rich Rubietta, an ordained Deacon in our conference who will be the worship leader at the 2021 Annual Conference this year in July, is looking for artists for the purpose of pre-recording short videos to watch at Annual Conference. He is searching for **vocalists, instrumentalists, dancers, songwriters, videographers and video editors**. If interested, please e-mail him directly at [richrubietta@gmail.com](mailto:richrubietta@gmail.com).

### **IN-PERSON MEETINGS**

Many of our groups and committees have made the decision to have in-person meetings or even in-person/ZOOM meetings. Please be in contact with the chair of your group to see if your next meeting will be held at the church. We are currently have the option of both in-person and Zoom capabilities for these meetings. (We have the Zoom participants up on the big tv screen in Cushing Hall, while others are seated socially distanced around tables.) Again, please contact your committee chair for directions.

### **UPDATE ON 'GETTING BACK TO NORMAL'**

With the news that coronavirus infection rates are steady or falling in our area, more and more people are getting the vaccine, and Illinois' announcement of a 'bridge' between Phase 4 and 5, we keep seeing more light at the end of this tunnel we've been in for more than a year now. While everyone wants to get 'back to normal' as soon as possible, we don't want to push things too hard and un-do all the work that's gotten us this far.

In consultation with Northern Illinois Annual Conference leadership, we hope to start lessening more and more restrictions as the time goes on. The expectation is that certain things will come back into practice sooner than others; a switch isn't just going to be flipped and everything is like it was before – this will be a gradual process. We do expect before the end of the year to have two services offered again. We will be able to sing together. We will be able to eat together – even if it is pre-packaged foods. But we need to wait for the go-ahead on these situations, and the thought is that some will happen when the 'bridge' comes into effect; most when we are able to enter Phase 5. (Please rest assured that we'll continue our live-stream and YouTube options even when we are 'back to normal'.)

Our hope is that, starting in June, we will be able to make some additional changes to the worship service. The Health Team will soon be meeting to go over what can be changed per the most current information we have from the Bureau County Health Department and the Northern Illinois Conference. During the summer, we will be exploring options for additional worship services.

We'll be communicating changes through our various mediums – newsletter, Facebook, worship services. Please be looking for these updates. Thank you as always for your patience and diligence, and may God continue to bless us as we continue doing ministry in new and exciting ways!

## FLOWERS FOR SUNDAY

Do you have a 'special occasion' you would like to celebrate with your church family? We're always happy to join in all the joys of our brothers and sisters. New births, anniversaries, remembrances of those gone before us, birthdays, retirements and graduations are examples of what we love to celebrate together. If you would like to provide flowers for our Sunday morning services, please give your name to the office and the date you'd like to provide them. You are welcome to bring flowers from home or purchase them from a floral shop. Then we will make sure your name and the people you are celebrating/remembering are in the bulletin. You are then welcome to pick up your flowers after the second service or during the week following.

## CHIPPERS – back to work!

We are pleased to announce that the Princeton Chippers are back making creations out of wood on Wednesdays. On the first, second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, they begin at 1:45pm in Cushing Hall – or outdoors if it's nice! On the third Wednesday of the month, they begin at 4:00pm. No experience necessary – just show up to learn! Contact Jacquie Woodley if you'd like more information.

## Help Us With the Lights!

If you are the last to leave a room, please check to see if the lights are turned out. The electric bill is big in a building this size and your help allows money to be used for ministry and not wasted electricity. Thanks for your help! – *the Trustees*

## REMEMBERING PFUMC IN YOUR WILL

We never like to think about the time when we won't be here, but it comes for all of us. Thankfully we know the next phase of our life is a joyful one – being reunited with loved ones and with God. But we will all leave behind both the 'stuff' of this life and a legacy. What better way to combine both than by including your church in your will. Hopefully you have wonderful people to leave gifts to as well, but if you include PFUMC in your will, you'll be ensuring important ministry will continue long into the future because of your generosity. See Pastor Ryan or a member of the Finance Committee if you have questions.

## HELP WITH AUDIO/VISUAL

We truly need people who have audio/visual experience, or are willing to learn 'on the job' to help out and train with Josh Bush. If you could help us

regularly or on a rotating basis, please contact Pastor Ryan or Josh. We would certainly appreciate it! We are willing to train!

## Liturgist Training

We have a good rotation of people who can be called upon to help on Sunday mornings with the worship of God. But we can always use more talented people to help out! If you are interested in being a part of this group (helping out every 3 months or so), contact Pastor Ryan. Talk to Pastor Ryan if you have questions or fears – it's relatively easy and no one has passed out from fright yet!!!

## THE MIDDLES BIBLE STUDY

If you're interested in a Bible study, join 'The Middles'! Pastor Ryan leads this topical study most every Sunday morning beginning at 9:15am. Currently we are meeting in Cushing Hall with both in-person and Zoom attendees – contact him for information. We have started a new book this Spring, Adam Hamilton's "Half Truths." Join us!

## ECUMENICAL WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

Even though Our Table has not been meeting, the Ecumenical Women's Bible Study has continued. They are currently meeting at 10:00 am each Monday morning via ZOOM format. Contact Janet Becker for details.

## Our Table Update

Lots of people are asking when the Our Table ministry will be able to start up again. The best answer is – *we don't know!* While we would love to start it up as soon as possible, we simply can't with the current Health Dept. regulations. (We can't have potentially 100 people without masks on eating in one space at one time.) We've been blessed to give out Sullivan's gift cards to hungry people at numerous times throughout this winter, and we'll be doing so again on **May 17 at 5:00 pm**. The Our Table board will be meeting on May 3 to determine what can and should be done, and what will be required when we can start up again. So please be patient and later in 2021, we may be able to return to this vital ministry of food and fellowship!

## NEED HELP WITH ZOOM MEETINGS?

If you would like some help with learning how to work Zoom on your cell phone or computer, we at the church would like to help. During the month of May, contact the church to have Pastor Ryan or

another volunteer help you out. You can bring your phone or laptop computer in, or we can use one at the church to run you through the program; hopefully making you feel more comfortable with it. We will just have to be socially distanced and wear masks.

## WORSHIP VIDEOS AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Sunday worship videos are always available on PFUMC's youtube.com channel. To view them, simply type [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) into your internet browser. Then search for 'Princeton IL First United Methodist Church'. When you see one of our videos show up on your screen, click on it. If that's not the one you want to view, simply click on where it says 'First United Methodist Church' under the video that's playing. Then you'll be able to see the whole selection of videos you can choose. Videos are also available on the church's Facebook page – just scroll down until you find the one you want!

## Financial Report General Operating Fund March, 2021

Income	
Donations	\$30,911.75
Plate	221.00
Sunday School	37.00
Interest	14.10
Pass Thru	370.00
Special Offerings	<u>1,393.29</u>
	<b>\$32,947.14</b>
Disbursements/Expenses	\$30,769.20
March Monthly Balance	<u>\$ 2,177.94</u>
Three months of apportionments have been paid.	
Thank you!	

***Respectively, Fallon Bush, Treasurer***

### 2021 Pledges

Pledges for 2021	\$248,028.00
Pledges received thru Mar	77,900.00
At 25% of the year completed, we have received 31% of pledges toward our budget in 2021.	

***Marcia Peddicord, Financial Secretary***

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL PERSEVERANCE

On behalf of the PFUMC Finance Committee, we would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the people who have continued to contribute financially to the ministries of our church. By keeping up your regular

giving, our church can continue its ministries in providing the love of God through Christ in our community and around the world. We ask that you continue that dedication as you are able so we can keep sharing that divine love with others. Again, thank you very much for your dedicated giving in difficult times. May God continue to bless you with generous hearts and good health!

Below are some of the ways in which you can get your financial giving to the church.

1. Via mail – 316 S. Church Street in Princeton.
2. In the locked white mail box near the main glass doors of the building.
3. Via your bank's on-line banking program. A physical check is then mailed to the church.
4. Through an automatic withdrawal (EFT/ACH) taken from your checking, savings or investment account. This can be done through your bank, or at our bank. **If interested, contact Marcia for the banking information (i.e. routing number and account number).**
5. Through PayPal. Just visit our website ([princetonfirstumc.com](http://princetonfirstumc.com)) and click on the 'giving' button. Then follow the instructions. You can set it up for a one-time use, or on-going. See Marcia in the office if you have difficulties. *(FYI, the Finance Committee has decided to give credit for 100% of your PayPal gift – including any fees you paid).*

Again, thank you so very much for dedication in getting financial funds to us. We continue to do ministry because of God's grace and your support. May we continue to do what God is asking us to provide at this time!

## NEWS OF THE FLOCK....



### RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS/SURGERY:

**Agnes Dunn  
Pat Etheridge  
Jerry Piper**

IF YOUR LOVED ONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AND THEIR STATUS. MOST HOSPITALS DON'T LET THE CHURCH KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS ADMITTED.

## THE BEGINNING OF LIFE

Henry David Noord, born to Amanda and David Noord on April 16, weighing in at 6 lb. 10 oz and 19 inches long.

Tayla Kay Mach, born to Marissa and Brad Mach on April 16, weighing in at 7 lb. 13 oz and 20 inches long.

## MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

We share the grief with our church members, family and friends on the passing of...

**George Taylor, Marcia Peddicord/Kent Knudsen's cousin, on April 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Please keep these families in your prayers as they mourn their loved one's passing.

## The Prayer Corner...

**Remember in your prayers...** all of our members in nursing homes and spouses, *Bill Wendle's sister & brother-in-law, Agnes Dunn (successful surgery), Jan Heaton, Jay Schneider (son-in-law of Paul & Nancy Kautz), Kelli Pelham's friend Cyndie and sister, Amber (cancer), Lisa Nyman (Becky Guither's sister – transplant), Ron McCutchan (son of Julie McCutchan – cancer treatments), Gail (Teresa Stanley's sister – regulate cancer meds), Christine (Teresa Stanley's niece – rare kidney disorder), Jim Slife (friend of the Gewin's), Barb Webb (friend of Gewin's), Jerry Piper (successful shoulder surgery), Frank Cabral's neighbor (cancer), Carol MacArthur (upcoming pancreas surgery), Charity Stover's friend (mass in brain), Joyce Bickett's grandson, Jacob (transferred to Chicago hospital for treatment), Crystal Lilley's brother (very ill), family of George Taylor (Marcia Peddicord/Kent Knudsen's cousin), Health Care Workers, the lonely, the homeless, victims of social injustice, victims of COVID-19, fire fighters and emergency personnel*

## NOTES OF THANKS:

*Carol MacArthur (wife of former pastor, Wayne) sends her thanks for all the wonderful cards and letters she continues to get from our church. She also asks for prayers as she will be undergoing surgery on her pancreas on May 3.*

*Thank you for all the prayers sent for my sister, Lisa. She is on the road to recovery from a bone marrow transplant. Please continue to hold her in your prayers.*

**Becky Guither**

# Sunday School

## And Mid-Week Kids Program

Sunday school and the Afterschool programs are beginning to prepare for summer break. We have been working hard on a project for the hospital and Freedom House. The kids have been coloring the first page of stacks of coloring books that we have attached crayons to and a note on the inside that says, "the first page of this coloring book has been colored to let you know we are praying for you". After these are done we will take them over for kids that are in the hospital.

## VBS

VBS is ramping up! July 24th is coming quick so be on the lookout for updates.

With God leading Kelli Pelham in a new direction, I am thankful that I could step in and lead VBS for the 2021 season. I am also thankful that Kelli will still be part of the church and help with VBS as she is able.

Here are some ways you can help:

- As a group leader,
- Part of the clean-up crew between sessions
- Help with registration
- Help with music
- Volunteer for a work day
- Help with decorating and setup
- and much more!

Please email/call/text me so that I can get you signed up and ready. I am so thankful that we are able to do this outreach! What a great way to share the love of Christ and have fun with our community.

**Kelly McKune, VBS Coordinator**



Parent's Day Out

Currently PDO is on hold until Fall. Stay tuned for updates and if you hear of anyone who is interested in teaching, please ask them to contact me.

**Kelli Pelham, PDO Director**

## 55 & Rising

Our group will not meet due to ongoing restrictions. Stay tuned for our newsletter postings as we hope to be back at our normal meetings as soon as we are allowed.

## AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

If you are going to order from amazon.com, please remember to use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). For every order that you make through amazon's charitable giving site, our church receives .5% of the money you spent. And it doesn't cost you anything more! If you have questions, please call the church office and we'll walk you through how to register PFUMC as your charity of choice. Please consider this for all your shopping opportunities.



## FUMC YOUTH HAPPENINGS

### Senior High



Senior High finished the Chosen Series and we are thrilled to dive into the 2<sup>nd</sup> season this summer. High Schoolers, you are going to want to come in May as we will challenge ourselves with some fun games and lessons. Senior High will meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in May and then switch to the summer schedule.

### Junior High

We have had so much fun this last month. We've been exploring the connections that God has given each of us. Like the strings in the picture, they connect us and support us. We also played some fun games that challenged us in to think in different ways.

**Reminder:** Junior High will continue to meet weekly until May 27<sup>th</sup>; then we will be switching to the summer schedule.



We will be posting the summer schedule and mission opportunities in the next coming weeks! Keep an eye out for the exciting things coming up.

## Sign Up for Summer Camps

Praise the Lord! While the State of Wisconsin allowed overnight camps to resume operations last August, the State of Illinois will allow overnight camps to open and run this summer! The safety of our campers, volunteers and staff is of utmost importance to us. Both camps will comply with all health department regulations, which means that we'll be rearranging beds and seating throughout camp, but we will camp together in person this summer! The following camps and dates are final. They will be held at Camp Reynoldswood in Dixon, Illinois. *For registration information, visit [niccamp.org/summercamps](https://niccamp.org/summercamps)*

**Remember that upon request the church supports our campers with a scholarship of up to \$200 or half of the cost. We want to support any child or teen who would like to go to camp. So do not hesitate to reach out to Pastor Ryan or Ms. Kelly. We have the Veenstra Memorial Scholarship that is open to help the kids attend camp!**

**June 20-26, 2021 J.O.Y. CAMP (Grades 7-13)**

- designed to challenge and encourage youth in their faith journey. J.O.Y. is an acronym that stands for Jesus, Others, and You. This year we are focusing on the "O" for Others.

**July 7-9, 2021 TOTAL CAMP (Grades Entering: 2-6)**

- offers a camp experience at Reynoldswood for the younger crowd. Fun-filled days include archery, campfires, Bible studies, crafts and a Talent Show! Of course, Gaga Ball, Volleyball, 9-Square-In-The-Air, hiking trails, and slip-n-slide are available to all.

**July 25-30, 2021 WOODLAND (Grades Entering: 7-13)**

- offers something for everyone: from sleeping in tree houses in the forests of Reynoldswood to canoeing, games and archery. Evenings include campfires, fun activities and a Talent Show. Daily crafts and Bible Studies help us experience Jesus in a Christian community. Total and Woodland Camps will explore Creation Speaks! In the beginning, God created. God is still creating now. What do God and creation have to teach us about how to live today? Creation Speaks invites us to look to God's creation, including each other, as we listen for God's voice in the world today. By looking anew at the creation story, campers will imagine what each part might teach us

about God and our place in the world. Light, water, earth, seasons, animals, humans and even a day of rest will invite campers to listen for God, who is still speaking to them today.

**June 7th – July 2nd, 2021 FAMILY CAMP at Wesley Woods**

- held in Wisconsin at Wesley Woods Retreat Center on Lake Geneva. Family Camp is designed for your family to come and experience God together centered in creation. Through our new understanding of the interdependence of all creatures and responding to our call as caretakers of creation, we are moved to awe and wonder at the gift of creation and the Creator. If the people of God stop and listen to creation, what might we hear? Shhhh, listen. Creation speaks!

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

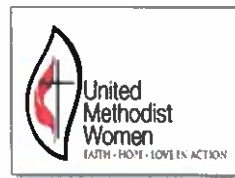
- 2 Grady Thompson
- 6 Ashley May
- 8 Greg Faber
- Ashley Richardson
- 9 Hazel Sims
- 10 Cheryl Miller
- 13 Paul Kautz
- 14 Phillip Goodale
- Duane May
- 15 Kurt Freeberg
- Sasha Kusmierz
- 16 Aaron Ray
- Niklas Schneider
- Jordan VandeVenter
- 17 Abby Davis
- 22 James Bystry
- Kent Knudsen
- Barb Skean
- 24 Ryan Sutton
- 27 Fred Kimberley
- Brett Taylor
- 28 Tonya Gewin
- 29 Cliff Peddicord
- 30 Emmalaia Schnaiter
- Vicki Smith
- Lee Wahlgren
- 31 Rachel Denton
- Trent Goodale II

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Joe and LouAnn Birkey
- 7 Paul and Carol Byrd
- 9 James and Tami Zawacki

- 10 Gerald and Rhonda Leadley
- 11 Max and Carol Lauritzen
- 13 Jerry and Earlene Campbell
- 15 David and Sue Moss
- 26 Jesse and Shirley Schroyer

*If you are a member or regular attender who has a birthday or anniversary this month and your name does not appear on this list, please contact the office to update our files.*



## KNITTED TOGETHER FOR GOD'S GOOD WORK

### UMW Calendar

- June 16 -** 12 noon – UMW Board Meeting  
1 pm – UMW General Meeting via in-person or ZOOM format. Program by Sister Catherine Inserra “Kids Above All”

Hostess: Joyce Bickett

- July 21 -** 12 noon – UMW Board Meeting  
1 pm – UMW General Meeting via in-person or ZOOM format. Program by Pat Eddy – UMW Reading Program

Hostess: Sheryl Noel

- Aug** Nominating Committee
- May 2022** UMW Assembly - Orlando, Florida

UMW 2021 Yearbooks are available at the church office.

### UMW HIGHLIGHTS

#### From Julie McCutchan & Sharon Smith

Thank you to Marg Wendle for the most informative program she presented in April. We learned a lot about her daughter Erin and her husband Micaiah Wilmoth and the work they do in Azerbaijan. They teach English and have been living there with their 4 children for several years. They learned the language and are Christian witnesses as they meet and get to know the people there. Azerbaijan is a little more than half the size of Illinois but has nearly as many people. It borders Russia to the north and is on the Caspian Sea. Marg is looking forward to seeing the Wilmoth's (whom they have not seen in nearly 2 years) as they will be living here with Marg and Bill this summer.



Our next meeting will be Wed. June 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Catherine Inserra, from Kids Above All will be our speaker. Please plan to join us!

UMW will sponsor a Lunch in the Park Bake Sale on Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information and we would appreciate your baked goods for this fundraiser.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE SUMMER**

These are just some of the events that we have planned for the summer of 2021:

- Ask the Pastor Sunday
- Father's Day – June 8
- Songs in worship chosen by YOU!
- Children up front for the children's message
- Special music
- Possibly some outside social events
- Croquet Tournament at the Parsonage
- Memorial Sunday in June

Watch the future bulletins and newsletters for more information!







## **Health & Wellness**

### **Signs of Alzheimer's Disease**

Individuals may experience one or more of these in different degrees:

- Memory loss that disrupts daily life.
- Challenges in planning or solving problems.
- Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure.
- Confusion with time or place.
- Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships.
- New problems with words in speaking or writing.
- Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps.
- Decreased or poor judgment.
- Withdrawal from work or social activities.
- Changes in mood and personality.

# May 2021 at First United Methodist Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2 8 am Worship w/communion <i>in-person or live-stream</i> Chancel Choir sings 8:15 Sun School for kids 9:15 Sun School for adults</p>	<p>3 10 Women's Bible Study via ZOOM 5:00 Our Table Meeting in Cushing Hall 6:30 pm Education in Cushing Hall</p> 	<p>4 For In-Person Worship: <i>Social Distancing reqd</i> Face masks expected No Hymnals/Bibles Bulletins provided via e-mail on Fridays</p>	<p>5 1:45 Chippers in Cushing Hall</p> 	<p>6 1:30 Jr. Hi Youth 1:30 Mid-Week Kids Gp</p> <p><i>Change the World donations this month will go to Bureau County Food Pantry</i></p>		<p>8 Trustees meet for clean-up</p>
<p>9 8 am Worship <i>in-person or live-stream</i> Bells Anthem 8:15 Sun School for kids 9:15 Sun School for adults <i>Mother's Day</i></p> 	<p>10 10 Women's Bible Study via ZOOM</p>	<p>11 5:45 Staff Parish in Cushing Hall 6 Elm City Bells-Music Rm</p> 	<p>12 1:45 Chippers in Cushing Hall 7 Record choir anthem</p>	<p>13 11:15 PMA via ZOOM 1:30 Jr. Hi Youth 1:30 Mid-Week Kids Gp 6:30 Missions-Cushing Hall</p>		<p>15 Cushing Hall Reserved</p>
<p>16 8 am Worship <i>in-person or live-stream</i> Chancel Choir sings 8:15 Sun School for kids 9:15 Sun School for adults New Members Sunday</p>	<p>17 10 Women's Bible Study via ZOOM 5 Our Table Give-Out 6:30 pm Trustees - in Cushing Hall</p>	<p>18 6 Elm City Bells-Music Rm</p> 	<p>19 4:00 Chippers in Cushing Hall</p>	<p>20 11:30 Bloodmobile 1:30 Jr. Hi Youth 1:30 Mid-Week Kids Gp</p>		<p>22</p>
<p>23 8 am Worship <i>in-person or live-stream</i> Bells Anthem 8:15 Sun School for kids 9:15 Sun School for adults <i>Pentecost!</i></p>	<p>24 10 Women's Bible Study via ZOOM 7 Finance Cmt in in Cushing Hall</p>	<p>25 6 Elm City Bells-Music Rm</p>	<p>26 1:45 Chippers in Cushing Hall 7 Record choir anthem</p>	<p>27 1:30 Jr. Hi Youth 1:30 Mid-Week Kids Gp Last Day</p>		<p>29</p>
<p>30 8 am Worship <i>in-person or live-stream</i> Chancel Choir sings 8:15 Sun School for kids 9:15 Sun School for adults Confirmation Sunday</p>	<p>31 OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY</p> 					



## DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS GRADUATING?

The church would like to know of any graduates in the congregation. If you have a family member, or know of someone who will be graduating from Kindergarten, Junior High, High School, College, Technical School, Trade School or Military Academy, please let us know so that they can be recognized in the June Circuit Rider newsletter. (\*Graduates from our church family will be recognized on Graduate Sunday, June 13.) Please complete the form below and return to the church office by dropping it in the offering plate, in the white mailbox, mailing it, or e-mailing it ([fumcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fumcsecretary@gmail.com)).

**Name of Graduate(s):**

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**Name of Parents:**

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**Name of Grade School, Junior High, High School, College, Trade/Technical School or Military Academy:**

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**Graduate's Future Plans:**

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The First United Methodist Church of Princeton, Illinois  
**Sunday Worship Services**

Worship Service	8:00 a.m.
Sunday School for Children	8:15 a.m.
Sunday School for Adults (September-May)	9:15 a.m.

Reverend Ryan Sutton	Pastor
Fallon Bush	Treasurer
Josh Bush	Audio/Visual Director
Vicki Cabral	Lay Leader
Charles Gebeck	Organist
Pat James	Pianist
Al Kniss	Chancel Choir Accompanist
Kelly McKune	Youth Director
Karen Newby	Handbell Choir Director/Chancel Choir Director
Marcia Peddicord	Administrative Assistant/Financial Secretary
Kelli Pelham	Christian Education Director/PDO Director
JoAnn Roberts	Head Custodian
Chris Rucinski	Nursery

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**Prayers for a May basket  
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