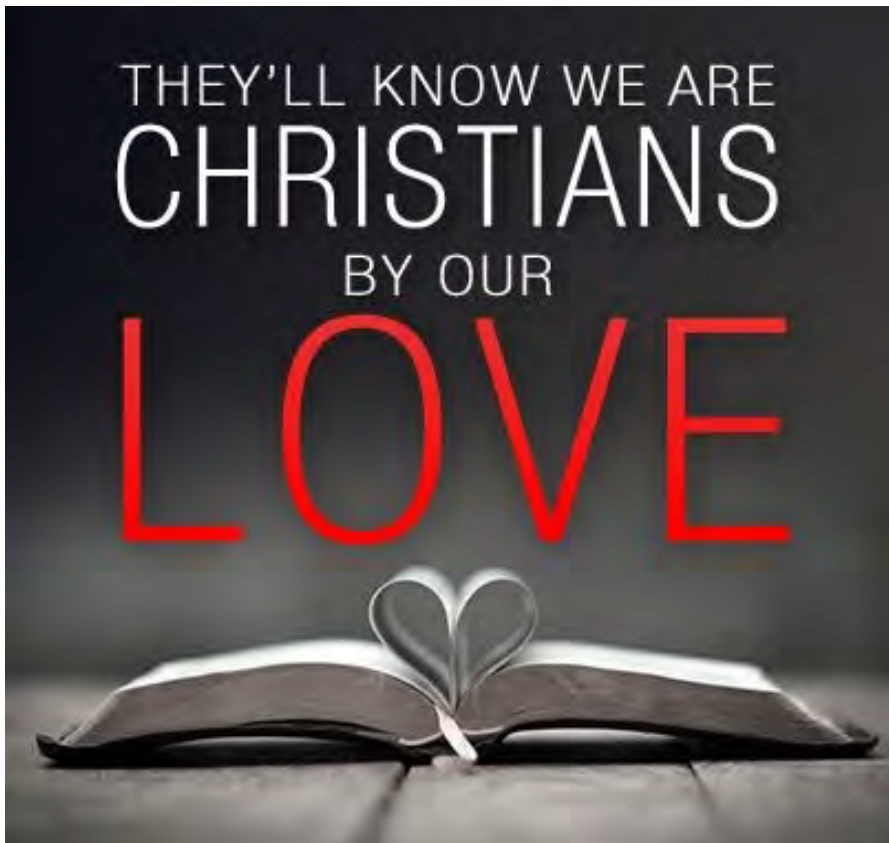


We are alive in Christ. We love God, we care for one another,  
and we help people here and around the world.

Sunday, May 7, 2017  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Dr. Buff W. Coe



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**Prayer Focus for the Week**

Lord, we are better when we work together for You.

**Entrance**

Prelude

\*Entrance of the Light (Please rise as the acolytes bring the light into the sanctuary.)

Introit: Blessed Assurance

Greeting

Video: What If

\*Hymn of Praise: 334 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

\*Opening Prayer

**Proclamation and Response**

Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Children's Moment

Message: The Ideal Church

\*Hymn of Response: 2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

A Time of Prayer

\*The Peace

\*Hymn of Peace: 617 I Come with Joy (stanzas 1-4)

**Thanksgiving and Communion**

Ministry Opportunities

Offering of Our Gifts to God

Offertory: Because He Lives

\*Doxology: 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The Great Thanksgiving: 2257

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Hymns: 618 Let Us Break Bread Together

2269 Come, Share the Lord

Prayer after Communion

**Sending Forth**

\*Hymn to Go Forth: 557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Recessional (Please remain in place as the acolytes carry the light out into the world.)

*The sermon outline is available in the Narthex.  
Today's acolyte is Molly Young.*

## Special Church Conference

There will be a Special Church Conference at noon today in the Sanctuary. The two items to be voted on by members are the compensation package for incoming Pastor Greg Culver, and the sale of the current parsonage. Please plan to attend.

## Summer Camp Assistance

This church regularly provides financial assistance to persons from our congregation attending one of our United Methodist camps each summer. If you are attending one of our United Methodist camps, make sure the church office has your name, the camp you will attend, and the dates you will attend so we can help make camp more affordable for you.

## Coming Deadlines

ScripCents order deadline is Monday, May 15, by 2:00 p.m.

Church Council submissions deadline is Tuesday, May 16.

June newsletter submissions deadline is Monday, May 22

## Save the Date

Please join us for a retirement party honoring Pastor Buff and Lisa Coe for 17 years of service to our VUMC families on Sunday, June 25. There will be a catered luncheon and program in the Family Life Center immediately following the 10:00 service.

## Baptism

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated in the worship services on Sunday, May 21. Parents who wish to present their children for baptism should contact Pastor Buff. On Thursday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a meeting for the parents of children to be baptized. At this session, we will discuss the meaning of baptism and review the baptismal liturgy. The meeting will last about an hour.

## Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning Sunday, May 28, there will be one worship service each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

## Thank You

A special thanks to Tom and Dee Dee Hoy for cleaning out and taking care of the garden areas around the church. ~ *Joe Gruber and the Trustees*

## All Daughter Dinner

Sponsored by the Susanna Wesley Circle



**Wednesday, May 10**

6:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

**The Potter's Wheel**

by Lisa Beams

**\$6** for adults      **\$3** for 10 years of age and under  
If you fit in a high chair, your dinner is free.

The meal will be a Rigatoni Pasta Casserole with salad, rolls, dessert, and beverages

Tickets are available from Janet Noel  
or in the church office.

## Empty Spots on the Flower Chart

It's nice to see beautiful flowers on the altar during Sunday morning services. They are especially meaningful when they are in honor of a person or event.

If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday, please sign the flower chart on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like to honor someone or commemorate an event, such as birthday, anniversary, memorial, etc., please make a note of that on the chart. The flowers are yours to take home after the service.

## Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

May 7:

May 14:

May 21: Marshall Linebaugh

## This Week's Celebrations

### Birthdays

5/7 Gabriel Cleveland

Christine Mohr

Lauren Wolak

5/8 Evelyn Inman

Michael Tichvon

David Vermeulen

5/9 David Pauli

5/10 Sophia Carrier

5/11 Karen Simpson

5/12 Shawn Breece

5/12 Sharon Hosner

Maya Hossink

### Anniversaries

5/8 Brian & Jen Pierson

5/9 Michael & Laura

Asher

5/10 Edward & Margaret

Tilbury

5/11 Charlie & Annelore

Cannizzaro

April 30 attendance: 9:00 a.m. =48    11:00 a.m. =

## This Week

### Sunday, May 7

- 9:00 a.m. Celebration & Praise, Sanctuary
- 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. PIT CREW, Room 118
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. *Special Church Conference in the Sanctuary*

### Monday, May 8

- 7:00 p.m. *Scholarship Committee meeting, Library*

### Tuesday, May 9

- 10:00 a.m. *Staff meeting in the Library*
- 6:00 p.m. Sew What Now God? in the Taylor Room
- 6:30 p.m. *Scout Committee meeting in Room 125*
- 7:00 p.m. *Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Library*

### Wednesday, May 10

- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room
- 2:30 p.m. The Shed (MS Outreach), Room 107
- 5:00 p.m. Helix (MS Youth), Room 107
- 6:00 p.m. *All Daughter Dinner in the FLC*

### Thursday, May 11

- 5:30 p.m. *Preschool Board meeting in the Library*
- 6:00 p.m. RAW (HS Youth)
- 6:00 p.m. *Nominating Committee meeting in Room 219*
- 7:00 p.m. *Baptism Class in the Library*

### Friday, May 12

- 10:00 a.m. Knit & Stitch 2gether in Room 219

### Saturday, May 13

- 2:00 p.m. *Eagle Court of Honor in the FLC*

### Monday through Friday

- 9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

## Coming Events

### Sunday, May 14 - Mother's Day

### Monday, May 15

*Scrip Cents orders are due by 2:00 p.m.*

- 7:00 p.m. *Finance Committee meeting in the Library*

### Tuesday, May 16

- 6:30 p.m. *Personnel Committee meeting, Library*  
*Church Council submissions are due*

### Wednesday, May 17

- 7:00 p.m. *Membership class in the Library*

### Thursday, May 18

- 9:30 a.m. *Susanna Wesley in the Taylor Room*
- 7:00 p.m. *Confirmation rehearsal in the Sanctuary*

### Friday, May 19

- 3:30 p.m. *Kids Hope party in the Taylor Room*
- 6:00 p.m. *Scout Pack meeting in the FLC*

### Saturday, May 20

- 7:00 a.m. *Loaves & Fishes in the FLC (till 11:00 a.m.)*

- Student Confirmation Sunday, May 21
- Preschool Graduation Friday, May 26
- Summer Worship Schedule begins Sunday, May 28
- Graduation Breakfast Sunday, June 4
- Father's Day Sunday, June 18
- Pastor and Lisa Coe Retirement Party Sunday, June 25

## For Cheer and Hello

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| Liz Anderson     | Iris McGahan            |
| Mary Evelyn Bell | Beverly Nimmo           |
| Carol Berkey     | Robert & Carmen Parsons |
| David Bretz      | Char Rice               |
| Virginia Caswell | Marv & Kitty Starbuck   |
| Alice Dibble     | Al Thomas               |
| Barb Griner      | Mina Willett            |
| Pat McClelland   |                         |

## For Hope and Healing

- Family and friends of Richard Auten
- Larry Boussom (Sally Kohler's brother)
- Phil Boussom (Sally Kohler's brother)
- Jack and Cynda Buckallew
- Family and friends of Dezmond Campbell
- Cee Jay (Chuck and Vera Walker's granddaughter)
- Derek (Lynne Melvin's friend)
- Kelly Elnick (Holly Tarner's friend)
- David Hayes*
- Tyler Lynch*
- Nona Mattheis
- Jesse Miller (Betty Gruber's brother)
- Paul Moberly (Susan's father)*
- Larry and LaVon Rolfe
- Cara Swinehart*
- David Taylor (Bonnie and Gordon Oswald's neighbor)
- Sue Webb (Ken Franklin's sister)

## For Lost Loved Ones

- Marion Case (Charlene Dailey's aunt)
- Jean Culver (incoming pastor Greg Culver's mother)
- Martha Derhammer (Judy Imanse's mother)
- George Dillenbeck (Karen Simpson's uncle)*
- Jim Goecker
- Gordie Stevens Jr. (Kyle, Kelsey, and Nathan Stevens' uncle)



## In Service to Our Country

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Matt Kohler       | Tyler Smith       |
| Jeff Kudary       | Richie Steinacker |
| Ryan Miller       | Nathan Stevens    |
| Walker Polsinelli |                   |