

Sunday
April 29, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Pastor Greg

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



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Bold print indicates congregation.
**Indicates please stand as able.*

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship

Friends, we are here to worship the Lord of heaven and earth, the Maker of the world and everything in it, the One Who gives life and breath to all things.

For in God we live and move and have our being. Let us praise God together!

*Prayer of Adoration

Lord God, You made the world and everything in it. You are Lord of heaven and earth. Nothing that we do as humanity can contain You; no shrine made by human hands can restrict Your movement across the face of the earth.

What do You need from us?

After all, You give life and breath to all mortal things; nothing is beyond Your capabilities. History is a testimony of Your creativity and permanence in the lives of Your people. You have guided, protected and settled Your people, determining where we live, the place and the time. Our existence is dependent on You.

What do You need from us?

You ask us to search for You— even though, in truth, You are never far from each one of us. We have been made in Your image, and “in You we live and move and have our being”.

Lord, You are not like gold, or silver, or stone, precious though these earthly elements are. You are never lost, used up or tarnished. You are overflowing in energy and love for Your people.

It is You and You alone that we worship this day in our music, within our hearts, by our minds. As we share commonality and peace with each other, we bring our praise to You.

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — one God — amen.

*Hymn: #147 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Scripture Lesson: Acts 17:16-31

Children's Time: *Hank Stamm*

Anthem: This Is My Father's World ~ *Handbell Choir, Flute - Lynne Melvin, and Congregation Singing*

Sermon: "Strange Ideas"

*Hymn: #92 For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1-5)

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Festive Peal on "Hymn to Joy" ~ *Handbell Choir*

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, in this building that has been dedicated as a church.... In our homes that hold a special security and sense of comfort.... In our communities where we enjoy freedom and the chance to enjoy all the opportunities.... let there be an acceptable return in the acknowledgements we make, appreciating all that You have given to us. May we live respectfully within creation, and generously in the kindness we show.

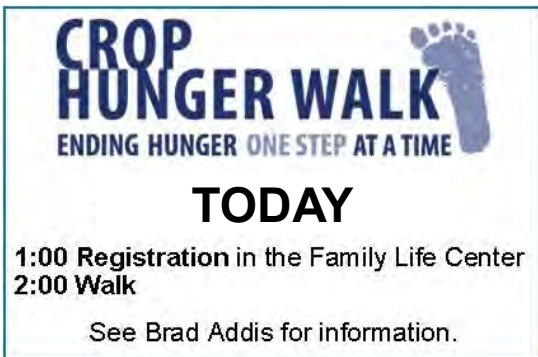
Receive these gifts that we now present before You. Bless them, and may they be used to build the Kingdom, here in this place and beyond. Amen.

*Hymn: #2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*Blessing

*Depart to Serve

Coming up next Sunday, May 6: "When Christ Is Preached" — Philippians 1:1-18a.

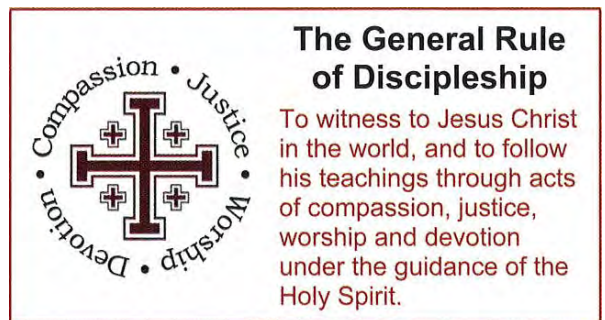


CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

TODAY

1:00 Registration in the Family Life Center
2:00 Walk

See Brad Addis for information.



The General Rule of Discipleship

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Today's altar flowers are provided by Norm and Melva Kohler in honor of their wedding anniversary and Melva's birthday.

Today's acolytes are Owen Moberley and October Moberley

April 22 attendance:
Worship 141 Sunday School 40

This Week's Celebrations	
<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
4/29 Rob Bland Melva Kohler	5/2 Steve & Kathy Hambright
4/30 Mel Zimmerman	5/3 Rick & Barbara Bladt
5/1 Rae Ann Graves Marie Kektivirtis Paul Schutter	5/4 Norm & Melva Kohler
5/3 Valerie Hamilton Holly Tarnier	

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and Praise

Praise for healing! A friend of Noni Heikes had a brainstem stroke and was in a coma and on a respirator for a week. Now awake and talking! Ryan Miller is expected to be back in church with us next Sunday.
Bonnie and Gordon Oswald's grandson has finally been diagnosed with a learning disability and will now have opportunity for additional help.

New Requests This Week

Prayers for the Girolami family as Chuck's sister, Robin, passed away.
Anthony Knowles needs help at school with improved grades.
Chad Knowles (Anthony and Anna's dad) needs prayers for healing, as he is scheduled for hip replacement in September.

Previous Requests

Barbara and Bill Adams as they remember their son who passed away last year
Phyllis Barrett's daughter has pneumonia.
Felicia Taylor Bassler needs healing.
Glory Bragg and family at the loss of Rex Jack and Cynda Buckallew
Diane (Vera Walker's sister) is struggling. Prayers are needed for her children to make hard decisions.
Del and Myrna Forsythe's son is recovering from serious injury to his fingers.
Lauren Frantz is getting stronger every day but still needs prayer.
Julie (Vera Walker's niece) is 27 weeks pregnant but the baby is not getting enough nourishment.
Carol Lohman is recovering well. However, her house was damaged by lightning.
Mary (friend of Diana and Andrea) passed away. Please pray for the family and friends.
Tim Melvin continues radiation treatments, which are starting to take a toll on him. He is very tired most of the time.
A friend, Penny, age 53, is in a Lansing hospital with heart problems.
Tammy Quich (Abbigale Murray's coworker) needs healing after surgery for fluid around the heart.
Prayers for Georgia Rolfe's grandson and his military unit in Poland
Prayers for Upjohn residents and staff in the midst of public drama
Scott Weaver (Julie Taylor's son) is in need of emotional healing.
Pray for peace in Syria.

This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. *Crop Walk (registration in the FLC)*

Monday, April 30

6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC

Tuesday, May 1

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
7:00 p.m. *Trustees meeting in the Library*

Wednesday, May 2

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room
1:00 p.m. *Caring Ministries meeting in the Library*
2:30 p.m. SHED (middle school outreach)
5:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth)
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir practice in the Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, May 3

10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC
5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade)
6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC
6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth)

Friday, May 4 - Pastor's Day Off

no activities scheduled

Saturday, May 5

no activities scheduled

Monday through Friday

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

Coming Events

Sunday, May 6

11:45 a.m. *Scout hog roast "thank you" for the church*
1:30 p.m. *Mission Trip meeting*

Monday, May 7

7:00 p.m. *Worship Planning Team meeting, Library*

Tuesday, May 8

10:00 a.m. *Staff meeting in the Library*
6:30 p.m. *Scout Committee meeting in Room 125*

Wednesday, May 9

6:00 p.m. *All Daughter Dinner in the FLC*
6:30 p.m. *Scout meeting in Room 125*
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Thursday, May 10

5:30 p.m. *Preschool Board meeting in the Library*
7:00 p.m. *Safety Team meeting in the Library*

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson
David Bretz
Barb Griner
Pat McClelland
Iris McGahan
Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen Parsons
Char Rice
Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Al Thomas
Mina Willett

**Buttons
& Bows**

All Daughter Dinner

sponsored by the Susanna Wesley Circle

May 9 6:00 p.m.

\$6 adults
\$3 children 10 yrs. or younger

Get your tickets after Worship



In Service to Our Country

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Sumter SC 29150

Geoff White
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Klamath Falls OR 97601

Bible Study

We are looking to form study groups to dig in to what God has to say. Be assured, this will be a “direct from the Bible” study! Whether you are a beginner, a long-time student of the Bible, or somewhere in between – there will be a place for you.

Please note on the attendance slip if you are interested – including phone and email and best time for classes. We will contact you shortly.

Spring Cleanup at Wesley Woods

It's time again for our spring cleanup on Sycamore Cabin at Wesley Woods! I'm looking for volunteers to go out to clean, rake, wash, scrub, and probably replace a few worn out or broken items. I'll also be taking donations for replacement items. Anyone interested in going out sometime in the next couple of weeks, contact me and we will set up a time. Thanks much for all you do for this very important ministry. *Brad Addis* 649-1328 or 532-2296.

We Need Buttons

The program for the All Daughter Dinner on May 9 is entitled, “Buttons & Bows,” so we are looking for individuals who have their grandma’s, mother’s, or aunt’s old button boxes and would like to put them on display for the Dinner. Please contact Betsy Myers.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Apr 29: Joe and Betty Gruber
May 6:

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due Tuesday, May 1

Collections for Generous Hands in May

For the month of May we will be collecting 100% fruit juice, fruit cups, and unsweetened applesauce for Generous Hands’s Friday Pack Program.

Thank you

My family and I thank all who sent cards, phone calls, food, and anything else you did, to support us in our time of need due to Rex’s passing. We appreciated it very much. In Christian love, *Glory Bragg & family*

Family Camp

Family Camp will be Thursday, June 14 through Tuesday, June 19. Invite all your friends! Contact Holly Bland at 598-6755 or hbland15@gmail.com by tomorrow.

PLEASE JOIN US
— for a —

PIG ROAST

hosted by
THE SCOUTS

SUNDAY **May 6** AT **11:30 AM**

church parking lot (or FLC) as a thank you to the church