



Paulette Moore and Goldie Edwards along with DJ Cupcake invite all children preschool through fifth grade to join our food truck party at Vacation Bible School beginning Tuesday, May 31- Saturday June 4.

### The Church Bell Choir Is Making Its Return

We are in the process of relaunching our bell choir, and are looking for individuals (high school and above) who want to ring with us. If you love music and want to join a fun group where it's OK to not be perfect, please call the church office. We'd love for you to give it a try — no previous experience required! Rehearsal schedules will be announced at a later time.

### Decorating For Vacation Bible School May 28

Vacation Bible School starts Tuesday, May 31, so we need all the help we can get to get the decorating finished. Please consider helping us Saturday, May 28, from 9 a.m. to noon finish getting our Food Truck Party up and ready.



Dale Carder and Scott Reed conducted chainsaw training for ERT members. Colleen Reed, Barb Carder, Charles Hall and Carol Hassler learned safety techniques and practiced using the chain saw.

## Church worship services

### Upcoming Messages

May 29      The Ascension of Jesus  
June 5      The Holy Spirit

**Service times for in-person and online worship**  
9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

## Preparing for worship

### Scriptures for the coming week:

Monday, May 30      Acts 2:1-6  
Tuesday, May 31      Acts 1:12-17  
Wednesday, June 1      Acts 4:29-31  
Thursday, June 2      Acts 10:44-47  
Friday, June 3      2 Cor. 12:3-13  
Saturday, June 4      Acts 4:13

## Prayers for our church family

Felicia Brown, Jana Miller, Barry Hoskins, Nancy Scism, Terry Austin, Abbey Metcalf's father, Earlene Christie, Doris Grigsby, the Boy Scouts are requesting prayers for the Pierce family, prayers for a church member with special needs, Benedetta Culver, and Mary Belle Rowland

## Celebrating our church family

### Birthdays for the coming week:

Mon. May 30      Kaylin Martin  
Thurs. June 2      Brian Gremaud, Caleb Braun,  
                                 Ismo Bron-Frankum  
Sat. June 4      Gloria B. Johnson

### Anniversaries for the coming week:


Wed. June 1      Lewis and Vicki Ollison  
Thurs. June 2      Denny and Janet Humphrey  
Sat. June 4      Rick and Lisa Schmidli

### A note about parking from Chuck Linville . . .

If you are able, please consider parking in the lower lot just to the west of the church. This allows more parking in the north lot for those who need easy or quick access to the church.

**The church office will be closed Monday  
May 30, for Memorial Day.**

## May's Disciple Gift: Survival House



**Services**

- Crime Victim's Compensation Assistance
- Professional Therapy and Counseling
- Emergency Shelter
- 24 Hour Hotline
- Court Advocacy
- Case Management
- Children and Family Services
- Weekly Support Groups
- And Much More!

**Contact Information**

Outreach Office: (660) 429-1088  
Shelter Office: (660) 429-0522  
Fax: (660) 429-3643  
24/7 Hotline: (800) 846-7597

**Outreach Office Hours**

Monday - Friday  
8:00am - 4:00pm

**All services are free and confidential**

Survival House Outreach Center  
137 E Culton St.  
Warrensburg, Missouri 64093

Our offices are located above the Food Pantry and can be accessed by the rear entrance.

For more information, please contact the Outreach Office.

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## Giving To God's Work

Recently our Finance team had the opportunity to listen to Rev. Candace Fowler from Sedalia's First United Methodist Church. Her message was built around stewardship of our time, talents and resources -- all gifts from God. And while her message was nothing we haven't heard before, it was refreshing to hear it again. Some points were:

- We must trust God – He has promised that He will provide
- Giving isn't transactional – it's transformational
- Everything is already God's – He doesn't need our gifts. But he *invites* us to be part of His plan through our giving
- When we help others, we are helping the people God loves
- We give to God, not the Church
- Giving is a reflection of our personal relationship with God, part of our personal discipleship path with Him
- Our God is generous – He loves giving to us

Thank you for sharing your blessings that allow us to be a part of God's vision. If you have questions, comments, or need more information, please contact Robyn at [rcriswellbloom@gmail.com](mailto:rcriswellbloom@gmail.com) or Dale Carder at [carder@ucmo.edu](mailto:carder@ucmo.edu).

## Maintenance on the Move

By Chuck Linville

This week the hardwood floor in the sanctuary was cleaned and polished, one of a lot of projects I realize no one will really notice except on the subconscious level. But the sanctuary floor just seems to explode with shine when it is completed.

I am currently working on the floors in Wesley Hall. This area is in the basement just to the left of the elevator. It is used mostly by the youth, but all are welcome. We have a pool table, foosball, air hockey and ping pong table that rarely get used. No hustling allowed on the pool table.

The next project will be the kitchen floor. I am hoping my mojo can make it look good again. With the help of the youth leaders--Kelly Weinberger, Jill Pedersen, and Vada Postlethwait, and a special thanks to Colleen Reed--we have steadily reorganized and reduced the overwhelming number of children's toys and related items stored in the basement.

Maintenance on the move. It's a beautiful thing.



SUMMER  
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TRIP  
**Partnered with Clinton FUMC**  
Working with Della Lamb and Restore KCMO  
**June 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th 2022**

Looking for a great way to give back and have fun this summer? Join us for a mission trip this summer in Kansas City.



**PROCLAIM**

- May 1- Paul is Changed (Acts 9:1-10)
- May 8- Paul Escapes with Help (Acts 9:21-25)
- May 15- Paul and Timothy (Acts 16: 1-5) (2 Timothy 1:5-7)
- May 22- Paul and Silas in Prison (Acts 16:16-40)
- May 29- Shipwrecked (Acts 27:1-44)

These people are servants of the Most High God!  
They are proclaiming a way of salvation to you!  
\* Acts 16:17b

SHINE



## I Believe!

On May 24, 1738, John Wesley went to a Bible Study on Aldersgate Street in London where he heard a reading from Martin Luther's commentary on Romans. He wrote in his spiritual diary, "I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt that I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for my salvation."

Wesley went on to found the United Methodist movement that has inspired millions of people to give their lives to Christ over the past two and a half centuries across the globe. It is our prayer that by reflecting on the spiritual journey of Wesley's salvation, we can better understand our own salvation with God and trust even deeper in the Holy Spirit.

Who hosted this Bible study where Wesley experienced God's assurance of salvation? It was the Moravians, a group of German pietists who sent out missionaries to spread the good news of Jesus across the world. In 1722 a group of Christians fled from Bohemia and Moravia to escape religious persecution and settled in a town called Herrnhut, which means "The Lord's Protection."

A nobleman named Count Zinzendorf became the patron of this religious community. They organized themselves into groups or choirs to encourage each other in faith. They dedicated themselves to worship and especially to music. They focused on the image from scripture of Jesus as the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. They opened an orphan school that would house 650 children and educate

3,000. They came to feel that they had a particular calling to witness to Christ among people who did not know Jesus. They sent out missionaries starting in 1732 to the West Indies, in 1733 to Greenland, and to South Africa and North America in 1736.

John Wesley himself was a missionary as a part of the church of England and set sail for the colony of Georgia in 1735. On the voyage Wesley spent time discussing faith, singing, praying, and sharing the Lord's Supper with Moravian missionaries headed for the new world. John Wesley learned German to understand their hymns and prayers.

When a storm threatened to sink the ship and all on board, Wesley was scared for his life. He writes in his journal that he was shocked to see the Moravians calm, joyful, singing hymns and praising God with the assurance that their salvation was secure. Whether they lived or died, they trusted in God's grace and salvation.

### Assurance

This experience troubled Wesley profoundly. Here he was, a clergyman of the Church of England who had dedicated his life to bringing new people to faith in Jesus and yet in the moment of crisis, he felt fear and doubt. He felt that he lacked assurance in his faith in Jesus. He doubted the assurance of his own salvation. The question of assurance troubled him but ultimately probably drove him to a deeper understanding of faith and spiritual maturity. Even though John Wesley was an ordained minister in the church of England and a professor at Oxford University in Theology, people of all different backgrounds, races, and education levels witnessed their faith in God to him. One of the qualities I admire about John Wesley is his sincerity of faith, his desire to know God more deeply throughout his life, and his belief that God could speak through other people to him. He sought out the testimony of other people's faith and would record their words in his diaries. John Wesley

was inspired by others.

Don't we have the same opportunity to inspire each other in our faith?

Members of this church have helped me to grow in my trust and confidence in God over the years. I've sat with many of you in hospital rooms and in your homes when

you're nearing the end of life or have received the news of the death of a loved one. I've been with you during job loss and the loss of opportunities. The trust and confidence in God you've shown me has helped me to grow deeper in my faith.

Paul encourages us to trust in God in all circumstances writing,

**"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39**

At that Bible study on Aldersgate Street, the young John Wesley who needed guidance and direction experienced a deep assurance in God's salvation. He wrote in his diary, **"Now I truly trust in God alone."**



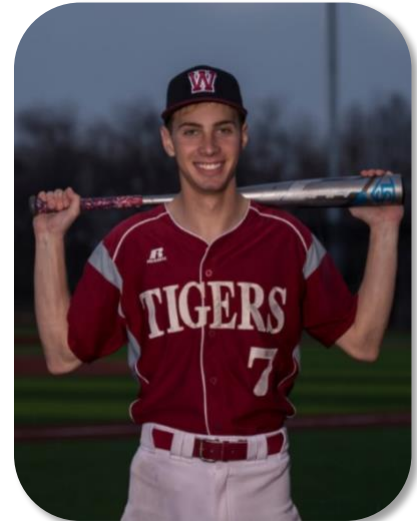
## Congratulations Class of 2022 Graduates



Ellie Gostomski, daughter of Terry and Allison Gostomski, graduated from Warrensburg High School. She plans to attend the University of Arkansas and major in elementary education.



Amber Pedersen, daughter of Kirk and Jill Pedersen, graduated from Warrensburg High School. She plans to attend Lindenwood University to major in digital marketing, psychology, or art therapy.



Tyler Ward, son of Darin and Kristi Ward and grandson of Ron and Candy Stephens, graduated from Warrensburg High School. He plans to attend Lindenwood University and major in computer science and minor in finance. He will also be playing for the Lindenwood baseball team.



Trevor Martin, son of Bill and Karen Martin and grandson of Gary and Cheryl Waisner, graduated from Warrensburg High School. He plans to attend the University of Central Missouri and major in accounting.



Kelli Gilpin, daughter of Jeremy and Ellie Gilpin and granddaughter of Sherry Printz, graduated from Warrensburg High School. She plans to attend William Jewell and major in music education.



Rowan Schmidli, daughter of John and Shawn Schmidli, graduated from Leeton High School. She plans to attend State Fair Community College.