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Memorial Day Sermon

by Pastor Nelson Bonilla,
Redland Community UMC

Hebrews 12:1-3 “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.”

Usually, most people celebrate Memorial Day with barbecues in their back yards and parks and with family get-togethers making this day something of their joy; and by doing so, they forget what Memorial Day really means, a day to remember, to bring to our memory those women and men who with their ultimate sacrifice shaped the nation and helped us to be who we are now. Memorial Day is a moment to come together to remember all those men and women who gave their life defending a collective ideal.

Every nation in this world has the duty to remember and to pass to the next generation their achievements and triumphs for them to continue building over them. But it is also our duty to remember our failures for our next generations not to repeat them.

The ability to remember is a wonderful gift given to us by our creator. In a fraction of a second with our memory, we can go to our childhood, we can go to time and places we were decades ago. Through memory we can live good moments again; we can remember events and faces of loved ones who are not among us anymore; with the power of our memories, we can smile or be sad with them, we can also weep as we remember them.....

To read more please continue to:

<https://www.redlandcommunityumc.org/2024/05/26/pastor-nelson-bonilla-5-26-24-memorial-day/>



SERVE

- **Bell quartet rings** May 3
- **Council** May 6 6:30 PM
- **“Singing the Favorites”** May 10
- **Children sing** during worship. May 17
- **“The Kindness Bucket List” and Random Acts of Kindness** - Intentional Acts of Kindness by all who worship with/at Gowrie UMC.
- **Send an extra graduation card.**
- **Pray for a graduate.**
- **Help a neighbor with their yard.**

GATHER

- **Sundays Together**

9:00 Sunday School

9:30 Coffee and Conversation

10:15 am Worship Service

Facebook live, later on Web-Cal channel 575

- **NW District Conference** May 2 9:00am
 - Laurens UMC, 201 N. Main
- **Senior Recognition Sunday** May 3
- **Dick Hubbard 90th Birthday** May 3
 - Lunch after Church in FH
- **UM Student Sunday** May 3
 - Help us provide Scholarships to UM Scholars
- **Last Day of Sunday School** May 17
- **Sunday School Recognition** May 17
- **Pentecost Sunday** May 24
 - Wear Red to morning worship!



United Methodist Student Sunday
May 3

PRAY

Please call in or email your prayer request, changes and updates to the office.

Care Facilities and Assisted Living: Joan Orness, Colleen Traster and George Anderson.

Health Concerns: Larry Ribblet (Sybil’s Husband), Viney Mulder, Gabe & Jess Olson From Paton-Son Otto who is home, Carol Orness, DJ (Randy & Viney Mulder’s Son-in-law). All those fighting cancer. All those suffering from chronic pain. All those experiencing marital and family distress.

Grief:

Congregational Prayer Focus:

People of Sudan, Nigeria, Middle East & Ukraine.

Church of Damascus Road prison ministry

Pray for Gowrie UMC its ministries, its people, and its Pastor.

Pray for all who have yet to know the saving Grace of Jesus.

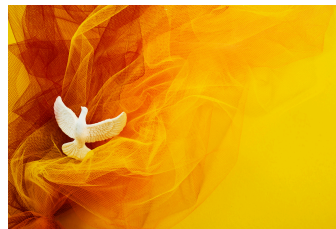
CELEBRATE



National Day of Prayer
May 7



Happy Mother’s Day
May 10



Memorial Day
May 25

Pentecost Sunday
May 24



Peace with Justice
Sunday, May 31



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Acts 2:1-3 “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.”



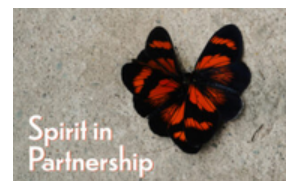
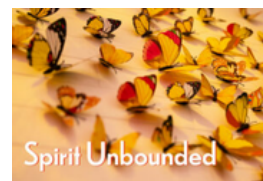
Dear Friends, Pentecost is one of my favorite high Holy days in the Christian calendar. Jesus Christ comes in gentleness, love and care for human kind. His power and strength is manifested through grace, humility, suffering and resurrection. Jesus, as we know Him, was completely unexpected, even though the people had been waiting for the Messiah for hundreds of years and had studied the prophesies of His coming. Jesus challenges our human perceptions of strength and Godly power. And then comes the Holy Spirit, often referred to as the 3rd person of the Trinity. Jesus said he would not leave us alone and we are not. In Acts, the Spirit manifested itself in a sound like a rushing wind and what appeared like flames of fire rested on the disciples. On those who believed, followed and sought a life with Jesus and for Jesus. The Spirit is Jesus made known to each one of us when we open our hearts and believe. Not understand but believe. Many of us want to logically understand but God and the trinity cannot be fully grasped in our human minds. But Jesus makes himself known to us through the Spirit, all we need is to believe with all our hearts, our minds and our strength. Faith like a mustard seed.

Pastor Susan

May Worship Series

Stories that Matter (May 3, 10 & 17): It is clear from these stories that Jesus wanted to equip us to thrive in a season of Easter promise.

God Poured Out (May 24 & 31): During Pentecost, we celebrate with joy the unleashing of the Spirit to be at work in and through us. Pentecost and Trinity Sunday are not about a God far off and incomprehensible, but about a God poured out on God’s people. Embrace these days with passion, purpose, and a promise.



May 3 “You Know the Way”

May 10 “The Story Abides”

May 17 “So That They May Be One”

May 24 “Spirit Unbound”

May 31 “Spirit in Partnership”

Proverbs 4:10-18
Psalm 119:9-20
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Ezekiel 34:1-7
Psalm 115:1-11,
18b
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 21:1-7
1 Peter 4:12-14;
5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34,
35b
Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

We pray... Come Holy Spirit Come.



MAY SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 am Sunday School
 9:45 am Coffee and Conversation
 10:15 am Sunday Worship and Facebook live,
 later on Web-Cal Channel 575

Brian Wiklander Family May 3 & 10
 Mary Smith May 17, 24, & 31

May 3
 Communion: Nate & Brenda Brandes
 Worship Leader: Chelsey Worrel
 Music: Colleen Palmer & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
 Altar Flowers: Dick & Jean Hubbard
 Bulletins/Online: Dave & Judi Tjepkes



May 10 **Mother's Day**
 "Singing the Favorites" Choir
 Worship Leader: Darin Wooters
 Music: Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online: Dave & Judi Tjepkes

May 17
 Worship Leader: Bergan Dalley
 Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Owen Nuss & Glenn Rohden
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:

May 24 **Pentecost**
 Worship Leader: Bergan Dalley
 Music: Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Carrie Dalley
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:

May 25 **Memorial Day**

May 31
 Worship Leader: Glenn Rohden
 Music: Jeff Patterson
 Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
 Altar Flowers:
 Bulletins/Online:

Extravagant Giving

In April:

- We came together for the Holy days, Maundy Thursday & Good Friday.
- We celebrated and worshipped together on Easter Sunday, welcoming our families and the community for Easter Sunrise, breakfast &  hunt and Resurrection Sunday Worship.
- UWF created and sold May baskets to our community and beyond, sharing the blessings of God's love.
- We praised God in Song.



All this is possible
 because of your
Generosity!

You are God's church!

April Offerings

\$8,189.00

Thank You!

Teacher Appreciation

Thank A Teacher Today

Current

Brenda Brandes
 Bethany Nuss
 Travis Nuss
 Allison Rice
 Lindy Smith
 Tiffany Vannoni
 Darin Wooters

May 4-8



Retired

Diane Adam
 Penny Blunk
 Shawn Blunk
 Ruth Stubbs
 Colleen Traster
 Crystal Wilks

MAY 2026

SCIENCES PARK: ACTIVE LISTENING INCREASES OXYTOCIN AND BUILDS TRUST. YOUR BRAIN ACTUALLY SYNC'S WITH THE SPEAKER'S WHEN YOU LISTEN DEEPLY.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4		

When a friend or teacher is speaking, look up and show you're really listening.

Deliver care packages to nursing stations, include items like hand lotion, lip balm, small snacks, and maybe even a coffee shop gift card.

Say, "What's something you wish more people knew about you?"

Read or watch something that teaches you about a new idea.

Read a story someone else loves and talk about what it means to them.

Today, when someone talks, try not to interrupt until they're done.

Organize a "chalk the walk" event at a local school or hospital. (make sure to get permission beforehand)

Write hopeful notes on sticky notes near bulletin boards, break areas or other places that nurses or teachers will see them.

Try to learn one new thing about someone just by listening carefully.

When someone helps you at a store, smile, make eye contact, and say thank you.

Write a note or draw a picture for someone who always listens to you.

Think of a nurse or you when things were tough and send them a thank-you note so they know you still remember.

Send a short voice message to say, "I'm thinking of you."

Ask a grandparent, teacher, or neighbor about something they remember from childhood.

Tell someone you remember a kind thing they once said and let them know it still means a lot to you.

Share a story about a teacher who changed your world and invite others to share theirs.

Arrange to have a meal delivered to a nursing station. Don't forget to include school nurses!

When someone shares, say, "Tell me more about that."

If you're upset, take a deep breath.

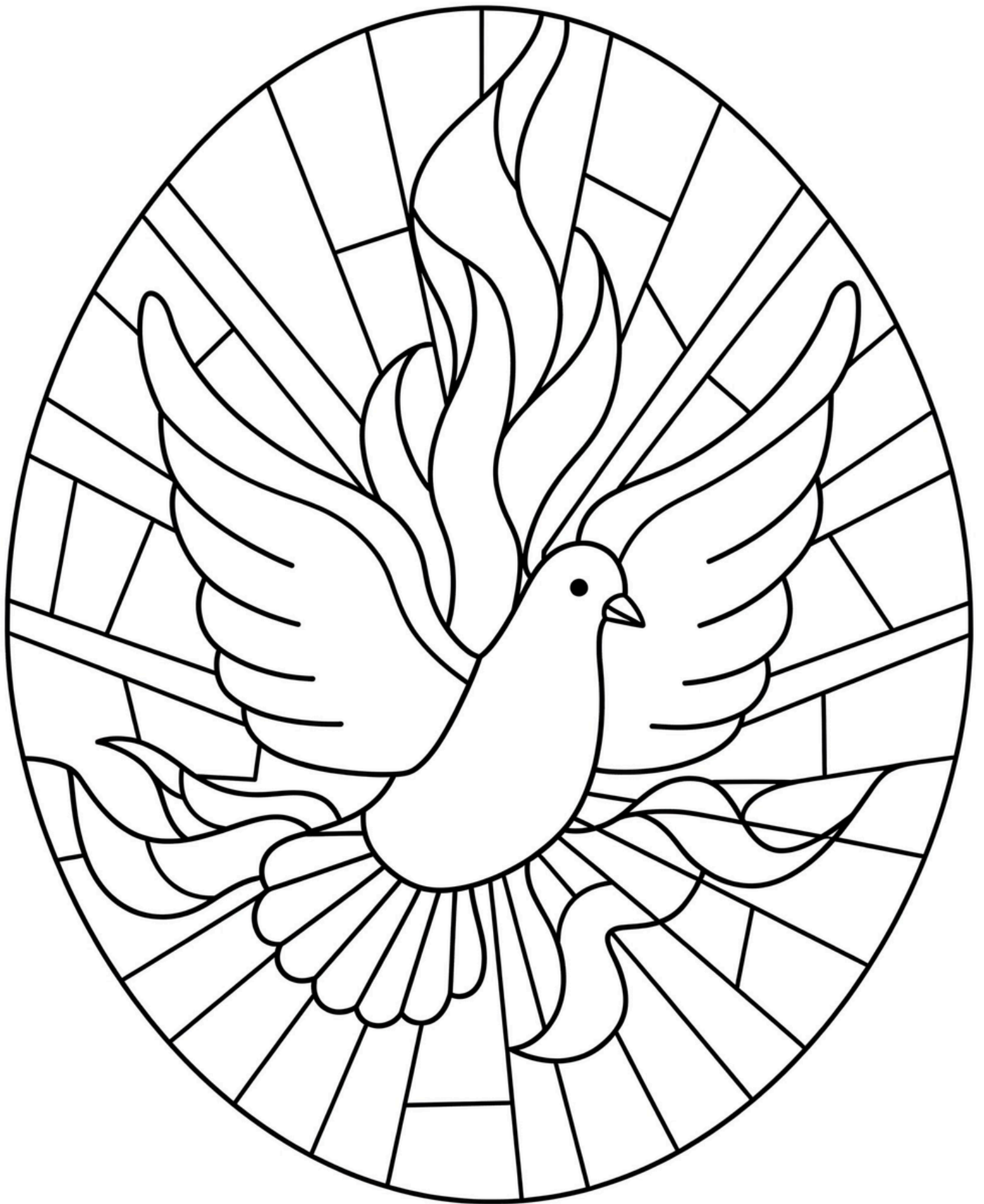
Think of one time you listened with your heart—how did it make you feel?

APRIL

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JUNE

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May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pastor's Prep Day	2 9am NW District Pre-Conf. Mtg.
3 Senior Recognition Sunday UM Student Sunday Happy Birthday! Laurie Long 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 11am Doc Hubbard Birthday Lunch	4 Happy Birthday! Cherryl Eslick Pastor's Sabbath	5 Happy Birthday! Izzy Dalley Logan Slawson 9am Office Open	6 9am Office Open	7 Happy Birthday! Charlotte Adam 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Mtg.	8 Pastor's Prep Day	9
10 Mother's Day 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Choir	11 Happy Birthday! Emerson Adam John Lizer Pastor's Sabbath	12 9am Office Open	13 Happy Birthday! Diana Clancy 9am Office Open	14 Happy Birthday! Mary Patterson 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	15 Pastor's Prep Day	16
17 Sunday School Recognition 9am Last Day of Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Children's Choir	18 Happy Birthday! Staci Halligan Pastor's Sabbath	19 9am Office Open	20 9am Office Open	21 Happy Birthday! Joan Orness Ryan Cottingham 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	22 Happy Birthday! Ryan Stewart Pastor's Prep Day	23
24 Pentecost 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	25 Memorial Day Happy Birthday! Kerry Akins Lincoln Akins Pastor's Sabbath	26 9am Office Open	27 Happy Birthday! Larry Stubbs 9am Office Open	28 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	29 Happy Birthday! Dena Sytsma Rene Corell Pastor's Prep Day	30 Happy Birthday! Carrie Dalley
31 Peace with Justice Sunday 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship						

WORSHIP LIVE ON FACEBOOK AND ON LATER CHANNEL 575 AT 11:00 AM

We pray... Come Holy Spirit Come



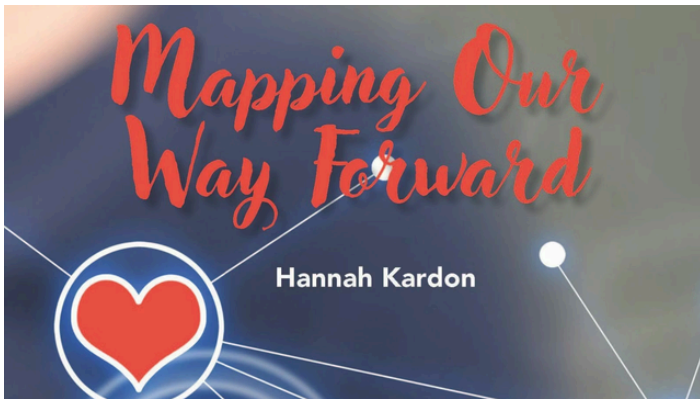
United Women in Faith

2026: Mapping Our Way Forward

May 7
1:00 PM

Program :
Server: Brenda Brandes

Romans 8:28 (CEB) “We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose.”



National Nurses Week

Thank you to all our current and retired nurses!

May 6-12

Our Current Nurses:
Alexandra Adam
Kerry Akins
Dena Sytsma

Our Retired Nurses:
Deb Coughlon
Jane Frahm



Northwest District Pre-Conference

May 2, 9am
Laurens IA

Iowa Annual Conference

June 11-14
West Des Moines



Please pray for the ministry & work of the Annual Conference and all who attend.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

God has a Great Plan for You! Jeremiah 29:11

We will be recognizing our Graduating Senior Lincoln Akins May 3 During Worship



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our May Basket Sale a Success again this year!



**Gowrie United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Minutes
April 8 6:30 pm**

Attn: Carrie Dalley, Kendale Vosberg, Gary Vosberg, Dennis Tucker, Judi Tjepkes, Rita Kail, Jane Frahm

Prayer by Gary Vosberg

Chair: Gary Vosberg Minutes: Carrie Dalley Timekeeper: Kendale Vosberg

March minutes were reviewed. Approved by majority vote.

- Discussion of 4th of July Chicken Dinner. Price has increased by \$.50 to a total of \$11.50 a plate. Decided to continue selling Chicken Dinners at \$16.00 a plate. 325 plates ordered. Discussed that this dinner is not only a fundraiser but also a chance for mission work in our community. Extra dinners will be taken to the carnival workers and Beacon of Hope.
- Treasurers report was reviewed. Discussed asking Terry Towne to help after tax season with providing working paystubs for our three employees. Terry would also provide the w-2's to us at the end of the year at no cost. Dennis motioned to approve having Terry Towne do these two services, second by Judi. Motion was approved by majority vote. Treasurer's report was approved. Motion by Dennis, seconded by Kendale.
- Upcoming fundraisers were discussed:
 - June 12- Hot Dog Lunch to run at the same time as Linda White Mission Sale.
 - July 4th Chicken Dinner
 - Possible Quilt/Gift bag Auction sometime next spring
 - Possibility of some lunch to be served with Fall Garage Sales. Will be further discussed.
 - Lasagna dinner maybe sometime in the fall.

New Business

- Dennis Tucker taking on one of the At-Large positions. States that he would like to see this meeting ran more like a business meeting.
- Trustees report given by Judi Tjepkes. Judi will talk to Carl Streit about the spot on the south wall that has water damage in the sanctuary. Discussed continuing water leaks. Gary discussed concerns with ridge cap on addition.
- UWF report was giving by Rita Kail. UWF is continuing work on May Baskets. Will all meet on April 28 to fill May Baskets for sale on April 30. Have add in the paper and will be on channel 3.
- Financial Secretary Jane Frahm continues to learn her new position.
- SPRC has a meeting coming up on April 21.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm. Kendale Prayed us out.

Next Meeting May 6 @ 6:30 pm.

Written by Carrie Dalley



You are invited to participate in a year of intentional “random acts of kindness”. Each week during worship, we will scratch off a card from our “The Kindness Bucket List” We are encouraged to share this act of kindness in our daily life that week. May God bless you as you share his love.



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Office Schedule

Tuesday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 am
Coffee and Conversation 9:45 am
Worship 10:15 am
Facebook Live
Later on Channel 575 at 11:00 am

