



OUR CHURCH



Did you know that Mother's Day was actually started in the United States by two Methodist women?

In May 1908, Anna Jarvis organized the first official Mother's Day celebration at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia. There was also a Mother's Day event at one of Wanamaker's retail stores in Philadelphia later that same day.

There is now an [International Mother's Day Shrine](#) in Grafton at the site of Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church. The building is among the [heritage landmarks](#) of The United Methodist Church. Listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places since 1970, and a National Historical Landmark since 1992, the shrine seeks to "preserve, promote and develop through education, the Spirit of Motherhood, as exemplified by the lives of Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis and Anna Jarvis, and the institution of Mother's Day that they established."

There is a great video and history of [Mother's Day](#) available on the United Methodist Communications Website.
<https://www.umc.org/en/content/methodist-history-the-founding-mothers-of-mothers-day>



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SERVE

- **Council** May 7 6:30 pm
- **UWF** May 1 1:00 PM
- **“Singing the Favorites”- Choir**
May 18, during worship
- **Serve at Beacon of Hope** - TBD
- **Opportunities to Serve**
We are always looking for volunteers to help with Worship Services. If you are willing to provide flowers for the altar, or moneys for our weekly bulletins/Online worship please check the clipboards in the Narthex. Sign up as soon.

GATHER

• **Sundays Together**

9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Adult Study

9:30 Coffee and Conversation

10:15 am Worship Service

Facebook live, later on Web-Cal channel 575

- **Bible Study** Tuesday 1:30
- **Facebook Devotion** Thursdays 9:30 am
- **Camp Clear Lake District Conference**
May 4 2:30-4:00 PM at Laurens United Methodist Church.
- **Sunday School Recognition/Last Day of Sunday School** May 11 10:15 am

MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 26



PRAY

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

Nursing Home or Care Facilities: George Anderson

Health Concerns: Denny Tucker, Crystal Wilks, DJ (Randy & Viney Mulder's Son-in-law). All those suffering from chronic pain. All those fighting cancer. All those receiving therapy. All those experiencing family distress.

Grief: Eleanor Anderson Family, Catholic Church and all who grieve the death of the 266th Pope, Pope Francis.

Congregational Prayer Focus:

Pray for the country of Burma.

Pray for Israel, the hostages and Gaza.

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



Native American Ministries Sunday
May 4

National Day of Prayer
May 1



United Methodist Student Day
May 18

Mother's Day
May 11



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Grace and Peace to you,

Eastertide is upon us, that season post Easter Sunday when we continue to proclaim our Risen Christ. For us, the narrative of Jesus risen from the dead is very real but the disciples were still trying to grasp what had happened that morning at the empty tomb.



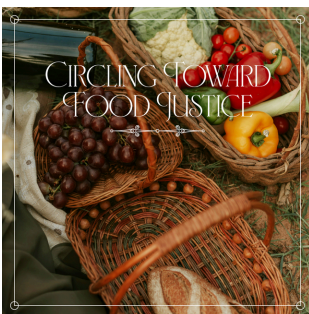
Questions and memories were likely reeling around in their minds. They were thinking with wonder about a Jesus who was so human. He laughed, he cried and he became angry. He formed friendships, gave hugs, and ate with them family style. And he died. At the same time, they were thinking about Jesus the Christ: the Son of God, the Lord, the Messiah. Jesus who performed miracles, who raised others from the dead and who forgave sins. Jesus who died. Jesus who said he would rise again. Jesus who was not in the tomb. Jesus.

Let us also wrestle with these realities. We are forgiven because of the empty tomb. We have salvation on this earth and in heaven because of the empty tomb. Let us praise Jesus Now!!! He IS risen, He IS risen indeed.

Pastor Susan

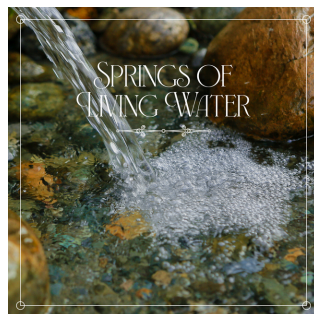
BELIEVING INTO CRHIST

Sermon Series Sunday's in May 2025



Circling Toward Food Justice.

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
Psalms 30
Revelations 5:11-14
John 20:1-9



Springs of Living Water

Acts 9:36-43
Psalms 23
Revelations 7:9-17
John 10:22-30



A New World

Acts 11:1-18
Psalms 148
Revelations 21:1-16
John 13:31-35



The Tree of Life

Acts 16:9-15
Psalms 67
Revelations 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29

He IS risen, He IS risen indeed!

MAY SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 am Sunday School & Adult 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 4 & 11
Rice Family	May 18 & 25

May 4
Communion: Jeff & Mary Patterson
Worship Leader: John Lizer
Music: Jeff Patterson
Tech: Owen Nuss & Glenn Rohden
Altar Flowers: Gail McCloud
Bulletins/Online: Crystal Wilks

May 18
Worship Leader: Glenn Rohden
Music: Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson
Tech: Bergan & Carrie Dalley
Altar Flowers: Jeff & Mary Patterson
Bulletins/Online: Jeff & Mary Patterson

Choir Sings
Glenn Rohden
Nancy Vogt & Jeff Patterson
Bergan & Carrie Dalley
Jeff & Mary Patterson
Jeff & Mary Patterson



May 11 **Mother's Day/Last Day of Sunday School/ Sunday School Recognition**
Worship Leader: Mary Patterson
Music: Tom Hlubek & Jeff Patterson
Tech: Lincoln & August Akins
Altar Flowers:
Bulletins/Online: Diane Adam

May 25
Worship Leader: Bergan Dalley
Music: Jeff Patterson
Tech: Keith & Dena Sytsma
Altar Flowers: Paul & Rita Kail
Bulletins/Online: Gail McCloud

May 26 **Memorial Day**

CONGRATULATIONS,
GRADUATES!


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

WE WILL BE RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES
DURING WORSHIP ON MAY 11TH

Sophia Gutshall
Nina Dalley
Rebecca DeVries



Automatic Payments and E-payments are a great way to give on your schedule. You can set frequency and date of all gifts to fit your budget.



Extravagant
Giving

It's Graduation time and the end of our Sunday School season for the year. Your gifts create a Church where our children can be raised and taught the faith in a body of Christ. Thank you!

April Offerings
\$7,731.05

Outgoing Automatic Bill Withdrawals
Per Month
Approximately \$9000

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion 1pm UWF Mtg.	2 Pastor's Prep Day	3 Happy Birthday! Laurie Long 9-3pm SLM: Tech in Church Via Zoom
4 Native American Ministries Sunday Happy Birthday! Cherryl Eslick 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship 2:30-4pm CCL District Conference at Laurens	5 Happy Birthday! Isabella Dalley Logan Slawson Pastor's Sabbath	6 Happy Birthday! Carl Sandgren Matt Barker 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	7 Happy Birthday! Charlotte Adam 9am Office Open 6:30pm Church Council Mtg.	8 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	9 Pastor's Prep Day	10
11 Happy Mother's Day! Happy Birthday! Emerson Adam John Lizer 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Sunday School 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/ Sunday School and Senior Recognition	12 Pastor's Sabbath	13 Happy Birthday! Diana Clancy 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	14 Happy Birthday! Mary Patterson 9am Office Open	15 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	16 Pastor's Prep Day 4-7pm Nina Dalley Grad Party	17 9-12am Pre-Conference Town-Hall Via Zoom
18 United Methodist Student Day Happy Birthday! Staci Halligan 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship/Choir Sings 2pm HS Graduation	19 Pastor's Sabbath	20 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study	21 Happy Birthday! Berna Tucker Carter Barker Joan Orness Madolyn Bird Ryan Cottingham 9am Office Open	22 Happy Birthday! Ryan Stewart 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	23 Pastor's Prep Day	24
25 Happy Birthday! Kerry Akins Lincoln Akins 9:45am Coffee and Conversation 10:15am Sunday Worship	26 Memorial Day Pastor's Sabbath	27 Happy Birthday! Larry Stubbs 9am Office Open 1:30pm Bible Study 5:30pm Circuit Mtg.	28 9am Office Open	29 Happy Birthday! Dena Sytsma Rene Corell 9am Office Open 9:30am Facebook Devotion	30 Happy Birthday! Carrie Dalley Pastor's Prep Day	31
Linda White Mission Sale						

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

He IS risen, He IS risen indeed!



United
Women
in Faith

2025: Carrying Our Faith Forward May 1, 1:00 PM

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)



Thank You!

Thank you for all the hard work put in to making, filling and selling May Baskets this year! What a great mission!

Camp Clear Lake District Conference

Our District Conference will be on Sunday, May 4, 2025 from 2:30-4:00 pm at Laurens United Methodist Church.



SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

Sign up sheets are out to bring flowers for worship or to provide our printed bulletins/online weekly worship. We appreciate a donation of \$10.00 for bulletins/online weekly worship. If you would like to participate in either or both of these opportunities; check the clipboards in the Narthex or call the office for assistance.

Please let the office know if you feel called to be a Worship Leader. All materials are provided!

God calls all of us to be active in his work through the church. Thank you!

National Nurses Week! May 6-12

Thank you to all our active and retired Nurses.

Our Active Nurses:

Dena Sytsma
Alexandra Adam
Kerry Akins

Our Retired Nurses:

Deb Coughlon
Jane Frahm



Church Council

April 8, 2025

Present: Pastor Susan, Carrie Dalley, Chelsey Worrel, Rita Kail, Kendale and Gary Vosberg, John Lizer, Jill and Jeremy Viles

*Council members made soup for the following days lent service supper prior to the meeting.

Opening Prayer: Susan

John Lizer called meeting to order at 7:09pm

Motion to approve February meeting minutes made by Gary, 2nd Jeremy. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Thankful for tithes received: February \$8,045 and March: \$9,238. We need \$9,000 monthly to pay automatic bills and payments.

Gary will share how tithing has been a blessing to him during worship on April 27, 2025.

Summer Planning: Discussion about how to navigate summer months when giving is down. Worship will remain at 10:15am during the summer months.

Discussion explored budget and how to meet church needs. Council wants to hear from the congregation how they feel and where they see the future of our church. Council will hold a congregational meeting to discuss - date TBD. Council will work on getting organized to dream and explore with the congregation.

Spring Fellowship Auction: April 27, 2025 following worship. John Lizer will auction quilts and baskets. Anyone may donate baskets to be auctioned. Public and everyone welcome to attend. Rita and Paul Kail are providing a free will offering meal.

New Business:

4th of July: Jeremy will call Lidderdale to get a price for 325 meals. Will discuss more at next meeting.

Linda White will host a sale during garage sale days. She donates all money to go towards Human Trafficking. Council agreed she may use the church at no charge since she is supporting a very good mission.

Work Area Reports: None Tonight

Next Meeting will be held on May 7, 2025 at 6:30pm

Adjournment: Motion by Rita, Gary, motion carried.

Closing Prayer: Gary

Written by Chelsey Worrel

Thank you 

Thank you to everyone who participated and worked at our Spring Fellowship Auction. It was a day filled with Laughter, Fellowship, and Fun.





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