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May Lectionary Readings

May 2nd

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 9th

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 16th

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

Ascension Sunday
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

May 23rd

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 30th

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

General Conference Postponed to 2022

Meeting on February 20, the Commission on the General Conference made a decision to further postpone the 2020 General Conference until August 29 – September 6, 2022, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the safety of mass gatherings and travel. [Details](#)

Bishops Call Special Session of General Conference, Issue Timeline Forward

In response to the further postponement of the 2020 General Conference, the Council of Bishops is calling a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be convened online on May 8, 2021. [Details](#)



A church-wide return to Sunday School will be aided by COVID-19 vaccinations & an expanded pool of Sunday School teachers, especially for students and preschool aged children. Please do prayerfully imagine and consider how we might return to this most important church ministry. A successful return to Sunday School will require everyone to uphold their covenant membership vows to support the church through their prayers, presence, service, gifts, and witness.

Weather permitting, a final church golf outing is scheduled for this Tuesday, May 4th at Calvert City Country Club. Teams will be assigned for a scramble and will tee off between 9:30am-10:00am. Please communicate to Ryan or the church office if you would like to participate.



Maybe you grieve with us knowing our time together nears to a close. This season maybe difficult on you as it is for our family. Regardless how you feel, those feelings should have no bearing whatsoever how you feel about my projected successor, Rev. John Purdue. If you love our family, I encourage you to love the Purdues. He and Rebecca deserve a fair shot, like the opportunity you gave my family less than two years ago. Know that I will always love you, and even as pastors leave, God never does.

In Christ,
Ryan Heatherly

All in the Family: A Study of John's Gospel

Ryan is leading an original 4-week study on the book of John. What does family mean to you? A lot, probably! Family means a lot to God as well! With the role of family in view, participants in this study will learn a succinct summary and purpose of Jesus' ministry as depicted by John.

Time: Every Wednesday, April 28 - May 12 @ 6:00 PM. Attend in the library or remotely

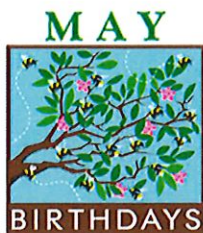
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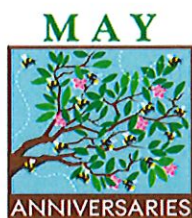
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United Methodist Women

May 13—UMW meeting @ 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall



Janna Jordan	05/01
Mallory Beliles	05/02
Bobby Woods	05/04
Evelyn Harrington	05/06
Allie Cocke	05/06
Andrew Pidcock	05/07
Michael Boone	05/08
Erin Beliles	05/08
Tina Johnson	05/08
Shelby Harris	05/10
Penny Husher	05/11
Lucy Burchett	05/14
Gary Traylor	05/15
Derek Smith	05/18
Amanda Anderson	05/20
Gloria Culver	05/25
Scott Montgomery	05/26
Lee Davis	05/27
Brent Puckett	05/29



Trey & Donna Smith	05/05
Mike & Judy Hart	05/16
Daron & Lisa Sills	05/19
Jim & Donna Provine	05/20
Mitch & Patsy Steele	05/23
Van & Kathy Rudolph	05/25
Bob & Cleo Suttles	05/26
Roger & Norma Swaney	05/30



Special Dates

Study of John Gospel, *Wednesday, April 28*
 Church Golf Scramble, *Tuesday, May 4*
 Mother's Day, *Sunday, May 9*
 Study of John Gospel, *Wednesday, May 12*
 School's Out Celebration for Kids, *Wednesday, May 12*
 United Methodist Women Meeting, *Thursday, May 13*
 Administrative Council Meeting, *Sunday, May 16*
 Open Hearts Food Pantry, *Monday, May 17*
 Third Place Workday, *Thursday, May 27*
 9:00 AM Worship @ Memorial Park, *Sunday, May 30*
 Memorial Day, *Monday, May 31*

Administrative Council

The next Administrative Council meeting will take place on Sunday, May 16th @ 6:00 pm.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women WILL meet Thursday, May 13, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. If it is nice outside we may go sit outside on the new tables. Bring your own lunch.

We will be catching up with each other from the past year and a half and making some plans for the future.

Lori Lichtenberg

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ??

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

A. Matthew
 B. Mark
 C. Luke
 D. John

Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4)



Month: April

FAMILIES SERVED: 6 Families

TOTAL # OF PEOPLE: 12 People

April was somewhat lower for us. We had some of our volunteers return to help bag the groceries and carry them out to the cars. We changed the hours of the food pantry to be open from 4pm—5pm and plan to keep it that way in the future.

Please keep our patrons and our ministry in your prayers.

Our Outreach Team is looking at new and fresh ways we can serve our community.

We have 4 basic jobs that are needed each month - interviewers, runners (ticket carrier), baggers and carry out. If you have been thinking about joining our Outreach Ministry the 3rd Monday of each month from 4pm - 5pm, then please let me, Bro Ryan, or Jean Apple know and we can get you added to the rotation. Anyone who is THINKING about it - I invite you to come and watch the simple process (when we get back to "normal").

The food pantry will be open again on **Monday, May 17, 2021 from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.**

God Bless You All,

Denae Shelton

April 25th was a big day for me. I got to teach my Sunday school class for the first time in over a year. Yep that was special, but by doing so I kicked off the 50th year of teaching Sunday school classes.

For me it started when I returned home after finishing my college career at Western Kentucky University. I was getting ready to teach 7th & 8th graders at Calvert City Elementary School. I was sure they were going to enjoy Civics and geography, and state and U.S. History. Meanwhile at church the powers that be suggested since I was going to be teaching this group at school I should teach the Junior High class. This led to an almost five year run as Youth Director. I now had some students 6 and sometimes 7 days a week.

Gradually I moved up to teach with Bob Siegfried in the college/young adult class that eventually became the Aldersgate class.

It has been a blast and the time has flown. 50 years, never saw it coming but looking back it seems like only yesterday.

You might consider teaching, it is not that scary. Thanks for your support over the years.

Mike Harrell

Third Place

(Formerly know as New-to-You)



We have just experienced the best months on record, I think.

I thank each of you who have contributed in anyway.

The New to You helps so many in various ways.

Keep up the good work. Happy Mothers Day.

God Bless, Paul & Lucy

Ongoing Prayers & Concerns

Mike Centofante
June Dyer
Pam Haynes
Tommy Harper
Mary Jane Inman
Patsy Steele
Jack Telle

Recent Prayers & Concerns

Teachers, Students & Faculty
Our world, health care
workers & Coronavirus
Pandemic
Amelia Boone
Edna Butler
Shannon Ellington
Patty Franklin (Broke her Back)
Fred French
Harold & Marcia Henson
Sue Husher (Broken Hip)
Bill Jordan (Knee Replacement)

Jerrilynn Prince
Alice & Geno Rosario
Allison Sills
Bill Strader (Broken Hip)
Fred Vanwey
Tim Watson

Spring has sprung and we feel like we are getting back to somewhat of a normal time.

We plan to meet with the kids (preschool – 5th Grade) on Wednesday, May 12 for an END OF SCHOOL FUN NIGHT. More details will come soon—we hope it is warm enough to MAYBE have some water fun.

We will be meeting to plan Summer Family Fun Nights soon – if you have a suggestion of a safe and fun place/event for us to do then see one of us.

Dayshore is tentatively planned for July 7-9, 2021. Watch for more info soon. Things will look a little different this year due to Covid...but we are thrilled to have it this year!!!

If your family needs ANYTHING please do not hesitate to contact us – we are here for you!

In Christian Love,

Michael Boone email: Michael.boone@marshall.kyschools.us &

Denae Shelton email: Denae.shelton@marshall.kyschools.us

Children Directors



Serenity prayer to deal with change:

The past year and most recent months have brought a lot of personal change into our home and lives. Jim not traveling, working from home, now his retirement from his over 32 years with his employer and serving at Mt. Carmel for the next year, a granddaughter leaving for college soon, a new grandson due and more or less life changes but very important ones we have to deal with.

I sought out the serenity prayer and words of encouragement a lot the past several months and it has been my mantra even more as of late. I want to share this article with you as written on Elev8 website:

If there is one thing in life we are guaranteed is those things will change. How we react to change is what builds our character. Change is what allows us to become the people we want to be and need to be. There is a process to becoming different. There is a process to dealing with different. The first thing to do is acknowledge it.

We can reflect on the fact that our lives are evolving circles of light. Scripture advises that we are constantly becoming new.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

God, give us grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed
Courage to change the things
which should be changed, and the Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.
Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen

May this start to a new week bring you change that makes you a great person.

Elev8

Kendra Capps, Lay leader



Roger & Norma Swaney will be taking care of the Church Sign. If you have an event and would like the information displayed on the church sign, please give them 2 weeks notice if possible. Sometimes they just put a message on the sign and then someone wants an event the next day. Planning ahead will make this job easier for Roger & Norma. Thanks in advance.

Blood Drive

The Calvert City Lions Club is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive at the Calvert City Civic Center on Monday, May 3rd. The drive will begin at noon and continue until 6:00pm. Everyone is encouraged to donate blood at this time.



Thursday, May 24, 2021

For June Newsletter

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Attendance

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning Service Early / Late</i>	<i>Offering</i>
April 4	65 / 47	\$7,635.00
April 11	38 / 38	\$4,715.00
April 18	41 / 33	\$4,518.50
April 25	37 / 44	\$6,540.16



@ Calvert City Convalescent Center

**P. O. Box 7
Calvert City, KY 42029**
Betty Boyd
Shelby Harris
Sue Husher

River's Bend Retirement, Kuttawa, KY

**300 Beech Street
Kuttawa, KY 42055**
Evelyn Harrington

@ Stilley House

**971 Birch Street
Benton, KY 42025**
Helen Kettula



SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS & SMART SHOPPERS STAMPS!!

Are you aware that every Tuesday is double stamps at Food Giant? Please continue to save your Food Giant Smart Shoppers stamps and place them in the glass jar in the Narthex. In April the church received a check for \$135.00 from these stamps! Also keep saving the Best Choice UPC's and place them in the buckets located on the tables in the Narthex. The church received a check for \$60.00 from AWG/Save-a-label. All proceeds go towards the food pantry.

Please continue to recycle your aluminum cans! All money from recycling of the cans is also placed in the Food Pantry fund. Please deposit your cans in the large black garbage can in the Fellowship Hall (tagged Can Recycling) or place your bag next to the can.

Continue saving your pennies too! Jackson Boone is collecting them, please just place them in the jars on the table in the Narthex.

Receipts from the most previous 14 days from grocery, discount, or convenience stores can be placed in the Fetch Rewards bucket in the Narthex.

Deepest Sympathy



We express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

David Atkinson
Shirley Featherston
Connie King
Nancy McDonald
Lovella Pace

CCUMC Youth

Summer plans are being finalized and will be sent out soon. We are looking to a fun somewhat normal summer! Finish the year strong!

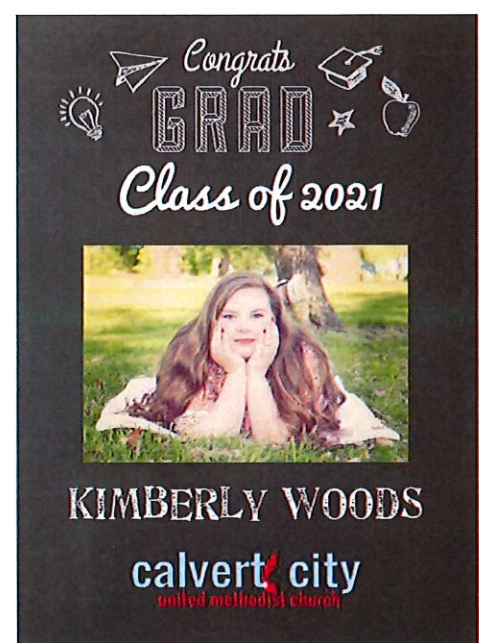
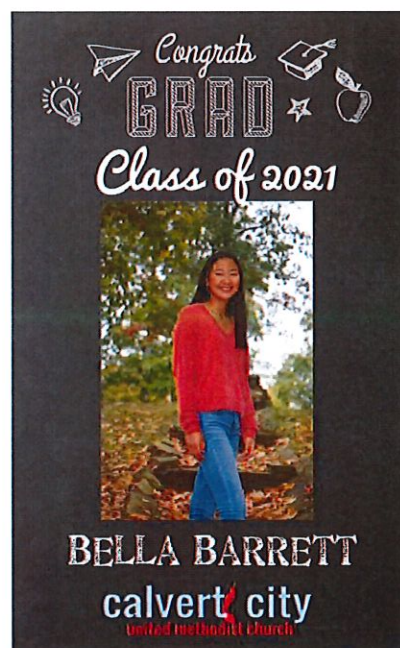
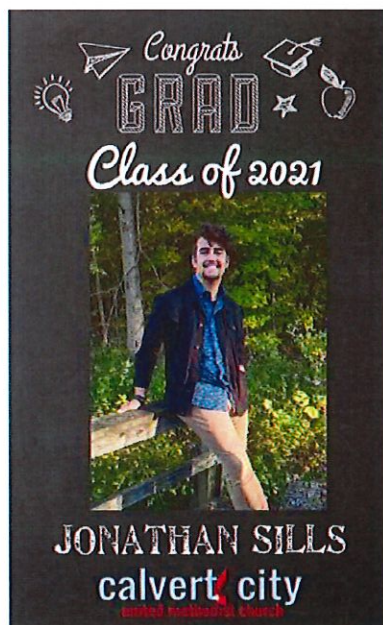
Graduate Sunday is May 2nd. Youth will meet through May 12 and then we will take a few weeks off and start summer family fun nights in June!

Blessings,
Derek and Lindsey



Please join us for Graduate Sunday on May 2nd!

- 🎓 We will have an outdoor celebration from 10:00-10:45 on the North side of the church!
- 🎓 Each graduate will have a table set up and will be at the tables with their families so you can stop by and wish them well!
- 🎓 They will be recognized in both services!
- 🎓 Our high school graduates are Kimberly Woods, Jonathan Sills, and Bella Barrett.



To have lived 100 years is quite an achievement. But what is the probability of someone making it to 110 and becoming a supercentenarian?? Only one out of one thousand centenarians enjoy such a long life span. On Thursday, May 6, 2021, one of our own at Calvert City Methodist Church will become part of that very special group of people.

Paul and Evelyn Porter Harrington were part of the entertainment industry. Paul learned his craft working his way from an entry level popcorn machine operator to becoming a projectionist. He had worked for the Ruffin Amusement Company before the Newbern, Tennessee, natives moved to Calvert City in 1949 and purchased the town theater from Shelby McCallum (who went on to establish radio station WCBL in 1954). The Harringtons operated the theater which was located on the west side of Main Street between Railroad Avenue and First Avenue.

America was in a boom period following the end of World War II and auto manufacturers could sell their products as fast as they could be produced. The trend of "drive in" convenience spread through many industries including theaters. The Harringtons decided to seize the opportunity and in early 1953 purchased ten acres of property from Mrs. Dora Draffen just south of Calvert City. The Calvert Drive-In opened on July 3, 1953 with admissions prices of 35 cents. The traditional theater was closed and the family donated many of the seats from the facility to the church and they were utilized in the choir area and MYF room in the First and Main Street church building until its closing. Seats were also donated to the Calvert City Masonic Lodge and continue to be utilized in that facility.

While the number of Drive-In theaters has decreased from a maximum of over 5000 nationwide to only about 300 today with 14 of those in Kentucky, the Harrington family's operation has stood the test of time. Ms. Evelyn perfected the art of preparing cheeseburgers and it would be a challenge to find a local resident who has not enjoyed one at some point in time.

The family included four sons and two daughters and now includes many grandchildren and greats. Mr. Harrington passed away in 1984 and his family has continued to successfully operate this iconic business. Mrs. Harrington's grandson John now oversees the operation. The theater has survived in spite of changing entertainment options, the construction of Interstate 24, and the transition to digital projection systems.

One trait of supercentenarians is being free of major diseases and healthy and active lifestyle. Ms. Evelyn has certainly succeeded and has been blessed with such a long life and in turn has blessed so many others.

Thank you Ms. Evelyn for the enjoyment you and your family have brought to so many people for these many years. Your church family celebrates with you and prays that as long as you are with us in this life that God's blessings and presence will be with you!

Dwayne Stice



Wednesday night choir practice will resume the first Wednesday in May and continue through June at 7:00pm following Bible study. If you feel comfortable singing in a group at a reasonable distance in the sanctuary, please join us! There is no need to sign-up or audition. Just come raise your voice with us and have a great time making music. We will be rehearsing hymns and future special music features. We would love to have anyone and everyone.

Richard and Ginny Burchett

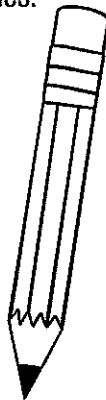


WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Jesus commands us to be his witnesses. This craft is a reminder to reach out to all our "circles."

What you need:

- 5 bowls or cups (assorted sizes)
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Brad fastener
- Crayons or markers



What you do:


1. Place the bowls and cups upside down, each on a different color of paper. Trace around the circles and cut them out.
2. With a pencil, pierce a small hole atop each circle. Layer circles on each other from largest to smallest, aligning the holes. Insert the brad through all layers.
3. Starting in the center, label the circles *my house, my city, my state, my country, the world*. Draw a picture on each one.
4. Pray, asking Jesus how you can spread his message.





A lasting promise


Before ascending into heaven, Jesus speaks a final promise to the disciples.



Directions: Use the picture clues to find the letters. Then write that word below to complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

Find a letter that's in  but not in . _____

"But you will receive _____ when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power

MAY 2021

Sunday Worship Service Schedule

9:00 AM - Worship
 10:00 AM - Aldersgate Sunday School Class
 11:00 AM - Worship
 Digital Worship uploaded during the week

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 AM—10:45 AM Graduate Sunday	3	4 9:30 AM—Church Golf Scramble @ CC Country Club	5 CC Elementary PTO Using Church Kitchen 6:00 PM—John Study 6:00 PM—UMYF	6 National Day of Prayer 6:00 PM—John Study	7 May Friendship Day	8
9 Mother's Day Festival of the Christian Home	10	11	12 6:00 PM—John Study 6:00 PM—UMYF 6:00 PM—School's Out Celebration for Kids	13 12:00 Noon UMW Meeting	14	15 8:00 AM—4:00 PM Fellowship Hall in Use
16 6:00 PM—Admin. Council Meeting	17 4:00 PM—Open Hearts Food Pantry	18 Carol Capps Using SS Wing	19 6:00 PM—UMYF	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Third Place Workday	28	29
30 9:00 AM—Worship at Memorial Park	31 Memorial Day					