



Newsletter for May 2023



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What's Happening

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Worship
Opportunities

Sundays:

10:00 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary



Journey CCC
June 26 - 29
6:00 - 8:30pm



<https://journeyccc.mycokesburyvbs.com>

For an electronic version
of newsletter
please visit our website:
www.journeyccc.com

Looking for volunteers. Sign-up Sheet in the Narthex!

Pastor Words of Wisdom

April showers bring May flowers.

Or so we are always told. This is a phrase that we hear often, especially during this time of year (duh!). But it's also something that we might hear in the middle of August or the final days of December. Because at its core, it's a phrase that has a deeper meaning than the simple truth that rain is necessary for flowers to bloom.

It also means that sometimes we have to weather the storms of our lives to see what blooms on the other side. That even when it feels like life is doing nothing but pouring ice cold water on top of our heads, there will always be a day ahead where the sun shines and growth happens.

God has a wonderful way of turning things from seeming negatives into eventual positives. This isn't *always* true, however. I have never liked the phrase "everything happens for a reason," because sometimes bad things just happen. And they are terrible and there's nothing good that comes from them and no lesson to learn.

But there are plenty of other examples of God working with us (and it's important to remember that it's *with us*) to take a difficult stretch in our life and learn lessons from it and allow it to transform us as we seek to grow in our faith.

Everyone faces April showers. No one has ever lived a perfect life. Everyone experiences struggles and grief and sadness and everything in between.

But if we are intentional, and if we partner with God, we can turn those showers into May flowers. We can plant seeds during our darker times and watch as those storms feed and nourish our hope and faith.

Without darkness there can be no light. Without sadness there can be no joy. Without bad there can be no good. Without doubt there can be no faith.

And without April showers, there can be no May flowers. Even in the darkest of nights, the sun always rises the next day.

Blessings,



GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In Loving Memory

In Memory of Ray Bates, Jr.

Sandy & Howard Blevins

Sue Erickson

Deanna & Henry Huber

Robin & Steve Lighthall

Carolyn & Roy Push

Cheryl & Rick Davis

Sonya & Mark Heitman

Trudy & Joe Jester

Mary Matthews

Millie & Robert Stoeckle

Anne & Skip Zimmer

Sharon Walters, Linda Braunart
Barb McNannie & Phyllis Gibson

In Memory of Treacy Bates Webb

Sandy & Howard Blevins

Sue Erickson

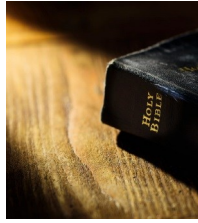
Cheryl & Rick Davis

Christine Kluch

In Memory of Dorothy & Charles Henry

Community Foundation of
Sarasota County

Worship Leaders
in May



Communion Servers
in May



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| 5/7/2023 | Cheryl DuPriest |
| 5/14/2023 | Ben Sauer |
| 5/21/2023 | Kathy Terrell |
| 5/28/2023 | Judith Lewis-Combs |

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| 5/7/2023 | Cheryl DuPriest | Dee Iverson |
| 5/14/2023 | Ben Sauer | Louise Pitcher |
| 5/21/2023 | Kathy Terrell | David Holmes |
| 5/28/2023 | Judith Lewis-Combs | Lois Bates |

PARISH NURSES

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, May 28th, from 9:15 - 9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!



ST. PAUL EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Wow! Here we are in our last few weeks of school at the Learning Center! We are soaking in each minute as we fill our days with learning, fun and friendship! We would like to invite you to attend one of our programs as we celebrate each of our preschool friends. The 3 year old class will present a concert on Monday, May 22, at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. The pre-k class will graduate on Wednesday May 24, at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. The 4 year old class will graduate on Thursday, May 25, at 7 PM in the Sanctuary. This is a great opportunity for you to see us in action before we close for the summer months.

We have a few openings for the 2023/2024 school year! Spread the word as we are filling up fast!

Just a thought . . . “Children see magic because they look for it.” - Christopher Moore.

Judy Staudigel
St. Paul Early Learning Center & Staff



Scouting News

The Crew had a campout last month. It was a little bit of a different type of campout. Friday we went to see a movie,. Saturday morning all the leaders and crew members were CPR certified. They also planted some trees where we were camping and made some wonderful dutch oven cooking for dinner and dessert and Sunday morning breakfast. We all had a great time even though it was rainy, windy and cold.



The Crew will have their next Pancake Breakfast on June 4th after worship!

Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Home Bound Members

Charles Brown Wm & Eileen Church Doris Dunn
Alice Graber Sharon Frazier Ruth Hoeweler Emmett Izer
Nancy Lanza Melitta & John Marx Bob Runk
Dave Schleutker Elmer Seesing Elaine Sloan
Anne Timme Rommie Turner Sharon Wagner Del Yung

Special Prayer Request

*Our Service Men and Women
The Country of Ukraine*

*Those suffering from Covid, their families and caregivers
Cities affected by any and all Violence
Police Officers in all cities that are having to deal with any and all Violence
Praise for Volunteers and Prayers for the Turkey and Syria Earthquake
Civil War in the Sudan*

Jerry Allen Etzel Andrews Nola Apro Marla Banks Bob Bechtold
Pat Bonaccorso Barb Bugg Andy Campbell Jan Capisano
Bill Carter Kim Caudell Emmalynn Colins Rob Condo Verna Cowan
Wm. Church Cathy Criswell Debbie Brian Drinnen Carolyn Dykes
Kim Ferry Diane Griswold Theo Gruber Gael Gruenwald
Nick Helton Michelle Henn Jim Kobb Jackie Petrocelli
Dan Mc Donald Kim Manifold Harper Manning Carol Boyce-Martinez
Barb Nuckols Bill Richards, Jr. Ed Ross Emma Sauer Jacob Sauer
Tom Schumm Kari Shell Colleen Smith Gloria Stagman Karen Street
Ann VanderMolen Chad Wilcocks Mike Woeste Paula Zellner
Family of Gay Steinhauer Family of Hilda Meier

*Please keep the office informed when
Names can be removed or need to be added*



5/1 Karen Schroer
John Turner
5/3 Betty Klug
5/5 Pam Leist
Derek Street
5/6 Jenny Birdsong
Linda Stegman
5/7 Judy Staudigel
Anne Marie Timme

5/8 Alice Graber
Romone Johnson
Ben Turner
5/9 Emmett Izer
5/11 Dee Iverson
Steven Johnson
5/16 Greg Turner
5/17 Linda Woods

5/18 Megan Jungkunz
5/19 Alexis Mittler
5/21 Jackie Lamott
5/23 Tyler Mittler
5/29 Sue Marshall
5/31 Judith McIlhaney
Angie Tietzort



6/1 Misti Cornish
Debbie Dahm
6/6 Mark Heitman
6/12 Ron Packer
6/13 Cheryl DuPriest

6/13 David Lynch
6/16 Jeff Turner
Kiahna Jayne Turner
6/18 Jerry Lewis

6/22 Jordyn King
6/23 Adam Poberts
6/26 Jan Apro
Shianna Johnson

Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs

Mt. Healthy Alliance is in need of the following items:

Deodorant
Hand Soap
Dishwashing Liquid
Non-Perishable Foods

Shampoo
Toilet Paper

Personal Care Items

Toothpaste
Laundry Detergent

Toothbrushes
Spring Cleaning Supplies



**JUNE
NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**



The newsletter deadline for the June edition is Wednesday, May 18th. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our weekly community dinners have resumed with inside seating.
Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

FACEBOOK PAGE

We started a new Facebook Page. Here is the new link!
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025889658215>

ONLINE GIVING

We do have online giving set up for Journey Community Church. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, <https://ca4b2388.churchtrac.com/give>. Once in the system, you can input your envelope number and it records directly to your record. If you have questions, please let us know. All financial help at this time is much needed and appreciated.

Thanks so much,
Finance Team





the **513** Relief Bus

Providing **ACCESS**

Health Screenings | Social Services | Economic Resources
to Your **COMMUNITY**

NEXT STOP:

Mt. Healthy Alliance

7612 Perry St. 45231

Wednesday May 10th ~ 10 am–3pm



See the 513Relief Bus schedule
at www.513Relief.org

*NOTE: Services rotate and
may vary from stop to stop.*



June 2023

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Head Start Program 8 AM - 3 PM Monday - Thursday | 1 Finance Team Mtg 6 PM Scout Recruitment Event 7 PM | 2 Dinner | 3 | 4 | 5 H.S. - No School Zwoster Scholarship Applications due by 2 PM AA - 8 PM | 6 AA - 8 PM |
| 7 | 8 Personnel Team Mtg 4 PM Board Meeting 6 PM | 9 Dinner | 10 | 11 | 12 H.S. - No School AA - 8 PM | 13 AA - 8 PM |
| 14 Mother's Day | 15 | 16 Dinner | 17 | 18 Newsletter Articles Due | 19 H.S. - No School ELC - 2.5 YO last day AA - 8 PM | 20 AA - 8 PM |
| 21 | 22 ELC - 3 YO Last Day and Concert 7 PM | 23 ELC - 4 YO Last Day Dinner | 24 ELC - Pre-K Last Day & Concert 7 PM | 25 HS - Last Day of School ELC - 4 YO Concert 7 PM | 26 AA - 8 PM | 27 AA - 8 PM |
| 28 Pentecost Sunday | 29 Memorial Day Office Closed | 30 Dinner | 31 | | | |