



OUR MISSION IS TO EXPRESS **CHRIST'S LOVE** TO ALL GOD'S CHILDREN



**May  
2019**

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| May 5 (Sun)  | <b>Native American<br/>Ministries Sunday</b>                                    |
| May 6 (Mon)  | <b>Staff Meeting, 11am</b>  |
| May 8 (Wed)  | <b>Friendship Circle @ 12 Noon</b>  |
| May 12 (Sun) | <b>Mothers Day</b>  |
| May 18 (Sat) | <b>Serving Day, 10 am</b>   |
| May 27 (Mon) | <i>Memorial Day</i><br><b>Anne Fichtner</b><br><b>Memorial Service, 3:00 pm</b> |

\*\*\*\*\***Weekly Events**\*\*\*\*\*

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| <b>Snow Cap Deliveries</b>   | <b>Mondays @ 9:00 am</b>    |
| <b>We Walk Group</b>         | <b>Mondays @ 9:30 am</b>    |
| <b>Women's Faith Group</b>   | <b>Tuesdays @ 1:00 pm</b>   |
| <b>Parent's Prayer Group</b> | <b>Tuesdays @ 8:30 am</b>   |
| <b>Men's Coffee</b>          | <b>Thursdays @ 10:00 am</b> |

**For details, contact the church office Mon-Thurs 9am to 2pm by phone or email**

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!!



## May 5, Native American Ministries Sunday

United Methodists celebrate this Special Sunday to affirm and support First Americans in the creation of

programs that enrich, empower and educate.

**Sunday Fireside Class:** New lecture starting on **May 5th** entitled *The History of Christianity in the Reformation Era*. This course has a total of 36 lectures and is presented by Professor Brad Gregory.

## May 6th, Staff Meeting

**May 8, UMW Friendship Circle**  
UM Women will meet as scheduled at Noon time in the Gathering Place. Bring your sack lunch as drinks and desserts will be provided by your host.



**May 12, Mothers Day**  
To all the mothers and mother-like figures all over the world, THANK GOD FOR YOU!  
Hip, hip, hooray!!  
Happy Mothers Day!!

## May 18, Serving Day Saturday

Come one, come all! Let's join hands to beautify and maintain our sacred Sanctuary and Church. We have refreshments and fellowship, B.Y.O.E. !  
(Bring Your Own Energy)



## May 27th, Monday, Memorial Day



## May 27, Memorial Service: Anne Fichtner

Service will be at 3:00 pm, taking place in our sanctuary. Let's come together and celebrate Anne's life with family and friends.



*Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again— rejoice!*

*Philippians 4:4*

Your Celebrations are important for us to recognize with our family in Christ.



## May Birthdays

Pat Reagan, 1

Essie Ewart, 3

Sam Marks, 5

Faye Henderson, 6

Bruce Sueoka, 6

Gay Disco, 9

Sally Schenk, 9

LouAnne Henriques, 15

Hanh Pham, 15

Bernie Hubbard, 17

Sandra Morrell, 19

Beverly Betzer, 20

Charlotte Eisert, 20

Pete Morrell, 21



Please do not be reluctant to let us know if yours is missing on the monthly edition of 'Messenger' by sending a note to: [church@taborheightschurch.org](mailto:church@taborheightschurch.org)



Wedding

Anniversaries

Larry & Valri Darling, 12

*This series of resources help families start conversations about faith during dinner, devotions, or anytime. The following topic was posted on March 5, 2019 although the series itself began in January of 2019. To get January and February's Get Them Talking topics, check out [www.umc.org/what-we-believe/get-them-talking-discussion-starters-for-families](http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/get-them-talking-discussion-starters-for-families)*

## **Get Them Talking: Kindness**

"We remain pure. We understand completely what it means to serve God. We are patient and kind. We serve him in the power of the Holy Spirit. We serve him with true love." **2 Corinthians 6:6 NIRV**

### ***Reflection***

The Bible teaches that one of the ways we can serve God every day is by being kind. Kindness is not something we do in big ways. Instead we show kindness in little things like thinking of others' needs, wants and feelings. It can be as simple as sharing something, being patient, or including someone in a game or conversation.

Sometimes being kind is difficult, especially to people who have been unkind to us. But God tells us that when we are kind, we are doing what he wants us to do.

### ***Get them talking***

- Who have been some of the kindest people in your life (teachers, family members, friends)?
- Tell about a time someone surprised you with their kindness.
- ***What are some things you could do to show kindness to others?***

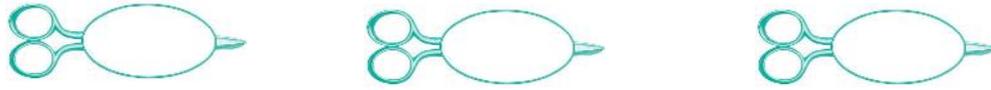
### ***Prayer***

Dear God, remind me to think of others so that I can show kindness and serve you. Amen.

### ***Activity***

Brainstorm ways each family member can show kindness to one another, classmates, coworkers, and strangers. Be sure to include those who have been unkind to us in the past. Share your successes with one another each day.

# Craft Workshop



*Those of us who prepare hats and scarves for our December giving to the homeless will begin to meet through the year and together make some of the items we need. There will be a rotary cutter and mat for fleece scarves and some looms for those who don't knit or crochet hats.*

*If you want to come join us, we will try our best to help you. The first of these workshops will be May 11 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.*



# From the Pastor...

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## *A House of Prayer for All People*

### **Obedience is the road to freedom” -C.S. Lewis**

#### For ALL People according to Prophet Isaiah’s Vision

The entire book of Isaiah describes a journey of God’s people, and it can be defined as ‘the life cycle in faith.’ Even “in Exile, the people of God are allowed to live with many freedoms.” Some are trying to be faithful and are able to adapt their religious practices and the others neglect their basic practice of worship and slowly lose their identity as God’s people. The good news is many of them believe in the assurance that God will look after their future.”

The passage below in Isaiah is about the time when King Cyrus allows Jewish exiles who wish to return to Jerusalem in 538 B.C. One of the important messages in the 3<sup>rd</sup> part of Isaiah comes with this simple question: “What is a basic requirement for the restoration the people of God are hoping to receive?”

The Lord says: “Act justly and do what is righteous, because my salvation is coming soon, and my righteousness will be revealed. Happy is the one who does this, the person who holds it fast, who **keeps the Sabbath, not making it impure, and avoids doing any evil.**”

In fact, salvation comes at God’s initiative, but the people of God and their behavior may hinder or hasten that divine work. Today’s passage shares that this basic practice of God’s people must to be their foundation of faith and their vision of the people. In our faith tradition, it is called, ‘The Obedient Community.’

*The obedient community, fueled by vision and sustained by hope, keeps the long view in mind but is faithful in the present.*

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*(continued)*

Even “when reality falls short of our expectations and our dreams are shattered by disappointment in our human condition, we have to continue to dream dreams for the future and to be faithful in the present.

The Lord says, “The immigrants and even eunuchs who have joined me, serving me and loving my name, becoming my servants, **everyone who keeps the Sabbath without making it impure**, and those who hold fast to my covenant: I will bring them to my holy mountain, and bring them joy in my house of prayer.”

According to Pavel Poloz exiled from Russia, “In Russia, Christians are tested by hardship, but in America we are tested by freedom. And testing by freedom is much harder. Nobody pressures us about our faith. So we relax and are not so concentrated on Christ, on His church, or how God wants us to live.”

In a sense, let us remind ourselves of our vision statement at Tabor Heights and how important it is to be an ‘obedient community’ to be fueled and sustained: “We are here to express Christ’s Love to ALL God’s children.” ‘For ALL people’ does not mean to represent every single one. Instead, it can be anyone who keeps the Sabbath without making it impure and those who hold to God’s covenant.

Therefore, it is our commitment to be an obedient community in holiness and accountability as we are to be “a house of prayer for all nations and for ALL people.”

Many blessings,  
Pastor John

*My house  
will be called  
house of prayer  
for all nations  
Mark 11:17*

# MAY 2019

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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| 5<br>Sunday School<br>930am  | 6<br>We Walk, 930 am   | 7<br>Parents' Prayer,<br>830am | 8                                       | 9<br>Men's Coffee<br>10am | 10 | 11 |
| <b>Worship 11am</b><br>Native<br>American Minis-<br>tries Sunday<br>(Offering) | Staff Meeting,<br>11am | Book Study<br>1pm              | UMW<br>Friendship<br>Circle,<br>12 Noon |                           |    |    |
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| 12<br>Sunday School<br>9:30am       | 13<br>We Walk, 930 am | 14<br>Parents' Prayer,<br>830am | 15 | 16<br>Men's coffee<br>10am | 17 | 18<br><b>Serving Day,<br/>10am</b> |
| <b>Worship 11am</b><br>Mother's Day |                       | Book Study<br>1pm               |    |                            |    |                                    |
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| 19<br>Sunday School<br>9:30am | 20<br>We Walk, 930 am | 21<br>Parents' Prayer,<br>830am | 22 | 23<br>Men's coffee<br>10am | 24 | 25 |
| <b>Worship 11am</b>           |                       | Book Study<br>1pm               |    |                            |    |    |
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| 26<br>Sunday School<br>9:30am | 27<br><b>Memorial Day</b><br>We Walk, 930 am | 28<br>Parents' Prayer,<br>830am | 29 | 30 | 21 |  |
| <b>Worship 11 am</b>          | Anne Fichtner<br>Memorial Service,<br>3pm    | Book Study<br>1pm               |    |    |    |  |
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