

THE HEART BEAT

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SUMC Community

upcoming EVENTS



May

- May 2—Trustees
- May 4—Senior Saints
- May 6—Youth Group
- May 7-18—CK AP Testing
- May 8—Adult Ed Meeting
- May 9—Finance
- May 12—Piano Recital
- May 13—Mother's Day
- May 16—SPR
- May 19—Women's Tea
- May 23—Church Council
- May 23—Long Term Alliance
- May 26—Relay for Life
- May 28—Memorial Day / Office Closed

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As you may already know, the global United Methodist Church is at another historical crossroad. Because of serious theological and doctrinal differences, a General Conference has been called for February 2019 to decide on our future as a denomination. Can we remain united or will we need to split? Our decision here at SUMC will be made based on the decision made at that Conference in 2019.

What does the future hold for Methodism globally and what does that mean for SUMC? What does it mean to remain faithful disciples in the theological tradition of historic Methodism in our day and time? What is/should be the mission of the church

in our day? Is there hope and is there a vision for a new Methodist future?

A small group has been meeting weekly to discuss and debate a resource put out by the Wesleyan Covenant Association, A Firm Foundation. "This resource is a useful tool not only in navigating present challenges but in pursuing the future promise for the people called Methodist. The foundational principles that have guided Methodist thought from the beginning of John Wesley's countercultural movement remain rich resources for us today."

The good news is that we Methodist are being forced to face the truth about ourselves. Where do we stand on the moral faith of the Scriptures and of the church through the ages? William J. Abraham, Professor of Wesley Studies at Perkins School of Theology SMU, writes this: "It is time to move on and work for a fully faithful commitment to Christ and to find fresh expressions for the tradition we inhabit...It is time for United Methodists to recover their nerve, for its members and scholars to dig deep into the resources God has given us in our heritage, and for all of us to lean into the new resources that the Holy Spirit will supply. It is also time for us to stand with other brothers and sisters in the wider culture in articulation and defense of the faith, not least in its moral commitments."

The discussion topics are valuable and valid for any Christian regardless of your personal position. They include:

- Transformation
- The Lordship of Jesus Christ
- The Authority of Scripture
- The Power of the Holy Spirit
- The Promise of Sanctification
- The Undivided Heart
- Discipleship/Mission of the Church
- The Anchor of Purpose

The Wesleyan Covenant Association is a community of highly committed Christ-followers and this book and these topics convey sound theology, orthodox understanding of the Scriptures, commitment to discipline and discipleship, and to the means of grace through which God can accomplish His purpose. They desire to present all people with the timeless truth of the gospel in the person and work of Jesus Christ

"I am not afraid the people called Methodist should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having to the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case, unless they hold fast both the doctrine, spirit, and disciple with which they first set out." John Wesley "Thoughts on Methodism" (August 4, 1786)

We live in a world and a culture that is desperately in need of what Christianity provides. As followers of Christ we have the awesome privilege and responsibility of being used by God in the growth of His Kingdom here on earth. It is therefore necessary that we know and be convinced of what that means.

The prophet Jeremiah declared, "This is what the LORD says: Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls" (Jer. 6:16).

We United Methodist must look back to Jesus, the early Christians, and to John Wesley in order to find our way back to the original reason for the church in God's Kingdom plan. We live in this world and this culture, but we must determine to live under God's direction and definition of grace. We must develop Christ-centered, Holy Spirit empowered leadership that is committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world (Jerry Kulah, Dean, Gbarnga School of Theology, United Methodist University, Liberia). And **we** are those leaders.

SUMC is going to offer you a chance to be involved in small discussion groups concerning the topics listed above. Prayerfully consider joining, hosting, or leading one. Each group is designed to last 1-2 hours for 8 weeks.

John Weston, Pastor

Kathy Cosner, Lay Member to Annual Conference

Fran Donaldson, Adult Discipleship

 **YOUTH GROUP** First Sunday of the Month

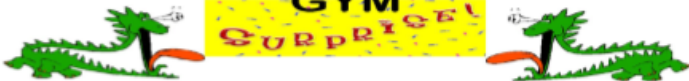
May 6

Group Time

5-6:30pm

GYM

SURPRISE!



What a friend we have in Jesus and learning how much He loves us. The children have been following His life here on Earth and, of course, how He gave us the gift of salvation through giving up His earthly life. Recently we have been sharing some of His miracles, being a Good Samaritan and about Pentecost.

Sunday, May 13th, the children will stay a little longer in church to receive a recognition certificate for their time this last year studying about Jesus. We will have a regular class meeting afterward.

Sunday, May 20th, is our last meeting for the year until next September. We will have a special lesson with all the children joining together that day and some activities in the gym.

Remember, there are "Busy Boxes" in the entry to the sanctuary if you child would like to do some of the activities in the boxes during service. Please return the box to the "used" pile, so it can be refilled for another child.

Please check the bulletin to see about activities that your child might like to participate in, like summer day camp. and the starting date for Sunday School in the fall. The Children's Ministry Team wants to thank you for letting us be a part of your child's walk with the Lord.



Worship Committee

Celebrate Pentecost!

Pentecost Sunday is May 19. We encourage all congregants to wear red or orange to celebrate Pentecost.

Acts 2: 1-4: When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ESV



Go forth and be disciples of Christ and help grow new disciples! Over 4 million children have become disciples through Operation Christmas Child. During the month of May we are collecting **SOAP**. There is a basket in the Narthex to receive your donations. Thank you so much for supporting this ministry. Questions? Call Rick and Gloria Lee 360-509-9105



WE ARE THE CHURCH

The building at 9982 Silverdale Way with the lighted cross on the Silverdale Way side of the building, and the Cross and Flame on the Ridgetop Way side is the LORD'S house.

In this house reside the people making up the Church, meet at least once a week to praise and worship the LORD.

In this house, the Pastor shepherds the Church, the flock, with the words the LORD has given him, the deeds entrusted to him for the Church and his counseling of the Church. He endeavors to equip the Church to perform the duties to the Church and community to provide a pathway for salvation for any and all.

We, the Church are to grow in our love of the LORD and in the outreach to the community to proclaim the LORD. As we grow in our love of the LORD, we work alongside the Pastor to assist the Pastor in his/our service to the LORD.

Church it is time we increase our growth in our love of the LORD; find, invite, befriend and help others grow in the LORD.

I know it is a challenge for us to decide where we can help The Pastor in this commission we all have. Pastor John will be more than happy to receive your expression of willingness to help and will help all of us to find our part in this GREAT COMMISSION.



Marvin & Jane Elliot are selling Flowers-to-go cards for \$25 each for the Haiti Missions. Buy a flower card and you get a bouquet each month! That's 12 bouquets for \$25! Put a smile on her face!

WE'RE HIRING! Part-time RECEPTIONIST
 Contact the Office for more info or application.
SILVERDALE UNITED
 360-692-9813

Multiethnic and Missional?
 Leading Diverse and Vibrant Churches
 Multi-Cultural Ministry Conference
 May 15, 12pm-2pm
 \$25 per person
 Lunch provided


Seattle Pacific UNIVERSITY
 3310 Sixth Avenue West,
 Seattle, WA, 98119
 Upper Gwinn Commons

Women's Tea
 May 19th @ 2pm
 RSVP Donna Kirkpatrick
 by May 14th
 360-981-2701

Come enjoy tea, fellowship and God's word




Guest Speaker:
 Teri Eddings Bachelor

HAPPY anniversary  May 17—Alan & Judy Hunt — 15 years!

MAY 2018

FOOD BANK OPEN THURSDAYS 11-1PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Women's Bible Study Hospice—WW Chuckwagon HGC	2 Men's Bible Study TOPS Prayer Art Class WCA Al-Anon Trustees	3 Women's Bible Study Chuckwagon Praise Team ALS NA- WW	4 Senior Saints Chuckwagon CK AP Set up	5 NO GYM USE
6 NO GYM USE Greif Share Youth	7 Staff Meeting 4:30 HGC Food Prep NA Exodus Wyatt Christ Care Men's Group CK AP TESTING	8 WBS Hospice—WW Chuckwagon Adult Ed Meeting HGC Venture Crew CK AP TESTING	9 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class Finance CK AP TESTING	10 WBS Chuckwagon Praise Team NA- WW CK AP TESTING	11 Chuckwagon CK AP TESTING	12 NA Couples Group Piano Recital NO GYM USE
13 NO GYM USE Mother's Day!	14 Staff Meeting 4:30 HGC Food Prep PEO NA—SH 6pm Exodus Wyatt Christ Care Men's Group CK AP TESTING	15 WBS Hospice—WW Chuckwagon HGC NA CK AP TESTING	16 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class SPR CK AP TESTING	17 WBS Chuckwagon Praise team NA-WW CK AP TESTING	18 Coffee Oasis Chuckwagon CK AP TESTING CK AP TEAR DOWN	19 Women's Tea 2pm
20 Grief Share	21 Staff meeting 4:30 HGC Food Prep NA -SH Exodus Wyatt Christ Care Men's Group	22 WBS Hospice—WW Play Group Chuckwagon HGC Long Term Alliance set up	23 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class Long Term Alliance event Church Council	24 WBS Chuckwagon Praise Team NA-WW	25 Chuckwagon	26 Relay for Life NA Couples Group
27	28 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	29 WBS Hospice—WW Chuckwagon 11am HGC 4-5pm	30 MBS TOPS Prayer Art Class	31 WBS Chuckwagon Praise Team NA-WW	1 Chuckwagon 11am	2