

## **Looking back with gratitude. . . Looking forward with anticipation**

Easter was a glorious celebration! It always is! The church is filled with a happy, festive buzz. Everyone is decked out in their Easter finery; even the building itself has special decorations. The music, the Scripture, and the messages blend together to glorify God and inspire worshipers.

This didn't just happen. There were a lot of people who made this day work and each one is appreciated.

The Trustees, along with other volunteers, cleaned inside and outside the building. The church was unlocked and the lights were turned on.

The Worship committee planned the day, bulletins were printed, the cross and empty tomb centered our thoughts, and lily donors and arrangers beautified the sanctuary.

The youth did an awesome job with the Sunrise service. Thanks to them, to Pastor Tom, and to the youth leadership team.

The breakfast makers fed us well and the basement decorating team added beautiful accents. The Easter egg hiders and candy donors created a fun experience for the children.

Sunday School teachers and leaders taught children, youth, and adults and nursery helpers watched the little ones.

Musicians and choir members led us with their gifts of music and praise. The greeters and ushers welcomed, and the sound crew and the video team enhanced the worship experience.

Over one hundred willing servants made this day work. Thank you! Well done, good and faithful servants.

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May will bring special celebrations!

Mothers Day is May 12. Mothers will be honored, and special prizes will be given to winners of categories that are unknown until that morning.

Six students will be confirmed that day. Pray for them as they take this step in their faith journey.

On May 26 graduates will be recognized. Fourteen high school grads will be honored and encouraged as they close one chapter and open a new one. College grads will be recognized too, but that list is incomplete, so please get your information to the office.

That day is part of the Memorial Day weekend celebration! Veterans will be remembered and special tributes given to those who paid the ultimate price for freedom. This is a tender holiday, as many pause to remember loved ones.

Every Sunday, we will celebrate our risen Lord and encourage one another to follow. Come and bring your friends.

See you Sunday,



Pastor Brad



May 2019

May is always a weird, difficult month. The school year comes to a close and the much anticipated summer break rolls around. We end Wednesday Night Ministries for the year, close down The Rock and prepare for summer ministry. However, this year this transition is especially hard, because it will also be my last time closing these impactful ministries for the summer. The last day for Wednesday Night Ministries (except Sr. High) will be May 8<sup>th</sup>, with Sr. High ending May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will have a party for each group and spend time celebrating the graduating seniors in Sr. High. The last day at The Rock will be May 16<sup>th</sup>. As things are winding down, it's hard to not get emotional as these are programs, and more importantly, people, that I've grown to love deeply. I'm going to miss The Rock and Wednesday Night Ministries as these have been an important part of my life these past few years.

Despite the difficult transitions that come at the end of the school year, a lot of exciting changes come about as well. In addition to the nicer weather, we have the opportunity to do larger events while students are out of school. One of those things this year is our end of the year party on May 29<sup>th</sup>. It should be a great time for Jr. and Sr. High students to get together to celebrate the end of another school year. With the end of a school year also comes graduation, graduation parties and mission trips. The change in schedule is great for students to be able to enjoy more time with friends and family and also opens their calendars to do larger events. Many will spend part of their summer break on mission trips as 10 of us are heading to Indianapolis on the Jr. High mission trip the first week of June. After I get back, 23 of us are heading to Milwaukee on the Sr. High mission trip the second week of June. These are life changing events where students seem to encounter Jesus every year. So even though there are some things that are difficult to end, God has plenty of exciting things in store for the future.

Please join me in praying for this time of transition. Pray that all of these ministries can end well and that students' lives are continued to be changed by the grace and love that comes through Jesus Christ.

In Christ,  
Pastor Tom





**Do you know a high school or college graduate? If so, we want to honor them!! Please let the office know where they are graduating from. Graduates will be honored May 26th.**



**Join us Monday, May 27th at the Sharpe Design for our annual bike ride in the Memorial Day parade. We will be enjoying donuts and juice at 9:30 am. The parade starts at 10 am. See you there!!!**



We would like to help the PathStone Migrant Center with items that they are in need of for their upcoming busy season. Priority items that are needed: pillowcases, pillows, blankets, towels, toiletries, bedding sets for twin size beds, pots/pans, cooking utensils, dishes, dish soap, toilet tissue, laundry soap (powder preferred), and water thermoses. Larger items that they are looking for are: refrigerators, dining table and chair sets, box fans, dressers, couches, chairs, end tables, dvd players, soccer and basketballs, wire storage racks, microwaves and washer/dryer. We will be collecting items until May 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please see Dawn Sharpe.

*W*HEN WE PUT  
OUR PROBLEMS IN  
GOD'S HANDS,  
HE PUTS HIS PEACE IN  
OUR HEARTS.

## May Servant Schedule

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
8:15 Door Greeters				
8:15 Nursery	Michelle Short	Whitman Family	S. Tedrow Family	C. Carter Family
S. S. Door Greeters	Masuwa Family	Ron Saneholtz Family	Tom Myers Family	L. Leatherman Family
S.S. Nursery	Gutierrez Family	O'Neal Family	Martin Family	Howe Family
10:30 Door Greeters	Masuwa Family	Ron Saneholtz Family	Tom Myers Family	L. Leatherman Family
10:30 Nursery	J. Hartford Family	Masood Family	Masuwa Family	Oelkrug Family
Greeters Welcome Center	J. Hartford Family	D. Mohler Family	Carpenter Family	J. Gillen Family

*Prayer*  
 *Changes things*  
*Let us pray for you with Faith*  
*Believing*  
 HE WILL LIFT YOU UP

Albert Schreier (Laura Cases's father) - Prostate Cancer;

**Long-Term Needs:** Bonnie Mohler—Health Concerns; DeeAnn Shafer—Cancer; Courtney Patton—Health Concerns; Margaret Bollman—Health Concerns; Rebecca Livengood (Vicky Leatherman's mother) - Health concerns; Ken Silveus; Leo "Bud" Zenz, Kent Spiess, Brady Chapa—Cancer; Connie Cramer (Christy Myers' mother) - Lymphoma. Also, members of the military and their families, our missionary families.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Tyler Murrey	2 Mary Lou Leatherman Caleb Martin Jamie & Amber Kessler	3 Amanda Barnes	4 Randy Bostelman
5 Josh Vollmar	6 Donna Baringer Elliot Tahir Bill Strauss	7 Jeff & Deb Gillen	8	9 Andy & Susie Miller	10 Michelle Short	11 Marilyn Spiess
12 Ashley Bowers	13 Alexis Davis	14 Isaiah Gutierrez Tyler Smiddy	15 	16 Kenleigh Howe Jennifer Murrey Jamie & Stacie Cramer	17 Marci Nash	18 Kathy Hartford
19 Karen Mohler Dawn Sharpe Madison Amstutz Brad & Chelsea Howe	20 Haley Saneholtz Christy Myers	21	22 Neal & Trisha Carter	23 <i>Happy Anniversary!</i>	24 Teresa Bostelman Nicole Keller	25 
26 Steve & Tina Tedrow	27 Julie Zenz Bobbi O'Neal Tom & Marin Gerberich	28 Josh & Sara Atkinson	29 Calla Oelkrug	30	31 Kaydence Rhoads Ashton Kruse	
						If you don't see your birthday or anniversary on the calendar, and you would like it to be on there, please let the office know!! Thanks.

# Birthdays and Anniversaries



# VBS 2019

Planning has started for VBS!!!

VBS will be July 28th—August 1st  
from 6-8:30 pm. Dinner will be at

5:15 pm. Check your calendars!

Sign ups will be coming out soon!

## FREEDOM SCHOOL 2019

**June 17 - July 26**

Do you have a passion for helping others? Have you ever wondered how you can help those most in need in our community? The MWD is in partnership with the Monroe Street Neighborhood Center for Freedom School for the 3rd year in a now and need dozens of helpers! There are a wide variety of areas to get involved in and we want to help you find a way to serve with purpose and joy. Volunteer training sessions will be held on June 11 at 6 pm and June 12 at 11 am. Contact

Rae Lynn at [rschleif@wocumc.org](mailto:rschleif@wocumc.org) or 419-897-9770 if you would like to volunteer.



**Freedom  
School  
Partners**

## MWD UMM Missions:



### Pill Bottle Donations

Clean out your medicine cabinet and donate any empty pill bottles you no longer need! Matthew 25 Missionaries, a nationwide program based in Cincinnati, will reuse these bottles for two reasons: to deliver healthcare items in developing countries and to recycle for cash used to

further Mathew 25 Ministries programs. This program fulfills the dual need of improving medical care in developing countries while also reducing plastics from landfills and caring for our environment. Please *remove any personal labels* for privacy considerations.

### Acceptable collection items include:

Prescription and over-the-counter pill bottles

Large and small pill bottles

Pill bottles with and without secure caps (child resistant)



# Sunday Worship Times:

8:15 a.m. Classic Worship (Nursery Provided)

May

10:30 a.m. Praise Celebration (Nursery Provided)

# Sunday School:

9:15 a.m. Classes for All Ages (Nursery Provided)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:30 pm WNM 7:30-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	2 12 pm National Day of Prayer 3-5 pm ROCK	3	4 7 am Men's Prayer Time 10 am -3 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
5 12:30-3:30 pm Jr. & Sr. High YF Service Project at Wide-water	6 6 pm Trustees 7 pm Ad. Council	7 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm LOL	8 3-5 pm ROCK 6:30-7:00 pm WNM 7:30-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	9 3-5 pm ROCK	10	11 7 am Men's Prayer Time
12  Confirmation	13	14 6 am Charlie's 3-5 pm ROCK 7 pm SPRC 7 pm LOL	15 12:00 pm Senior Luncheon 3-5 pm ROCK 7:30-8:45 pm Sr. High YF	16 3-5 pm ROCK	17	18 7 am Men's Prayer Time
19	20 9-10:30 am Bountiful Blessings 6-7:30 pm Bountiful Blessings 7 pm Evangelism	21 6 am Charlie's 7 pm LOL	22	23	24	25 7 am Men's Prayer Time
26 CLASS 	27 9:30 am Memorial Day Parade at Sharpe Design 	28 7 pm LOL	29 7 pm Jr. & Sr. YF End of Year party	30	31	

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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS – 8:15 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:15 A.M.

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*“A body knowing and growing in Christ so deeply that He is  
overflowing to others.”*

*Return Service Requested*

May 2019

