



MAY 2024

MINOR MEMORIAL

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Guiding and encouraging people to take their next steps following Christ

Easteride Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Now that spring is in full bloom, there is so much happening in the life of the church. May means graduations, vacation planning, endings, new beginnings, and, as is the case in my family, gearing up for a wedding. Below is a sample of the things happening in the month of May.

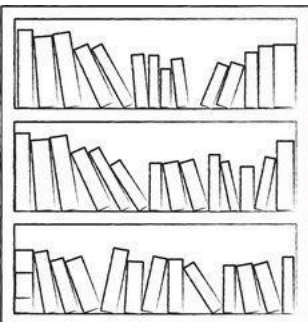
Sunday May 5th is Confirmation Sunday. On this day, we will consecrate those who have completed confirmation class and are ready to be accepted into full membership of the church. What an exciting time for them in their faith journey!

Sunday, May 12th is Baccalaureate Sunday, where we will be recognizing our youth who are graduating high school. We will have a church potluck after worship on that day to celebrate these graduates and their families as they turn another of life's pages.

Finally, Sunday, May 19th is Pentecost Sunday, where our worship focus will be on the birth of the Spirit-filled church. This is always one of my favorite "high holy days" because it both recognizes and celebrates the church as the body God intended it to be, modeled after the happenings in Acts 2. My prayer for us is that we continue to be that kind of church.

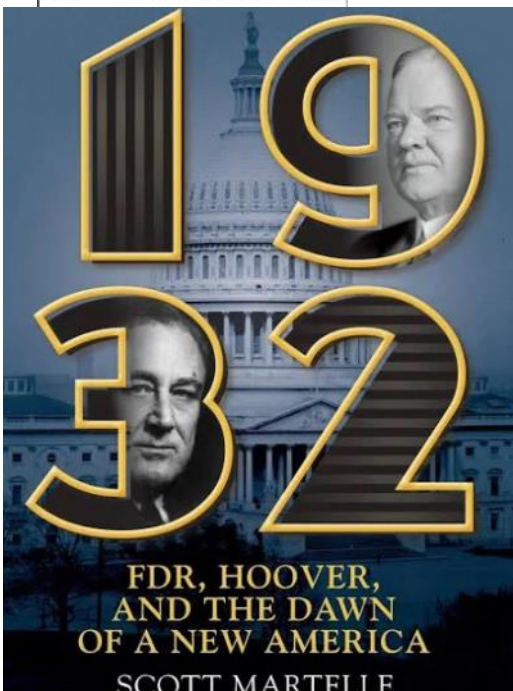
As you can see, there's so much happening and that is great. But remember not to forsake the future for the present. Therefore, continue to minister to our community, both in our church and the community at-large. In the words of Paul the Apostle, "I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith" (Romans 1:11-12).

Because of the RISEN Christ,
Rev. Sam

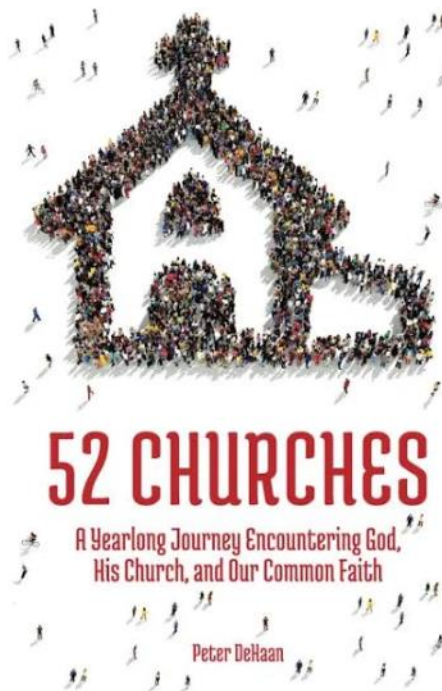


FROM THE PASTOR'S BOOKSHELF

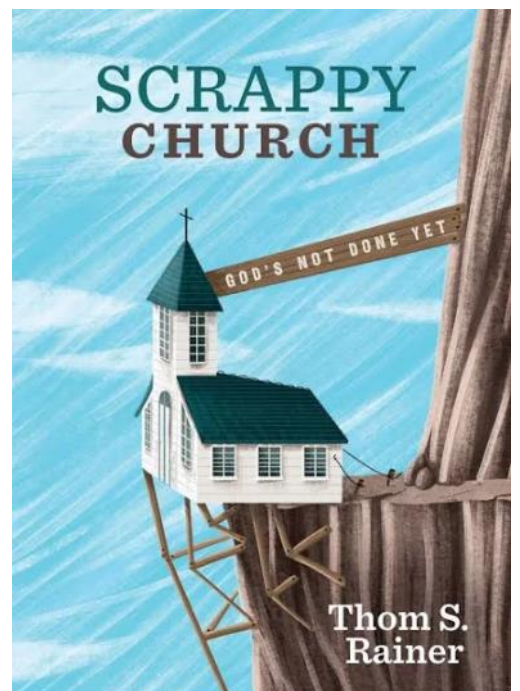
I love to read. I love to read Scripture. I think that reading is important to sustain our growth in various topics surrounding our faith practices. That's why I like to read other books and I thought I would share with you what I'm reading every month. Many of the topics I enjoy are books on theology, Biblical scholarship, histories, biographies, and books on issues of social justice.



1932: FDR, Hoover, and the Dawn of a New America by Scott Martelle



52 Churches: A Yearlong Journey Encountering God, His Church, and Our Common Faith by Peter DeHaan



Scrappy Church: God's Not Done Yet by Thom S. Rainer

UPCOMING EVENTS



TEACHER APPRECIATION MEAL

- ◆ **Monday, May 6** (Breakfast @ Lake Cormorant Elementary) 7:00 am
- ◆ Donations of breakfast casseroles, pastries, and cash donations are needed.
- ◆ Please arrive at the church at 6:30 am
- ◆ See Mary Bonner or Pastor Sam with questions

Youth Ministry

May Schedule:

Sundays:

Sunday School @ 9:15 am

Wednesdays:

@ 6:00 pm (not meeting 5/22 or 5/29)

Sunday, May 5

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 12

Baccalaureate Sunday



Fun News!

The Lances have been working the game show circuit again. If you are interested, you can watch Wheel of Fortune on Monday, May 6 at 6:30 pm. It is Grandparent/Grandkid Week. Karla and her oldest grandchild Braylon will be on that night. Watch and see if luck strikes for a third time.

EXPERIENCE & SPEND TIME WITH GOD

The Upper Room Books

The May/June issues of *The Upper Room* are in the Narthex and office. If you need one delivered, please contact the church office.

As a spiritual discipline, consider praying for those on our prayer list and praying for each person on their birthday (and couple on their anniversary).

Prayer Concerns of the Past Month

3/31 Ruth & Johnny Hayes (sister and brother-in-law of Ilene Hogan's friend Mary Gentry); Jim Champion; Debbie Nance (stepmother of Jerry Nance)

4/7 Joyce Ingerson; Amanda Brown (friend of Judith Nance); Savannah Billett; Irene Dennett (friend of Karla Lance); Lake Cormorant band travels; Susan Dunn

4/14 Bill & Margaret Russell; Vince & Rita Cavallo; Lucas Williams

4/21 Clarice Hellums; Roseanne Lyles (friend of the Clinkenbeards)

In Sympathy

Vernon Gordon (father of Alena Cushman); Horn Lake Middle School; MPD officer Joseph McKinney; Kevin Horne (uncle of Heather Clinkenbeard)

Joys

Birth of Walker David Pounders (son of Matt & Katie Pounders and grandson of Nancy Pounders) on 3/27; Fun Easter egg hunt on 3/30; beautiful Easter Sunrise service at Horn Lake UMC; successful Community Yard Sale; Savannah Billett does not need surgery on her foot

3rd Annual Prayer Retreat

"A Day Away"

You are invited to attend the Senatobia District Prayer Retreat held on May 10-11. It will be held at St. Columba Episcopal Camp and Retreat Center in Memphis. Please call Maples Memorial UMC (662-895-2279) to register.

Greetings from the Finance Committee

In Kids for Christ, we are in the middle of teaching the Ten Commandments. This is a Finance article -no mistake- so keep reading. A few weeks back our Power Verse was "You must worship the Lord your God and serve only Him." Luke 4:8. In the lesson we addressed different idols: Idol of Sports, Idol of Me, Idol of Entertainment, Idol of Laziness, and Idol of Popularity. As a grown-up the two that struck home with me were "Idol of Me" and "Idol of Laziness". Maybe yours are different, maybe not. But how often do we choose to do what we want in life, what's best for us, what makes us shine. Or maybe it's the laziness that gets you and you choose to do nothing. As a Christian, a disciple, we should be imitating the life of Christ. Do we see a reflection of Christ when we look in the mirror or when we look at how we live our life? When joining the church, God's family, we each vow to support the ministries with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Do you? Are you? How is that going for you? By praying more, showing up for worship more, giving more, volunteering more, and telling others of Jesus and His love more we are serving Him. We all can improve in those areas, I'm sure. The question is, do you want to? I hope the answer is YES! Let's be as driven and devoted as Paul was when he was delivering God's message. Let's all be God's servants and live out our purpose for being. Let 2024 be the year we choose God over self in all aspects of our lives.

God's Blessings for you,

Karla Lance

May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Sunday Morning Schedule:</u> Joy Class 9:15 am Caring Peeps 9:15 am Youth Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:15 am Choir 11:30 am</p>			<p>1 Kids for Christ 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study in-person & zoom 6:00 pm</p>	<p>2 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 ★ Jerry Nance</p>
<p>5 Confirmation Sunday</p>	<p>6 ★ Drew McGee Teacher Appreciation Breakfast at Lake Cormorant Elementary</p>	<p>7 ★ Malachi Hill</p>	<p>8 📍 Darryl & Mary Bonner Kids for Christ 6:00 pm Youth 6:00 pm Adult Bible Study in-person & zoom 6:00 pm</p>	<p>9 Pack & Pray @ 10:00 am</p>	<p>10 ★ Shelby Walker 📍 Wally & Aline Turner Senatobia District Prayer Retreat at St. Columba</p>	<p>11 ★ Keifer Baker 📍 James & Taylor Williams <i>Engagement Blessing for Natalia & David @ 3:00 pm at 1st Baptist Memphis</i></p>
<p>12 Ascension Sunday, Baccalaureate Sunday, and Mother's Day Potluck following worship</p>	<p>13 ★ Anna Williams</p>	<p>14 ★ Braxton Patrick</p>	<p>15 End of Semester Celebration 6:00 pm—8:00 pm</p>	<p>16 ★ John Hogan</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 📍 Jim & Anna Holland</p>
<p>19 PENTECOST 📍 Randy & Karla Lance</p>	<p>20 ★ Derek Nelson</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 ★ Bill Russell</p>
<p>26 Trinity Sunday</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day Church Office Closed ★ Stacey Schingle</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 📍 Jimmy & Heather Cavallo</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 ★ Cheryl Tyler</p>	