

# The Beacon

May 2018

## UMW NEWS



UMW will meet May 8 at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. Coffee will be served by Iva Smith and Pat Pittman. The program will be given by Connie Dalton.

On Tuesday, May 15 and 22 at 9:30am, we will again be making strawberry jam. We can use donations of pint jars, lids (flats and rings), sure jell and sugar. The Evening Circle will be making jam on Saturday May 19 at 8:30am. All help will be accepted!

Evening Circle will meet on May 21 at 7pm at the church. Celene Duley will have the program, Diana Ladd will bring snacks and Laurie Leadley will do the devotion.

Please join us -  
Carol Kemper

## *Couples Night*

We had so much fun at the Ekstrands in April. Good food, fun games and, most of all, great fellowship.

May will be hosted by Steve and Nancy Davis at the church. Keep your eyes out for sign-up sheets for food to bring along and to RSVP for the evening. Pastor David and Linda are in charge of devotions. I know the Davis' will have something fun in store for us!

Hope to see you there!

Amazed...

There are so many amazing things associated with Camp Big Sky. Yes, there is a lot to do and sometimes it's hard to keep up with everything that's going on. But, what really amazes me is the challenges people face whether mentally or physically, they keep trying their best and are determined to attempt new things with a smile on their face. Camp Big Sky and their amazing caring volunteers give people the option to enjoy outdoor activities where they might not otherwise have the chance.

Then there are the amazing people who support the camp with food and supplies and showing up to help on a workday, which in turn helps the camp continue to serve people in outdoor activities with a smile.

In May, we have a family that has made a reservation to camp overnight. The mother is so excited. You see she used to camp with her family but an accident put her in a wheelchair and their camping trips stopped. This May she will be able to camp again with her family because of Camp Big Sky.

We are so grateful for the support of the church and the amazing people who care.

Thank you,  
Karla Kane  
Camp Director



Greetings Church Family in the name of Jesus Christ.

I want to share this story I came across, because I had a similar experience a few years ago and had the same reflection. One day last summer, I was on my way to lunch when I drove by a house that was having a rummage sale. Even though I did not stop for the sale, I could not help but notice the display closest to the street – what caught my eye was a table filled with old trophies that were now for sale on someone's driveway.

I had to wonder why anyone would be interested in purchasing a used trophy. What could they possibly do with it? The trophies for sale probably had the name of the recipient engraved on it, along with a brief description of their meritorious actions. Who would want to put someone else's trophy on their mantle? Later, I began to wonder why the seller wanted to get rid of their old trophies in the first place. I am sure that at one time those trophies held a lot of value, or at least some emotional attachment. Trophies usually signify some accomplishment -- they serve to remind us of some success in our business or personal life. Maybe a bowling trophy loses its luster when one stops bowling. That trophy from a winning high school football season might not seem as important thirty years later when your own children are in college. What we value today might wind up in the trash or on a table at a rummage sale tomorrow.

The truth of the matter is that there is nothing in this life we can carry with us into the next. The trinkets and knick-knacks we treasure here on earth will be of no value in eternity (that even includes my collection of Star Wars stuff and antique radios). This being so, it makes one wonder why we spend so much time acquiring earthly possessions, but so little time preparing for the life which is to come.

Our worship of God on the earth is rehearsal for eternity. Worship is what we will do in Heaven FOREVER! I imagine those that do not worship regularly- They most likely will not know what to do there, if they even get there. Now suppose you gained all that this world has to offer -- what would you really have? A handful of tinsel? Jesus told His disciples: "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matt.16:24-26).

It concerns me as a follower of Christ and even as a pastor that our lives can be so focused on the temporal things that we lose sight of the Lord... The main thing should always be the main thing! Yes, be proud of your trophies and accomplishments, you worked and trained hard for them, just don't forget the Lord. Rehearsal for eternity starts when you worship, and worship with your church family.

Blessings - PD.

## Upcoming Sermon Series



**May 6, 2018**

**Message:** Seas of Life: Go Where They Are

**Text:** Luke 5: 1 - 11

**Theme:** Faith/Obedience/Witness

**May 13, 2018**

**Message:** Seas of Life: Trust in Uncertain Waters

**Text:** Philippians 2: 3 - 5

**Theme:** Trust/Compassion/Love

**May 20, 2018**

**Message:** Seas of Life: A Promise in a Storm

**Text:** Acts 27: 12 - 16

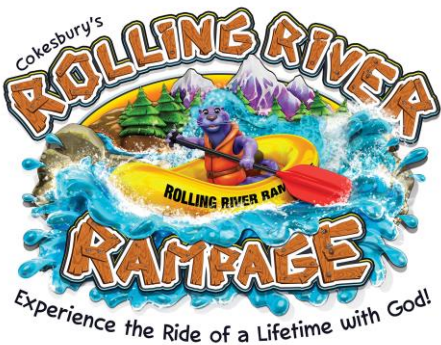
**Theme:** Promise/Protection/Help from God

**May 27, 2018**

**Message:** Seas of Life: I Don't Want This

**Text:** Jonah 4: 5 - 11

**Theme:** Provision/Protection/Gratitude



Wow! We are excited about VBS this year! The music is great, the stories are AWESOME, the crafts/science are cool and games are crazy! PD has so many ideas to transform the church into an outdoor adventure land! The dates are Saturday, July 21 for pre-K and July 22 – 26 for K – 6 so mark your calendars!

We could still use volunteers for Crew leaders, decorating, crafts, storytellers and games. If you would like to help, talk to Denise Hayes or Pastor David.

Online registration has already begun for both volunteers and “rafters” is available on the website, [www.elmwoodumc.com](http://www.elmwoodumc.com). It's not too early to register!!

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

### MAY

2	Gayla Taylor
5	Richard & Sherry Powers Anniversary
6	Lavonne Rushing
6	Chris Stevens
8	Heidi Ennis
9	Allie Crisco
11	Allie Johnston
12	Dean & Sandy Cantu
13	Deanna Cantu
13	Margie Clark
13	Curtis Smith
16	Danny Bowhay
17	Erik Davis
18	Greg & Marla Holloway Anniversary
19	Anthony Gasparovich
19	Austin Miller
19	Aleah Miller
19	Jackson Webel
20	Mike & Jenni Case Anniversary
22	Lucas Johnson
24	Margot Duval
24	Michelle Forrest
24	Kelli Miller
25	Steve Davis
25	Jeremy & Denise Dalton Anniversary

### Looking for Gardeners!

Spring is coming, believe it or not! It will be time to clean up the church's flower gardens to prepare for spring. I would love to have a team of flower lovers who would be willing to help me maintain the landscaping this summer. This will include a day of mulching, weeding and of course planting those pink petunias. Throughout the summer, there will be watering and dead heading to keep those beauties thriving. It would be great to have a team of people who can help when needed. Please call or email me: 678 -9586 or [gtaylor5409@gmail.com](mailto:gtaylor5409@gmail.com)

Thanks, Gayla Taylor



## SERVING ON GOD'S TEAM

### 9 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

May 6, 2018

GREETERS: Laurie Leadley/Mary Drone  
USHERS: Gerri Pettit/Lawrence Kane  
LITURGIST: Curtis Smith  
ACOLYTES: Megan Johnson/Katie German  
VIDEO: Aaron Miller  
MUSICIANS: New Day Worship Team  
NURSERY: Karla/Sara Kane  
COMMUNION: Connie Johnston/Michelle Forrest  
COFFEE BAR: Need Volunteer

May 13, 2018

GREETERS: Janet Vallas/Jennifer Wilson  
USHERS: Doug Whitney/Rusty Koll  
LITURGIST: Cathy Ekstrand  
ACOLYTES: Faith Foster/Ashlynn McFarland  
VIDEO: Chuck Stevens  
MUSICIANS: Closer To Free  
NURSERY: Lexi/Ellie Claerhout  
COFFEE BAR: Jr. & Sr. High

May 20, 2018

GREETERS: Curtis/Doreen Smith  
USHERS: Roland/Jared Ekstrand  
LITURGIST: Doreen Smith  
ACOLYTES: Baron Case/Lee Kosowski  
VIDEO: Kent Stevens  
MUSICIANS: New Day Worship Team  
NURSERY: Janelle Schrodts/Abi Davis  
COFFEE BAR: Need Volunteer

May 27, 2018

GREETERS: Veva Windish/Sherry Powers  
USHERS: Kent/Georgia Stevens  
LITURGIST: Don Forrest  
ACOLYTES: Addi Powers/Cassidy Case  
VIDEO: Jason Hahn  
MUSICIANS: TBA  
NURSERY: Megan Perryman/Laurie Leadley  
COFFEE BAR: Need Volunteer

## SERVING ON GOD'S TEAM

### 10:30 A.M. Worship Service

May 6, 2018

GREETERS: Charlotte Haley/Charlotte Booth  
USHERS: Tom Morse/Bob Paige  
LITURGIST: Chris Stevens  
ACOLYTES: Megan Johnson/Katie German  
ORGANIST: Bobbi Staples  
NURSERY: Laurie Leadley/Emily Schauble  
COUNTERS: Kanes

May 13, 2018

GREETERS: Karen Prouty/Joanne Endres  
USHERS: Chris Stevens/Mary Nell Simpson  
LITURGIST: Nancy Davis  
ACOLYTES: Faith Foster/Ashlynn McFarland  
PIANIST: Charlotte Booth  
NURSERY: Angie Ladd/Alix Steele  
COUNTERS: Alana Parm/Celene Duley

May 20, 2018

GREETERS: Diane Malott/Winifred Horney  
USHERS: Nancy Davis/Mary Howard  
LITURGIST: Celene Duley  
ACOLYTES: Baron Case/Lee Kosowski  
PIANIST: Kris Petermeyer  
NURSERY: Celene Duley/Alana Parm  
COUNTERS: Ruth Arnold/Diana Ladd

May 27, 2018

GREETERS: Meade/Betty Montgomery  
USHERS: Chuck/Connie Johnston  
LITURGIST: Janet Mottaz  
ACOLYTES: Addi Powers/Cassidy Case  
ORGANIST: Bobbi Staples  
NURSERY: Nancy Davis/Michala Schauble  
COUNTERS: Kanes

