
THE CIRCUIT WRITER



Sunday Service

Service times

8 am Worship
9 am Adult Sunday School
10 am with Children's Church

Beloved people of God, grace and peace from Above be with you and your loved ones! Here we are again, in our journey together, on the fifth month of the Gregorian calendar, with 31 days. May marks the peak of spring in the Northern Hemisphere and autumn in the Southern Hemisphere. The name of this month, was named after the Roman goddess of fertility and growth, Maia. Therefore, this month symbolizes rejuvenation, new beginnings, potential, and agricultural abundance. Beloved people of God, based on the above findings about this month of May, among many aspects of the significance of this month, I would like to emphasize the following: Rejuvenation, new beginnings and abundance.

In the Bible, rejuvenation is primarily a spiritual process of renewal, restoration, and revitalization. These three concepts are crucial in the understanding of John Wesley's need of continuing to grow towards the likeness of God in perfection. We are called to both look back, where we were, in our faith journey to discover what we missed, as well as to look where we are, to understand what pleases God in our lives, or what we need to reinforce in order to continue being in peace with God. The last stage in this process, includes, also the need to look forward and plan ahead what we need to do and how are we going to do what pleases God!

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The Bible shows us that rejuvenation is not just about physical youth but about a divine exchange where human weakness is replaced by God's strength. God is not yet done with us, as long as we live. He engages us in the process of being "born again" or made into a new creation through Christ, as we hear His word and abide to live according to His commands, in a newness of life. Through His Holy Spirit, God also refreshes our daily life, as He forgives our daily trespasses and abide in us. All this allows us to see the importance of being made a new each and every day in order to be in peace with God and live lives that pleases His mighty name. As the nature breathes new spring of life we ought to be an example of newness of life also for one another and the community that witnesses our faith journey. I have selected five scripture passages that can help us to look back and forward in our lives, assured that God expects the best in all that we are and do. I recommend reading these scripture passages in their fulness, that is to say, the whole given chapter, so that we can have a clear meaning of what a given verse is telling us. The selected scriptures for the month are the following:

1. Isaiah 40:31, assures us that those who "wait for the Lord" will have their strength renewed, allowing them to "mount up with wings like eagles" without growing weary.
2. Psalm 103:5, declares that God satisfies a person with good things so that their "youth is renewed like the eagle's."
3. Psalm 51:10 it is a plea for spiritual rejuvenation through a "clean heart" and "right spirit."
4. Romans 12:2, commands believers to be "transformed by renewal of mind" preventing that way conformity to the world.
5. 2 Corinthians 4:16, shows us that while the physical body may waste away, the "inner self is being renewed day by day."

In our weekly reflection, during this month of May, we will be using the above Scripture passages for our profound reflection, so that we can accompany the spirit of renewal that this month represents. Beloved people of God, allow me to end here by wishing each and everyone of you a blessed and renewing month ahead of us, as I urge you: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (I Corinthians 15:58 NIV)

Yours in Christ Jesus,
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This Month Events



**Church Council
Meeting, May 5th
6:30 pm**

May 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship followed by Communion Fellowship Meal	4 Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	5 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting	6 ZUMBA Cub Scouts	7 3:30 pm Prayer Shawl 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team	8	9
10 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	11 Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	12 3:30 pm United Women in Faith	13 ZUMBA 3 pm GFWC Cub Scouts	14 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team	15	16
17 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Contemporary Worship	18 Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	19 6:30 pm Historical Society	20 ZUMBA Cub Scouts	21 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team	22	23
24 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	25 Memorial Day Holiday	26 6 pm Boy Scouts Leader meeting	27 ZUMBA Cub Scouts	28 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team	29	30
31 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship						



- 2 Dot Miles
- 3 Sarah Herman
- 6 Shirley Lindsey
- 13 Penny Segessenman
- 14 Joanne Bennett
- 14 Jenna Young
- 18 Patty Hughes
- 22 Ethan Molyneaux
- 24 Bill Bean
- 26 John Bennett
- 30 Ross Holland

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The Deadline for the June
newsletter will be
Wednesday, May 20th

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

In May our UWF group has been invited to go to the Alpha Fire House for a Tour with the GFWC. The Tour is on May 13 at 3:30 p.m. We will be given a tour by Justin Myers, the Captain of Alpha. Come join us.

REMINDER MESSAGE FROM ALPHA Fire Company

We received another message from the Fire Department complaining about folks parking in the designated Fire Department spaces next to the alley. They are asking us to remind everyone that the first 8 or so spaces from King Street down, that are diagonal and have the fire department only signs are STRICTLY FOR FIRE PERSONNEL ONLY! We only have 5 spaces from the water tower up that we are allowed to use. We can use the parking lot in the back of the fire department if all our spots are full but we are asked to not park in the first row closest to their building. Please pass this on to anyone who might attend our church for any event (Day or Night).

Jan. 1, - Mar. 31 2026 Financial Report

\$29,686.57 - General Operating Fund Receipts, Interest, Misc. & Fund Raising Income.

\$14,678.00 - **Plus** monies received for Funds for Specific Purposes – These monies include gifts to Maintenance & Repairs, Memorials, Missions (Hungry for More), Kitchen Maintenance, Choir Music, Cemetery Fund, Etc.

\$44,364.57 - **Total Available**

\$63,613.18 - **Less** Expenses (Supplies, Salaries, Utilities, Shares of Min., Improve., Ins., etc.)

(\$19,248.61) - Net amount that each Fund Balance increased or (decreased).

Current Balance in **General Operating Fund** is **\$65,981.33**.

Current Balance in **Funds for Specific Purposes** is **\$14,703.86**.

Additionally, this year you have generously given **\$775.00** to the **Matsimbe family in Mozambique** who were victims of flood, **\$675** to **BCUMC family members** in need, and **\$2,430.00** to the **United Methodist Church in Mozambique** for the construction of their church and parsonage. The \$2,430 was a combination of funds given both from the church and outside sources for Pastor's African dinner fundraiser.

If you have any questions, please ask a member of your finance team – Chairperson: Yvonne Davis, Treasurer: Michelle Johnson or Financial Secretary: Joanne Bennett

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