



First United Methodist Church

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Happenings

May 2021



Pastor's Paragraphs

I don't know about you, but I continue to feel discombobulated. We are still in this liminal time; a time when we are in between. What will be the "new normal" is not clear yet, but we have already gotten through a major hurdle of the pandemic (pre-vaccine). As more and more of us get vaccinated, it feels safer to be out and about. But as we know, we are not nearly there. Large gatherings are still not allowed and we still need to be mindful of our travel as new strains of COVID develop.

This means we as individuals, a nation and a world continue to be in a time of great stress. A recent article I read in The New York Times spoke about the term "languishing." It is this state of "blah" we find ourselves in; we're not severely depressed, but we certainly aren't feeling our best. It's hard to get motivated; we find ourselves unsure of what to do. I often lose track of what day it is and continue to grieve the loss of what was. Sometimes I wonder how long we'll have to wear masks and how long it will be before we can travel anywhere and not be concerned.

At the same time, it's Spring and it's beautiful outside. We have a robin that has built her nest on the eave near our front door and it has four beautiful eggs in it. My tulips and bushes are blooming and I've cut my first asparagus of the season. The days are much longer and I'm getting plenty of natural Vitamin D! But then I hear about more police shootings across the country and the horrific numbers of deaths due to COVID in India and I just want to crawl into a cave.

Life is challenging right now. That is a fact. And yet, God is good. All the time! As we continue on this roller coaster of emotions and unknowns, we are guaranteed of God's presence and love. I felt it yesterday as I watched a video of my niece's band concert. It was outside on the school playground. They were sitting in chairs six feet apart. But they did it! It made me smile. Last Saturday, the ordination of new clergy, which was originally scheduled to be last June, in-person, was held via livestream. There wasn't as much pomp and circumstance because of the limited numbers and lack of music, but seeing the joy of those ordained and the ways local congregations celebrated these individuals with drive-thru receptions and signs, was fabulous!

We are in a liminal time. We are being called to get creative and try things we never have before. But God has given us incredible minds and hearts and infuses us with Holy Spirit power to continue ministry in Jesus' name. Do not despair! We walk by faith!!

Blessings,
Pastor Jenny

God's Masterpiece*by Herbert Farnham*

God took the fragrance of a flower,
 The majesty of a tree,
 The gentleness of morning dew,
 The calm of a quiet sea.

The beauty of the twilight hour,
 The soul of a starry night,
 The laughter of a rippling brook,
 The grace of a bird in flight.

Then God fashioned from these things,
 A creation like no other,
 And when his masterpiece was through,
 He called it simply - Mother.

Source: <https://www.homemade-gifts-made-easy.com/christian-mothers-day-poems.html#long>

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

5 — Sharon Butler
 6 — Diana Carls
 10 — Jamie Hall
 10 — Kevin Aves
 12 — Louise Myelle
 16 — Greg Hay
 22 — Lorene Finkle
 24 — Alisha Ross
 26 — Mark Way
 28 — Emilea Bramm
 29 — Lilian Robertson

**MAY CALENDAR**

May 2	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
May 3	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
May 4	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	Lutheran Church
May 9	Worship/Mother's Day	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
May 10	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
May 11	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	Lutheran Church
	Knitting Ministry	1 to 3 pm	Church
May 16	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
May 17	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
May 18	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	Lutheran Church
May 23	Worship	10:00 am	In Person, FB Live & Zoom
May 24	AA	8:00 pm	Basement
May 25	Food Pantry	12 to 2 pm	Lutheran Church
	Knitting Ministry	1 to 3 pm	Church
May 27	Trustees Meeting	6:30 pm	Meeting Room & Zoom



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Food Pantry May 2021

Tues. May 4.....12:00-2:00 pm

Tues. May 11.....12:00-2:00 pm

Tues. May 18.....12:00-2:00 pm

Tues. May 25.....12:00-2:00 pm

*Please see update on guidelines
on page 6 of the newsletter*

If special help is required, please call
815-885-4035.

Food Pantry Report for the month of
March

71 Families served

264 Persons served, 90 were Children

Please keep this schedule



Morning Worship

We are worshipping in person, and online via Facebook Live and Zoom, Sundays at 10 am. Please contact Pastor Jenny for the zoom link, 630-803-3491

RETIREMENT CENTER AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Beverly Ester.....New Address
10000 W. Gallagher Way
Yorktown, IN 47396

Bill Byers.....Wesley Willows



•Ty Turner

•The family of Thelma Klock upon her death.

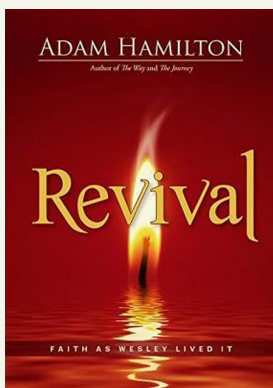
Worshipping Together in May

We continue our series based on Adam Hamilton's book,
Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today.
 Join us every Sunday at 10 am in person or on-line.

****We have returned to in-person with a limit of 50 people.****
All worship services will be in person and also live-streamed on our Facebook Page as well on Zoom. The worship service is then posted to our YouTube channel.

May 2	Words of Life	Exodus 20:12
	Honor your father and mother	
May 9	Words of Life	Exodus 20:13-14
	Do not kill. Do not commit adultery	
May 16	Words of Life	Exodus 20: 15-16
	Do not kill. Do not testify falsely against your neighbor	
May 23	Words of Life	Exodus 20:17
Pentecost	You shall not covet...	

Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It



We begin another series based on a book by Rev. Adam Hamilton. We will travel to England in our minds as we visit the various places Methodist founder John Wesley spent his life and ministry. The word "revival," is "based on the Latin re-vivere, [which] means to reinvigorate, to restore to life, to become strong and healthy after a period of decline, to renew or revitalize." (from the introduction) As we crawl out of this pandemic, we are most certainly in need of revival. So join me as we revisit the beginnings of our denomination and the revival it inspired.

You are invited to purchase the book to follow along with the series. It is available from Amazon and Cokesbury.

May 30 Precursors to Revival Revelation 2: 1a, 2a, 4-5a

Missions for April
Mission Sunday, May 9, 2021



The Mission Committee is meeting on May 3rd at 9:00 am at the church meeting room to select the missions going forward for the year from the new NIC Conference booklet we've just received entitled "Living the Beatitudes". May missions will be announced during the May 9th church service and in Pastor Jenny's Saturday email with the Sunday service information.

Thank You!!

We continue to give thanks to Marion Collins and Connie Worden for the work they do not only in the Memorial Garden, but on the grounds around the church building. This photo is a bench on the west side of the building that now has fresh mulch around it.

Photo Credit: Connie Worden



The Men's Group and the boy Scouts will be doing roadside clean-up on May 8th. They will meet at the church at 9 am.

A BIG Thank you from Pastor Jenny!

I want to give a shout out to several folks who have been so faithful in worship leadership and behind the scenes over the last several months (and year). It takes a lot of effort to make sure we are following COVID protocols and have worship actually come together. Clare Hay has done an amazing job wearing multiple hats--taking attendance, overseeing the offering plate, doing AV about every third Sunday and uploading the worship service to YouTube each week. Clare also set up our on-line giving when the pandemic began. This is all behind the scenes work that is very important.

In addition, Larry Worden has been serving as liturgist every week, Hannah and Diane lead the music, Peter Bramm opens the building, does some final sanitizing, and fills in the gaps (lighting candles, ringing the bell); and Matthew Eaton has been running the video for Facebook Live. Linda Johnson has taken attendance when she is up north and Bret Collins and Lyndsay Myers run the AV with Clare. And of course Jamie, in the office, prepares the Power Point slides each week, and Ana keeps the church clean and sanitized. Finally, our offering counters organized by Judy Prindiville deserve our thanks as well.

One more person that deserves our appreciation is Vicki Maveus. Vicki gets the church's mail and is our Treasurer. Even when the building was closed Vicki was there to make sure the bills were paid which kept the lights on, the heat going and all those important things. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone. So many people have stepped up at various times to offer their time and energy and I am so very grateful. I know we aren't out of the woods of the pandemic yet, but I wanted to make sure everyone was aware of those who have kept the wheels turning.

Giving

It might be easy to forget our offering during this time of worshipping virtually. Our congregation appreciates all of your financial gifts, especially during this challenging time. Don't forget to either mail your pledge or donation to the church or give on-line via PayPal. You may support the continued ministry of the Kirkland United Methodist

Church with a monetary gift using this link :

paypal.me/KirklandUMCOffering

—OR— visit our website at kirklandumc.org



Updates to the Food Pantry.

Hours will be every Tuesday from 12 to 2 pm, including last Tuesday of the month.

Please read updated guidelines below.

Please call First Lutheran Church regarding information about the clothing closet

Kirkland Food Pantry

We plan to allow clients to go inside beginning June 16, 2020 so people can make their own choices of available products.

Our guidelines will be as follows:

- One person per household allowed
- Limit of 3 clients at a time allowed inside
- Everyone entering will need to wear a mask at all times
- Practice social distancing of 6 ft. as much as possible
- You may bring your own bags to use as you pack them yourself
- Please point to the meat product you select. Try to pre-select other items before removing them from shelves
- We have a limited supply of many items. **Please follow the limit signs!**
- If you do not feel comfortable coming inside and would like food brought to your car, let us know. We will have prepackaged food available

We want to serve everyone. If you have special needs, please call 815-522-3886.

Other Ways to Support Kirkland UMC!

Support KUMC When You Shop Amazon!

- *Follow this link to Amazon Smiles:*

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-3263652>

- *Do your normal shopping.*
- *A percentage of the total will be donated to KUMC!*



Shop other retailers through the UMC Market. Visit <https://umcmarket.org> and create a login selecting *First UMC of Kirkland* as your designated ministry. Select the retailer of your choice and you will be redirected to their website. It's as simple as that! Donation percentages vary by retailer and there is a wide range of retailers to choose from.



Enroll your Schnucks loyalty card to begin sending donations to the Kirkland UMC when you buy your groceries. Visit <http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/schnucks/index.jsp> to sign up. You can find the church in the Organization search by zip code or our group id is 500009733.



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