

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 28, 2024

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS: 1 John 4: 7-21

***HYMN** "Abide With Me" UMH 700 V. 1-3

WELCOME Pastor Scott Clawson

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Women’s Ministries, United Women in Faith- Circle of Friends and LIFT, Prayer Chain: Patty Robinson and Marilyn Fritz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.

We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.

When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear the fruit of Love.

We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.

Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another. Amen

***HYMN** "I Need Thee Every Hour" UMH 397 V. 1-3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & THE LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN** "I Need Thee Every Hour" UMH 397 V. 4-5

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15: 1-8

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Interconnected" Pastor Scott Clawson

***HYMN** "What Wondrous Love Is This" UMH 292

BENEDICTION Pastor Scott Clawson

Branches of the Vine, go from this place blessed by Love to work in love **with our family, our friends, our neighbors, and strangers who will become friends, bearing the fruit of the life-giving Vine as we cultivate abundant life wherever we go. Amen**

POSTLUDE "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

9:30AM WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: Ryan Robbins

Lay Reader: Joanne Robbins

Usher/Greeters: Robbins Family

11AM WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolyte: Kasey Barboza

Lay Reader: Marilyn Fritz

Usher/Greeters: Geary Family

**NMUMC by the Numbers
April 21, 2024**

8:15AM: 17 9:30AM: 29

11:00AM: 50 Online: 13

Children’s Sunday School: 24

Adult Sunday School: 5

Total Offering: \$6,917.00

Regular Offering: \$3,781.00*

Building Rental: \$300.00

Fundraiser Expense Donation: \$400.00

Hope 4 Kids: \$500.00

Mission Trip, Puerto Rico: \$1,936.00

**Regular Offering Needed to Meet Weekly Budget: \$5,060.68*

Church Meetings This Week

Monday, April 29: 9:30 Choir Practice – 7PM – Sanctuary

Tuesday, April 30: Scripture to Life – 10AM – Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 1: Wed Night Bible Study – 7PM - Zoom

Sat. May 4: Men’s Breakfast – 8AM- Schoolhouse

Sat. May 4: Disciple Bible Study – 10AM- Ed Building Kitchen

Hope4Kids will be packing our final food packs of the 2023-2024 school year on Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00PM in the Schoolhouse--PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE. We will be packing for 5 weeks for over 100 students, so all help is welcome and appreciated. We hope to see you there!

Volunteer Need: The Hope4Kids packing leader, Dan, is unable to commit to continuing his role this coming fall. The responsibilities of this position include: leading the monthly packings, arriving early on packing day to prepare the food for packing, counting out individual items for each week’s packing, and take monthly inventory of the items in storage. The responsibilities are not difficult, but they do require a time commitment. Packings are normally held the second Tuesday of every month during the school year. We have had High School leaders in previous years, service hours can be arranged. Training will be available. Contact Christi Renken if you are interested.

540-742-4024.

Young Women's Bible Study: Kate Wright and Joanne Robbins are starting a new fellowship group for women to participate in Bible study and to discuss being a Mom to young kids and teens, professional life, and all things Taylor Swift (just kidding). Please come for support, fellowship, and snacks. Text Kate (301-606-6248) or email (kwright1410@gmail.com) if you are interested and we will pick a date for our first meeting.

Daily Devotions Starting 4/29

Monday (4/29)- Acts 10:44-48

Do you hold prejudices as to who is worthy to be baptized in our society? Why or why not?

Tuesday (4/30)- Psalm 98

It is important to remember the biblical meaning of "remembered" in the scriptures. It was not like God had forgotten to be faithful or loving when we see "remembered" in the scriptures: it means that God actively participates in God's creation. What kind of joy does that bring to you?

Wednesday (5/1)- Acts 1:1-11

Is there a deeper meaning to verse 6? Could Jesus be telling the disciples, and us, to spread His love to our closest neighbors (Jerusalem), to our closest enemies, (Samaria for the Israelites), and into the great unknown- people we have not met yet, (to the ends of the world)? What does this mean for your own discipleship?

Thursday (5/2)- Psalm 93

Thank God for all the things he has provided us through God's creation.

Friday (5/3)- 1 John 5:1-6

How do we show love when we obey God's commands? How can this love conquer the world?

Saturday (5/4)- John 15:9-17

Does verse 12 sum up the entire will of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to you that Jesus has chosen you and not the other way around?

Sunday (5/5)- Worship in person or online.

Notes:

