

MAY 2024

## THE GOOD WORD

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Where did the time go? It feels like April just got here, and it is already May. April was so busy with concerts, fundraisers, and other events, but May is a month filled with preparation as we approach summer. It's also a month with events that connect us with the larger workings of the United Methodist Church.

The last week of April into the first week of May, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church gathers to vote on important matters to the denomination. Three of those matters include regionalization to make a structural change to the denomination; revising the social principles to include greater emphasis on human rights and diversity; and establishing a budget for the entire denomination. These are just some highlights of the critical work done at the General Conference. I encourage you to look it up online to find out what changes have or have not occurred.

The other Conferencing event will take place soon in the Annual Conference for the Baltimore-Washington Conference. This event will directly impact local churches like us as they will vote and consider local redistricting measures, budgets, and other essential matters. It is also where decisions approved by the General Conference must be voted on and ratified by annual conferences. I will be attending it again in Baltimore this year, but you can also keep up to date through the conference website when it becomes available.

These events may seem distant and disconnected from us locally, but I assure you they will eventually make a connectional impact on local churches. If you have ever wondered how big decisions get made in our denomination, you must pay attention to the General Conference and how the process carries on to annual conferences.

But if denominational politics and operations aren't your cup of tea, that's okay. Plenty will be happening here at Taylorsville as we prepare for VBC in June. There is still plenty to do as we build sets, prepare lessons, and organize to meet a new group of children and families soon. If May is anything like April, June will be here before you know it.

Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."

**Pastor Josh**

BE STILL, AND KNOW  
THAT I AM GOD: I WILL  
BE EXALTED AMONG THE  
HEATHEN, I WILL BE  
EXALTED IN THE EARTH.  
PSALMS 46:10 KJV





MAY BIRTHDAYS

3	Jen Cox	11	Devin Flagler
4	Debra Gillen	23	Vicky Patterson
7	Michelle Manco	24	Bill Bean
9	Kaitlyn Flagler	30	Tim Manco

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

6	Allen & Sarah Bean
21	Sam & Anna Grimes

If your Birthday or Anniversary is not listed in the Newsletter, please let the office know.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**  
**USHERS/GREETERS**  
 May - Hearl Wright & Sam Grimes  
**READER**  
 May - Dee Haines  
 \*Let Office know if you can help\*

**No Breakfast in May due to Church Clean-up.**

**JUNE**  
 Newsletter Deadline is:  
**May 23**

**Collecting for May:**  
 Pasta, spaghetti sauce,  
 canned fruits,  
 shampoos, conditioners  
 \*The net will take any non-perishable items

New on-line giving through our website. Go to: <https://taylorsvilleumc.org/>

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**

**Prayer**

- Pray for General & Annual Conferences
- Friend of Anna & Sam, Katie-34 weeks pregnant, baby will be delivered Thursday, then radiation and surgery for rare form of cancer
- Family of Stephen Dlugos who passed away suddenly
- Pray for Rev. Bud Kibbe's family on his passing
- Susan Maring's cousin, Debbie Scott, passed away, pray for her family
- Josh's friend, Gail-bone cancer & Bill-had gall bladder removed-they need prayers
- Monty's nephew, going home from heart transplant, pray for continued healing
- Josh's mom, Debbie, home, pray for rest and healing
- Carl's brother needs prayer
- Bryan Smith has brain aneurysm, surgery to be scheduled
- Debra's brother, Jeff, with pulmonary fibrosis, on oxygen, getting worse
- Taylor's daughter, Michelle needs prayers for all medical issues to be resolved
- Karen Franklin in rehab from ankle surgery
- Josh's pastor friend needs prayer
- Chris's cousin serving overseas in Navy
- Pray for the homeless near and far
- Linda Cole, continued prayers for healing
- Sue's cousin, Steve-started new chemotherapy for pancreas cancer
- Sharon's niece, Jackie Eyer-surgery
- Bonnie's great-niece, Micah-leukemia
- Those that are sick with COVID, other illnesses
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones
- Taylorville UMC
- The United Methodist Church
- Pray for our Country
- Pray for our World, Peace
- Prayers for Ukraine, Israel
- For those in assisted living facilities, and employees. Our member in assisted living is Betty Carey-Lorien, Taneytown



***Prayers for Service Persons***

Sean Grimes

(U S Navy-Tampa)

Thank you for your service Sean!!



**Joys**

- Beautiful weather
- Flowers blooming
- Planning starting on VBC
- Sharon Franklin had 2 great-grandboys born same day
- Steve fixed picnic table, trimmed tree, sprayed for bees

**We want to keep our prayer list as up to date as possible. Please let the office know if there is a prayer request that we have missed or one we need to take off the list. Thank you for your help with this.**



## Scripture Readings and Sermon Titles this **MAY**

### **May 5, 2024: 6th Sunday of Easter, Communion Sunday**

I John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17  
Sermon Title: "Lessons on Relationship"

### **May 12, 2024: Ascension of The Lord, Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26, John 17:6-19  
Sermon Title: "Ah Sending"

### **May 19, 2024: Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-21, John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15  
Sermon Title: "The Spirit Gives Ability"

### **May 26, 2024: Trinity Sunday, Peace with Justice Sunday**

Isaiah 6:1-8, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-12  
Sermon Title: "Encountering God"

# ALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP



**Saturday  
May 4  
9 AM to Noon  
Lunch provided**

## **Attention all Volunteers!**

**Meeting Monday, May 6, 2024, 7:00PM  
Come share your thoughts and ideas!**

**Vacation Bible Camp June 24 – 27, 2024**



**5:45 - 8:00 PM – Light Dinner, Singing, Bible story, games, crafts.**

**Registration is now open at:  
[www.myvbs.org/taylorsville](http://www.myvbs.org/taylorsville)**



**Save the Date!**

The Christmas bazaar will be on **Saturday, November 9th!**  
Mark your calendar!!  
Just 6 months away!



**Save the Date!**

**Thursday, May 23**

Field Trip to 24/7

Prayer Room, Frederick

**\*More information to come**



## Adult Sunday School Class in Basement - Fellowship Hall ~ 9:00 a.m. Contact: Dee

In May we investigate the spiritual benefits of having faith in Christ. Some of the recipients of Paul's New Testament letters were of Jewish heritage. For this reason, his writings frequently contrast a person's keeping of the Law of Moses with a person's faith in Christ.

Paul argues that people do not receive justification through keeping the Law of Moses. Instead, justification and righteousness come through faith. As an example, it was Abraham's faith, not his actions, that were counted to him as righteousness.

A person can have faith after they hear the good news of Christ. Believers enter the community of God's people by confessing sin and believing that Jesus is Lord. As a result, believers can rejoice! Because of our faith in Christ, we celebrate a relationship of peace with God. We were once adversaries of God, but by our faith, we have received the ultimate benefit: becoming children of God. This new identity is good news for all who would believe.

We meet on Sunday mornings at 9 in the social hall. We invite you to join us.

## Adult Sunday School Class 8:50 a.m.-Ed. Bldg. Contacts: Steve Novick/Jeff Taylor

Group meets in the house at 8:55AM. Zoom is available if you cannot meet in person.

## Podcast News from Jeff Taylor

The **TaylorsvilleUMC** webpage now has a section dedicated to podcasts produced by our church.

This page can be reached through the following link: <https://taylorsvilleumc.org/podcasts>  
It also has a menu item at the top of the home page. <https://taylorsvilleumc.org>

On it you will find three different playlists. A playlist is a group of podcasts related by subject matter.

You simply click on the displayed video to access all videos in the playlist.

The first playlist is a collection of Pastor Josh's weekly sermons called "Just Preach Jesus".

The second is a collection of our 9:00 am *Sunday school* class discussions currently centered on Jewish/Christian Reflections on the Lord's Prayer.

The third is a collection of podcasts by me on various topics regarding religion, theology, and history.

A fourth playlist was added early in March that contains the six Lenten study Zoom sessions for the Easter season.

These podcasts are not just for members of our church but are designed to appeal to the wider community.

So please feel free to talk about them and share the links with anyone you feel may be interested.

This is all part of **TaylorsvilleUMC's** plan to grow our on-line congregation.



2024

Office Hours  
M, W, TH  
9:00AM-2:30PM



TAYLORSVILLE UMC

**Mt. Airy Net**  
Collecting: pasta,  
spaghetti sauce,  
canned fruits,  
shampoos,  
conditioner

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>5 Mission Giving Sunday</b> 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	<b>6 7:00PM</b> VBC Meeting	<b>7 6:30PM</b> Fast Track Study	<b>1 6:30PM</b> Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 9:00AM to 1:00PM</b> Work Day
<b>12 Mother's Day</b> 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	<b>13</b>	<b>14 6:30PM</b> Fast Track Study	<b>8 6:30PM</b> Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>19 Pentecost Sunday - Wear Red</b> 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	<b>20 7:00PM</b> Council	<b>21 6:30PM</b> Fast Track Study	<b>22 6:30PM</b> Choir	<b>23 UWIF Field</b> trip-more in- formation to come <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Deadline</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26 Trinity Sunday</b> 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00AM Worship- Facebook live/website	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29 6:30PM</b> Choir	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Pray for Annual Conference



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**Our Mission of Purpose**

We of Taylorville UMC are a community of faith who believe in Jesus Christ and who value Bible study, prayer, mission and growing in discipleship. We will connect with our unchurched neighbors through small groups that present opportunities to share our faith and worship God together.

**We're on the Web!**  
[www.taylorvilleumc.org](http://www.taylorvilleumc.org)



**HOPE TO SEE YOU IN  
CHURCH THIS MONTH**

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