

May 2021

THE GOOD WORD

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The Story of Christian Symbols told by Taylorville UMC Stained Glass Windows

Window Seven – The Dove



The inset of a Dove from stained glass window in the sanctuary.

Can you think of a better symbol to write about in May, with the celebration of Pentecost, other than the Dove? The reason I say this is because the dove symbol is most often associated with the Holy Spirit. What is Pentecost in Christianity? It is celebrated on the 50th day after the resurrection of Jesus and is the day the disciples received the Holy Spirit, as well as people from all over the world who were in Jerusalem to celebrate a Jewish feast. The receipt of the Holy Spirit came from a powerful wind and tongues of fire.

The second most common representation of the dove in Christianity is associated with the sacrament of baptism. This became obvious when we read about the baptism of Jesus. Most of us have seen an image of the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus like a dove during His baptism. Did you know that over 3000 people were baptized at the first Pentecost, which is why that day is known as the birthday of the Christian church.

Of all the symbols I have researched for the articles related to our stained glass windows, the dove may have the most definition in Christianity symbolism. I have already mentioned the Holy Spirit and baptism but look how many more are on the list below:

Dove Symbolizes: Purity

Dove Symbolizes: Innocence

Dove Symbolizes: Devotion

Dove Symbolizes: Holiness

Dove Symbolizes: The Arrival of Spring

Dove Symbolizes: Beauty

Dove Symbolizes: Peace

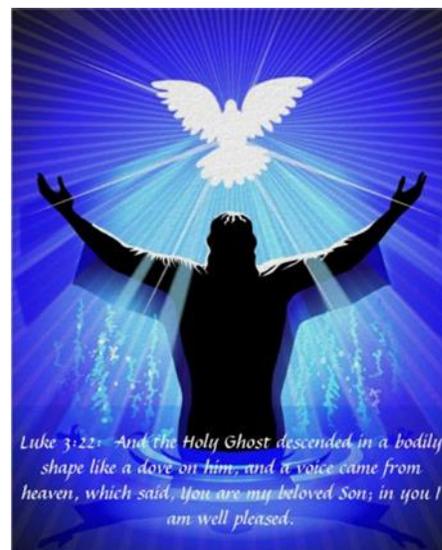
Dove Symbolizes: Christians (believers)

Other meanings: gentleness and affection, doves will not fight or retaliate when their nest is attacked, but they do cry in distress.

Even the feathers on a dove have meaning. The dove has 9 main feathers on both the right and left sides, these equate to the 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit and the 9 attributes of the fruits of the Spirit. Also, the wings point to the head and not the tail of the dove, and the Holy Spirit always points to Christ as head of the church.



Can you see the dove in the Pentecost flame as the Holy Spirit descends on the disciples?



Luke 3:22: And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove on him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased.

I could go on and on relating information about the dove image but I am running out of space. Thank you, again, ancestors, for your wonderful choice of the dove symbol.

*Enjoy the May flowers,
brought on by those April
showers –*

Pastor Patty



Next Church Council meeting is Monday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM in Social Hall. Details will be emailed out to the council members.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Pastor Patty Robinson	23 Vicky Patterson
3 Jen Cox	24 Bill Bean
7 Michelle Manco	25 Kim Gorsuch
7 Michael Logue	26 Wendy Squires
11 Devin Flagler	29 Steve Bittner
15 Gary Young	30 Tim Manco
19 Kaitlyn Flagler	

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

June Newsletter
Deadline is: **May 21st**

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

6 Allan and Sarah Bean
11 Joe and Karen Keenan
21 Sam and Anna Grimes

May & June Upper Rooms are in the back of the sanctuary and on the bench in front of the Education Building.

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



For May we are Collecting:

Toiletries: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste

You can drop off items to the church office Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM.
(The Net will take any items you are willing to donate.)



*Lifting Our Hearts In...
Prayer*



- Jeff & Debra's grandson, Broadus-tests
- Jeff & Debra's daughter, Michelle, healing from knee surgery
- Cindy Thornton's son, Luke, has COVID
- Sue Maring's cousin, Debbie Scott, brain stimulation for Parkinson's
- Melinda's father, George Duvall-heart attack
- Jeff & Debra's niece, Polly-seizure, undergoing tests
- Pastor Patty's friend, Brenda Lawson-biopsy
- Lisa's friend/co-worker, Valinda-cancer
- Friend of Eileen's daughter, twin pregnancy-lost one twin
- Jeff & Debra's niece, Becky, facing several surgeries for cancerous tumors
- Jean - arthritis
- Glenda's friend, Vickie-healing from heart surgery
- Vivian - knee surgery May 5th
- Bruce- home healing after heart transplant
- Brenda Eaton-health deteriorating
- Karen - battling cancer
- Claudette Brown, friend of Sharon Franklin, facing cancer treatments after diagnosis
- Trent-friend of Karen & Jim-rehab
- Workers, teachers, students hybrid & online learning
- Lynda Arnold—health issues
- Sherry Fisher, Cindy Thornton's friend-lung cancer
- Those grieving the loss of loved ones during this time
- Sandi Mennerick's friend-Michelle C.-cancer
- All suffering from COVID-19, and for their loved ones and a cure for virus
- Those in healthcare & National Guard who are on the frontline of testing & treatment
- Loved ones who are sick, having surgery, or about to give birth, family members are not allowed in the hospitals now, which adds to anxiety & a sense of loss to all these situations.
- For those in assisted living facilities, those with loved ones in assisted living who are unable to visit them and employees who have extra responsibilities to love and care for these folks during this time when they are extra vulnerable. Our members in assisted living are Bud Kibbe, Brenda Eaton, and Robert Wilson.
- Taylorsville UMC
- The United Methodist Church

Praise

- Answered prayers
- Volunteers that make this church great
- The beauty of flowers and trees during spring
- Rain that makes things grow

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.

A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord we pray for all **MOTHERS**
 Beautiful and wonderful they fill the earth
 Gracious in Your call they carry life
 In a bond of love they bring forth a child.



We ask You to bless all **MOTHERS** today
 May they feel the joys of motherhood everyday
 In all their struggles giving us a livelihood
 May Your **LOVE** and **COMPASSION** be with them for good.

May every **MOTHER** feel today
 The pride and beauty of a family they bear
 Through all pain and sorrow Lord deliver them
 In Your **STRENGTH** and **GRACE** may they always stay.
AMEN!

Read full Prayer at christianstt.com

Prayers for Service Persons

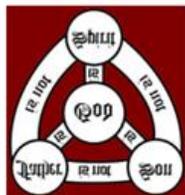
Bryan Cinnamond (Army National Guard-Middle East)
 Sean Grimes (U S Navy-Bahrain)
 Thank you for your service Bryan & Sean!!



Our sanctuary will be open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Sermon Series for May 2021

May is an amazing month for worship as we move from Resurrection to Ascension, Pentecost and receiving the Holy Spirit and finally Trinity Sunday. All of these Sundays of worship are complimented by two very special celebrations, Mother's Day and Memorial Day, which meld with the theme of honoring, not only our savior and creator, but women who have nurtured us and those who gave their lives to protect us.



May 2nd: Fifth Sunday of Easter - Abide in Me – Living the Resurrection – Acts 8: 26-40

May 9th: Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day – No Greater Love– Living the Resurrection – Acts 10: 44-48

May 16th: Seventh Sunday of Easter – Ascension Sunday - We are Yours – Living the Resurrection – Acts 1: 1-11

May 23rd: Pentecost – Spirit Poured Out – When the Spirit Moves – Acts 2: 1-21

May 30th: Trinity Sunday and Memorial Day Weekend – Born of the Spirit – When the Spirit Moves – Roman 8: 12-17



Adult Sunday School Class ~ 9:00 a.m. in the Ed. Bldg. or on Zoom

The class is studying Wesley & Methodism.

All are welcome to join us.

Contact Jeff Taylor if you have questions.

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

In May we continue our look at the prophets of the Old Testament era. At the center of the prophetic message is a call to repentance and change and we will be focusing on the necessity and possibility of these. Micah and Jeremiah courageously spoke truth to powerful individuals who were unwilling to acknowledge and act on the truth. A positive response to a prophetic message on the part of a most unlikely audience – the wicked non-Israelite city of Nineveh - puts the lie to the old contention that the God of the Old Testament was solely a God of wrath. The prophet Isaiah denounces Judah as a people who “come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me” (Isaiah 29:13). Nevertheless, the prophet anticipates a transformation that will come when the Lord acts to change the people, a change likened to the deaf hearing and the blind seeing. Ezekiel declares that the path to such a transformation begins in repentance.

We invite you to join us at 9 each Sunday morning as we study these lessons.



May 4th, 7:00 PM-Cyber Security

In light of the recent hacks of the church email account, we will be holding a cyber security training for all who are interested. During this training we will go through a PowerPoint presentation covering the various tactics used to fraudulently obtain personal information, how to identify these tactics, and how to protect against them. The training will be held on May 4th from 7-8:00 PM at the church as well as over Zoom.

CPR Training Deferred

If this was a normal year, it would be time to schedule TUMC's biennial CPR and AED training. Unfortunately, due to the Pandemic, the training has been placed on hold. Based on an email conversation with our trainer, we will revisit the situation in the Fall.





Pastor Patty will be out of the office visiting with friends in Ohio from **May 17-21, 2021**.

(I know I was just gone two weeks ago – bad planning in a very busy month!)

Please feel free to contact Pastor Patty by email - pastorpatty70@gmail.com or call - (240) 441-1170 with general church issues or questions.

In case of an emergency situation contact

Rev. Dr. Jenny Smith

from Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church

She can be reached by phone at 410-795-2777 or

email jsmith@wesleyfreedom.org

Thank you all for your kind consideration with your traveling pastor!

Mission Team UPDATE



*Missions
Helping Hands to
Heal Hearts*

The Mission Team will be supporting the UMCOR request for **Cleaning Buckets**. Below is a list of articles that go in the buckets, with very specific descriptions. The actual buckets will be purchased by the Mission team and we plan on filling a total of 10. Your donations can be dropped off at the church during regular office hours or brought to church on Sunday. If you have questions, please contact the church or Vivian Overholtzer.

16 oz. bottle of liquid dish soap	Air freshener – pump, gel or solid	5 scouring pads (no stainless steel or pads with soap in them)
scrub brush	32 oz bottle liquid laundry detergent	50 clothes pins
18 cleaning towels (reusable wipes)	household cleaner, 16 oz. bottle (no spray)	Clothes line, 100 ft - cotton or plastic
5 packs KN95 masks	Work gloves - leather or cotton with leather palm	Insect repellent pump spray, 6-14 oz.
Latex kitchen cleaning gloves - 2 pairs per bucket	24-bag roll of heavy-duty trash bags - 33-45 gallon (Remove roll from box before placing in bucket.)	

Little Believers Activity Packets

Drive up to the Blue box in front of the church and pick up an activity packet for your favorite little believer.

We would love to have someone help with planning activities/crafts for the packets. Let the church office know if you can help.





We are holding a yard sale on **May 15th, 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** If you are interested in having a table to sell items, contact Sandy or Hearl. (This is open to church members, family and friends). This event will be held outside.

TAYLORSVILLE UMC LOGO CONTEST

I have another idea and it came about because I want to have a T-Shirt and Sweat Shirt sale, as a fundraiser for the church. I would like the shirts to be worn at community events, like the Bazaar and VBC to communicate who we are as a church. However, if you are going to buy a TUMC shirt, it needs more than just our name on the front and/or back. It needs to have a personality and a message. Therefore, we open up to everyone in the church the opportunity to create a logo for TUMC. The logo should incorporate some points taken from our mission statement, which is terrible for me to say, but I am not sure what our mission statement is. We have our philosophy on the website but that is way too long to include on a shirt.

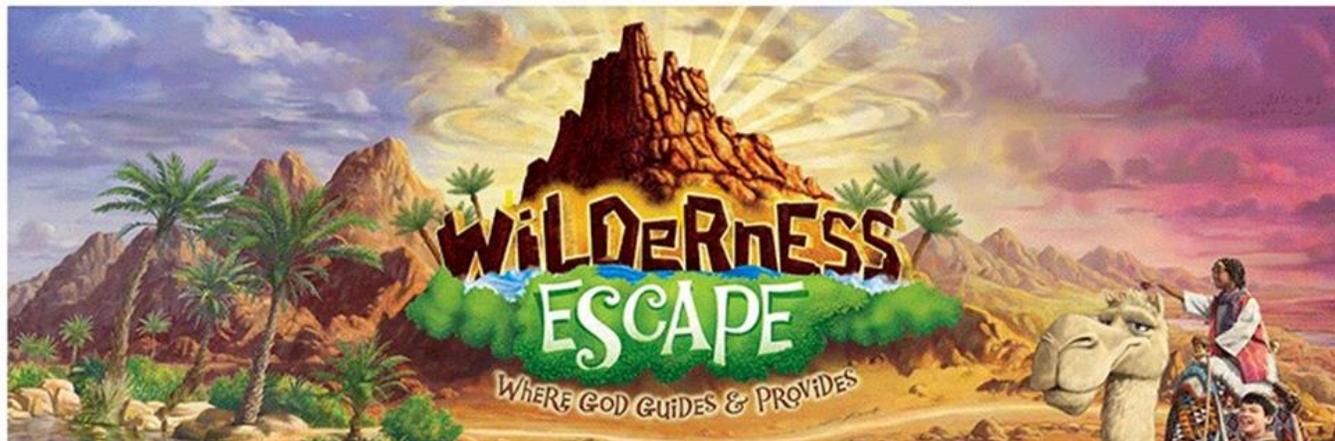
Even if the shirt sale does not happen, a logo for our stationary, website and any other marketing opportunities will make us stand out. I created a version of a logo for our VBC site, (see below) but I am not a graphic designer, so this was a quick and easy effort. Please submit your ideas to the church email by **May 17th**, so we can publish the winner in the June newsletter. I am going to give a prize, just not sure what it will be right now. So come on folks, get creative and have fun with this. --- Pastor Patty



Our faith community
welcomes you and
your family.

Join Us!

Grow in your
understanding of
who God is and what
God is doing in our
community



Taylorsville United Methodist Church
2021 Vacation Bible Camp
WILDERNESS ESCAPE

DATE: JULY 26, TO JULY 30, 2021

TIME: 6:00 P.M. TO APPROXIMATELY 8:00 P.M.

AGES: 3 - 11 (Preschool to 5th grade)

Get your summer planning started! Register starting now at the link below, which supports VBC campers and volunteers. Select the appropriate button (s), in the lower left portion of the page.

Questions? – Please contact us by phone or email



<https://www.myvbs.org/TAYLORSVILLEUMC/>

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2021

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours M, W, TH 9:00AM-2:30PM						I
2 Kathy preaching 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Facebook live/website	3 7:00 PM Council Mtg- social hall	4 7:00 PM Cyber Security Mtg-church/zoom	5 7:00 PM VBC Mtg - Zoom	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day COMMUNION 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Facebook live/ website	10	11	12	13 7:00 PM Worship Mtg	14	15 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM Yard Sale
16 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Facebook live/website	17 Submit Logo contest suggestions Pastor Patty Vacation	18 Pastor Patty Vacation	19 Pastor Patty Vacation	20 Pastor Patty Vacation	21 June Newsletter Deadline Pastor Patty Vacation	22
23 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Facebook live/website	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9:00AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Facebook live/website	31					Emails/calls will be sent about meeting locations

April 24th, 2021



Dirty



All Cleaned Up!!



Very dirty portable



Like brand new



New paint



Organized basement



Clean/Organized Shed

**CHURCH
WORKDAY**





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Our Mission of Purpose

We of Taylorsville 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!
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