



TRINITY UMC

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FROM THE PASTOR

TURN TRADITIONAL PRACTICES INTO
GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

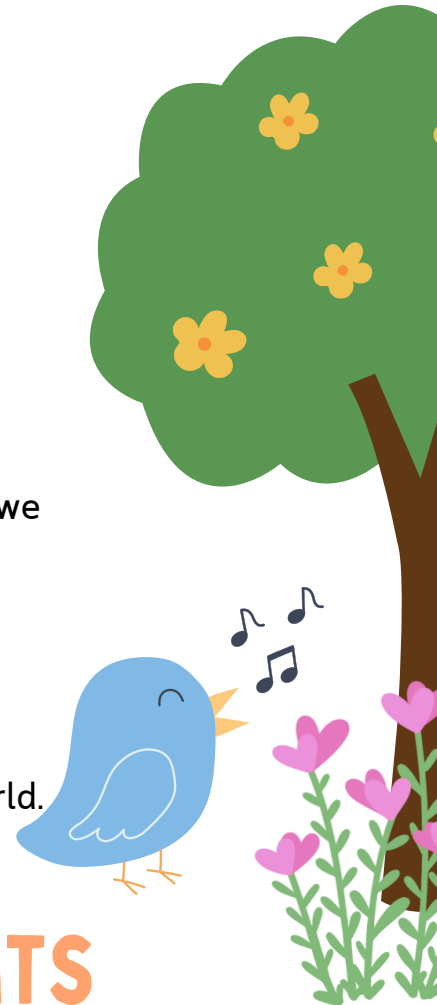
The month of May is full of Traditional Church Celebrations and Remembrances as well as additional modern recognitions. This list comes from the Official United Methodist Calendar.

Any day in May can be Older Adult Recognition Day on which we remember the important contributions that older adults have and continue to make in our communities.

May 1 Fellowship Day for the United Women in Faith.

10 Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home honors the mother's role in the Christian family, the community and world.

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- 17 Ascension Sunday A celebration of the Ascension of Jesus from Earth and returning to Heaven as witnessed by His disciples.
- 24 Heritage Sunday A call to the church to remember the past by committing itself to God's continuing call.
- 24 Aldersgate Day is when we remember John Wesley's experience of the assurance of his salvation by God's grace on May 24, 1738 in a meeting room on Aldersgate Street in London.
- 24 Day of Pentecost Often referred to as the Birthday of the Church, it was during the second big Jewish Festival and pertained to the early harvest. It is the day that the Holy Spirit "pounced" on the 120 followers of Jesus gathered in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. The Holy Spirit filled each one with power and spiritual gifts & God's very presence so that they went from hiding to boldly, publically proclaiming God's mighty acts of salvation. Peter preached and over 3,000 persons joined the church that very day. This same Holy Spirit is present in those who love Jesus to this day.
- 31 Trinity Sunday ...and the hits just keep coming! On this Sunday we honor the Unity of the true God---One God in three persons--Father, Son and Holy Spirit. A truly blessed and wonderful mystery.

What will be important as we remember and celebrate these persons/events is that they are occasions for us to take in how God has moved mightily in people just like us: imperfect people, loved, called, gifted and sent to accomplish more than we could imagine, precisely because is with us and in us---right here in Huxley!

Let this May be a life-changing time whether you're older or younger.

In His love and by His grace, Pastor Bobb

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The last day of Sunday School will be May 17th. Sunday School will resume in the Fall. We hope you have a great summer!

Young Disciple time during worship will continue during the summer.



COUNCIL NOTES



APRIL 8, 2026, COUNCIL NOTES

A huge THANK YOU goes to those who attended our congregational meeting April 12, 2026, and to the NOW committee for providing wonderful refreshments and childcare. The CAT survey has launched and will be open until May 3 rd . Thank you for letting us hear from you and for participating in the survey.

Our spring calendar includes the May 9 th garage, bake sale, and lunch. Please put your garage sale donations in the sanctuary furnace room as soon as you can and plan to volunteer. Large items are welcome Friday May 8 th . See the NOW committee report for more garage sale details and calendar events. A spring cleanup day will be announced soon.

Insurance comparisons are in progress with the goal of best coverage for lowest premiums.

Fellowship Hall exterior door will be replaced when weather permits. Narthex bathroom updates will be starting soon creating two family bathrooms with one being handicap accessible.

Pastor finished the Bishop's Bible study. Pastor was pleased with Holy Week services and appreciated everyone's involvement. He completed the Pastoral Appraisal form and SPRC will complete theirs to meet the May 1 deadline.

Summer Meal Program is in the fundraising stage and will begin June 2. Watch for ways to help and support families in need.

Memorial committee is getting landscaping bids for repairs and updates to the area extending from main entrance to Fellowship Hall entrance and along the Fellowship Hall exterior.

Account balances as of April 8, 2026, include checking-\$5,051. 57, Trustees-\$6,069.96, Memorial-\$17,782.20, and Heifer project-\$152.23. Year-to-date, \$2,600 more has been taken in than spent. We have paid half of 2026 apportionments. Starting April 2026, \$200 per month will go from general fund to the Trustees account for funds supporting ongoing building maintenance.

As always, bring your suggestions and questions to a council member so we can plan with your input in mind.



NOW COMMITTEE INFORMATION



- Our Noisy Offering and Brown Bag collections will take place on May 24th. We are getting close to meeting our goal of \$250.00 for a Family Solar Kit.
- The selected Mission Focus for May/June is in support of the Charlie's Angels Cystic Fibrosis project to collect items for Blank Children's Hospital. ---See below for list of items you can donate.
- Our May Social Dinner location will be at "Sweet Caroline's" (yes, like the song) in Ames, Downtown, at 6:00 pm on May 28th. You can sign-up at the church or send a note to the church office to add your name to the list.
- May 31st will be the next Did You Know Sunday. Let us know if there is something that should be announced.
- On-going projects: Plastic bag collection for sleeping mats, stuffed animals, school supplies, personal hygiene items for the Clothes Pantry, yarn for baby blankets and paper tubes (toilet paper/paper towels) for the Trinity Kids Mission Project.
- We will resume collecting cans and bottles soon. A camp scholarship is being provided to Josh Weber with some of the funds made from this project.

Ø The May 9th Garage Sale, Bake Sale and Lunch is right-around-the corner. Items can be brought to the church and placed in the furnace room behind the Sanctuary. No clothes please, and large items can be brought in on Friday, May 8th. Sign-up sheets for workers or items needed for lunch are on the clip board. The church will be open on Friday if you need to drop off Bake Sale or Garage Sale items.

Ø June 7th will be our "Welcome Summer" TUM FUN celebration. Watch for more information.

****We will be collecting the following items in May and June which can be dropped off on the table outside of the Pastor's office.**

Art Supplies: colors, coloring books including teenage books, colored pencils, sketchpads, pencils

Small Lego kits for boys and girls that can be put together and played with while in bed

Books for all ages from board books to young adults

Play dough and play dough sets

UNO games and playing cards

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NOW COMMITTEE INFORMATION continued



PJ's for boys and girls in all sizes. Prefer cotton for easier laundering.**

**Because these items are going to a hospital they need to be new for disease and germ control.

Garage Sale Info: We plan to participate in the city-wide garage sale on Saturday, May 9th. It will take many hands to make this fundraiser a success. Please sign up on the attached sheet if you can help during any of the listed times.

The plan is to also have a bake sale and serve a small lunch consisting of walking tacos, hot dogs, a bar/cookie and drink. Bake sale items can be dropped off at the church on Friday (5/8), or have them at the church by 7:30 am Saturday (5/9) in order for them to be priced.

If you have items you would like to donate to the garage sale, please bring them to the church and leave them in the furnace room behind the sanctuary. We will not be taking clothing items. Larger items cannot be dropped off until Friday, May 8th. You do not need to price items unless you feel a value needs to be put on it. If you have a particular item that needs to be advertised please let us know soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeannie (515-231-8083) or Nicki (515-460-2968).

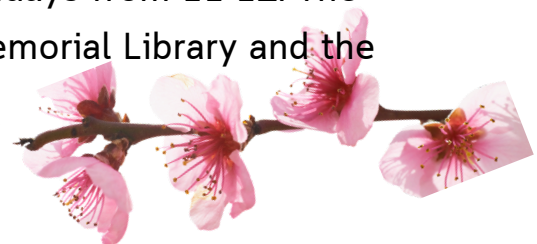
Many thanks to everyone for your support of the NOW Committee projects and events. We welcome your comments and suggestions as we continue to plan activities in the coming months.

BALLARD SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

The Ballard Summer Meal Program is gearing up for the 2026 Summer season. We are in the fund-raising stage and have started contacting our sponsors from last year and looking for new sponsors to help grow the program.

We are also looking for assistance in the inventory management and menu prepping area. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping with those functions it would be greatly appreciated.

The meals will be made and distributed on Tuesday and Fridays from 11-12. The distribution sites will be Ballard Middle School, Cambridge Memorial Library and the Slater Senior Center. Continued on page 6



BALLARD SUMMER MEAL

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There is no cost for the meals. The program is open to all school age children in the Ballard School District.

Do you know of any children in Ballard that would benefit from this program, or if you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer or your high schoolers need service hours let us know and we would be happy to put you to work. Contact Kathy Parmenter, Eileen Lewis or email ballardsummermealprogram@gmail.com.

CAT SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who attended the Congregational Meeting on April 12, 2026. We hope that you had all of your questions answered and that you found the meeting helpful.

During the meeting we announced that we were doing a survey and needed your help in completing the survey. We would like to have everyone who is part of our congregation complete the survey. It doesn't matter if you are a registered member here or if you just enjoying coming to church here, we would like you to complete the survey. Everyone in the household ages 13 and older can fill out the survey. There are paper copies available at church, or you can complete it online by following this link or scanning the QR code.

Here is the link to your Congregation Assessment Tool:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TUMCHUXLEY>

This survey will help the church council verify that we are meeting the needs of everyone in our congregation.

If you have questions about the survey or want more information, please contact one of the church council members. The Council members are Craig Henry, Loa Christiansen, Bryan Purdy, Kathy Parmenter, Jay Weeks, Nicki McCrady, Tracy Weber. Doug Brown, Cheryle Harmon, Jeannie Henry and Pastor Bobb Barrick.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Summer is knocking on the proverbial door. Here is a snapshot of things to put on your summer calendar.

May 9 Garage Sale

June 12-14 Cambridge Jubilee Days

May 10 Mother's Day

June 21 Father's Day

May 25 Memorial Day

July 3-4 Slater's July 4th Celebration

May 28 Trinity Social Dinner

August 28-30 Prairie Fest

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO LEFT US TOO SOON.

We remember you in the quiet light of morning, when the world is just waking and for a split second everything feels the way it used to.

We remember you in the middle of busy afternoons, when something small– a laugh, a phrase, a familiar habit– suddenly brings you rushing back.

We remember you at night, when the house is still and our thoughts grow louder. When we look at the stars and wonder which one shines a little brighter because of you.

A song can carry you to us. A place can hold your footsteps. A scent can open a door to a moment we would give anything to step into again. You are woven into our days in ways we never expected.

In the recipes we still cook. In the stories we still tell. In the traditions we refuse to let fade. Time has moved forward, but love has not moved on. It has simply changed its shape.

It lives in the tears that still fall without warning. It lives in the smiles that come when we speak your name. It lives in the strength we didn't know we had until we had to carry you inside our hearts instead of beside us.

You may have left this world, but you did not leave us. You are in our mornings. In our nights. In every song, every memory, every quiet prayer.

Always remembered. Always loved. Always with us.



cherry blossom
 morning glory
 forget me not
 babys breath
 snapdragon
 buttercup
 hollyhock
 amaryllis
 carnation
 sunflower
 sweet pea
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 hibiscus
 lavender
 petunia
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