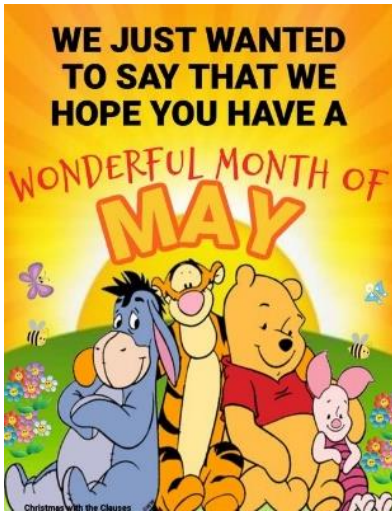


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Ponderings by Pastor JoEllyn....

April showers, bring May flowers. Look outside and see the beautiful gifts God has given us. The green grass fighting for its right to grace the ground for a few warm months. The various flowers poking up their heads with hopeful anticipation that this time, maybe this time, the snow will take a Spring and Summer vacation allowing these beauties to thrive. The sun is shining and giving the warmth needed for creation to continue and at the same time inspire our lives.

I have just returned from one of many Mission Work Trips taking place right now and into the summer, at Epworth Forest Camping Facility in North Webster, Indiana.

For three days volunteers from LaPorte First United Methodist, Door Village United Methodist, and Rolling

Prairie United Methodist Church painted inside the cabins getting them ready for summer campers. These cabins will house several youths. These youth will be exposed to the wonders of nature, the unity of Christian fellowship, and the Love of Jesus Christ.

Joining me were Gretchen, Sherry, Grace, friend Makynleigh, Grant, and friend Corbin. Camp weeks always give us time to renew friendships; Sherry even re-connected with Sue, a friend from her youth.

I have spent many hours at this wonderful facility while attending Epworth Forest Choir School, so during my almost two-day mission trip, I was able to walk the campus and reminisce. Many stories are shared about this Godly place, a place where so many have given their hearts to Our Savior, Jesus Christ. "The Call" to serve in leadership has happened, right there in North Webster, Indiana.

Please pray for the future of Epworth Forest Camping and Conference Center.....this is one place I know that God reveals himself.

Lord, I lift up the United Methodist Church and all who serve in any way to further Your kingdom. May the work being done in our Rolling Prairie United Methodist Church impact and guide hearts and souls to Salvation.

May Your love start here and spread to the ends of the earth and beyond.

We see the blessings that are growing outside, You see the blessings that are growing inside each of us. We thank You for that growth. Amen.

Praying You Through,

Pastor JoEllyn

Bette's Bits & Bytes:

Caregiver's lives are so very: stressful, exhausting, frustrating, fill in any other adjective that is appropriate, especially the longer time goes on...

Many of us are now or have been in this role, not by choice but because of unforeseen circumstances & necessity.

We go into it with a head full of steam, energy, optimism, but as it continues, our batteries become drained, can't seem to find the jumper cables thus can no longer be jump started...

Our loved ones are tired of not feeling well, held captive at home for long periods of time and they may become grumpy and then you too find yourself growling back... Sometimes baring teeth....

There are many in our church, Fathers, Mothers, Daughters, Granddaughters, Wives, Husbands, Sisters, Brothers, Grandmothers, Grandfathers, Aunts, Uncles, all doing what they can filling this not so coveted or wanted role...

I was thrust into the role of caregiver 8 years ago, May 2013, when Dave

suffered a brain aneurysm. It was challenging, to say the least and life forever changed...

God got us through it, although sometimes it wasn't real pretty... I'm sure He has shaken His head at me plenty of times...

9 months ago, Dave had knee replacement surgery, and although the knee surgery itself was probably a success, it brought on an onslaught of medical issues, one after another...

A small opening in the incision that refused to heal, which required many antibiotics, a compression fracture in his back from one of the falls, three seizures, Covid, Cellulitis, and unfortunately, has aggravated his cirrhosis of liver.

I would like to say I have responded kindly, lovingly, gracefully, all things God would be proud of me, these last 4 months especially. But alas! No! The words that fit me more often than not, are Irritated, Frustrated, Angry, Annoyed, and more... Pretty downright UGLY... 😞 Certainly not racking up many crowns to lay at the feet of Jesus when that time comes.

If you only had to be in this position for a couple weeks, or month, MAYBE you get through unscathed, but when it starts dragging into weeks, months years, I guess it starts to wear on you...

Say a prayer for all caregivers, if you know their names, whisper them into God's ear...

I recently found the prayer below and need to make my morning prayer.

A Prayer for Caregivers

Lord, help me remember,
I am doing your work.

Help me to clothe myself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness, and love. Help me to live out and embody the fruit of the Spirit showing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-

control. Enable me to see them through your eyes.

Help me to have compassion as you did and to follow your example. Ease my burden and provide times of rest and refreshment. Give me the energy necessary to fulfill my tasks.

Grant me the strength and extra grace to be able to handle things I might not normally be able to handle.

Help me not to lose my joy and give me moments of laughter.

In moments of frustration help me to be slow to anger and to refrain from letting any anger or frustration give a foothold to the devil or lead to any sin.

Comfort me as I mourn what I have lost.

Fill me up with your love so that I'm so full that your love overflows out of me—I do not have the sufficiency to pour this out of my own supply so I need YOUR supply.

Thank you for supplying all of my needs according to your riches in glory through Christ Jesus.

Help me to just be your conduit and means through which you work and help me to remember that it's you THROUGH me.

Except for Your Grace, could be me...
Forgive me, Jesus! AMEN!

My prayer for all of you in this role and your loved one, that you feel God's love, strength, comfort, and be blessed with His peace and the healing that only comes from God....

Christ's Love to you all, Shalom,

♥ Bette



We still have not resumed our monthly tradition, of coming together in fellowship. More of us are getting the vaccine and maybe soon we can get together.

Continue to Stay Vigilant, Stay Safe, & Stay Healthy.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have resumed our study by Stephen M. Miller, "A Visual Walk Through Genesis..". Exploring the Story of "How It All Began"..

CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be held in the Fellowship room, during church, where the children can be socially spaced apart...

The children are excited to be presenting a play on Noah's ark in the next couple weeks... Stay tuned for details ...

EVENTS & MEETINGS 2021



UMW Meeting

UMW Meeting Tuesday, May 11

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY FUND RAISER

Plant Sale – See Rose – Jeremy – Bette for order form & plants available...

Orders must be turned in & paid for by Friday, May 14th

Pick up is Saturday, May 22nd @ First Christian Church in Rolling from 8am-1pm

Day of pick up there will be a DRIVE THRU

Bake Sale and CAR WASH...
 Proceeds go directly to the
 Food Pantry
 Your Support will be
 greatly appreciated...

Missions & Outreach..



Thank you to those who have given
 to the Kings Club to support the
 Missions of our church.

**May Anniversaries &
 BIRTHDAYS**

May Anniversary

- 08 Dave & Virginia Bradford
- 11 Rick & Shirley Novak
- 17 Mike & Deb Harris
- 21 Robert & Grace Siford
- 25 Neal & Suzanne Syverson
- 27 Aaron & Amanda Askew
- 29 Terry & Joann Nickerson
- 30 Ben & Karen Rison

May BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Connie Smith
- 02 Morgan Phillips
- 07 Tonya Nickerson
- 07 Garret Obenchain
- 07 Shirl Sater
- 10 Jim Davis
- 10 Bette Schaefer
- 10 Kayla Witkowski
- 11 Karyn Schuck
- 14 Justin Chadwick
- 16 Arlos Scofield
- 16 Stacey Moody
- 18 Amanda Askew
- 18 Bruce Parker
- 18 Benjamin Hakes
- 18 Dawn Swanson
- 18 Dennis Masek
- 18 Steve Everingham
- 19 Troy Nickerson
- 23 Lori McCarty
- 27 C.J. Daley
- 28 Addison Broadway
- 29 Jackie Watnick
- 30 Cory Parker
- 31 Anthony Nickerson

June Anniversary

- 01 Steve & Cheryl Lenig
- 06 Mike & Gretchen Krivak
- 07 Art & Rose Lenig
- 13 Jason & Susy Lenig
- 14 Bruce & Barbara
Parker
- 18 Spike & Diane Siford
- 24 Tom & Jackie Wheatbrook
- 28 Mark & Carol Dillon Schuck
- 30 Scott & Jeannee Nordin

June Birthday

- 03 Michael Swanson
- 05 Linda Everingham
- 05 Bailey Lenig
- 06 Jason Lenig
- 08 Scott Hakes
- 09 Megan Lenig
- 11 Rick Novak
- 12 Alex Thresh
- 12 Elliot Thresh
- 16 Cheryl Lenig
- 16 Clifford Hughes
- 18 Paul Iwaszewski
- 20 Dean Tuholski
- 20 Kevin Wheatbrook
- 22 Cody Williamson
- 23 Arthur Lenig
- 24 Art Wasielewski Jr
- 25 June Lenig
- 28 Sharon Campos

May Food Pantry Needs...



Canned Tuna,
 Canned Pasta's
 (spaghetti's etc),
 Baked Beans,
 Any Jelly
 Thursdays 8 am –
 Noon

Food Pantry now open for inside
 shopping with a few restrictions...



Our April UMW
 meeting was held
 April 13,
 2021@9:30 in the
 fellowship room. It

has been wonderful to be able to get
 together after not seeing each other
 for the year of COVID! We always have
 so much to talk about and catch up
 with! We had 12 in attendance.
 We had a wonderful brunch made by
 Jean Snyder. Jean, as hostess, also said
 grace. (We surprised her with that little
 bit of information!) While we ate we
 discussed concerns of our group and
 other church people. We have so much
 to be grateful for but also have many
 to keep in our thoughts and prayers.

We read the purpose of the UMW at
 our meetings to remember our focus
 of this group. One part of that
 purpose is to develop a supportive
 fellowship. We try to keep that
 fellowship alive! We hope that we can
 grow that fellowship in the upcoming
 months now that we can begin to have
 groups together again!

Pastor JoEllyn went over chapter 2 in
 the book we are reading, Empty Out
 the Negative by Joel Osteen. Penny will
 have chapter 3 next month! Chapter 2
 was about Power Thinking. "I Can" is
 the vocabulary we should use. Through
 God we can do all things! We also sang
 "High Hopes", the song about the little
 old ant. Do you have "high hopes" or
 worry that you can't move your rubber
 tree plant? Something to think about!
 Myrna told us about the UMW prayer
 calendar. The mission focus was to
 educate people.

We made a couple additions/changes
 to our 2021 officers. Rose is filling the
 card/flower spot for the late Donna
 Cain and will also take over the vice-
 president office
 in place of Barb.

Rose had a short program on spring
 bulbs. She told us that just like the
 different kinds of flower bulbs, we are
 all different but each have uniqueness.

We all become what God intended.
 Debbie Harris went over our treasures
 report. We are good for the upcoming
 year. We will continue talks about any
 fundraisers we can do safely and when
 we are able to do them.

We talked about doing an outside picnic this summer with the group instead of a trip. We always want to include other women in the group so we are trying to figure out ways of making dates and times that might entice others to join us.

We enjoyed ourselves immensely and are looking forward to next month's meeting, May 11@9:30 am. We would love to have any women join us, young, old, or in-between.

We try to be a fun group!

We will save you a seat!!!!

Cheryl Lenig, secretary

surgery success, son Shirley/Wayne Kirkham), Bobette Elkins (health issues), Pam Dixon, (Struggling with Chemo & cancer), Evelin Hamilton (Health issues, sister Myrna Everill), Myrna Everill, (health issues), Mike McClelland (cancer esophagus – Chemo, Karen/Ben brother), John Laramore (health issues, friend Dave/Bette) Sue Laramore (Answers for pain & Health issues, friend Bette/Dave), Racheal Guss (kidney cancer, niece of friend of Karen Fitzgerald), Sharon Alger (back surgery in pain, aunt of Patty Sardeson), Eloise Bush – (heart - Surgery is not option, given 4 mo. But then God has final say in that, friend Bobette), Diane Glassman, (stress about health of her sister, Eloise, and her husband), Doris Burkus (health, friend Barb Parker) Julie Younger, (In Remission, friend Bruce & Deborah).. Leo Thieme (Rehab, father Scott Thieme) All Caregivers.... Our Nation....

RIP Casey, beloved furbaby, the Phillips Family

Please lift those our friends, & family, who wishes not to be known of their struggles at this time, either having treatments or health issues .. God knows who & what their need is... Pray for God's supernatural full dose healing power to infuse their bodies for a complete, quick, & successful treatment and healing...

If you want someone to remain on or added to prayer list, please fill out new request card or call Pastor JoEllyn (219)-363-5061 or Bette 219-778-2910



Prayer Chain If you have an emergency need or you know someone that needs prayers, Call Pastor JoEllyn or Bette and they will relay to the next person to activate the Prayer Chain.

David Armstrong – US Army – grandson-in-law of Jean Snyder...

Brennan Syverson, National Guard son Neal & Sue Syverson, Dylan Elkins Air Force brother Brandon Elkins Garrett Obenchain Air Force Reserves Son Jeremy & Stefanie Obenchain; Grandson Art & Rose Lenig Jacob Adams US Army (States) grandson Chris Adams Craig Carlson, (pilot) US Air Force son Harold & Carrie Carlson Matthew Chadwick US Army – son Lester & JoEllyn Chadwick Michael Showalter Marines, grandson Wayne & Shirley Kirkham Matthew Rompca Air Force (States) nephew Shirley & Wayne Kirkham Katelyn Williamson U S Marines Granddaughter of Jim Williamson.



Mother's Day

Excerpted from <https://www.dltk-kids.com/>



Have you ever wondered how Mother's Day got started? People started honoring Mother's a very long time ago. When it first started it was called Mothering Sunday because people celebrated it the fourth Sunday during a time called Lent. Lent is the time before Easter where people think and prepare about the Easter story and what God did for us.

Then 150 years ago a woman named Anna Jarvis, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, something she thought mothers believed in doing. She called it "Mother's Work Day."

After Anna Jarvis died, her daughter (also named Anna) wanted to honor all that her mother did. Anna heard her mother say that one day she hoped someone would make a special day just for mothers.

So Anna worked very hard and even talked to presidents and other leaders

to try to create a special day just to honor them. By 1914 (almost 100 years ago) a man named Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday.

It just so happens that Anna's mothers' favorite flower was the white carnation and that's why mothers often receive carnations on Mother's Day.

The funny thing is, Anna ended up disliking Mother's Day. She didn't want Mother's Day to be all about the expensive gifts and fancy flowers but just a day to tell your mom that you love and appreciate her. So, remember, moms don't need all that fancy stuff. Make her a nice card and treat her very special today (and everyday) and she won't need anything else.

Mothers are very special, so special that they are mentioned in the Bible. Since the Bible is like an instruction manual for us, it gives us instructions on how to treat our mother.

Do any of you know what the ten commandments are? They were rules that God gave to Moses for all of us to follow. Each commandment is very important and God gave each commandment for a reason. One of the commandments says: Honor your father and you mother, so that all may go well for you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

What does honor mean anyway? Honor can mean many things. When we listen, obey, love, appreciate, and forgive our mom that is how we honor her. That means when she asks you to do something you should do it right away without complaining.

When you show you love your mom by hugging her and telling her that you love her that's another way to honor. You can also appreciate your mom by thanking her when she does things for you (cleaning the house and your clothes, making supper, helping you, etc.).

Our mom won't be perfect all the time, we all make mistakes. So, we should forgive our moms when they make mistakes because God asks us too.

Another verse in the Bible asks us to bless our mom. It says, "Her children arise and call her blessed." Some words that describe blessed are that your mom belongs to God and we need to treat her like she's God's child. Your mom used to be a child too and she's just trying her best to help you grow and learn things. So, treat her nicely!

Another way to describe blessed is to be happy. Do you make your mom happy? I'm sure you do a lot of the time and moms can be sad because of different things sometimes too, but I don't think your mom would be happy if you didn't listen to her or disobeyed her.

The last verse we're going to talk about today says: Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. I know that sometimes you don't always want to obey your parents but its important that you obey them because it makes God happy!

One last thing. No matter how old you get your mom is your mom. Sometimes you might think that you can talk back to our parents or that you know more than them, but you don't. The Bible says to obey your parents always, not just when

you're a kid. Your parents want the best for you and know what they're talking about.

Don't forget that we also have a heavenly father that cares and loves us no matter what. So, if you don't have a mother around all the time (or even if you do) God is always there. He is there when our mother can't be.

Thank You God for our Moms! Amen



March 6, 2021 a Unique Drive Thru Baby Shower was held at church for soon to be New Mom

& Dad, Ashley & Neal Tuholski, son of Denice Tuholski and daughter of Cynthia Tucker.. Here are a few pics of the event...



On April 5, 2021 At 12:23 am Ashley & Neal were tickled pink with the arrival of their baby girl, Oaklynn.. Their home has

grown by 2 feet! 😊 Congratulations Ashley & Neal.. Happy 1st Mother's Day Ashley!!

HAVE A FABULOUS MOTHER'S DAY ALL YOU MOM'S, & GRANDMA'S

To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world...



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May 2021
Dated Material

May 9, 2021
6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98 (UMH 818)
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 16, 2021
7th Sunday in Easter
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 (UMH 781)
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

May 23, 2021
Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 2021
SCRIPTURE READINGS
From UMC Lectionary Calendar

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Church Office Hours
Mon – Wed 10.- 3
Thurs 12 - 4

Pastor JoEllyn Hours:
Tues & Thurs
12 pm – 4 p.m
Other times by
appointment

May 30, 2021
Trinity Sunday
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

June 6, 2021
2nd Sunday after Pentecost
1 Samuel 8:4-20 (11:14-15)
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35