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From the Pastor

Celebrations and Coming Home

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ!

May is a month of many things! May 5th is **Cinco de Mayo**. Originally a Mexican day of commemoration (of the victory won by the Mexican Army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862); it's far more popular now as an American celebration of Mexican-American culture in our country. While contemporary observances in Mexico tend to be more ceremonial in nature, those in America tend to include a lot of food, music, folkloric dancing, parades, and yes — battle reenactments!

Mother's Day began at St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia in 1908 as a celebration honoring the mother of the family; as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. While Congress initially rejected the idea of making it a national holiday (joking that a "mother's day" would inevitably lead to a "mother's-in-law day") the bill establishing the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day was signed in 1914.

Memorial Day (or, Decoration Day) is observed in America on the last Monday in May to remember those who died while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. Unofficially, it's also considered the beginning of the summer vacation season here in America! Neither of these should be confused with **Armed Forces Day**, which is observed on the third Saturday in May to honor those who are currently serving in the American military.

The third Sunday in May is **Heritage Sunday** in the United Methodist Church. This day calls us "to honor [our] heritage by committing [ourselves] to the continuing call of God known and spread by Charles and John Wesley, along with others the early Methodist movement reached and with whose denominations we are all joined as The United Methodist Church" (umcdiscipleship.org). The third Sunday of May was chosen for its proximity to May 24th; on which date in 1738 John Wesley experienced a "strangely warmed heart" through which "he received divine assurance of his salvation" at a Moravian Chapel on Aldersgate Street in London.

Rectortown UMC will celebrate 125 years in our current building during our **Annual Homecoming Worship Celebration** on May 19th. Doors will open at 10:00am and worship featuring guest speaker Rev. Jerry Bishop (retired) will begin at 11:00am. There will be good fellowship, good food, and good music! We hope you'll plan to attend; and that you'll bring a friend or two with you!

Grace and peace to each and everyone of you!

Pastor Steve



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Scripture of the Month

Proverbs 31:27-31

²⁷ She is vigilant over the activities of her household; she doesn't eat the food of laziness.

²⁸ Her children bless her; her husband praises her:

²⁹ "Many women act competently, but you surpass them all!"

³⁰ Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

³¹ Let her share in the results of her work; let her deeds praise her in the city gates.

Three Sistahs at RUMC



On March 30, The Three Sistahs performed for RUMC. They were invited by Muggie who had heard them sing. We were truly blessed with their beautiful voices. Afterwards we celebrated with light snacks.



May Birthdays



Anniversaries

Olivia Walker 5/7
 Ren Walker5/11
 John Stolte 5/12
 Ben Wegdam 5/13
 Roy Sisk 5/13

Vicki Willis. 5/16
 Susan Haley 5/18
 Gary Garrett.5/19
 Kenny Nalls 5/21

Roger & Linda Daniels. 5/1
 Tom & Debbie McLaughlin 5/21
 Ben & Yeshi Pisarcik 5/28

From the Board of Trustees

HELP NEEDED: Homecoming CleanUp

The Board of Trustees continues to work to make, and keep, our facilities in safe, welcoming and mission-supporting condition. If you read the recent Homecoming letter, you are aware of some of the larger projects that need physical and financial support. As these projects take a majority of the Trustees' time and funding, there is a need for assistance with some of the smaller, spring cleanup items. So, if you have an hour or two, please contact any of the Trustees for more information.

Thanks for you prayerful consideration.

RUMC Board of Trustees

RUMC at Claude Thompson Elementary



Tom McLaughlin reads aloud on Read Across America Day



Pastor Weedling adds his muscle to the boys side of Tug-of-War on Field Day



Sunrise Service at RUMC



The moon was still out!



In addition to the regular 10AM service, some early risers met me at 6:20AM in the field for the annual Sunrise Service followed by sausage gravy, biscuits, eggs and COFFEE.



Many thanks to our fellowship committee for all their hard work preparing the feast!



RUMC Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thur – May 2	7:00pm	Admin Council Meets
Sun – May 5	2:00pm	Confirmation Class
Tue – May 9	10:00am	Worship Meets
Sun – May 12	HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!	
Sun – May 19	10:00am 11:00am	Doors Open Homecoming Service Guest Speaker: Reverend Jerry Bishop (retired) After Potluck Lunch— Musical Guests: Fresta Valley Singers Slideshow of RUMC photos shown throughout the day

Every Week at RUMC

Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.

Worship for Adults and Children.
Nursery provided.

Sunday School

Adults: 8:45-9:45 a.m.

RUMC Wants to know...

If you have any photos from our events, news or recipes you'd like to share, please e-mail Laura@NatsukoGraphicDesign.com. Article submissions are due by the 15th of the month.



Our Mission Statement

Serving God through Prayer, Action, and Love through Service.