

*Welcome to
Homestead Park
United Methodist Church*



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Announcements





*Easter
Season*





Today's altar flowers
are given by

The Prayer Team

in memory of

Tom Sedlak





guest
speaker



Sunday 05/03/26

Pastor Karen Hecht



A celebratory banner for a retirement party. The background is dark with gold streamers and clusters of gold balloons on the left and right sides. The text is centered and reads: "Retirement Party" in a large, elegant cursive font. Below it, in a smaller, bold sans-serif font, is "In honor of". The name "Pastor Don Kephart" is written in a large, bold, italicized sans-serif font. Underneath the name is the date and time "May 17, 2026 at 11 am" in a bold sans-serif font. A quote in an italicized sans-serif font follows: "Let's celebrate a legacy of dedication and the beginning of a new adventure!". At the bottom, a dark rounded rectangle contains the text "Sign up Sheet is located in the Narthex" in a bold sans-serif font.

Retirement Party

In honor of

Pastor Don Kephart

May 17, 2026 at 11 am

*Let's celebrate a legacy of dedication
and the beginning of a new adventure!*

Sign up Sheet is located in the Narthex

Welcome to our



All children and their adults
are welcome!

Need a minute? Use our family lounge!

*weekly
schedule*

All are welcome!

Sunday 11am
(4th Fl Annex Hall)

Prayer Meeting

Monday 9³⁰am
(Fellowship Hall)

Tai Chi

Monday 6³⁰pm
(Fellowship Hall)

Cub Scouts

*weekly
schedule*

All are welcome!

Monday 7pm
(Prayer Room)

Boy Scouts

**Tuesday /
Friday 10am**
(Fellowship Hall)

Line Dancers

**1st & 3rd
Saturday 8am**
(Fellowship Hall)

Outreach Ministry



Other Announcements






Opening Prayer


(unison)


(Please rise in body or spirit)






**Spirit of Truth, speak
to us in this hour that
your words soak into
our lives. Let your**





spirit flow through
our very being. Let
your love envelope us
so that we may live





**your love in all that
we do and all that we
say. Amen.**





Call to Worship

(responsive)

(Please rise in body or spirit)





Pastor: Blessed be the
Father, who calls us to
love.





All: Blessed be the
Son, who shows us
the way.





Pastor: Praise be to God's
Spirit who enlightens us.





All: Praise be to the
Godhead, who invites
us to worship.





Hymn of Praise

#368 My Hope Is Built

(Please rise in body or spirit)



The Solid Rock

(Traditional)



Children's Message



Presentation of



Our Tithes

and Offerings

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Doxology

*Praise God from Whom
All Blessings Flow #95*

(Please rise in body or spirit)



Praise God from Whom all
blessings flow. Praise Him all
creatures here below. Praise
Him above, ye, heavenly
host. Praise Father, Son, and
Holy Ghost. Amen.

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Prayer of Dedication

(Please rise in body or spirit)





Our Time of Prayer





The Lord's Prayer



**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed
be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us. Lead us
not into temptation but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**



Hymn

*Glory be to
the Father #70*



Glory be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost; as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever
shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

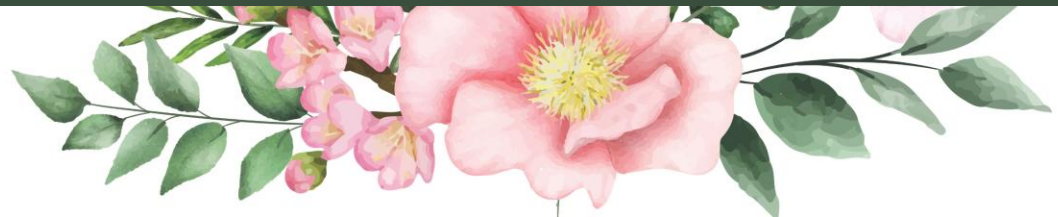
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Our Scripture

1 Peter 3: 8-22

NIV



**8 Finally, all of you,
be like-minded, be
sympathetic, love one
another, be
compassionate and**

humble. ⁹ Do not
repay evil with evil or
insult with insult. On
the contrary, repay
evil with blessing,

because to this you
were called so that
you may inherit a
blessing. ¹⁰ For,
“Whoever would love

life and see good days
must keep their
tongue from evil and
their lips from
deceitful speech.

**11 They must turn
from evil and do
good; they must seek
peace and pursue it.**

12 For the eyes of the

Lord are on the
righteous and his ears
are attentive to their
prayer, but the face
of the Lord is against

those who do evil.”

13 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?

14 But even if you

should suffer for what
is right, you are
blessed. “Do not fear
their threats; do not
be frightened.”¹⁵ But

**in your hearts revere
Christ as Lord. Always
be prepared to give
an answer to
everyone who asks**

you to give the reason
for the hope that you
have. But do this with
gentleness and
respect, ¹⁶ keeping a

clear conscience, so
that those who speak
maliciously against
your good behavior in
Christ may be

ashamed of their
slander. ¹⁷ For it is
better, if it is God's
will, to suffer for
doing good than for

doing evil. ¹⁸ For
Christ also suffered
once for sins, the
righteous for the
unrighteous, to bring

you to God. He was
put to death in the
body but made alive
in the Spirit. ¹⁹ After
being made alive, he

he went and made
proclamation to the
imprisoned spirits –
20 to those who were
disobedient long ago

when God waited
patiently in the days
of Noah while the ark
was being built. In it
only a few people,

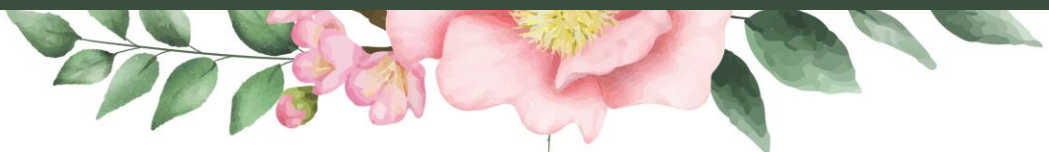
eight in all, were
saved through water,
21 and this water
symbolizes baptism
that now saves you

also—not the removal
of dirt from the body
but the pledge of a
clear conscience
toward God. It saves

you by the
resurrection of Jesus
Christ, ²² who has
gone into heaven and
is at God's right hand



— with angels,
authorities and
powers in submission
to him.



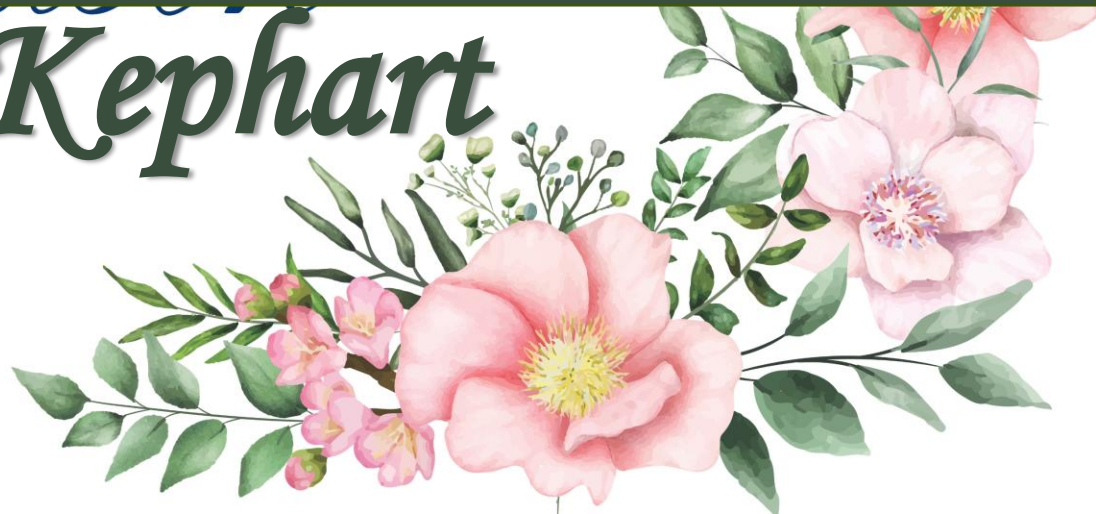


Message



Living in Hope!

Pastor Don Kephart





Hymn of Dedication

*When The Roll Is Called
Up Yonder*

(Please rise in body or spirit)



When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

(Traditional)

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Benediction



*Thank you for
joining us
in worship!*

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