



Olive Branch United Methodist Church

May 2018

*“Caring People, Sharing Jesus,
Transforming the World through Joyful Discipleship”*

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  | | 1 | 2 | 3 United Methodist Women 1pm | 4 | 5 Spring Clean- up Day 9am 4-H 10am |
| 6 Breakfast at 9am? | 7 4-H 6:30- 8:30pm Mother- Daughter RSVP deadline | 8 Polls 6:30am- 7:30pm Lunch 11-? Mary Haven Outreach 7p | 9 Charge Finance Committee 7pm | 10 Set-up M-D Banquet 10am Clarksville Food Pantry 6p | 11 Mother- Daughter Banquet 6:30pm | 12 |
| 13  Blanket Sunday | 14 | 15 | 16 Vision Team 7pm | 17 Serving at Your Father's Kitchen 5:30p | 18 Clinton- Massie graduation | 19 4-H 10am Mars Hill graduation |
| 20 Pie Sunday Recognizing our grads | 21 | 22 4-H 6:30pm | 23 | 24 PPRC at OB 7pm | 25 | 26 |
| 27 Peace with Justice Sunday | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Office phone 513- 932-3943 | Office open Wednesday and Friday 9am-1pm |

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May Prayer Calendar for Clarksville/Olive Branch

Dear God, today I pray for _____. Please surround them with your blessings and cause them to be whom you would have them to be, and to serve you as you would have them to serve. Protect, comfort, forgive and love them. I pray that my prayer would be heard for the benefit of your church on earth, your kingdom that is to come and the glory of your Son, our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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| | | Barb Davenport Hanselman, Nancy | Davenport, Darren & Kara, Daniel, Rebekah Jayne, Alayna, Drew Allen | Davis, Patty Harris, Bob & Geiha, Logan, Connor, Mitch, Haleigh, Tori | Derrick, Don & Barbara Hayes, Sybil | Dobbs, Shane & Jennifer Horn, Steve & Joan |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Hammons, Paula Hudson, Jeff & Mandi, Hailey, Sydney, Olivia | Harrison, Dennis & Lisa Hudson, Matthew & Amy, Allison, Bailey, Alex | Hillard, Velma Hultgren, Geoff & Lavinia, Josh, Frances, Sam | Homan, Jeff & Lisa, Lilly, Mallory Jeffers, Shirley | Hovermale, Gary & Norma Johnson, Nancy-Settlemyre | Hubbell, Audrey Johnston, Mike & Ruth | Hughes, Kimberly, Luke, Samantha Jones, Bruce & Kathy, Michael |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Jennings-DeMange, Carrie, Ella Kaylor, Pastor Debbie | Jennings, Gary & Margret Largent, George | Kaylor, Pastor Debbie Largent, Keith & Kathy | Keenan, Terry & Carolyn Lennon, Tom & Michelle, Garrett, Ross, Mitchell | Kiphart, Carolyn Malcolm, Dan & Julie | Kratzer, Jim Mealy, Keith & Sue | Kreider, Pat & Amy, Marty, Macy Middleton, Scott & Debbie, Lexy, Jessy |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| Lanham, Brenda Miller, Loran & Penny, Ryan, Caleb, Kyle | McGowan, Charles & Joan Mowry, Gene & Connie | McVey, Dale & Robyn Nischwitz, Phyllis | Muchmore, Don & Nancy, Rebekah O'Connor, Kevin & Ashley, Ayla | Norrad, Ila Palmer, Irma | Overdeck, Steve & Angie, Ava, Brynn Peckham, Caleb & Jenn | Rager, Harry & Kathy Phelps, Bill & Diana, Chloe, Isabelle, Noelle |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| Rager, Matthew, Gabriel Plenos, Edgar & Joy, Megan, Carly | Riehle, Lindsey Plymire, Kris | Riehle, Megan, Coleman, Maddox, Colbie Plymire, Shirley | Riehle, Todd & Nancy, James, Amerie, Brinley Rowland, John & Scarlett | Robinson, Matthew & Amie, Shelby, Luke Schaefer, Paul & Judy | | |

Happy Birthday!

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| May | 5 | Irma Palmer |
| | 14 | Florence Widman Peggy Duncan |
| | 16 | Kyle Miller |
| | 17 | Scarlett Rowland |
| | 19 | Megan Plenos |
| | 21 | Nancy Emmett Eli Baker Shirley Ames |
| | 30 | Bill Phelps Karin Dishon |

Happy Anniversary!

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| May | 17 | Chad & Sarah Clark |
| | 18 | Loran & Penny Miller Edgar & Joy Plenos |
| | 22 | Bruce & Kathy Jones |
| | 24 | John & Nancy Ulrich |
| | 25 | Keith & Susan Mealy |

Be sure to read the latest meeting minutes from the Trustees and United Methodist Men and Women on the bulletin board.



Clarksville UMC holds their Food Pantry on the second **Thursday** of the month at 6pm. **They pass out about 25 boxes of cereal each month, and we are their cereal church.** So when shopping for groceries please pick up an extra box of cereal (any kind) for the food pantry and put it in the bin in the Entry.

United Methodist Women

Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 3 at 1pm at the church; all ladies are welcome to join in the frivolity! We will eat, of course, and then discuss Mother-Daughter Banquet and Rummage Sale plans. As you are cleaning house this spring, please box up unwanted items and save them for our Rummage Sale on June 14 and 15. Thanks so much!

Our annual Mother-Daughter Banquet will be May 11, and we'll have an evening of service and fellowship at Cape May Retirement in Wilmington on June 7. Please join us!

President Karen Doney

Thank you!

Dear Olive Branch UMC,

We received your donation of \$150. We greatly appreciate your generous contribution to help create life-impacting experiences for underserved children at Camp Joy.

Your contribution helps kids who have been confronted with some of life's hardest challenges. The camp experience lets them just be a kid, while they gain self-esteem, learn new skills and have fun. On behalf of each and every child who relies on Camp Joy, we thank you.

The Camp Joy Foundation

Foods Resource Bank

As most of you know, our church family participates in a wonderful growing project to support the mission of Foods Resource Bank. This is a 14-acre field owned by the Houck family that the Utrecht family plants, tends and harvests each year. It is along Wilmington Road, just east of the church a bit and can be distinguished by the Matthew 25 sign.



Dan Utrecht will plant/harvest beans this year at an estimated cost of \$275/acre. You may purchase an acre or any part thereof. Make your checks out to Olive Branch UMC with "FRB" on the memo line. Thank you so much for your support of our growing project!

See www.FoodsResourceBank.org for info.



New Life

This is the season of new life around us as spring comes: flowers and trees have bloomed and are blooming, migrating birds are returning from the south, new mammal babies have been born and are growing up and the earth is turning green again as leaves fill out. I have been participating in an online course to deepen my spiritual life. Father Richard Rohr teaches that we die many times throughout our lives so that we can put the old behind and live more fully to Christ. We may die to our idea of spending the rest of our life in a certain place. Maybe it's a belief about God that we have accepted without thinking and now we're called to set it aside for a deeper understanding. Maybe it is a change in relationship, we're not the husband or wife we were due to broken relationships or death. A change in our health or diagnosis that is life-changing can cause us to experience this.

Galatians 2:19-20 tells us that when we allow the Holy Spirit to put to death a non-productive part of our life to grow into new life, it is like this. "For I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me." Our faith journey is a series of dying to ourselves, even being crucified with Christ so that we can more fully allow the Holy Spirit to help us grow into who God created us to be. As new life continues showing up around us, how will we as individuals and as congregations die to what is no longer useful to us or the kingdom and grow into a more mature disciple of Jesus Christ?

Celebrating new life with you, Debbie

Love Packages

We often send our surplus books from the church office to an organization in Illinois called "Love Packages". Founded in 1975, they collect, sort and ship Christian literature in huge containers to port cities around the world. To date, they have sent over 1000 tons of literature. They have seen thousands of people saved, healed, and delivered as a result of this mission.

Pastors and Sunday school teachers for the first time have materials to study and teach from.

If you have extra Bibles or other Christian literature at home, please consider mailing it to them at Love Packages, 220 Union Street, Butler, Illinois 62015. Of course they welcome financial donations to help with shipping costs as well. For more info, go to www.lovepackages.org.



Vacation Bible School at Olive Branch is scheduled for **June 24-28**. The theme for this year is ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE and should be a fun adventure for youngsters ages 4-12 and adult volunteers as well.

Please start thinking of kids you can bring to benefit from this great week of fun and teaching!

Sarah Baker and Judy Schaefer



Olive Branch UMC Council Meeting

April 5, 2018 at 7pm

*“Caring People, Sharing Jesus,
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Meeting began at 7:00pm with prayer and devotion. Those in attendance were: Pastor Debbie, Neil Schneckler, Karen Doney, Jeff Drapalik, Jenny Baker, Keith Mealy, Judy Schaefer, Dana Storts. We read Philippians 2:5-11 for our devotion and sang “Jesus, Name Above All Names.”

Secretary’s Report: Minutes from the February meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurers’ Reports:

Charge balance \$9,701.97

Church checking \$48,816.34 minus some committed funds

Trustees checking \$27,565.39 as of end of February

Building fund \$77,586.51

Ann Attlesey Trust \$349,709.28

Herbert Ross Trust \$322,898.34

Unfinished Business:

- Judy has been submitting utility bills to the Trustees for reimbursement
- We used up our pre-bought propane and are buying more. New parsonage furnace now runs on propane, so we will buy a larger amount on contract at our next opportunity.
- Keith Mealy found an outlet for our unwanted books, and will handle. Thanks Keith!

New Business:

- Pie Sunday April 15 – UMCOR - Health Kits – we will purchase health kit supplies with the Pie Sunday income and Sunday School classes can put the kits together, if they wish. May 20 – Church World Service – Blankets Offering. Motion made by Dana, seconded by Judy.
- Could we fund a line item for Welcome Bags and Book Ministry for Nurture Team, headed by Julie Malcolm? Karen would like to have some literature on hand to donate as nurture opportunities

arise. Dana made motion to allocate \$200 from Discipleship/Nurture fund, seconded by Jenny. Motion carried.

- Warren County National Day of Prayer Breakfast will be Thursday, May 3 at Quaker Heights. Full info is on poster on door.

Committee Reports:

Lay Leader: Dana Storts. Please see the Greeter/Usher/Acolyte sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Discipleship/Nurture: Jenny Baker. Pastor Debbie, Julie Malcolm, Peggy Duncan and Karen Doney will attend the introductory Stephen Ministry class at Faith Community UMC in Xenia on Saturday.

Linda Fox is holding a Ladies “War Room” study on Thursdays at 11am. It should conclude on April 19. Kathy Largent continues to hold a Ladies “The Bible” study at her home, and Adam Baker’s Men’s study continues.

Vacation Bible School “Rolling River Rampage” will be June 24-28, with the first organizational meeting this Saturday. Sarah Baker will lead; please see her if you can volunteer.

Debbie Stevens’ Tweens class is still working through New Testament, and will finish the whole Bible in one year. Debbie will continue teaching, but would like to resign as Sunday School Superintendent effective the end of April. Todd and Jenny Baker will teach through the end of August, but would like to be replaced. Their class is KG-3rd grade.

Worship: Judy Schaefer. We made it through the Easter season – many thanks to Kathy Largent for bringing us dramas to help make worship more meaningful. We will schedule a Worship Committee meeting soon, and we will discuss graduation gifts for our seniors. For the next six months, we will be reporting our song usage weekly to CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing International).

Finance: Jeff Drapalik. Dana Storts will be assisting with the audit. We will schedule a quarterly meeting with Clarksville’s Finance Committee.

Evangelism/Outreach: Scarlett Rowland. Our monthly ministries at Mary Haven Youth Center and Your Father’s Kitchen continue.

Global Ministries: Terri Hackman. All are invited to support our Foods Resource Bank field in any amount; cost to plant is \$275 per acre (14 acres total).

Communication: Karen Doney. New church directories are in.

Historian: Scarlett Rowland. We are enjoying the new cabinet made by Keith Mealy.

PPRC: Neil Schneckner. We had our first meeting of the year and had good discussions. Next meeting will be May 24 at Olive Branch at 7pm.

Trustees: Tom Lennon. Next meeting will be Thursday, April 12 at 7pm.

UMW: Karen Doney. Mother-Daughter Banquet will be May 11, catered by K&S Catering. We will have a Mother-Daughter slideshow, so please submit your photos to Karen by May 7. Emailed, non-compressed photos would be best, but she can scan photos as well. We will host a Church World Service “Blanket Sunday” on Mother’s Day. Rummage Sale will be Thursday and Friday June 14 and 15.

UMM: Tom Lennon. Meeting on April 7 at Village Family Restaurant in Waynesville at 8am.

VIM: Judy Schaefer. Mission Team report was in the April newsletter. We had an excellent week of work in Mississippi. Thanks to all who helped make it possible. We gave donations to our host church and to the Epworth Project, and returned with \$2000 to go back into the church account.

Pastor Debbie’s remarks: Thanks to Judy and others for their involvement in Holy Week activities. Confirmation classes were held at Clarksville – six will be confirmed.

Pending Minutes submitted by Secretary Karen Doney

Blanket Sunday

On Mother’s Day, we will hold a “Blanket Sunday” for the Church World Service organization.

Church World Service was born in 1946, in the aftermath of World War II. Seventeen denominations came together to form an agency “to do in partnership what none of us could hope to do as well alone.” The mission: Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, comfort the aged, shelter the homeless. CWS has evolved over the years to augment its emergency assistance work with support for long-range, problem-solving efforts – what came to be known as development.

Each year, CWS distributes thousands of blankets in the United States and around the world to those struggling in the face of poverty or recovering following a disaster. With this gift, you are giving neighbors near and far a reminder that they are not alone. You are providing warmth and comfort and blanketing the world with love!

Please see our display in the Entry. You can learn more at www.cwsglobal.org.