

## First United Methodist Church

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### May 12, 2024 — May 18, 2024

*"7th Sunday of Easter" "Ascension Sunday" "Mother's Day"*

Usher/Greeter: Needed

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Sharon Feichtenbiner

Children's Worship: Natalie G./Connie K.

Altar Flowers: Ruth Annelin

Fellowship: Penny T/Connie K/Ruth A

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Red Bird Mission/Henderson Settlement

Monday (5/13) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (5/14)

Wednesday (5/15)

Thursday (5/16)

Friday (5/17) Kurt Jahn Internment (Fairview Cemetery) 10 AM

### May 19, 2024 — May 25, 2024

*"Pentecost Sunday" "Heritage Sunday" "Graduation Recognition"*

Usher/Greeter: Needed

Pianist/Organist: Cynthia Burgin

Liturgist: Bette Jahn

Children's Worship: Natalie G./Needed

Altar Flowers: Needed

Fellowship: John & Carol Livingston

Monthly Mission Noisy Offering: Red Bird Mission/Henderson Settlement

Monday (5/20) Bible Study 11 AM / Prayer Group 12 PM

Tuesday (5/21) Vitality/Mission 10 AM

Wednesday (5/22) UWIF Sewing Bee 10 AM / Newsletter deadline

Thursday (5/23)

Friday (5/24)

### Lectionary Calendar—Bible Study

5/12/24 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Ps 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-9

Ascension of the Lord Lections: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

5/19/24 Acts 2:1-21; Ps 104:24-34, 35b; Rom 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15



Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Joe & Sandi Kolder, Pat Foldenauer, Martha Weeks, Mary Whinnen, Barbara Schneider, Phyllis Burge, Curt & Celie Norton, Ted Burson, Carol Weinert, Mary Prater, Sharon V. & Celie N.'s brother, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Joel Prater, Michael Haynes, Penny Tracy & her family concerns, Kerry Billings family concerns, baby Brooklyn, Connie Meade, Jo Nell Rubick, Connie Whitsitt, Carolyn William's brother-in-law Tom, and the unspoken needs.



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WORSHIP 11AM

PRELUDE: Meditation by E. K. Heyser

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER—INVOCATION

PSALM 106:40-48

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Judges 15:1-20

\*PRAISE CHORUS: FWS 2007 (sing twice) Holy, Holy, Holy

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Samson was a powerful warrior, noted for his great strength. He was dedicated to God by his parents even before his birth. Because Samson had God’s power with him, he was able to defeat the enemies of Israel. Today, we also can have the strength to do God’s will.

**P: Today there are no Philistines. While we have plenty of enemies, we also have the tools and the military might to defeat them if necessary. We do not need the strength of a Samson.**

L: Today we are perhaps more threatened by our own personal enemies than those outside ourselves. These include selfishness, envy, weak faith, lack of concern about the injustices in the world, and a whole host of other sins which serve to draw us away from God. Against these enemies, all our military might is worthless. Do we ask for God’s strength to confront and defeat enemies such as these?

**P: Aren’t we supposed to deal with these things by ourselves? Aren’t they just a part of who we are?**

L: It is often harder to recognize and deal with those enemies which are part of our nature than with those external enemies. Over and over again we prove that we cannot manage these enemies alone. However, we have a merciful God who is eager to assist us. Ask Him for help!

**P: O God, forgive us for not seeking help against those enemies which we often excuse or do not consider serious because they are so common. Give us the will to recognize these enemies for what they are, and to turn to You for help in overcoming them!**

\*OPENING HYMN: UMH 110

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

\*APOSTLES’ CREED: UMH 881

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN’S TIME

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 527

Do Lord, Remember Me

\*SCRIPTURE READING:

Judges 16:23-31

SERMON

Honor & Arms

PRAYER TIME

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

PRAYER HYMN: FWS 2193

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

THE LORD’S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY:

Happy the Home

Arr. J. Johnson

\*DOXOLOGY: UMH 95

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Honor and Arms from Samson Oratorio

by Handel, arr. William Bell

Pastor B.J.-Tuba Solo, Cyndi B. Accompanist

\*CLOSING HYMN: UMH 653 (tune, revised version of lyrics on screen)

Christ the Victorious

\*BENEDICTION

\*PARTING HYMN: FWS 2186

Song of Hope

POSTLUDE:

The Glory Way

by M. I. Ritter

### **May Mission Noisy Offering — Red Bird Mission/Henderson Settlement.**

This mission, as part of the body of Christ, lifts up Jesus Christ by providing basic needs to people in the Appalachian Mountains in Kentucky through God’s love.

God is working through us. Thank you for your support!

\* DENOTES CONGREGATION STANDING (AS ABLE)

\* PLEASE BE SURE TO SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE