



Aurora First United Methodist Church

May, 2024

“Heart to Heart, House to House, Town to Town, One Kingdom to Another”

This month brings us to the great feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. We'll hear the marvelous story of that first Pentecost at worship on Sunday, the 19th and will be praying that the Holy Spirit will continue to work through each of us individually and as worshipers at Aurora First. As witnesses for Jesus Christ, we pray that the Holy Spirit will overshadow us with gifts (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord) and fruits (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, and gentleness). Then, being blessed with these gifts and fruits, may we use them for the honor and glory of God.

Attendance for April:

4/7 - 26

4/14 - 27

4/21 - 41

4/28 - 21

Average for April: 29

Giving for April:

4/7 - \$1605

4/14 - \$ 870.30

4/21 - \$1881

4/28 - \$1116

Average giving for April: \$1,368. Your generosity in the communion collection allowed us to send \$121 to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Weekly our church gives \$10 to the Clearinghouse, so for April we sent \$40. We also received a \$50 donation toward the stained glass window fund. Thank you for your generous giving!

Dates to Remember:

May 12: Mother's Day

May 19: Pentecost

May 27: Memorial Day

Our Mission Outreach:

Our Change the World Jar donations totaled \$540.28 for Indiana Disaster Response. Thanks to all who gave! Details about our next cause are being worked out. Our last Fourth Street Food served 51 and our last High Hope served 86. Our next Fourth Street Food is May 21 and our next High Hope is August 21.

Serve time for both 5:15-6:15. Come join us!!

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Mary Worthington 5/16

Julie Whitaker 5/18

Cohen McHenry 5/21

Rob Moorhead 5/22

Cari Baylor 5/26

Cleaning Teams:

May 5: Team 3

May 12 & 19: Team 1

May 26: Team 2

Cleaning teams save our church money! Anyone interested in being on a cleaning team, please contact Roger Fehling at 513-519-1309, or leave a message at 812-926-0535.

May Liturgists:

May 5: Bonnie Nocks

May 12: Gary Starker

May 19: LouAnn Martin

May 26: Judy Mosier

May Ushers & Greeters:

May 5: Sue Baer and
Jeffrey Baer

May 12: Kelley Davis and
Judy Mosier

May 19: Juli Whitaker and
Kathi Prarat

May 26: Janet Hart and

Steve Hart

Contact Judy Hizer at (513) 314-6682 if you would like to help out as a liturgist, an usher, or a greeter.

Trustee News

Through a Facade Improvement Grant from the City of Aurora, the front doors will be refinished soon by Wayne Schroeder. The time-frame at this point is uncertain.

Rummage Sale

We will have our Rummage Sale on June 7 & 8. The date was chosen so we could have ours the same day as the Presbyterians. (We did that last year and it seemed to draw a crowd.) We already have things donated in the basement. If you bring things before the Mission truck (April 30), please label whether your items are for the Mountain Mission or the rummage sale.

Mountain Mission

Thanks to everyone who brought donations for the Appalachian Mountain Missions.

Lectionary for Coming Sundays

May 5: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;

1 John 5:1-5; John 15:9-17

May 12: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47;

Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53

May 19: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34;

Romans 8:22-27;

John 15:26-27 and 16:4b-15

May 26: Deuteronomy 4:32-34 and 39-40; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17;

John 3:1-17

Prayer List:

Our prayer list of friends and families: Marge Waldon-pneumonia (Jim W.), Jim's sister Bonnie-brain surgery (Jim W.), Tom & Charlotte DeVille (Charlotte), Griffin Davis (Janet), Dolf Garbsch (Hudson), Norman Ellis (Cari), Linda Rectin-fall (Jim W.), Adrian Robers-accident (Jim W.), Jack Tufts (Debbie), John & Shelly Hubbartt (Pastor Ryan), Mike Davis (Kelly), Norris (Stephanie), Kelsey-ankle surgery (Jeff), Jeff Baer's Aunt Nancy recovering from a fall (Jeff), Jill-broken bones (Debbie), The war in Israel (Jim W.), Stacy McCabe (Judy H.), Dale Armbruster (Janet H.), Aaron Baer (Jeff), Baers' friend (Jeff), Lolly Tucker & Sharon Fisher

(Cari), Jerry Schmidt (Kelley), Bonnie's sister Missy (Bonnie)

Our cancer prayer list of friends and families:

Leslie Cassidy-cancer in 3 areas (Bonnie), Peggy breast cancer (Kelly), Amy Shackelford (Julie), Katie Ellis-hospice (Cari), Doug-pancreatic cancer and coming surgery (Kelly), Ellaine Marshall (Julie), Jay Beyer (Roger), Tim McClammroch-melanoma (Judy M.), Debbie Bamberger (Kathi), Kim Burkey (Pastor Ryan), Chris "Itch" Strautman - return of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (Kelley), Sharon Level (Kelley), Bill Level (Kelley), Mitch Plemens (Cari), Josh & Sis (Cari), Missy (Bonnie), Stephanie Riley (Gary), Stacy McCabe (Judy H.), Brandon Cox (Cari)

Sympathy to the families of:

NancyLou Ross, Bob Iams, Craig Fowler, Janet Baer, Marge Warren, Kim Baer

Praises:

Pastor Ryan hiking Appalachian Trail (Everyone), Mallory Jackson & 4 children worshipping (Verna), Sam Melson at the organ (Pastor Ryan), 86 meals served at High Hope, John Boyken on men's Emmaus Walk (Charlotte), God's creation-eclipse (Judy M.), Serving 4th Street-35

meals & 16 carryouts (Debbie), Shirley Kuckenrider's successful surgery (Kelly), John Hubbartt-stent (Bonnie),

Those in Nursing Homes & Assisted Living:

Donna Dean, Doris Spencer, Martha Kaiser, Shirley Meyer, Marie Hizer, JD Largent

Shut Ins:

Wilma Beyer, Jerry Stonebraker

Special Care & Concerns:

Gun violence around the world; all who are suffering after natural disasters.

For an end to war and violence around the world especially in Israel and Ukraine; refugees; discontent in United States, Red Cross workers and volunteers, relief workers

Local Missions:

AA, NA, CASA, St. Vincent de Paul, Clearinghouse, YES Home, Heart House, Safe Passage

United Methodist Missions:

UMCOR workers and volunteers, Red Bird Mission, Mountain Mission

Prayers for our Nation as COVID continues, racial tensions, Christian Unity, our United Methodist Church, Prayers for our cities, for our counties, our state, our police, our

firefighters, EMTs, all military men and women and their families, all healthcare workers, first responders, chaplains, missionaries, clergy, persons in financial distress, businesses needing employees

WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT PRAYER. To help us keep our lists current, if you see a name that can be removed, PLEASE let us know. If you would like to add a name, please let us know.

If you know of a change, have a concern, or a praise and would like to add a name, you can call the church with the information, mail a note, email Pastor Ryan (ryangoode1@gmail.com); Judy Mosier (kimosier@comcast.net); or Jim Waldon (jimgwaldon@gmail.com)

When submitting a prayer request please include the following information—

** Your Name (required), ** Name of the one needing prayer (*be sure you have their permission to make their need known*), **Nature of Request (surgery, health concern, etc.)

Words of Encouragement and Wisdom

When you find yourself facing an issue in your life, the purpose or reason or good thing that might come out of it being completely hidden from you - -what do you do? Do you worry and fret, become preoccupied with the problem? Do you ignore it or avoid it? Do you complain about it? Do you want to run away from it? Or do you see it as a situation in which you might be able to experience the power and grace of God at work? Do you watch for the work of God that is to be done? (Rev. John Yates, Falls Church)
Remember the prayer that never fails:
THY WILL BE DONE!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"Conscience is when God sends a text to your head."

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