

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:15 AM

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# The Connection

*Greenville First United Methodist Church*

MAY & JUNE 2023



## **A Prayer to Begin Summer**

Father, Creator of all, thank you for another Summer.

Thank you for the warmth of the sun,

As your love is fulfilled in the warmest of days.

Thank you for the beauty all around us

As all the Summer fruits ripen.

Thank you for the increased time we have  
to be with our friends and family.

Warm our souls with the awareness of your presence

And light our path with your word and counsel.

Amen.

## MAY 2023 WORSHIP

May 7

**Easter 5**

*Holy Communion*

***Pray for Too Much  
to Think About***

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

May 21

**Easter 7**

*Ascension Sunday*

***Keep Walking, Still Walking***

**Ephesians 6:10-17**

May 14

**Easter 6**

*Mother's Day*

***What Not to Pack  
On Our Walk***

**Ephesians 4:17-32**

May 28

**Pentecost**

Call to Worship:

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**

Opening Prayer:

**John 7:37-39**

**Acts 2:1-21**

## JUNE 2023 WORSHIP

June 4

**Trinity Sunday**

*Peace with Justice Offering*

Pete Blinkilde Preaching

TBD

June 18

*Father's Day*

*3rd Sunday Mission Offering*

***To Love Kindness***

**Micah 6:1-8**

June 11

*Holy Communion*

***To Do Justice***

**Micah 6:1-8**

June 25

***To Walk Humbly with God***

**Micah 6:1-8**

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## **Sunday Small Group**

Adult Faith Connections Bible Study is written by pastors, leaders, and scholars to help group members go deeper in God's Word during and after the lesson. Each week, group members will gain a greater understanding of the focus passage, as well as have the opportunity to answer reflective questions to help them take time to consider the message of that week's session. Join us Sundays after the 9:15 am worship service in the Bailey Conference room.

The Zoom Link is: **Faith Connections**

# Those In Our Thoughts and Prayers

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## HOMEBOUND

Corla Morgan  
Neil Sergent  
Harley VanHoose  
Linda VanHoose  
Louise Noble  
Kay Welsch  
Fran Wilson



## *THOSE WHO HAVE CLAIMED ETERNAL LIFE*

Judy Sandie  
Richard VanHoose  
Michael Harris  
Cal Day

Caitlin Jensen  
Ken Workman  
Rory Frisbee  
Bob Knapp  
Betty Knapp  
Jack Waber  
Liz Campbell  
Shirley Harris  
Ron DeYoung  
Diana Surrell



## Thursday Bible Study

Join us Thursday mornings at 10:30. We will delve into the words of scripture. We meet in-person in the Bailey Conference room. You may also join us through Zoom Meeting. We look forward for the opportunity to discuss and learn from each other.

The Zoom link is: [Thursday Bible Study](#)

## ONLINE GIVING OPTION AVAILABLE



Greenville First United Methodist Church now offers an easy, convenient, and quick way for anyone to make a contribution! Just click on the GIVE tab at the top of the homepage at <https://greenvillefumc.org/>. This will take you to the Giving page. You simply click on the blue "Give Now" button, answer a few easy prompts, such as a one time gift, weekly, monthly, etc., and you will be done! Or, using your phone, scan this **QR Code** to take you directly to the Giving Page.



# First United Methodist Church DESSERT AUCTION!



**Sunday, June 25th**  
**Immediately following service!**

Fresh pies and baked goods of every kind!!  
Maybe even fudge 🍪

Join us and help support the UMW  
and FUMC by bidding on a delicious dessert!

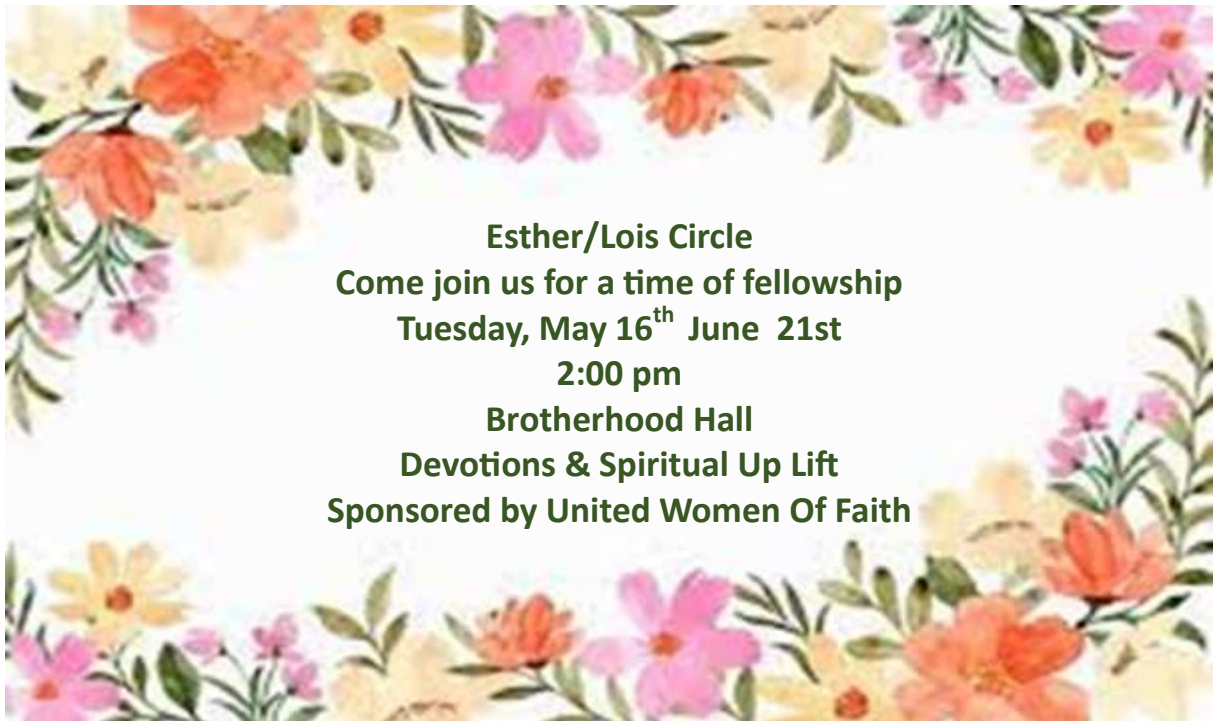
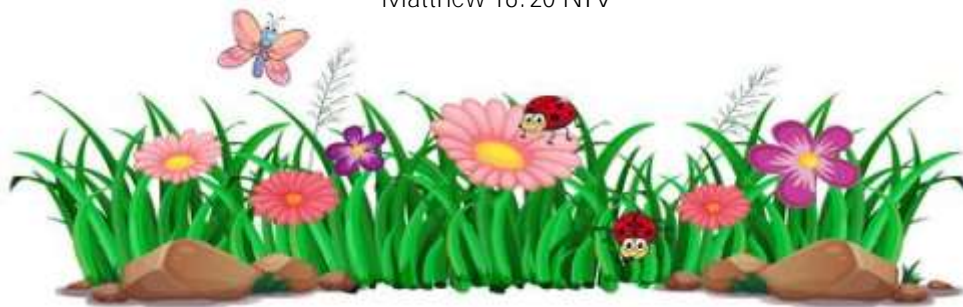


**Esther/Lois Circle will be meeting  
the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month April through October.  
We welcome all women for a time of sharing and caring,**

**Please note change of meeting date.  
Please bring your own beverage.**

For more information contact  
Sherie Kosten 616-225-0023 [Sheriekosten@yahoo.com](mailto:Sheriekosten@yahoo.com)

*"For where two or three **gather in my name**, there am I with them.  
"Matthew 18: 20 NIV*



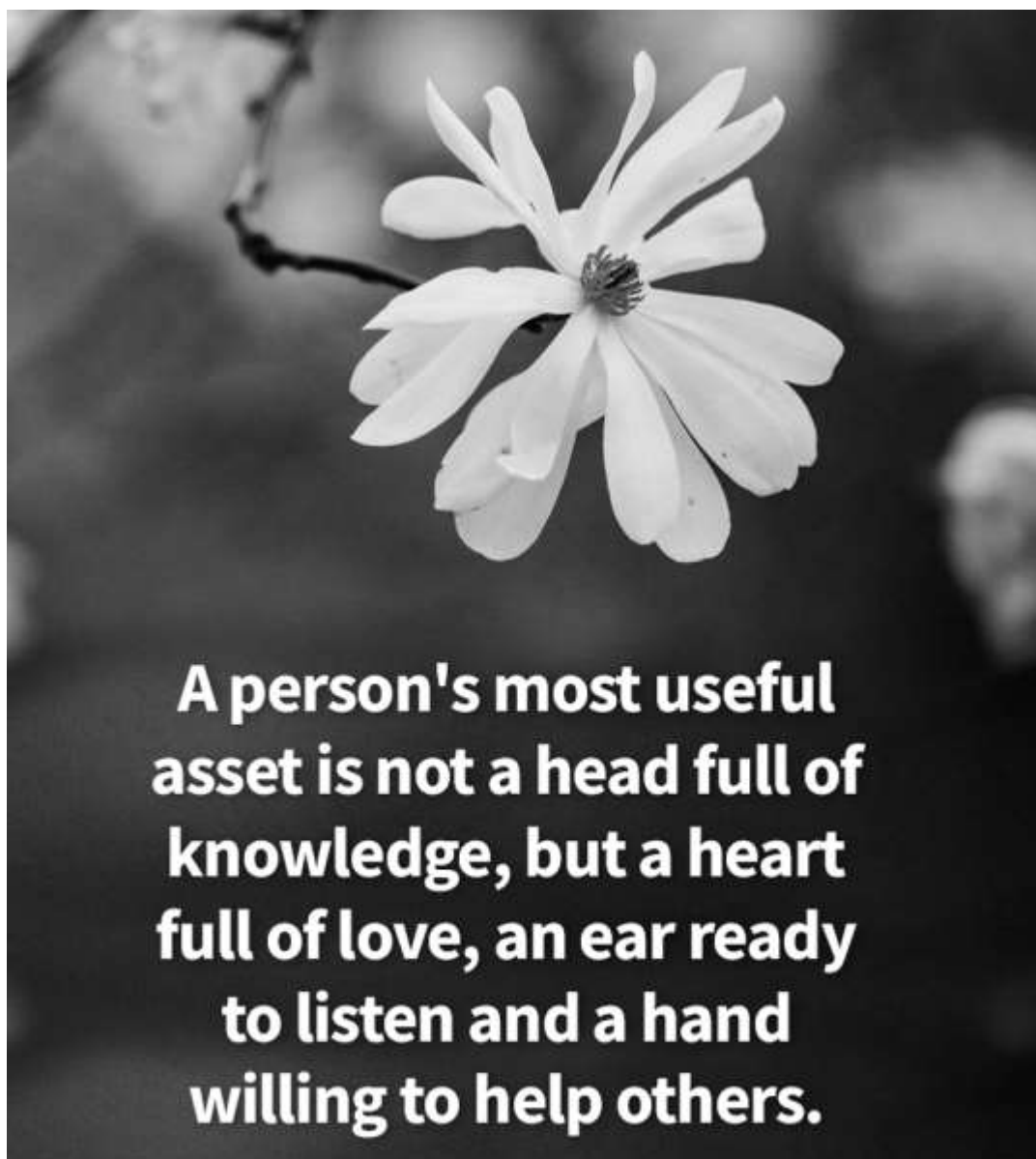
Did you know that there is a section in our church library, managed beautifully by our own Nancy Cooley, that is devoted to Stephen Ministry materials? Anyone can check them out! There are many interesting books about caregiving, helping others in difficult situations, and many other interesting topics. Please feel free to peruse them!



Another way Stephen Ministers help grieving folks is by giving them a set of books written by our national founder, Dr. Kenneth Haugk. We give them the first book about 3 weeks after the death, then 3 months after, then 6 months after, and finally 11 months after. Many people find these very helpful.

Our last monthly meeting before our summer break was on Wednesday, May 3. Tammy Youmans has led a Bible study about Jesus's miracles. We are all learning something new every time! Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 6th @ 6:30 pm in the Baily Conference Room. Stephen Ministers, please join us! If you are being called to become a Stephen Minister, please let Pastor Jeff, Tammy Youmans, Virginia Curtis, or me know!

Blessings,  
Barb Perry  
Stephen  
Leader



**A person's most useful  
asset is not a head full of  
knowledge, but a heart  
full of love, an ear ready  
to listen and a hand  
willing to help others.**

# First United Methodist Church ~ May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 8:00 am - Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm - CCG Prayer Time 7:00 pm - CCG Band Practice	<b>3</b> 6:00 pm - Stephen Minister Leader Meeting 6:30 pm - Stephen Minister Meeting 6:30 pm - City Church Youth Group	<b>4</b> 10:30 am - Bible Study 4:00 pm—Church Clean Up	<b>5</b> 8:00 am - Noon - Church wide cleaning	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:15 am - FUMC Worship 9:15 am - CCG Leader Worship 10:30 am - Faith Connections 11:00 am - CCG Worship 12:30 pm - CCG Youth Leader Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:00 am - Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm - CCG Prayer Time 7:00 pm - CCG Band Practice	<b>10</b> 10:00 am - UMW Meeting 6:30 pm - City Church Youth Group	<b>11</b> 10:30 am - Bible Study 4:00 pm—Church Clean Up	<b>12</b> 8:00 am - Noon - Church wide cleaning	<b>13</b> 4:30 pm - Emmaus Gathering
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Please remember: The church doors will be unlocked 15 minutes prior to each meeting/event. If you are in need of getting into the building sooner, please contact the church office during business hours to let us know. Many people have been ringing the daycare doorbell and it is difficult, and sometimes impossible, for members of the CCC staff to leave their classrooms to let groups in.



# May Birthdays

Judy Jardot	05/05	Cheryl Springsteen	05/13
Tom VanSyckle	05/06	Carol Harder	05/22
Mary Sharp	05/06	Dr. Paul Cooley	05/25
Colby Legg	05/07	Bob Boyce	05/26
Mari Wise	05/10	Janice Wheelock	05/26
Wanda Meyer	05/11	Theresa Thomsen	05/26
Betty York	05/11	John Thorlund	05/27
A. J. Gunn	05/11	Wendy Bates	05/28
Kirk Perry	05/12	John Raven	05/29
Beth Legg	05/12	Jocelyn Holmberg	05/29
Rachel Bahlman	05/12		



Steve & Sandy Wood	05/19	Fran & Nancy Wilson	05/26
Lee & Barb VanHoose	05/19	Eric & Dr. Connie Januzelli	05/29
Ron & Darla DeYoung	05/22	Darwin & Marlys Noah	05/30
Joe & Valerie Vos	05/26		

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# First United Methodist Church ~ June 2023

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# June Birthdays

Caryl Hackett	06/02	Matt Custer	06/21
Karen Blumberg	06/03	Alexa Ward	06/22
Jennifer Frisbey	06/04	Judy Shrader	06/22
Ava Ward	06/05	Alex Ely	06/23
Del Tucker	06/07	Lois Edgar	06/24
Dan Sandie	06/07	Valerie Vos	06/24
West Ely	06/07	Jake Januzelli	06/25
Candy Larkin	06/10	Cheryl Bailey	06/26
Eleanor Budge	06/14	Art Byington	06/26
Lane Byington	06/14	Judy Kading	06/27
Karri Smith	06/15	Karin Blinkilde	06/27
Clarice Thorlund	06/18	Krista Hurst	06/27
Kathy O'Donald	06/19	Barb Perry	06/28
Dylan Bates	06/19	Chris Legg	06/28
Judy Maxim	06/20		



Chuck & Cindy Hill	06/08	Russel & Kathleen Harmelink	06/16
Mark & Mary Sharp	06/09	Del & Sue Tucker	06/17
Jeff & Julie Brown	06/09	Chris & Virginia Curtis	06/20
Ron & Valerie Dudzik	06/09	Bill & Chris Slating	06/28
Craig & Kim Weller	06/12	John & Ingrid Waber	06/29

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## Peace With Justice Sunday, June 4

United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference and learning about peaceful, just efforts around the world. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them.

The United Methodist Church, with its historic commitment to peace and justice, can and should provide leadership to this social transformation. The General Board of Church and Society Church holds a non-governmental, consultative status with the United Nations. This status allows us to participate in UN meetings, consultations, and conferences. We recognize and renew our call for social transformation, for the quest to open the doors of opportunity for all, to distribute resources more equitably, and to provide better care for persons in need.

Donations for this special Sunday support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with each of us reaching out with Gods love.



Do you have time to pray? Would you like to serve your church in a very meaningful way? Our prayer chain warriors would love you to join us.

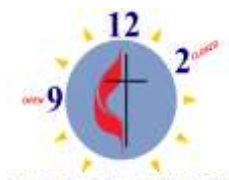
We communicate through email and are ready to act whenever we are needed.

This is a great way to serve others without having to leave home! There are no meetings to attend. If you are interested in helping this great, fulfilling group, please contact the church office at: [office@greenvillefumc.org](mailto:office@greenvillefumc.org).

Join us, and feel the power of prayer!



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A Note From Your Church Office:

The church office will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday between 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please contact the office by phone or email with any questions: 616-754-8532 or email [office@greenvillefumc.org](mailto:office@greenvillefumc.org). Pastor Jeff can be reached anytime by email [jeffwrev@gmail.com](mailto:jeffwrev@gmail.com) phone, or text (269-944-9231).

FUMC Event Scheduling: If you would like to schedule an event at FUMC, please contact Jennifer Loding at the church office: 616-754-8532.

Submission Deadlines: Deadline For the June Connection is Thursday, May 25th. Please forward your submissions to the church office by calling 754-8532 or email at: [office@greenvillefumc.org](mailto:office@greenvillefumc.org).