



**RALEIGH COURT**  
UNITED METHODIST

# Columns

## May Highlights:

May 3—Coffeehouse

May 5—Youth Sunday

May 5—Great Week of Service including Family Promise

May 5—Listening Session

May 12—Children's Sunday

May 18—Reconnect and Connect Open House

May 19—Anniversary Sunday

May 20—Charge Conference

## Save the Date:

June 20-22 2019 Annual Conference in Roanoke

## Shopping List:

Pantry Needs—see p. 3

Celebrate Recovery! Every Thursday night. Worship with us!



Raleigh Court  
United Methodist Church

## 98th Anniversary

Please Join Us.

### May 18th

Reconnect & Connect Open House w/  
Rev. Adkins 4-6PM (Steve Jamison's Home)  
RSVP to the church office.

### May 19th

Coffee Hour with RC History Program- 9:30AM  
Children's Program with Craft & Lesson- 9:30AM  
Worship - 10:30AM  
Guest Speaker: Former RCUMC Pastor  
Rev. Greg Adkins '90-'95  
Potluck Meal to Follow  
A-O Side Dish, P-Z Dessert  
Kid's Activities - Bouncy House and Games

Please make plans to join us for a weekend of reconnecting. Former RCUMC Pastor Greg Adkins will be the guest preacher. He and Denise will be at a Connect & Reconnect Open House at the home of Steve Jamison on Saturday, May 18th from 4pm-6pm. There will be light refreshments served. On Sunday, May 19th we will start the day with a coffee hour at 9:30am where there will be a short program on the history of Raleigh Court UMC. Following this we will have a combined worship service starting at 10:30am. with a pot luck meal to follow. This is a great opportunity to invite past members back to reconnect.

Every Thursday Evening

# Celebrate Recovery

Freedom, Support, Healing, Peace, New Life  
The mistakes, choices, and wrong turns are behind you.



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### Thursday Night Line-up

6:30 PM Dinner in Memorial Hall  
7:00 PM Large Group Worship Time (Sanctuary)  
8:00 PM Open Share Groups  
8:45 PM Refreshments at the Cross Talk Cafe



## Loving God (5) Worship vs. Service

We often call the gathering of God's people 'Worship Services.' We have now in our church, three different gatherings. On Sundays, we have First Light Contemporary Worship, Traditional Worship, and Celebrate Recovery Worship on Thursdays. However, I wanted to ask if we understand worship and service. Are we to consider them as synonyms or should they have different meanings?

According to Webster's Dictionary, the definition of worship follows: Worship is to honor with extravagant love and extreme submission (Webster's Dictionary, 1828).

Worship cannot be confined to an hour of our week, but needs to be a lifestyle. At the same time, the gathering of believers is the reflection and proclamation of our love and submission to our Creator. Through the act of worship we continue to grow in our praise and submission to our Lord. When we are in the midst of God's people willing to follow God's will, we are naturally inclined to live a life in service.

In the same way, service should be considered more as a lifestyle. Our life is to reflect the goodness of our Lord, and find ways to share God's grace and love into this world. In our faith community,

we provide opportunities of 'service projects' to help us learn the lifestyle of service, which should not be our only service.

We continue to gather in worship and scatter for God's service in this world. Therefore, when Hebrews 10:24 says, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,"<sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together,

as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching—we see how important our worship is to the world.

Many Christians understand Sunday

Worship Service as a ticket to eternal life; whether it is true or false. I shared many times that I do not believe in a God who will reject us in God's Kingdom because we did not faithfully come to Sunday Worship. However, as a person, who is committed to keep the Sabbath holy by committing to worshipping God, I believe coming to a weekly service is crucial. It is crucial to our transformation. It is crucial to the mission of God. And it is crucial for the sake of others in this world. Since the world needs more of God's people, who are committed to gather to worship our Lord, and scatter to live out the service of our Lord to this world.

In Christ, Seungsoo RJ Jun

- (1) *What is Worship?*
- (2) *Why Corporate Worship?*
- (3) *How Do We Worship?*
- (4) *Worship in the Wesleyan Tradition - Pattern of Worship*
- (5) *Worship vs. Service*

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Check out our Facebook page! (Sunday services are posted each week on our website.)

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Prayer requests can be shared directly with our Prayer Ministry Team by emailing to [prayers@rcumc.org](mailto:prayers@rcumc.org).

The church office is open Mon - Fri 9am - 2pm.



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# Missions Corner



## JOIN US ON THE GREAT WEEK OF SERVICE!

We as a community of faith strive to join in God's work 'transforming the world.' As we respond to the invitation to God's mission, we believe that God will use us to be an agent of change, as God also changes our lives. When we attempt to do this by ourselves, the task can be overwhelming. However, when we come together, we as a family can do much more than we can imagine. We, together, want to make an impact on this community we live in. That is why we invite you to become part of this week of service. We will send teams to various opportunities to serve. We believe that what we do together, will make a great impact. So join us! And continue to walk with us on this journey to 'Love God, Love Others, for the Transformation of the World!' Sign up on the church website or in the Gathering area.

## OUR FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF BAGS OF FOOD. COULD YOU FILL A KROGER BROWN PAPER BAG WITH THESE ITEMS?

The grocery list is:

- Spaghetti (1 lb. box)
- Meat sauce (can or jar)
- Rice (1 lb. bag)
- Dried beans (1 lb. bag)
- Green beans (1 regular size can)
- Corn (1 regular size can)
- Canned fruit (1 regular size can)
- Mac & cheese (1 box)
- Peanut butter (regular size jar)
- Crackers (small box)



**Please Bring completed bags to church and place in our Pink Grocery Carts**

Copies of this list can be found in the Gathering Area



<b>May 5, 2019 Youth Sunday</b>	<b>May 12, 2019 Children's Sunday</b>
Kathy Arritt (Usher)	Linda Bartlett (Usher)
Ken Arritt (Usher)	Titus Counihan (TWT - Training)
Nancy Carter (Usher)	Dennie Denison (Usher)
Skip Carter (Usher)	Sherrie Denison (Usher)
Steven McConchie (TWT - Soundboard)	Bill Gearing (Transportation)
Jason Murray (Usher)	Cindy Hayth (Raleigh Court Healthcare)
Jim Nicholas (Usher Captain)	Stew Hubbell (Usher)
Philip Parr (1st Lt Soundboard)	Chelsea McDaniel (Nursery)
Brad Shannon (TWT - Video Cameras)	Peighton Miller (Nursery)
Charlotte Shockley (Nursery)	Whitney Miller (Nursery)
John Shockley (Nursery)	Philip Parr (1st Lt Soundboard)
George (Landon) Smith (Nursery)	John Pero (TWT - Soundboard)
Whitney Smith (Nursery)	Ashley Pratt (1st Lt Children's Time)
Sarah Stephens (TWT - ProPresenter)	Brad Shannon (1st Lt TWT - Video Cameras)
Carla Taylor (Counter)	Emma Silva (Nursery)
Bill Taylor (Transportation)	E. Stephen Smith (Usher)
	Andy Thornton III (Usher Captain)
	Will Urquhart (TWT - ProPresenter)
	Rob Vaughan Jr (1st Lt ProPresenter)
	Rob Vaughan Jr (Counter)
	Frank Walkiewicz (TWT - Video Cameras)

<b>May 19, 2019 98th Anniversary Sunday</b>	<b>May 26, 2019</b>
Greg Barrette (Usher)	Kathy Arritt (Nursery)
Blake Bongrazio (Nursery)	Allison Coleman (Nursery)
Darlene Bongrazio (Nursery)	Joanna Coleman (Nursery)
Daphne Huffman (Usher)	Carl Cress (Usher)
Greg Huffman (Usher Captain)	George Dickenson (Children's Time)
Clara Jeffery (Liturgist)	Bonnie Dickerson (Usher)
Philip Parr (1st Lt Soundboard)	Shelby Dickerson (Usher Captain)
Sarah Pero (Children's Time)	Frank Dieter (Raleigh Court Healthcare)
Brittany Roberts-Emery (Nursery)	Mary Dieter (Raleigh Court Healthcare)
Allison Sadler (Raleigh Court Healthcare)	Joe Downing (TWT - Video Cameras)
Mark Seiler (Counter)	Dalia Downing (TWT - ProPresenter)
Brad Shannon (1st Lt TWT - Video Cameras)	Vivianne Harris (Usher)
Sarah Stephens (TWT - ProPresenter)	Tim McConchie (Usher)
Mat Talbot (Transportation)	Jason Murray (TWT - Soundboard)
David Tanner (Usher)	Philip Parr (1st Lt Soundboard)
Carla Taylor (Usher)	Janice Phillips (Nursery)
Bill Taylor (Usher)	Ben Realmuto (1st Lt ProPresenter)
Katherine Vaughan (Nursery)	John Richardson (Usher)
Rob Vaughan Jr (TWT - Soundboard)	Brad Shannon (1st Lt TWT - Video Cameras)
Frank Walkiewicz (TWT - Video Cameras)	David Tanner (Liturgist)
	Carla Taylor (Counter)
	Andy Thornton III (Transportation)

continue to pray & Support

## G.L.O.W. MINISTRY

We need your prayers and support reaching out to the Next Gen. There is an easy way to be part of this support! Giving through shopping is a new way! Join us!

### Support Raleigh Court United Methodist Church.

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](http://Go to smile.amazon.com)

amazon smile

Kroger **community rewards**  
New Code: TF920  
56 HOUSEHOLDS ENROLLED

## I love to knit and crochet!

or would love to learn!

The Prayer Shawl Knitting friends would love to have you join their fun gatherings!

Join them Thursdays @10:00 AM in the church library. Call for exact dates of gatherings. All are welcome!

In 2018 this group provided 13 prayer shawls, 4 baby blankets, and 7 scarves for our church family.



Info? Becky at 540-989-6581 or [duwgrds@cox.net](mailto:duwgrds@cox.net)

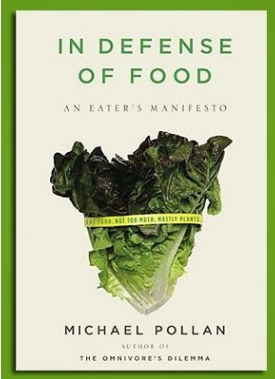
## Reading Program

In 2016, one of the titles in the Social Action category was Michael Pollan's In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto. A well-known food advocate



his approach is still relevant in this time when there's a new diet around every corner. Pollan puts forth that we need to "Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants." He tries to present a balanced approach to eating. This book can be checked out of the local library system.

Enjoy, then eat!



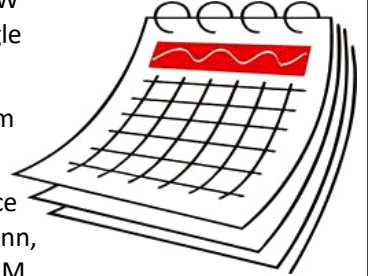
# United Methodist Women

May 3-5 Conference UMW Spiritual Life Retreat, Eagle Erie

June 1 - UMW Day at Ferrum College

June 21 - Annual Conference UMW Breakfast at Holiday Inn, Roanoke Valley View 6:45 AM

**Save The Dates!**



## Sunday Evening Fellowship

Sunday Evening Fellowship met Sunday, April 14, at 6:30 pm in the church library. Prompted by the speakers at the District Spiritual Life Retreat some of us discussed our spiritual life journey-recounting experiences and people that have impacted us. We also discussed forgiveness following the Lenten devotional. Our program centered around the Doctrine of Discovery which is based on Christian scripture

and how the laws based upon this doctrine have legalized the theft of land, labor and resources from Indigenous Peoples.

There will be NO meeting in May as our meeting time coincides with Mother's Day. Our fellowship will meet next on Sunday, June 9 at 6:30 pm in the church library. United Methodist Women welcome ALL women to our meetings. Contact Janice Phillips at 725-1358 for information.



Join us each Monday at 7 PM in the parlor as we gather together specifically to pray. All are welcome each week.

### Five Ways to Pray with Children

- ◆ Night and Morning Prayers - build daily prayer time into your child's routine. Ask them what they'd like to pray for and lead them in prayer.
- ◆ Prayer Rocks - go on a walk to find rocks of all different sizes. Decorate the rocks with your child, pray over them, and give them to people who need a blessing.
- ◆ Prayerball - get a beachball and draw pictures or write words of things to pray for onto the ball. Toss the ball to each other and have your child pray for what is touched by a thumb.
- ◆ Ambulance Prayer - stop to pray with your child every time you hear an ambulance, police car or fire truck.
- ◆ Prayer Beads - let children choose wooden beads and string, then decorate the beads with things they'd like to pray for. They can make a bracelet or a necklace or place it on their backpack.

# MAY 2019

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
<b>Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the youth of our church to a daily, personal relationship with Jesus Christ</b>	5 Family Promise Great Week of service First Light Worship Service 8:30 am Connection Corner 9:00 am Sunday School 9:40 am Youth Brunch 9:45 am Children's Worship 11:00 am Youth Sunday Traditional Worship 11:00 am Parsonage Listening Session 4:00 pm Caring and Coloring 4:30 pm	6 Family Promise Great Week of service Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry 7:00 pm	7 Family Promise Great Week of service Men's Bible Study Breakfast 7:00 am Frances Allen Circle 10:00 am Children's Council Meeting 5:30 pm Yoga 5:45 pm Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm First Light Worship Rehearsal 6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 pm
<b>Praise God for the love of mothers throughout this world and thank Him for your own mother.</b>	12 Family Promise First Light Worship Service 8:30 am Connection Corner 9:00 am Sunday School 9:40 am Traditional Worship – Children's Musical 11:00 am Children's Luncheon 12:00 pm Caring and Coloring 4:30 pm UMW Sunday Evening Fellowship 6:30 pm	13 Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry 7:00 pm	14 Men's Bible Study Breakfast 7:00 am Yoga 5:45 pm First Light Worship Rehearsal 6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 8:00
<b>Pray that God will guide, protect, and lead each of our church staff members daily as they serve Him at RCUMC.</b>	19 First Light Worship Service 8:30 am Connection Corner 9:00 am Sunday School 9:40 am Anniversary Sunday Worship 10:30 am Church Anniversary Luncheon 12:00 pm Girl Scouts 1:30 pm Caring and Coloring 4:30 pm Youth G.L.O.W. Fellowship 6:30 pm	20 Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Prayer Ministry 7:00 pm	21 Men's Bible Study Breakfast 7:00 am Yoga 5:45 pm First Light Worship Rehearsal 6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 pm
<b>Thank God for the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives in the service of our country to protect our freedom.</b>	26 First Light Worship Service 8:30 am Connection Corner 9:00 am Sunday School 9:40 am Traditional Worship 11:00 am Caring and Coloring 4:30 pm	27 Prayer Ministry 7:00 pm	28 Men's Bible Study Breakfast 7:00 am Yoga 5:45 pm First Light Worship Rehearsal 6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 pm

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Rehearsal for Children Grades 3-5 5:00 pm CR Men's 12 Step Study 5:00 pm Mosaic 5:30 pm	2 Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Womens AA 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm	3 Piano Recital 6:00 pm Coffeeshouse with Roanoke Chamber Brass 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting 8:00 pm	4
8 Family Promise Great Week of service Rehearsal for Children Grades 3-5 5:00 pm CR Men's 12 Step Study 5:00 pm Mosaic 5:30 pm JuBELLation 6:45 pm	9 Family Promise Great Week of service Downtown Bible Study Breakfast 7:00 am Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Women's AA 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm	10 Family Promise Great Week of service Serve dinner at the Rescue Mission Narcotics Anonymous Meeting 8:00 pm	11 Family Promise Great Week of service Dress Rehearsal for Children's Musical 2:00 pm
15 CR Men's 12 Step Study 5:00 pm Mosaic 5:30 pm JuBELLation 6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	16 Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Women's AA 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm	17 Narcotics Anonymous Meeting 8:00 pm	18
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29 CR Men's 12 Step Study 5:00 pm Open Table Community Meal 6:30 pm JuBELLation 6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm	30 Women's Bible Study 10:00 am Women's AA 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery 6:30 pm	31 Narcotics Anonymous Meeting 8:00 pm	

**VBS/Music Camp Week**  
**July 29 - August 2**

Play! Ring! Praise! Sing! Crafts! Fun! Bible Stories! Mission!

1:00-5:00 PM Music Camp for Kindergarten - 6th Grade (\$50 registration fee)  
 5:00-5:30 PM Recreation Time on the Playground  
 5:30-8:00 PM Vacation Bible School for Ages 3 - 5th grade with Dinner Provided (Free)

**Sign Up Now at [rcume.org](http://rcume.org)!**

Sign your child up now for a week of fun and learning about God! At our VBS/Music Camp week your child will sing, ring bells and chimes, play instruments, do crafts participate in mission, learn bible stories and more! For children participating in Music Camp there is a \$50 fee, but scholarships are available. VBS is free!

Join us for another Coffeehouse with entertainment by the Roanoke Chamber Brass. They will present a fun, entertaining evening of music from Bach to Bluegrass that the whole family will enjoy! Refreshments will be for sale and coffee will be free! We will accept donations for the musicians.



**CoffeeHouse at Raleigh Court United Methodist Church**  
**May 3rd 7:30-9:30 pm**

**The Lost Boy**  
**Young Jesus in the Temple**  
 by Allen Pote and Tom S. Long

**Children's Musical**  
 Presented by our Children's Choir

**Sunday, May 12**  
**11:00 AM**

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For their annual musical our children will present "The Lost Boy" by Allen Pote and Tom S. Long. This play tells the story of Luke 2:39-52. Mary and Joseph lose track of twelve-year-old Jesus for three days, and when they finally find him, he is sitting in his "Father's house"--demonstrating a great understanding of God. Join us as we celebrate our children!



# NEXT GENERATION AT RCUMC

2019 | RCUMC NEXT GEN  
**May  
Events**

## KIDS G.L.O.W. MINISTRY

### Summer Sunday School

Starting June 2nd

We are looking for Volunteers to lead our "One Room" Summer Sunday School. If interested please contact Eric. (eric@rcumc.org)

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### SAVE THE DATE

JULY 29 - AUGUST 2!!!

Journey to Mars and Beyond, exploring the Great Universe God has created. We will hear the stories of Daniel, Esther, The Good Samaritan, Jesus healing the Leper and Meeting Jesus on the Emmaus Road.

## YOUTH G.L.O.W. Youth Fellowship

Sundays @ 6:30 PM

This is a time where youth can gather together to grow as a community and in their own personal faith! We start with games, then share a relevant topic, and close with small groups. We have a meal every third Sunday.

### Upcoming Youth Events

- May 4 - Youth Sunday Practice 12pm
- May 5 - Youth Sunday 8:30am & 11am
- May 19 - 98th Anniversary
- May 19 - Last Youth Fellowship



**Youth summer outing**

**June 12th \$36/person**

**Depart 8:00am Return 8:00pm**

**Bring money for lunch in park  
and dinner on the ride home.**

Youth Sunday

HIS LOVE ENDURES  
**FOREVER**  
PSALM 136

May 5th, 8:30 & 11

# Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

Help our children continue to learn  
about God through the summer months.

Teachers needed for:  
combined Elementary Class  
AND  
Preschool Class.

Lesson materials provided.

Grab a friend and sign up in the Gathering Area today!



Do you receive our  
Weekly Good News on  
Thursdays  
and  
Pastor's E-note on  
Saturdays?

If not, check you spam mailbox.  
Also add rcumc@rcumc.org  
and pastor@rcumc.org  
to your contact list.

#getconnected #rcumc #email

Sign up today to volunteer at  
2019 Annual Conference in Roanoke!



There are many opportunities to  
volunteer for a few hours during 2019  
Annual Conference in Roanoke.  
Click this link to see what's available and  
sign up today!

[https://www.signupgenius.com/  
go/20fo848abaf2caofc1-2019](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20fo848abaf2caofc1-2019)

Or go to [www.roanokeumc.org/news](http://www.roanokeumc.org/news)  
and follow the links to sign up.

## Beginner's Yoga

All are welcome to attend the Beginner's Yoga Class on  
Tuesday evenings at 5:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Extra  
yoga mats and props are available. Advanced notice of  
attendance is not necessary.

The rate is \$10.00 per class or a class card may be pur-  
chased for a discounted rate of \$36.00 for four classes  
(to be used within two months).

**Gift certificates are available.**

For more information, call Rebecca Talbot, Certi-  
fied Integral Yoga Instructor, (540) 342-0545 or  
join the Facebook Group, Roanoke Hatha Yoga.



## Monday Moment

*Love God. Love others  
for the Transformation  
of the World!*

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Follow Monday Moment  
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## INVITATION TO HELP MAKE A DECISION

SELLING THE PARSONAGE ON DOVER DR. SW.

**Listening Session - May 5th at 4:00 PM**  
**Memorial Hall**  
**Charge Conference - May 20th at 5:30 PM**  
**Memorial Hall**

## Church Plan for the Parsonage and Pastor's Housing

April 26, 2019

### Background

During 2018, our church parsonage was exposed several major flood events. Our Trustees assessed the damages to determine repairs needed, and compared the condition of the parsonage to the current standards for UMC Parsonages. From this assessment, the Trustees determined that:

- ◆ The basement level needed all new flooring and future sewage back-ups could only be prevented by installing a new backflow preventer.
- ◆ The parsonage would require substantial renovations to be marketable, costing at least \$10,000 in materials and another \$10,000 in contracted services (or donated labor by RCUMC members).
- ◆ The risk of future flood events would likely increase over time.
- ◆ Due to the Parsonage layout and construction, meeting UMC standards was not a viable option.

Accordingly, in early 2019, the Trustees voted to recommend the Executive Council approve sale of the parsonage. At the same time, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee had taken up the question of the parsonage condition independently. They reached similar conclusions as the Trustees, and further concluded that the Parsonage should be sold and replaced with a Housing Allowance.

### Current Status

The Trustees made their recommendation at the regular Executive Council meeting on February 2019. After discussion by the Council, a Parsonage Task Force was commissioned to prepare an analysis and recommendations, addressing various issues relating to the Parsonage:

- ◆ If the Parsonage was sold, what would be the likely net proceeds?
  - ◆ How would sale of the Parsonage impact the current pastor and family?
  - ◆ What would be an appropriate amount for a Housing Allowance?
  - ◆ How would a Pastor's Housing Allowance impact availability of future pastor appointments?
  - ◆ How would a Housing Allowance impact the church budget short-term and long-term?
- Proposing a funding plan for converting to a Housing Allowance.

The Task-Force was led by Rich McGimsey, and included representatives from the Trustees, Finance Committee and Staff-Parish Committee. The Task Force presented their findings and recommendations to the Executive Council on April 11, 2019:

- ◆ Sell the parsonage and convert to a Pastor's Housing Allowance at a rate of \$18,000 per year. An interested investor had been identified, who would buy the Parsonage for \$150,000 in its "as is" condition as soon as we have approval to sell.
- ◆ **Impact on the current pastor & family:** The pastor would need to arrange new housing and relocate from the current Parsonage. The pastor would be then be responsible for all maintenance, taxes and insurance. Pastor RJ has indicated that they would embrace this change.
- ◆ **Funding the Housing Allowance** The Task Force worked with the Trustees, Foundation and Finance & Staff-Parish Committees to address funding, since the proceeds of the Parsonage sale could not be directly used to fund the Housing Allowance. The plan developed would involve an endowment fund managed by the Foundation using a combination of proceeds from the Parsonage sale (approx. \$150,000) combined with \$300,00 of current Foundation assets. Annual returns from this endowment would support \$15,000 of the Housing Allowance, the remaining amount coming from savings to the budget from former Parsonage expenses. However, for the remainder of 2019 and some of 2020, additional fundraising will be required.
- ◆ **Potential impact on future pastor appointments** The Task Force found that use of a housing allowance is a growing trend and used successfully by many local congregations.

The Executive Council unanimously approved these recommendations at its April 11, 2019 meeting.

### Next Steps

- ◆ There will be an **open "Listening Session" on May 5, 2019** at 4:00 PM in the Memorial Hall for the plan to be presented and address questions from the congregation.
- ◆ A **special Charge Conference will be held on May 20** at 5:30 PM, presided over by our District Superintendent, to take final action on the sale of the Parsonage. Upon approval of the sale by the Charge Conference, the district committee on facilities will then review the plan for final approval. At that time the sale of the parsonage can proceed.

Questions or concerns can be directed to any of the Executive Council members. They are: Larry Dickenson, Judy Thornton, Rob Vaughan, Julie Realmuto, Danny Gee, Becky Gee, Leah Shank, Rich McGimsey, Stephanie Dickenson, Sue McCoy, Steve Jamison, Patsy Wingfield, Steven McDaniel

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## May Birthdays

Aralyn	Dickenson	1-May
Freeman	Nester	1-May
Islay	O'Keef	1-May
Sarah	Clark	2-May
Frank	Dieter	2-May
Steven	McConchie	4-May
Luke	Barrette	5-May
Christine	Hubbard	6-May
Miles	Stanley	8-May
John	Moorefield	8-May
William	Adkins	9-May
Sue	McCoy	10-May
Jessica	Mather	13-May
Helen	Alba	14-May
Vivianne	Harris	14-May
Anthony	McConchie	18-May
Claire	Snyder	18-May
Veronica	Counihan	19-May
Mary	Dieter	20-May
Emma	Batty	21-May
Colin	Batty	22-May
Felix	Counihan	22-May
David	Davis III	22-May
Adam	McConchie	22-May
Whitney	Miller	23-May
Julie	Realmuto	23-May
Michelle	Horne	25-May
Jeremy	Smith	25-May
Scott	McCoy	27-May
Deborah	Reid	28-May
Jonathan	Evens	29-May
Tucker	Gross	30-May



### Let's Play Ball!

Come out and support our Purple Power!  
Games played at Wasena Park Diamond 2

Thurs, April 25 - 9:15 PM vs Church of the Holy Spirit  
Tues, April 30 - 8:15 PM vs GFC  
Thurs, May 2 - 6:15 PM vs Lighthouse Bible Church  
Tues, May 7 - 9:15 PM vs FCC  
Thurs, May 9 - 8:15 PM vs St. John Lutheran  
Tues, May 14 - 7:15 PM vs Parkway Church  
Thurs, May 16 - 7:15 PM vs Vinton Baptist  
Tues, May 21 - 7:15 PM vs Church of the Holy Spirit  
Thurs, May 23 - 8:15 PM vs GFC

  
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Tommy Whitaker 540-797-2427 Mark Seiler 540-525-5306

Weekly Stats	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 21	Apr 28
8:30 AM Worship	41	42	56	42
11:00 AM Worship	135	156	273	134
TOTAL including on-line & healthcare	194	205	344	185
Giving	\$10,567	\$7,886	\$7,772	\$4,201

STARTING MAY 2019

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LOUNGE

Every Sunday Morning at 9:40 AM - 10:40 AM  
New Fellowship Lounge



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