

# The Word



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## Pastor's Page

### "Living the Resurrection in a Season of New Life"

**"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"**

— *Isaiah 43:19a*

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Easter season endures, offering a beautiful reminder that resurrection is more than a single Sunday event; it is a continuous living reality we embrace each day. During this joyful Eastertide, all of creation joins in celebrating the renewal. Spring has come with its warmer sun, blooming flowers, lush green landscapes, and birds singing in the morning. Everywhere we turn, signs reveal that God continues to bring forth new life.

As Methodist Christians, we see grace not just in extraordinary moments but also in everyday wonders. The arrival of spring stands as a living witness to hope and resurrection. The same God who raised Christ from the dead keeps renewing hearts, communities, and creation itself.

This Easter season, I am thankful to be spending vacation in San Jose, California, with my daughter's family. Watching my granddaughter grow after a year apart has been one of the season's greatest joys. Seeing her wonder, energy, and spiritual curiosity has been a quiet grace for me. Hearing her memorize Psalm 23—"The Lord is my shepherd"—moved me deeply. In a child's faith, I am reminded that God's promises are continually being renewed.

Recently, I had the privilege of worshiping at Los Gatos United Methodist Church. Being there reinforced the connectional spirit of our United Methodist tradition—wherever God's people come together in prayer, praise, the Word, and sacrament, Christ is among us. It was a soul-renewing experience.

As May progresses, we near Mother's Day, a special time to celebrate women—mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers, and mentors—whose nurturing love embodies God's tenderness. Their care, sacrifices, and unwavering faith often serve as our initial encounters with grace.

Soon, we will celebrate Pentecost, the Church's birthday, when the Holy Spirit united diverse people into one body and empowered them for mission. Pentecost teaches us that the church is sustained not by human strength alone but by God's living breath. It invites us to renewed unity, witness, and holy imagination.

The theme of Spirit-led unity holds special significance for us this year as the United Ministry of Delhi celebrates its 50th anniversary. This sacred milestone reminds us that, for fifty years, God's faithfulness has been evident through worship, service, mission, and community. The golden anniversary is a moment to honor our history and to express gratitude for the Spirit's ongoing role in shaping our shared future. Like the early church at Pentecost, we are called once again to be a community of hope, hospitality, and healing.

Reflecting on Easter joy, spring beauty, family blessings, and our communal journey makes me believe that resurrection isn't limited to the empty tomb. It is alive wherever love flourishes, faith is fostered, communities come together, and the Spirit revitalizes the church.

May this season of sunshine, song, blossoms, and birds inspire us to deepen our awareness of God's renewing grace. May the risen Christ fill our hearts with joy, the Spirit ignite our passion for service, and our beloved church thrive as a vibrant witness to the gospel.

Christ is indeed risen — and new life is blossoming among us.

Grace and Peace,

Premkumar Immanuel Clement



## 4/20/26 Parish Council Meeting

Called to order by Carol Greene 6:45 PM

Present: Gideon Frisbee, Ruth V, Stephanie, Carol Greene, Susan Frisbee, Eloise Henault, Barb Jones, Joe Greenfield (phone)

Excused: Pastor Prem, Fred Onasch

Devotions: Joe shared a devotion about one of his favorite places in nature to visit in Florida. He shared a story about a woman who he encountered writing there who authored the book "My Amazing Journey through the Bible" He shared her interpretation of Psalm 46:10.

Topic of the Month: 50 th Anniversary updates. We have received over \$6,000 in donations to the giving campaign at this point. The first event is May 9 th , with the community Historical walking Architecture tour which will culminate with a tour of United Ministry and refreshments. The planning committee will meet on Thursday 4/23. Conversation was had about the food pantry move that will happen this upcoming Saturday. Conversation/concern was expressed about the use of and locking/unlocking of the elevator door.

Approval of Meeting minutes –March 16, 2026. Eloise moved to approve, Ruth 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The March financial report was presented. Carol made a motion to approve this report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eloise.

Finance: Finance met on April 20 prior to the Parish Council meeting. Reports were reviewed and discussed.

Trustee's Report: Electricity upgrades to Classroom 5/6 to facilitate the moving of the food pantry were completed. Painting of the room was completed by Gordon Krick. A Workday is scheduled for 4/25 for grounds cleanup and assisting with the food pantry relocation. Trustees are working on getting a scissor lift so Gordon Krick can repair the sanctuary ceiling and we can clean the fans before May 9<sup>th</sup>.

SPR—Barb thanked Susan Ackerly for leading SPR while she was away on vacation. Things are going well with Meredith in the sexton position. The committee met on March 31 st and will meet again on May 5.

Pastor's Report: Prem submitted a written report as he is on vacation. Highlights include that he led a special Interfaith Scout worship service for Cub Scout Pack 33 on March 25 here in our sanctuary. Prem conducted the foot washing ceremony during the Maundy Thursday worship, participated in the ecumenical service on Good Friday, and led both the Sunrise and Easter worship services. He attended the Catskill-Hudson District Clergy Conference on April 11<sup>th</sup> in Greenville NY. Two pastoral care visits were made this month. Church attendance: 3/22 – 35. 3/29 -46, 4/2-17, 4/5 Sunrise-4, 4/5 Easter 39 communion served. 4/12-31, 4/19-31. All in person attendance numbers only.

Eloise – Playschool - Playschool had a bottle drive this past weekend. There was a bake sale at the St. Pattys Day parade and there will be a bake sale at the Memorial Day Parade.

Mission: The next food give away will be on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Fred - Witness: absent

Next meeting of Parish Council will be May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Joe moves to adjourn, Gideon seconds, motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gideon Frisbee

## Food Mission



We made it! After lots of hard work and many helping hands the food pantry is now in its new location in room 5/6. A HUGE thank you to Gideon, Carol, Bob and Eloise Henault and their daughter, Fran, Pattie, Cindy, Barb Jones and the girls from the college, Richard, Susan Frisbee, Ruth V. who was providing refreshments and others who I may have missed mentioning.

We will be open for business as usual on Monday from 1-3. I'm sure we will be doing some adjusting as we work through the change, but it is very exciting to have room to move around and a bright, cheery atmosphere.

Deb and Pattie will be delivering their boxes as normal this month.

Carol and crew will be doing their giveaway on May 23rd so please let her know if you can help and/or know of someone who would appreciate a box of food.

Edie

### *An A-Plus Answer*

Twelve-year-old Daniel was doing his best to test the patience of his mother, the Rev. Ann Lewis. He pushed back on every request, and the tension in the room kept rising as he refused to cooperate.

Finally, his mother reached her limit. Looking at him firmly, she said, "Daniel, you have tested me to my limits."

Without missing a beat, Daniel grinned and replied, "Yes! And you get an A-plus."

## Church Work Day

The work day at the church on April 25<sup>th</sup> was successful due to the many helping hands who came to help! This included five students from SUNY Delhi as part of their Community Service Day! These students are members of the Greek organizations Mu Iota Upsilon (MIU) and Upsilon Delta Epsilon (UDE) and were a great help in completing yard work outside before it rained, as well as assisting with the Food Pantry move and hanging of all the banners in the Sanctuary. Many thanks to the students, community members, and church members who came together to complete the tasks!





The new location for the Food Pantry offers a brighter, better organized, and more welcoming environment for both volunteers working and families and individuals accessing the pantry.



*Kid's Club will have lots of space for their lessons, crafts, and activities!*



## Women's Open Circle

Women's Open Circle will meet on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at noon in the Harder Room. We will have a program and we will be planning our annual year-end 'Picnic'. Bring your own lunch and dessert and beverages will be provided. All women of The United Ministry are invited!



## Historical Walking Tour

All are invited to join Professor Lisa Tessier's History of Architecture students who will lead a walking tour of Village historical architecture on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The tour will begin at 10AM at 98 Main Street (Schimmerling Law Office) and will visit a number of locations in the Village. The tour's last stop at 11:10 will feature the United Ministry which is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Following the conclusion of the tour, all are invited to view historical displays and to enjoy refreshments.

**Church members are encouraged to join the tour from the start at 10am or members can join in at 11:10 outside the church to hear the student's presentations and to help welcome the students and tour attendees.**

A promotional poster for a Memorial Day event. The background is light blue with a pattern of white line-art icons representing various baking items like cakes, breads, and pastries. The text is arranged in several lines, using a mix of blue and red colors. The main title 'OUR HEROES' is in large, bold red letters, flanked by a row of red stars. The date 'MONDAY, MAY 25' is also in large, bold red letters. The location and time are listed in red text below. At the bottom, it says 'VILLAGE CEREMONY BEGINS AT 10 AM, PARADE TO FOLLOW' in red.

**PLAY SCHOOL'S** JOIN US IN CELEBRATING  
**MEMORIAL DAY** **OUR HEROES**  
**BAKE SALE** ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★  
**MONDAY, MAY 25**  
**ON THE VILLAGE SQUARE IN DELHI**  
**ON THE CORNER OF COURT & MAIN**  
**FROM 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**VILLAGE CEREMONY BEGINS AT 10 AM, PARADE TO FOLLOW**

## Play School Update May 2026

As part of our Earth Day unit Play School held its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual bottle and can drive on Saturday April 18th. Cans and Bottles are being sorted and counted. We will update everyone on our totals once we receive them from Dutch Redemption. We have also received trees and shrubs from Delaware County Soil and Water for the kids to plant as part of our Earth Day unit. Thank you to everyone for your donations and for making this unit of learning for the kids extra special. Thank you Elaine for the beautiful banners that you had made for the bottle drive!

We continue to receive inquiries from families about the Play School program for the fall. A list has been started. Anyone interested in knowing more about Play School please contact Pam Savage at [playschool.umod@gmail.com](mailto:playschool.umod@gmail.com) or visit our web page and I'd be happy to share with you additional information and how to register.

During the month of May watch for our Play School Banner across Main Street! We will also be focused on Mother's Day projects and an End of the Year celebration. Play School will host our 2nd Annual Memorial Day Bake Sale on Monday, May 25th from 9:30 -1:30 pm. Watch for our fliers. If anyone would like to help out, contribute baked goods or make a monitory donation, we would greatly appreciate it!

Thank you for your donations and support throughout the school year!  
Growing Strong Together!

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam

**Pamela Savage, Program Director**

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# Puzzle!

In spring and summer, we remember mothers and fathers with special days. Find the parents of these Biblical children. Check the verse given for help.



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|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Joash (2 Kings 11:2)             | A _____       |
| Obed (Matthew 1:5)               | B _____       |
| Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)       | _____ C _____ |
| John the disciple (Matthew 4:21) | _____ D _____ |
| John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)     | _____ E _____ |
| Lo-Ruhamah (Hosea 1:6)           | G _____       |
| Jezreel (Hosea 1:4)              | H _____       |
| Esau (Genesis 25:28)             | I _____       |
| David (1 Samuel 16:19)           | J _____       |
| Jacob (Genesis 25:28)            | _____ K _____ |
| Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)        | _____ L _____ |
| Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)         | M _____       |
| Samuel (1 Samuel 1:19-20)        | _____ N _____ |
| Jesse (Matthew 1:5)              | O _____       |
| Gershom (Exodus 2:21-22)         | _____ P _____ |
| Joseph (Genesis 35: 22-24)       | R _____       |
| Isaac (Genesis 21:3)             | S _____       |
| John the Baptist (Luke 1:13)     | _____ T _____ |
| Jonathan (1 Samuel 14:1)         | _____ U _____ |
| Solomon (1 Kings 2:1)            | _____ V _____ |
| Jesus (Matthew 1:18)             | _____ Y _____ |
| James (Matthew 4:21)             | Z _____       |

Answers: Ahaziah, Boaz, Jacob, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Zechariah, Gomer, Hosea, Isaac, Jesse, Rebekekah, Elkanah, Moses, Hannah, Obed, Zipporah, Rachel, Zechariah, Sarah, Rachel, Zebadee, Saul, David, Mary, Zebadee

## GROWING IN GOD'S word



Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

### What you need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant or packet of seeds
- Newspaper or paper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



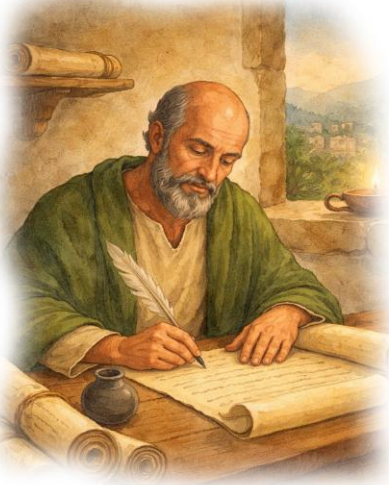
### What you do:

1. Spread some newspaper out on a table for your working area.
2. Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
3. Paint designs on the pot and plate.
4. When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the top part of the pot write: Growing in God's Word.
5. Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With adults help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
6. Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant everyday and keep the soil moist.
7. Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you too, need care as you grow in God's Word.

2 Peter 3:18 NIV

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

# Bible Quiz



Although the apostle Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he dictated the message while another believer served as the scribe. Near the end of the letter, that writer briefly identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila

Answer: A (Romans 16:22)



**CEDAR TREE** — A species of evergreen used to decorate for Christmas, the tall cedar tree symbolizes Christ's majesty year-round. Cedars of Lebanon, which have grown to 130 feet, were known to Old Testament people. "The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted" (Psalm 104:16, NIV). David's palace and both Solomon's palace and temple were built of cedar wood. The word cedar is found 75 times in the Bible. Due to its evergreen nature and longevity, this tree is associated with eternal life and thus sometimes used in cemetery landscaping.

# MAY Birthdays

Ruth Vredenburg	5/2	Barbara Davidson	5/7	Pam Savage	5/18
Kierstin Griswold	5/2	Fred Huneke	5/7	Nathan Gielskie	5/19
Marilyn Huneke	5/4	Duane Sturdevant	5/15	Bob Henault	5/21
Eric Whittaker	5/4	Rosella Frisbee	5/16	Gary Clark	5/24
Lois Haight	5/6	Chip Colson	5/17	Jenn Kazmierski	5/28
Virginia Mills	5/6	Ryan Sturdevant	5/17	Shawn Ackerly	5/28



## Coffee Hour Hosts & Flowers for the Sanctuary



Have you signed up to host Coffee Hour yet? Coffee, tea, lemonade, and paper goods are supplied. Cookies are optional. Sign up on the sheet on the Bulletin Board or call the church office to pick your date.

Would you like to commemorate a loved one or special event in your life? Garden and wild flowers are always welcome! If you are uncomfortable creating the arrangement, call the office and we can make the arrangement for you.

Flowers



### **Coffee Hour**

- May 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- May 10 \_\_\_\_\_
- May 17 Gideon, Liz, Wyatt, Porter, & Rosella
- May 24 \_\_\_\_\_
- May 31 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Flowers**

- May 3 Ruth Vredenburg
- May 10 \_\_\_\_\_
- May 17 \_\_\_\_\_
- May 24 \_\_\_\_\_
- May 31 \_\_\_\_\_

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office.

## Word and Worship

### May 3

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Proverbs 4:10-18; Psalm 119:9-32;  
1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

### May 17

Ascension Sunday  
Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalms 21:1-7;  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

### May 10

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day  
Ezekiel 34:1-7; Psalm 115;  
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

### May 24

Pentecost  
Numbers 11:24-30;  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b;  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

### May 31

Trinity Sunday  
Genesis 1:1-2; 4a; Psalm 8;  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

## Lectors

May 3 *Carol Greene*  
May 10 *Gideon Frisbee*  
May 17 *Patti Kruppo*  
May 24 *Ruth Kazmierski*  
May 31 *Fred Onasch*

## Acolytes

May 4 *Olivia Kruppo*  
May 10 *Virginia Mills*  
May 17 *Wyatt Frisbee*  
May 24 *Cameron Mills*  
May 31 *Virginia Mills*

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