

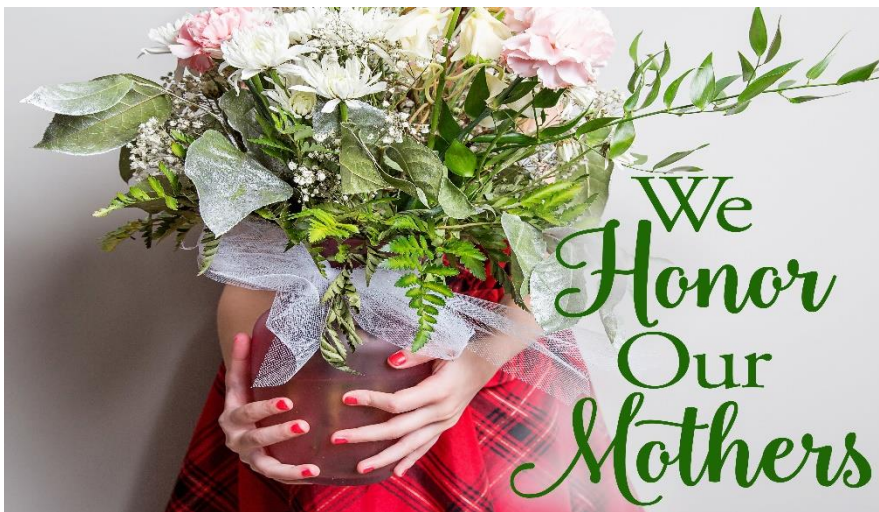
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“There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one.” —Jill Churchill

“The art of mothering is to teach the art of living to children.” —Elaine Hefner

“The mother’s heart is the child’s schoolroom.” —Henry Ward Beecher

“Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible.” —Marion C. Garretty

“Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn’t know you had.” —Linda Wooten

THE SUNDAY FUND

Each year on Mother’s Day First Methodist Church, along with other Methodists across the state, receive contributions to **The Sunday Fund**. The Sunday Fund is the MOST critical part of the Senior Services’ ministry. It is a benevolence fund designed to assist elders living on any of Senior Services’ twelve campuses. Elders of all denominations, who have outlived their financial resources and can no longer afford the cost of housing and/or care, are eligible to receive Sunday Fund assistance. The Sunday Fund receives support from a variety of sources including individuals, churches, local businesses, as well as elders living on the campuses who have the means to support The Sunday Fund. However, over half of support comes directly from church families.

An insert for the 2026 Sunday Fund will be in this Sunday’s bulletin. Please make your check to **First Methodist Church** and write **Sunday Fund in the memo line** and place it in the offering plate. There are additional inserts available. Let us continue to generously support this worthy ministry.





SUNDAY, MAY 10

- 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Middle School Boys Bible Study

MONDAY, MAY 11

- 6:30 p.m. Prison Ministry

TUESDAY, MAY 12

- 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- 5:30 p.m. W.O.W. Children's Ministry
- 6:00 p.m. Choir
- 6:15 p.m. Supper

THURSDAY, MAY 14

- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

SATURDAY, MAY 16

- 9-12 noon Methodist Market



10. Sharon Nichols

Claire Stevens

12. Pam Hatfield

Joe Dearman

16. Sterling Allen



16. Mr. & Mrs. Hunter Ledbetter



VBS dates and theme has been set. The dates for VBS will be June 1-4, Monday-Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

We are looking for volunteers and welcome anyone who would like to help. Please call the church office or let Tera know if you would be willing to volunteer as a teacher or leader. (601-594-2619)

Honor Your Mother

Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers.

At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom's favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother's Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living.

Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they "symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying."



5K-3rd Grade

We will begin a new unit in our *HeartShaper* curriculum for the month of May. Unit 3 is entitled, ***Paul Continues to Tell About Jesus***. Our lessons for each Sunday are as follows:

May 10 - "Paul and Silas Sing in Prison"

May 17 - "Paul Tells a Crowd About Jesus."

May 24 - "Paul is Shipwrecked."

May 31 - "Paul Tells About Jesus in Rome."



4th-6th Grade

During the month of May our upper elementary Sunday School will begin a new series for Spring, Unit 3- ***Justice of Gospel Light's -The Edge***.

May 10 - "Blind Bartimaeus"

May 17 - "The Crippled Woman"

May 24 - "The Centurion"

May 31 - "The Widow of Nain"

HISKIDZ/W.O.W. WEDNESDAY

Children in grades 5K-6th meet on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. for Children's Bible Study. We study and craft through Bible stories, and if time permits, we play a game. Supper is provided at 6:15 p.m. before dismissing. We are approaching our last few meetings before we break for Summer Session. Hard to believe Summer is around the corner.

Middle School Boys Bible Study

Middle School Boys Bible Study for grades 5th – 8th with Bro. Jeffrey will meet Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Bible Study and Small Group

The youth have completed Season 2 of the "House of David." We really enjoyed being able to have a visual of watching the story of David unfold. We have studied alongside in the Bible as David grew from a shepherd in the field to a warrior in battle. We will begin Season 3 in the Fall/Winter when it is released and see David transition into the King of Israel.

Youth Bible Study will not meet this Sunday.

VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

Greeters	Julie & De Paul/Linda & Bob Coker
Scripture	Luke 10:38-42
Sermon	“Mary’s Prerogative”
Lay Reader	Julie Paul/Linda Bailey
Flowers	Michelle & Shane Manor

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MAY

10. 6th Sunday of Easter	John 14:15-21
11. Like a refiner’s fire	Isaiah 6:1-13
12. Would all were prophets!	Numbers 11:24-30
13. Rivers of living water	John 7:37-39
14. Filled with the Spirit	Acts 2:1-21
15. Manifold are your works	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b
16. Baptized into one body	1 Corinthians 12:3-13