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**VUMC Weekly**

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**Village United Methodist Church** <office-@villageumc.ccsend.com>

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Quote from the late Rev. Norman Carter ~  
“live well, love Jesus,  
and don’t forget to laugh.”

From Pastor Chris

\*The word is getting around faster than I can write this column, and many of you are already reading or listening to news reporting on actions of our UM General Conference – our top legislative body for the church - currently meeting in Charlotte, NC.

In addition to the many petitions and resolutions and legislative needs brought to General Conference, I shared last week that the big items before this conference are the 3 R’s: regionalization, revised Social Principles, and restrictive language. By the end of this week, all three items will have a far-reaching impact for the United Methodist Church.

**Regionalization** is well on its way to approval. Parts of this will require approval of every annual conference in the world for ratification and will take a few years to complete. In a nutshell, regionalization allows regional groups to change and adapt rules and regulations of our *Book of Discipline* based on regional context and conditions. Essentially, our Discipline will no longer be ‘one size fits all’. Central conferences outside the U.S. have long practiced in this way. Regionalization expands the ability to adapt parts of the Discipline to all geographical areas of the world, including the United States.

Once ratified by annual conferences, regionalization will change the global structure of the UMC.

Moving on, the Social Principles found in our *Book of Discipline* serve as our UM summary of stated convictions on a wide variety of social issues. These principles do not carry the weight of church law, but they historically reflect a Wesleyan tradition of moral witness and ethical action. The second ‘R’ is for **revision** of these social principles for the first time since 1972. As we know, society has changed a great deal in the past 50 years. Six petitions have been approved enacting broad revisions to our social principles. Much of this revision work leads directly into our third ‘R’.

As for that third 'R', work has been done to remove **restrictive** language relating in large part to human sexuality found in the *Book of Discipline*.

Delegates voted this week to remove existing bans on LGBTQ clergy. In our Discipline, the restrictive language, "self-avowed practicing" relating to gay clergy will be removed as well as prohibitions on clergy from officiating at same-sex ceremonies. Additional language approved eliminates the statement that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Marriage will be defined as between two persons, and additional changes will come in the next two days.

Earlier today, I began hearing from some of you the common question 'what do all these changes mean for us?'

While I am processing much of this still myself, a few thoughts are worth sharing (more may come in the next days or weeks):

First, I know reactions will be varied among our church family. For some, these actions will be welcomed and celebrated. For others, these actions will be disappointing. I want to acknowledge this reality, and I pledge to help us navigate the road ahead together.

Second, United Methodism has long been known as a "big tent" church giving room for diversity of thought and opinion while coming together as the Body of Christ. We do not all have to agree on all things to be in fellowship together. This is one of the many things I love about VUMC! Our folks come from diverse backgrounds, political leanings, life experiences, and faith encounters to find a place that we can all call home. The 'big tent' provides each of us a seat at the table, and for that I am most grateful.

Third, I am committed to help us all keep Jesus first and foremost in all we say and do. Nothing really changes in who we are and how we share in mission and ministry here at VUMC. We will continue to preach and teach Jesus and his grace and love. We will continue to open our doors to welcome all people in the spirit of holy hospitality. We will work to make disciples for Jesus Christ, and we will keep on loving one another.

I am convinced that the most meaningful ministry will always be found through the work of the local church. While we live in connection through the General Conference and our own Arkansas annual conference, and we share in many social justice concerns with the general church, meaningful ministry – transformative ministry – is always found through our local church.

Drop by or call anytime if you have questions. My door is always open to you!

I count it a tremendous blessing to serve as your Senior Pastor. God's best to you, my friends!

Chris

## Scripture Text, Sermon Title and Music

Faithful Living  
as Easter People

May 5

1 Corinthians 11: 23-32

“Come to the Table”

Pastor Chris Hemund

6th Sunday in Easter

*Praise Service at 9:00 a.m.*

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God  
I Could Sing of Your Love Forever  
Breathe  
In Christ Alone

*Traditional Service at 11:00 a.m.*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
UMH 139  
Blessed Assurance, UMH 369

ANTHEM: In Remembrance of Me,  
arr. Beryl Red

## Altar Flowers

*Altar flowers for this  
Sunday are given by  
Andrew and Sandy Jones  
in celebration of their  
10th anniversary!*



## Radio Ministry

If you would like to sponsor the Radio Ministry in honor of or in memory of a friend or family member, call the church office (501) 922-1030 to reserve a Sunday. The cost is \$75. The sermon for Sunday, May 5, will be broadcast on the radio station KVRE 92.9 on May 12 at 11:00 am and 5:30 pm.



KVRE.com

**Reminder, the sermon will be from the prior Sunday.**

Use the **LINK** below to listen to the radio station anytime.

**[Click this Link for KVRE 92.9 FM](#)**



## Happy Birthday

5/02 Millie Case  
5/03 Sue Mayer  
5/03 Elizabeth Strickland  
5/04 Hilde Ronning  
5/06 Pam Ersoff  
5/10 Lynne Harkleroad  
5/10 Bill Long  
5/11 Roxane Flock  
5/14 Gerald Gordy  
5/14 DeCarla Hilliard  
5/15 Nancy McClure  
5/16 Carolyn Kalkbrenner  
5/16 Donna Sloan



## Happy Anniversary

5/05 John & Marilyn Willms  
5/08 Ron & Judy Dale  
5/08 Andrew Jr. & Sandra Jones

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## WELCOME TO MAY

This week, Ginny Misch shared a flower from her yard with the church office. The unusual colors have caught the eye of those who have visited the office, and we would like to share for all to see.

In 2023, a church video "Bloom where you are planted" was prepared and shared on Facebook. Here is a link to that video.

[Bloom Where You Are Planted video LINK](#)





## UPDATED INFORMATION

The April 25th Chimes had some information that was listed incorrectly.

The phone number for Clint and Frances Lunsford needs corrected. Here is the full information.

**Clint and Frances Lunsford**  
**540 Ponce de Leon Drive, #402, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909**

Home Phone number: 501-204-7177  
Email address: [fclunsford@suddenlink.net](mailto:fclunsford@suddenlink.net)  
Clint's Cell Phone number: 870-866-0918  
Frances' Cell Phone number: 870-866-0785

The address for new members Connie Miller and Donna Winchell needs corrected. Here is the full information.

Connie Miller  
**30 Sierra Dr.**  
**Hot Springs Village AR 71909**

Cell phone: (501) 226-7774  
Email address: [millconnie@outlook.com](mailto:millconnie@outlook.com)  
Shepherd Group #20



Donna Winchell  
**30 Sierra Dr.**  
**Hot Springs Village AR 71909**

Cell phone: (864) 650-3856  
Email address: [mcdonnawinchell@gmail.com](mailto:mcdonnawinchell@gmail.com)  
Shepherd Group #20



**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

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**A BIG THANK YOU to a very generous and caring congregation for your contributions of the *eclipse glasses*. Just so you know, they have been collected and shipped so they are on their way to Latin America for children to enjoy the August 2024 eclipse. Again, thanks so much for your cooperation and generosity.**

**Ivan Williams**

All Ladies of the Church  
YOU ARE INVITED to our  
monthly UWF meeting.



United  
Women  
in Faith

**DATE: Monday, May 6**  
**TIME: 10:00 a.m.**  
**MEETING ROOM: Steel Hall**

**Angela (Angie) Stroud, Director of Development for the *Methodist Family Health Foundation*, will be our guest speaker for the United Women in Faith meeting, this Monday, May 6th, at 10:00 in Steel Hall. She will speak of the growing needs of Arkansas children and their families and how the United Methodist Church is actively helping.**

**If you would like to support this mission, you may bring a gift, or you can shop and have it shipped directly to *Methodist Family Health Foundation*. The links for their wish list to Amazon or Walmart is provided below.**

- the Methodist Family Health Foundation [Methodist Family Health Amazon wishlist\\*](#)

- the Methodist Family Health Foundation [Methodist Family Health Walmart registry\\*](#)

*\*To receive a tax receipt & acknowledgement, please check "this is a gift" and enter your name and address in the gift message field when ordering online.*

To learn more about more the Methodist Family Health Foundation, please click on this link: [methodistfamily.org/foundation](http://methodistfamily.org/foundation)



**DONORS CAN  
GO FOR GOLD!**



Donors will receive this front and back design Team Donor T-shirt, PLUS one ticket to Magic Springs!\*



Walk-ins are always welcome.

## **Village United Methodist Church and Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**

**Tuesday, May 7**

**8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**200 Carmona Road  
Fellowship Hall**

**To make an appointment, call Debbie  
at 913-209-8571 or Ed at 501-617-7843,  
or visit [obi.org](http://obi.org).**



**Our Blood Institute**

877-840-3777 • [obi.org](http://obi.org)

Photo ID required \*While supplies last

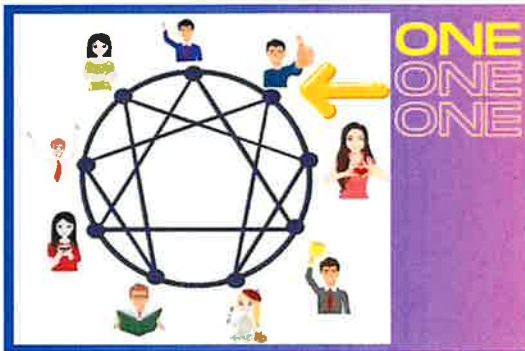




## Checking in on your Star Gift

At the beginning of the year, we had an opportunity to receive a *Star Gift - word for the year*. Hopefully your "gift" has been helpful, inspirational and has had a positive presence in your life. Feeling it, seeing it and experiencing it in action. Or has it not surfaced in a while? If so, it's time to remember your word.

Are you in need of a Star Gift? Check with the office.



## Ones (1) are Gathering, May 23

The Gathering of the Enneagram Ones will take place Thursday, May 23rd, 10:00-11:30, in the parlor. All who are Ones on the Enneagram are invited.

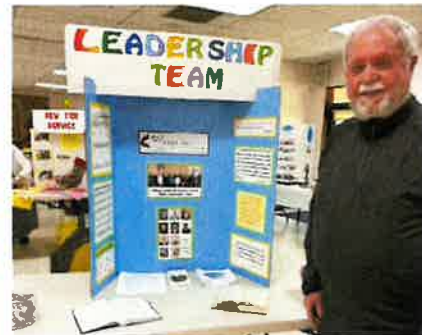
Please contact Mary Anne Settle, Spiritual Director, at [maryanne@villageumc.net](mailto:maryanne@villageumc.net), if you plan to attend or if you have questions.

## Printer Cartridge Mission Project

We will once again be collecting inkjet cartridges (those we use on our home printers)! This is a fundraiser project for the Animal Welfare League. The collection area at our church is the church office, so look for the basket in Bettie's office. Make plans to support and help this mission opportunity while helping the environment by recycling your used cartridges!



# Ministry Expo April 21, 2024





# Ministry Expo Continues



A  
little  
more  
EXPO







Watch online anytime!

Click LINK below for the **Worship services for April 28.**

[CLICK THIS LINK for April 28 Praise Worship Service](#)

[CLICK THIS LINK for the April 28 Traditional Service](#)

**Did you miss worshipping with us this past Sunday?**

[Click this LINK to Sign up Online for the 2024 Pledge Card form AND the 2024 Time and Talents form.](#)

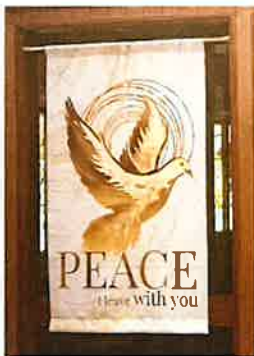
><> Internet links of interest <><

[ARUMC LINK](#)

[Lectionary Calendar LINK](#)

[UMC Hymnal LINK](#)

[The Faith We Sing Hymnal LINK](#)



### **Some Dates to Remember**

**Final day of General Conference is May 3.**

**May 12 - Ascension Sunday and Festival of the Christian Home**

**May 14 thru 21 - Honduras Mission Trip**

**May 19 - Day of Pentecost and Heritage Sunday (Wear **RED**)**

**May 24 - Aldersgate Day**

**May 26 - Trinity Sunday**

**May 27 - Memorial Day**

**June 19 thru June 21 - Arkansas Annual Conference in Hot Springs**

**June 28 - John Wesley's Birthday**

**June 30 is a 5th Sunday, 1 Service at 10:30 a.m., with special music by Jubilation Jazz. Dinner on the grounds after worship.**

[CLICK LINK BELOW to see the VUMC Weekly Calendar LINK May 5 WEEKLY Calendar](#)

**Class of 2024**

Debbie Perryman (SPR)  
Glenn Wortham  
(L.T. Chair, Lay Leader, SPR, Tr)  
Duane Heckelsberg (Trustee)  
Gary Mouton (Trustee)

**Class of 2025**

Rosetta DuBose  
Geneil Harris (SPR)  
Slade Strickland (Trustee)  
Mary Hushaw

**Class of 2026**

Joe Pollard (SPR)  
Richard Sanders (SPR)  
Gary Buettner  
Carmen Edwards

*Without vote: Senior Pastor, Financial Manager/Treasurer, Recording Secretary*

Rev. Chris Hemund,  
Senior Pastor  
Rev. Regina Turner,  
Associate Pastor  
Lee Ann Branch,  
Community Life  
Mary Anne Settle,  
Spiritual Director

Bettie Land, Administrative Secretary  
Lisa Hester, Communications  
Nikki Saltmarsh, Finance  
Stephen Edds, Music Director  
Lisa Hester, Accompanist  
Houston Pierce, Audio/Video  
Katie Goodwin, Custodian

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

unless noted differently in  
church calendar (LINK above)

**9:00 PRAISE SERVICE**

**10:00 Sunday School**

**11:00 TRADITIONAL  
SERVICE**

**Village United Methodist Church 200 Carmona Road,  
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909 501-922-1030**

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