

Newsletter May 2023



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FROM THE CLERK OF SESSION: Dee Mowry

I have been watching and listening to the news lately talking about the 'new' COVID 19 variant, Omicron and Arcturus. Larry mentioned evolution in a sermon a while back. This initiated thoughts from my biology background. The popular thought concerning evolution is the idea that Darwin said man came from a monkey. This is absolutely false. It appears from DNA evidence that at some time back, FAR back, in history the species may have shared some common genetic traits. Evolution is derived from the Latin, *evolut*, means an unrolling. Every baby born is an evolutionary event. Genetic change is more prominent in the sexually reproducing plants and animals because two genetic entities are involved. The COVID 19 (asexual) virus is unique because it changes so often, but that is another story! The bottom line is that we must always be vigilant but also remember that the Great Architect is still in charge.



In Sunday School, the children completed the lessons on Amazing Grace through Lent. This past Sunday, we talked about Psalm 23, The Lord is my Shepherd. We have been singing songs and learning about our Lord.

FROM THE TREASURER: Kathy Mowry

One Great Hour of Sharing: As of 04-23-23, we have received \$ 350.00 for the OGHS. Donations for this offering can be accepted at any time during the year, not just at Easter. So it's not too late to support this special offering. In 2022, we collected \$465.25 for OGHS.

May Ushers, Communion Servers, and Lay Readers:

May 7th – Ron Cullumber: Lay Reader, Communion Server & Usher

Cindy Cullumber: Communion Server & Usher

May 14th – Linda Shreyer: Lay Reader & Usher

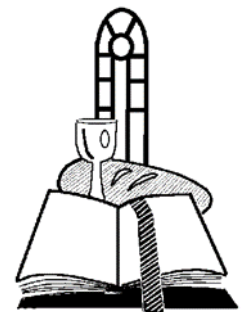
George Shreyer: Usher

May 21st – Cinda Keller: Lay Reader & Usher

Judy Turner: Usher

May 28th – Brenda Winegardner: Lay Reader & Usher

Cinda Keller: Usher





UPCOMING Events

May 4th – A National Day of Prayer Service will be held at Howell Park, 7 pm

May 14th – Zeta Alpha Meeting, 9:30 am, in the church basement, Lesson 8

May 14th – Session has called a Congregational Meeting following worship.

The purpose of the meeting is to approve sale of manse.

May 14th – Happy Mother's Day!

May 18th – Ascension of the Lord

May 28th – Session Meeting after worship service

May 28th – Day of Pentecost

May 29th – 



May 3rd – Brian Boyd

May 6th – Cindy Cullumber

May 6th – Rick & Loretta Dawson

May 9th – Brice Winegardner

May 11th – Cenlee Riley

May 16th – Mike Henwood

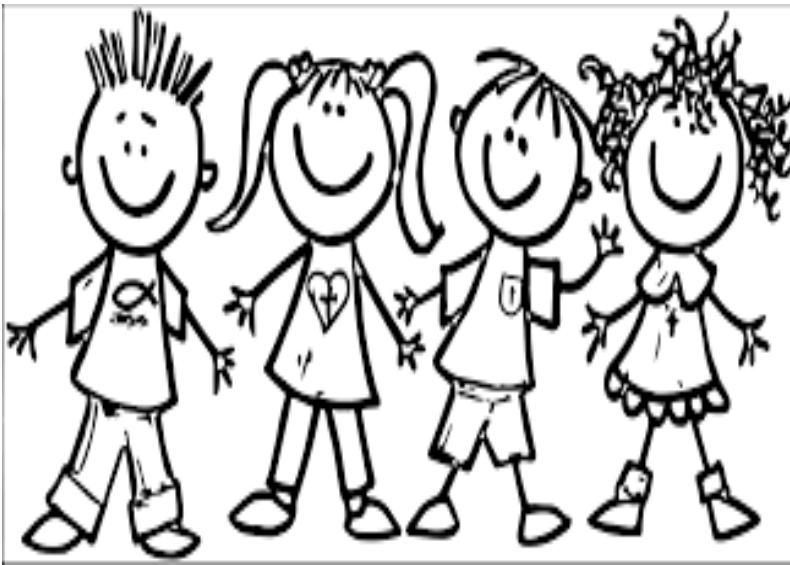
May 19th – Ron and Cindy Cullumber

May 20th – David Keller

May 24th – Dean Ackerman

May 26th – George Shreyer





Just For Kids!



A seasonal reminder

Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.

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|---|---------------------------------|
| plants grow here | seeds are planted in this |
| to coil and jump
(also a season of the year) | when watered, these make plants |
| to expand and get bigger | another word for seedling |

For as the _____ makes the _____
 come up and a _____ causes
 _____ to _____, so the
 Sovereign LORD will make righteousness
 and praise _____ up before all nations.

ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

Answers: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring

MOTHERS OF THE BIBLE

There's been a mother mix-up! Can you fix it? Draw a line from the mother and the clue to her child or children.

MARY

An angel told me that I would have a baby Who would be the Son of God.

JOCHEBED

I put my baby in a basket. (Exodus 6:20)

SARAH

I laughed when God promised me a child in my old age. (Gen. 18:9-14 & 21:1-3)

REBEKKAH

I used goat skins and a tasty meal to help my son trick his father. (Gen. 27:15-17)

HANNAH

I promised to give my son back to the Lord, which is why he grew up in the house of the Lord. (1 Sam. 1:20)

EVE

I was called the mother of all living. (Gen. 3:20, 4:1)



● ISAAC

● SAMUEL

● CAIN & ABEL

● JESUS

● JACOB & ESAU

● MOSES



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