

**ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH May 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 AM Quilters 10:00 AM AH Staff Mtg 11:00 AM AUMC Staff Mtg	2 6:7:20 pm Kids Club 7:30 PM Choir	3	4	5 12:00 PM Friendship Day Salad Lunch Special Program 4 - 8 PM IFFM
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**THE PARISH PULSE  
ASBURY**

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*For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity,  
but of power, love, and self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7 NLT*

As I'm writing this in mid-April, the meteorologists are speaking of snow for this coming weekend. SNOW! We don't usually equate snow with the month of April, yet, it's surely possible. We recently celebrated Holy Humor Sunday, and looked at God's sense of humor. Sometimes I wonder if things like snow in April are God's sense of humor...chuckling at us with all of our technology and self-assuredness, and then giving us what we least expect. The punch-line is HIS!

We humans are creatures of habit. We find ourselves following a pattern of our days, a rhythm in our actions, a cadence in our journey. Sometimes, though, we receive a phone call or visit or news in another way that disrupts our tempo.

On Sunday, May 20, we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday. The celebration of Pentecost was begun in Old Testament times. It's described as a festival of joy with both mandatory and voluntary offerings to be brought to the temple at the beginning of the wheat harvest. Right before Jesus ascended to heaven, He instructed the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit. During the festival of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples in the Upper Room, the Holy Spirit came to indwell in the disciples. That event launched them from followers of Jesus to proclaimers of the Good News of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. God had a plan that the news of His Son would be spread to all people. God gave them the means to begin to accomplish His plan.

God has plans for each of us. Sometimes those plans might seem out of our comfort zone. Sometimes those plans seem out of our comfort zone. We can be assured, though, that we don't have to dwell in fear or be scared. Through His Holy Spirit, we will be provided with the power and love and strength that we need. God's Word says so.

Serving Jesus with you,  
Pastor Diane

# REFLECTING THE PULSE OF THE PARISH

## May Birthdays

- 13 Eleanora Rieck
  - 15 Max Mauck
  - 21 Trent Pilkington
  - 25 Jared Hills
  - George Pealer
  - Nicole Day
- Anniversaries
- 1 Dennis & Vicky Pollock
  - 15 Bob & Beth Manchester
  - 18 Leland & Beverly Parizek



## United Methodist Women News

**May 5 - Saturday, 12:00 pm**  
**Friendship Day Salad Luncheon**  
 Special Program  
 Hostess: Executive Committee

**May 10 9:30 am**  
 Jessie Circle  
 Reader and Hostess: Loretta Coder



Wishing you the  
 very best this  
 Mother's Day!

## Sermon texts for May

- May 6 - Acts 1:1-11
- May 13 - Neal Johnson speaking
- May 20 - Acts 2:1-21, Pentecost
- May 27 - Acts 2:36-47

## Spring Trivia

1. On the 1st day of spring, the hours of daylight and of darkness are equal.
2. The ancient Greeks celebrated Mother's Day in spring.
3. Spring Fever is a real physical condition.
4. An emerald represents spring.
5. On the first day of spring, a person at the North Pole would see the sun skimming across the horizon, beginning six months of uninterrupted daylight. A person at the South Pole would see the sun skimming across the horizon, signaling the start of six months of darkness.
6. If Pope Gregory XIII would not have established the Gregorian calendar, which most of the world now observes, in 1582, then every 128 years the vernal equinox would have come a full calendar day earlier, eventually putting Easter in midwinter.
7. According to the National Association of Realtors, spring is the most popular season to sell/buy a house. Buyers are usually hesitant to move during the winter when the weather is colder and kids are in school. So, while there are lots of houses to choose from in the spring, property prices are at their highest then.
8. Children actually grow faster in the spring than during other times of the year.
9. The early Egyptians built the Great Sphinx so that it points directly toward the rising sun on the spring equinox.
10. The myth that it is possible to balance an egg on its end on the spring equinox is just that: a myth. Trying to balance an oval-shaped object on its end is no easier on the spring equinox than on any other day.

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News from Pastor Patrick (not available this month)

## Do you know???

When you are admitted to the hospital and list Asbury UMC as your church, the hospital does NOT notify us. In the past, hospital volunteers would call the church/pastor to report that a church member is hospitalized.

With the implementation of privacy laws, that no longer happens. The only way that I know that you're in the hospital is if you or someone else contacts the church office or me.

I'm happy to visit you in the hospital and come to pray with you before you have surgery or whenever it's helpful to you.

The best way to contact me is call or text my cell phone, 7 am to 10 pm. In case of emergency, please PHONE anytime. (My cell number is in each Sunday's bulletin). The church office is typically open on Tuesday thru Friday from 9-3 and you can also call then.

Pastor Diane

*Thank you to our friends for the cards we received for our 71st wedding anniversary. We appreciated them very much.*  
*George and Pat Pealer*

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## UMW News

So often we give to large organizations and cannot see when our gifts are used. We know that when we give to the United Methodist Women our money goes directly to help women and children all over the world. We may never meet those we support, yet we feel the connection through United Methodist Women. In Iowa we help with Bidwell Riverside and Hawthorn Hill, both in Des Moines and Shesler Hall in Sioux City. Locally we help the Food Bank, Willis Dady and Way Point. We support Asbury United Methodist Church also.