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The Meaning and Celebration of Pentecost

On Sunday, May 19, the Day of Pentecost, millions of Christians around the world will celebrate, Pentecost is a significant event in the liturgical calendar that commemorates a pivotal moment in the history of Christianity.

The book of the Acts of the Apostles, chapter 2 describes that Jesus' disciples were gathered in Jerusalem when the Holy Spirit descended upon them in the form of tongues of fire.

This miraculous event occurred fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus, on the Jewish festival of Pentecost, which commemorated the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai.

This manifestation of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost marked the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, who would guide believers in all truth and empower them to be witnesses of Christ in all the world.

The disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, began to speak in different languages, which attracted the attention of the crowd gathered in Jerusalem.

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March Finance Report

Income: \$14,050

Expenses: \$26,819

Items to note:

Payroll expenses were slightly higher due to severance package payouts.

We are negotiating a new copier lease that should reduce our monthly lease by 35%.

Western Farm Worker's Association donated more than 10 reams of legal-size copier paper.

Over \$1,450 has been received for our Easter offering benefiting SOAR Immigration Legal Services



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Cornell Estates Fellowship

Come join the church family at Cornell Estates on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. We gather in the Cascade Room which is on the second floor, on the right as you get off of the elevator. This is a time to share meaningful conversations, memories, laughter, a devotion and snacks.

For the month in May and June we will gather on the third Thursday of the month so mark your calendars for Thursday, May 16th and June 20th.

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The Day of Pentecost marked the beginning of the Christian Church. After receiving the Holy Spirit, the disciples went out and preached the gospel with courage and authority, leading thousands of people to become followers of Jesus. The power of the Holy Spirit transformed Jesus' fearful followers into courageous witnesses who were willing to face persecution and adversity for the love of their Lord.

Today, the Day of Pentecost remains a vital celebration in the life of the church. It reminds us of the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives as believers and challenges us to seek a renewed experience of his transforming power.

In conclusion, celebrating the Day of Pentecost is an opportunity to reflect on the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of the church. It is a time to renew our dependence on the Holy Spirit, seeking His guidance, power, and fullness in all that we do. It is also a reminder of diversity in unity, as the Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to speak in different languages, a sign of the universality of the gospel.

Marginalized Moms and Others

Mother's Day is quickly approaching. During the times HUMC offers food, muffins, clothes, ESL classes, citizenship classes, immigration assistance, and Twelve Step programs, we see women caring for their families, working inside and outside of home, and building their lives. Being a mother is often wonderful and also exhausting.

"How shall we celebrate Mother's Day this year?" asked some of the women in the church. Different ideas were considered. We reflected on the Vision of HUMC: "Loving Everyone - Building Community - Serving Selflessly - Following Christ". We have decided to do something nice for the women in recovery programs at the church. At the time of sharing this news, we don't know exactly what "something nice" looks like, so stay tuned for the update. Please keep the marginalized mothers in your prayers.



What is Peace With Justice Sunday?

Story from UMCGiving

United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference and learning about peaceful, just efforts around the world. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them.

The United Methodist Church, with its historic commitment to peace and justice, can and should provide leadership to this social transformation. The General Board of Church and Society Church holds a non-governmental, consultative status with the United Nations. This status allows us to participate in UN meetings, consultations and conferences. We recognize and renew our call for social transformation, for the quest to open the doors of opportunity for all, to distribute resources more equitably, and to provide better care for persons in need.

Donations for this special Sunday support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities.

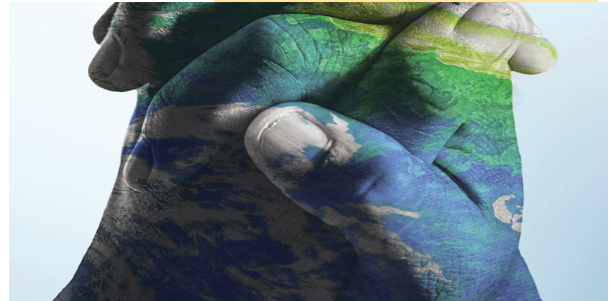
Half of the funds collected on this Special Sunday remain in the Annual Conference to strengthen social justice ministries within the local conference. Within most Annual Conferences, a Peace with Justice Coordinator works with the Church and Society to provide educational resources, building and sustaining relationships, and help mobilize networks to engage in social advocacy and action.

The other half of the donations collected fund national and international peacemaking ministries and grants. We achieve peace with justice efforts by working with the World Council of Churches, interfaith and ecumenical bodies, and secular organizations for social-justice policies and programs that seek the wholeness of shalom for all of God's people. Three different grants are created and made available to United Methodist congregations and organizations that support Ethnic/Minority Local Church ministries, and programs related to the Peace with Justice Sunday. Church and Society awards these grants annually.

Your Gifts Change Lives

Your Peace with Justice Sunday gifts change lives in places where the joy of knowing Christ is mixed with the tragedy of violence.

We will have special giving envelopes in worship or select "United Methodist Special Sunday" when giving online at <https://bit.ly/HUMCGiveNow>



May 26 is Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday is a moveable feast celebrating the Holy Trinity, the Christian belief that God is Three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—and yet One God. Historically, Christian churches recited the Athanasian Creed on Trinity Sunday. Trinity Sunday (also called the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity) falls one week after Pentecost Sunday.



You are invited to join us at the next church board meeting on Sunday, May 5th at noon. We are working through transitions, seeking some new opportunities, planning for the future and occasionally learning to say no. We're working with groups wanting to rent spaces at the church and we're trying to get work done with fewer staff and still handle the load. We're figuring out connections with our older members while trying to attract younger people to HUMC. The community garden is ready to take off and the Muffins & More are winding down. We're monitoring the finances and cutting costs. We are watching as the General Conference is happening in North Carolina, and waiting for the Annual Conference in June at Tigar UMC. The board members are here to serve. See us at church, or send us an email at board@hillsboroumc.org. Thank you

What You've Been Doing:

Water Bottle Campaign—

You collected 46 water bottles for the children that skate at Oaks Park. Since management removed the water fountain and now charges

\$3.00 for bottled water, our friend and neighbor,



Denise, decided to collect water bottles for the low-income families so the children can remain hydrated while they exercise.

We are grateful for the teachers and staff at **Lincoln Street Elementary School!** —

You served 'breakfast' for the staff at Lincoln Street Elementary on their grade prep day, Friday April 12.



Aloha McDonalds not only delivered hot breakfast burritos and sandwiches, they donated 100 chocolate chip cookies!

SOAR Legal used our building for several weeks providing legal services to immigrants trying to navigate their legal status. For a minimal cost (\$50.00) SOAR's team of attorneys and accredited representatives provide legal counsel and next-steps navigating immigration needs. They served almost 100 people during their time and your Easter donation helped offset the fee for almost 30 people.

New lighting—Almost all the building has fluorescent fixtures that provide the lighting. We can no longer purchase fluorescent bulbs for those fixtures. In April we retro-fitted all the light fixtures in the kitchen and the two Nar-

thex rest rooms to use the new LED bulbs. As ballasts fail, and we run out of old fluorescent bulbs, we will retro-fit old fixtures as necessary.

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Recognizing our Graduates

We want to recognize all of our graduates. If you or your student are graduating from High School, Trade School, College, Graduate School or some other program, we would love to include them! Please send an email to office@hillsboroumc.org with the student's name, school, program graduating from and any future plans, along with a picture at your earliest convenience.



El Significado y Celebración del Día de Pentecostés

El Domingo 19 de Mayo, es el Día de Pentecostés, millones de cristianos en todo el mundo celebran esta fecha, un evento significativo en el calendario litúrgico que conmemora un momento crucial en la historia del cristianismo.

El libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles, capítulo 2. Describe que los discípulos de Jesús estaban reunidos en Jerusalén cuando el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre ellos en forma de lenguas de fuego.

Este evento milagroso ocurrió cincuenta días después de la Resurrección de Jesús, en el festival judío de Pentecostés, que conmemoraba la entrega de la Ley en el monte Sinaí.

Esta manifestación del Espíritu Santo en Pentecostés marcó el cumplimiento de la promesa de Jesús de enviar al Consolador, el Espíritu de Verdad, que guiaría a los creyentes en toda verdad y les daría poder para ser testigos de Cristo en todo el mundo.

Los discípulos, llenos del Espíritu Santo, comenzaron a hablar en diferentes idiomas, lo que atrajo la atención de la multitud reunida en Jerusalén.

El Día de Pentecostés, marcó el comienzo de la Iglesia Cristiana. Después de recibir el Espíritu Santo, los discípulos salieron y predicaron el evangelio con valentía y autoridad, llevando a miles de personas a convertirse en seguidores de Jesús. El poder del Espíritu Santo transformó a los temerosos seguidores de Jesús en valientes testigos que estaban dispuestos a enfrentar la persecución y la adversidad por amor a su Señor.

Hoy en día, el Día de Pentecostés sigue siendo una celebración vital en la vida de la iglesia. Nos recuerda la importancia del Espíritu Santo en nuestras vidas como creyentes y nos desafía a buscar una experiencia renovada de su poder transformador.

En conclusión celebrar el Día de Pentecostés es una oportunidad para reflexionar sobre el don del Espíritu Santo en nuestras vidas y en la vida de la iglesia. Es un momento para renovar nuestra dependencia del Espíritu Santo, buscando su guía, poder y llenura en todo lo que hacemos. También es un recordatorio de la diversidad en la unidad, ya que el Espíritu Santo capacitó a los discípulos para hablar en diferentes idiomas, un signo de la universalidad del evangelio

We mourn the death of Eileen Mills who passed away March 25th. Eileen and her family were part of



HUMC in the 80's. Her husband, Mel, is inviting those who knew her to attend a Celebration of Life dinner in Redmond, Oregon on Saturday, June 1, 2024. If you want to attend, please contact Kathy Hanna at her email: kathy_hanna71@yahoo.com



Red Cross Blood Drive

We are hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Friday, May 10 from 12:00-5:00 pm here in the Fellowship Hall. You can schedule an appointment to give online at redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. We are proud to partner in this lifesaving work. Blood drives help supply blood to vulnerable people in our community who are recovering from house fires, disasters, armed conflicts and life-threatening health conditions.

WORSHIP

Sundays
10:00 am
Sanctuary
Livestreamed on YouTube

Spanish/English
Bilingual Worship
Sunday, May 5

Sunday morning bus
service is available.
Contact the church office
at 503-640-1775 or
office@hillsboroumc.org
to request a ride.

ADORACIÓN

Domingo
10:00 am
Santuario]Transmitido en
vivo en YouTube

Adoración bilingüe
Español/inglés
5 de mayo

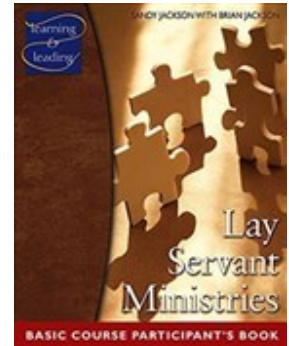
Estudio bíblico
Español Martes 7:00 pm

Contacto Pastor Jorge
971-217-3221



Lay Servant Ministries Course In May via Zoom

"Living Our Beliefs" explores the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century church. This course is being offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 14 to 28, led by Cindy Abbey who lives in Baker, OR and is one of our Certified Lay Ministers (CLM). <https://bit.ly/4d472gM>



Trending Upward








Guests visiting the Community Trading Post continue to increase. In February we helped 195 people, in March we helped 270, and in April we helped 371 people and still have one more week to go. Posts on Facebook and nicer weather could be reasons more people are visiting us. We are now accepting summer clothes and shoes in good condition. Items may be dropped off at the church during office hours, Mon - Thursday. During June, July and August, the Community Trading Post will be open every other week so that volunteers can enjoy the summer too.

Catch Them If You Can

Scout Troop 240 recently stopped by to unload supplies after their weekend camping trip to Coffenburg Lake at Fort Stevens. This troop is always on the go! Although the group is meeting at another location in Hillsboro, they still consider HUMC to be their base. Scoutmaster Nathan Wood said Troop 240 is celebrating their 70-year anniversary in 2024. The scouts look forward to helping with Christmas baskets in December and assisting us with other projects as their busy schedule allows.



MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 12:00 pm Board Meeting</p> 	<p>8:30 am Lunch Bunch</p>	<p>10:00 am Women of Faith 4:30 pm Contemplative Practices 5:30 pm SOAR Citizenship Class 7:00 pm Spanish Bible Study</p>	<p>1 1:30 pm Muffins & More 2:00 pm Community Trading Post 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm ESL Class</p>	<p>2 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm ESL Class</p>	<p>3 1:00 pm Ice Cream Treaters</p>	<p>4 1:00 pm Memorial Service</p>
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<p>26 Peace With Justice Sunday 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship</p>	<p>27 Office Closed </p>	<p>28 4:30 pm Contemplative Practices 5:30 pm SOAR Citizenship Class 7:00 pm Spanish Bible Study</p>	<p>29 2:00 pm Community Trading Post 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm ESL Class</p>	<p>30 6:30 pm ESL Class</p>	<p>31</p>	

Vision of Hillsboro United Methodist Church

Loving Everyone—We believe that no one is excluded from God's love and that we are called to love those whom God loves.

Building Community—We believe that relationships are the foundation of the Church and that we are called to nurture relationships within our congregation and outside of it

Serving Selflessly—We believe that Jesus is the foundational example of a life of service and that we should follow his example in serving others

Following Christ—We believe we are called to follow where Christ leads and that we engage in spiritual practices to grow in our Christ-likeness.

Upcoming Events

Sunday May 5—Board Meeting in the Narthex

Friday May 10—Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday May 12—Mother's Day

Thursday May 16—Cornell Estates Fellowship

Friday May 24—Game Night

Monday May 27—Memorial Day; Office Closed

Friday June 20–Sunday 23—Annual Conference

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