

Newsletter

MAY 2022

Worship God.

Follow Jesus.

Serve Others.

"When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law." Matthew 7:28-29

Dear Friends in Christ,

The large block of teachings of Jesus contained in chapters 5 – 7 of the Gospel of Matthew is known as "the Sermon on the Mount." These teachings are wonderfully simple and understandable, yet profoundly applicable and memorable. Jesus first offered these teachings to interested disciples who were following him everywhere.

Jesus had moved from Nazareth to Capernaum in upper Galilee on the north shore of the Sea of Galilee. For easy communication, Jesus went up the mountain side just north of the city. He sat down to teach the multitude of disciples and curious followers who were seated on the slope of the hill above him. This allowed for a natural amphitheater and projection of his voice. Similarly, Jesus often went out on the water seated in a boat which would also allow for improved audio projection of his voice to those seated on shore.

So, what did Jesus teach about to those persons seated above him? He taught about nine ways to be blessed, about salt and light, about law and anger and lust and divorce. He taught about keeping vows, loving enemies and giving to the needy. He taught about praying, fasting, money and worry. He taught about judging and not judging, about asking, seeking and knocking. And He taught about entering heaven, discerning good and bad, and building on a firm foundation. Basically, He taught about life.

You may or may not have visited the hills north of the Sea of Galilee and imagined Jesus teaching you while seated there. But you don't have to go there to receive such a blessing. Instead take your Bible and find a quiet place outdoors where you can read the words of Jesus for yourself. Be seated on the lake shore, a hill side, a park bench, or a patio chair. Read the Sermon on the Mount aloud, or to yourself quietly. As you do you will be amazed just like the first persons who heard Jesus teach.

And you will be blessed!

Wade Panse, Pastor

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN MAY

You are invited to join with us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall of the church as we consider four profound questions that Jesus asks in Scripture. We will find our consideration of these questions inspiring, educational and applicable to our daily living. Our Pastor will be our discussion leader, so bring your own Bible (any version) and plan to receive a blessing. Light refreshments will be served and our study will conclude by 7:30. See you there.

Wednesday, May 4 "Haven't you any fish?" John 21:5

Wednesday, May 11 "Why are you so afraid?" Matt 8:26

Wednesday, May 18 "What do you want me to do for you?" Mark 10:51

Wednesday, May 25 "Who do you say I am?" Matt 16:15

MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION CLASS ON MONDAYS IN MAY

Our Pastor is offering a Membership Orientation Class on Mondays, May 9, 16, and 23 in the Prayer Room of the Church. If you are not yet a member of the Cassopolis UMC and would like to consider partnering with us in ministry, please join us. If you are a member and would like a "refresher course" in what membership includes, please join us also. We will be considering basic Christian beliefs, distinctive United Methodist beliefs, and responsible church membership. Class will begin at 11:00 a.m. and conclude by noon.

INSPIRATION FOR THE MONTH

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these."
Matthew 6:29

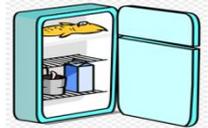
HUMOR FOR THE MONTH

"I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do, it's because I missed my exit."



On Thursday, June 2, two students from our church will be graduating from high school. We will be honoring graduates Alek Dahlgren and Kennedy Westrate on Sunday, May 22 in worship, and with a celebration during fellowship.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU



A hearty thank you to Yvonne Kern for taking over our kitchen responsibilities. So far she has met with the Health Department, cleaned and sanitized the refrigerator and other kitchen areas, and is organizing.

Yvonne will be attending a kitchen certification class in May which will allow our kitchen to remain in good standing with the Health Department. We owe her a thank you for her time and efforts to keep us safe!!!

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to thank all of our church family for everything you did for our family during our recent loss. You have been, and are, a Blessing to us!

God's Blessings, Bonnie Checkley

UMCOR (UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF)

So far our congregation has donated over \$1,500 to UMCOR for Ukranian Relief. You may still donate by marking your donation "UMCOR."



Adamsville Road Church of God will present their next series of GriefShare on May 22-May 31. This is their first daytime session starting on Mondays at 10:00 - noon. Please contact adamsvilleroad@gmail.com or 574-264-7255.



After organizing our CROP Walk project for many years, Jane Moraw is looking for someone to take over for 2022. Please see Jane Moraw or the church office if interested.

Come For One Day ... Or Come For All 3!

Gull Lake Women's Conference

New for 2022: Each day is different! Come for one day or come for all three to enjoy a total of SEVEN different messages!

June 2, 3, & 4

Daily Program: 9AM – 3PM

Evening Gala: Thursday Evening, June 2 @ 6PM

<https://gulllake.org/events/gull-lake-womens-conference/>

May Sermon Schedule

May 1		"A Heavenly Song"	Revelation 5:11-14
May 8	Mother's Day	"Who Are They?"	Revelation 7:9-17
May 15		"All Things New"	Revelation 21:1-6
May 22		"The River of Life"	Revelation 21:10, 22-22.5
May 29	Ascension Sunday	"Coming Soon"	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship 10 AM Communion	2	3 <i>Patti Panse</i> <i>Melissa Tobakos</i>	4 <i>Bible Study 6:30</i> <i>Alek Dahlgren</i>	5	6	7
8 Worship 10 AM <i>HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY</i>	9 <i>Membership orientation 11 AM</i>	10 <i>Bill & Sue Loux</i> 	11 <i>Bible Study 6:30</i>	12	13	14
15 Worship 10 AM <i>Noisy Offering Special Olympics</i>	16 <i>Lauren Woodhouse</i> <i>Membership orientation 11 AM</i>	17	18 Sewing Sowers meet 10 AM <i>Bible Study 6:30</i> <i>Bill & Erin Westrate</i> 	19	20	21
22 Worship 10 AM	23 <i>Membership orientation 11 AM</i>	24	25 <i>Bible Study 6:30</i>	26 <i>Kaye Weller</i>	27	28 <i>St Paul Lutheran Food Pantry 11:30 - 1</i>
29 Worship 10 AM <i>Char Hiemstra</i>	30					

If your special date does not appear on this calendar, please let the office know.