

GROVEPORT GLEANINGS

MAY/JUNE, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

REMEMBER

“Be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and their children after them.” Deut. 4:9

These are the words of Moses to the people of Israel as they prepare to cross over into the Promised Land. It is a call to never forget where they had been – a call to remember how God had freed them – a call to remember how God had led them – and a call to remember His faithfulness in continuing to be with them. They had seen God's mighty hand work in their midst, and they celebrated; but we know the rest of the story in that they would soon forget and turn their backs on God and pay the consequences.

Memorial Day is coming very soon. It is a time for us to remember. It is a time to remember those who have laid their lives down for our freedom as a country. It is a time to remember loved ones who have passed on, who have touched our lives in significant ways. It is a time for us to remember the freedom that we far too often take for granted.

As I think about Memorial Day, especially in light of the above scripture passage, I cannot help but think that every day is Memorial Day. Every day is a true gift from God, and it is a day in which we are called to remember our freedom in Christ – a freedom from sin and death – a freedom to celebrate life here and now as well as for all eternity. It is a day to remember God's faithfulness to us, and it is a day to remember His call for us to live our lives in faithfulness to Him.

Memorial Day should not be simply a one day a year celebration, but rather ought to be every day of our lives. Let us not forget how truly blessed we are. Let us not forget the freedom that is ours, and let us not forget to not only celebrate, but to likewise pass on this wonderful heritage that is ours in Christ Jesus. Let us remember!

Blessings,

Pastor Chip

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Meetings and Events at GUMC

May 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Emmaus Women's Share Group 6 pm RUMC Emmaus Gathering 7 pm	3 Care Team Mtg 1 pm Emmaus Men's Share Group 6:30 pm Choir 7 :30 pm Emmaus Women's Share Group 8:30 pm	4 GriefShare 7 pm	5	6 Men's Bible Study 8 am Emmaus Women's Share Group 9 am
7 Prayer Circle Gathering 9:30 am	8 Missions 6 pm	9 Lillian Faith 10 am Emmaus Women's Share Group 6 pm	10 Emmaus Men's Share Group 6:30 pm Choir 7 :30 pm Emmaus Women's Share Group 8:30 pm	11 GriefShare 7 pm	12	13 Men's Bible Study 8 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am Emmaus Women's Share Group 9 am
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21 Prayer Circle Gathering 9:30 am Pizza w/ the Pastor 2 pm GUMY EOY Junk Food Party 5 pm	22 Trustees 7 pm	23 DCOM 8am-4pm SPRC 7 pm Emmaus Women's Share Group 6 pm	24 Emmaus Men's Share Group 6:30 pm Choir 7 :30 pm Emmaus Women's Share Group 8:30 pm	25 GriefShare 7 pm	26 GUMY EOY Junk Food Party @ Sycamore Creek Park 5:30 pm Feeding His Children Prep 6-9 pm	27 Emmaus Women's Share Group 9 am Feeding His Children 7 am-2 pm Missions serving at Woodsprings Hotel 5 pm
28 Prayer Circle Gathering 9:30 am	29 Memorial Day 	30 Emmaus Women's Share Group 6 pm	31 Emmaus Men's Share Group 6:30 pm Choir 7 :30 pm Emmaus Women's Share Group 8:30 pm	Notes:		

Meetings and Events at GUMC

June 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 GriefShare 7 pm	2	3 Emmaus Women's Share Group 9 am Chip & Bev-Annual Conference
4 Summer Worship Time Begins! Prayer Circle Gathering 9:00 am Chip & Bev-Annual Conference Concert at Heritage Park 7 pm	5 Chip & Bev-Annual Conference	6 Chip & Bev-Annual Conference Emmaus Women's Share Group 6 pm RUMC Emmaus Gathering 7 pm	7 Chip & Bev-Annual Conference Emmaus Men's Share Group 6:30 pm Emmaus Women's Share Group 8:30 pm	8 Chip & Bev-Annual Conference GriefShare 7 pm	9 Chip & Bev-Annual Conference	10 Emmaus Women's Share Group 9 am Men's Breakfast 8:30 am
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Missions

Feeding His Children at Claire UMC

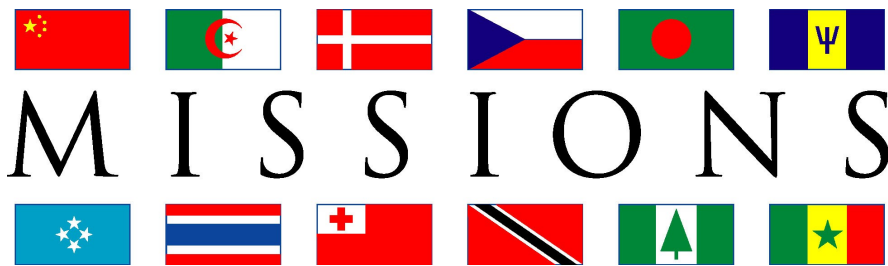
On May 27 the Missions' Feeding His Children team will prepare and serve TWO meals: one in the morning at Claire UMC in the south end of Columbus, and one at 5:00 p.m. at Woodspring Hotel (formerly Value Place) at Rt. 33 and S Hamilton Road. We will need extra assistance so please check with Kathi Faulstich to see how you can help serve.

JAM Garden Seeds:

The folks at JAM (Jackson Area Ministries) were so grateful to GUMC for our packages of seeds that they wrote us a letter and Shirley Boston will share that during "Missions Moments" on May 21. Seeds were collected in March and the kind folks at Seton Parish joined in our seed collection as a 'thank you' for the use of space at GUMC for their sleeping bags project.

Liberian Scholarship Program:

As we begin our 8th year of providing scholarships to students at the Phebe Community Lutheran School in Bong County, Liberia, Africa, we invite you to be part of this amazing ministry! For \$100 you can send a child to school for a year – a modest amount for us but a huge amount for folks in Liberia whose average annual income is about U S \$500. Pledge forms are available on the Missions Cabinet in the parlor. David Kudel & Jeff Myers will travel to Liberia in May, 2017, to meet with school officials, collect applications, and interview students. If you wish to send a personal letter to your current Liberian students, please deposit it on the Missions Cabinet by **May 15** so David & Jeff may take these, as there is no there is no mail service in Liberia. Scholarship pledges are due by May 28; funding is due by July 1. Any questions, talk with David, Jeff or Kathi Faulstich.



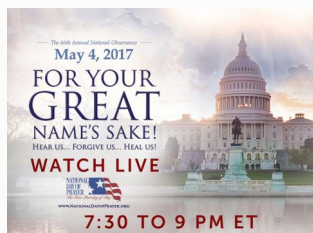
Annual Conference

Pastor Chip and Bev will be at Annual Conference Saturday, June 3 through Friday, June 9. In the event of an emergency or need of pastoral assistance please contact Rev. Jim Burge at (614) 315-7312 or (614) 837-8310. Rev. Jim Burge will be bringing the morning message on Sunday, June 4.

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**KIDS
SUMMER
MEALS**



UPCOMING SERVICES

The women will be doing the service on Mother's Day (May 14), and the men will be doing the service on Father's Day (June 18). Please make sure to mark your calendars and don't miss these special services!

Happy Fathers Day!

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

The free Summer Lunch Program begins on Monday, June 6 and runs through Friday, July 28. This program is serviced by volunteers that will help hand out lunches and assist and visit with the children. Anyone that is interested in working from 11:15am-12:30pm to support this wonderful program, please contact Steven Shirley at (614) 835-0251 or rsteve43232@aol.com. Various schedules can be arranged to accommodate your needs. The locations of the lunches include: Groveport Madison Middle School North, Asbury Elementary, Groveport Madison Middle School Central, and Degenhart Park.

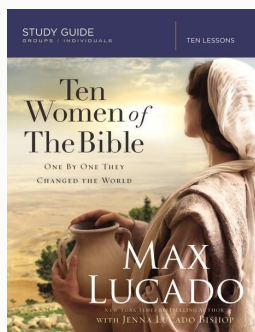
SUMMER HOURS

Our summer hours will begin on **Sunday, June 4**. Sunday School classes, for all ages, will begin at 9:00 am. Church will begin at 10:00 am.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The National Day of Prayer is scheduled for Thursday, May 4. The mission of the National Day of Prayer Task Force is to mobilize prayer in America and to encourage personal repentance and righteousness in the culture. The theme for 2017 is "For Your Great Name's Sake", and there are several local events scheduled, including an event at 12:00 pm at Motts Military Museum, and an event at 7:00 pm at TurnPoint Church in Groveport. Please consider participating in one of these events as we humbly bow our heads and ask our Lord to hear our cry!

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4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

Don't miss the annual 4th of July festivities going on at GUMC! The parade begins at 11:00 am and the GUMC lawn is a wonderful place to sit and watch! The ladies of Lillian Faith will be selling coffee and donuts before the parade, and the men will be selling hot dogs and brats before and during the parade. So come out and enjoy some hometown food, fellowship, and festivities!

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

On Sunday, May 21, there will be a "Pizza with the Pastor" immediately following worship in the Serendipity Room (lower level by the kitchen). This is an informal time to get better acquainted over some pizza as well as learn more about the Groveport UMC. This is open to any and all who are new to the life of Groveport Church. Reservations are not necessary, but are helpful. If you are planning on attending please contact Pastor Chip at pastor@groveportumc.org or (740) 438-4130.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Gayle Fout will be leading a 10 week women's Bible study this summer. The study is "10 Women of the Bible" by Max Lucado. The study will include Sarah, Abigail, Esther, the Samaritan Women, Mary Magdalene and others. Please join Gayle on Thursday June 15-Thursday August 17 at 6:15 pm.

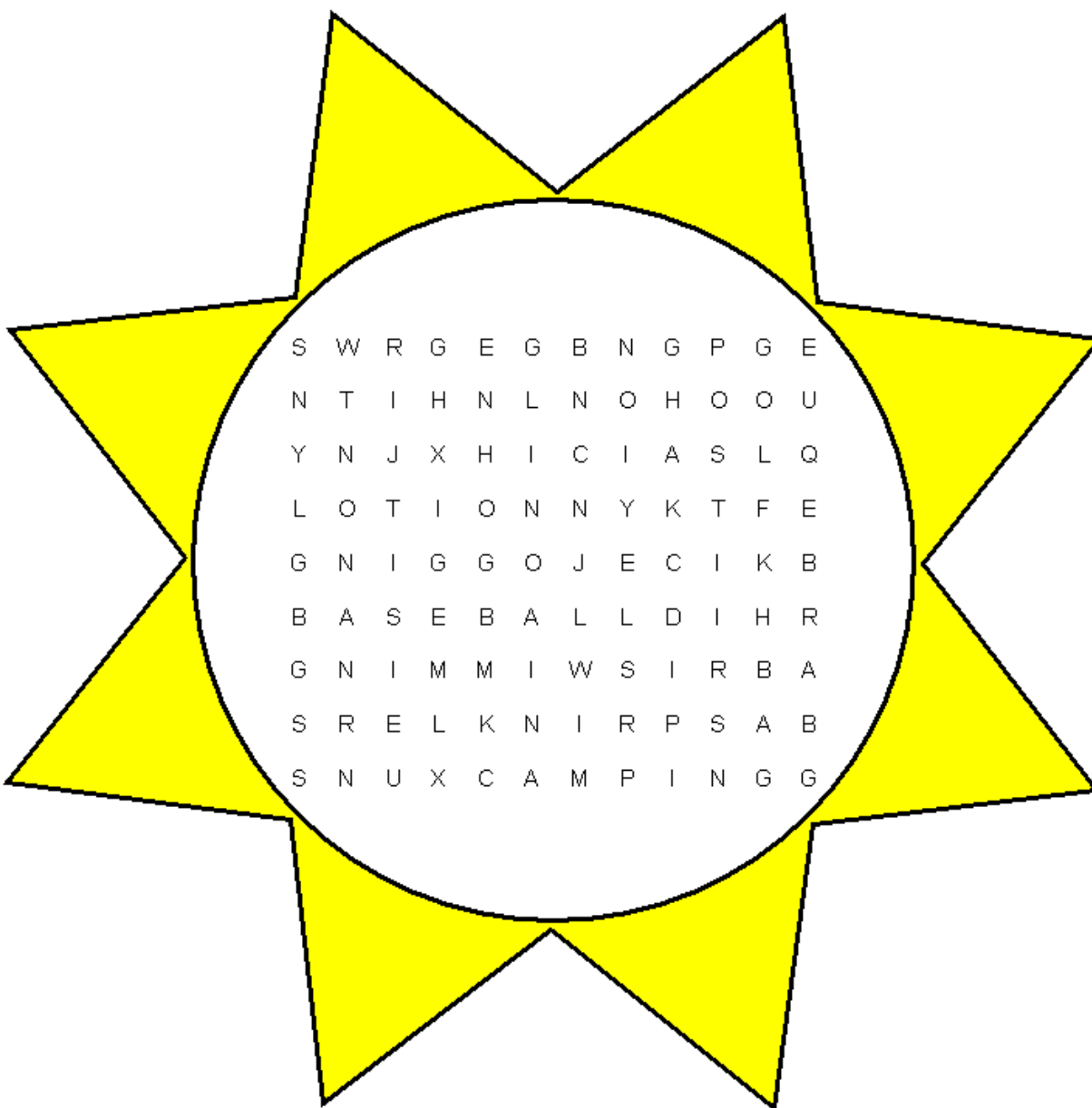
NEW MEMBERS CLASS

There will be a class for new members on Sunday, June 11, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This class is for anyone interested in becoming a member of the Groveport United Methodist Church family. Childcare is available upon request. If you are interested in attending or would like more information please contact Pastor Chip at either (614) 836-5968 or pastor@groveportumc.org.

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Kid's Corner

Summer Sun Word Search



barbeque
baseball
bicycle

boat
camping
gardening

golf
hiking
jogging

lotion
sprinklers
swimming



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Worship God Build Disciples Change Lives

God Bless Our Native Land

God bless our native land,
Land of the newly free,
Oh may she ever stand
For truth and liberty.

God bless our native land,
Where sleep our kindred dead,
Let peace at thy command
Above their graves be shed.

God help our native land,
Bring surcease to her strife,
And shower from thy hand
A more abundant life.

God bless our native land,
Her homes and children bless,
Oh may she ever stand
For truth and righteousness.
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Frances E. W. Harper