### Faithful Workers

#### May 6
- **USHERS**
  - Bennie Arp
  - Norman Bowman
  - Walt Morse
  - Clyde Thurman Jr.
  - Sherry Corbin
- **NURSEY**
  - Wanda McCarter
- **ACOLYTE**
  - Rachel Heimel
  - Madison Hinley
- **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**
  - Angie Couch
  - J. T. Baker

#### May 13
- **USHERS**
  - Shari Norris
  - Jerry Norris
  - Billy Ray Patton
  - Jerry Smith
- **NURSEY**
  - Katie Rose
  - Loretta Hale
- **ACOLYTE**
  - Madison Hinley
  - Emma Broyles
- **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**
  - Susan Maddux
  - Erin Couch

#### May 20
- **USHERS**
  - Richard Cole
  - Trish Cole
  - Margo Hindsdale
  - Ken Rose
- **NURSEY**
  - Loretta Hale
  - banks
- **ACOLYTE**
  - Emma Broyles
  - banks
- **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**
  - Constance Garrison
  - Hannah Couch

#### May 27
- **USHERS**
  - J. T. Baker
  - Natalie Baker
  - Emma Broyles
  - Hannah Couch
- **NURSEY**
  - banks
- **ACOLYTE**
  - banks
- **CHILDREN’S CHURCH**
  - banks

### Daily Schedule

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### Family Life Center
- Closed Monday, April 30 - Saturday, May 5 for the United Methodist Women’s Flea Market.
The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are full of stories about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. These stories tell us of a compassionate God who loves us just as we are, and there is nothing we can do about it! The gospel/news is just that—Good News. When we encounter this Jesus and experience Him through a personal relationship, we begin to understand who we really are and why we were created. One of my favorite stories from the Gospel of Mark invites us to watch, listen, and experience the presence of Jesus as He brings hope and salvation to a man’s life.

The story is found in Mark 2:1-12. 1 And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house.

2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them.

3 Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. 4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” 6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” 7 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? 8 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’?”

It is the story of the paralyzed man who is in need of healing. Jesus comes to Capernaum and enters a home. A large crowd of people gathers in and around the house. There are so many people that newcomers have no way to approach Jesus. Outside the house, the four men carrying the lame man want to get inside to see Jesus. They have brought their friend to this place so Jesus could/would heal him. Unfortunately, they cannot get through, so they decide to take him up on the roof. After opening a hole in the roof, they lower their friend down to Jesus. Jesus looks at him and says two powerful things. First, Jesus says “Your sins are forgiven,” and next He says to the man “Take up your mat and walk.” Jesus has the power to forgive and to heal.

Jesus is the same today. He has the same power to forgive and to heal us. Because of this act of compassion, Jesus Christ changed this man’s life forever. This is also true for us today. Jesus has the power to transform our lives, our situations, our problems, our….everything!!!! Let Jesus change each of us each day!!!!

Shalom,

Pastor Dale

Due to limited space, names are removed the first of each month if the church office (363-6324) is not notified. Thank you.
### Monthly Report

**Giving & Money Disbursed**

**March 2018**

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**Net Income**

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### Financial & Attendance Reports

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Thank you.

Chris Haerr

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Patty Crowder gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Glenn Moffett.

Fred & Linda Mullins gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Glenn Moffett.

Max & Pat Douglas gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Glenn Moffett and Helen Martin.

Gray & Sharon Cowart gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Glenn Moffett and Helen Martin.

Clay & Mary Coulter gave to the General Budget in memory of Glenn Moffett.

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**Please join us for a Celebration of Life**

**Honoring John Hanson**

**Saturday, May 5, 2018**

**1 pm to 4 pm**

**We'll see you at:**

Nature Park, Spring City

Located at the north end of Front Street.

(Light refreshments will be served.)

The Cleveland District will collect the school kits for the 2018 Hands on Mission Project, June 4 & 5 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the District Office.

School Kits – Goal 400

Pack all items in a backpack.

- 12” ruler
- 2 boxes chalk
- 1 compass for math
- 1 protractor
- 1 - 10-12 pack pens (blue or black)
- 1 - 10-12 pack pencils
- 1 pack erasers
- 2 pencil sharpeners
- 3 spiral notebooks (70 ct.)
- 1 small Bible (new or used)

Please include $5 for each backpack.

Each church should write one check for total number of kits made payable to the Cleveland District Office.

[ex: 10 kits x $5 = $50]

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The April 17th gathering of Let’s Do Lunch (LDL) began at noon in the Family Life Center with leaders, Shirley Corbin and Patty Crowder. Patty opened the program with devotions, and Shirley introduced the humorist, guest speaker, Karen George (right). Evelyn Hawkins, LDL caterer, prepared a delicious lunch, and everyone had a fun time. The next LDL is May 15th.

Come join the United Methodist Women Book Club
May 15th at 6:30
in the church library as we hear about:
Praying for Strangers
An Adventure of the Human Spirit by River Jordan.

As 2009 approached, both of River Jordan’s sons were about to go off to war – one to Iraq and the other to Afghanistan – and she was planning a family reunion to see them off. All River could do was pray for her sons’ safety and hope to maintain her strength, until she unexpectedly came upon the perfect New Year’s resolution – one that focused on others instead of herself. She would pray for a complete stranger every single day of the year. Jordan tells of how the discovery she made along the journey was not simply that her prayers touched the lives of these strangers (in often astounding ways), but that the unexpected connections she made with other people would be a profound experience that would change her life forever.

Recovery at Dayton
On Sunday, May 20th, Jennifer Snyder, is our guest speaker at the eleven o’clock morning worship service. Jennifer will share with us her ministry with Recovery at Dayton, which helps individuals who suffer from chemical dependence, compulsions, alcoholism, and codependency in Rhea County and surrounding areas. Jennifer makes weekly visits to see women in the Rhea County Jail and encourages the inmates to take part in a year-long residential recovery program.

Please make plans now to join us on Sunday, May 20th, and learn more about Jennifer’s involvement with Recovery at Dayton. Plan to join us for lunch in the Family Life Center following the worship service at no charge. For those of you who would like to contribute to the ministry of Recovery at Dayton, a basket for donations will be available.

We need numbers for planning the lunch. Please fill out the reservation form below when it appears in the Sunday bulletins to inform us of how many in your family will attend the luncheon on May 20th. You may also call the church office at 365-6324 or send an email to scumc@volstate.net to give us your numbers.

Lunch Reservation following the worship service
Sunday, May 20, 2018 • Family Life Center

Name ___________________________  No. _______

No charge, but a basket will be available for donations for Recovery at Dayton.

Please tear off & drop in the Offering Plate
At 7 p.m. at the Maundy Thursday Service on the 29th of March, Pastor Dale and Kevin Rose, worship leader, led those who gathered in the Sanctuary to commemorate the Lord’s Supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciple’s feet and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

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Thank you to all the youth and adult volunteers that helped make this year’s Easter Festival a success! We had 120 adults and children attend this year’s festival.

You are cordially invited to a Community-Wide Graduation Celebration For all of our Rhea County High School and Spring City Middle School Senior and 8th Grade Graduates.

Friday, May 18 after graduation until 11pm.

Class of 2018

If you wish to help or be a part of this celebration, please contact Caren Ruffner or Krissy Tallent.

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Celebrating Two Sacred Sundays

Palm Sunday is a sacred day for Christians. It represents victory and triumph as Jesus was greeted with palm branches as he entered Jerusalem one week prior to his death. Easter is the most sacred Sunday of the entire year for Christians. It marks the anniversary of Jesus’ resurrection and ascension to heaven. The photos below depict how our church celebrated Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018, and Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. The Easter Sunrise Service began at 7 a.m. and was held at Veterans Park. Breakfast was served in the Family Life Center following the Sunrise Service. After Sunday school, the 11 a.m. morning worship service began. Pastor’s Dale’s sermon and the beautiful music inspired and blessed us as we remembered and celebrated what our Lord did for us those three days in Jerusalem so long ago.