



May 2019

## "Yucca Breeze"

THE UNITED CHURCHES  
OF HOT SPRINGS

### PASTOR'S PULPIT:

Dear Friends,

May will start as an exciting month at The United Churches! First, on Saturday, May 4, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, everyone will have the opportunity to meet the Rev. Dr. David Cook and his wife, Bernice. Then on Sunday, May 5, the congregation will be led in worship by Pastor Cook as he candidates to be the next Pastor of The United Churches. Following the service there will be a Congregational Meeting to vote on calling the Rev. Cook. All members of the three denominations are entitled to vote.

The Pastor Search Committee has worked diligently for over two years to select a pastoral candidate. They deserve your sincere thanks and praise for the many nights of meetings, the hours spent reading Pastor Information Forms, and numerous phone interviews. Please extend your thanks to them for all the time they have devoted to this task.

Because of all the activity happening on May 5, the Board of Trustees voted to move Communion to May 12. Also, on that Sunday, Walter and Cheryl Spicer, (Walter grew up in Hot Springs) who serve as missionaries in the Philippines, will make a presentation regarding their work there. It is always good to hear reports of ongoing mission work in the name of Christ in other parts of the world.

Finally, I want to say what a joy it has been to be back leading you in worship as well as other ministry activities these past 5 months. Both Judy and I really enjoy the enthusiasm, witness, and mission of The United Churches. You are a great example of different denominations worshiping, working, and witnessing together which I believe can serve as a model for the wider church.

With love and grace to all.

Yours in Christ's service,

*Pastor John*

## \*\* News & Announcements \*\*

### National Day of Prayer Breakfast

On May 2 at 7:00 am the Hot Springs Kiwanis will host a community-wide breakfast in The United Churches' Fellowship Hall in recognition of the National Day of Prayer. The Rev. Sam Kost from St. John's Lutheran Church will deliver a message on "Love One Another" as well as lead in prayer for our nation, our community, and all people. Rise early and come to join together in fellowship and prayer.

### Special Announcement!

It is coming! **On Sunday, May 5** our worship will be led by the Rev. Dr. David Cook as he candidates to be our next pastor. Following worship there will be a **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** to receive the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee and vote on calling the Rev. Cook to be our new pastor beginning on June 1, 2019.

**On Saturday, May 4 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm**, there will be a special "Meet and Greet" in the Fellowship Hall for everyone to come meet Pastor David and Bernice Cook. We hope you will come meet them during those hours.



### Mission Speakers Coming on May 12



On Sunday, May 12, Walter and Cheryl Spicer will make a special presentation in worship about their ongoing mission work in the Philippines. The Spicers have been missionaries with Ethnos360 (formerly New Tribes Mission) for 30 years. Walter, some of you may recall, is the son of Lyle and Ruth Spicer, former members of The United Churches. They currently serve at Faith Academy where Cheryl is a nurse and Walter has several different ministries, including math teacher, middle school counselor, and middle school principal. The school primarily

teaches the children of other missionaries. Be sure to come and hear about their ongoing work in witnessing to the love of Christ in the Philippines. (And you can read a recent report from them on the back of this month's calendar)

**A Special Request...** Pat Holwell is asking for donations of yarn for projects her group at the residential facility where she lives in Lincoln, Nebraska is working on. If you have spare yarn—any color, any kind—you can leave it at the church. Put my name or Pat's on any donations. Call if you have any questions. Thanks!

—Jeanne Wyatt

### THANK YOU NOTE

"Thank you to all of Ruby's extended family and friends who sent cards & thoughts marking her 100th birthday. Her expression when handed all her cards was priceless! Thank you!"

—From the Family of Ruby Slater



## **MAY Birthdays: UPDATED!**

3 Dean Cape  
6 Katelin Wynia  
8 Pat Strauser  
9 Barb Wilson  
10 Derrelle Wynia  
14 Sally Hageman  
**Calla Hanson**  
18 Reta Bristol  
Ginny Coates  
19 Ellen Heafner  
Jeanne Wyatt  
20 Sherry Mower  
21 Jean Donnell  
22 Jill Evangelista  
22 Peg Sperlich  
30 Alicia Evangelista-  
Anderson



## **MAY Anniversaries:**

14 Mark & Carol Posthumus



*If your name is not included on the Birthdays and Anniversaries list and you would like it to be added, please contact the church office by email: [uc@gwtc.net](mailto:uc@gwtc.net) or call 745-5640.*

## **Church Clean-up Work Day**

The church-wide clean-up was a HUGE success, thanks to the 30-plus volunteers who worked on Thursday and Saturday, April 11th and 13th! Workers cleaned in the Bethany Room, Sunday School Classroom, Bearly Used Boutique, Furnace Room and Back Stairwell, the Attic, Sanctuary, Fireside Room, Kitchens, Nursery, and all the main floor windows and screens! Delicious cinnamon rolls and brownies courtesy of Jeanne Wyatt were enjoyed by all as a little reward. Thank You to all who helped and to all who prayed for us!

— *The Property Management Team*



## **ENJOYING THE NEW...**

Thank you again to Pat and Ed Cerney for the beautiful job they are doing on decorating our main church bulletin board with seasonal designs and messages!

This really brightens up the entryway and helps us focus on the liturgical seasons of the church.



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