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### The Epistle

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News For The Weeks Of  
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*Return Services Requested*



**The 49ers** - Hola! It's Fiesta time! Our last 49ers' event before the summer break will be on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in Poston Hall beginning at 11:45AM. The Preschool has asked for a few of us to go to the sanctuary at 11AM and be a practice group for the Preschoolers' graduation ceremony, hence the small delay.

We will have a taco bar with all the fixin's to make a delicious taco or two, some Mexican themed dishes and other surprise foods with a Latino flair. There will also be games and activities. You won't want to miss this pre-summer celebration.

On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Deb Schumann will be in the narthex for sign-ups for the fixin's and other food items you may want to bring. If you're willing to try your hand at some traditional desserts, some recipes will be provided, if you need one. Please wear your most colorful clothes. We'd like to take some pictures, sombrero included, to help Chris Boyett with images for the new website and Facebook page. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to text/call Deb Schumann at 864-706-2059. Hasta luego!



## The Pastor's Pen

On Easter I preached the sermon "It's a New Day!" In it I pointed out that God creates each new day for us, and us for each new day. We should be excited about what God has in store for us each day. Too often, I fear, that we fill our days with tasks and chores. [Yes, I am preaching to myself here.] We get busy with all that we think we have to do that we fail to enjoy the day.

Not long ago I heard someone say, "When most people get to the end of their lives, they regret more the things they didn't do than the things they did." I'm sure many of you have heard the poem by Nadine Stair, but I offer it again as a reminder:

I'd Pick More Daisies  
If I had my life to live over,  
I'd try to make more mistakes next time.  
I would relax. I would limber up.  
I would be sillier than I have been on this trip.  
I know of very few things I would take seriously.  
I would be crazier. I would be less hygienic.  
I would take more chances. I would take more trips.  
I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers, and watch more sunsets.  
I would burn more gasoline.  
I would eat more ice cream and less beans.  
I would have more actual troubles and fewer imaginary ones.

You see, I am one of those people who lives prophylactically and sensibly and sanely,  
hour after hour, day after day.  
Oh, I've had my moments and,  
if I had it to do over, I'd have more of them.  
In fact, I'd try to have nothing else.  
Just moments, one after the other,  
instead of living so many years ahead each day.  
I have been one of those people who never goes  
anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle,  
a gargle, a raincoat, and a parachute.














If I had it to do over again, I would go places  
and do things and travel lighter than I have.  
If I had my life to live over, I would start  
bare-footed earlier in the spring and stay that way later in the fall.  
I would play hookey more.  
I wouldn't make such good grades except by accident.  
I would ride on more merry-go-rounds.  
I'd pick more daisies.  
Nadine Stair, 87  
Louisville, Kentucky

"This is the day...THIS is the day...that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Peace,



Jeremy

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>5</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members 6:00 UMM	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> 12:00 Elsie Greer Circle (outsidk venue)	<b>1</b> 6:30 Choir Rehearsal Tom Abbott Cory Beeler 	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> 10:00 Threads of Agape	<b>4</b> 
<b>12 Mother's Day</b> Annual Epworth Offering 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members	<b>13</b> 10:00 Blanche Greer Circle (HOP) Mary Goode	<b>14</b> 11:30 49ers 7:00 Alice Walker Circle (outsidk venue)	<b>8</b> 6:30 Choir Rehearsal Janet Oran 	<b>9</b> 5:45 PS Board Meeting Wanda Steele 	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b>
<b>19 Pentecost Sunday</b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members	<b>20</b> 9:30 Blanche Greer Circle <b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	<b>21</b> 	<b>15</b> 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:00 Anne Ratliff Circle	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 Threads of Agape	<b>18</b>
<b>26 Trinity Sunday</b> Peace with Justice Sunday 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 1:00 Pickleball for Members 	<b>27 Memorial Day</b> <b>Office-CLOSED</b> Nancy Rayner 	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b> 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Carrie Vgreen 	<b>25</b>
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## Altar & Narthex Flowers

**Altar Flowers** are given on May 5<sup>th</sup> for the glory of God by Jane May in memory of her husband, Doug's, birthday.



**Altar Flowers** are given on May 12<sup>th</sup> for the glory of God by Nola Chaplin in loving memory of the birthday of her mother, Sara Savage.

**Narthex Flowers** are given on May 12<sup>th</sup> for the glory of God by Greg Steele in honor and appreciation of his mom, Wanda Steele, to celebrate her on both Mother's Day and her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Altar Flowers** are given on May 19<sup>th</sup> for the glory of God by Lillian Hudson in memory of the birthday of her mother, Eva Hudson.

**Narthex Flowers** are given on May 19<sup>th</sup> for the glory of God by Darrell and Judy Querin in honor of their 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.

**Altar Flowers** are given on May 26<sup>th</sup> for the glory of God by Diane and Doug Remeta in memory of their fathers, Dr. L.B. Dennis and John Remeta.

## Financials & Attendance

	Mar. 31	April 7	April 14	April 21
Received	\$12,730	\$4,545	\$4,598	\$5,984
Non-Restricted	\$156	\$50	\$178	\$17,507
Restricted	\$336	\$0	\$385	\$100
Total	\$13,222	\$4,595	\$5,161	\$23,591
Sunday School	29	32	37	34
Worship	150	101	98	155

**The Church Office** will be CLOSED on Memorial Day, May 27<sup>th</sup>. We wish everyone a very blessed Memorial Day weekend.

**Epworth's Annual Mother's Day Offering - May 12<sup>th</sup>** is Mother's Day. We will buy flowers, call the mothers in our lives and remember those mothers who have impacted our lives in the past. Most of the children at Epworth Children's Home will not be celebrating Mother's Day with their birth mothers. Instead, they will be surrounded by loving staff and foster parents who walk with them daily to provide spiritual, educational, emotional and physical support. Consider what God is calling you to give to support our church's ministry to the children in South Carolina. Your generous contribution to our church's ministry enables transformation to happen for the children who call Epworth home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. For more information, visit [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) and remember to give generously on Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Peace With Justice Sunday - May 26<sup>th</sup>

Gifts on Peace with Justice Sunday fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. These programs empower United Methodists to speak out for removing structures and systems that harm God's children globally. Please give generously on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**The Elsie Greer Circle** will meet on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at The Piedmont Club at 12:00PM. Text or call Eileen Byers at 590-1891 to RSVP.

**The Blanche Greer Circle** will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, May 13, at 10:00AM at the IHOP on E. Main St. This meeting has been moved from the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. Please RSVP by Friday morning, May 10, to Linda Whisnant at 415-0431. All are welcome to attend and learn more about our mission to serve our church and the community.

**The Anne Ratliff Circle** will meet on Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM in Room 103 at the church.

**Our May Fellowship Meal** will be on May 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM in Poston Hall. We hope you'll join us for this meaningful time together.

\*If you would like to put church-related information in the Newsletter, please send an email with your "blurb" to [churchsecretary@stpumc.org](mailto:churchsecretary@stpumc.org) before the Newsletter deadline date, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you!