

First United Methodist Church of Windsor

# News From The News

May 2025

Christ is counting on us to *Know, Love, and Serve* God.

Our doors are open for all to join us in worship every Sunday at 10 am.

9:00a Adult Sunday School (Church Basement)

10:00a Worship Service (in-person and online)

10:10a Children's Church

11:00a Fellowship Hour (Fellowship Hall)

## Pastor's Pen



Happy Springtime! Happy Springtime? Why do we like spring so much? Is it because we feel the dark, cold days of winter have gone on sojourn? Perhaps we like the feeling of warmth of a nearby small yellowish star radiating on our faces from 98,000,000 miles away? Or could it be that we enjoy the new life that is blooming, blossoming and birthing all around us? Whatever it is, I am hearing a lot of people talk about how wondrous springtime is.

You know, when you really stop and think about it, the season of spring is a complex and chaotic time in the world. We have weather that can't make up its mind to snow, rain, or bring us ice falling from the sky. The winds begin to pick up, dark clouds come rolling in, and we find ourselves hiding in our basements because of tornado warnings and watches. And for those of you who like to sleep late in the morning, we now have to deal with all sorts of birds loudly chirping their happy little songs each and every morning.

Now, don't get upset with me, I'm not bashing springtime. Actually, I quite enjoy the change that this time of year brings (minus of course the lightning and thunder of which I am not a fan). One day it's in the 70's and the next day we have ice to drive on. I'm constantly checking the weather forecast to see if I need warm jacket, a rain coat, a light coat, or if I'll be okay wearing a t-shirt. I think the only thing 'normal' about spring is that we know each day will bring something different than the previous day.

Spring is a time of renewal and rebirth, along with being a time of utter chaos. Spring brings with it the anticipation of the end of the school year, paying our taxes, and trying to plan our summer vacations. (By the way, I have not made mine yet so if you have some good ideas of places to go, please feel free to let me know.) Oh, it's also the time of year when we finally get to open our windows, let the sun shine into our houses where it hasn't shone all winter long, and we get to see how dirty the carpeting really is. That's right, spring cleaning! See, I told you: utter chaos!

Something else happens in spring...we celebrate the season of Easter. For six weeks before the date of Easter, the church is in the Easter season...celebrating and remembering that Jesus is not dead but that he has been resurrected into eternal life with God. Easter symbolizes new life for sure. Jesus received a new life and we receive a new life when we accept Jesus as our savior. But again, when you look at birth or re-birth, is it easy and nice? No, it really isn't. Being born is a wild experience to be sure. Think of a human baby...all warm and cozy in its mother womb and then all of sudden there are these bright lights and this cold air hitting their bodies. No wonder babies cry when they are born.

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## Pastor's Pen Continued

Then, after birth, this new life has to learn how to deal with the world around it. This baby has to learn to speak a language, they have to learn to crawl and walk, and they have to deal with these things called teeth pushing through into their mouths. But a baby does all these things, and although not easy, these things are necessary for this baby to live in this world of ours.

You see, you cannot have birth, re-birth, or change without a little bit of pain and discomfort. When we humans discover that there is a God and that this God sent his son down to us and we choose to give our lives to God's son, we give up a lot of things as well. We give up living our lives as if no one else matters, we give up our inward focus to look outward, and we give up our power and control to this one we call Jesus. And all of this is chaotic and nerve wracking. To place our lives in the hands of another is a hard and difficult thing to do. Yet, this is what is best for all of us...to allow this change to happen, not matter how difficult it is...so that we can live a new life in Christ.

Change like this is normally not appreciated, especially in an established group like a church. Change makes us un-easy; it makes us wonder why we have to change and if we really want to. The church that God established should always be changing, always be seeking ways of re-creating itself for the world around us. To remain the same as the world changes makes us a mute voice with no real relevancy in the world. But, to change with the world and to embrace these changes, that is the active church, that is the living church, that is God's church here on earth. I really do think that is the task that God has given to us this Easter Season.

In the meantime, enjoy the spring season and all the beauty that it has. As for me, I'm going to get another cup of coffee and watch the birds argue with each other over who gets the last seed from our new bird feeder.

Blessings!

Pastor Phil



**May**  
**Scriptures & Sermons**

May 4th John 21:1-19  
*"A Family Reunion"*

May 11th Acts 9:36-43  
*"Living Faith"*

May 18th John 13:31-35  
*"The Foundations Of The Way"*

May 26th John 14:23-29  
*"Who Speaks For Us?"*

# Squeaky's Corner

Today I've decided to be happy! Why? Well for starters, it's the beginning of the month of May and do you know what happens at the end of May? School is out for Summer Break!! It has been a long school year and I'm ready for a break. How about you? Are you ready for Summer Break?

Actually, I will miss school because I really enjoy going to school to see all of my friends and I even like a few of the subjects they teach. My favorite classes are "Theoretical Feline Escape Equations" (How to get away from a cat) and "Relativistic Spatial Anomalies" (How to sneak around so people don't see you). What are some of your favorite classes? Will you miss them?

Some of the things that I won't miss is the homework and studying for tests. I have taken a lot of tests this year and they can be sort of scary. I know we need to take them so we can show how much we've learned in class, so I try to do my very best on them. Will you miss taking these tests?

So, summer is just around the corner and I'm beginning to make plans of how I want to spend it. First, I just want to hang out by the pool or go hiking around with my friends. Second, I would like to take a trip somewhere, so I'll probably hitch a ride with Pastor Phil and his family as they do stuff this summertime. They are pretty cool about having me along. Most people don't want a mouse riding with them, but I usually get a nice comfortable place to ride in the car and I normally even get a view of where we are going. Now that is traveling in style!

Where are you planning on going this summer? Do you have some grand pirate adventure planned? Are you going to scale the highest mountain? How about surfing the waves of Hawaii? How about attending Vacation Bible School? I know, it has the word 'school' in it, but VBS is a really fun place to go to learn about God and I never get tired of learning about God. I think it is taking place here at the Windsor UMC from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. And it's in the evening so your parents will be able to help out! How cool is that!!!

Oh hey, do you want to hear some Knock, Knock jokes? Okay, ready or not, here they come!

Knock, Knock

Who's there?

Summer

Summer who?

Summertime and the living is fine! I like that one, living is fine in summertime and it even rhymes!! Ha, ha, ha!! So, are you ready for the next one? Here it goes!

Knock, knock

Who's there?

Alpaca

Alpaca who?

Alpaca the trunk, you pack the suitcase! Get it? Packing up to go on vacation!!!

Woo Hoo!!

Okay, where was I? Oh, I know. I wanted to go out this year and plant a really huge garden. Have you ever planted a garden? I was thinking of planting things like Carrots, Cheese, Ice Cream, and some Tomatoes. How do you think those will grow in the garden? Do you have any ideas of what I might plant?

Well, I need to get going this morning, I have a lot to do, and I have three tests in school today, but I think I'll be okay, they are all about identifying different types of cheese and I'm pretty much an expert at that. Have an awesome beginning of the summer and I'll see you around the church!

Squeaky



-Squeaky

# May Mission News

## May Mission Focus: Congo Water Project

We recently received a letter from the Project Director at Kapanga Works. He reports good news and bad news, which means there is still work to be done.

Letter from John Schwarting:

“The situation with our project at Kananga is a good news/bad news report.

First the good news: We have been able to hire a local manager for the project. For the last 18 months, he has been effective in delivering water to the village 12 hours a day, every day. He is working with the village water committee to begin collection payments to make the project self-sustaining. He has overseen the repair of existing water lines and expanded the delivery system. He has been a blessing and an answer to our prayers.

Now the bad news: We will not be traveling to Kapanga this year because of the instability in the country. Currently, we consider the risk is too high. We continue to be in contact with the in-country support group. Consequently, we will not be able to bring the second well fully online.

Needs:

1. Salary for the site manager
2. Funds to repair a failed booster pump controller. (We did provide a spare, but the inoperable unit must be returned to US for repair.)
3. Sanitary facility for the site.
4. Collection office for the project.
5. Shipment and customs expenses for a new pump controller that was purchased last year but not yet shipped.
6. Other ongoing expenses for repairs and project support.

Thanks for your continued support.”

Blessings, John

**Our financial support for the water project comes primarily from funds generated by our metal recycling program. See below for information on our recycling program. Of course, financial donations are always welcome. If you would like to donate to Kapanga Works!, please make checks out to FUMC, with a notation of Water Project.**



## FUMC Metal Recycling Program:



We accept metals of all types for recycling. Large (no refrigerators please) and small appliances, as well as cans, scrap metal, coat hangers, etc are accepted. Please separate cans into steel or aluminum and rinse to remove food debris. The metal recycling area is located in the fenced area behind the church. When you see Larry Ellison, give him a Thank You for all his work with this program.

## Update on Jennifer Moore, our Missionary in North Macedonia:

We enjoyed getting reacquainted during our recent visit with Jennifer Moore. We hope you were able to talk to Jennifer and learn about her ministry in Macedonia. We plan to do a Zoom call with Jennifer in the near future, so watch for that. Thank you for your generous donations to support her and our Mission Partnership with Jennifer. We brought in over \$1000 toward our partnership.



**The next Mission’s meeting is on Sunday, May 18 at 11am. Join us in the Upper room.**

# May Missions Continued

## Update on UMCOR Sunday Collection:

You donated \$1023 for UMCOR Sunday! This money given for UMCOR Sunday goes to cover the administrative costs of UMCOR, which allows for 100% of additional donations made during the year to go toward to specified projects. Thank You!

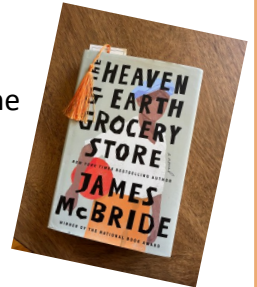
## GPS Book Group

### GPS Book Group invites you to join us

We will meet on May 21st, at 9:30 in the Upper Room.

GPS meaning- As a GPS guides us so we can find places and people, books guide us also. Through reading we **Gain** knowledge. We read for **Pleasure**. Books bring us together through **Sharing** the books we love and the lives and experiences of the characters in the books.

Our May book is, *The Heaven and art Grocery Store*, by James McBride. Set in the 1930s in Pennsylvania. Jewish and Black families live on "Chicken Hill". With many wonderful characters the novel is part love, part mystery and part difficult times.



## Windsor Severance Food Pantry

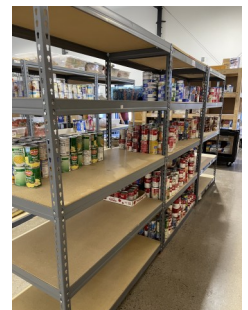
The food pantry is looking pretty bare, as they are seeing an influx of families needing support Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Needs:

- Raisins
- Crackers
- Cooking Oil (small bottles please)
- Canned Vegetables: peas, mixed veggies, pumpkin, and carrots
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Jello
- Instant Potatoes
- Corn Muffin Mix
- Pancake Mix
- Cake Mix
- Pudding
- Syrup

The Pantry is **completely out** of the following:

- Shampoo
- Toilet Paper
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant



## Adult Ministries

There are a variety of ongoing opportunities for Adults to connect each week. For more information about any of the groups please feel free to reach out to the leaders listed below.


**Sunday School:** All are invited to join our Adult Sunday School Class at 9:00 am each Sunday in the church basement. Class Leader: Bruce Hyink (Bruce@Hyink.org)

**Vera's Bible Study:** Vera's Bible Study meets each Tuesday at 12:30pm in the church's Upper Room. All are welcome to join. Contact: Paula Allard (paulaallard38@gmail.com).

**Women's Bible Study:** They meet each Thursday at 5:30pm. All are welcome. In May they'll be doing a variety of events including dinner out on the 8th, Bible trivia, a movie night and more. For more information Contact: Pat Ferrell (patferrell59@yahoo.com).

**Prayer Group:** Prayer group meets every Wednesday at 3pm in the Upper Room. Contact: Pat Ferrell (patferrell59@yahoo.com).

## United Women in Faith

 The baby shower benefitting Stork Support has been moved to May 14th at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome! Donations for Stork Support are welcome until May 14th. If you have any questions, please reach out to Paula Allard or Sharon Hinton.

 The UWF Spring Tea will be held in conjunction with the Baby Shower for Stork Support on May 14th.



## Get Ready For VBS!



# Announcements

**Stepping Stones Luncheon:** There will be a soup luncheon to support Stepping Stones on Sunday, May 4th from 11am to 1pm at Faith Church, 1020 Walnut St. If you aren't able to make it to the luncheon, but would like to donate, please make your check out to Stepping Stones, and place it in the offering plate.

**Congratulations Graduates:** It's time to celebrate our 2025 graduates. Please send a pic (jpeg please) and short blurb about your graduate to the church office at [firstumcwindor@gmail.com](mailto:firstumcwindor@gmail.com) by May 14th.

**Summer Music:** If you would like to share some of your musical talents this summer, please contact Susan McKenzie at [musicdirectorfumcwindor@gmail.com](mailto:musicdirectorfumcwindor@gmail.com) or Pastor Phil at [RevPhilVogels@gmail.com](mailto:RevPhilVogels@gmail.com)

**Church Rummage Sale:** Get ready for Crazy Days! Sharon Hinton and Pat Ferrell are hosting a rummage sale on the church lawn, Saturday June 7th from 8am to 12pm. They're in need of your donations and volunteers to help out with the event. Please bring your donations (please no clothing or furniture) to the Old Fellowship Hall and leave it behind the screen. Contact Pat [patferrell59@yahoo.com](mailto:patferrell59@yahoo.com) or Sharon [swhinton@msn.com](mailto:swhinton@msn.com) if you can help out, or have any questions.

**Elevator Fund Fundraising opportunity:** This fall, we have the opportunity to raise funds for our elevator fund by serving at one of the CSU Canvas Stadium Concession Stands during the CSU Home Football games. There are 7 of them. Your help would be needed from 10am to 4pm. Are you interested in helping out 1 time or 7 times, or any amount in between? If so, please contact Cindy Gleason at (970) 396-0721. Thank you.

**Battery Recycling:** If you would like to recycle your household batteries (nothing larger please.) there is a bucket in the Fellowship Hall marked household batteries. This will be an ongoing effort.

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday

5/06 Cathy Bell  
5/07 Melinda Stephan  
5/09 Pat Ferrell  
5/09 Claudia Reinfelds  
5/11 Matthew Lee  
5/16 Elijah Bridgeman  
5/25 Marilyn Shouse  
5/27 Steve Christian  
5/27 Kevin Johnson

### Happy Anniversary

5/10 Sandi & Bill Hill  
5/10 Tracey & Matt Zimmerman  
5/14 Sally & Lind Weidlich  
5/21 Sandy & John Lee  
5/24 Cindy & Phil Vogels  
5/25 Jessica & Eric Freitag  
5/28 Anita & Bob Ervin

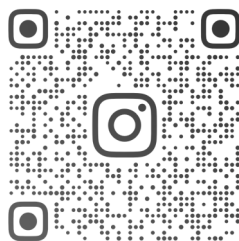
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