

## CARTHAGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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May is such an exciting month for the church. May is the season when we see our Seniors graduate. We watch kids get so excited about Summer activities to come and Pentecost. Pentecost is a time that is often called the "birthday of the church." Pentecost is when the individual disciples and other followers of Christ went from following and learning to people that were on fire, Spirit filled and moving with the Holy Spirit to continue the life giving work of God, in Christ.

May is also the time we celebrate Confirmation Sunday. Confirmation Sunday is the day we confirm the young people who were baptized at a young age and now are moving forward in their faith journey to confirm the vows taken by their parents on their behalf. These young people will be celebrated that day as they take these vows. Please make plans to be present on May 21st as we celebrate at the 10AM service. Wear red, orange, yellow. The day is festive. As we celebrate, we all hope we will be re-invigorated by the fire of the Holy Spirit in our own lives.

This past weekend, the seven confirmands: Ella Dixon, Ruston Kemp, Samuel Lavender, Blake Manning, Maddox Parker, Tynleigh Upchurch, and Margaret Watts, went to Camp Ozone near Ozone falls, TN and studied, worshipped, worked a mission project and had fun together to prepare. I would like to take time to thank, Ms. Nicole Harriman, our fearless leader and the other adults that shared in ministry, teaching and feeding our young people: Mr. Tucker, Mrs. Kristi, Mrs. Tracy Banka, Papa Joe Mowdy, Steve Laszlo and myself.



**Pastor Monica**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS:

Happy May friends and blessings from the children's ministry! We have had a great April and are excited to see what this month brings us! We had an amazing children led Palm Sunday service and are so very proud of all of our "smaller people". Thank you to everyone who helped make this service a blessing, and who helped with our egg hunt after. We are close to the end of the school year, and our last Wednesday night fun and fellowship before we break for summer will be May 3rd. Summer will be full of opportunities for the kids, big and small, and also the community to connect with God and each other so please be on the lookout for details. As always thank you for being a congregation that loves and supports the children in their walk with God!





**BLESSINGS FROM CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

**Ms. Nicole and the kiddos**

**CUMC  
MAY 2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 5-7 p.m. The Spot 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. BS Pack 367	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6 p.m. Children's Ministry 6 p.m. Youth 6 p.m. Monica's Bible Study 7 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>4</b> 12 Noon – Zoom Bible Study 6 p.m. GS Troop 1010	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> COMMUNION 4 – 5:30 p.m. BS Troop 367	<b>8</b> 5-7 p.m. The Spot 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. BS Pack 367	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6 p.m. Youth 7 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>11</b> 12 Noon – Zoom Bible Study 6 p.m. GS Troop 1010	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9 a.m. Shawl Ministry  3 p.m. GS Troop #1017
<b>14</b> MOTHER'S DAY  YOUTH SUNDAY	<b>15</b> 5-7 p.m. The Spot	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6 p.m. Youth 7 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>18</b> Boy Scout Breakfast 12 Noon – Zoom Bible Study 6 p.m. GS Troop 1010	<b>19</b> 7:30 p.m. SCHS Graduation	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 3 – 4 p.m. BS Pack 367 4 – 5:30 p.m. BS Troop 367	<b>22</b> 5-7 p.m. The Spot 5 p.m. GS Troop #1017 6 p.m. SCMS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation 7 p.m. TWKUMC Conference	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9 a.m. June Newsletter Deadline 6 p.m. Youth 7 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>25</b> Smith Co. Schools – No School 12 Noon – Zoom Bible Study 6 p.m. GS Troop 1010	<b>26</b> Smith Co. Schools – 1/2 Day	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> PASTOR MONICA - VACATION	<b>29</b> MEMORIAL DAY – CUMC OFFICE CLOSED  PASTOR MONICA - VACATION	<b>30</b> PASTOR MONICA - VACATION	<b>31</b> 6 p.m. Youth 7 p.m. Adult Choir  PASTOR MONICA - VACATION			



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### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Andrew Lavender 5/01  
Ashby Long 5/02  
Clayton Rigsby 5/02  
Meagan Sanders 5/02  
Riley Ethridge 5/04  
Rosemary Martin 5/04  
Sharon Woodard 5/06  
Melanie Bennett 5/13  
Cynthia Stickney 5/14  
Asher Reed 5/18  
Katherine Bass 5/19  
Emily Bass 5/19  
Katie Grandstaff 5/20  
Brooks Martin 5/20  
Jamie Carfi 5/23  
Peggy Manning 5/25  
Aiden Pope 5/25  
Carl Hudson 5/26  
Melanie West 5/26  
Bill Lowe, Jr. 5/30  
Tommy Upchurch 5/30

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6/01 Jerry Gammon, Sr.  
6/01 Terry Pope  
6/02 Julia Doran  
6/02 Kellan Kemp  
6/02 Susan McDonald  
6/03 Tiffany Ethridge

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

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### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5/03 Phillip & Gayle Hudson  
5/11 Jordan & Andrea Patrick  
5/12 Scott Penfield & Vivian Reynolds  
5/14 Lucas & Celia Dillon  
5/18 Stites & Nancy Carter  
5/19 Brandon & Rion Rigsby  
5/26 Andy & Angie Brimm  
5/30 Jonathan & April Bush

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

6/01 Scott & Leslie Pope  
6/02 Randy & Mary Leslie Wakefield  
6/03 David & Dawn Bass

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY!!**

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CURRENT?



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