

**\*ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CARRYING FORTH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**    *Amazing Grace*

**UMH 378**

**\*BENEDICTION**



The flowers gracing the altar today are given by Brian & Brenda Baker in honor of Connor Leap



**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK OF MAY:**    3 Claudia Stanley, 3 Renee Stanley, 3 Susan McFall, 8

Derek    McFall, 10 Connor Leap, 10 Bailey Robinson, 10 Donita Kennedy

*If you or a loved one are not on the birthday list please drop a note in the offering basket or email: clintwoodumc\_1@msn.com. We would like to give everyone special birthday blessings.*



*To put someone on, or take someone off the prayer list write the name(s) on a prayer request slip and place it in the offering plate or email the church office: clintwoodumc\_1@msn.com. \*Let the office know when someone can be taken off the prayer list so we can keep an updated list!*

Janice Puckett. Holly Mullins. Mike Baker. Nathan Yates. Lutishia Skeen. Gene Baker. Bennett Cantrell. Sarah Kay Mullins. Ron Phillips. Tammy Huffine. Johnny Vance, Jr. Wade Kennedy Rebecca Woliver. Pun Yon & Kerry Phipps. Cheryl Cummins, cancer. Shana Lea Lucas Sharon Duncan Karen Stone Bobby Stanley Sandy Gravel Pam Mullins Pat Davis Ray May Teresa Blansett Betty Perrigan Larry Mahood David McPeron Nurse Anna JR Robinson McKenzie Edwards Richard Baker Linda Killen Shanghai Nickles Teresa Deel Donita Kennedy Killen sisters Kelly Sutherland David Salyer Tammy Huffine's uncle, Jay, and mother, Loretta Louella Stanley Baby Theo Tammy Huffine, surgery this coming Tuesday Brenda Fleming Mamaw Helen Duster Fleming Marshall Hughes, foot surgery, Beth Lawrence's granddaughter, Payton, Robert Swindall, foot surgery

**Pray for** all our unmentioned loved ones who are ill or suffering or alone.

**Pray for** peace and justice for the people and countries of Ukraine and Israel and Palestine

**Pray for** our country. Pray for ourselves.

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**We are pleased and thankful to Rev. Jeff Lambert, our DS for coming filling in for Pastor Mark. Welcome!**

**Flower list:** Flower List for 2024 is on the piano. The cost is —\$15. Signup now for the date(s) you would like to sponsor flowers. Volunteer now and we can take this off the bulletin!! Please Print!

**\*Monday, May 6, 2024 at 5:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall the Dickenson County Sheriff's Department will conduct Active Shooter Training. You are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, see Brian Baker.

**Mother's Day is May 12.** A MD bulletin will be published. Cost to honor or memorialize your loved one is \$1 per name. Request forms are on the side table.

**Also on Mother's Day:** Our Youth Group will provide lunch after church. Plan to attend!

**Women In Faith meet Thursday, May 16, 1pm:** Program: Willene Baker. Refreshments: Peggy Childress

**Potluck Lunch, May 26:** After morning worship to welcome "Earl and Willy;" mark your calendars.

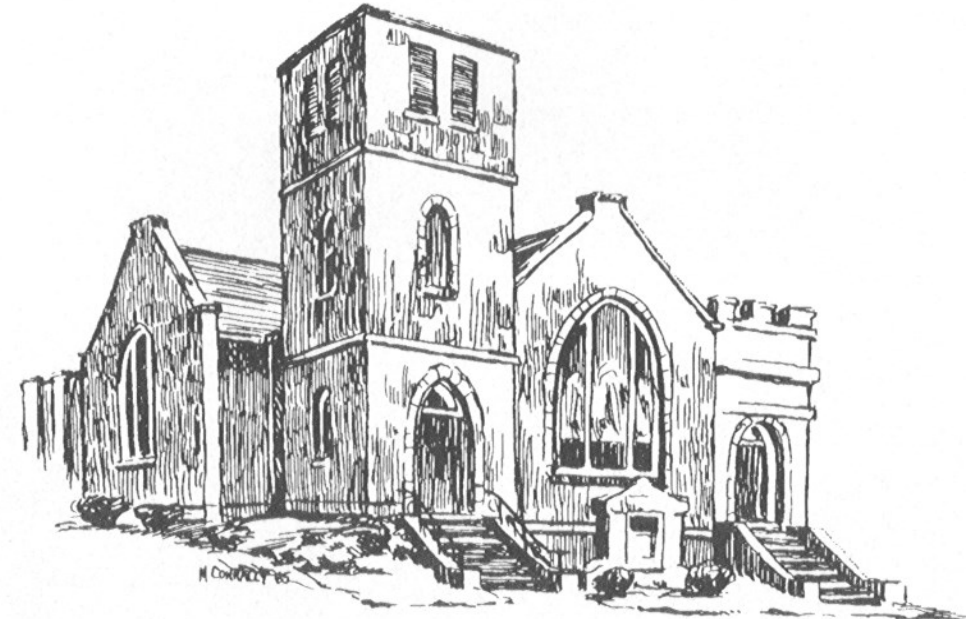
**Graduation Bulletin** -Grades K—adult. Drop a note with the graduates name, school, degree, parents, etc. in the offering plate or email the office.

**Don't forget donations for our Blessing Box.**

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**As spring blooms ever more brightly, it seems the earth is making a joyful noise to the Lord, breaking into songs of praise! (See Psalm 98:4.)**

**Jesus says, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love" (John 15:9, NRSV). One way we do that is to gather in Christian community. Welcome, beloved ones!**

**EVERY MEMBER... IN MIINISTRY... EVERY DAY**

**CARRYING IN THE LIGHT**

**This Is the Day**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Billie Branham**

L: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

**P: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!**

L: God has remembered God's faithful ones.

**P: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!**

L: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

**P: Rejoice, for God is truly with us. AMEN.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Billie Branham**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

**KIDS FOR CHRIST**

**KFC**

**Willene Baker**

**READING OF THE PSALMS**

**PSALM 98:1-6**

**Cathy Stanley**

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

<sup>4</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

<sup>5</sup> make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

<sup>6</sup> with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 15:9-17**

**Harry Childress**

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love: <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I

have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10**

**Reverend Jeff Lambert**

<sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**SERMON**

**Perfect Strength by Perfect Weakness**

**Reverend Jeff Lambert**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Together, let us pray For the people of this congregation... **Lord, Hear our prayers**

For those who suffer and those in trouble... **Lord, Hear our prayers**

For the concerns of this local community... **Lord, Hear our prayers**

For the world, its peoples, and its leaders... **Lord, Hear our prayers**

For the earth you have given to our care... **Lord, Hear our prayers**

For the Church universal—its leaders, its members, and its mission... **Lord, Hear our prayers**

In communion with the saints, In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**Billie Branham**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic\* church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

