



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE CONNECTION

May 2016

DINNER AND MOVIE, AN ACT OF LOVE

On Saturday, May 7, at 6:00 p.m.: Duncan Memorial UMC (201 Henry Street in Ashland) is hosting this dinner and documentary about the trial that rocked the UM Church and the pastor who risked it all for his son. The conversation about LGBTQ rights within religious communities has often caused pain and division. This film hopes to bring all sides together to see the human side of this debate through the stories of those who have had to deal with the real consequences of their community's stance on this issue. This event is free and childcare will be provided, but call for reservations at 804-798-7224.



THEATRE OUTING TO MRS. PARLIAMENT'S NIGHT OUT

Sunday, May 15, at 2:30 p.m., we will be attending a Huguenot Community Players' production of *Mrs. Parliament's Night Out* by Norm Foster at Huguenot United Methodist Church (10661 Duryea Drive). Mrs. Parliament (played by Ann Davis) finds herself at a crossroads when her husband of 32 years forgets their anniversary. A myriad of characters forms a supportive community that provides Mrs. P. with valuable and hilarious life lessons. Tickets will be \$12 each. Sign up on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.



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**Your generous support has enabled us to have to have another successful golf tournament.
We raised about \$1,700 for STOP HUNGER NOW.**

MAY IN BLOOM

May is so beautiful:
Orchards are fair;
Branches of fruit trees
Make gardens of air.
Flowers of fragrance
Bloom in the light;
Fall like the snowflakes
Showering white.
Orchards of heaven
Grow with a grace,
And like a blessing
Perfume the place.
Each tree in blossom,
Each lovely spray,
In this month of Our Lady,
Bring glory to May.



Helen Maring
The Magnificat. Volume LXVIII. Number 1. May 1941.



The scripture readings are provided so that you may read and reflect upon them during the days prior to each worship service.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2016

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67 (UMH 791)
Revelation 22:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29

Ascension Sunday

May 8, 2016

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 (UMH 781)
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Day of Pentecost

May 15, 2016

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826)
Romans 8:14-17
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Trinity Sunday

May 22, 2016

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8 (UMH 743)
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

Second Sunday after Pentecost

May 29, 2016

I Kings 18:20-39
Psalm 96 (UMH 815-816)
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10



NOTES FROM THE LAY LEADER

Phyllis Stump



Pray constantly ...

In all our prayers, whether we get the answers we want or not, we can count on this: God can make use of whatever happens. The British theologian, John Baillie, gave us the following prayer:

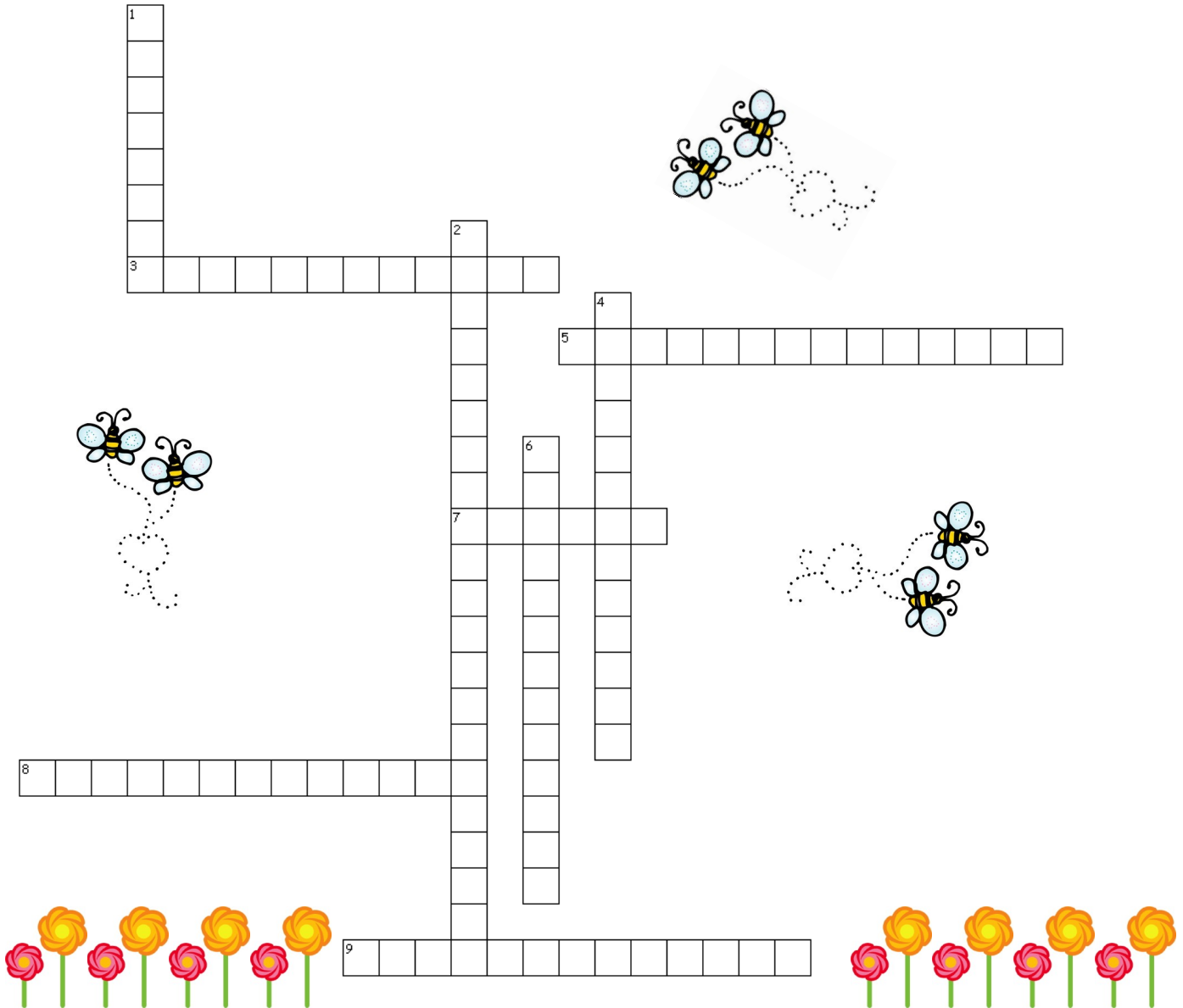
“Teach me, O God, to use all the circumstances of my life today that they may bring forth in me the fruits of holiness rather than the fruits of sin.

Let me use disappointment as material for patience.
Let me use success as material for thankfulness.
Let me use trouble as material for perseverance.
Let me use danger as material for courage.
Let me use reproach as material for long suffering.
Let me use praise as material for humility.
Let me use pleasures as material for temperance.
Let me use pain as material for endurance.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Spring Riddles Crossword



Across

3. What is a spring chick after it is five months old?
5. What did the big flower say to the little one?
7. What spring flowers can be found on people's faces?
8. What's the best day of the year to monkey around with your friends?
9. Why is spring a great season to start a gardening business?

Down

1. April showers bring Mayflowers, but what do Mayflowers bring?
2. Do you know what happens on April 1?
4. Can February March?
6. How's the letter A like a spring flower?

Answers:

6. Followed by's
7. Tulips
8. April Fool's Day
9. Rake in the cash

1. Pillgrims
2. You're not fool - ly aware
3. Six months old
4. No but April May
5. You're growing bud



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Every Sunday 8:40 AM Informal Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship	Every Monday 10:30 AM Zumba Class	Every Tuesday 11:30-1:30 P.M. Sanctuary Open for Prayer 12:00 PM Fellowship Group at Aunt Sarah's 12:00 PM - AA	Every Wednesday 10:30 AM Zumba Class 12:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice	Every Thursday	Every Friday 10:30 AM Walk-In & Bless My Sole Ministries 12:00 PM - AA	
1 ROA Orchid Alliance Setup 12:00-2 p.m. ROA Orchid Alliance Meeting 2-5 p.m. 	2	3	4	5 	6	7
8  HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY	9 Finance Meeting 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting 8:00 p.m.	10 UMW Meeting (Join them for Quiche, Salad, and Dessert at Mary E. Vetrovec's)	11	12	13	14
15 Theatre Outing to Mrs. Parliament's Night Out at 2:30 p.m. 	16	17	18	19	20	21 Change the World Weekend 
22 	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Louise Smith Birthday Reception after 11:00 a.m. service	30 	31				



WHO SAID IT?

People give one another things that can't be gift wrapped.

Read more at: <http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/n/nadinegord388275.html>

Here's the answer:

Nadine Gordimer

CENTENARY MEMBER TURNING 100!

On May 29, 2016, long-time Centenary member Louise Smith will be turning 100 years young! Louise was born in Lynchburg, VA, on May 29, 1916, and attended Centenary Methodist Church in Lynchburg during her early years. In 1935, Louise married John D. "Bud" Smith and moved to Richmond, where Bud's father, Dr. John William Smith, was the Pastor of Centenary. According to family members, at least four family members have served as ministers at Centenary, beginning in the 19th century. Louise is very proud of her family's Centenary heritage, and she proudly displays many Centenary mementos in her assisted living apartment at Cedarfield.

Louise moves easily around her unit at Cedarfield without assistance. She enjoys puzzles, Bingo, and playing Bridge and Gin Rummy with her friends. She can often be seen assisting other members of her unit with Bingo and other activities. She has a strong sense of humor and can often be heard telling funny stories. When Louise was 91, she drove herself to Florida to attend an event, and she often drove herself to Centenary on Sunday mornings until she reached the age of 95. She still frequently attends special events at Centenary.

Louise has three children, Betty Robertson, Nancy Campbell, and John "J.D." Smith. Louise's family has invited everyone to stay after the second service on **Sunday, May 29, 2016**, for a reception in Louise's honor.

Please Join Us

Sunday, May 29, 2016

For a reception after the 11:00 a.m. worship service to
celebrate the 100 birthday of our dear friend Louise Smith.
Small appetizers and desserts would be most welcome.



MAY HELPERS

ACOLYTES

01 Christina Kidd
08 Isabel Junker
15 Nancy Grand
22 Katie Shingleton
29 Christina Kidd

ALTAR GUILD

01 Barrett Brown
08 Sylvia Whaley
15 Kimberly Chen
22 Barrett Brown
29 Ginny Jarvis

BANNER BEARERS

01 Agatha Kidd
08 Chris Junker
15 Vic Grand
22 Ryland Bailey, Jr.
29 Agatha Kidd

COMMUNION STEWARDS

01 Susan Thomas & Mirian Wickham

GREETERS

01 Earl & Sue Siddons
08 Ryland Bailey, Sr. &
Ryland Bailey, Jr.
15 Anne Baughan & Barrett Brown
22 John & Bette Dillehay
29 Connie Bennington & Susan Thomas

HALL MONITORS

01 Chris Junker
Matthew Steele*
08 Bob Hundley, Jr.
Sylvia Whaley*
15 Robb Stottlemeyer
Charley Webber*
22 Bob Hundley, Sr.
Clint Jones*
29 Alan Davis
R.B. Bennington*

LAY READERS

01 Bob Hundley, Jr.
08 Doug Wilson
15 Vic Grand
22 Alan Davis
29 Nancy Grand

TELLERS

02 Ryland Bailey, Jr & Jack Hill
09 Ryland Bailey, Jr & Jack Hill
16 Lila Irby & Roy Cooke
23 Lila Irby & Roy Cooke
31 (Tuesday) Suzanne Ray & John Dillehay

USHERS

Joe Speidel (Captain)
Ruby Baker
R.B. Bennington, Jr.
Jim Wickham
Wilbur Cheatham

**REMINDER: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE
HERE ON YOUR SCHEDULED SUNDAY,
PLEASE FIND A SUBSTITUTE AND NOTIFY
THE CHURCH OFFICE OF THE CHANGE.**

COORDINATORS

Lay Readers:

Phyllis Stump (330-2544)

Greeters and Hall Monitors:

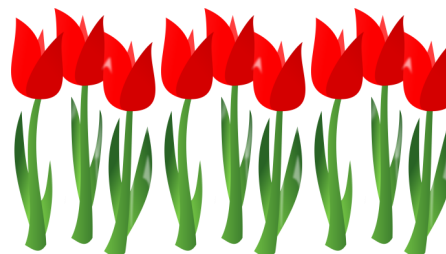
Sylvia Whaley & Clint Jones
(795-5492)

Tellers:

Suzanne Ray (262-4854)

Ushers:

Sylvia Whaley &
Clint Jones (795-5492)



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CENTENARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship.....8:40 a.m.
Sunday School.....10:00 a.m.
Worship11:00 a.m.

STAFF

Senior Minister.....Matthew D. Bates
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Director of Music/Organist.....Stanley M. Baker
Director of Membership Development.....Ann Davis
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.....Sam Cook
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