



Pastoral News

Grounded in Faith and Justice

As people of faith, we affirm the dignity and sacred worth of every person, recognizing that all are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). Scripture calls us to advocate for justice and inclusion,

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ensuring that those who have been) marginalized are fully embraced in community life (Luke 14:13-14). The United Methodist Social Principles declare, "We recognize and affirm the full humanity and personhood of all individuals with disabilities. We commit ourselves to full inclusion of people with disabilities in the life of the Church and the broader society" (*UMC Social Principles*)

Understanding Section 504

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a landmark civil rights law prohibiting discrimination based on disability in programs and activities that receive federal funding. It guarantees equal access to education, employment, and public services, ensuring reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities. This law embodies the biblical mandate to "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God" (Micah 6:8) by breaking down barriers that prevent full

participation in society.

A Call to Action

Faith communities have a moral obligation to advocate for the enforcement of Section 504 and other disability rights protections. This includes:

- Supporting policies that uphold accessibility and inclusion in schools, workplaces, and public spaces.
- Ensuring our churches are welcoming and accessible for all, not only in physical structures but also in worship, leadership, and community engagement.
- Standing with disabled individuals and their families in their struggles for justice, as Jesus did when he healed and uplifted those society overlooked (Mark 2:1-12).

Living Out Our Commitment

As followers of Christ and as United Methodists, we are called to move beyond awareness to action. Advocacy for disability rights is not just about legal compliance—it is about building the Beloved Community where every person is valued and empowered. By upholding the principles of Section 504, we bear witness to God's justice and love in the world.

Contributed by Rev. Kendal McBroom, General Board of Church and Society

Peace, Rene'

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MAY

4th, 11th, 18th, & 25th— Worship @ 10:30

6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th— Prayer Group @ 10:30

Bible Study @ 11:00

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th— Crafting Group from 9 to 12

5th, 12th, & 19th— Parks & Rec

4th— Ad Council

15th Group— noon to 2 in Library

The Golden Rule

Hurt not others in ways that you would find hurtful.

Buddhism

What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man. That is the entire law;
all the rest is commentary.

Judaism

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Christianity

No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he
desires for himself.

Islam

Blessed is he who preferreth his brother before himself.

Bahai Faith

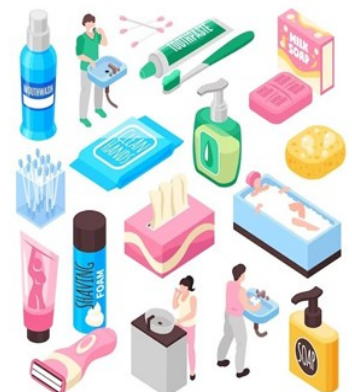


10 May—Bill and Diane Strobeck

Caritas Challenge

Hygiene Products and Cleaning Products!

Tooth Brush, Tooth Paste, Soap, Razor, Shampoo,
Feminine pads, Mouth Wash, Q tips, Tissue, Windex,
Clorox, etc. . .





Hand of God to Touch

Peace on Earth
Our Church
All Caregivers
Our country
Ukraine
Dan – job
All shooting victims and their families
Dr. visits

Health and Healing

Penny
Bill
Sharon's MIL Charlotte

Continued Prayers

Jill
Jean's Brother-on-law Bruce – cancer
Jeannine's cousin Ray
Dick Mabbott
Bob, Sharons Brother-in-law
Roxy
Jean
Lynn's Aunt Joyce
Dr. Poches – stroke
Granddaughter Brandy
All those suffering from cancer
All those who are grieving the loss of a
loved one or pet

Prayers of Gratitude

For construction workers

In support of its commitment to human rights, peace, and international law, the board resolved to join an ongoing global campaign to boycott Chevron products.

In a written response the board stated, “We stand in solidarity with the United Methodist Kairos Response, and other United Methodists in this boycott campaign, until the company terminates all contracts with Israel that allow it to profit from the military occupation of Palestine and ceases operations in the gas fields off the coast of Palestine/Israel.”



Chevron Corporation is an American multinational energy company specializing in oil and gas. The company operates natural gas extraction and pipelines off the coast of Palestine/Israel, making it a significant partner in the military blockade of Gaza and the exploitation of Palestinian land and resources.



United
Women
in Faith

In April the topic was “Intergenerational Learning.” The first speaker was Rev. Faye Wilson, who among other things, worked for the General Board of Global Ministries and wrote 14 mission studies for what once was the Conference School of Christian Mission. Although it was geared toward elders teaching children, the advice was relevant to sharing our faith with everyone. As a choir director since the age of 13, her advice for teaching songs is to listen to others, ask for input. Be prepared, be patient, go slowly, give time to learn. Give joy, not condemnation. Greet children (and adults). Give affirmation. Critique others to be helpful, not hurtful. There are differences in learning.

The second speaker was Rev. Dr. Tanya Campen, she enjoys telling sacred stories to children. Their faces light up and you can see the kingdom of heaven in their faces. Faith formation is life-long. We are never too old to grow in faith. We are all moving toward perfection through learning from all ages. We are never too young or too old to grow. God invites us to be with Him.

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Come craft with us Every Thursday from 9am
to noon. Bring your project and come enjoy
a cup coffee and conversation.

