

The Hilltops

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New Beginnings

United Methodist Church

We are followers of Jesus, who tend God's garden, serving the mind, body and spirit of all God's children.

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What does the word *Gospel* mean?

(May question: In what Gospel did Jesus say and quote "Everything is possible for one who believes?"
Answer is Mark.)



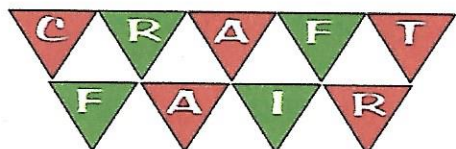
Robert MacMaster, June 6
Linda Oakley, June 20
Kim Chapman, June 20
Lisa Lavery, June 29
Lauren Lynde, June 29

God will never send a thirsty soul to a dry well.



Debbie Alger; Lily Andreasen; Kathryn Bruen (Louise's sister, stroke); Judy Bureau; Patrick and Collette Burns; Betty Conley; Ralph Cusano (cancer); Mary Ann DiStefano (The Poehler's dear friend, ovarian cancer); Gale Durno; Philip

Durno (cancer); Keith Edmonds (cancer & heart problems); Emma Ermel; Marcus Ermel; Delaney Fallon; Bill and Gail Felton (homebound); Sandy Freeman; Donna Gallagher (brain injury); Andrew Garbino; Shirley Gibson & family; Steven (Ann Goebel's brother, cancer); Merle Grant; Jimmy Harnish (cancer); Kathy Harris; Lucky & Penny Howie; Michele Kelley; Jean Krikorian; Dondi LaRue; Tommy Maciorowski; Joan McCorquodale; Chloe Miner; Herman Miner; Dick & Judie Moore; Bob & Terry Newton; Lance Osborne; Debby Parker; Prayers for the O'Brien & Parker families; Wallace Powers (cancer); Terry Quinn; Leslie Rice; Gloria Roddy (multiple myeloma); Peter Sheldon; Rita Signoretti (Krissy's mom); Richard Simmons; Al St. Croix (cancer); Louise Thorpe; Patty Thorpe (MS and graves disease); Jimmy Tompkinson; Christine & Roy Walker; Don Waye (cancer); Rev. Joan-Anne Westfall; Emma Whitman; Sheila Wick; Nevaeh Wilder (cancer); Edward (Margie Wilson's brother, cancer); Robert Withee; Bonnie Wozniak; the victims of natural disasters all over the world; all those unemployed.



Over the last few months, Linda has been holding a craft night at the church to prepare some crafts for our November Holiday Fair. We met again on May 23rd to gather ideas for this important fundraising event. We will have more craft nights, and we welcome new crafters and ideas to help make a successful fair!

Lynne



Community Suppers



The kitchen helpers will be taking June through August off for some rest and relaxation! The next community supper will be held in September. There are plans being discussed for a summer cook out and ice cream social – stay tuned for more information! **THANK YOU** for all your help and generous donations!

The Kitchen Crew



Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on that day in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress.



largest protestant church in the United States. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society sent its own missionaries, bought its own property, published its own periodicals, sponsored indigenous Bible women around the world, mobilized church women into a worldwide movement, and incubated women's leadership by providing a core group of the first Laywomen elected to General Conference in 1888.

You can find out more about the history and celebration of United Methodist Women online: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/news/celebrating-150-years>

Submitted by Lynne Connors

Excerpts & other information by Tara Barnes



United Methodist Women's 150th Birthday

"When I find a field too hard for a man, I put in a woman."
Bishop William Taylor

Methodist Women have been involved in mission and service for over 150 years. A birthday celebration was held on March 23, 2019, 150 years to the day from the first meeting of a handful of women who would form ***The Woman's Foreign Missionary Service of the Methodist Episcopal Church.***

In 1869, eight women started *The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society* on Tremont Street in Boston, now known as *United Methodist Women*. They raised funds to send Isabella Thoburn and Dr. Clara Swain to India where they cared for women, trained them to be educators and health care providers. The Clara Swain Hospital was also built.

When they returned home, they spoke of the oppression of women in India. The Society decided to do something for their sisters in other parts of the world. From these beginnings emerged the most powerful, influential women's movement in what was then the



Starting in July, there will be one worship service on Sundays at 10:30am. In July we will gather upstairs for service, and in August we will meet downstairs.

To be hopeful in bad times is not just foolishly romantic. It is based on the fact that human history is a history not only of cruelty, but also of compassion, sacrifice, courage, kindness.

What we choose to emphasize in this complex history will determine our lives.

If we see only the worst, it destroys our capacity to do something, if we remember those times and places – and there are so many – where people have behaved magnificently, this gives us the energy to act, and at least the possibility of sending this spinning top of a world in a different direction.

(Howard Zinn) Source: You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train



2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			12:30pm Women's Bible Study at Elaine Aho's			1
2 9:30am Choir practice 11:30am Church Council	3 10am-12pm Wesley Group	4	5 12:30pm Women's Bible Study at Elaine Aho's	6	7	8
9 9:30am Choir practice	10 10am-12pm Wesley Group	11	12 12:30pm Women's Bible Study at Elaine Aho's	13	14	15 Newsletter Articles Due
16 Father's Day 9:30am Choir practice 11:30am Church Council	17 10am-12pm Wesley Group	18	19 12:30pm Women's Bible Study at Elaine Aho's	20	21	22
23 9:30am Choir practice	24 10am-12pm Wesley Group	25	26 12:30pm Women's Bible Study at Elaine Aho's	27	28	29
30 9:30am Choir practice 11:30am Positive Pot Luck						



Worship Times:

9:00am Casual Service with coffee &
fellowship
10:30am Traditional Service

Meetings and Social Events:

11:30am Church Council (1st and 3rd Sunday)
11:30am Positive Pot Luck (Last Sunday)

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