



### Pastor's message May 2019:



In the past few years, my focus for May have been on our calendar of monthly events. But, I felt the Lord leading me to share different thoughts this year. You'll see the monthly events in other parts of this NewsLink. Let me remind you as Apostle Paul reminded the Philippians "No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven". (Philippians 3:13-14)

Becoming a Christian is only the beginning of a wonderful new life. God rarely takes people to heaven the moment they become Christians. He has work for you to do here on earth. Being "born again" is like hatching out of an egg. Long before your birth, even before your conception, God had you in mind. All along, God has had a distinct purpose for you to fulfill on earth and in eternity. But you will never find or fulfill that wonderful purpose unless you grow as a Christian. Simply being hatched (saved) is not enough. You need to fly!!!

Soren Kierkegaard, the Danish philosopher, once told a story about a flock of barnyard geese in Denmark. Every Sunday the geese would gather in the barnyard near the feeding trough. One of their number, a "preaching goose, would struggle up onto the top rail of the fence and exhort the geese about the glories of goosedom. He would tell them how wonderful it was to be a goose rather than a chicken or a turkey. He would remind them of their great heritage and tell them of the marvelous possibilities in the future.

Occasionally, while he was preaching, a flock of wild geese, winging their way to sunny France, would fly overhead in a marvelous V-formation---thousands of feet in the air. When that happened, all of the geese would excitedly look and say to one another, "That's who we really are. We are not destined to spend our lives in this stinking barnyard. Our destiny is to fly."

But then the wild geese would disappear from sight, their honking echoing across the horizon. The barnyard geese would look around at their comfortable surroundings, sigh, and return to the mud and filth of the barn. **THEY NEVER DID FLY!**

God has a purpose for YOU. Salvation---in its highest sense---is the process of becoming who you really are in God's mind.

Conversion---being born again---is an event. It only happens once. It is the experience of moving from darkness to light, from death to life. Salvation, on the other hand, is a process. It begins at conversion and continues until you are fully transformed into the image of Jesus Christ.

Fly with Christ, Pastor Dan

# Easter Blessings!

Starting at Lacey's Narrows Marina with Sunrise Service

Great Breakfast  
Provided by the UMM



Jude Stroud



What an Awesome Easter Sunday!!!



- 5/03 H.T Graddy
- 5/05 Jo Ann Wanat
- 5/11 Nancy Leonard
- 5/12 Nancy Dilks
- 5/12 Allison Hughey
- 5/18 Shannon Cullum
- 5/18 Norma Cutrer
- 5/22 Margie Teed
- 5/26 Mile Voss
- 5/27 Brenda Houlsworth
- 5/29 Kim Mitchell
- 5/29 Kevin Wallen



- 5/04 Lois & Mike Leslie
- 5/15 Linda & Johnny Varnadore
- 5/21 Jo Ann & Bob Wanat
- 5/24 Anna & Dennis Cullum
- 5/27 Uties & Fred Dudeck
- 5/29 Ruth Anne & Pastor Dan Brand

Congratulation Ed Ross on your Retirement



Holiday Hills UMC  
United Methodist Women



COMMUNITY WIDE



Bee Joyful, LADIES Join us for  
Fun & Fellowship  
Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 12 noon  
8824 Edgemont Rd  
Greers Ferry AR 72067

UMW don't forget to bring a guest  
and 2 salads



# HOLIDAY HILLS UMC NEWSLINK

MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 8 AM Prayer group 10:30 UMW 12 noon Salad Luncheon 3:30 pm Choir 5 pm Prayer group 6 pm Bible/ Prayer Study	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship Communion Northeast District FUMC Batesville	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9.30-1030 am CLASS	<b>8</b> 8 am Prayer group 9-11 Storehouse 10 am-4 pm Quilters 3:30 pm Choir 5 pm Prayer group 6pm Bible/prayer Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9-11 am Storehouse
<b>12</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship Potluck 	<b>13</b> 6 pm G.A.L.S Meeting	<b>14</b> 9.30-1030 am CLASS	<b>15</b> 8 am UMM Breakfast Bentley's 11 am The Call Food Prep 3:30 pm Choir 5 pm Prayer group 6pm Bible/prayer Study	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7 pm West Side Graduation	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship	<b>20</b> 4 pm Yacht Club	<b>21</b> 9.30-1030 am CLASS	<b>22</b> 8 am Prayer group 10am-4pm Quilters 3:30pm Choir 5 pm Prayer group 6pm Bible/prayer Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:50 Worship	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm Emmaus  Memorial Day	<b>28</b> 9.30-1030 am CLASS	<b>29</b> 8 am Prayer group 3:30 pm Choir 5 pm Prayer group 6pm Bible/prayer Study	<b>30</b> Storehouse Food Delivery am <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">             Annual Conference –Hot Springs           </div>	<b>31</b>	