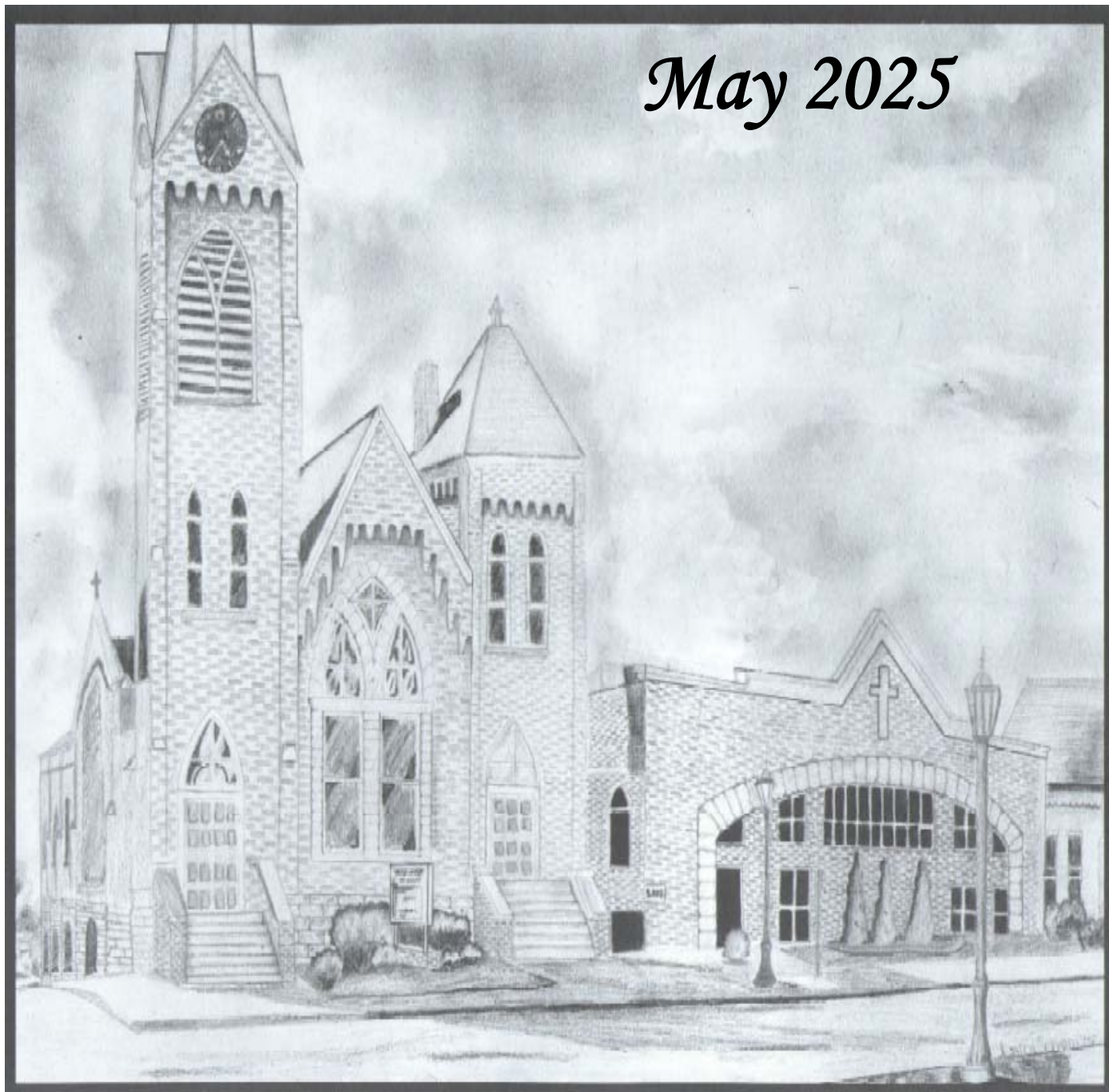


The Tidings

May 2025



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Obeying God's Vision

*“He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness and light dwells with him. I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors: You have given me wisdom and power.”
(Daniel 2:22-23)*

May is such a busy month for everyone, but it is also filled with so many exciting life events. First, we have Mother's Day the second Sunday of May. Our youth are going to lead the service that day including the message. They are excited to be involved and honor their mothers. The next weekend we have high school graduation. We honor our seniors during the service and encourage them with their future plans. Next we have Memorial Day weekend and our special service at the church cemetery that Sunday evening. We honor and remember those saints that are no longer with us. I hope you are able to be part of these special services in May.

May also contains my wife's birthday, my Grandpa Cobb's birthday, and my youngest brother Matt's birthday. To celebrate Betty's birthday, we are headed to Branson the first weekend of May with some friends to see “David” at the Sight and Sound Theater and to enjoy some vacation time. Mike Williams from Columbia will be filling in for me that Sunday and leading communion as we start having communion the first Sunday of each month. I'm looking forward to you all meeting Mike on Sunday May 4th.

Mike will be kicking off our new sermon series on the book of Daniel called “Obeying God’s Vision” when he fills in for me on May 4th. I was only going to preach on Daniel during the month of May, but after reading through it once, there is too much to cover in only month. What an amazing book! I encourage you to start reading through the book of Daniel. It is only 12 chapters. You will recognize some familiar stories like the lion’s den and the burning furnace, but you’ll also see his predictions about Jesus’ second coming. He dealt with power and authority. Lived under bondage and was still able to serve God and make a difference with his life. It’s an encouragement to all of us, that no matter our situation, God can use us if we are willing to obey his vision for us.

I want to say thank you to everyone for making all of the Easter and Lent services go well. They were very meaningful. I pray we now take the message of the resurrection with us each and every day. The cross and the empty tomb defeated our two biggest enemies: sin and death. Live victoriously for him each day because we have already won the battle. All we need to do is stay faithful till the end.

Serving Christ Together,
Russ



California United Church of Christ

April 14, 2025 – Consistory Meeting Highlights

The April meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Carole Barbour. Reverend Cobb opened the meeting with a prayer. A quorum was established with Carole Barbour, Jay Bestgen, Holly Bieri, Jim Deeken, Ellen Ash, Larry Schoeneberg, and Kris Ingram present. Anny Roll was absent.

Minutes of the March Meeting were approved along with the Treasurer's Report given by Ellen Ash and the Financial Secretary's Report and Stewardship Snapshot given by Larry Schoeneberg. In the check detail there were several items noted: Check 1038 to Dyan Ingram in the amount of \$375 for reimbursement of women's conference cost. Check 16630 to Insurance Board in the amount of \$4,975.25 for the quarterly insurance payment. Check 16643 to Allan Mortenson in the amount of \$2,055 for the upgraded office computers. Check 16649 to George B. Kavanaugh in the amount of \$510 for spring maintenance on the organ. Check 16656 to Michael Butterworth in the amount of \$390 for tuning 3 pianos. It was noted the total expenses for the month of March 2025 compared to March of 2024 were up by \$9,492.22; the increase in expenses was due to an increase in the quarterly insurance payment amount and the cost of upgrading the office computers.

Correspondence included a thank you note from Alan Chambers and a letter with a generous donation for the stain glass window restoration project from Keith and Paula Selk.

Committee Reports

Building and Grounds/Safe Church – Jay Bestgen, Jim Deeken, and Kris Ingram

A concept drawing of the Lower Entrance Roof Project was presented, however we are still waiting on a project estimate.

Youth Group – Kris Ingram

April 18th – High School Youth Group Lock-In

May 29th-30th – Church Garage Sale Drop Off and Collection

May 31st – Church Garage Sale & Bake Sale 7am – 1pm

Old Business

Cabinet Meeting: Great, thoughtful discussions were had at the 2025 Cabinet Meeting.

New Business

The last Wednesday Night Meal until Fall will be April 30th.

A box of old cassettes, tapes, cds, and other materials from the Library will be available for members to go through until June 30th, 2025.

It was decided that 5 years of history including Quickbooks will be kept on the office computers.

A donation was made to The California Fire Department in the amount of \$400 for National Fire Safety Program materials for children.

A scheduled rotation will be put together for the sound booth tech. Additional volunteers are also requested to help run the sound booth during services on a rotational basis.

Spring Family Night will be hosted by the Brotherhood and held on May 4th, 2025.

The 8 new Confirmands who were confirmed on Palm Sunday as new members of The United Church of Christ of California were approved.

Upcoming Communion Date

May 4 – 1st Sunday of the Month

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

The Lord's Prayer

The meeting was concluded with The Lord's Prayer prayed in unison.



STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

March 2025 March 2024

General Fund

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 52,323.25	\$ 91,030.03
Receipts	+ 42,702.99	+ 32,567.71
Disbursements	- 41,689.46	***- 81,051.23
Balance - March 31, 2025	\$ 53,336.78	\$ 42,546.51

As of March 31, 2025

Building Fund Balance	\$108,129.13	\$ 60,691.38
Local Benevolence Fund Balance	\$ 10,167.91	\$ 11,667.52
Memorial Fund Balance	\$ 18,900.78	\$ 10,700.97
Schnuck Endowment Fund Balance	** \$118,812.61	*\$ 35,973.54
Scholarship Fund Balance	\$ 16,447.29	\$ 12,008.06
Youth Group Fund Balance	\$ 4,341.69	\$ 5,872.00
Total OCWM Received	\$ 620.00	\$ 590.00
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$ 3,677.67	\$ 9,581.78

***** Includes \$50,000 from the General Fund that was invested in short term CD**

Note on 2025 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment

***The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$118,812.61 includes \$166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift unable to be expended and \$100,000 to reinvest. \$18,646.12 of the fund balance may be expended.*

Note on 2024 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment

**The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$35,973.54 includes \$166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended. \$35,807.05 of the fund balance may be expended.*

Special Benevolence— May

California Nutrition Center

California Nutrition Center is a great place for Seniors 60 and older to gather. Lunch is served from 11:00 to 12:30 each day with a suggested donation of only \$4. They are open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. located on 107 Versailles Ave. Great place to play cards, work on puzzles or just socialize with good friends. They are a non-profit organization so your donations are greatly appreciated.



Camp Aurora Summer 2025 Dates

Senior High Camp	July 6— July 12
Junior High Camp	July 13—July 18
Junior Camp	July 20—July 25
Primary Camp	July 27—July 30

Sunday School will pay 1/2 of Early Registration Fee for Member and One Friend. Completed forms and check for 1/2 of the Early Registration Fee must be turned in to Cinda Scheidt or Church Office by **Sunday, May 21, 2025.**

UCC Women's Guild
Minutes of the April 16, 2025 Meeting

Fourteen members celebrated together during the April meeting of the UCC Women's Guild. Welcome Darles! Lexi opened the meeting with a prayer. Mary Ann read a poem about The Three Trees. It tells of the plan God has for each of us, sometimes our hopes for the future show up in the most unusual ways. Carole led a discussion on our next grandmother, Ruth. This story is found in the Book of Ruth, Chapter 1 & 2. This story is centered on Naomi and Ruth. Our take is to be kind and compassionate with others. Read the story for yourself!!! We will look at the love story in Chapters 3-4 next month. Thank you Carole for your insight of the story!!!

Our benevolence opportunities for April are Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, and HALO House.

Motion was made by Phyllis, and seconded by Linda to approve the Secretary minutes. Carole motioned to accept the financial report, which was seconded by Phyllis. Both motions passed.

Committee # 2 is up for the next Celebration of Life Dinner.

Mary reported that we have 5,745 Best Choice Labels collected so far. A large donation of labels was donated, making our total more than double what it was last month! Thank you for your help!! Keep saving those labels!!!

Judy reported sending out 30 cards that recipients got by Easter. Another 30 cards were signed for sending out in May. Recipients really love seeing your name on the card!!!

Old Business

The Confirmation Reception was reviewed, with positive comments that everyone enjoyed the cookies and punch. A large crowd was in attendance. Congrats to the Confirmands!

Carole, Mary, and Linda celebrated their birthdays this month.

Joys and Concerns were voiced. A correction on last month's joy, was that Barb has a new granddaughter, not grandson!

Lexi closed the meeting with prayer. Carole shared details of her trip to London, Belgium, and Italy. Thank you Carole. That is as close as most of us will get.

Barb and Phyllis provided delicious snacks, and a yummy dessert. Thank you ladies! They were delicious!

Respectfully submitted, Judy Burger, Secretary



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2025 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Bennett Gatlin

Hayden Kilmer

Colin Kruger

Kya Peck

Michelle Sedgwick

Brooks Volkart

Senior Recognition Sunday at Church

Sunday, May 18th



Sound Booth

The Consistory would like to thank the current volunteers Ronnie Kissick, Andy Burger, Kaiden and Kole Ingram, and Carla Clennin for their service to our Audio and Visual needs. The service they offer ensure those present at church can hear clearly and those online have access to the service and sound. In order to best serve our church family, we would like to ask for 1-2 more volunteers to allow a rotation and have people available for special services. Please reach out to any Consistory member to get the details on how you can help out!

Library

There are several items from the Library that are being purged. Old cds, cassette tapes, and other materials. If you are interested in reviewing them or would like to take some, feel free to do so. Anything left after June 30th, will no longer be available.

Communion

Beginning **Sunday, May 4th**, the Sacrament of Holy Communion will be on the first Sunday of each month.



2025 GOD'S SINGERS SPRING SCHEDULE

6:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

May 7: No Practice

May 11: Sing in Worship— Mother's Day



United Church of Christ

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday



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Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30
Communion
5:30 PM Family Night

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6:30 PM Sunday School
Teacher and Officers Meeting

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9:00 AM Prayer Cell

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Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30
Mother's Day



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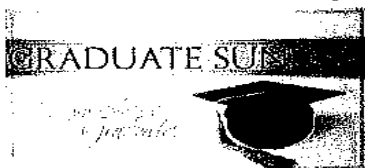
6:00 PM Consistory

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9:00 AM Prayer Cell

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Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30
Graduation Sunday



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9:00 AM Prayer Cell

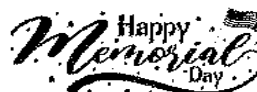
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Sunday School 9:30
Worship 10:30
6:00 PM Memorial Service
at Evangelical Cemetery



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Church office closed



27

9:00 AM Prayer Cell

May 2025

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 12:00 PM National Day of Prayer	2 6:00 AM Men's Bible Study at the Crossroads	3
7 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Sr. Choir	8	9	10
14 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Sr. Choir	15	16	17
21 1:00 PM Women's Guild 6:30 PM Bell Choir 7:30 PM Sr. Choir	22	23	24
28 7:30 PM Sr. Choir	29	30	31

UCC Brotherhood Minutes – Monday, April 28, 2025

Refreshments – Larry & Cheryl Schoeneberg and John Osborn provided a delicious meal to begin the meeting and Allan Mortenson prayed a blessing over the meal.

Following refreshments, Allan Mortenson gave a devotion around Romans 5:3-5, which instructs us to glory in our hardships because “suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame”. We should look at our hardships as blessings.

Business Meeting –President Larry Rohrbach called the business meeting to order at 7:40 PM with 32 members and guests present.

Reading of the minutes of the March 24 meeting and the Treasurer’s report were waived.

Correspondence was presented, including fundraising information for the Show Me Christian Youth Home and the Central Missouri Food Bank.

Plans were finalized for the Family night to be held on Sunday, May 4. Doors will open at 5:30 and the meal will begin at 6:00. A number of singing groups will perform, and bingo will be played following the meal.

The Brotherhood will again support the inmate ministry, with Rob Barbour leading UCC California’s efforts. He will liaise with city and church leaders to coordinate the event. It was suggested that the various leaders of the event be invited to a future Brotherhood meeting to present and discuss the event.

Steven Burger will coordinate the Parking Lot Ministry at a date to be determined in May.

President Larry Rohrbach praised the efforts of church members who continue to support Thursday morning services at California Care and suggested that consideration be given to expanding the effort to Bristol Manor, where several church members and friends reside.

The Brotherhood will again support Vacation Bible School by sponsoring the fish fry on the closing night, June 26.

The May Brotherhood meeting will be canceled as it falls on Memorial Day, and the June meeting will be held at the First Christian Church to avoid conflicting with VBS activities.

Dean Kiesling volunteered to provide the meal at the June meeting, and Steven Burger volunteered to give the devotion.

The business meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Program – The church’s high school seniors gave presentations on their high school activities and future plans. All 5 seniors spent all 4 years of their high school careers at California High School.

Bennett Gatlin: Bennett’s activities included volleyball, golf, and soccer as well as being the manager of the basketball team. She is active in choral music, including Concert Choir and Sounds of Joy, FFA, and Student Council. She plans to attend Mizzou in the Fall, and is enrolled in the honors college. She plans to major in Agribusiness and would like to pursue policy making and lobbying for the agriculture industry.

Kya Peck: Kya has worked at a number of local businesses, including as a lifeguard at the city pool, Cal’s Thriftway, Grace Print House, and Bond Pharmacy. She currently serves in the nursery during UCC’s Sunday morning services. She enjoyed math classes in school and plans to attend State Tech to study nursing in the Fall.

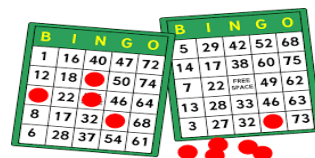
Hayden Kilmer: Hayden’s activities included football, basketball, and baseball and he is active in NHS and FFA. He enjoyed Government class in school. He plans to attend State Fair Community College in the Fall, majoring in business management.

Colin Kruger: Colin plays baseball and is involved in FFA and NHS. He enjoyed Agriculture classes in school. He plans to attend State Tech in the HVAC program.

Brooks Volkart: Brooks’ activities included football, basketball, and track, although a torn labrum briefly sidelined his athletic activities. He is involved in NHS and is president of FBLA. Brooks will attend Mount Marty University in Yankton, South Dakota in the Fall and will play football. He plans to major in business administration and may pursue a career in coaching.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted – Dave Gattermeir, Secretary



ALL CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT – Sunday evening, May 4th

Potluck supper.

Come any time after 5:30, eat at 6:00,
followed by entertainment and bingo (prizes for the winners).

Bring your favorite dishes to share. Drinks and table service
provided by the Brotherhood.

Sunday School Teachers & Officers

April 7, 2025

Cressida Gattermeir called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Those attending were Cressida Gattermeir, Carole Barbour, Steven Burger, Dyan Ingram, Lauren Lawson, Ronda Mortenson and Kendra Hall.

Steven made a motion to approve the March Treasury Report. Carole seconded. Motion carried. Steven made a motion to approve the March Minutes report. Ronda seconded. Motion carried.

Our April benevolence is the Halo House, which is an organization serving the needs of homeless children and young adults who suffer from homelessness for many reasons, and some are addicted to drugs. The program provides support to attend rehab services and then provides a stable home.

Sunday School opening volunteers schedule was updated.

Review of Veggie Tales by Ronda which was held April 5th. Thirty-one children attended. The cost per child was \$4.60 per child request for \$142.82. Carole made the motion to approve and Kendra second it. All approved. The next Veggie Tale will be in December. Ronda requested \$150.00 for 35 Christmas books. Motion was made by Steven and seconded by Kendra. All approved.

VBS needs leaders for crafts. The VBS is scheduled for June 22-26 and is named True North.

Cabinet meeting review by Cressida.



New/ Other Business

Discussed Christmas Eve Program, Christmas Letters the musical, Cressida will get the cost together for the next meeting.

Dyan gave an update on the youth trips and events the youth are interested in volunteering. The youth will be having a Lock In from 8PM to 1AM on Friday, April 18th. Music, teaching and games are planned for Lock In. Youth will be raising money for activities, and they will be running baseball concession stand 4 times this season. Dyan asked for Consistory Board guidelines regarding fund raising.

ROK update- crafts were made and distributed to Valley Park residents.

Steven made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM

Next meeting will be Monday May 5, 2025, at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Cressida Gattermeir

**SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN THE
MINISTRY OF TRANSFORMING LIVES!**

UCC High School Upcoming Events

MAY 13	Concessions for CHS Baseball Sign up for a shift: 4:45-6:30 OR 6:30-8:15
MAY 29 & 30	Church Garage Sale Drop-Off Days Congregation drops off donations & HS prices the items
MAY 31	Church Garage Sale & Bake Sale Time: 7am-1pm (HS students manage and sell items w/ parent supervision)

QUESTIONS? DYANINGRAM TEXT @ 714-417-3926 @CALIMOYOUTHGROUP



Memorial Service
Sunday, May 25, 2025
Evangelical Cemetery
6:00 pm
A Service of Memory and Hope

Laid to Rest

We extend our Christian sympathy to the Family and Friends of

Judith Jane (Liebi) Silver who passed away
March 31, 2025

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May God bless those who mourn in these days.

**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**

The California Ministerial Alliance invites you for prayer at the Moniteau County Courthouse on **May 1st**. Prayer will begin at 12:05 at the flag pole.

Lunch is provided for soldiers and vets, firefighters, emergency responders and all who serve in the Courthouse and City Hall.

Birth

Bobbi Jean Troutman, born April 1, 2025.

Bobbi is the daughter of
Sarah (Bryant) and Cory Troutman and
brother Callan
Congratulations!!





Acolytes

04 Grayden & Rynley Gatlin
11 Meredith & Nora Wolford
18 Amelia Howard & Georgie Peck
25 Brynna Hall & Megan Carlock

Lay Readers

04 Mary Burger
11 Carole Barbour
18 Becky Schneider
25 Alan Chambers



Children's Time

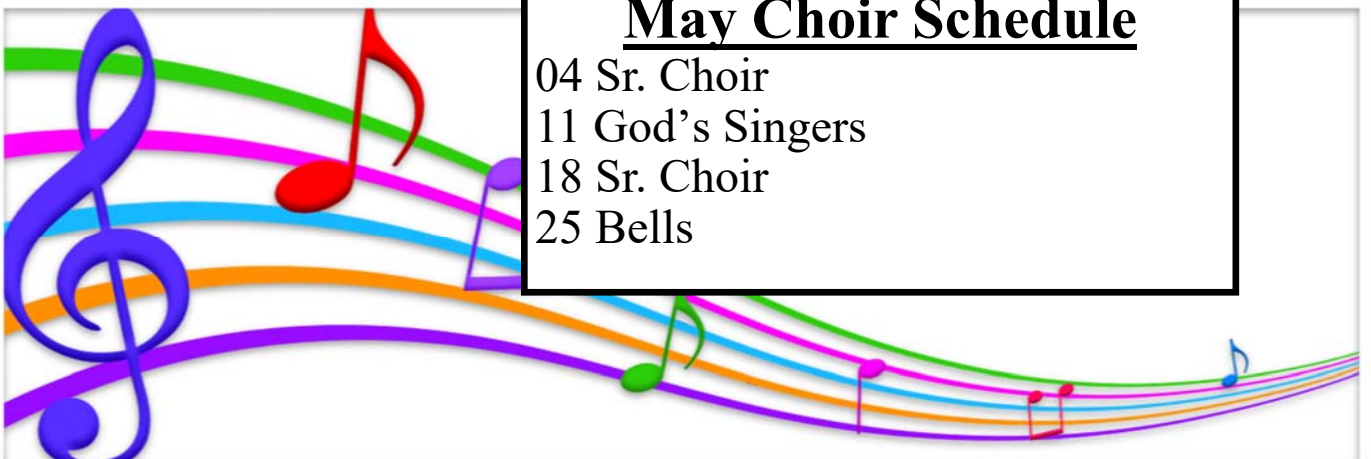
04 JoAnn Cantriel
11 Puppets
18 Ginnie Medlin
25 Pastor Russ

Nursery Attendant

Kya Peck

May Choir Schedule

04 Sr. Choir
11 God's Singers
18 Sr. Choir
25 Bells



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download this app for free*



*There is an **Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)** meeting at the
Annunciation Catholic Church, 414 Patrick St., on Mondays at 8
p.m. Contact number: 660-621-2271.*

Giving Made Easy

Online giving is available for both Church and
Sunday School!

Follow the E-Giving link on our website:
calmo-ucc.org to give today or set recurring gifts

For your viewing and listening opportunities of the weekly worship services, there are two ways of being part of the weekly services. You may request a cd or dvd from the church office. Please let Rhonda know if you are interested in obtaining one of these versions of the worship service. (796-4885)

Notes & News

A Time of Hope
8:15 a.m. Sunday
KRLI Radio ~1420 AM

Please continue to
save the Best Choice
label bar codes for
the SHAREFEST
Gathering



www.calmo-ucc.org



MONITEAU CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES CENTER

*Please save your extra plastic shopping
bags to use at the Food Bank.
Drop your bags off at the church. Thanks!*

USED TONER & INK CARTRIDGES

Please save all of your used toner and ink cartridges! The church office collects used toner and ink cartridges in order to get a \$2 In-store credit per cartridge at Staples toward purchases of office supplies. Please turn in your cartridges to the church office. Thanks!

To Watch California UCC Worship Services Online:

Go to <http://www.calmo-ucc.org>.

Scroll down and click on the

“Online Services” link. (The bulletin is also available)

Or: Go to youtube.com & search



May Birthdays

03 Elaine Proctor
03 Lisa Wilson
03 Betty Cobb
04 Royce Everett
05 Kole Ingram
06 Bryson Coale
06 Nova Brockes
09 Courtland Gerhart
10 Aidan Bolinger
11 Brooks Nichols
12 Robin Ratcliff
13 Jacob Kueffer
14 Jo Ann Cantriel
14 Barbara Pearson
14 Kristen Rohrbach
15 Loryn Reed
15 Carleigh Lutz
16 Gerri Howard
16 Phyllis Miller
17 Caitlin Deeken Phoenix
17 Kalyn Carlock
17 Brenyn Robertson
17 Ronnie Kissick
19 Dyan Ingram
20 Amelia Motley
20 Steven McDaniel
20 Jay Bestgen

23 Cressida Gattermeir
24 Kimberly Hanauer
25 Courtney Hees
25 Allee Koestner
26 Weston Lohse



27 Ashton Bolinger
28 Emelia Reed
28 Maddie Presley
28 Weston Peters
30 Janice Anderson
30 Norman Rohrbach
31 Dean Kiesling



May Baptisms

Janice Anderson—May, 1959
Judy Barbour—May 11, 1941
Sarah Troutman—May 10, 1998
Jackson Cassil—May 15, 2005
Hannah Clutter—May 12, 1996
Kent Hees—May 18, 1980
Cathy Hickman—May, 1975
Kueffer Koestner—May 12, 2002

Sue Latham—May 25, 1947
Alexx Lewis—May 26, 1996
Bruce Miller—May 1, 2016
Max Robertson—May 13, 2015
D.J. Schneider—May 29, 2005
Maximus Sedgwick—May 24, 2017



*Through the grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
we have been received into the
family of Jesus Christ
through the
sacrament of Baptism.*

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