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	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 1	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 2	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 3 Midweek Prayer & Reflection 12:00 (Noon) Bible Study 5:15pm in Sanctuary Choir Practice 6pm in Sanctuary	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 4	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 5	
7 "Seeing Glory!" Acts 7:55-60 Sunday Service @ 11AM 	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 8	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 9	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 10 Midweek Prayer & Reflection 12:00 (Noon) Bible Study 5:15pm in Sanctuary Choir Practice 6pm in Sanctuary	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 11	Preschool 6:30am-6PM 12	
14 Birthdays 05/05 - Candace Slavens 05/21 - Matt Griffin 05/29 - Jackie Wiggins	15 Acts 17:22-31 Sunday Service @ 11AM Happy Mother's Day Festival of the Christian Home 	16	17 Preschool 6:30am-6PM Midweek Prayer & Reflection 12:00 (Noon) Bible Study 5:15pm in Sanctuary Choir Practice 6pm in Sanctuary	18 9:00am - Christ Food Pantry Finance/Administrative Council - 6pm	19	20
21 Ascension Sunday Acts 1:6-14 Sunday Service @ 11AM Appreciation Lunch for Phillip @ Tbonz Immediately Following Service 	22	23	24 Preschool 6:30am-6PM Midweek Prayer & Reflection 12:00 (Noon) Bible Study 5:15pm in Sanctuary Choir Practice 6pm in Sanctuary	25 Rooted In Faith TBD	26	27
28 Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-21 Sunday Service @ 11AM 	29 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY 	30	31 Preschool 6:30am-6PM Midweek Prayer & Reflection 12:00 (Noon) Bible Study 5:15 pm in Sanctuary Choir Practice 6pm in Sanctuary	1	2	3



Be sure to wear red on this special day of Pentecost Sunday, as we celebrate and recognize the Birthday of the church with a birthday cake and punch to follow service!!  
Come... Share.... Rejoice!!

We will recognize our graduates on Sunday, May 21st during service. If you have a graduate that you would like recognized, please contact Jeremy in the church office with their name and school.



MAY 2023

### Spring Specials Schedule:

- Art - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Mornings
- Music - Monday Mornings
- Soccer Shots - Tuesday Mornings
- Movement - Wednesday Mornings
- Pre-K Computer - Thursday & Friday Mornings



**SAFETY ISSUES:** Please when entering and exiting the building, **DO NOT ALLOW** other people to enter or exit the building unless a staff member is present.

**NEED:** We are in need of clean, plastic grocery bags for the Food Pantry and the Center.

**Seasonal Clothing:** We are asking that parents please make sure that all children have a weather-appropriate change of clothing that is properly labeled with the child's name.

**Please also make sure that your children have enough diapers and wipes each week!**

### Pre-K Graduation

Our Pre-K Graduation will take place on Thursday, May 18th @ 9:30am in the Woodlawn Sanctuary.

**Spring Sing-A-Long:** On May 8th, we will be having a Spring Sing-A-Long.

This will be divided by classroom with each group singing 3 songs.

Each Sing-A-Long will last 15 minutes, and we will have pick-up and to-go refreshments available for parents after the Sing-A-Long ends. Seating is limited & parents will be allowed to sit 15 minutes before each group sings.

**Toddler & Two Year Old Room:** 9am - 9:30am (Seating @ 8:45am)

**Transitional 3's & Young 3's:** 9:45am - 10:15am (Seating @ 9:30am)

**K-3 (Ms. Sheena):** 10:30am - 11:00am (Seating @ 10:15am)

**Pre-K:** 11:15am - 11:45am (Seating @ 11am)

### New Playground Grand Opening!!

Our New Playground is nearing completion and we are planning a Grand Opening & Dedication on Friday, June 16th. Details To Follow Soon!!

### IMPORTANT DATES:

**Monday - May 29th** - Woodlawn Preschool will be **CLOSED** in observance of Memorial Day. The center will reopen on Tuesday, May 30th

**Tuesday - July 4th** - Woodlawn Preschool will be **CLOSED** in observance of Independence Day. The center will reopen on Wednesday, July 5th.

Please feel free to contact the office during normal business hours at

(706) 738 - 2546

You can also email us after hours at the emails below:

[woodlawnaugustaumc@gmail.com](mailto:woodlawnaugustaumc@gmail.com) or [cuppe4567@gmail.com](mailto:cuppe4567@gmail.com)

New Bible Study Wednesdays @ 5:15pm

Sign Up This Sunday - Books Are \$13/Each Invite A Friend To Join Us!!

The Acts of the Apostles is a unique and crucial book that chronicles the story of God's grace flooding out to the world through the lives of the apostles in the decades immediately following Christ's ascension into heaven.

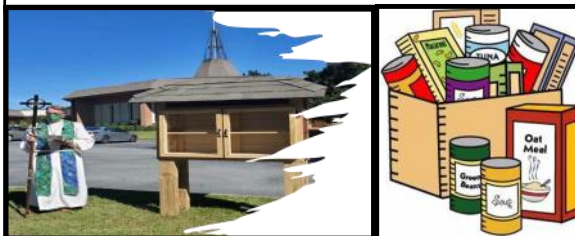


In *Acts: Catching up with the Spirit*, author and biblical scholar Matthew Skinner provides a broad yet theologically attuned introduction to this important book and its story of the early church learning to bear witness about God's salvation through Jesus Christ..

Skinner explores six key themes that illustrate the ways in which reading Acts is capable of igniting our imagination about the character of the Christian message, the work of God's people (the church), and the challenges of living faithfully in a complex and changing world.

Our Mission Box is in need of Non-Perishable Food items.

Please bring items on Sundays or to the church office during the week.



### Phillip Streetman Appreciation Day!!

On Sunday, May 21st, we will be celebrating our appreciation for our Music Director, Mr. Phillip Streetman. All are invited to join us for lunch at Tbonz immediately following service on May 21st.

**Sign-Up Today At The  
Daily Bread Café  
If You Plan On Attending!!**



# THE TIDINGS Woodlawn United Methodist

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## "WHAT NEXT?" - John 14:1-4

"What Next?" is most likely a question we are all asking as we respond to all that we are daily encountering. Some head-spinning days it seems we are constantly putting out fires and anticipating the next crisis. On the night that Jesus was to be arrested, even as Jesus knows what looms ahead for him, the words he shares with his disciples indicate that his mind isn't on his own plight but his concern for them. "Do not let your hearts be troubled," Jesus says. "Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." Being with Jesus reframes the place that we perceive ourselves as being in. For centuries, countless Christians have heard these words as applying to the place we hope we are all headed to: Heaven. But Jesus's words were preparing his disciples to see the answer to the "what next?" question in the places where we encounter him as risen each time we worship and serve him as the body of Christ, the Church.

The promise Jesus made to his disciples and to us is that He goes before us and acts on our behalf. His relationship with his disciples will not end even in light of what He knows lies ahead for him and for us. "Where I am, there you will be also" he said to them and he says to us today. He who sends will also go with us as he sends out into an indifferent and some time hostile world. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer encountered such a world in Nazi Germany he reminded us "the incarnate Christ needs not only ears or hearts but living people who will follow him." The assurance we have takes the form of three promises.

First, we have a place with God. And not just a place in heaven. We have the body of Christ, the Church. Portions of these words in John's Gospel are often lifted up at funerals as a source of comfort. Death nor the departure of Christ have severed our relationship with him. In fact, they have sealed our relationship with him. The love and grace we know in the now are truly in the words of Charles Wesley "a foretaste of glory divine."

The second promise is a clear path and way to God. That path gives us the grace to love not only one another but those who are not of our faith and in doing so, we are sharing the risen life of our Lord with a world that is torn by conflict and fear. His claim to be the way, the truth, and the life does not give us permission to judge or condemn others, but to live and love in peace and shalom. The same night Jesus gave us these words he also said, "A new commandment I give you that you love one another as I have loved you."

The third promise found in John's Gospel, is not only to sustain us in the here and now but also to enable us to do greater works than even Jesus did. As it has been stated so well there is no one but us in this time we live in as the disciples have long gone and heaven awaits. We know Jesus's promises about the dwelling places even as we cannot see them, but what we do see is a world that waits in need. We believe the Holy Spirit has come and the church has been born just as Jesus promised us that he would not depart and leave us alone.

Stephen Sondheim, the revered Broadway composer, in his memorable musical, "Into The Woods", has a mother sing to her child as she prepares to face the world out there beyond the woods,

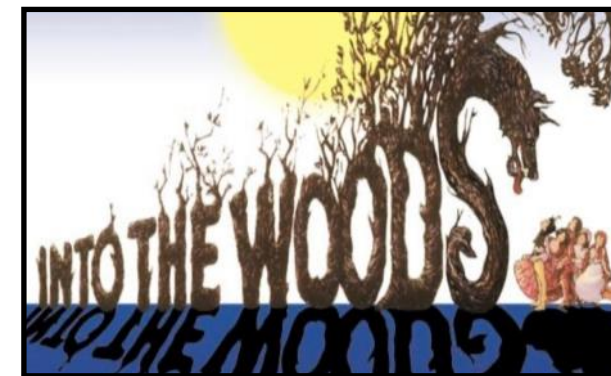
*"Mother cannot guide you,  
Now you're on your own,  
Only me beside you,  
Still, you're not alone,  
No one is alone, truly no one is alone.*

*Sometimes people leave you,  
Halfway through the wood,  
Others may deceive you...*

*Believe me,  
No one is alone."*

The "What next?" question, as it turns out, is best answered by the risen Christ in you and me.

*Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Sonny Mason*



Prayer Group will not be meeting until further notice. The Prayer List will be sent out weekly via email to inform everyone of the Prayer Requests. If you have any prayer requests, please contact Pastor Sonny at [bernardsmason@aol.com](mailto:bernardsmason@aol.com)

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"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."  
- John 14:1