

OAK FOREST NEWS

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MAY – A MONTH TO CELEBRATE!!!

This May is a month filled with celebration! There are 3 major events in the Month that we as a Church will take time to memorialize and honor.

FIRST – MAY 10TH-- HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!!

What a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and honor the most important woman in our lives . whether grandmother, wife or mother OR that woman who is without natural children, but is a mother to many. I'll be preaching a sermon just for those wonderful ladies and on that afternoon, we will be having a celebration and a picnic.

SECOND – MAY 24-- MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in the service of the United States of America. It was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 . nearly 150 years ago. We have a tendency to think of this as a memorial for those who gave their lives for us in WWII, Korea & Vietnam . but since 9/11 nearly every day has brought tragic news to a family in the USA that another loved one has made the ultimate sacrifice. Loss of young folks is current and something we should honor earnestly.

THIRD – MAY 24 -- HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST!!

May 24th is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the day upon which we received the Holy Spirit . where Peter preached and baptized 3,000. It is regarded as the day upon which the Church was born . making it 1,982 years old!

It is hard to believe that April is over and Vicki and I have completed 1/3 of our appointment with you. We are having a wonderful time here and are so looking forward to the next 2 months!

Pastor Dick

Annual Mother's Day Picnic Celebration

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 10th

at the pavilion near softball field #6, same place as last year. (The hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.) Please bring your favorite side dish, dessert, drinks. Don't forget your lawn chairs, softball equipment and bicycles. For more info call Kathy Smith at 828-361-5498.

Did you know?

The mother of our U.S. Mother's Day was West Virginia Methodist Ann Jarvis. She led the successful campaign in the early 1900's to have Mother's Day recognized as a National holiday.



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HOMECOMING

SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

Bring your favorite covered dish to share following the service.



Followers of Jesus FINALE! Sunday, May 17th



SISTERS WITH A PURPOSE

UMW Meeting

Wednesday, May 20th, at 1:30 p.m.
The meeting will be held at Lisa Davis' home
280 Rocking Chair Lane, Hayesville. Guest
speaker-Reba Beck will be sharing her
experiences from her recent mission trips.
Typed directions to Lisa's home in church
office.

Tuesday Night Bible Study-will begin again on Tuesday,
May 19th. The daily work book and companion reader
sample copies are in the foyer for review. It is not
mandatory to purchase the books to come to the study. If
you want to buy a book please print your name on the sign
up sheet, so they can be ordered. The study is *Disciples
Path* by James A. Harnish

Family Worship Night

Sunday, April May 31st 6:10-7:00 p.m.



Please note: There will be no 10:00 a.m. Children's
church/Sunday school classes this summer beginning
Sunday, June 7th. Claire Chester is leaving to go back
to college. Her last day here will be May 31st.

The Sunday 10:00 a.m. Children's class will resume
when the new school year starts.

Sonlight Youth Choir and Band

From Trinity UMC in Gainesville, Florida will give a
concert here at Oak Forest on Saturday, June 20th
at 7:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to host a
few of the youth overnight. Stay tuned for more
details from Andrew and Nikki.

Happy Birthday!!!

Noah Carter	May 3
Brian Trout	May 5
Donna Crawford	May 7
Cindy Long	May 7 th
Bill Curns	May 11 th
Kevin Shaheen	May 12 th
Helen Stafford	May 13 th
Bill Keen	May 13 th
Andy Carter	May 13 th
Julius Pachy	May 14 th
Carter Whitfield	May 19 th
Lisa Davis	May 21 st
Anita Schrader	May 21 st
Juanita Martin	May 24 th
Laurie Shook	May 27 th
David Stafford	May 28 th

Finance Committee Note

"Simply Put - Mission First"

Please read: Matthew 28:20

Our church goal is: Mortgage to Mission.
We put a plan together in 2012 to self finance
our Building Fund that would save about
\$150,000 over the life of the original loan.
Upon completion the savings will allow us to
increase our funding to the mission of ministry,
to those in need financially but most
importantly to building disciples for Jesus
Christ.

Please contact Perry Prewett (Finance
Committee Chair) if you have any fund raising
ideas for our Building Fund.

In Faithful Stewardship,
Your Finance Committee

**Administrative Council
Meeting
Sunday, June 7, 2015
at 6:00 p.m.**