



The Pulse

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ADVOCATE BROMENN PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Remember to keep the Same Day Surgery patients and their families in prayer, along with the doctors and medical staff from that unit. For 2018, West Olive Faith has been assigned to pray for this unit at Advocate Bromenn Medical

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of Florence Gash. Florence was a former member of West Olive Faith UMC. She passed away on Saturday, April 21 at the age of 95.



Hospitalized?

Please contact the church office (452-6255) if you are hospitalized. Privacy laws do not allow hospitals to release your information. We are happy to visit, but please keep us informed.



It's almost here!! I can't wait!! That seems to be the sentiment of most people about Spring. Officially, it started in March. However, it seems that the weather never got the message. We have had so many days where it was nice (50's or 60's) only to have it be in the 20's or 30's the very next day. Even with the forecast for the next week saying that the lowest high will be in the upper 50's, it seems as though we are still waiting for the proverbial shoe to drop. Is it really here to stay? I guess only time will tell.

Sometimes we feel the same way in our lives. We are supposed to be happy. Things are supposed to be going well for us. Yet, they don't seem to be. Life tends to get in the way and it seems like there is one setback after another. We get frustrated. We can't wait for life to settle down and let us enjoy it. The problem is, when it does settle down we are often not able to enjoy it. We are waiting for the next thing to happen. Even those of us who are positive by nature can get beaten down by life every once in a while.

When we look at the weather and the shift that seems to have happened this year, we can look forward because we know that eventually it will get warmer. We can even joke about how we are going to wish for the cooler weather when it is close to 100 degrees outside in the summer. There is the hope for the better weather to stay that stems from past experiences. It is the same way in our lives. Even when we are beaten down by life, we have the hope that only comes with Christ. It is a hope that is filled with the knowledge that God is always with us and that better things are to come. It is a hope that comes with experience with Christ.

Greater days are ahead, both in terms of weather and in terms of our lives. I can't wait to see what God is going to do!

Pastor Tiffany

May

Week of May 6

- May 6 — 9:00 am Worship (Communion)
- May 6 — 10:00 am Sunday School
- May 10 — 1:00 pm Bible Study
- May 11 — Raymond Teacher Luncheon

Week of May 13 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

- May 13 — 9:00 am Worship
- May 13 — 10:00 am Sunday School
- May 14 — Raymond Food Bags
- May 17 — 1:00 pm Bible Study
- May 19 — 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Shannon's)

Week of May 20

- May 20 — 9:00 am Worship (Communion/basement)
- May 20 — 10:00 am Sunday School
- May 24 — 1:00 pm Bible Study
- May 25 — 6:30 am Morningstar Men's Breakfast (Shannon's)

Week of May 27

- May 27 — 9:00 am Worship
- May 27 — 10:00 am Sunday School
- May 28 — **MEMORIAL DAY**
- May 31 — 1:00 pm Bible Study

MAY FOOD CHALLENGE!

For the month of May, we will continue to try to increase our giving to the Park Food Pantry. This month, our focus will be:



- Cereal
- Canned meat
- Canned fruit

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- May 2—Evelyn Tosh
- May 21—Rose Wahlstrom



FIRE INSPECTION

The City of Bloomington recently did a fire inspection at the church. We were deficient in 2 areas----no street numbers on the church for identification and one fire exit could not be opened easily. Both of these areas were corrected and on re-inspection, everything was fine. We also added 2 smoke/carbon monoxide alarms even though they weren't required. Have you seen the street numbers??

TEACHERS LUNCHEON

Teachers Appreciation week is May 7 through May 11.

We will have the teachers luncheon on Friday, May 11. We would appreciate donations of salads or desserts.



See Dorothy or Shirley for details. Thank you!

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY MAY 27, 2018

The work of Peace with Justice Ministries occurs because we know that unless we all are at peace; there will not be true peace for any of us. We recognize that talking about peace is not enough. We also recognize that praying for peace must be accompanied by our actions. Mother Teresa said, "If we have not peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." Our Peace with Justice gifts have supported programs that work toward ending human trafficking, assisting refugees and immigrants, and helping communities address poverty and violence. These works of peace are done in the spirit of Shalom, or the completeness that we were created for in our individual relationships, with our communities and in the world that God has created. Our gifts on Peace with Justice Sunday will be used locally within annual conferences, as well as globally in the U.S. and abroad for social action, public policy education and advocacy projects that promote peace and justice.