

ARMA/GRACE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

9:30 am Worship Service -- Grace  
11:00 am Worship Service – Arma  
Church School – following Children’s Moment -- Arma  
**COME WORSHIP WITH US!!!**

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**“He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God.”  
(Act 10:2 NRSV)**

A novelist, Leo Tolstoy, notes in his novel Anna Karenina “All happy families are alike, each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.” Moreover, Mother Teresa emphasizes “What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family.” Furthermore, Confucius animates “the strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home”.

Western culture and Eastern culture, both of them focus on the family. Yes, a family is a small society. To be a good and a healthy family, the family should be supporting and encouraging to each other. On the other hand, the family is easily cracked of their relationship and emotion. By small things and misunderstandings, they implicate family’s life be a serious complication. It breaks a family relationship and trust.

**“Better is a dinner of vegetables where love is than a fatted ox and hatred with it.” (Proverb 15:17 NRSV)** Yes, we should love each other. We should trust each other. During April and May, we will focus on a meaning of family and inquire how to restore a broken relationship. I hope to see you all for the worships.

**Blessings,  
Pastor K Lee**

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## GRACE NEWS

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**We would like to wish the following people a Happy Birthday!! Hope your day is Great!**

**May 16 Linda Howell**  
**May 19 Jay Grisolano**  
**May 20 Steven Mayhew**  
**May 27 Sheryl McMillan**  
**May 29 Fred Berger**

**We would like to wish Charlie and Barbara Englehardt a Happy Anniversary on the 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fundraiser – May 26-27 – we need a volunteer**

**June 3 – Church Cleaning Day starting at 9:00 a.m.**

**Need to recruit worship committee members**

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**Find us on Facebook at:**

**<https://www.facebook.com/ArmaUMC>**

**or on the web at**

**arma.umcchurches.org**

**Pastor's Office Hours:**

**Tuesday, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Arma UMC**

**Wednesday mornings – Chaplain at Mercy Hospital, Ft. Scott**

**Thursday, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Grace UMC**

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*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
Give thanks in all circumstances;  
For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

*--1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

## ARMA NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4 National Day of Prayer (please sign up on Prayer Vigil sheet)  
May 8 Worship Committee at 2:00 p.m.  
May 13 Family Movie Night, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
May 14 Mother's Day – red and white carnations to be provided for everyone (men and women) in honor of their living or passed mothers  
May 21 Heritage Sunday carry-in Ethnic Dinner (replaces the May 28<sup>th</sup> carry-in dinner)  
May 31 Education Committee, 6:00 p.m.

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

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|--------|-----------------|--------|------------------|
| May 4  | Bill Fawcett    | May 22 | Susan Robinson   |
| May 7  | Elizabeth Banks | May 23 | Cheryl Hartzfeld |
| May 12 | Nadine Jones    | May 23 | Steve New        |
| May 15 | Debi Bierbrodt  | May 23 | Shannon Lynn     |
| May 18 | Ken Cleland     | May 23 | Tammy Wayman     |
| May 20 | Scott Roberts   | May 24 | McCade Mason     |

### MAY READERS

- May 7 Alan Roberts  
May 14 Ray Vail  
May 21 Youth  
May 28 Phil Harris

### MAY GREETERS

- Muriel Stroud  
Roger and Agnes Doue  
Susan Herrell  
Sharon Starr

### U.M.W. NEWS

The UMW will meet Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please bring items for the Wesley House Food Pantry. You do not need to be a member of U.M.W. to bring these items. A few quarts of chili remain in the freezer from our chili and soup dinner. Please contact Susan Robinson if you're interested in purchasing a quart of chili for \$5.00.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Even though the April chicken and noodle carryout was a success, there are still a few quarts of chicken and noodles in the freezer. They are \$6.00 a quart, and if you'd like to purchase one, just contact Emma Louise Ales (347-8658) or Joan Cleland (347-4696)

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

We will celebrate the National Day of Prayer with a prayer vigil from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the church. A signup sheet is available in the Narthex for 20 minute blocks of time during that time to make our prayer vigil a continuous one. Prayers will be made available to participants.

### HERITAGE SUNDAY TO BE CELEBRATED MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> WITH SPECIAL SERVICE AND LUNCH

Heritage Sunday provides us an opportunity to celebrate the diverse ethnic heritage of our congregation. Following our worship service, we will have an ethnic carry-in dinner. Members are asked to bring a covered dish from their ethnic background. A signup sheet will be available in the Narthex. The plan is to identify each dish as well as the country it represents.

Also, we are asked to bring trinkets or memorabilia of our heritage to be shared during the worship hour on Heritage Sunday.

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### **SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2017**

**Members of the Arma United Methodist Church who will be attending an accredited postsecondary institution in the fall of 2017 are offered the opportunity to apply for a \$250 postsecondary scholarship. This scholarship is made available through the wishing well coins.**

**Application forms are available on the table in the Narthex. The criteria for the scholarship is attached to the application form. The application form must be completed and returned to the Scholarship Committee by July 15, 2017.**

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### **PLANS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UNDERWAY**

**Plan now for your children to attend Vacation Bible School. The dates are June 19-23. Children ages 5 – 12 are welcome to attend.**

**Volunteers are needed – contact Dori Pipkin to see what opportunities exist for assisting with the Vacation Bible School.**

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