May 2022

Palisades UMC

The Messenger

Our Identity:
A place of light where all can experience God's grace.
Our Vision:
Inviting. Everyone. To know God's Love.

Upcoming Worship:

May 1st "Who are you, Lord?" (Acts 9:1-20)

May 8th "Get Up!" (Acts 9:36-43)

May 15th "What God Called Clean" (Acts 11:1-8)

May 22nd "Opened the Heart" (Acts 16:9-15)

May 29th "Disturbing the City" (Acts 16:16-34)

June 5th "Pentecost" (Acts 2:1-21)

Pastor's Musing

Greetings Church Family,

Easter is over…now what?

It always feels weird after Easter, at least for me. The two major events of the Christian calendar are done with, and it can be easy to press the breaks a little. However, that shouldn't be the case. Yes, Christmas and Easter are done with, but there is still a lot to do, a lot to come. So, what do we do next? Where do we go from here? The best place to look for guidance in this season after Easter is in the book of Acts. Written by Luke, Acts takes us through the history of the Early Church, what they did, what they didn't do, who they talked to, and how they grew the church.

As followers of Christ, now is the time we will live as the church in the reality that Easter brings. Now we make our commitment to be witnesses of the kingdom of God. We know that a life of faith is a life of fruitfulness. Even as we are in the business of changing the world, we are being transformed too. This is not an either-or situation; instead, it is both-and. This 6-week series through the book of Acts will hopefully and prayerfully lead us to answer the question of…Now What?

I look forward to worshipping with you all!

In His Love,

Pastor Rich

May 1st "Who are you, Lord?" (Acts 9:1-20)
What voices do we need to hear the voice of Christ today? What voices have been silenced in our certainty? What stories have been ignored in an age of shouting and anger? Do we know the Lord we seek to follow, the one whose name we take and whose path we follow? "Who are you, Lord?" is a question we need to ask as fervently as did the blinded, frightened Saul lying on the side of the road to Damascus.

May 8th "Get Up!" (Acts 9:36-43)
Sometimes miracles happen, and those we thought gone are returned to us. More often, the miracle is that the threads remain, but they grow and change and become something new, something holy. And we find we can continue on after all.

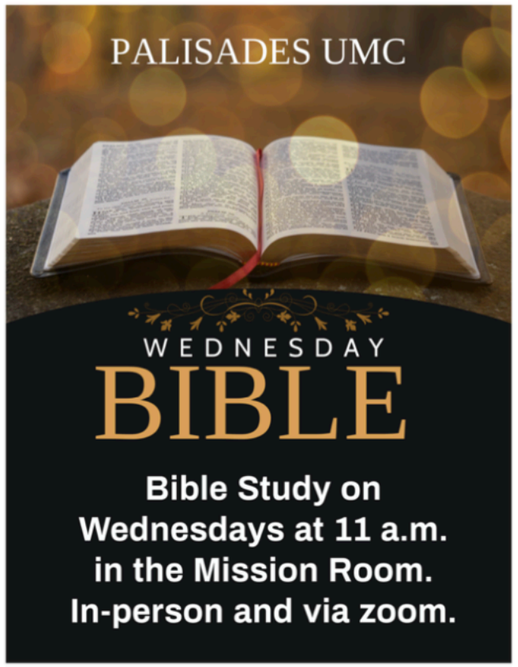
May 15th "What God Called Clean" (Acts 11:1-8)
Change is all around us, even in the church. And change is never easy. Our text this week is about a whole new direction for the beginnings of the church. It has to do with who was considered worthy to include and who should be avoided. Peter pushed the church to go further than they were comfortable going.

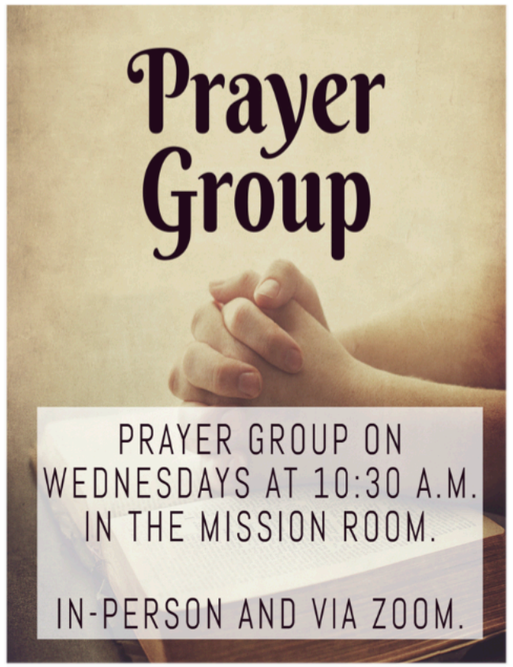
May 22nd "Opened the Heart" (Acts 16:9-15)
If the Third Sunday of Easter was about hearing God's call for the first time, then this week is about carrying on that conversation. God doesn't tap us on the shoulder and then leave us alone to figure it out from there. God is a constant presence, guiding, advising, hinting, strengthening us for the journey into discipleship. But how do we hear that voice? How do we know what God wants to say to us? How do we discern God's voice in the midst of all the other voices in our talkative world?

May 29th "Disturbing the City" (Acts 16:16-34)
Change is hard; that's the point; and it will be resisted. But if we embrace the mission statement, then we are change makers, change bringers. And we will be resisted, and ignored, and maybe even persecuted. Yet we will persist; we will bring change, bring a new kingdom, a new way of living as the human community.

June 5th "Pentecost" (Acts 2:1-21)
Pentecost is the building of community. It is overcoming the differences and making connections. It is building up the body. Pentecost is about the church being the church. Pentecost reminds us that this is a small world, and wherever you go, you are likely to find members of your family gathered around the living Word and the winds of the Spirit.

GILCHRIST HOUSE
CLEANING SUPPLIES
Brothers and Sisters of PUMC, the Mission Committee is again sponsoring the project to collect cleaning supplies for the women at Gilchrist House. These supplies are used to assist women during their stay there as many of these women arrive there with only their children. Following is a list of suggested/requested supplies:
1. Sponges, mops, brooms
2. Comet, bathroom and kitchen spray cleaners, Lysol or Clorox wipes
3. Hand and bath soap- liquid or bars
4. Paper towels
5. Dish detergent
6. Laundry detergent
These supplies will be gathered the month of May to be delivered the first week of June. Thank you.
"The King will reply, I tell you whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me."
Matthew 25:40 Good News Bible





Anniversaries

Richard & Joan Becktel
May 15

Tom & Sandi Murray
May 24

Manuel & Carol Jamison
June 25

Birthdays

Bambi Comer	**May 8**
Linda Young	**May 11**
Scott Anderson	**May 15**
Dianne Sloan	**May 27**
Joan Henry	**May 30**
Chris Sutton	**June 4**
Junia Jones	**June 11**
Helga Ralph	**June 19**
Ellen Davisson	**June 28**

Spring
CLEANING
SATURDAY, MAY 28TH
AT 9 A.M.
Our annual 'spring cleaing' is upon us! Focused areas of work will inlcude the kitchen, sanctuary & Mission Room. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex!
Let's clean together!

Palisades United Methodist Church
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
The Prayer Shawl Ministry currently has available shawls to gift. If you know anyone who would be comforted by these beautifully hand-knitted items made from love & thoughtful prayer, please reach out to Deanna Oakley for more information.

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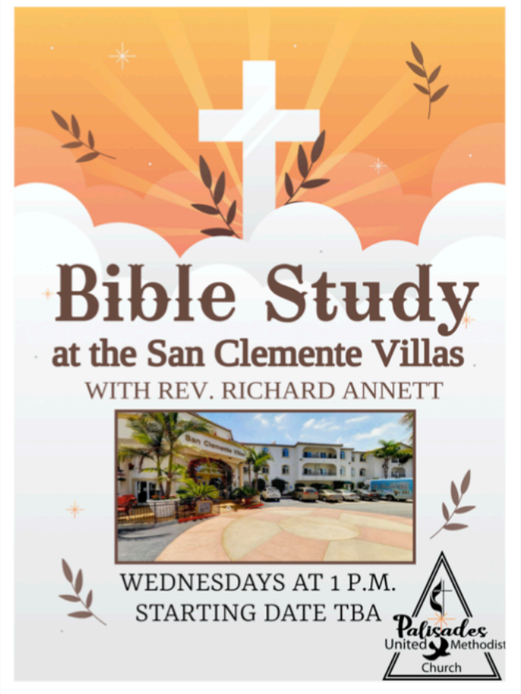
HELP DONATE CANNED GOODS TO FAM FOOD DRIVE! DROP OFF DONATIONS ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 5TH OR DURING CHURCH OFFICE HOURS. THANK YOU!
May 1st at 10 a.m.


Bible Study
at the San Clemente Villas
WITH REV. RICHARD ANNETT
WEDNESDAYS AT 1 P.M.
STARTING DATE TBA
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Prayers & Concerns

…Leslie Parks…Keith Dinsmoor..
…Joan Henry…
…Robert Young...Harriette Mayo...

…Pablo Martinez…Lisa Veenstra…Zora Szemenyei…Noah Hernandez…
…Rob Trodella…Devere Henderson…
Evelyn Salair & Kathy...Beth Bjorklund...
...Pam & Steve Schupbach…
…Irene Recker…Tony Parks…
…Wilda & Marc Watt…
…Chris Wannberg…Beth Comer…