

# Northridge United Methodist Church

May 2023



Welcome to May — “Spring, where art thou?”

Remember the old joke: April showers bring May flowers, what does May flowers bring? The answer is Pilgrims.

Pilgrims are usually thought of during the month of November when we celebrate Thanksgiving. Granted that six months from now we will be celebrating Thanksgivings, but we can truly thank God each and every day for the blessings that we have.

When you awake in the morning, do you thank God for another day? Do you thank him for the gifts of health, home, clean water, food, clothing, and a myriad of many other things? We are blessed people!

We are also resurrection people. Christ died for our sins and rose again—defeating death so we may have eternal life. Wasn't the sanctuary beautiful during Easter? Thanks to the Altar Guild for the fabulous job they do each week.

While Easter Egg hunts aren't part of the Bible, we also want to thank the Youth Group for all of their hard work to make the annual Easter Egg Hunt a success.

There are many people that work behind the scenes to prepare and present worship each week. We also appreciate those who offer their talents in the NUMC chorus and bell choir. If you are interested in participating in the chorus or bell choir, please contact Jane Adams at 937-605-2880. We couldn't have music without the assistance of Carol Woode, our Clavinova player extraordinaire!

There are many little jobs that are necessary and done to present worship each week. Would you be willing to take on a small job to help assist others? We could always use ushers, liturgists, story tellers for Children's Moment, people that are willing to learn how to flip slides, work the sound booth, broadcast the worship service—jobs that are done just on Sundays.

There are many other committees that could use help for other things that happen through the week and on special occasions.

May 13th is the Trustees' Yard Sale. They need help to prepare for the sale and also help on the day of the sale. Please contact Phyllis Hill at 937-206-3934 or Bob Jacobs at 937-408-2536 if you can be of assistance. Rumor has it that our new mini-pancake griddle will be put into use during the sale.

Our Missions team is always putting together items for those in need. Our May collection will be items for the Health Kits for the Festival of Sharing. Items needed are hand towels, washcloths, bars of soap, toothbrushes, Band-Aids, nail clippers, wide-tooth combs, and gallon Ziplock bags to package them in. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Hinkle at 937-207-2370.

We are in the process of putting together a new phone directory. We would like to make a notation to recognize those in our congregation who have served in the military. Please get in touch with Lana Mitchell at 937-360-7302 to let her know if you served.

It has been a joy to see some new faces in the church during worship. We want to welcome our newest member who joined Palm Sunday—Deborah (Deb) Sprinkle. If you are interested in joining the church, please let Pastor Ken know.

All of us have talents that we can share—prayers for one another, phone calls to check in on each other, cards for our shut-ins. If you would like to try on a job to see what needs to be done, let me know. I will help you find something that uses your talents to the glory of God!

Karen Grube, Lay Leader

**Annual Yard Sale**

**Saturday, May 13, 2023**

**9:00 AM — 2:00 PM**

It is that time of year again when we have our yearly Yard Sale. All donations you plan to bring may be dropped off on the following days:

- May 10th—Wednesday, 12 Noon to 5:00 PM
- May 11th—Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- May 12th—Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

If you are unable to drop them off on those days you may make special arrangements with the Trustees.

Also, we will need extra help. Please sign up for a time on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be a food truck here so we suggest everyone stop by and have lunch.

This will be held both inside and out, weather permitting.

Please join us in making this a success again.

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**Big Thank You!**

The Work Day on April 22nd was a big success thanks to all of those that helped. No doubt there will be another opportunity to pull weeds again this summer so be on the watch for the date. In the meantime, we welcome each and everyone to “pull a weed” if you see it. They just keep coming up!!

**For Your Information**

Thanks to Jody Longberry for coordinating a CPR class in which several of our parishioners took for the first time or for re-certification. We appreciate everyone that took the time to attend the class.

**May Calendar**

- May 1—Quilters 10:00 AM
- May 2—Caregivers 4:00PM  
Trustees Meeting 7:00 PM
- May 3—Walkers at 9:30  
Bible Study 11:00 AM
- May 6—Men’s Breakfast at Studebaker’s 8:30 AM  
Walkers 9:30 AM  
Fortnightly Auditions 9:30 AM  
Northland Condo Association Meeting 10:30 AM  
Ladies Luncheon at Studebaker’s 12:00 noon
- May 8—Quilters 10:00 AM
- May 9—Caregivers 4:00 PM
- May 10—Walkers 9:30 AM  
NO Bible Study  
Drop off Yard Sale Items Noon to 5:00
- May 11—Drop off Yard Sale Item 9:00 AM—5:00
- May 12—Drop off Yard Sale Item 9:00 AM—5:00

**May 13 Yard Sale 9:00—2:00 PM**

- May 15—Quilters 10:00 AM
- May 17—Walkers 9:30 AM  
Bible Study 11:00 AM  
Church Council 7:00 PM
- May 20—Walkers 9:30AM  
Graduation Party Fellowship Hall 1-7
- May 21—Fortnightly Program 1:30 PM
- May 22—Quilters 10:00 AM
- May 24 —Walkers 9:30 AM  
Bible Study 11:00 AM
- May 27—Walkers 9:30 AM  
Memorial Gathering Fellowship Hall 2-7
- May 29—**Memorial Day—Office Closed**
- May 31—Walkers 9:30 AM

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