



May Calendar of Events

Sunday May 3

3:00 PM - District meeting to discuss parsonage Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 5

6:00 PM - Bethel UMM fellowship hall

Wednesday, May 6

6:00 PM - Worship Committee library

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day; Epworth Giving Day

Monday, May 11

Noon - Sally Starr Circle Joy Dantzler's home

6:00 PM - Missy Ackerman Circle library

Thursday, May 14

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Food Pantry

Monday, May 25

Memorial Day - church office closed

Wednesday, May 27

Shut-in meals delivered

Thursday, May 28

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM - Food Pantry

Ongoing Events

Sundays

9:00 AM - Sunday School

10:00 AM - Worship Service

5:30 PM - UMYF May 3 and 17

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From the Pastor...

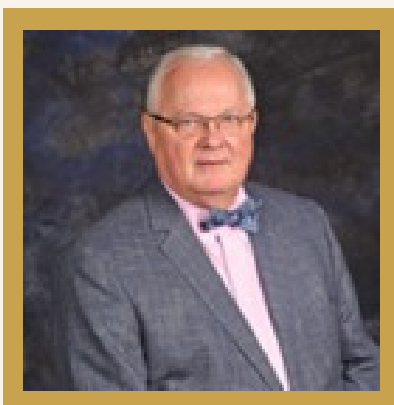
A Mothers Love - Time Can Never Erase!

Try all you like; you simply cannot find a substitute for a mother.

In spite of all we read and see these days designed to make us think we've entered the family phase-out era, don't you believe it! There is nothing on earth that comes close to the benefits derived from our roots, particularly with our mothers.

Many of us have memories of our mothers that are deeply profound and stabilizing.

Who can ever forget the impact of a mother's comforting words and assurance to her children following the loss of someone they loved? Or the comfort communicated by her warm embrace? Or the hope generated through a talk at the breakfast table when stress has reached an all-time high? Or how about those occasions when you needed to talk...to let it all out...and she was willing to just listen without preaching or even frowning? Mother's, love, friendship, and encouragement mix well together.



Reverend Tresco E. Shannon

This month and, particularly, on "Mother's Day", we give thanks to God for a mother's love, which becomes so deep a crease in the brain of her children, time can never erase!

- Tresco E. Shannon

In Our Prayers

Shut-ins/ Nursing Home/Distant Members

Jane Brown, Nina Crosby, Sarah Anne Dean,
Lynn Harrison, Joy Lawson, Vera Newington,
Jeanine Price, Rusty Riddle, Kay Speaks,
Miriam Westbury

Military Service

Cody Keeney, Elijah and Kaeleigh Forni,
Jackson Long, Matthew Mangum, Jordan Ray



In honor of Trudie Wright
given by the Will Goodwin Class

In memory of Jim Ruud
given by Tony & DeLoris Hamilton

In honor of Joyce Breland
given by the Will Goodwin Class

In memory of Charles Strickland
given by Tony & DeLoris
Hamilton; Riddick & Deborah
Ackerman

In memory of Lucille Culpepper
given by Delores Crosby



Each Sunday, the flowers on our altar are placed to the glory of God and in loving memory or honor of those who have shaped our lives and our faith. These beautiful arrangements are more than decoration — they are reminders of gratitude, remembrance, and hope.

If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact the church office to reserve a date.

Remembering and Honoring

May is a month that gently reminds us of both gratitude and remembrance. As flowers bloom and the days grow warmer, we are invited to pause and reflect on the lives that have touched our own.

We remember those who are no longer with us—loved ones whose faith, kindness, and love continue to shape our lives. Their legacy lives on in the stories we tell, the traditions we keep, and the love we share.

We also honor those who serve and care for others each day—those in our military who protect and sacrifice, and those in nursing homes who may feel forgotten but are deeply cherished by God and by this church family.

In all these moments—of memory, of service, of quiet faith—we are reminded that love endures.

May we continue to be a people who remember with gratitude, honor with compassion, and serve with love.

“Let all that you do be done in love.”

—1 Corinthians 16:14

May this page be a reminder that, through every season, we are a people of hope—caring for one another, lifting one another in prayer, and sharing in the promise of new life.

COMMITTEE/CHURCH NEWS

Laundry Love in Action

Our church continues to be blessed by the opportunity to serve our community through our Laundry Love ministry.

On Laundry Day, we provide free laundry services to individuals and families in need, offering not only clean clothes but also a sense of dignity, care, and compassion. This simple act of kindness opens the door for meaningful conversations and reminds our neighbors that they are seen, valued, and loved.

Thank you to all who support this ministry through donations, prayers, and participation. Together, we are sharing God's love in a very practical and powerful way.



- May 1 Susan Ladd
- May 4 Tandy Metzendorf, Allison Morgan
- May 6 Norma West
- May 9 Perry Buckner
- May 10 Logan Corbett, Paige Walters
- May 12 Buddy Creech
- May 14 Emilia Harris, Brown McLeod, Sissy Williamson, Marie Young
- May 15 Roger Crook
- May 16 Tracy Courtney
- May 17 Ryan Clegg
- May 19 Becky Mitchell
- May 20 Owen Harrelson, Maddie Howell
- May 21 Herman Hoffman, Carol Slocum
Anne Whaley Stoddard, Judy Woodward
- May 22 Charlton Griffith, Jerred Griffith
- May 24 Christian Beasley, Lee Chasteen, Betts White
- May 25 Linda Hudson
- May 26 Kim Jophlin
- May 27 Perry Buckner, IV
- May 28 Bobo Hudson
- May 30 Leddy Smith

UMYF NEWS



+ EVOLUTION
March 27 - 29, 2026

Our UMYF group has been busy and blessed with meaningful opportunities for fellowship and service!

Several of our youth recently attended Revolution 2026 in Columbia, where they enjoyed a wonderful weekend of worship, music, fellowship, and fun. It was a special time of growing in faith and strengthening friendships. A heartfelt thank you to Sharon Courtney and Johnny Thomas for serving as chaperones and supporting our youth throughout the trip.

We also want to recognize the four young ladies from our UMYF who beautifully decorated the cross on Easter morning. Their creativity and dedication helped make our celebration even more meaningful. Thank you as well to everyone who donated flowers—your contributions came together to create a stunning symbol of new life and resurrection.

We are truly grateful for the energy, faith, and spirit of our youth and those who support them!



- May 1 Michael & Sandy Katchuk
- May 2 Charlie & Carol Armentrout
Philip & Melissa McNair
- May 7 Tracy & Sharon Courtney
- May 9 Peyton & Katie Pryor
- May 11 Tracy & Jill Burttram
Charlie & Darlene Mangum
- May 28 Terry & Toni Walters
- May 29 Chris & MaryWynn Chamblin

Held in Every Season

Life is made up of seasons—some filled with joy and laughter, others marked by silence and longing. Yet through every season, we are never without the presence of love.

For many of us, that love first took shape in the gentle care of a mother—the one who taught us how to trust, how to hope, and how to believe that we are never alone. Those early lessons stay with us, even when life feels uncertain.

And when we find ourselves in dry or difficult seasons, it is often those same foundations of love that guide us back. They remind us where to turn, where to rest, and where to find strength.

God's love meets us in much the same way—steadfast, patient, and ever-present. In times of abundance and in times of drought, it is there, quietly sustaining us.

So whether we find ourselves in a season of joy or a season of waiting, we are held—by the love we have known, and by the love that never lets us go.

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end.”
—Lamentations 3:22



It's All in What You Look For

Just last summer, a year ago, a daily newspaper carried this headline in a prominent place:

“Rain Postpones Drought”

and I knew it was a factual statement, even if it raised questions.

Of course, there is no drought, as long as it rains, any more than there is lingering darkness, when the sun shines brightly. It all depends upon what you expect.

The basic truth in the headline is in the forecast. There will be a drought some day. Into every life some rain must fall, and it follows that we all experience a drought every now and then.

A visitor to my office said to me: “Tresco, I don't feel like my prayers even get to the ceiling anymore.” It is evidence of a spiritual drought. The “showers of blessings”, to which the old gospel hymn refers, provide the answer to our spiritual and emotional dry spells, when nothing seems to connect.

All of this makes it so important that we keep ourselves close to the citadel of our faith -- the church -- so that as the drought comes, we can re-connect to the spring of living water.

I may have a dry season in my life occasionally, but it isn't caused by God's failure to provide but by my own neglect.

It's all in what you look for.

- Tresco E. Shannon

