

# Bethany

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Many of you know how I love warm weather, but this spring I have found the weather less than optimal. I think one reason is I have a bit of a chill in my heart. My decision to retire at this time comes with excitement and grief. I will miss you all and I am proud of all that we have done over the 10 years I was in ministry with you. It seems as if I was contracted to Bethany all my life and in another way, it has been the blink of an eye. I am grateful to all of you for this opportunity.

The tulip in these photos is a volunteer that grew up in our yard out of nowhere. It was the first and only flower to bloom in the middle of April. With the changes in weather; the wind and finally the snow, Mike and I thought this poor little flower had just bloomed too quickly. But here we are - three weeks later - and she is still standing (I don't know why I give it an identity, I'm just like that.) She is beginning to look a little worn and



tired, but she is standing tall. We all have had time in our lives like this little flower. We bloom under the warmth of love and grace, then something - anything - comes along and tries to break us, but we wait for the warmth to return and we rise again. We bend, but we do not break.

My prayers for Bethany are just that. Continue to stand with grace and love.

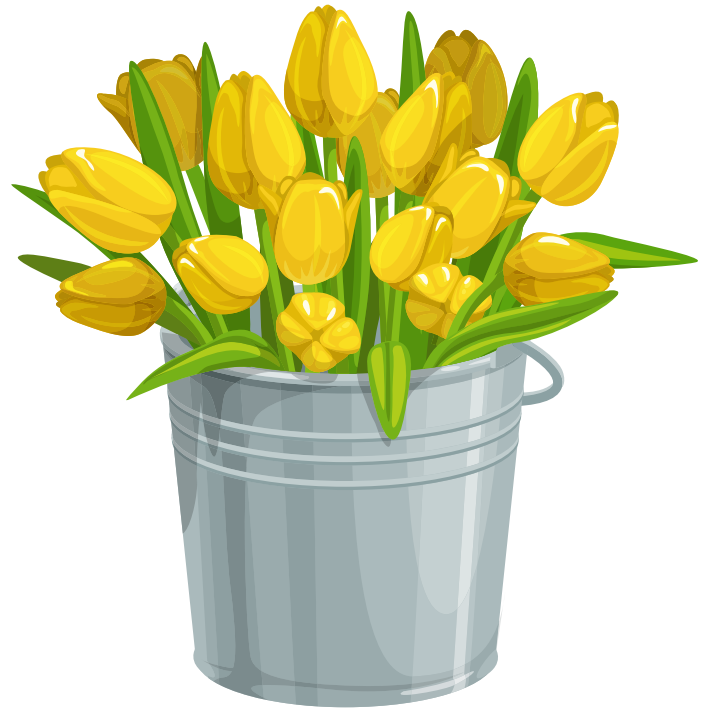
*Love, Pastor Denise*

## History of Memorial Day

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month.

"The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed.

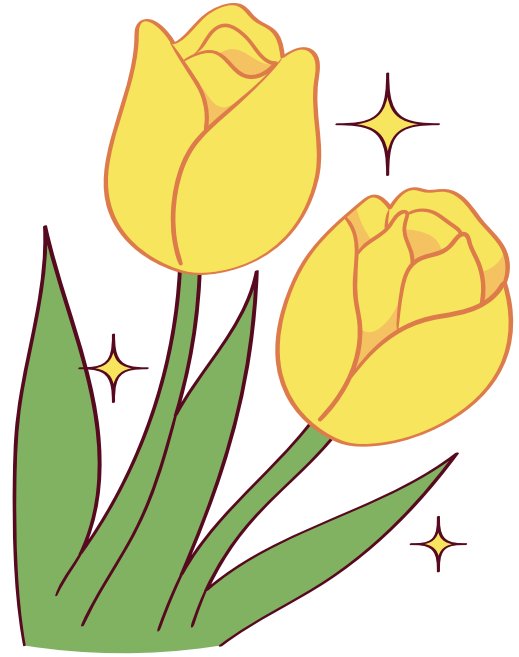
Memorial Day originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in



all wars. For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30, the date General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.



# Easter 2023



## Community Ministry Needs for May:

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Veggies
- Pasta and Rice
- Dry and Canned Beans
- Cornmeal, Flour, Sugar
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Canned Protein (chicken, tuna, meat)
- Children's Summer Clothes
- Disposable Diapers
- Socks

## Congratulations to Cameron Steelman!

Class of   
**2023**  
Congratulations!



# May 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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Chloe Holdren  
BIRTHDAY

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TIAM Worship  
Communion  
Administrative Meeting

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Rita Goddard  
BIRTHDAY

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Oscar Bender-Stone  
BIRTHDAY

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Susan Bilger  
BIRTHDAY

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TIAM Worship

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TIAM Worship

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Lataine Shaw  
BIRTHDAY

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TIAM Worship  
Vivian Holdren  
BIRTHDAY

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## Lectionary Readings

### May 7, 2023

Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

### May 14, 2023

Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

### May 21, 2023

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

### May 28, 2023

Acts 2:1-21  
Numbers 11:24-30  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 20:19-23  
John 7:37-39

## Liturgists

### May 7, 2023

Eva Staley

### May 14, 2023

Lataine Shaw

### May 21, 2023

Mary Johnson

### May 28, 2023

Eva Staley

## Ushers

Carson Kaiser  
Vivian Holdren

## Themes

May 7 - John 14:1-14, "We Are The Church"  
May 14 - Luke 14:15-21 "Tell Your Story" Mothers day  
May 21 - John 17:1-11 "Don't Just Worry, Do Something"  
May 28 - Guest Preacher