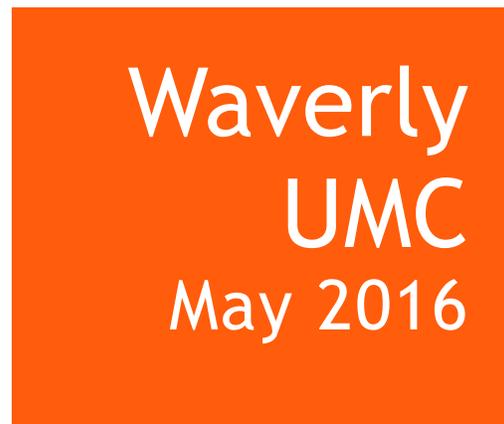


Our Vision:
to Reach the Community by
Feeding the Mind, Body, and Soul.

Our Mission:
to Provide Opportunities for
Ministry that Feed the Mind, Body,
and Soul.

Luke 9: 13



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by Pastor Matt Riley

1st Century Christians Celebrated, and I mean Celebrated Communion. It was not a mournful experience but a joyous occasion. Over the next 4 weeks we will be exploring different ways to Celebrate Communion. Each week will be different so be open to the practices and to the Holy Spirit's workings and may we learn to once again share in the Joy of Communion.

May 1: Memorial of Christ

Luke 22: 14-20

May 8: Communion of the Faithful

Hebrews 4: 12

May 15: Thankfulness

Matthew 6:33

May 19: Meal of the Kingdom

Psalm 80, Matt 20: 1-16, John 15: 1-17

At the Vineyard 6:30pm

May 22: Communion with the Spirit

Romans 12: 1

Communion at Baltimore Bend Vineyard

Mark your Calendars for **May 19 at 6:30pm**. We will gather at Baltimore Bend Vineyard just a couple miles west of Waverly. This will be a deep immersion experience in to Communion where we will celebrate being the Kingdom of God and relate that to how we are connected to Christ and to one another. Bring your favorite lawn chair and let's Worship in the Vineyard!

Directions: Take 24 to Baltimore Bend Rd. and turn right. Take the first gravel drive on the left and follow it until you see the vineyard. Don't worry, there will be signs. In case of rain, we will meet at the Winery at the same time.

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Summer Lunch Program

What is a Summer Lunch Program? We have surveyed the Waverly Elementary School and received back interest in serving the community by feeding children a lunch every week this summer along with sending them home with a backpack of items to help get them through a couple of days. There are currently around 20 kids in the Waverly/Alma/Blackburn area we would be serving. Lunch will be from 11am to 12pm every Wednesday starting May 18 and running for 12 weeks. There has been a team formed to help lead lunches every week and each member of the team will take one week and gather people to help in the serving lunch and the distributing of backpacks. There will be a need for people the day of serving as well as some prep work in getting lunch prepared and filling backpacks.

We have an awesome opportunity as a church to serve the community by feeding the children. Please be in prayer for this ministry and if you would like to serve get in touch with Leslie Utlaut, Jeannie Peters, Suzanne Smith, Nancy Peters, Matt Riley, Kelly and Mason Vandiver, or Kathy Hollingsworth.



Come join us every Wednesday School is in session from 3:30-5pm at the church for snacks, fun bible lessons, music, and games.

All children grades K-6 are invited. Our last Kids Club for the year will be May 4 (May the 4th be with you...haha) and we will pick up kids from school and walk to the park. Please pick up kiddos from the park at 5pm as usual.

National Day of Prayer May 5 at 7pm

On Thursday May 5 we will gather at Victory Christian Fellowship to pray together as a community for our community, our nation, and our world.

Youth Group

Have you heard? A youth group for grades 7-12 has started on Sunday mornings. Kathy Hollingsworth is the leader of this group and would like to invite all youth in grades 7-12 to come every Sunday at 10am. Come be a part of something new, fresh,

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and exciting.

Food Distribution at the Shepherd's Food Pantry
Every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Saturday at 9:15am

Visiting homebound and shutins is always a great way to serve.

Sign up to be on a team that will feed lunch to the children in our area every Wednesday this summer. The hope is to have several teams so not all of the same people have to serve every week.

Serve in **Student Ministry** by being a part of an adult group who helps with "Extra Innings" ministries after the ball games.

Take the **Spiritual Gifts Assessment** on our church website and find out what gifts you have and how you can apply that to serving in our community. www.waverlymoumc.com

Our **mission project** as a church whole will be donating gifts to help serve the communities children by providing lunch and sending them home with a couple of days worth of food in backpacks. Monetary gifts are appreciated as well as time.

Have a mission or ministry idea? Let the Mission and Vision Creation Team know and let's see how we can serve God and our community together.



YOU'VE DONE IT!

At the beginning of the Lenten season we answered a call from the United Methodist Conference office for churches to send in 2000 Flood Buckets to aide in relief efforts in the St. Louis area and SW Missouri. Through your generosity we have filled 7 Flood Buckets and will be sending them in to the mission field. Thank you as always for your generous support!