

Dear FUMC Friends,

The Mission Emphasis for May is the UMM Scholarship Fund.

The United Methodist **General Conference is meeting April 23-May 3** in Charlotte, NC. To get all the info, go to <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>. To watch the livestream, go to <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020/live-stream>. As of today, we can summarily report that the emphases of three Rs have all passed: 1) Regionalization, 2) Removal of anti-LGBTQ language from the Book of Discipline, and 3) Revision of Social Principles. Another R that has passed is the Reduction of the budget. For the first time in decades, this General Conference has had much agreement, little contention, and a joyful spirit of hope. Hallelujah!

Here's what's happening at First UMC this week:

Sat, May 4--Memorials Committee meeting at 11:00 a.m. at the church.

Sun, May 5--Adult Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. in the Wesley Room. Austin Barron leads the class. You can use a large print Bible in the classroom. Newcomers are welcome! In May, the class is studying the Old Testament book of Leviticus.

Sun, May 5--Worship at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary or participate at www.facebook.com/ogdenfumc.

Sun, May 5--Children will begin the 10:00 hour in the sanctuary and stay in the sanctuary, since it is a communion Sunday.

Sun, May 5--Nursery available, 9:30-11:30 a.m. The Nursery will be available for children ages birth to five years. Thanks to all who are willing to volunteer to help employee Leah Regley. The Nursery will only be open for children on those Sundays that we have a volunteer assistant. **Please see the Sign-up clipboard in the Narthex (moved to east wall table) to sign up.** Background checks will be required for all Nursery volunteers. (Contact Rev. Kim if you haven't already done one for FUMC, and she'll get you processed quickly.)

Sun, May 5--Fellowship Time after Worship. Thanks to Pam & Denny St. John for hosting Fellowship this week. And thanks to all who have signed up to host in May! See the clipboard in the Narthex to sign up to host in June.

Sun, May 5--Children's Ministry Team after Worship. Meet in the children's Sunday School room.

Wed, May 8--Bell Tones Rehearsal at 5:30 p.m.

Wed, May 8--Chancel Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

Thurs, May 9--SPR Committee at 3:45 p.m. by Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81118896746?pwd=eGQ4eVlWdFdVNGRtSjZmbzluK1BLZz09>

Volunteers Needed: Please see the sign-up clipboards on the table on the west side of the Narthex.

- Nursery Assistants – Background check required. If interested, please contact Rev. Kim at kimaljames@gmail.com or 719-248-9232.
- Fellowship Hosts – You will make the coffee, bring the treats, serve them, and clean up after.

Prayer Requests:

Lori Maki	Barbara Sandstrom & family
John Gerritsen	Yusimi's son, Maikel
Yainier & Yusimi's family in Cuba	Lucki & Sandy Latimer's daughter & son-in-law
Twin sons of Amanda & Tony Young	Ann Dickamore's granddaughter, Shannon
Troy Howling	Rudy & Sue Romero
Robert Barnes	

HALLELUJAH!

- Greg Perkins is celebrating that his knee replacement is healing nicely!
- The UM General Conference has passed legislation that will bring much peace and hope to our denomination.
- Samantha Hammitt and baby Madeline are doing very well since the birth on April 14.

For your information: The Bountiful Community Church has contacted FUMC and met with our Trustees' Chair Gary Phillis to discuss the purchase of the wind chests from the organ that was used at our old FUMC location. They have tentatively offered \$1000 for the wind chests, which are currently stored in our church's storage room. This tentative offer is pending their church's official approval. Both our FUMC Trustees and Church Council have voted to accept this offer, should it come to pass. The old organ console was sold years ago, and the organ pipes, which were stored for years under the Masonic Temple, are no longer available.

For your information: The Trustees have applied for a Renewable Energy Grant. This grant application process is very long, but we are one of seven Mountain Sky Conference churches (out of 22) that was selected to move on to Level 2 in the process. We are being assisted by grad students at the University of Colorado in Boulder who are studying architecture and renewable energy. Our intent is that we would replace our aging HVAC system if and when this grant money would be received.

Financial Contributions: Thanks to all who support our church through your automatic electronic giving. If you wish, you can also give through our church website donation page: <http://www.fumcogdenut.org/donate.html> or mail your checks to FUMC, 1339 W 400 N, Marriott-Slaterville (Ogden), UT 84404. We also have the ability to receive donations by text message sent to 385-355-6188. Please know that your financial support helps fulfill our vision:

First United Methodist Church will meet spiritual needs by developing relationships with Christ, community, and the world!