

MALTA UNITED



Methodist Church
MAY 2022

PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

Hebrews 12: 1-2a: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us...*

I've been thinking about persevering lately. Life often has bumps and hiccups and unexpected things that could distract us without God's help. Squirrels can get into the church and eat bell ropes and palm branches for instance. April can be cold, and the gardening gets set back a bit. More profoundly, people we love die and we journey through a season of grief, or someone is battling chronic disease, or the effects of aging. Sometimes we need to persevere when we are tired as well. Not because of any one big thing, but lots of little things that sap our energy and leave us wanting to sit by the side of the race course and not putting one foot in front of the other. Or perhaps, as all our agricultural folks know, they will soon be in the middle of their busy season and there is much work to be done. Sometimes we just have to keep going.

I don't know, if you are feeling right now as though you are amid a long race, or perhaps you feel rested, we are all in different situations in life even though we are all part of one family in Christ. However, no matter where we are, God is with us. I sometimes can picture God as a cross country coach cheering on runners to keep going through a difficult course. I can picture God as a camp counselor inviting people on a hike or to try something new, so they can experience some new joy. I can even picture God as a parent, or at least care giver, for a young child carrying them in one of those baby/toddler backpacks when their little legs are tired. (I admit I miss doing that for my kids even if they did get heavy.) Wherever we are and whatever role God is taking us in our lives right now, the key thing is God is with us and loves us, and is strengthening us to achieve good things, to bless others, and to feel the joy of life.

So I invite us all to consider, as we enter the month of May, where is God leading us. I find May a sneaky, busy month each year. Mother's Day, Memorial Day, graduations, end of school year, and other things are coming and all of us will likely have things to do, beyond our work, home, and life obligations. I don't know exactly what your race will look like this month, but I know God loves you. I know each of us will get love and strength from God. I know God never asks us to go someplace without a blessing for others, us, and the world as the goal. May we all head down the course and remember that God guides us on to new and wonderful things each day. And God will strengthen us so we can persevere as needed.

Thanks be to God known to us through Jesus Christ! Amen.





Upper Room Devotionals

are available for **May/June**.

Call the church office at
(815) 825-2118 or email the
church at maltaumc@outlook.com.
if you want one sent to you.



2022 NORTHERN IL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 183rd Northern Illinois Annual
Conference will be held **June 8 – 10, 2022**
at the Renaissance Schaumburg
Convention Center.

THEME: CONNECTED IN CHRIST
COME TO THE WATER!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Online registration opens April 4
- Legislation & Historical documents due
(email to ACdocuments@umcnic.org)
- Clergy Session – May 24.

June 8 – Annual Conference session opens
with Memorial Service at 1:30 p.m.

June 8 – Legislative Sections at 7:00 p.m.

June 9 – Retirement Service 8:45 a.m.

June 10 – Ordination Service at 1:30 p.m.

**The 2022 Northern Illinois Annual
Conference “Bishop’s Appeal special
offering” will go towards Ukraine
assistance.**



On Easter Sunday we
Welcomed into Membership
“**Nicole Rempier**” (also Baptized)
and “**Denise Showalter**” .
We celebrated our new members after
worship at Coffee Hour.



When sending an email to the Church please use:

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**May 7th James & Amanda ROEWER
(11 Years)**



Malta UMC Lay Leadership

Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek

Board of Trustees Chair: Tom Plote

Committee of Finance & Stewardship Chair:

Bill Augustlne

Staff, Pastor & Parish Relations Chair:

Marcia Hueber

Worship Ministries Chair: Jodi Slade

Mission & Outreach Chair: Mary Lynn McArtor

Christian Education Chair: Kitty Jouris

Membership Care Chair: Sue Augustine

Committee on Lay Leadership Chair:

Pastor Jeremiah

Committee on Records & History Chair:

Marilyn Berg

If you are interested in joining one of these
groups, please contact the Chair.
They would love to hear from you!



Please let the church office know
the names of any high school or college
graduates from our church for 2022.
Thank you!



2	Melissa Vidor Sawyer Willrett Jacque Fucilla
8	Ann Anderson
12	Larry Vint
13	Kamryn Madsen
14	Jamie Willrett
17	Denice McArtor
19	Reese Hueber
22	Colton Plapp
24	Jason Hueber
25	Hope Willrett
29	James Quincer
31	Ken Stark



FOR MAY

May 1 – Mary Langley

May 8 – Marcia Hueber

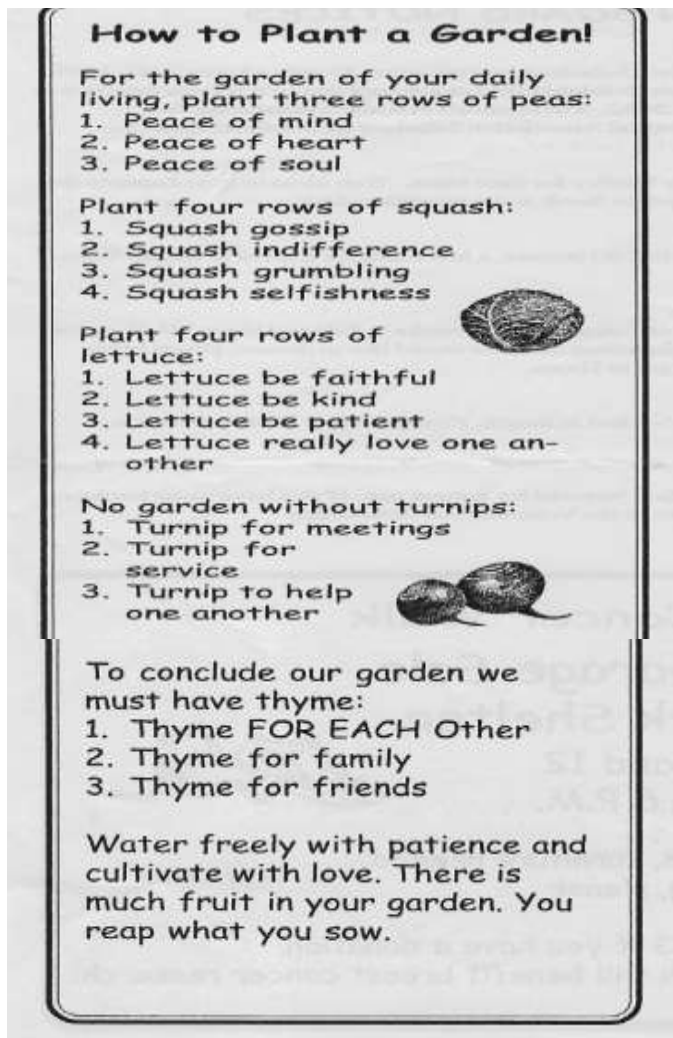
May 15 – Hope Willrett & Gene Hickey

May 22 – Sue Vaughn

May 29 - Denny & Vicke Heins



How to Plant a Garden



HELPING OUR KIDS AT MALTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Below is a list of supplies and items we can donate to help the children of our Malta Elementary School. We will have a collection box for these items in the narthex of the church.

School supplies NEEDED:

Boxes of crayons with 24 colors, glue sticks, boxes of #2 pencils, boxes of Kleenex, 3 ring binders, plastic school folders, black dry erase markers, scissors, (for younger and older children, and boxes of regular colored markers. (I believe they come in boxes of 8 colors).



MEMORIAL SERVICE

DEL SANDBERG

Wednesday, May 4, 2022
at Faranda's Banquet Hall

302 Grove Street, DeKalb, IL

Visitation – 4:00 p.m.

Memorial Service – 6:00 p.m.

Meal Following.

MARK **YOUR** CALENDARS: **HAPPENINGS IN MALTA**

Saturday, MAY 7TH – Malta Lions “Rose Day”

Friday, JUNE 10 – 12TH – Malta Days
Carnival, Beer Tent, Bands, much more!
Bands: Rockin Moxie & Back Country Roads

Saturday, JUNE 11TH 5K Tractor Trot 8:00am
Adults & Children / Sponsored by Seedling Project
Bands: Silver Creek, 6 Pack, and Snap Shot

Sunday, JUNE 12TH
Malta UMC FUNdraising Auction at 12:30 p.m.
Band: Bob Palmer & Family

Thursday, July 21st 8:00 a.m. Lions Fishing
Derby at Shabbona Lake for handicap kids.

MUSIC IN THE PARK – Thursday, July 21
Silvercreek Band 6-8 p.m.
with Hicks BBQ

Friday, July 22nd Malta Lions Golf Outing at
Indian Oaks Golf Course.

MUSIC IN THE PARK – Thursday, August 18
Hitman Band 6-8 p.m.
with Party Bird Food Truck



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NEED of “PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS”

Please help Midwest Mission by bringing contributions for their “Personal Dignity Kits.” Place these items in the box in the narthex marked (Personal Dignity Kits).

NEEDED: (Value \$15)

- 1 Bath Hand Towel – No Kitchen Towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth – No dishclothes
- 1 Adult Toothbrush – No multipacks
- 1 Bar of Soap – 3 to 4 oz.
- 1 Shampoo – 15 to 18 oz.
- 1 Deodorant – 2 to 3 oz.
(Stick, roll on, or pump)
- 1 1-gal resealable Plastic Bag
- \$2.00 donation for razor & toothpaste

All items must be new and placed in a 1-gal resealable plastic bag.

Here is a list of all the other KITS that are
needed at Midwest Mission.

Monetary donations are welcome for any of these kits: Feminine Hygiene Kit- \$50; Home Care Kit - \$20; Student Kit - \$16; Tornado Kit - \$50; Layette Kit - \$45; Birthing Kit - \$9. Monetary donations can be sent to MMDC, 1001 Mission Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558





CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS:

Next Meeting is June 6th:

Finance 7:00 p.m. and Church Council 7:30 p.m.

Church Council Committee:

Pastor Jeremiah Thompson

Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek

Secretary of CC: Sue Augustine

Trustee Chair: Tom Plote

Church Finance: Bill Augustine

Church Financial Secretary: Nancy Plote

***Send all monies & donations to Nancy Plote
at 411 S. Malta Rd., Malta, IL 60150**

Church Treasurer: Kevin McArtor

Lay Leader Delegate: Jodi Slade

Alternate Lay Delegate: Mary Lynn McArtor

Church Education: Kitty Jouris

Ruth Hueber

GENERAL CONFERENCE

DESIGNATED "SPECIAL SUNDAYS"
for "**SPECIAL OFFERINGS**"

May 1st :

Native American Ministries Sunday

June 12th:

Peace with Justice Sunday

October 2nd:

World Communion Sunday

November 27th:

United Methodist Student Day



MALTA /AREA MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Almburg, Brett
Bakken, Benjamin P.
Bakken, Monique
Barclay, Kendra
Bulta, Andy
Clark, Ben
Clark, Kerry
Howe, Chase
Hoyle, Steve
Brett Johnson & Mrs.
Samantha Johnson
Madsen, Jeff

Nelson, Michael
Norman, Jacob
Page, Greg
Peterson, Eric
Ritter, Matt
Swink, Ashley
Tucker, Bryan
West, Jonathon M.
West, Lawrence R.
Wilson, Kim
Woodyatt, John M.
Yedinak, Pete



Send Cards & Letters (anytime) to the Troops,
Send them to:

Support Our Troops
13791 N. Nebraska Avenue
Tampa, FL 33602



2022 MISSING LINKS

Becoming familiar with the “Missing Links” Projects our Church has chosen to support this year thru our Apportionments:

GLOBAL MINISTRIES

UMCOR (#52064)

THANK YOU

UMCOR-Supporting US Disaster Response and Recovery - \$545.00 and UMCOR – Where Most Needed - \$225.00



MAY 5TH – [GiveDeKalbCounty.org](https://www.GiveDeKalbCounty.org)

Twenty-four hour fundraising event to support nonprofit organizations serving DeKalb County.

Afternoon



We will meet on Sunday, May 1st at 4:00 p.m. and we hope the children in your life can join us! Our theme will be how God loves us. We are going to look at times in the bible when God and Jesus talk about loving us as a mom who loves her small child and thinking about what it means for God to love us (and everyone) as a devoted caregiver loves a child. We will also have some Mother's Days crafts, and a snack/treat for the kids.

ACTION GROUPS



SCHEDULED FOR MAY:

May 1 Terry Sandberg & Mary Lynn McArtor
May 8 Tom & Nancy Plote & Joan Tucker
May 15 Beth Burlison & Mary Langley
May 22 Carol & Sheli Sandberg
May 29 Sue Vaughn, Connie Lynch, and Ed & Becky Cheek

JUNE COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs:

Cook, Dawn & Doug	815-757-3303
Slade, Jodi & Ken	815-761-2753
McArtor, Denice & Kevin	815-751-5812
Anderson, Annika & Matt	815-762-7569
Arndt, Darla & Ed	815-825-2701
Engstrom, Amy & Rod	815-901-0286
Fucilla, Jacque & Brian	630-248-5695
Gommel, Jeanette & Dave	815-751-8224
Mattis, Katie & Troy	815-825-2063
Rempfer, Niki & Derek	815-501-7885
Willrett, Larisa & Jamie	815-761-4781



TODAY'S SISTERS

Today's Sisters will meet on Thursday, May 19th from 9-11 a.m. at Malta UMC.

Hostess: Marilyn Berg

Devotions & Minutes: Pat Siebrasse & Stella Glenn



DID YOU KNOW?

Memorial Day (originally known as **Decoration Day**^[1]) is a **federal holiday in the United States** for mourning the U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the **United States armed forces**.^[2] It is observed on **the last Monday** of May. It was formerly observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.^[3]

Many cities and people have claimed to have first celebrated the event. In 1868, General **John A. Logan** of the **Grand Army of the Republic** called for a "**Decoration Day**", which was widely celebrated. By 1890, every Northern state had adopted it as a holiday. The World Wars turned it into a generalized day of remembrance, instead of just for the Civil War. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

Two other days we celebrate in the U.S. military are: **Armed Forces Day** (May 21, 2022), an unofficial U.S. holiday for honoring **those currently serving** in the armed forces, And **Veterans Day** (on November 11), which honors **those who have served** in the **United States Armed Forces**.^[5]

MALTA DAYS IS BACK!!

Our FUNdraising Auction Returns

**BAKERS/CRAFTERS/BUYERS
NEEDED**



Malta United Methodist Church will participate in the Non-Profit Organization Auction during the 2022 Malta Days. The Auction will be on **Sunday, June 12** at **12:30 pm**. If you have participated in the past, please consider doing so again. Any specialty you would like to donate for the auction, please contact Sue Augustine. All donations--baked goods, handcrafted items, antiques, to mention a few--are GREATLY appreciated!! We hope to see everyone at the Auction in June to bid and have some fun **FUNdraising** for our church budget.





Can we exceed the total profit we raised in
2019 -- **\$7535?**

There is a **New Annual Conference Policy** to ensure all those who work with children (and vulnerable adults, though we don't have any ministries specifically with that group at this time) **have to go through the Safe Gatherings Training** to prevent any sexual, physical, or verbal abuse of vulnerable people.

Training cost is \$35.75. All those working with children need to do this training, it can be done online, or there will be in-person/Zoom events later this summer. I propose the following if you can pay the cost of the training out of pocket feel free to do so and we can get it as a donation to the church for tax purposes. If you cannot pay the fee out of pocket (or if you are an employee of the church, so Joan, Vickie, and myself) the church can pay for the registration fee. **Training must be done by August 31, 2022.** Contact Pastor Jeremiah at (815) 592-3764 to sign-up.

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SUNDAY	MON	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI	SATURDAY
1 2nd Sunday of Easter with Communion Special Offering: Native American Ministries SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE after worship TODAY! Afternoon Sunday School 4:00 p.m.	2 SPRC Meeting 7:00 pm	3	4 Prayer & Fellowship & Choir Practice CANCELLED Del Sandberg Memorial Service	5	6	7 LIONS CLUB ROSE  DAY
8 3rd Sunday of Easter 	9	10	11 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	12 4H 630pm	13	14
15 4th Sunday of Easter	16	17	18 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	19 TODAY'S SISTERS 9 a.m.	20	21 
22 5th Sunday of Easter Heritage Sunday	23	24	25 Prayer & Fellowship 6:30pm Choir Practice 7pm	26 ASCENSION DAY	27	28
29 ASCENSION SUNDAY	30 	31				

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

(Monday, May 30th)

STARTING AT MALTA UMC

ENDING AT
MALTA LIBRARY.

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Rev. Jeremiah Thompson, Pastor
Vicke Heins, Adm. Assistant
Mon – Wed – Thurs 8-Noon.

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