

## Activities & Meetings

### Sunday, May 6

8:30 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Sunday School for All	All Rooms
11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Reaching Up/Reaching Out Flyer Distribution begins. * The Wesleyan Choir will not be rehearsing today. ** Youth Groups are taking a night off today. They held their Annual Sky Lake Retreat this past Friday and Saturday.	

### Monday, May 7

7:00 pm	Trustees	Library
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### Tuesday, May 8

7:00 pm	Judy and Jeff Heath Circle will walk the Vestal Rail Trail	
7:00 pm	Covenant Disciple Group 1	Room 24

### Wednesday, May 9

9:00 am	Lectionary	Library
10:00 am	Interest Group	Rooms 11, 12
10:30 am	Staff Meeting	Room 36
7:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop 221	Downstairs
7:00 pm	Chancel Bells	Choir Room

### Thursday, May 10

12:15 pm	Mid Day/Mid Week Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00 pm	VUMmer Hummers	Choir Room
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

### Friday, May 11

12:00 pm	Viewing/Calling Hours for Hank Ehrhardt	Under Balcony
1:00 pm	Funeral service for Hank Ehrhardt	Sanctuary

### Finance Update for April

\*April Income: \$40,670

April Expense: \$37,027

April - Positive Balance! \$ 3,643

\* Includes April Snowman Fund donations.

Snowman Fund Goal \$ 5,000

Given through 4/30: \$ 3,180

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# *Vestal United Methodist Church*



## *May 6, 2018*

Welcome to all our visitors today! Welcome packets in the pew back in front of you. We would appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the information card inside and return it in the offering plate. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to talk with any of our staff or volunteers.



\* Indicates to stand if you are able

**Pre-service Music - A time of preparation for worship**

**Announcements and Greeting** (Please pass the attendance pads to those near you.)

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

**Prelude** *You Are My All in All* ARR MAILYN HAMM

**Bringing in the Light**

**\* Call to Worship**

Leader: May God be a constant reminder of how we are connected through God’s powerful Spirit of love.

**People: Being connected to the body of Christ empowers us, inspires us, calls us to action, encourages us to keep trying.**

Leader: Together in God, we become more than the sum of the parts - more than we could possibly be on our own.

**All: Through this time of worship, and through this faith community, may God help us to live the love of God each day.**

**\* 2221 FWS Hymn of Praise** *In Unity We Lift Our Song* EIN FESTE BURG

**\* Passing the Peace**

**Silence**

**A Prayer for an Inclusive Church** by Safiyah Fosua, Discipleship Ministries

**God, we see the historical record of your inclusiveness. We see your grand plan, good news for all, starting at the place closest to us and stretching to the farthest places we could imagine. For the first believers, good news reached out to the Samaritans, the Gentiles, the Ethiopians, and even the Romans who oppressed them. For us, it does not reach so far. Teach us, O God, to think beyond the boundaries of the people we already know and love. Give us an eye to see those you see on the margins, in the outlands, even in outlandish places! Enlarge our hearts so that we have room for any who would receive your good news. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer and Meditation**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (895 in the red hymnal)

**Anthem** *I Am* CASH/CROWDER/ALLEN

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word; and give us grace that we may clearly understand and freely choose the way of your wisdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Gospel Reading** John 15:1-8 Pew Bible NT p. 104  
Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message Part 1** *The Source* Mike Willis

**Children’s Message**  
Nursery is available during the entire hour for children age 0-3 in room 21 of the church.  
Children age 3-5 may leave after the Children’s Message for a 3-K nursery in room 22.

**\* 2171 FWS Hymn** *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* CHANNEL OF PEACE

**Gospel Reading** John 15:9-17 Pew Bible NT p.104  
Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Message Part 2** *The Results* Mike Willis

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**  
Offeratory *This is Amazing Grace* FARRO/RIDDLE/WICKHAM/ALLEN

- \* 94 Doxology
- \* Presentation of Gifts

**\* 408 Hymn** *The Gift of Love* GIFT OF LOVE

**\* Benediction**

**\* God’s Light Goes Forth**

**\* 557 Congregational Response** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* [verse 1] DENNIS

**\* Postlude** *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever* ARR BILL WOLAVER

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**Those Serving in Worship Today:**

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8:30	11:00
Acolyte: Leah Jones	Madison Lilley
Reader: Lana Roske	Dick Cook
Organist: Dan Rosenau	Dan Rosenau
Music: Wesleyan Choir & Friends	Wesleyan Choir & Friends
Greeters: Marge Bogdan	Al and Fran Disbro
Usher Team: Bob Hinkley	Mike Macey
Welcomers: Rich & Sandy Bear	Linda Boucounis & Cyndi Chapman

Altar flowers are in memory of June Weiler given by Everett Weiler, children and grandchildren.