



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR



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Mon	Apr 29	1:30 PM Peoples Kitchen No Quilt Class in April
Tue	Apr 30	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 10:00 AM Sew n Sews-MMR, 11:00 AM Chair Yoga -CH, 11:00 AM Peoples Kitchen Serving Day, 1:00 PM Bible Study-Criswell Hall, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR.
Wed	May 01	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 9:00 AM Church Work Morning -CH, 10:00 AM Fellowship Team-Library.
Thu	May 02	9:00 AM Senior Exercise-CH, 5:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal-HR, 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary.
Fri	May 03	2:00 PM Peg Gallop Memorial Service-Sanctuary.
Sun	May 05	8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service-Sanctuary. 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service-Sanctuary. UMM Taco Bar after second service-Criswell Hall.

### Abbreviation Legend

- CH--Criswell Hall
- S--Sanctuary
- K--Kitchen
- L--Library---  
Room #123
- MMR--McMillen  
Room #113
- PS--Pastor's Study
- HR--Handbell  
Room #115

April 28, 2024

10:30 AM

## Fifth Sunday of Easter AGUMC CHILDREN'S CENTER SUNDAY

Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it.  
 Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it.  
 Hatred darkens life; love illuminates it."  
 —Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
*A Testament of Hope*

PRELUDE *Give Me Jesus* Trad. spiritual/arr. Mark Hayes  
 INTROIT *Easter Joy* Andrews and Sewell

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to the vineyard of God.  
**We seek Christ, the vine of great love.**  
 Drink from the waters of life.  
**We live in the light of God's grace.**  
 Come to the vineyard of God.  
**All are welcome here.**

\*OPENING HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (verses 1-3) No. 384

### WELCOMING OUR GUESTS/CHILDREN'S CENTER

### OPENING PRAYER

**Merciful One, sometimes we are afraid to love,  
 and too weak to show mercy.  
 Remind us that your perfect love casts out fear.  
 Surround us with your message of oneness  
 and remind us that love comes from You.  
 Strengthen us with your grace and love,  
 that we might abide in the vine of Christ.  
 Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT/CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Carolyn Russell



**TODAY! Sun Apr 28 Children's Center Sunday.**  
 There will be a children's art show and they will sing at the **10:30 AM** church service. The Children's Center is also hosting the hospitality time following the service.

**TODAY! Sun Apr 28 3 PM County Band Concert**  
 Held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 959 Valley Rd, AG. Leonard Lutz, our handbell director, is also director of the County Band.

**TODAY! Sun Apr 28 MOVIE NIGHT**  
 in Criswell Hall at 4:00 PM featuring Oscar nominee, "NYAD" Free movie and popcorn. Sign up at Connections.

**Sun May 5 United Methodist Men Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar** after 2nd service. Eat in or take out. Taco bar, rice and beans for \$10 per person. Tickets now available.



**Sat May 11 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**  
 United Women in Faith (UWF) is presenting a **SPRING LUNCHEON** -- with a delicious salad bar, and featuring special entertainment already lined up! This is an event the ladies will not want to miss. Cost is \$10 per person.

**Wed May 15** Deadline for applications for the 2024 ELT Scholarships. Apply online at [www.worshipweekly.com](http://www.worshipweekly.com) or church office.



**Sat Jun 1** Sweet Springs Nature Walk (Los Osos) and Lunch. Leave the church at 9:30 for 10 AM walk. Sign up at Connections.

**Sat Jun 22** We have an invitation to visit the home and inspirational garden of member Scott Trees. Mark your calendar, sign up at Connections and watch for more information.

# Today's Scripture

## A TIME OF PRAYER

Choral Call to Prayer *I Need Thee Every Hour (verse 1)* No. 397  
 Prayer/Lord's Prayer  
 Choral Response *I Need Thee Every Hour (refrain)* No. 397

CHORAL ANTHEM *God So Loved the World* arr. Benjamin Harlan

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:7-21  
 John 15:1-8

HYMN (*remain seated*) *Where Charity and Love Prevail (verses 1-3)* No. 549

SERMON WALKING IN THE LIGHT: Rev. Mary Birgelaitis  
 With God

## OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
 Offertory *Isn't He* John Wimber/arr. Hark Hayes  
 Doxology/Prayer of Dedication Hymnal, No. 94

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Praise God, the Source of all our gifts!  
 Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

\*CLOSING HYMN *How Can We Name a Love* No. 111

## \*BENEDICTION

Beloved children of God, love one another well.  
 Be born in the Spirit of grace.  
 Grow into branches bearing the fruit of love,  
 peace, joy, hope, and faith.

RESPONSE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (verse 4)* No. 384

POSTLUDE *March Recessional* Lily Strickland

*\*Please stand as able.*

*Music Director: Julia Burns Piano/Keyboard: Dennis Eiler Organ: Brad Bettencourt*

## 1 JOHN 4:7-23

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So, we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We

love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

## JOHN 15:1-8

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

*Today's Liturgist: Priscilla Alquist*

ATTENDANCE						GIVING
WEEK	8:30	10:30	IN-PERSON	VIDEO	TOTAL	
03/31	42	95	137	45	182	\$3,294
04/07	38	61	99	38	137	\$12,356
04/14	35	62	97	24	121	\$ 2,795
04/21	37	60	97	13	110	

**Our Fiscal Year started July 1 Weekly Offering Needed \$6,038**  
**STEWARDSHIP REPORT: YTD Received \$269,107 Budgeted \$240,398**  
**Easter Received \$5,325 Easter Budgeted \$5,000**  
**Native American Sunday Received \$132**

***HOSPITALITY TIME***

***Today's Hosts:***

**CHILDREN'S CENTER**

**Next Sunday,**

**May 5**

**United Methodist Men**