



# THE COLUMNS

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## First Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, VA

*First Presbyterian Church of Waynesboro is a community-minded congregation living out the love of Christ as we serve one another with humility, gentleness, and patience through God's grace.*

### Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

8:45 AM-Communion Worship Service, Barksdale Room

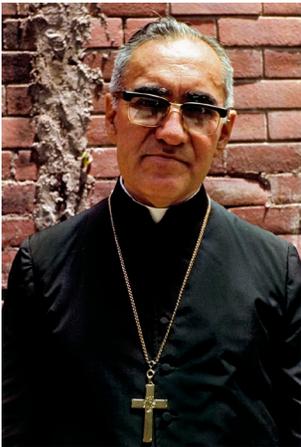
11:00 AM-Worship Service, Sanctuary

### Church Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday - 8:00 - 2:30

Thursday - 8:00 - 4:30

Friday-Closed



Saint Oscar Romero

On October 14, 2018, the Roman Catholic Church celebrated the canonization of seven saints, including a former pope, Pope Paul VI (1897-1978). Yet among this particular class of saints, one name stood out. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was an Archbishop in the Catholic Church of El Salvador during the tumultuous era of the Salvadoran Civil War which lasted from 1979 to 1992. Although the Archbishop is largely unknown in the United States, he remains a major 20<sup>th</sup> century religious figure within Central and South America, many of whom regard Romero as the unofficial patron saint of the Americas.

Óscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdámez was born August 15, 1917, in the San Miguel district of El Salvador, the second of six children. He was educated in public school, but rather than follow his father into the carpentry trade, he decided to explore a career in ministry. Romero began his studies at the seminary for minors in San Miguel at the age of 13 before completing his education at the national seminary in San Salvador. He graduated with honors from the Gregorian University in Rome in 1941 and was ordained into the priesthood on April 4, 1942. In 1943 he earned a Doctorate in Theology. Upon returning home to El Salvador, Romero was appointed as a parish priest in the village of Anamorós before moving to San Miguel, where he would serve for the next 20 years. He would be promoted to the office of auxiliary bishop in 1970, followed by another promotion to bishop in 1974. Three years later Romero would be appointed Archbishop of San Salvador, which encompassed the capital city of San Salvador and the surrounding areas.



Oscar Romero at Saint Peter's in Rome, 1942

In the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, simmering tensions between wealthy landowners and the working-classes began to boil over in El Salvador, as the wealth gap reached unsustainable levels. In 1977 a military-backed political party sympathetic to the landowners won the presidency amid widespread allegations of electoral fraud. On February 28 security forces opened fire on a crowd of protestors in San Salvador, killing hundreds. On March 12, 1977, a close friend and colleague of Romero's, Rutilio Grande, was assassinated along with two others by police officers loyal to the U.S.-backed Salvadoran government. In the countryside, a variety of right-wing militias were organized which engaged in a series of extrajudicial killings. Almost 700 civilians were killed in 1978, escalating to almost 1,800 in 1979. Greatly frustrated by his friend's death and the wanton slaughter of civilians, Romero began engaging in social and political

activism which he had avoided for most of his ecclesiastical career. After the government refused to properly investigate Grande's murder, Romero excommunicated the assassins. The government responded by repressing Catholic leaders, closing Catholic schools and barring clergy from participating in government.



Government soldiers on patrol in El Salvador during the Salvadoran Civil War.

Fearful of a communist revolution in El Salvador, the United States supported a military junta which replaced the deeply-unpopular Salvadoran government in October 1979. The American government had hoped that the junta would help stabilize the political situation, but instead, extrajudicial killings of Salvadoran civilians accelerated. In February of 1980, Romero published an open letter to then-President Jimmy Carter to cease U.S. military support of the Salvadoran government. Romero would write, "I hope that your religious convictions and your sensibilities in pro defense of human rights will compel you to accept my petition, avoiding with it a major spilling of blood in my long-suffered country."<sup>1</sup> Despite the appeal, the United States government would continue its support of the military-backed government to the tune of \$1 billion over the next four years and \$6 billion over the course of the civil war.

Romero would gain popularity among the population for his sermons which were broadcast weekly across El Salvador through the Catholic Church's radio station. In his sermons Romero would denounce government violence and detail the tortures, mass murders and disappearances which had become commonplace. For many, Archbishop Romero's broadcasts were the only reliable news they could receive about such occurrences, as the government retained tight control over state media. The Salvadoran Catholic Newspaper *Orientación* also documented the atrocities extensively. On March 23, 1980, Romero delivered an impassioned sermon appealing to Salvadoran soldiers to cease participating in political violence. "God's law must prevail: Thou shalt not kill!" Romero preached. "No soldier is obliged to obey an order against the law of God. No one has to fulfill an immoral law. It is time to take back your consciences and to obey your consciences rather than the orders of sin. The Church, defender of the rights of God...cannot remain silent before such abominations."<sup>2</sup>



Archbishop Romero prepares for his weekly radio broadcast from San Salvador.

The following day, while celebrating a funeral mass in the chapel of a small hospital, Archbishop Romero would state, "This is the hope that inspires us as Christians. We know that every effort to improve society, especially when injustice and sin are so widespread, is an effort that God blesses, that God wants, that God requires of us."<sup>3</sup> Seconds later, Romero would be gunned down by an unknown assailant.

Reaction to Romero's death was swift. Governments and world leaders, including President Carter, roundly condemned the assassination. Attempting to deflect criticism, a spokesperson for the Salvadoran military government (and later president) José Napoleón Duarte claimed "both sides" to be responsible for Romero's death. A week later, over 250,000 mourners gathered for Romero's funeral mass in San Salvador. The funeral was marred by violence as government security forces dressed in civilian clothes opened fire from the surrounding rooftops, killing several dozen people. The extra-judicial killings would intensify in the wake of Romero's assassination. Intellectuals, students, community organizers, reporters, labor leaders, priests and missionaries were frequent targets. In December three American nuns and a missionary would be raped and murdered by members of the Salvadoran National Guard. The following year a special Salvadoran military counterinsurgency unit (trained,



*Nuns and parishioners pray over the body of Oscar Romero shortly after his assassination on March 24, 1980.*

advised and equipped by the United States) would massacre over 800 civilians, including 146 children, in the village of El Mozote. Civilian deaths by government forces would exceed 8,000 in both 1982 and 1983. While the United States government actively denied knowledge of these events, anti-government forces would eventually fight the military government to a stalemate which would result in a negotiated peace in 1993.

During El Salvador's bloody twelve-year civil war, Oscar Romero was only one of nearly 75,000 people killed, the vast majority of which (by some estimates, 85%) were extrajudicial murders conducted by Salvadoran government-backed death squads.<sup>4</sup> A 1993 United Nations investigation concluded what most Salvadorans already knew—that Romero's

assassination death was ordered by the commander of a local death squad, Major Roberto D'Aubuisson, a former presidential candidate who died of cancer in 1992. The suspected triggerman, Óscar Pérez Linares, would die under mysterious circumstances, himself a victim of an extrajudicial killing in 1986. The peace settlement which ended the Salvadoran Civil War included an amnesty law which would prevent the prosecution of persons involved in extrajudicial killings. But in April of 2017, a Salvadoran judge overturned the law which allowed such cases to be reopened. Just days after Romero's canonization, Salvadoran prosecutors issued an arrest warrant for D'Aubuisson's former head of security, Álvaro Rafael Saravia, who remains at large.

Although commonly associated with liberation theology (which some allege to have Marxist ties), Romero's identity as a liberation theologian continues to be a matter of debate. Romero himself largely eschewed such comparisons during his lifetime, claiming that his political activism stemmed from a traditional understanding of the Catholic faith which had a sacred obligation to provide for the needs of the poor. The term "liberation" was indeed invoked extensively by Romero in his sermons, but he believed that it was in the sense of a spiritual liberation, and not limited to socio-economic or political liberation. ("There is no other liberation but the liberation of the cross," he would say.<sup>5</sup>) In other words, Romero believed that it was the church's calling not only to liberate people from the poverty which threatens the body, but also to liberate people and communities from cycles of sin which threaten the soul. Indeed, in his early years Romero established his reputation as a religious conservative before the murder of his friend Grande. Romero was closely associated with Opus Dei ("Work of God"), an organization of laypersons with close ties to the institutional life of the Roman Catholic church. While some have criticized liberation theology as a fringe movement within Catholicism, Romero felt as though the political activism expressed in his homilies and advocacy were consistent with orthodox stances of the Roman Catholic Church articulated during the Second Vatican Council.



*Oscar Romero with Salvadoran villagers.*

*"I know that many are scandalized at what I say and charge that it forsakes the preaching of the gospel to meddle in politics. I do not accept that accusation,"* Romero would preach the day before his assassination. *"I ask the Lord during the week, while I gather the people's cries and the sorrow stemming from so much crime, the ignominy of so much violence, to give me the right words to console, to denounce, to call to repentance. Though I continue to be a voice that cries in the desert, I know that the Church is making the effort to fulfill its mission."*<sup>2</sup>

Pope John Paul II would visit San Salvador in 1983, and in spite of opposition from the Salvadoran government and leaders within the church, as well as several death threats, he would pray before Romero's tomb. He would do the same in 1996. The two leaders had met twice in Romero's lifetime, once in April of 1977 and another occasion



*Pope John Paul II prays before the tomb of Oscar Romero, 1983*

nine months later. John Paul blessed Romero in his efforts, but at the same time expressed concern about other ideologies which may attempt to co-opt his message. As early as 1990, representatives of the Roman Catholic Church began exploring the possibility of recognizing Archbishop Romero as a saint. Already widely regarded as a martyr of the faith (not just by Catholics), John Paul bestowed the title “Servant of God” upon Romero in 1997, which opened the way for consideration for beatification and canonization.

Even so, Romero would remain a controversial figure. There was considerable resistance to Romero’s sainthood within the church, as his close association with liberation theology proved problematic for some leaders. Others would not acknowledge him as a martyr, so much as a

victim of political violence. Still, John Paul believed his assassination while conducting a mass was sufficient to qualify the Archbishop, referring to Romero as a “martyr to the Americas” in a speech celebrating the millennium. John Paul’s successor, Pope Benedict XVI, continued the process. However, Romero’s case was not regarded as a priority and it became mired in bureaucracy during his tenure. It wasn’t until Pope Francis I’s election in 2013 that Romero’s candidacy for beatification was allowed to move forward in earnest. (As a priest in the 1970’s, Francis also had his own experience resisting death squads in his native Argentina during the military dictatorship there.) Romero would be beatified as a martyr in San Salvador on May 23, 2015, before a crowd of 250,000 people. Canonization of Romero as a saint would follow three and a half years later in St. Peter’s Square in Rome. For the ceremony, Pope Francis wore the blood-stained ceinture Romero had worn the day of his assassination.

Oscar Romero’s legacy is one of profound faith in the face of unimaginable persecution. His outspoken support of the poor and victims of violence caused him to live in his home country as a marked man, and his name is frequently mentioned alongside that of Martin Luther King, Jr. as a champion of social justice and human dignity. In John’s gospel Jesus tells his disciples, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” [Jn. 15:12-13] As the church endeavors to confront injustice in all of its forms, we may look to people like Oscar Romero who saw the face of Christ present in those who suffer. His words encourage us and challenge us as God’s voice rallies God’s people to action.

*“A church that doesn’t provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn’t unsettle, a word of God that doesn’t get under anyone’s skin, a word of God that doesn’t touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed—what gospel is that? Very nice, pious considerations that don’t bother anyone, that’s the way many would like preaching to be. Those preachers who avoid every thorny matter so as not to be harassed, so as not to have conflicts and difficulties, do not light up the world in which they live.”<sup>6</sup>*

—St. Oscar Romero, April 16, 1978

Gracia y Paz,

George

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*Oscar Romero depicted with other 20<sup>th</sup> century martyrs on the wall at Westminster Abbey in London (2<sup>nd</sup> from the right between Martin Luther King, Jr. and Dietrich Bonhoeffer).*



## MUSIC NOTES

Greetings in Christ from the Music Program! We begin this month - with a journey! We are spending the first weekend of May in Boston to hear our daughter, Celia, play two concerts. Diane Kingsbury has graciously agreed to play for us, and she will play works by Johann Sebastian Bach, Thomas Arne and Paul Manz. Please extend to her a "Laurel and Hearty" handshake!

The lectionary readings for Sunday, May 12, include the 23rd Psalm. The choir will celebrate Mother's Day with a lovely setting of the beloved psalm, written by Heinz Werner Zimmerman. The German composer was born in 1930 and is still with us!

On Sunday, May 19, the choir will sing *If Ye Love Me* by a master of the English Renaissance, Thomas Tallis.

Many of you have asked to hear Peter Lutkin's beautiful setting of *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*. Your prayers are answered! Hear the choir sing this classic anthem on the 26th.

Also on the 26th, the Madison Singers from James Madison University, under the direction of Dr. Jo-Anne van der Vat-Chromy, will present a concert in our Sanctuary at 3pm. Please come and hear this wonderful ensemble during Memorial Day weekend!

We remain blessed to be able to make music to the glory of God for our appreciative congregation in such a lovely setting. We are doubly blessed to have such a dedicated and talented choir to declare the Word in music!

Roger and Kimberlea Daggy





# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

May 14 at Summit Square

**Lesson #8** - "God with Us as the Holy Spirit"

Primary Scripture - John 14:1-31

God who was incarnate in Jesus Christ is now present as the Holy Spirit. On the night of his arrest and the eve of his crucifixion, Jesus made a promise to his disciples.

The promise is a promise of presence, but instead of "I will be with you," Jesus tells the disciples that the Father will send the Holy spirit to be with them.

and

**Lesson #9** - "God with Us"

Primary Scripture - Matthew 18:15-20; 28:16-20

"Remember, I am with you always."

It's a promise of presence, one that is often quoted as a reminder that God is with us when we gather, when even just a few of us come together. Jesus lays out a specific and persistent multi-step process of confrontation, listening and mediation.

**Lesson** at 10:30 with Rev. George Chapman

**Lunch** at 11:30 (choose from the Tavern menu at Summit Square)

We WELCOME Ladies of the Church and their lady friends to join our study and learn more of God's promises for each of us.

Note: This will be the last meeting until September.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session held a Stated Meeting on April 15, 2019.

P&M completed items: 1) Repairs to flat roof of Education Building; 2) Removal of overgrown shrubs/bushes, stumps and debris from church grounds; 3) Trees trimmed; 4) Annual fire extinguisher maintenance.

Session approved Preschool's maintaining a flower bed on the Food Bank side of the courtyard.

Handicap parking was discussed.

48 were served at Disciples' Kitchen on April 9.

FPC Food Bank received a grant from the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank: a 1-door freezer, wire shelving units and a stainless-steel table.

Session approved the following concerts: Madison Singers from JMU on May 26 and Eric Ruske, horn, on October 27.

Cary Bennett reported on the Small Church Forum sponsored by Shenandoah Presbytery and led by Paul Grier from the Presbyterian Foundation.

All Session meetings are opened and closed with prayer.



It is hard to believe that we are a month away from the end of the school year! We have had a fun and busy Spring so far.

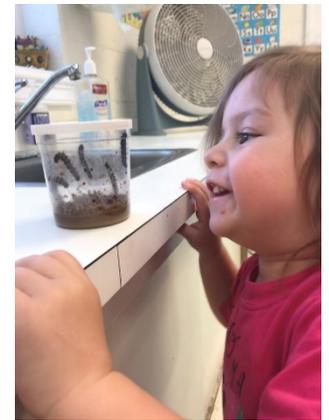
In March the 3 yr old & 4 yr old classes took a walking field trip to the Wayne Theatre to see "The Ugly Duckling." It was a very bright and funny show and the kids loved it! We also had two dental assistants from Dr. Brumbaugh's office visit and educate us about dental health for Dental Health Month. They spoke about

sugar and showed the kids what foods they should be eating to keep their teeth healthy. Each kid received a goody bag.

April has also been super busy and fun! The preschoolers spent a great deal of time learning about Easter. We spoke about Jesus and made lots of arts and crafts that are now hanging in the hallways. Before Easter weekend we had a fun Easter egg hunt and party.



The 2 yr. old's took a walking field trip to the library to attend the Mother Goose Story Time. They danced, sang, and played with instruments. They were also able to take a walking field trip to attend "The Jungle Book" performance at the Wayne Theatre with the 3 & 4 yr. old classes. It was enjoyable for all. April showers bring May flowers and butterflies! The Preschool classes have been watching caterpillars undergo their amazing transformation and will soon be releasing them as butterflies!



I would like to extend a big thank you to all of those who have helped me with my new role as Director. It has been a great couple months. I am looking forward to learning and growing more in my position. Thank you all so much!

We are always looking for volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, reading to the preschool or leading chapel, please email [preschool@firstpresway.com](mailto:preschool@firstpresway.com).

May will be a busy month full of events and preparing for Summer Camp!

### Upcoming Events:

\*May 15th, we will have our end of the year picnic. Each family will bring their own blanket and food. This year we will have the picnic at the school. That way we can all stay together to play. The kids can play on the playground or play with games we will be providing. At the end of the picnic we will provide a treat for everyone to enjoy.

\*May 19th, the 4 yr old class will have graduation in the sanctuary following 11:00 worship.

\*May 23rd, the Preschool will have their Spring Program. We have been working very hard on learning our songs preparing for this event.

\*May 24th is the last day of school.

\*Summer Camp begins June 3rd!

-Leslie Howell, Director



## BRIEF SUMMARY OF FPC MISSIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY & BEYOND

- Tutoring at William Perry Elementary School - 6 participants from FPC this semester plus Beth Crickenberger, leader
- Magazines for Springdale
- Individual contributions (money and goods) to our Food Bank
- Working at our Food Bank (Cynthia Hoover, Manager)
- Meals on Wheels delivery in January
- CWS school supplies - cooperative venture (Missions and Preschool)
- CROP Walk in September - 10 FPC walkers
- 4-Cents-a-Meal contributions
- Thanksgiving Offering contributions to Salvation Army's summer camp
- Reading/Chapel - Preschool
- Cooking for Disciples' Kitchen and WARM - food supplied from budget and donations plus Christmas Party gifts donation
- One Great Hour of Sharing Offering at Easter



April's Collections totaled \$1110.00. We will continue to collect until May 14

## CHURCH PARKING



It has come to our attention that people are parking in “yellow zones” on 11<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to church property, i.e., where curbs are painted yellow. The Waynesboro Police Department has confirmed that yellow zones are “No parking” zones 24 hours a day, seven days a week and violators risk being ticketed. This illegal parking has become a habit for many people who, perhaps, have been unaware of this violation.

In a related issue, please note the following: While open for unrestricted parking Monday-Saturday, BOTH sides of 11<sup>th</sup> Street between Wayne and Chestnut are reserved for handicapped parking on Sunday mornings. Please honor these zones on Sundays to assist those who need these spaces for physical reasons, rather than using them as a matter of convenience.

## PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE

Committee Members: Cary Bennett, Roger Bryant, Susan Elder and Danny Leech. Ex officio: Colleen Cash and Michael Griffith.

The Property and Maintenance (P&M) Committee was busy in April as follows.

Completed items:

1. Annual air conditioning maintenance was completed by Nelke Heating & Cooling.
2. Landscape plan: Stumps of removed shrubs and bushes were ground down and resulting debris removed. Pruning of trees was also completed.
3. Appalachian Grass treated existing lawn – it is very green and looking good.

Ongoing activities:

- Landscape plan:
  - Currently we are preparing flower bed areas near sanctuary entrance for mulching.
  - We will then prepare area on Wayne Avenue side of sanctuary; designate and mulch an area for new shrubs/flowers; sow grass seed between mulched area and sidewalk.
  - Next we will prepare area around Preschool entrance; designate and mulch an area for new shrubs/flowers; sow grass seed between mulched area and sidewalk
  - Lastly, areas adjacent to Fishburne football field will be prepared and seeded with grass.
  - Preschool personnel are making great progress on clearing area adjacent to courtyard for children to plant/maintain.
- Danny Leech and Roger Bryant have rewired Wayne Avenue sign; transplanted shrubs; installed new border around sign. Danny working on new lighting fixtures.
- Lawn mowing crew has begun mowing and will continue through October/November.
- Food Bank renovation: Electrical work, painting and flooring repair are all that remain.
- Semi-annual elevator maintenance is scheduled to occur in May.
- Fellowship Hall kitchen renovation committee continuing their work.

Future projects:

- Church security improvements
- Preschool security improvements
- Installation of donated metal roofing on garden shed
- Parking lot upgrades?
- Preschool playground upgrades?

## FAITH & FICTION BOOK CLUB

The May meeting will be held on the 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Betsy Ruehl will lead devotions and discussion of Lisa Wingate's *Blue Moon Bay*.

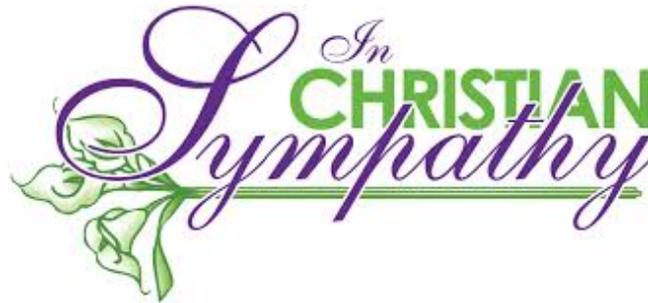
Plot: A successful architect returns to finalize the sale of the family farmland, but as her stay lengthens, she discovers a family steeped in secrets.

The author is a popular inspirational speaker and national bestselling author who lives with her family in Central Texas.

Feel free to join us! The next meeting will be in September.



Many thanks to all who helped transform the church grounds:  
 Joe Arehart, Cary Bennett, Roger Bryant, Terry Crickenberger,  
 Susan Elder, Mark Hammock, Pam Hammock, Danny Leech,  
 Ann Nelson, Bill Pannill, Jo Pannill and Ron Smith.



**IN MEMORIAM**

**Harold M. Prettyman, Jr.**  
**February 29, 1932 - April 11, 2019**

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Davis Foster and Dr. "Chas" Pauly.



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| 5/2 Bird Heuchert | 5/16 Carrol Smith |
| 5/8 Anne Harris   | 5/25 Mark Hammock |
| 5/12 Roger Bryant | 5/26 Ron Smith    |
| 5/13 Walt Flora   | 5/30 Gil Ayers    |
| 5/14 Don Hashagen | 5/31 Molly Martin |
| 5/15 Betty Dixon  |                   |



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| 5/17 Mike & Kathy Brown    |
| 5/19 Burnie & Carol Powers |
| 5/25 John & Cynthia Hoover |
| 5/24 Cary & Holly Bennett  |
| 5/29 Bill & Polly Bare     |
| 5/31 Danny & Pam Leech     |



Church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day

### Prayers for Health and Other Concerns:

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Kings Daughters Nursing & Rehab: Carol Barksdale

Shenandoah Nursing Home: Rubye Schwab , Eloise Morris

Stuarts Draft Retirement Center: Bertie Hammer, Rosalie Boyd, Mary & Holly Frost

Summit Square: Anna Carson, Aileen Kennedy, Betty Barksdale, Ray Quillen, Lillian Hryshkanych

Home: Dick & Betty Huff, Nancy Garber, Arlene Moren, Mary Ultee, Bobbie Poland,

Edie Lawrence, Linda & Warner Sandquist, Virginia Quillen

Friends and Family: Kaiser family (Anne Harris), Andy & Jean Robeson , Wanda Braden, Lucy Colbert, Charlie Fairchilds, Steve Dowdy, (Cunninghams), Jennifer Eskridge (Sandy Bellamy), Emersyn James (former Preschool student), Brittany Davis (Jen Jones), Danny Smith (Nancy Hypes), Carolina Obando (Jen Jones), Josh Scott (Anne Vest), Jennifer & Charlotte Sergeant (Kathy Brown), Ada Henkel (Bruce & Kevin)

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**Deadlines: COLUMNS:** 20<sup>th</sup> of the month

**Bulletin:** Wednesday

## May Calendar

### Sunday, May 5

8:45 AM Early Communion Service Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Room 204  
11:00 AM Worship Service Sanctuary

### Tuesday, May 7

10:30 AM Presbyterian Women Summit Square  
2:30 PM Session Meeting Room 208

### Wednesday, May 8

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

### Thursday, May 9

2-4 PM Food Bank

### Sunday, May 12 MOTHER'S DAY

8:45 AM Early Communion Service Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Room 204  
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Worship Service Sanctuary

### Tuesday, May 13

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, May 15

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

### Thursday, May 16

10:00 AM Faith & Fiction Book Club Parlor  
1-3 PM Fishburne Graduation Rehearsal

### Saturday, May 18

10-2 PM Fishburne Graduation

### Sunday, May 19 PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

9:45 AM Adult Sunday School Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Room 204  
10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Worship Service Sanctuary

### Wednesday, May 22

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

### Thursday, May 23

2-4 PM Food Bank  
6:30 PM Preschool Spring Program

### Sunday, May 26

8:45 AM Early Communion Service Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM Adult Sunday School Barksdale Room  
9:45 AM Children's Sunday School Room 204  
11:00 AM Worship Service Sanctuary  
3:00 PM Madison Singers

**OFFICE CLOSED**

### Monday, May 27

### Tuesday, May 28

10:30 Disciples' Kitchen

### Wednesday, May 29

5:30 PM Potluck Dinner Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal Choir Room

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