



# The Weekly Connection

APRIL 5-11, 2024

## **PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH:**

As we remind ourselves at this time each year that *Easter is not over*. Because of the resurrection, Jesus shows that suffering, disappointment and death can be transformed into new life. Jesus makes it possible to live this pattern now and live it continually after death. Easter gives us hope – a hope that promises fullness of life. The season of Easter, in the Church, is **50 Days**. This joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection, that we celebrated March 31<sup>st</sup>, will take us through to Pentecost on May 19<sup>th</sup>. May the next fifty-days as "Easter people" be a spiritual renewal where we neither surrender in the battle against sin in any way nor become accomplices in the moral decay of this world. May we hear the words of **John Wesley**, yet again, when he wrote, "*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.*" Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! – **Pastor Charles**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Discussion-based learning with Pastors Charles and Jennifer in the **book of Habakkuk**. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and learning at **9AM!**

**THIS SUNDAY (4/7):** First Sunday schedule with **Holy Communion** in worship and **Pot-Luck Lunch** after service in the Fellowship Hall.

**NEXT SATURDAY (4/13): MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Cook at 8AM. Eat at 8:30. Food provided. Free to all!

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE (4/20):** *Gateway Leadership Summit*; Greenville, IL. Pastors Charles & Jennifer and Lay Delegate, Jim Wright will be representing the Church and will be absent from Sunday Worship, on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Our guest speaker is James Harrell who is a Ministerial Candidate here in Missouri.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER (5/2):** The Clever Ministerial Alliance is hosting the *National Day of Prayer* for our community at **Noon in the Fellowship Hall**. We will focus on 7 areas of prayer: Family; Church; Business; Education; Military; Government; and Arts/Entertainment/Media. A light-lunch will be provided. For more information on this national event, click: <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/about>

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS:** 7<sup>th</sup> Marilyn White, 8<sup>th</sup> Kirsten Mailhot, 13<sup>th</sup> Thayer Haines.

## **PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

**NEW TO PRAYER LIST:** Shirley Mullin (cancer back); Sheila Midget (cancer); Vanessa B. (leukemia)

**UNSPOKEN REQUESTS:** "*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people*" (1 Timothy 2:1).

**FIGHTING CANCER:** Mike Bell, Suzi Canelison, Frankie Flood, June Hobbs, Kirby Holbrook, Mimi Secor, Bob Woods, Bill Wright.

**KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS:** Beverly Barge, Wilma Cowan, Rena Gilgen, Lonnie & Cheryl Harless, Tom Rantz, Dale Stafford, Thelma Sweeney, Jerry Thomas, Rafe & Christine Thomas (auto accident) + young man responsible, Patty Tracy, Family of Richard White, Families of: Stan Hobbs, Steven Williams.

**OTHERS:** Mayor Scott Hackworth – Clever City Council, Police Chief Jeff Lofton, Superintendent Brian Breeden and Clever Schools, Fire, first responders, and medical personnel, Pastors Charles & Jennifer, FM Bishops: Keith Cowart, Kenny Martin, and Kay Kolde, Gateway Conference Superintendent Ben Tolly, FMC Ozark Church Alliance, Men's Ministry International, Israel - Palestine/Hamas (war), Immigration crisis, Haiti, Bridge collapse in Baltimore, MD.

## **CHURCH - COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR:**

**SUNDAY: BIBLE STUDY: 9AM – WORSHIP: 10 AM.**

**THE LITTLE CHURCH BAND:** Music Ministry: Practice Wednesdays 4:00 PM (Sanctuary).

**MEN'S BREAKFAST: 4/13/2024.** Cook at 8AM. Eat at 8:30. Food provided. Free to all! Come!

**SCOUT TROOP #173:** Fellowship Hall: **Cub Scouts:** Mondays; 6PM; **Boy Scouts:** Tuesdays, 7PM

**CLEVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** Monthly meetings. **April 11, 2024, 11:30 am.** Fellowship Hall

**CLEVER "ACOUSTIC JAM":** Clever community music gathering is open to all to play or listen. Meeting each 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays – 5:30-7:30PM – Fellowship Hall: **NEXT: April 8, 2024**

**CLEVER HS FISHING TEAM:** Thursday, **April 25;** 6:30PM – Fellowship Hall. Visitors welcome!

**MISSIONS and BENEVOLENT Ministries:** Local, regional and world support for organizations and individuals: Free Methodist World Missions; "Least of These" Food Pantry (Ozark); Pregnancy Resource Center (Republic); Ronald McDonald House of the Ozarks; Tony & Trica Wood (ministry in a closed country).

***Blessings to all our "Connection" contributors!***

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**\*Please note:** Prayer requests will be posted for 2 weeks, unless otherwise requested. Fighting cancer and chronic need will stay posted. If you have prayer requests, please contact Pastors Charles and Jennifer by *calling, texting, or emailing* at **417-771-0806** or **CleverFMC@Outlook.com**.

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**OUR MISSION: "To Love God, Love People, and Make Disciples"**



### **Love God**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

(Matthew 22:37-38 NIV)



### **Love People**

And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

(Matthew 22:39-40 NIV)



### **Make Disciples**

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

(Matthew 28:19-20 NIV)