



# Tidings of Joy

"Joyfully Reaching Out to Others in Christian Love and Service"  
Joy Lutheran Church, ELCA



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**Interim Pastor**  
The Rev. C. Judd Ludder

## **Worship Times:**

### **Sunday**

10:00a.m. Worship Service  
8:45a.m. Adult Sunday School  
Children's Education Time  
(During the Sermon)

### **Last Saturday of Month**

5:30p.m. Pilgrim Journey Band  
(Prayer and Praise)  
6:30p.m. Dinner Fellowship  
(Pizza & BYOBeverage)

### **Last Sunday of Month**

10:00a.m. Pilgrim Journey Band  
(Liturgical Modern Worship)

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## **PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

### **The Coming of the Holy Spirit**

Be sure to read the entire account of the first Pentecost in Acts 2, according to Luke.

## **JOY CORE VALUES**

Worship: Joyfully experiencing Christ through word, music, sacrament and prayer

Property: Providing the physical means to fulfill the spiritual needs of church and community

Outreach: Extending Christ's compassion and care to others

Fellowship: Enjoying each other's company

Welcoming: There is a place at Joy for everyone

Education: Getting to know the Word

Relationships: Everyone is worthy of care and respect

## **2016 Church Council**

**Interim Pastor** - Rev. C. Judd Ludder  
**President** - Barbara Herndon  
**Vice President** - Chris Peters  
**Secretary** - Kelly Arner  
**Treasurer** - Kim Tolley  
**Financial Secretary** - Linda Kratzer

### **Council Members at Large:**

Pr. Lynn Ash  
Chris Allebaugh  
Rene Harper  
Erik Maenpaa

## Pastor's Point

### May - a Significant Month of Christian Meaning

I was looking at the church calendar for May and was struck at how full (liturgically speaking) it was. The Day of Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Trinity and the Visitation are the major ones. But there are other things I'd like to mention and comment on too, so here we go.

May 1<sup>st</sup> is Rachael's Day at Joy. Rachael's Day began in 1996 because of the plight of inner city kids. While more grandly observed in the past at Joy, this year we still are using it as an occasion to assist abused, neglected and abandoned kids at Nana's House. Joy's outreach to our local community is one of our strengths and core values. You will have an opportunity to help in the effort by making a contribution.

May 8<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. I know that Mother's Day is not officially "observed" in the church year and that is correct, but to ignore it as we worship on the Sunday of Mother's Day is, in my opinion, a big mistake. Mother's Day got its start in the church as a way of thanking God for the gift of saintly mothers. We will observe our mother's at Joy in a special way on May 8<sup>th</sup>. I for one am glad that my mother of 98 years is still around. In fact, she will be at Joy on May 8<sup>th</sup> along with my sister and daughter - both also mothers.

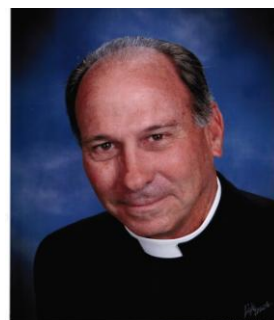
May 15<sup>th</sup> is the Day of Pentecost - the birthday of the Christian Church and the day the Holy Spirit came to the Christian community in power. I hope you will remember to wear BRIGHT RED on the Day of Pentecost at Joy. It is a reminder that the Holy Spirit is just alive and active among the church today as it was on the first Pentecost. It is up to us to use the energy of God's Spirit to drive the mission of the church (including Joy Church) today.

May 22<sup>nd</sup> is the principal festival of Holy Trinity. With the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, the Godhead is now complete in Father (the Creator), the Son (the Redeemer) and the Holy Spirit (the Sanctifier). I know that Trinity is not a biblical word - rather a teaching of the church that attempts to explain the mystery of one God in three persons. But many of the things of God are part of a wonderful mystery which will be revealed to us in due time. In the meantime, we trust God and affirm the wondrous mystery of his love and power.

May 29<sup>th</sup> is the "regular" Sunday in the church year, but it is one at Joy where we will remember those members of our armed forces that gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom in that Memorial Day is observed on Monday the 30<sup>th</sup>.

So there you have it. May - a month full of Christian meaning. I hope you are in church together with the people of God at Joy to celebrate and affirm it!

Pastor Ludder



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**R**aymond and Melody Shaffer and family Charles Woods and Alexis Woods.

Ray was born in Pennsylvania and raised in Youngstown, Ohio.

Melody was born and raised in Jupiter, Florida.

Charles is in 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Odyssey Charter and dual enrolled at Eastern Florida State College.

Alexis is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and attends Odyssey Preparatory Academy.

**S**helby Hernley, a retired IRS agent, came to Palm Bay, from Kentucky, in 1992.

**T**om Luten and Tommie Scott.

Tom was born and raised in Miami.

Tommie is from Calusa, California.

**J**ohn and Lois Manaseri come to us from Upstate New York.

**J**udy (nee Bockelman) Garrison moved here from Anna, TX to be closer to Mom, Dad, and family.

**C**harlene Leto and 5 year old daughter Zoey came to Palm Bay, from Minnesota, in 2007.

Melody and Alexis were also welcomed into the Lord's family in Holy Baptism.



### Musical Notes from Pilgrim Journey



Last month I wrote about the upcoming appearance of Ray Hummel with Pilgrim Journey. This event will not occur as planned in April but will be moved to the end of June. I assure you it will be worth the wait.

Bob and Sue Getter and Al Kongsjord went to Lutheran Church of the Resurrection (LCOR) to provide music for their "Cafe Service". A good time was had and, more important, God was glorified. LCOR is the home church of our friend and song writer, Ken Green.

Remember: God is good, all the time.

*Peace,  
Al*

**NOTE:** Pilgrim Journey Band will be providing the music for our services on Sunday 05/01/2016, Saturday 05/28/2016, and Sunday 05/29/2016.

### Saturday Night Pilgrim Journey Service

May 28th

The Saturday evening Pilgrim Journey service format has been changed to a more informal worship service of prayer and praise. It will also be followed by a PIZZA AND BYO Beverage FELLOWSHIP.

#### **Prayer - Praise - Pizza**

When you arrive for the service at 5:30 pm there will be a sign up for pizza. There is no charge, but we ask that you think about a donation of just \$1 a slice. There will be a choice of toppings. Just let us know how many slices you want and what kind, and we will place the order and it will be ready after the service.

Tea and lemonade will be provided. If you'd prefer something of a more "adult" variety, please bring that with you. It can be kept cold in the church refrigerators during the service. But, please use the provided cups for any adult beverages.

### **Pancake Breakfast**

Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, 8:00am - 10:00am



The cost is \$5.00. Proceeds will be used for projects as designated by the Joy Women of the ELCA.

### **Young at Heart♥Luncheon**

Please join us on May 19<sup>th</sup> at noon for our next Young at Heart pot-luck. All you need to do is show up, with a dish of your choice to share. Then, enjoy the delicious food and wonderful fellowship with members of the Joy family. Everyone is most welcome. Bring a friend or neighbor.

Note: Check Sunday's bulletin for any changes.



## JOY Lutheran Church - Women of the ELCA

Mark these dates on your calendar:

Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> ..... Rachael's Day  
Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> ..... Pancake Breakfast  
Saturday, December 3rd ..... Christmas Luncheon

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**Dorcas Circle** - (Quilting)....Meets every Tuesday at 10:00am.

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**Martha Circle** - Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays **12:00pm** (after quilting).  
Come have a great time learning from Pastor Lynn Ash (bring a sack lunch).  
Pastor Lynn will lead the Bible study. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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**Eve Circle** - (Bible Study) Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at **12:00pm** (after quilting).  
Eve Circle will meet May 17<sup>th</sup>.  
New Bible Study: Mary & Elizabeth: Sisters across the generation. Luke 1:26-56. Reflect on the relationship of Mary & Elizabeth and how we as women today relate across the generations.

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**Rachel Circle** - (Knit/Crochet)....Meets every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

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**Phoebe Circle** - Not currently active, but continue to supply cards, to Doris Bunker, for mailing to the congregation for birthdays and get-well.

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### WELCA News

We are very excited to share the news that five round tables have been purchased and are ready for use. We are planning to use them for our next Fellowship event.

A special thank you to Betty Lou Nielsen, for her generous contribution toward the purchase of the tables. A special thank you to Al Kongsjord, as well, for his contribution given in the memory of his wife, Juanita. We are all truly grateful for your generosity.

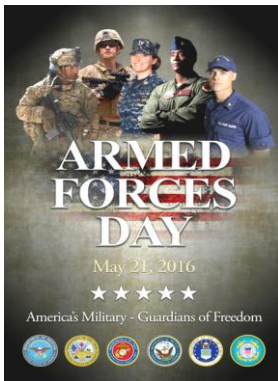
Our next Pancake Breakfast will be held Saturday, May 21st from 8:00 - 10:00. We guarantee a fantastic breakfast made with loving hands and giving hearts. Not only is the breakfast great, but the fellowship is great as well. The WELCA meeting will follow the breakfast. Hope to see everyone there!

Blessings to all,  
René

*Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.*

Psalm 100:2





President Harry S. Truman led the effort to establish a single holiday for citizens to come together and thank our military members for their patriotic service in support of our country.

On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days.

The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense.

Armed Forces Day **“May 21, 2016”** is an opportunity for us to recognize all of our veterans who have faithfully served our country.

**A special thank you goes out to our very own “WWII Veteran”, Luther Radway.**



Luther Radway left his home in Jamaica in 1944 to live with relatives in New York City. Six (6) weeks after his arrival, he was conscripted for military service in World War II. He trained at Fort Lewis, Washington for fifteen weeks, and then at Fort Jackson in South Carolina for an additional six weeks. He was then sent to join the forces in the European Theatre of Operations (ETO). Luther was assigned to the Third Army, as a Combat Engineer, located in Bremen, Germany. His outfit was sent to the combat zone in Elman, Germany to build an airstrip. Fortunately, the war was over within three months following his assignment.

His “high point” was having been honorably discharged with a letter of appreciation and thanks from President Truman, and the recipient of the Ruptured Duck (Honorable Discharge Lapel Pin) awarded to honorably discharged WWII veterans.

His “low point” was having served in a segregated army.

Black Americans have been the victims of racial oppression, but have always supported the nation, especially during wartime. When World War II erupted, over 2.5 million black men registered for the draft and one million served as draftees or volunteers in all of the branches of the Armed Forces during conflict. Most black men who served were in the Army and were relegated to segregated combat support groups.

Thank you Luther, for your patriotic service.

## National Day of Prayer May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

In 1775 the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. Over the years, there have been calls for a day of prayer, including from President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer.



*"And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."* (1 John 5:1-4)

## Memorial Day May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016



**Memorial Day** is a time to remember America's service men and women who died defending our country. As we prepare for this solemn and revered day of remembrance, take a moment to thank the many men and women who serve at home and abroad, as well as remember those who have given their lives to ensure our nation's safety.

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

May 8, 2016

"A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie." --Tenneva Jordan

Good Moms let you lick the beaters.....Great Moms turn them off first.

We are the family of God, and Jesus tells us: *"For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and **mother**."* Matthew 12: 50 (NRSV)

*"Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."* Proverbs 31:30 (NRSV)

Son: "Hey, Mom can you loan me twenty bucks?"

Mom: "Does it look like I'm **Made Of Money**?"

Son: "Isn't that what **M.O.M.** stands for?"



## ***COFFEE FELLOWSHIP***



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Coffee, Snack, and Cold Drink are served after worship.

If you enjoy the "Coffee Fellowship", consider signing up to host a Sunday.  
The signup sheet is in the narthex.





*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14*



Sunday School

Elementary age children will be dismissed, on Sunday, for class after the "Kid Talk" and rejoin the congregation prior to Holy Communion.

We can always use additional teachers. If you want to be part of this rewarding experience, please let Chris Allebaugh know! We'd love to have you!

### Parents of Young Children

Thank you so much for bringing your children with you! A few suggestions for your worship experience:

- ☐ Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- ☐ It can be helpful to sit toward the front, where it is easier for children to see and hear.
- ☐ Sing hymns loudly, pray, and voice the responses with enthusiasm. Children learn behavior by copying you. If you are excited about God, they will be too!



### Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by Stephen Leaders to offer high-quality, one-to-one Christian care to people going through tough times.

Mother's Day brings thoughts of family. Has your mother or aunt passed recently? Or are you as a mother missing someone who sent you a special card on Mother's Day? Whether a husband or an offspring you miss them. Grieving is a long process. Sharing your feelings can help. Stephen Ministers are here to listen to you in confidence. Ask Pastor Ludder or Pastor Bill Stremel.

Stephen Ministers also hold Services at nursing homes on the following schedule. Volunteers to help are always welcomed

Life Care - 2nd Sunday 10am  
Palms Rehab - 3rd Friday 10 am  
Sarah Care - 1st & 3rd Wed. at 1pm

Has your Home Address, Phone Number, or Email Address changed?



Please let the church office know of any changes. This is the only way that we can be sure to keep in touch with you.



## SHARING CENTER

A basket is provided in the Narthex for collection of 'can-in-hand' or some other non-perishable food item each Sunday. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



## "DAILY BREAD"

If you are interested in serving at "Daily Bread" on the 4th Friday of the month, contact Elaine or Don Heine at 321-215-7928.

Thanks go to Elaine Heine, Connie Steinhorst, and Betty Nielsen for helping serve a near record 329 meals, on May 24th.

*"Feed the hungry and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as day."* Isaiah 58:10 NLT

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.* (1 Peter 4:10)



## BACKPACK PROGRAM

The "Bread of Life" backpack program for Turner Elementary School has been a wonderful success this year.

The school year will be coming to end soon (May 24<sup>th</sup>). So please be generous in your monetary donations, as we provide food for five families each weekend. The cost is about \$125 per week.

Thank you everyone for your donations and helping with the packing and delivery of the backpacks, especially thank you to Dan and Charlotte Abrahams for the dedication to this program.

## Church Cleaning



Your help is needed. Can you offer some of your Time, as part of your Stewardship, to assist with the church cleaning??

Please give Jackie Baudek a call at (321) 723-4503 or 321-795-7853; with the time and day you are available. Or, just show up on Friday mornings.

Are you Ready for some fun?



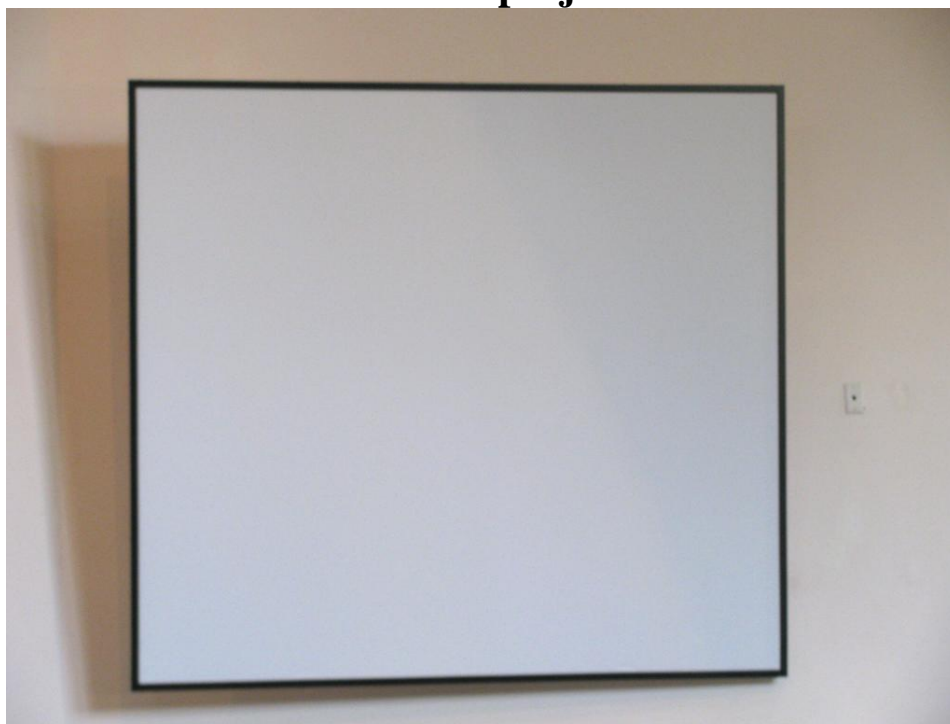
Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> is Pot Luck and Bunco at 5 pm

Bring your favorite dish and enjoy a fun evening.

God Is Love

*<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;  
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 1 John 4:7 (NRSV)*

**How about our new projection screen?**



Did you miss church and pastor's message, on Sunday?



Audios of Sunday sermons are available on our Joy website at [www.joylutheranelca.com](http://www.joylutheranelca.com) or go directly to the "Sermons-Audio" link via [www.joylutheranelca.com/sermons.html](http://www.joylutheranelca.com/sermons.html) and click on the date that you missed.

**DON'T FORGET TO LOCK THE CHURCH DOORS!**



It is important to remember to lock the church doors, when the church is left unoccupied.



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Of course, copies will always be available in the Narthex and on our website [www.joylutheranelca.com/](http://www.joylutheranelca.com/).

Feedback and suggestions are always welcome.



Summer is nearly upon us. But, the men continue to be very busy. It takes a lot of work to keep our grounds looking nice. They are to be commended for a great job.

The men are always looking for an extra hand to help out. So, come out on Friday mornings and they will put you to work. What a great way to Stewardship your Time.





*I would like to thank all the members of Joy for your prayers and words of comfort for my family during this very difficult time in our lives. I know in my heart that we would not be able to bear this loss without all the genuine care and prayers that you offered on our behalf. You are such a wonderful family to me and for that I am eternally grateful.*

*Barbara Herndon*

Last week my Mom wrote this out and asked that I put it in the newsletter. I still want to share with you all.

*To My Joy Family:*

*I want to thank you for all the cards, prayers, calls and well wishes during my illness. I'm looking forward to being back with you all real soon.*

*In Jesus Name,  
Joan Parks*

*As we know God had another plan. I can't thank everyone enough for the love and support you have shown our family. My Mom loved her Joy family and it made her life so special having you all in her life.*

*Love,  
Chris Allebaugh*



We find intimacy with God through communicating with Him in prayer. We go to Him in faith, knowing that He hears and answers our prayers. Be confident that God knows and wants what is best for us; so ask that His will be done in all we seek from Him. Then, thank Him for it, even though it hasn't happened yet.

*"And this is the boldness we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us."*  
(1 John 5:1-4).

We especially pray for: Martha Carmichael, Ernie Church, Ken Corbin, David Cruz, Todd Eagle, Josh Herndon, Rachael Herndon, family of Barbara Herndon, Jack Jones, Bob Kretzer, Nancy Pagelsdorf, family of Joan Parks, Vincent Powell, Elaine Simonelli, Connie Thorman, Rev. Bill Stremel, and Rev. Cindy Werner.



### May Birthday Blessings

05/01	Betty Nielsen
05/03	Harold Lengel
05/03	Alex Lindner
05/03	Ron Pagelsdorf
05/05	Doris Bunker
05/06	Jean Bockelman
05/08	Elaine Christensen
05/09	Christopher Adams
05/11	Greg Parker
05/16	Shaun Arner
05/19	Lynn Ash
05/20	Jasmine Smith
05/22	Philip Kratzer Sr.
05/23	Connie Steinhurst
05/23	Llewellyn Wollam
05/24	Brita Tallau
05/25	Barbara Pringle
05/26	Jackie Baudek
05/27	Tina Breeden
05/28	Susan Parker
05/29	Vita Gardella

Notify the church office, if corrections need to be made to the Birthday List.



The Flower Chart is posted in the Narthex. If you would like to have flowers in honor of or in memory of someone please choose the Sunday and sign up. You may put your check for \$20.00 in your offering envelope and indicate that you are paying for flowers. There may be some dates blocked out by Worship and Music, for the Festival Sundays. If someone has already signed up for the date you wanted, please choose a date close to the one you want, or let the church office know you have signed up, so two vases of flowers can be ordered. Flowers are provided by “**Emma’s Flowers.**”



### Eternal Candle

If you would like to provide the **Eternal Candle** you may also sign up on the Flower Chart for the month you wish. The cost is \$5.00 weekly.

### January-April 2016 Stewardship

General Fund	(See Sunday bulletin for current information.)		
Needed each Month	\$11,300	Needed YTD	\$45,200
Received in April	\$11,418	Received YTD	\$50,881
Building Fund			
Needed each Month	\$1,897	Needed YTD	\$7,588
Received in April	\$1,938	Received YTD	\$7,264

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Rachael's Day 1  8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship Pilgrim Journey	2	3  10am Dorcas Circle	4  10am Rachel Circle	5	6  8:30am Property Work Group	7
<b>Mother's Day 8</b>  8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship	9  10am Stephen Ministry Mtg.	10  10am Dorcas Circle  12:00pm Bible Study  2pm Fellowship Mtg.	11  10am Rachel Circle	12	13  8:30am Property Work Group	14  5pm Pot Luck & Bunco Night
<b>Pentecost 15</b>  8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship	16	17  10am Dorcas Circle  12pm Eve Circle  6pm Worship & Music  7pm Council Mtg.	18  10am Rachel Circle	19  12pm Young at Heart Luncheon.	20  8:30am Property Work Group	<b>Armed Forces Day 21</b>  8am-10am Pancake Breakfast  10am WELCA meeting
<b>Trinity Sunday 22</b>  8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship	23	24  10am Dorcas Circle  12:00pm Bible Study	25  10am Rachel Circle	26	27  8:30am Property Meeting  10am-2pm Daily Bread	28  5:30pm Prayer & Praise Worship Pilgrim Journey  6:30pm Pizza & BYOBeverage
29  8:45am Adult Bible Study  10am Worship Pilgrim Journey	<b>Memorial Day 30</b>	31  10am Dorcas Circle				<b>See Sunday Bulletins for details or changes in schedule.</b>