



Mainsail Newsletter

First United Methodist Church

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Dear United Methodist Friends,

When three United Methodists were killed in Munga Dosa, Nigeria, in December 2024, it was the Rev. Eli Sule Yakku, along with other leaders stepped forward to provide leadership and ensure that United Methodists would remain calm and peaceful, while supporting the families and the village.

Rev. Sule was educated at the United Methodist-related Banyam Theological Seminary in Bambur, Nigeria. His education enables him to combine knowledge, faith, and leadership skills to move the church and village forward. It would not have been possible without his education at Banyam.

Together, we have an opportunity, through our generosity, to make a lifesaving, life-changing impact on the church and the world by supporting theological education outside the United States.

We have chosen to be the co-chairs of a worldwide offering on ***Miracle Sunday, May 17, 2026***, that will further the United Methodist vision to create a new generation of outstanding faith leaders outside the United States.

The United Methodist Vision

Our vision is to form disciples of Jesus Christ, who are nurtured by outstanding leaders and empowered by the Holy Spirit to ***love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously*** in their communities and throughout the world.

Together, through a six-week worship and small group series and a worldwide offering, we will further the United Methodist vision as we develop new generations of outstanding leaders through theological education.

A Miracle

It would be significant for us to raise enough money to endow perpetually fifty (50) scholarships. But we believe God wants to do even more by calling us to raise even more pastors with theological degrees—enough to endow perpetually 500 leaders each year, every year. That will take a miracle. We believe God is ready to perform a miracle through The United Methodist Church as we pray, learn, and give together through this historic appeal.

A New Generation of Leaders

In Romania, the compassion and courage of United Methodist pastor Rares Calugar, hundreds of Ukrainian refugees fleeing for their lives are being housed and fed. Our schools form pastors who love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously. This appeal will raise up even more leaders who are prepared to serve in some of the most challenging ministries.

We invite you and your congregation to join us. Together, we will further our bold vision and be a part of God's miracle to raise new generations of educated, outstanding leaders. Begin by praying for God's miracle to be fulfilled in us. Read and use helpful Miracle Sunday resources using the links below to assist you and your congregation in becoming a part of this anticipated miracle on behalf of our United Methodist Church.

Praying and Serving God Toward the Miracle,
Co-Chairs,
Bishop Eben Nhiwatiwa



Leadership Council Meeting

Sunday, May 17@11:30am

Bible Study & Coffee

With Pastor Lindsey
Wednesdays @ 10:00am
Doodles Room

Decoration Day

Rabke United Methodist Church



Sunday, May 3

12:00pm - Picnic Lunch

(Bring your own picnic basket and a blanket or chairs)

2:00pm - Worship Service

Hymn Sing & Potluck



May 31

Breakfast BINGO

May 11 @9:30am

FUMC Fellowship Hall

NO BINGO June, July & August!

United Women of Faith

May 31 @11:30am

Meeting & Potluck

All are Welcome

Church Office Closed



THANK YOU!

May 25

Memorial Day

“We Will Remember Them”

C.A.M.AL. House Community Fan Drive



Donate at the Church Office or Church narthex

Vacation Bible School

June 22-26

9am-12pm

It is not too early to be thinking about VBS, it will be here before you know it.

Contact Pam for more information.



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Ron & Shelly	Brian Howard	Euner Johnson
Wayne Wolf	Wendy McPhearson	Bob Barth
Rev. Wanda Ritchea	Rainey & her son TJ	Pastor Lindsey's Mother
Linda Thamm	Sarah & Earl O'Connor	Carol Rau
Mildred Weldon	Sue & Dale Keaton	Angela O'Connor
Angela Howard		



Shelly Dupnik	
DeVonna Eldridge	2 nd
Leah Barth	3 rd
Desalyn Eldridge	13 th
Robert Barth	26 th
Levi Jones	31 st

David & Betty Farris	10 th
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May Worship Leaders

Date	Liturgist	Ushers
5-3-2026	Tom Cheatham	Volunteers
5-10-2026	Sarah O'Connor	
5-17-2026	Earl O'Connor	
5-24-2026	Colette Barth	
5-31-2026	Hymn Sing & Potluck	

