

# Through the years with Pastor Kevin.....



**Rev Kev has been appointed to a church in Springfield Missouri. His last sermon at HUMC will be Sunday, June 4th. Our loss is their gain!**

**Please join us Sunday, May 21st after Sunday Services to hang out with the Shelton's, sharing in fellowship, laughs and maybe a few tears.**

**Sign up to bring your favorite side dish, casserole, veggies, fruit, or desert. Lunch will be served at noon**

## Happy Birthday To You!

**Cash Orlando 5/04  
Benjamin Yoder 5/05  
Helen Famuliner 5/06  
Eleanor Wathen 5/07  
Pat Tillery 5/07  
Robyn Wright 5/10  
Jim Carter 5/11  
Ethan Eckert 5/12  
Mary Thompson 5/12  
Cynthia Pritchett 5/13  
Marilyn Moreland 5/14  
Diane Patterson 5/17  
Virgil Poisal 5/19  
Carolyn King 5/23  
Debby Mark 5/23  
Josh Orlando 5/23  
Leanne Dickerson 5/25**

**Anniversary wishes go out to:  
Jess & Leanne Dickerson 5/21  
Lane & Ann Hammonds 5/22  
Steve & Kathy Dains 5/26  
Chris & Charla Yoder 5/31  
Ed & Gail Roberts 5/31**

## Prayers

### Church Family

Shirley Anderson  
Jeanette Bartles  
Nancy Cartmill  
Peggy Clum  
Sue Dudley  
Jerry Hayes  
Ernie Johnson  
Charlotte King  
Gloria Luzadder  
Diane Patterson  
Virgil Poisal  
Shirley Howell  
Shirley  
Schimmelpfenning  
Steve Stewart  
Virginia Thomas  
Pat Tillery

### Extended Church Family

Helen Sellberg's  
granddaughter, Allee

### Military Family

Michael Catron  
Charles Hammonds  
Isaiah Smith  
Zachery Tetterts

### Nursing Homes /Assisted Living

Ellen Kew  
Carolyn King  
Walt Bruens  
Joan Moeller  
Helen Familner  
Margaret Skidmore

Sunday School Series for the Children

# HEROIC

Luke 24:6

The first "Appreciation Certificate" was given to Ms. Barbara Bennett.

Miss Barb has a Servant's heart, willing to go above and beyond for our church. Thank you from your family at HUMC!



May 21st during service and with a social time after at 10 we will celebrate our Seniors. If you are a senior please let Karen in the office know or Stephen Buller at [harrisonvilleumc.family@gmail.com](mailto:harrisonvilleumc.family@gmail.com).

We would also like at least 2 pictures, one as an infant and one as a senior, of you to go along with your name on the slide announcement. Karen will need those to her by May 14th.

**A HUGE shout out to all the United Women in Faith and any men that helped with the rummage sale!**

**The amount of items that were brought in is just unbelievable .**

**A lot of time goes into putting on the rummage sale.**

**All proceeds will be going to local areas, where serving the less fortunate is available.**

**The HUMC family express their sincere condolence to the family of Sharon Poisal in the passing of their loved one. May the comfort and peace that come from our Loving God surround you during your season of grief.**

The youth group will be starting their Flamingo fundraiser May 7th. Sign up to flock a friends home by emailing [harrisonvilleumc.family@gmail.com](mailto:harrisonvilleumc.family@gmail.com) or signing up at the table on Sunday mornings

# Flamingos

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\$1/FLAMINGO

\$15/20

\$20/30

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Hello HUMC family,

As I announced in the last newsletter, I have appointed by our Bishop and the Cabinet to serve Campbell UMC in Springfield Missouri beginning in July. It has been an amazing joy for Tammy and I to call HUMC home for the past nine years. We're looking forward to celebrating with you on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, after worship, and a reminder that our last times in sharing worship together will be Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at The Table. Although we will be in the midst of moving to Springfield and preparing the parsonage for Rev. Jon and Denise Spalding to move in, I do want you to know that I will be available by phone call, text, or visit through June 27<sup>th</sup>.

I've just returned from our conference's Right Start workshop in Columbia, and I'd like to share a few guidelines that were shared at that workshop as we enter this time of pastoral transition.

**What will it mean for me to no longer be your pastor?** Simply put, it means that I will be released from the responsibility of preaching, leading, and providing pastoral care for HUMC. It will no longer be appropriate for me to do weddings and funerals at HUMC, and I will not be involved with the future direction of this church. In other words, when pastoral matters arise among you, there is no expectation that I will be involved in it. And when major decisions are to be made regarding the church's future, I will in no way be a part of these discussions.

Though I will no longer be your pastor, we will always continue to be brothers and sisters in Christ. As part of Christ's body, I welcome updates on how you and your family are doing, just as I know you would welcome such news from Tammy and me. But here are some guidelines for discerning what news to share with me, whether in person, by email, or by social media. **1)** Make sure that Rev. Spalding already knows the news you would share with me; **2)** Make sure that the news is of a public nature and already available for general knowledge; **3)** Make sure that the news is not of a confidential nature, such that it would best be kept in the context of a pastor-parishioner relationship. If those three guidelines are met, then I am open to sharing with you the critical life-stage moments that make life so rich and compelling. Simply remember that there should be no expectation that I will respond to you as anything more than a fellow brother in Christ.

All clergy in the United Methodist Church are ordained into a covenant communion, in which we support each other as colleagues in Christ. Rev. Spalding and I will be in conversation together periodically over the months to come, but they will mostly be prompted by his initiative to contact me, rather than my intrusion into his work. The bottom line is that I will do everything I can to ensure Rev. Spalding's successful start as your new pastor, and I will be available to him for whatever he needs. Pastor Spalding is an immensely talented pastor, and is good friend of mine. His appointment at HUMC is a blessing to you.

One of the things I was most grateful for shortly after my arrival as your pastor nine years ago is there was a real interest in making a difference in how we do ministry. "Welcome home," were the first words that I heard from Charlotte King, and all of you have made this a wonderful home for Tammy and I as we've accomplished incredible ministry for the sake of Jesus Christ in Harrisonville. My prayer for you is that you would offer Jon and Denise Spalding that same hospitality and grace to be your next spiritual leader. By pressing on to continue the vision that God has established for us – connecting with the disconnected in a Jesus-centered life - you honor our work over the past nine years.

I am absolutely convinced that God's Holy Spirit will continue to work among you, and that the future of Harrisonville UMC and the Harrisonville community is a bright one indeed. I have been so honored to serve as your pastor. Thank you for sharing life and Jesus with Tammy and me.

In Christ's love, Pastor Kevin

## Coming Up .....

### Worship at **THE TABLE**

Sharing Our Questions on Faith

# HALF TRUTHS



**Wednesday nights 7-8 pm**  
A Place of Spiritual Connection Where All Belong

Located at **The Brick House Coffee Bar & Eatery**  
SE side of the Square 201 E. Wall Street,  
Harrisonville MO

**Donations of snack foods, drinks,  
money and time are still needed and  
appreciated for The Table Worship**



**Help serve at the Food  
Pantry on Friday, 5/19**  
Contact Barb Bennett for  
more details.  
816-680-2920



**Church Beautification**  
**Saturday May 20 @ 9a**  
We are adding color and  
life outside of the church.  
Sign up to help remove and  
plant new shrubs and flow-  
ers.  
Plants and lunch will be  
provided.  
If you have gardening tools  
bring those along.



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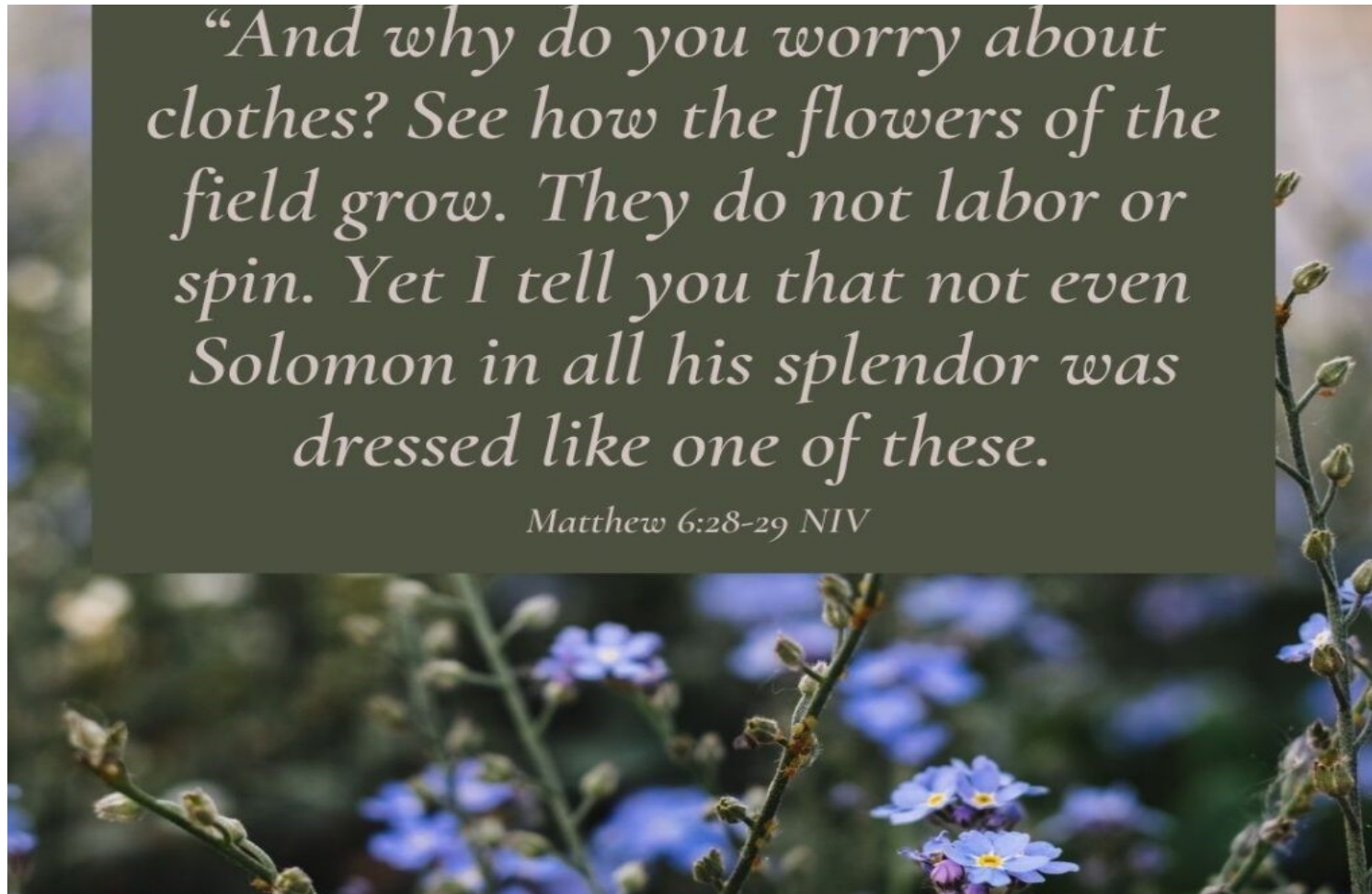
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*“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.*

*Matthew 6:28-29 NIV*



# The HUMC

## May 2023

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