Fern Prairie United Methodist Church May-June 2025 Newsletter



"Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won't He more surely care for you? You have so little faith!" Matthew 6:28-30

Greetings and may the Lord grant you time to meet Him in nature and renew your souls! The Easter celebrations of the risen Christ give us new hope and restored faith in everything that is good. We so desperately need this in uncertain times and when faced with obstacles that can feel insurmountable. Jesus continues to walk beside us and assures us, "Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for Him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern." -Matthew 6:32-33.

Now that Easter celebrations are waning we hope you have received renewed vigor and growth in your spiritual journeys. Our church motto encourages us to resolve to have "open doors, open hearts, and open minds." Let us continue to support each other through worship and prayer. Let us be the shining examples of gratitude, humility and grace that the Lord asks of us.

In regards to past events, we want to send out sincere thanks to all those helping hands that cleaned the church and grounds, decorated, assisted the Easter bunny, and provided beautiful music! We were blessed by the number of people that stopped by our Earth Day Plant and Garden Sale. A number of vendors gifted us with donations, along with some very hardworking church family members. It was a very fun day that resulted in enough proceeds to "pay it forward" to another local person or family in need. If you have suggestions for someone who can

benefit from this please reach out to one of our council members. We hope to identify a recipient in the near future.

We continue to pray for all of you but please let us know if you have specific prayer requests or other needs. Together we strive to be the hands and feet of Christ in our families, communities, and world. God's richest blessings be yours until we meet again, Your church family at Fern Prairie.

Church website: fernprairieunitedmethodistchurch.org Online giving link: https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA35

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

May:

- **3- Saturday** Drop-in church yard clean up day 10:00am-4:00pm
 - *Please bring a sack lunch, gloves, favorite tools, and a big smile!
- **4-** Marilyn leading service

*council meeting following service

- 11- Marilyn and Kathy: A celebration of mentors
- 18- Marilyn leading service
- 25- Rev. Don Shipley, Holy Communion

*church potluck following service

June:

- 8- an interactive service guided by Marilyn
- 15- Kathy leading service
- 22- Guest speaker Doug Wood
- 29- Rev. Keith Hackett, Holy Communion

*church potluck following service