

# Cheltenham United Methodist Church

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# Upcoming EVENTS

**Monday, April 21 – Friday, May 2**  
**Pastor's Vacation**

**Monday, May 5, 2025**  
**Council Meeting 12noon**

**Monday, April 28, 2025**  
**Monday Methodists 9am**  
**Knitting Circle 10am**

**Saturday, May 17, 2025**  
**Spring Fling(Yard Sale)**

**Thursday, May 1, 2025**  
**National Prayer Day – Pray with**  
**Prayer Material 12noon**

# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

in May of 2025

## **Anniversary**

7 Meredith Flippen, Michael and Crystal Reed

12 Jeff and Chiara Griffith

19 Sara and Ryan Windsor

30 Daein and Juyoun (Hong) Park

# ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

in May of 2025

## **Birthday**

3 Leslie Hart

8 Joshua Rawlings

14 Doug House

17 Kaela Rawlings

22 Jimmy Aist

27 Cheryl Johnson

30 Judy Benton

7 Rebekah Rawlings

13 Gaon Park

15 Brenda Bowen

19 Liliana Easter

24 Lucy Easter

29 Clark Aist, Gay Topper

# The Birthday Song

A happy birthday to you  
a happy birthday to you;  
May you feel Jesus near  
every day of the year.  
A happy birthday to you  
a happy birthday to you;  
The best you have ever known!



# GREETING

Come, people of resurrection—  
Christ lives and calls us still.

**Rejoice with every breath and beat, for all  
creation praises the Holy One!**

Christ stood among them, saying, “Peace be with you.”

**Even in doubt, we are met with mercy.**

We are witnesses, like Peter—  
called to obey God rather than fear people.

**Alleluia! Love has conquered! Christ is risen indeed!**

# PRAYER

**Risen Christ, we gather in your peace, breathing in resurrection hope. You meet us behind closed doors, speaking calm into our fear, and showing wounds that heal our doubts. Open our hearts to your Spirit's breath—that we may rejoice with all creation and witness boldly like Peter. Shape our worship with joy, our lives with courage, and our faith with wonder. To you, who was, and is, and is coming—be all praise. AMEN.**

# *Trust and Obey*

UMH 467

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*Music: Daniel B. Towner, 1887*

*Tune: TRUST AND OBEY*

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When we walk with the Lord  
in the light of his word,  
what a glory he sheds on our way!  
While we do his good will,  
he abides with us still,  
and with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

**“Trust and Obey” v.1**

Not a burden we bear,  
not a sorrow we share,  
but our toil he doth richly repay;  
not a grief or a loss,  
not a frown or a cross,  
but is blest if we trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

But we never can prove  
the delights of his love  
until all on the altar we lay;  
for the favor he shows,  
for the joy he bestows,  
are for them who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

Then in fellowship sweet  
we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do,  
where he sends we will go;  
never fear, only trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

A dramatic sunset over the ocean. The sky is filled with vibrant orange, red, and yellow clouds, with a hint of blue at the top. The sun is a bright yellow orb on the horizon, reflecting on the dark water. Several birds are silhouetted against the colorful sky, flying in various directions.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

The background of the entire image is a vibrant sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The sky is filled with streaks of orange, red, and yellow, transitioning into a deep blue at the top. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, reflecting its light on the water's surface. Several birds are silhouetted against the colorful sky, some in flight and others resting on the water.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*Writer: Ken Medema (1973)  
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**“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”**



## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come; thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory forever. Amen.**



# *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

UMH 514

*Words: George Duffield, Jr., 1858 (Eph. 6:10-17)*

*Music: George J. Webb, 1830*

*Tune: WEBB*

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Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
ye soldiers of the cross;  
lift high his royal banner,  
it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory  
his army shall he lead,  
till every foe is vanquished,  
and Christ is Lord indeed.



“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” v.1



Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
the trumpet call obey;  
forth to the mighty conflict,  
in this his glorious day.  
Ye that are brave now serve him  
against unnumbered foes;  
let courage rise with danger,  
and strength to strength oppose.

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” v.2





Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
stand in his strength alone;  
the arm of flesh will fail you,  
ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor,  
each piece put on with prayer;  
where duty calls or danger,  
be never wanting there.



**“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” v.3**



Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
the strife will not be long;  
this day the noise of battle,  
the next the victor's song.  
To those who vanquish evil  
a crown of life shall be;  
they with the King of Glory  
shall reign eternally.



**“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” v.4**

# NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1

Acts 5:27-32 NRSV

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority.

# NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1

Acts 5:27-32 NRSV

**30** The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. **31** God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. **32** And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

# NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2

Luke 19:28-40 NRSV

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



**SERMON**

***Going Viral***

**Minister John Jacobs**

# OFFERTORY “Christ Is Alive” UMH 318

*Music: Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789*

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# DOXOLOGY

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER



# *We've a Story to Tell the Nations*

UMH 569

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*Tune: MESSAGE*

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We've a story to tell to the nations,  
that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy,  
a story of peace and light,  
a story of peace and light.

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.*

**“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” v.1**

We've a song to be sung to the nations,  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil  
and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword.

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.*

**“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” v.2**

We've a message to give to the nations,  
that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us his Son to save us,  
and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love.

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.*

**“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” v.3**

We've a Savior to show to the nations,  
who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
that all of the world's great peoples  
might come to the truth of God,  
might come to the truth of God.

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.*

**“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” v.4**

**+BENEDICTION**

*God Bless*  
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