



The Connection

May 2026

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Millington United Methodist Church

**Our Mission: To Know Christ, and to
Make Him Known**

May Daily Scriptures

- 1—Psalm 37:39
- 2—Ephesians 1:7
- 3—Psalm 62:5-7
- 4—Ephesians 1:4
- 5—Psalm 116: 1-2
- 6—Psalm 23:4
- 7—Colossians 2:10
- 8—Joshua 1:9
- 9—Psalm 147:3
- 10—Psalm 121:1-2
- 11—2 Corinthians 3:5
- 12—Psalm 35:9
- 13—2 Corinthians 5:7
- 14—Hebrews 4:9
- 15—Psalm 138:7
- 16—Psalm 48:14
- 17—2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- 18—Psalm 46:1-2
- 19—Psalm 138:3
- 20—Psalm 84:4
- 21—Ecclesiastes 3:1
- 22—Ecclesiastes 3:11
- 23—Isaiah 54:10
- 24—Psalm 40:2
- 25—Isaiah 43:1
- 26—Psalm 125:1
- 27—Proverbs 8:35
- 28—Jeremiah 29:11
- 29—Jeremiah 17:14
- 30—Isaiah 60:19-20
- 31—Isaiah 43:4

National Days for May

- 1—National School Principals' Day
- 2—National Play Outside Day
- 3—National Fitness Day
- 4—National Weather Observers Day
- 5—National Astronaut Day
- 6—National Teacher Appreciation Day
- 7—National Tourism Day
- 8—National Student Nurse Day
- 9—National Home Front Heroes Day
- 10—National Clean Up Your Room Day
- 11—National Eat What You Want Day
- 12—National Limerick Day
- 13—National Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 14—National Dance Like a Chicken Day
- 15—National Receptionists Day
- 16—Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day
- 17—National Cherry Cobbler Day
- 18—National Visit Your Relatives Day
- 19—National May Day
- 20—National Rescue Dog Day
- 21—National Waitstaff Day
- 22—National Maritime Day
- 23—National Road Trip Day
- 24—National Brother's Day
- 25—National Family Fun Day
- 26—National Missing Children's Day
- 27—National Grape Day
- 28—National Senior Health & Fitness Day
- 29—National Paperclip Day
- 30—National Water a Flower Day
- 31—National Smile Day



- 2—Ashtin Giddings
- 2—Trenton Robinson
- 4—Jackson Henderson
- 5—Cindy Willson
- 6—Cody Roselles
- 12—Bill Colosky
- 13—Marci Stohon
- 14—Willie McCall
- 14—Jonathon Mason
- 16—Bristol Trato
- 17—Carleigh Parker
- 17—Ethan Buccaneer
- 19—Greta Bolton
- 25—Grace Henderson
- 26—Kay Hemingway
- 30—Trisha Love

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Pastor David's Corner

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Time, time, time, time, see what's become of me. As I look around at my possibilities.

Written by Paul Simon, this song describes many of us as we age.

Back in the first week of March, I received a communication from our District Superintendent asking me if I could take on a challenge. That is always something that requires prayer, so I prayed. God again reminded me of the prophet Jonah. I had gone through that lesson before. So, I accepted the challenge presented to me.

SO, starting July 1st, I will once again be the pastor of two churches on a circuit: Millington and Fostoria.

This necessitates an adjustment for both congregations in the time for worship. Millington will begin at 9:30am and Fostoria will begin at 11:00 am. Sunday school times are yet to be established.

It has been a few years (nearly 30) since I was the pastor of two churches, so I will be on a remembrance curve for a while.

I ask for your prayers for Millington and for Fostoria and for me. My body is rebelling and I need God's healing if I am to be effective in this new challenge.

May God's Spirit dwell in us in the days to come.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor David



Finance



Moment

Why Does It Matter That We Give?

Giving changes us inside. Giving moderates our drive for acquisition. We live in a materialistic society that pressures us to pursue many things that do not lead to real happiness. Giving resets our internal compass in the right direction, helping us to draw closer to God.

Giving mirrors God's nature. We are created with God's nature imprinted on our souls; we are hard-wired to be social, compassionate, connected, loving, and generous.

Giving encourages intentionality. The practice of generosity opens us to deeper reflection about wealth and how it relates to our purpose and happiness.

Giving deepens our relationship with God. When we give generously, our beliefs and trust in God rise to tangible form. We become doers of the word and not hearers only. Generosity feeds our love for God.

The practice of generosity stretches us to offer our utmost and highest to God rather than to give in a manner that is haphazard, unplanned, reactive, or mediocre. People who are generous make giving a first priority, and they go the second mile. They do not give from the '*what's left over*' place, but from a '*what comes first*' priority. From "Five Practices of Fruitful Living, by Robert Schnase"⁰⁹¹⁹

We make a living by what we get;
we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill (1874-1965)



Grateful for Those Who Gave All

We remember, O Lord, the men and women who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country. Help us never to breathe the air of freedom, claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship without deep gratitude for those who gave "the last full measure of devotion" for our sake.

May they now know the peace of eternity and the joy of your presence. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Things to Know.....

Finance meeting
Monday, May 4th
5pm

Church Council meeting
Monday, May 4th
6pm

Dear Members and Friends of Millington United Methodist Church:

As Chairperson of the Leadership Team/Staff Parish Relations Committee, I wish to announce to you the appointment of Rev. David Collins, as our pastor to Millington and Fostoria United Methodist Churches effective July 1, 2026.

District Superintendent, Rev. John G. Kasper, on behalf of Bishop David Bard, who set this new appointment, met with the Leadership Team this past week to inform us of this appointment. We are excited about the spirit, gifts, and abilities that Pastor David will bring to our sister church and for the possibilities of collaboration and shared ministry we might have together.

Please hold Pastor David and both congregations in prayer during the transition. Pray, too, for the whole Cabinet, including Bishop David Bard, as they continue to meet, pray, and discern God's will in the appointment-making process.

Trusting God's amazing grace, Christ's faithful love, and the presence and power of the Holy Spirit as we move into the future.

Serving Christ with you,

*Leadership Team/Staff Parish Relations Committee Chair
Millington United Methodist Church*

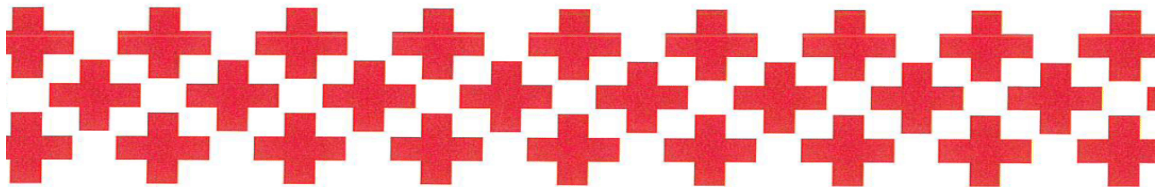
Coming Soon:

We will be having an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, May 21st from noon to 5:45 pm. If you know anyone that is eligible and willing to donate, please let them know the details. To Pre-Register, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

You can save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass (sponsor code: MILLComm) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



The Taste of Our Words

I try to watch the words I say,
And keep them soft and sweet;
For I don't know from day to day,
Which ones I'll have to eat.



An Unusual Answer to a Mother's Prayer

Linda Jo Peters of Terre Haute, Indiana, felt her "worry button" get pushed when her daughter, Esther, called from college with an unexpected plan. Esther explained she wanted to go camping alone in a park in southern Illinois. She needed quiet time to think and asked her mother for Bible verses to read as she prayed about her future.

Linda knew Esther felt strongly about going, even if it made her uneasy. After the call ended, Linda dropped to her knees and began what she later called "a dialogue with God." She closed her prayer with a simple surrender: "I guess you want me on my knees that weekend."

And that is exactly where she stayed.

The morning after Esther's first night at camp, she called home. She was safe, she said, and no one had come near her tent. All night long, however, a skunk had wandered nearby, circling the campsite.

Later, Linda reflected on the moment with quiet confidence. "There was no way anyone with evil intent would have approached Esther's tent," she wrote, "while the power of prayer, in the form of a black-and-white critter, was circling it."

Everyday Wisdom for the Journey

A real friend is one who walks in, when the rest of the world walks out.
—Walter Winchell

The best inheritance a mother can leave her children is a Christian example.

The secret of my success is that at an early age I discovered that I was not God.
—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Doing the tough things today prepares us for the big things tomorrow.
—Zig Ziglar

Don't keep God in a box; include him at the table.
—Focus on the Family

Sooner or later, we all quote our mothers.

May 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	4 5pm Finance mtg. 6pm Church Council Mtg.	5	6	7 National Day of Prayer 	8	9 12 Noon-Amish/Mennonite Millington Christian Fellowship Widows' Luncheon
10 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 	11	12	13	14 Ascension of the Lord 	15	16 
17 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	18 Victoria Day (Canada)	19	20	21 American Red Cross Blood Drive  MHS Commencement 	22	23
24 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Day of Pentecost	25  	26	27	28	29	30
31 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Trinity Sunday	American Red Cross Blood Drive May 21, 2026 Noon to 5:45 pm Please Pre-Register at 800-733-2767					

A Note from Barb...

It gets to be this time of the year, and we start thinking about the flowers we get to plant, the hummingbirds coming back, garage sales, Mother's Day, and Graduation.

Graduation marks both an ending and a beginning. As we celebrate students stepping into new seasons of their lives, we can give thanks for the growth, perseverance and calling that God has placed in their lives. May we surround our graduates with prayer, reminding them that God goes before them and walks with them wherever the journey leads.

Having a grandson who is graduating this year (I can't believe it!) I can only pray that he, who is the author of his own story, will make good decisions and choices and will make his story a really great one!



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