

Cayce United Methodist Courier



May 2026

Cayce United Methodist Church

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Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

Staff

Rev. Tom Wall
Senior Pastor

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Mrs. Debbie McDonald
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Mrs. Cynthia Hutchison
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Ms. Kathryn Williams
Hand Bell Choir Director

Ashley Wise
Nursery Coordinator

Rev. Sam Harmon
Pastor Emeritus

Pastor Reflections:

How easy it is to give in to cynicism and despair in a time when it seems that so much is falling apart. When life falls apart our faults and brokenness are even more exposed, but the gospel truth is that this state of dis-repair and falling-apart need not be a dead end. Through trust and faith in God, in fact, a new beginning can happen. Jesus on several occasions talks about his own suffering, death and subsequent resurrection. He teaches that "unless a grain of wheat falls into the soil and dies then it cannot bear fruit." The Christian view of human life is that there is life followed by death and then resurrection (new life). This happens on a personal level but also on a societal, corporate and even global level. Others have called this universal pattern- "order, disorder, reorder".(Rohr)- the Pascal Mystery. It happens to the Church.

It does seem that while these stages happen all at once in many different contexts, we are heavily into the falling apart, death, disorder phase. Racial injustice, economic inequality, climate and environmental catastrophe, AI threat, war in many places, hyper-partisanship- have come to dominate in this period. While these negatives are not God's will, they are, nevertheless, part of the ways in which God can use everything for our good and for the good of all creation. It is inevitable that things will fall apart for us at some point. Our little deaths (sin, rejection, failure, broken relationships, etc.) and these big upheavals can be a preparation for something very good-something more wonderful than we could have planned or predicted. Our stance is to align ourselves with God and also to let go of our small and self-serving agendas. Stand in our suffering (Don't run from it.) and face the reality of our need for grace (God's working) so that we can be open to the new and wonderful possibilities that God has for us. The apostle Paul saw it clearly. "I consider the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us." (Romans 8)

Yes, things are falling apart! Is our life falling apart? That's ok! In fact, that is good because perhaps now we will be more open to God's ways and wisdom. It does not have to be a malignancy. Trust God and allow suffering and the little deaths to become a pregnancy and experience a new birth of joy and hope.

Before the day ends, spend some time in silence in God's presence and simply say. "God, I trust you. Take all of me and my life- the good and the bad, the dark and the light, the sadness and the despair- and make something beautiful, as only you can." Breathe in deeply. Breathe in God and say, "Thank you, Loving One."

Blessings, Tom

VBS

Spaghetti

Dinner

Fundraiser



Sunday, May 17th
Following Worship

Dear Church Family,

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the congregation and Pastor Tom for all the calls, texts, cards, visits and food during Jeff's recent hospital and rehab stay. A special thank you to Room 32 for all their love and support. It means so much to be a part of a church with a very BIG HEART. Thank you!

With love,

Jeff & Cynthia Hutchison



CARD CONNECTION!

Please remember our Senior Saints with a card and a note! A big Thank You to those of you who have sent cards. Thanks for adding a note of cheer to someone's day. It makes their day to receive these cards and notes.

Prayer List



At Home Members: Elisa Williams, Lavern Shull, Cindy Davis, David Hill, BJ Williams, Harold & Gayle Byrd, Libby Clarkson, Sam & Anne Harmon, Tommy & Imogene Rivers, Mona Saylor.

Members in Care Facilities: Pat Flowers, Evelyn Coggins, Jackie Smith, Lila Lancaster, Ann Diamond

Other Members and Friends who need our prayers: Dixie Dugan (Susan Dugan's mother), Jeff Hutchison, Andy Gambrell (Janis Ouellette's dad), JoAnne Culler (friend of Linda Edmonds), Kandi Pietrowitz Perry (daughter of Bill & Arleen Pietrowitz), Becca Clark, Patti Francis, Leila & Eddie Redleaf, Alice Stewart, Joyce Corn, Page Merrill (Judy Pooser's niece), Christian Browning (student of Camille Jones), Wayne Turnipseed, Lewis Tankersley (friend of Christie Watts), Kaleb Grounsell (relative of Debbie McDonald), Peter Terry, Linda Medina (Sabrina Williams' sister).

Members in Military: Ryan Vassey, Brett Brazell, Sarah Ouellette

Names will remain on our Prayer List for one month.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Week of 3/16/2026

Weekly Budget Needs	\$6,730.77
Received 3/16/2026	\$2,385.07
Surplus/Deficit	\$(4,345.70)
Year to Date Prorated Budget	\$74,038.47
Year to Date Budget Giving	\$68,474.27
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(5,564.20)
Actual Received to Date	\$68,474.47
Actual Expenses to Date	\$61,074.74
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$7,399.53

ONLINE GIVING

We are pleased to inform you that our church now offers a convenient QR code option. By simply scanning this code using your phone's camera, you will be directed to our church giving website.

**MENS BIBLE REFLECTION & PRAYER GROUP**

The Wild and Wise Path of God (for men). Calling all men of Cayce UMC (and their friends) Let me invite you to a time of bible reflection and prayer every other Wednesday at 6am-6:40 am. (To begin with) Men and women are very similar but also different. Men seem to be reluctant to jump into the spiritual life with both feet. Maybe there is some nuance or perspective that is needed. So let's come together as brothers, young and old, to work on our spiritual lives. Let's find encouragement and instruction for our unique journeys. Let's make a start. Bring some curiosity and courage. Wednesday, Nay 6th, 6am in Chambers Hall. The coffee pot will be on.



05/08 Matt & Caroline Bridges

05/18 Bobby & Frankie Wingard

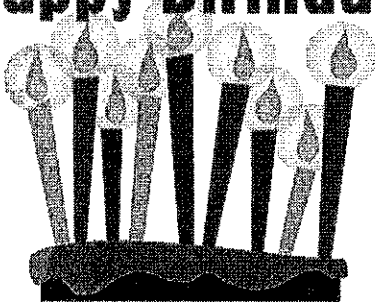
05/12 Jimmy & Linda O'Dell

05/21 Charles & Katty Hite

5/18 Tom & Jane Wall

05/30 Harold & Gayle Byrd

Happy Birthday!



05/01 Danny Brazell

05/01 Camille Jones

05/01 Kimberly Neely

05/02 Jim Coelho

05/04 Frank Rogers Jr.

05/04 Billy Romanstine Jr.

05/07 Angelo Davis

05/08 David Hill

05/08 Brett Brazell

05/10 Beth Cooler

05/10 Jeff Temples

05/10 Arleen Neely

05/11 Emily Hutchison

05/11 Hunter Scurry

05/13 Marlene Simons

05/14 Marilyn Livingston

05/14 Mary Alice Coker

05/15 Anna Schafer

05/17 Larry Yobs

05/17 Harlan Schafer

05/18 Jon Morris

05/18 Sara Johnson

05/19 Barbara Glenn

05/21 Carole Ann Coggins

05/22 Linda O'Dell

05/23 Sallie McDonald

05/26 Rhoda Bigham

05/26 Nina Shealy

05/27 Mona Saylor

05/27 Emma Edmonds

05/28 Cindi Sharpe

05/28 Jane Wall

05/28 Blair Wilson

05/30 Harold Byrd

05/30 Roy Elrod

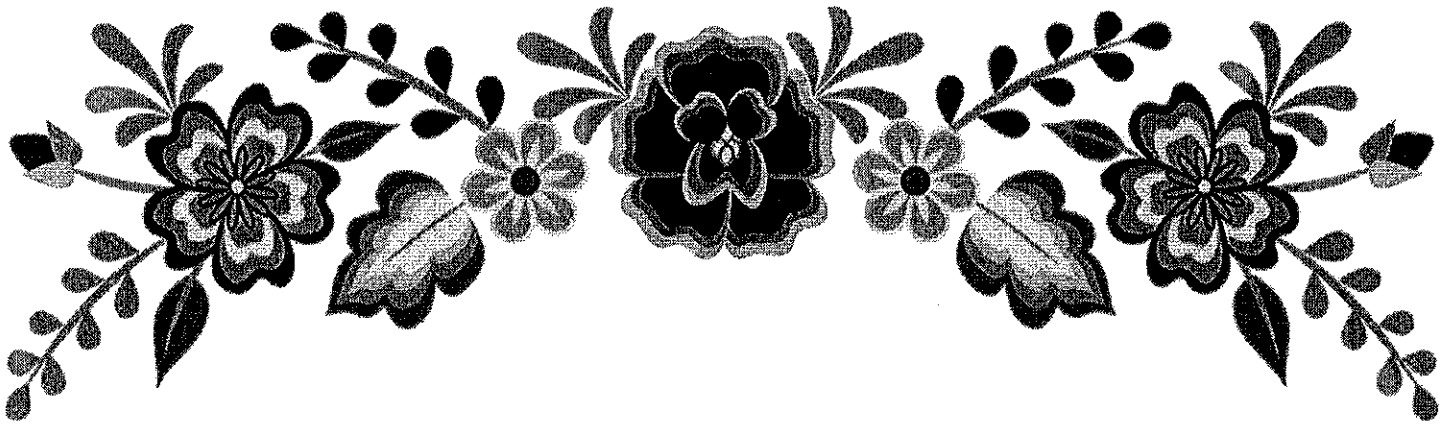
05/31 Marshall Cook

05/31 Azalea Castillo

ATTENTION GRADUATES

Graduation Sunday will be **May 31st**, when our graduates will be recognized during our worship service. If you are a **2026 graduate**, please notify the church office with your name and graduating school.





Please join us for a Reception

Honoring

Reverend Tom Wall

for his retirement

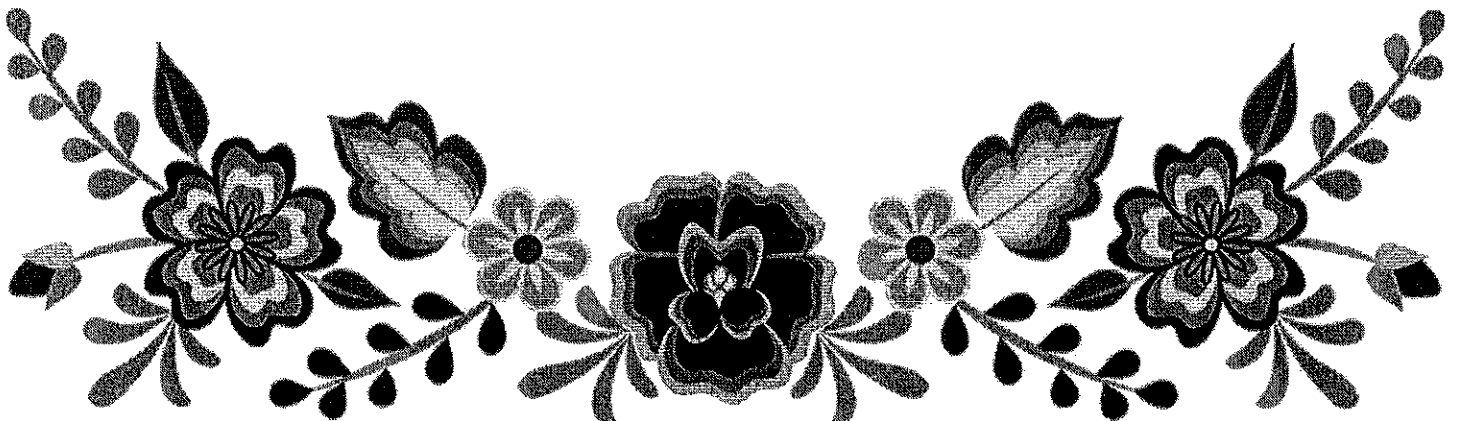


*Given by Cayce United Methodist Church
on Sunday, June 14th, in Chambers Hall*

immediately following the

10:30 Worship Service.

Light refreshments will be served.



NEEDED FOR GOD'S HELPING HANDS

May

**Pasta Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Peas, Juice,
Oatmeal, Breakfast Cereals**

Volunteers Needed!

Debbie McDonald is taking a well deserved leave of absence from her Pastoral Assistant position during June & July. Our church is in need of volunteers to help serve CUMC's homebound members and Senior Saints until Debbie resumes her position in August.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to take flowers to homebound members, visit folks in their homes and in the hospital, and just show our congregation's love to those most in need.

If you feel led to serve in this way, please send your name and contact information to Cynthia Hutchison at cayceumcoffice@gmail.com so she can create a volunteer list.

Thank you for assisting with this very special and important ministry.

ECUADOR TRIP

Cayce UMC is again partnering with Washington Street and Platt Springs UMC for our mission trip to Ecuador. There we will have a medical and dental clinic and pharmacy. We will also test eyes and offer reading classes. We will help with the construction of a new church building and community center. We will also have a VBS for the children. We are fund raising for medical and dental supplies and reading glasses. Any monetary contribution toward medical and dental and optometry supplies is greatly appreciated. Last year we served nearly 2000 people free of charge in the clinics. Checks can be made out to Cayce UMC and noted "Ecuador mission"

MAY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri 1	Sat 2
3 9:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Worship	4	5	6	7 11:00 Missions Meeting	8 Church Office Closed	9
10 9:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Worship	11 6:00 pm SPRC	12 6:00 Trustees	13	14	15 Church Office Closed	16
17 9:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Worship	18	19	20 6:30 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir	21	22 Church Office Closed	23
24 9:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Worship	25 Memorial Day Church Officer Closed	26	27 6:30 Handbells 7:00 Adult Choir	28	29 Church Office Closed	30
31 9:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Choir Practice 10:30 am Worship Graduation Sunday						

This calendar can also be found on our website @ cayceumc.com

USHERS

May 3
Judy Hutchinson
Barney Lindley

May 10
Diane Rollison
Ben Taylor

May 17
Debbie McDonald
John Whitaker

May 24
Allyson Smith
Gene Dawkins

May 31
Youth

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

May

David & Janis Ouellette
Diane Rollison & Zollie Miles



AV TECHS

May 3
Lisa Fisher

May 10
Elliot Bridges
Dylan Bridges

May 17
Cynthia Hutchison

May 24
Elliot Bridges
Dylan Bridges

May 31
Matt Bridges

NURSERY HELPERS

May 3
Brandi Taylor

May 10
Caroline Bridges

May 17
Courtney Hudson

May 24
Jane Wall

May 31
Christie Watts

ACOLYTES

May 3
Ari LaRosa

May 10
Evelyn Sellers

May 17
Nate Cobb

May 24
Brylee Gunter

May 31
Aubrie Cobb

TRUSTEES OF THE MONTH

May

Steve Wichmann

ALTAR FLOWERS
Altar flowers are available for Sundays in

May 2026

May 3 - both vases

May 10 - one vase

May 17 - both vases

May 31 - one vase



If you would like to donate flowers, you may enter your name on the Flower Calendar posted across from the church office, call us at 794-3200 or email us at cayceumcfice@gmail.com.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



SUNDAY MORNING

9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship
Online at CayceUMC.com

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



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