

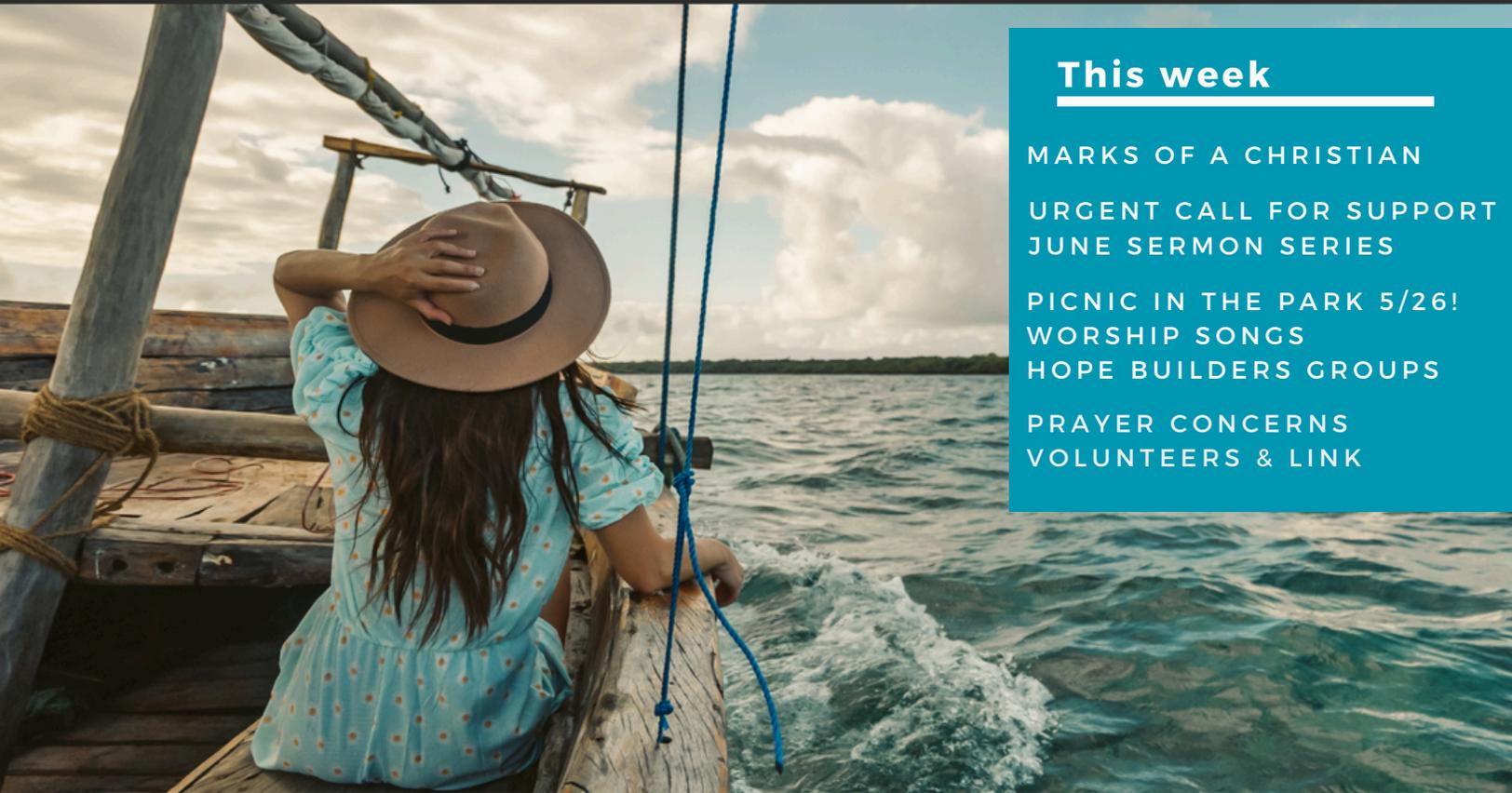


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MARKS OF A CHRISTIAN

by Pastor Eric

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*“The wind blows where it wishes,
and you hear its sound, but you do
not know where it comes from or
where it goes. So it is with everyone
who is born of the Spirit.”*

John 3:8

Sunday, we celebrated Pentecost from Acts 2. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit poured out as a flame of fire and tongues of fire lit on every disciple. This moment was the birth place of the Church. We will be talking about the need of the Holy Spirit for the church to be a real church. Lack of the Holy Spirit deflates a church to just a gathering of ideas.

As we turn to our new series, “We are the Body,” let’s look at John Wesley’s sermon, “Marks

of New Birth,” based on John 3:8. Specifically, Mr. Wesley lifts up the last sentence of the verse: “So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” How is it with those born of the Spirit?

In other words, what are the “marks” of one born of the Spirit, or those of a true Christian? Some would say they follow the ten commandments. Some would say they have specific spiritual gifts. Others might say a true Christian loves by accepting everyone’s personal truth (especially dangerous!). All of these fall short.

In Wesley’s sermon, he explains the marks of new birth: “It is so to love God, who hath thus loved you, as you never did love any creature: so that ye are constrained to love

all men as yourselves; with a love not only ever burning in your hearts, but flaming out in all your actions and conversations, and making your whole life one ‘labour of love’, one continued obedience to those commands, ‘Be ye merciful, as God is merciful;’ ‘Be ye holy, as I the Lord am holy;’ ‘Be ye perfect, as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.’” In summary, Wesley, says the best marks are faith, hope, and love as the marks of one born of the Spirit! He calls Methodists to strive (with the assistance of the Holy Spirit), to fully grow up into faith, hope, and love.

Remember these marks as we talk about the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church. May you be Spirit-filled and blessed.

HIGHLIGHTS

URGENT CALL FOR SUPPORT

Kenya Faces Devastating Floods

In recent weeks, countries in East Africa have been grappling with a severe flooding crisis, leaving communities across the region in turmoil. From the bustling streets of Nairobi to remote villages across the country, Kenya has faced the brunt of the relentless rains and rising rivers that have caused widespread damage and displacement.

Over 150,000 people across the region have been forced to flee their homes, with the death toll rising as rainfall continues. Kenyan President William Ruto's recent directive to evacuate homes along rivers underscores the gravity of the situation. Many living in poverty in these areas are particularly vulnerable, with inadequate housing offering little protection against the elements.

In Nairobi's Muthare slum, home to Huruma Tent of Prayer, a congregation of the Global Methodist Church, families are facing unprecedented challenges as floodwaters inundate their homes and livelihoods. GM Church leaders in the Kenya-Ethiopia Provisional Annual Conference are doing all they can to assist those in need of shelter, food, and clothing.

"We stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Africa during this challenging time. The GM Church is committed to providing practical support and assistance to those affected by the devastating floods," stated Pastor Linda Davis, Chair of the Disaster Relief Taskforce of the GM Church. "Together, with our partners and the global community, we will work tirelessly to alleviate suffering and rebuild lives the best we can as part of the mission of the GM Church."

The urgency of the situation calls for immediate action. The GM Church is rallying support to aid those affected by the floods. Financial contributions are urgently needed to provide shelter, food, and medical assistance to those in need.

Resources donated will be directed to places of greatest need by the Kenya-Ethiopia Provisional Annual Conference Disaster Relief Team.

Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with all those who are suffering as a result of this crisis. **To join in supporting this crucial cause please make your check out to One Hope Church including on the memo line: "Disaster Relief - General"**. All gifts received will be sent in one payment to the Global Methodist Church. Thank you!



JUNE SERMON SERIES

We Are the Body

1 Corinthians 12:1-14:12

The Church is an amazing and perplexing association. The Greek "ecclesia," which we render as "church," refers to a public gathering of people, normally for an exchange of ideas, which sounds very ancient Greek indeed! The Church only exists by the power of God. With the manifestation of the Holy Spirit, the Church is a gathering to share the Truth and share life as the body of Christ. If the Holy Spirit is extracted from the Church, it crumbles to simply an assembly for sharing ideas and opinions. Following the celebration of Pentecost, **One Hope will explore 1 Corinthians 12:1-14:12**. Join us as we seek to move in the Spirit, so we are empowered to be the body of Christ in the world today.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

It's time to celebrate! We're having a potluck Picnic in the Park on Sunday, May 26, immediately after worship. We will be in shelter 1 at Meadowbrook Park, 9101 Nall Avenue, Prairie Village, KS 66207, just north of the church. We hope everyone can join us.

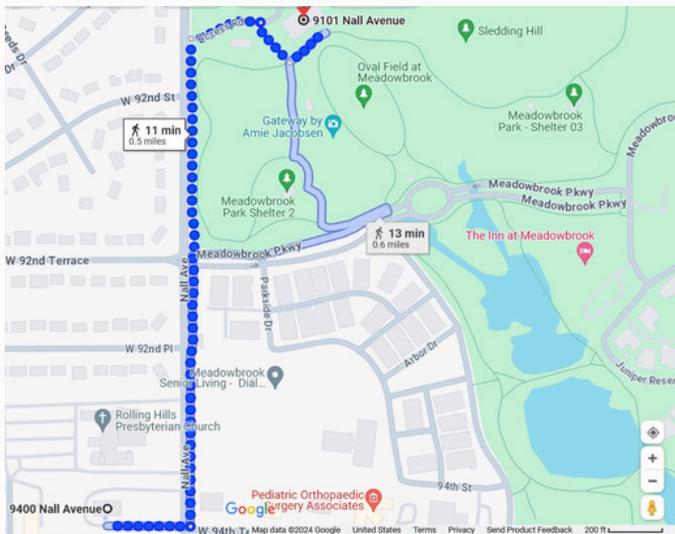


Meadowbrook Park Shelter 1

- 7 tables (1 accessible), seating for 42
- Accessible parking and pathway to shelter
- 1 charcoal grill
- Electricity
- Drinking fountain
- Restroom nearby
- Playground nearby

The church will provide the plates, silverware, cups, napkins, and beverages. We've setup an online signup for main dishes, side dishes, and desserts.

[Signup here!](#)



Map to the park

WORSHIP SONGS

Opening Song

[Holy Spirit](#)

Worship Song

[What a Beautiful Name](#)

Song of Response

[He Is Lord](#)

Hymnal #268

HOPE BUILDERS GROUPS



Hope Builders Groups are where we share our joys and challenges in our faith walk. Learn more about the structure of these groups. Read [The Class Meeting](#) by Kevin Watson. **You can check out a copy from the One Hope Church Library on Sundays.**

Click the link below to sign up for a group.

[Link to interest form](#)

VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to everyone for continuing to share your time and talent for our activities on Sunday. Your participation is greatly appreciated by all who attended One Hope Church.

Volunteer Opportunities include Fellowship Time - Coffee or Treats, Hospitality, Tech Team, Prayers & The Lord's Prayer, Prayer Group, Music, Children's Church, and Clean Up.

Access the signup form:

[Sunday Volunteers](#)

May 26

Fellowship Time - Coffee & Treats

Michelle G.

Hospitality

Michelle G.

Prayer Group

Earl & Sue S., Randall S., Bill F.

Tech - Audio

John C.

MAY BIRTHDAY

It's a joy to have reasons to celebrate and we'd like to add a new "twist". Instead of just celebrating the person we hope everyone will use this list as a reminder to pray for others in the church.

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Collin R.

PRAYER CONCERNS

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."
~ *Philippians 4:6*

Prayers for:

East Africa Flood Recovery

Heartland Provisional Annual Conference area (Ardmore, Sulphur, & Marietta, OK) affected by tornadoes

Texas Panhandle wildfires recovery

Beth L., broken shoulder, Lisa S. sister

Carolyn E., broken femur and fingers

Jenna R., breast cancer, friend of Michelle G.

Lisa W., diagnosed with ALS, Bill F.'s niece

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Heartland Global Methodist Church Annual Conference, May 30 - June 1

Global Methodist Church

Convening General Conference 9/20-9/26/24 San Jose, Costa Rica

Israel & Ukraine

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Prayer | 8:30am

Worship | 9:00am

Children | 9:15am

Fellowship | 9:50am

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