



# Greene Street United Methodist Church



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*To all who are weary and need rest; To all who are burdened and need relief; To all who are lonely and need friends; To all who are looking for something that only God can provide; To all who sin and need a Savior; To whosoever will come, this church opens its doors, and in the name of Jesus Christ says, "Welcome!"*

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

**May 17, 2015**

**Liturgical Color: White**

Opening Music

Welcome and Announcements (10 Minutes before the hour)

Chimes (on the Hour)

Hymn of Fellowship "Awesome God" No. 2040  
After Singing Greet Those around You

Centering Prayer

\*Hymn of Praise: "Forever" No. 3023  
Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us Pray.

### Congregational Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

During our prayer time, the worship leader will allow a few moments so that names may be lifted from the congregation. After the name is lifted, the leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy," and you are invited to respond by saying, "Hear our prayer".

### Congregational Prayer Chorus

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

Anthem Chancel Choir

Time with the Children

Prayer of Illumination "Open Our Ears" No. 2086

### Serving God By Our Service, Our Prayers, Our Presence, Our Gifts, And Our Witness.

#### OUR SERVICE

Ministers: All the Congregation  
Pastor: Rev. David Anderson  
Secretary: Detra Pennington  
Director of Music: Julie Dinkins  
Trustee: Henry Heise  
Greeter: Nathan and Stephanie Crowe  
PPRC Rep: Pam Fogle  
Nursery: Volunteer Needed  
Reader: Maggie Cole

#### OUR PRESENCE

**Attendance on 5/10/15**  
**Sunday school...25**  
**Worship....31**

#### OUR GIFTS

**From 5/10/15**  
**Budget receipts last week**  
**\$1,798.00**

#### BY OUR PRAYERS

Craig Norton	Mallory Lucas	Margaret Latimer	Curtis Drake	Mac McLendon
Kim Gordon	Dylan Wood	Ginny Herring	Katie Rhodes	David Baker
Allison Williams	Kimberly Price	Sara Duncan	Marilyn Biernaski	Melissa McNeill
Kay Strickland	Diane McDougall	Christi S. Corley	Mable Norton	Temmy McLendon
Merita S. Koening	Bobby Price, Sr	Bobby Price, Jr.	Glenn Higgins	Mae Blume

#### The Nursing Home & Rehab

Jerry Kittrell@Robin's Residential Care Sara Jane Hoffmann@Uni Health Post Acute Care- PH # 382-2385  
Louise Hallman—National Health Care –Room 331

#### OUR WITNESS

##### This Week at Greene Street Sunday, May 17, 2015

9:15 am—Gathering  
9:45 am—Sunday School  
11:00 am—Worship Service  
Admin. Council Meeting after morning service

##### Wednesday, May 20, 2015

7:00 pm — Choir Practice

##### Thursday, May 21, 2015

11:00 am—Farm Boy's BBQ in Chapin  
"Sparkplugs"

#### OUR WITNESS

##### Next Week at Greene Street

##### Sunday, May 24, 2015

9:15 am—Gathering  
9:45 am—Sunday School  
11:00 am—Worship Service

##### Wednesday, May 27, 2015

6:00 pm—Bible Study  
7:00 pm—Choir Practice

#### OFFICE INFORMATION

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Closed on Fridays



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## Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2015

New Testament Lesson:		Acts 1:1-11
Psalter Lesson:	Psalm 47	UM781
Epistle Lesson		Ephesians 1:15-23
*Hymn of Preparation	“In Christ Alone”	No. 3105
Gospel Lesson		Luke 24:44-53 John 17:20-26
Morning Message	“The Ascension of Our Lord”	Pastor David Anderson
*Affirmation of Faith	“Apostle’s Creed”	No. 881
Offering God’s Tithes, Ourselves and our Gifts		
*The Doxology		No. 94
	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ Whose Power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</i>	
*Hymn of Dedication	“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”	No. 175
Benediction:		
Musical Benediction Response:	“As A Fire Is Meant for Burning”	vs. 3 No. 2237
	As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed, So may we be signs of oneness ‘mid earth’s peoples many hued. As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone, May our lives reflect the radiance of God’s new and glorious dawn.	
*Postlude		

*\*You are invited to stand if you are able.*

*\*\* (The altar is always available for you to come and to spend some time in prayer with God during the closing song.)*

### From David’s Desk:

**In the Revised Common Lectionary, this Sunday is traditionally called Ascension Sunday. This is a recognition of the Ascension of Jesus back to the Father after his period of instruction of his disciples following his death and resurrection. During this time Jesus gave instructions such as charging us with continuing His ministry on earth.**

**There is a cartoon going around that depicts the ascension of Jesus. In this cartoon, Jesus is ascending into heaven and one of the disciples is saying “Where ? Where? I can’t see Him!” The caption is “Ascension Deficit Disorder”. At first I chuckled when I read that cartoon, then after some thought I realized that the cartoon depicts our dilemma here. So often we get carried away with the activities of “church” as an institution or a building, that we fail to realize that the church is us, wherever we are. We cannot see Jesus because the activities and maintaining are too much of an effort that we overlook the real purpose of what we are to be about.**

**Jesus taught us during those forty days between his resurrection and his ascension that we are to be about “Making Disciples” for him. Our Methodist Church’s mission statement is “To make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.”**

**When we do that then we always can see Jesus in all we meet and others can see Jesus in us. Great way to avoid “Ascension Deficit Disorder”!**

**In the Grip of His Grace,  
Pastor David+**



May 18—Nathan Crowe  
May 21—Jared Madison  
May 23—Shane Wiles

Please contact the church office if you have anybody graduating from high school or college.  
Thanks!



Bible Study will NOT meet  
Wednesday, at 6:00 pm

Please see an usher if you did not get your Mother’s Day present last week.

We will be recognizing our senior citizens on Sunday, May 31, 2015

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, the lovely flowers and cards during my recent surgery.

Love,  
Melissa McNeill



The Sparkplugs will visit Farm Boys BBQ in Chapin on Thursday, May 21st at 11:00 am. Please see Mae Blume for more info 787-2871