

April

April Events

- 7th 8:30 AM UMW Breakfast
- 11th- Fellowship Hall
- 12th Clean-up
- 12th 5:30 PM SPRC Meeting
- 16th 7:00 PM Medicare Seminar
- 17th 6:00 PM Finance Committee
- 21st 12:15 PM Church Council
- 1:00 PM Worship Committee
- 28th 8:00 AM UMM Breakfast
- 10:55 AM Men's Service

Anniversaries:

- 12th Steve & Carole Maennle
- 14th Bob & Sue Miller

Weekly Events

Sundays:

- Sunday School 9:45 AM
- Worship Service 10:55 AM
- Stone Soup 4:30 PM

Wednesdays:

- Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday
9 AM – 12 NOON

Birthdays:

- 3rd Ann Steele
- 9th Bick Bickerstaff
- 11th Lori Tribble
Wilma Smith
- 13th Ora Lee Sossamon
- 16th Paul Beaudry
- 17th Jeremy Cochran
Roland McGregor
- 23rd Roxanne Olaisen
Kayla Reece
- 24th Ruth Moody

THE UPPER ROOM

DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Thoughts about God's Love:

Each person we meet needs to be reassured of God's love. – Apr. 9

Stop struggling and allow God to love you. – Apr 25

Don't forget to pick-up your free copy of The Upper Room in the narthex or back hall.

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The Easter Cross



Enjoy a few of our favorite photos from **March**
Want more photos? [See More](#) online.



Memo from the Midbar



Casting Our Nets

This week's lectionary text from John 21:1-19 includes the story of the post-resurrection disciples going back to what they knew best before following Jesus. They went back to Galilee, pushed off in one of their old boats and went fishing.

It probably seemed like a good idea at the time. They had lost the leader whom they had been sure was the Messiah. Then after Jesus' death, they had spent most of their time in hiding from the authorities

that they knew would surely come for them.

But Jesus had been the one to find them, locked in a room, scared out of their wits and seemingly without hope of a future.

After this exhausting ordeal, who would blame them for needing a vacation? Even if it was a working one. Maybe, they thought, it would be easier to fish for *fish*, and not men. But it seemed that the fish weren't biting that day.

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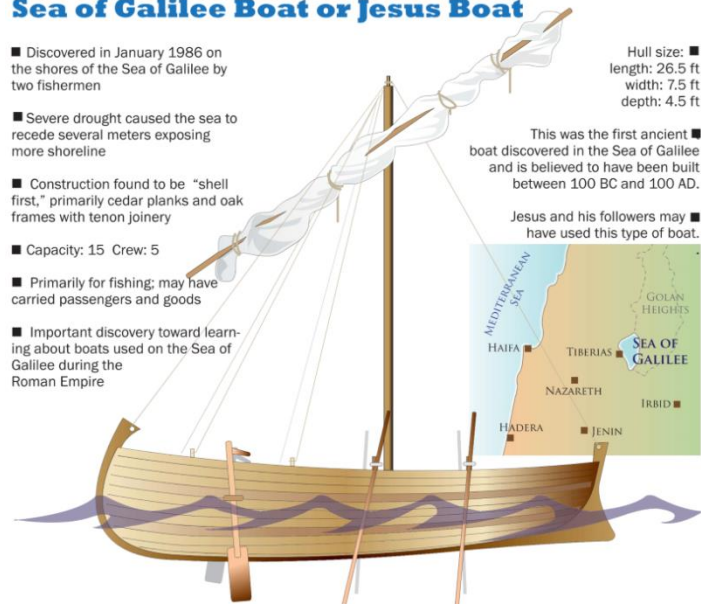
Sea of Galilee Boat or Jesus Boat

- Discovered in January 1986 on the shores of the Sea of Galilee by two fishermen
- Severe drought caused the sea to recede several meters exposing more shoreline
- Construction found to be "shell first," primarily cedar planks and oak frames with tenon joinery
- Capacity: 15 Crew: 5
- Primarily for fishing; may have carried passengers and goods
- Important discovery toward learning about boats used on the Sea of Galilee during the Roman Empire

- Hull size: length: 26.5 ft width: 7.5 ft depth: 4.5 ft

This was the first ancient boat discovered in the Sea of Galilee and is believed to have been built between 100 BC and 100 AD.

Jesus and his followers may have used this type of boat.



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Church News

Church Council

The Church Council has recently approved renovations for the Fellowship Hall and work is underway with the end in sight! We uncovered a surprisingly lovely mural that has been photographed with intention to show it somehow in our new digs. The kitchen now has two doors and the trashcans have a spot that is more aesthetically pleasing.

Staff/Parish

The Staff/Parish Relations Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 12 at 5:30pm.

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will be meeting on Sunday, April 24th immediately following the scheduled Church Council meeting.

We will be evaluating input from each member who are working on an assignment of our

worship service as if they were a first time visitor.

We welcome input from anyone who would like to make suggestions on how/if we can improve our worship service. Add something? Eliminate something? Rearrange order of worship? We will carefully consider any/all suggestions.

You can send your suggestions to the Chair, Wilma Reppert, at wreppert@gmail.com or tell any other member of the committee: Wayner, Ralph Murphy, Penny Brandt, Terry Cotton, Shirley Waters, Pam Jarrett or Carole Maennle.

UM Men

The next UMM breakfast will be Sunday, April 28 at 8am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a UMM Service on Sunday, April 28. Please see Sam Brandt to help.

Finance Committee

The finance committee will be meeting at 6pm on April 17.

Casting Our Nets *Cont.*

Then a "stranger" on shore shouted to them from the shore. "Throw your nets on the other side of the boat!" he said. I've heard of backseat drivers but shore-side fishermen!?!

But when the disciples complied, low and behold they could barely drag the net in the catch was so large.

This story leaves us with a question. Was Jesus' just telling the disciples to try something new to catch fish? Or was he using a

metaphor, as he often did with his disciples concerning the future of their ministry.

Jesus's thought-provoking question resonates with us today as well. Where do we need to cast our nets to be the most effective fishers?

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UM Women

The UMW will be meeting on Sunday, April 7 for breakfast and to finalize plans for the April 13th Smoky Mountain District Day Apart meeting at our church. We will clean in the Fellowship Hall on April 11 and 12 to get ready for the district meeting on April 13th. *Any cleaning help will be appreciated.*

No Idle Hands

No Idle Hands is working on plans to

create sewing kits and buckets for UMCOR. We hope to involve the congregation in building these.

Pictorial Directory

We are in the process of gathering photos for our pictorial directory. Call Mikki in the office, 488-2680, to schedule an appointment to have your picture at church or at home. If you have a current picture you would like to use (hard copy or digital) please bring it to the office. Please have picture to the office by June 16.