

May 2026
KMIC Notes





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Walk Up Offering	4	5	6	7 8:30 a.m. Muffins with Mom (KMP) Fellowship Hall Circle of Help 1:00 p.m. (church office)	8 Juniors Youth 6:00 pm (fell. hall) 1	9 2
10 Mother's Day Circle of Joy Bake Sale before & after church	11 Handbells 6:00 p.m. (old sanctuary)	12 Joint Board Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.	13 Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	14	15	16
17 Graduate Sunday Circle of Faith meeting after church (lady's parlor)	18 Handbells 6:00 p.m. (old sanctuary)	19	20 Circle of Joy 11:30 a.m. Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. KMP Graduation in the sanctuary	21 11:00 a.m. KMP End of Year Programs in the sanctuary	22	23
24	25 Church Office Closed Memorial Day Handbells 6:00 p.m. (old sanctuary)	26	27 Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	28 Writing Group Church Office 6:00 p.m.	29	30
31	1 Handbells 6:00 p.m. (old sanctuary)	2	3	4	5	6

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 2 - Robert Jones
- 2 - Bryce Shore
- 4 - Jeff Burton
- 5 - Jennifer Shore
- 6 - Kim Thomas

- 7 - Nancy Witt
- 7 - Natalie Simpson
- 9 - Joy Jones
- 10 - Tim Justis
- 13 - Kristy McEwan

- 15 - Scott Cardwell
- 17 - Kirt Earley
- 18 - Logan Cline
- 18 - Parker Pratt

- 19 - Drake Flynt
- 20 - Carolyn Byerly

- 20 - Cynthia Sevier
- 20 - Fran Lucas
- 20 - Tyler Moran
- 21 - C.W. Hill

- 21 - Charlie Sevier
- 22 - Rex Mathis
- 23 - Charles Cline
- 23 - Connie Hughes
- 24 - Isadonna Hartgrove

- 25 - Kyle Leonard
- 26 - Daphne Davis
- 27 - Sandy Emery
- 27 - Lacey Grubbs
- 29 - Charlie Reeves



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2	3	4 Blood Drive 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	5	6
7 Walk Up Offering	8 Handbells 6:00 p.m. (old sanctuary)	9 Joint Board Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.	10 Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13
14 Circle of Faith meeting after church (lady's parlor)	15 Handbells 6:00 p.m. (old sanctuary)	16	17 Circle of Joy 11:30 a.m. Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	18	19	20 Mission Trip
21 Mission Trip Father's Day	22 Mission Trip Handbells 6:00 p.m. (old sanctuary)	23 Mission Trip	24 Mission Trip Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	25 Mission Trip Writing Group Church Office 6:00 p.m.	26 Mission Trip	27
28	29 Handbells 6:00 p.m. (old sanctuary)	30	1	2	3	4

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2 - Johnathan Allgood
2 - Kathy Marshall
3 - Kim Grabs
4 - Sue Gentry
4 - Greg Taylor

4 - Patti Durham
6 - Lynne Branon
7 - Bill McElveen
7 - Tom Tomchik
7 - Shawne Grabs

10 - Arlo Earley
10 - Mark Smith
12 - Ana Sapp
13 - Paula Hall

15 - Julia Simmons
16 - Russ Hundley

17 - Riley Redmon
18 - Gale Stone
18 - Debbie Victor
20 - Lewis Petree

20 - Lindsey Naparano
21 - Dunivant Grabs
22 - Avery Colburn
24 - Robert Simpson
26 - Hillary Seckman

27 - Diane Marion
28 - Kara Dymott
28 - Jenn Harper
29 - Maggie Monteith
30 - Sue Donathan

Monthly Musings

The Swampers

If you have kept up with these newsletters, or if you have heard me preach at all, it should come as no surprise that I love music. Not just the music itself, but the stories behind it. If you are curious about one of those stories, look up why George Jones sings "wray right down and ball" instead of "lay right down and ball" in "The Race Is On." It's worth the search. I also love learning about the musicians playing behind the lead singers, the ones most people never think about. And one group in particular has captured my imagination: the Swampers.

The Swampers, officially the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section, got their start as the house band at FAME Recording Studios in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. The four of them, Jimmy Johnson on guitar, David Hood on bass, Roger Hawkins on drums, and Barry Beckett on keys, became renowned for their ability to match the musical style of whoever walked through the door. And the list of people who walked through that door is remarkable: Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett, Percy Sledge, the Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, Paul Simon, Rod Stewart, Bob Seger, Etta James, and Lynyrd Skynyrd, who later immortalized the Swampers by name in "Sweet Home Alabama." Soul singers, rock legends, country artists, it didn't matter.

What makes this story even more fascinating is who the Swampers actually were. Jerry Wexler was a producer out of New York City who worked with some of the greatest soul artists in American music history. What Wexler knew was that whoever was making that music knew how to play soul. What he didn't know, until he showed up, was that the musicians behind that sound were four young white guys from Alabama. The assumption would be that four kids from small-town Alabama knew country, rockabilly, and maybe some pop music of the day. Instead, Wexler walked in and found musicians who could play anything. He was completely blown away. The Swampers weren't beholden to one sound, one tradition, or one way of doing things. Because of that freedom, they could support and elevate the musical style of whoever came through the door.

That's what I think Paul is getting at in 1 Corinthians 9. He writes that he has become all things to all people, not because he lacks conviction, but because his convictions are rooted deeply enough that he can move freely. He can meet people where they are. He isn't locked into a single style of engagement with the world.

I think that same principle applies to how we, as followers of Christ, are called to carry his teachings and share the good news with the world today. There are things we hold onto as central: that God is our Creator, that Christ is our Savior, that the Holy Spirit sustains us, and that we are called to respond to God and to the world through faith, love, and hope. Those things don't change. But how we bring those convictions into connection with the lived experiences of the people around us has to be flexible. We have to ask: how does what I believe already speak to what this person is going through? How does my understanding of God connect with their story?

We have to be willing to blend. To shift. To support and elevate the people around us. If we insist that everyone has to come to faith exactly the way we did, or understand God the way we do, we'll have far less impact than we hope.

What are the beliefs most central to your faith? Are they rooted deeply enough to be flexible? Or have they become so rigid that they've started to close doors rather than open them?



CELEBRATING OUR JOURNEY
Friday, May 1 • 6:00 p.m. • Fellowship Hall
 Come celebrate as a family a successful year!

We're wrapping up our "Wonder as We Wander" series with a joyful celebration for the whole family! Join us on Friday, May 1 for a pizza party and creative time together as each child or family builds a trifold display highlighting their experiences, questions, and discoveries from this year's Junior Youth gatherings.

This is a chance to reflect, create, and celebrate all we've explored together. The displays will be shared with the congregation during worship on Sunday, May 3 — but Friday is all about food, fun, and family connection. We hope you'll join us!



Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Mark 12:30



**GREATEST
 COMMANDMENTS**

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Mark 12:31

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Junior Youth Journeys

exploring faith, friendship, and fun
 k-5th grade



WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS

Sunday, May 3 • during church • Sanctuary

Share our memories and offer thanks to the congregation for the love, support, and encouragement. ★

We're excited to invite you to a joyful moment of reflection and celebration with our Junior Youth on Sunday, May 3. During the morning worship service, the children will share highlights from their yearlong journey through our "Wonder as We Wander" theme. Each child or family will present a trifold display capturing their experiences, questions, and discoveries from the past year.

These creative displays will be available for viewing before and after the service, offering a meaningful glimpse into the ways our young people have explored faith, community, and wonder. We hope you'll join us in encouraging and celebrating their growth.



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We invite you to apply to our

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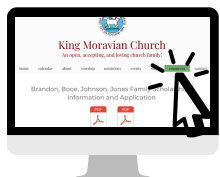
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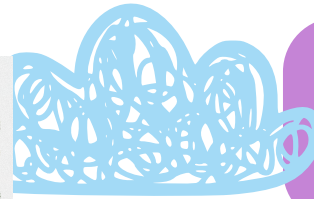
ATTENTION

High School Seniors & College Students

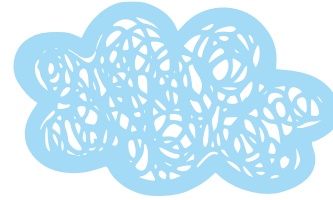
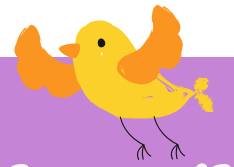
Blessed with a history that deeply values education and with the generosity of four families in our community of faith, King Moravian Church now has four scholarships for students to continue their educational journey whether at a technical or trade school, community college, or university. Each scholarship is a one-time annual award for college students who are members in good standing at King Moravian Church and who have been accepted by an accredited institution for the upcoming school year.

Preference is given to those expressing a financial need. Each award will be made payable to the institution of higher learning, half paid in the fall semester and half paid in the spring semester. Scholarship applications will be available at the Church Office beginning March 1st and must be returned no later than May 1st.



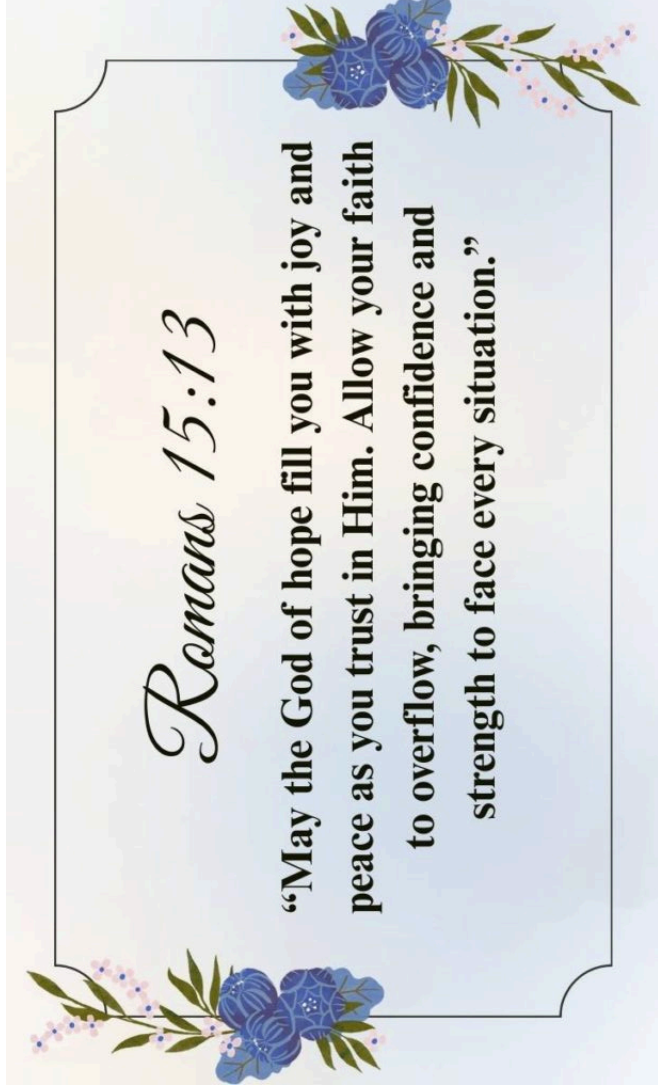


Adventures of Our Preschool Family



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