The Central Christian 411



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Luke 24:36-43

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified and thought they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

So often we hear words like peace and joy not only in scripture but especially at Christmastime. We sing "Joy to the World" and say, "Peace be with you," and say such kind and wonderful words, but how often, if ever, have we experienced peace and joy? The disciples experienced peace and joy when they walked with Jesus, but once Jesus was physically no longer present, they had anything but peace and joy. Even when Jesus appeared among them, they were startled and terrified. And after Jesus showed them his hands and feet they were still disbelieving. And why do you think they were scared and disbelieving? Well, in a word, "Fear." They feared the Sanhedrin was after them, they feared Jesus wasn't who he said he was, they feared for their lives.

If you have ever experienced fear, you know how it can take your peace and joy. If you have ever experienced fear, you know how it can raise doubt in your heart and leave you wondering what the future holds. We are not told if by Jesus taking a piece of broiled fish and eating it in their presence alleviated their fear. Most likely it did not. While having Jesus stand amongst them may have soothed them a little, they were well aware his physical presence was not permanent. It took time for their faith to grow. While we know Jesus is not physically present amongst us, he IS amongst us and has promised to remain with us always. Is your faith such that his spiritual presence brings you peace and joy? I wonder.



SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST WE WILL HAVE A **CONGREGATIONAL** MEETING **TO VOTE ON A NEW VOTING ELDER** TO FILL THE **ELDER VACANCY** LEE NAILLING LEFT



Mental Health Awareness Month (also referred to as Mental Health Month) has been observed in May in the United States since 1949. The month is observed with media, local events, and film screenings.

Mental Health Awareness Month began in the United States in 1949 and was started by:

<u>Mental Health America</u> (MHA) (then known as the National Association for Mental Health).

Each year in mid-March Mental Health America releases a *toolkit of materials* to guide preparation for outreach activities during Mental Health Awareness Month.

During the month of May, MHA, its affiliates, and other organizations interested in mental health conduct a number of activities which are based on a different theme each year.



WE WILL BE SERVING OUR LOCAL RANDY SAM'S SHELTER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP SERVE THE HOMELESS PLEASE COME JOIN IN.

WE MEET IN DISCIPLE HALL AT 4 PM TO PREPARE THE MEAL, THEN SERVE AT RANDY SAM'S AT 6 PM.

Matthew 25:40

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, **as you did it to one of the least of these** my brethren, you did it to me.'



MAY 26th IS MEMORIAL DAY We walked among the crosses Where our fallen soldiers lay. And listened to the bugle As TAPS began to play. The Chaplin led a prayer We stood with heads bowed low. And I thought of fallen comrades I had known so long ago. They came from every city Across this fertile land. That we might live in freedom. They lie here 'neath the sand. I felt a little guilty My sacrifice was small. I only lost a little time But these men lost their all. Now the services are over For this Memorial Day. To the names upon these crosses, I just want to say, Thanks for what you've given No one could ask for more. May you rest with God in heaven From now through evermore.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 26^{TH} FOR MEMORIAL DAY AND WILL REOPEN ON TUESD&Y, M&Y 27TH HAVE A BLESSED MEMORIAL DAY!!!



JUNE 5, 2025 World Environment Day (WED) is celebrated annually on 5 June and encourages awareness and action for the protection of the environment. It is supported by many non-governmental organizations, businesses, government entities, and represents the

primary United Nations outreach day supporting the environment.

First held in 1974, it has been a platform for raising awareness on environmental issues as marine pollution, overpopulation, global warming, sustainable development and wildlife crime. World Environment Day is a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries annually, including participation from:

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark,

Finland, France, Germany, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico,

the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippines, Poland,

South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand and the United States.

Every year, the program has provided a theme and forum for businesses, non-government organizations, communities, politicians and stars to advocate environmental causes.



JUNE 7TH IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM From 1:30 to 3:30 PM

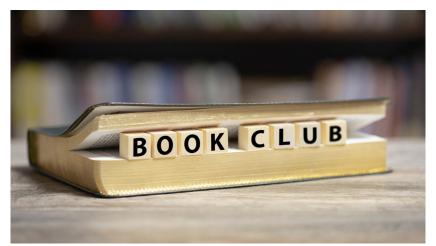
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FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

SUNDAY! BE SURE TO WEAR RED

JUNE 8TH IS **PENTECOST** SUNDAY!

PENTECOST SUNDAY



ON MONDAY, JUNE 9th THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M. IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM. TO DISCUSS

THE BOOK WOMAN OF TROUBLESOME CREEK

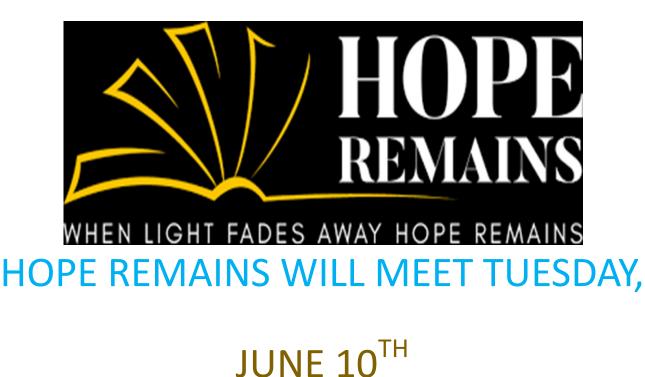
BY

KIM MICHELE RICHARDSON

The hardscrabble folks of Troublesome Creek have to scrap for everything everything except books, that is. Thanks to Roosevelt's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, Troublesome's got its very own traveling librarian, Cussy Mary Carter.

Cussy's not only a book woman, however, she's also the last of her kind, her skin a shade of blue unlike most anyone else. Not everyone is keen on Cussy's family or the Library Project, and a Blue is often blamed for any whiff of trouble. If Cussy wants to bring the joy of books to the hill folks, she's going to have to confront prejudice as old as the Appalachias and suspicion as deep as the holler.

Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere—even back home.



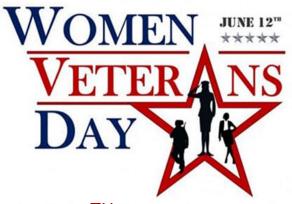
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

It has been said, "We never truly get over a loss, but we can move forward and evolve from it." While this is true, it is a process many of us never fully move through, especially if we experience the loss of a child. So often, we get "stuck" in a stage of grief and remain there. This is the reason groups that deal with grief are so important; they help us move through the stages so we can move forward and evolve. Sadly, such groups are often not advertised, promoted, or supported by local organizations.

Here at Central Christian Church, we are very blessed to have such a group and we want to promote this organizations work. The *Hope Remains* Chapter of Texarkana meets in the Community Room on the *2nd Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m.* The focus is for parents and grandparents grieving the loss of a child or grandchild.

The mission of Hope Remains is to offer a safe place where any and all emotions may be freely expressed. There may be tears shed at the meetings. There may be laughter and smiles shared as precious memories of a child, grandchild, or sibling is recalled. And there will always be acceptance, friendship and hope offered at the meetings.

If you have suffered the loss of a child or grandchild and wish to join this greatly needed organization, please contact Cindy Sanford at (903) 280-4130.



THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH, IS WOMEN VETERANS DAY!

Women Veterans Day is observed on June 12 in the United States, a date chosen to mark the anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act. The date is not recognized nationally, but is recognized by

a number of states, either through legislation or proclamation, and organizations. The stated goal of Women Veterans Day varies somewhat by state, but can generally be acknowledged as an effort to honor

the work of women in the United States Armed Forces and recognize the unique challenges that they have faced. The date was first recognized when the New York State Assembly declared June 12, 2008, to be Women Veterans' Recognition Day.



IS SUNDAY, JUNE 15th MAKE PLANS NOW TO BRING YOUR DAD!

WE WILL HAVE A POTLUCK LUNCHEON AFTER WORSHIP!



SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH WE HAVE OUR MONTHLY **POTLUCK LUNCHEON IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR** WORSHIP SERVICE A-H MEAT -Z VEGETABLE OR SALAD **BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY** SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE **GOD'S BLESSINGS!**



THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jublilee Day, Cel-Liberation Day or the Black Fourth of July, is an American holiday that commemorates June 19, 1865.

On this day, after almost two and half years since the implementation of the Emancipation Proclamation, enslaved African Americans were informed of their liberation from the slavery present in the former Confederate States of America. Texas was the most remote of the slave states, and the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863, was not enforced there until after the Civil War had ended. The name of the observance is a portmanteau of "June" and "nineteenth", the date of its celebration.

At first celebrations involved church-centered community gatherings in Texas. It spread across the South and became more commercialized in the 1920s and 1930s. Often the centerpiece was a food festival. A third stage was reached in the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, when the focus became the story of struggle for postwar civil rights. The 1970s saw a fourth stage, which returned the focus to African American freedom and arts. By the 21st century Juneteenth was celebrated in most major cities across the United States. Activists are pushing Congress to recognize Juneteenth as a national holiday. Juneteenth is recognized as a state holiday or special day of observance in 46 of the 50 states.

Observance is primarily in local celebrations. Traditions include public readings of the Emancipation Proclamation, singing traditional songs such as "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Lift Every Voice and Sing", and reading of works by noted African-American writers such as Ralph Ellison and Maya Angelou. Celebrations include rodeos, street fairs, cookouts, family reunions, park parties, historical reenactments, or Miss Juneteenth contests.



The Journey Sunday School Class will be studying

Gospel of Mark

We hope you will join us for this important study. *The Journey class* meets in the Library in the Community Center.

Most scholars date Mark to closely after AD 70. They reject the traditional ascription to Mark the Evangelist, the companion of the Apostle Peter, which probably arose from the desire of early Christians to link the work to an authoritative figure, and believe it to be the work of an author working with various sources including collections of miracle stories, controversy stories, parables, and a passion narrative. It was traditionally placed second, and sometimes fourth, in the Christian canon, as an inferior abridgement of what was regarded as the most important gospel, Matthew. The Church has consequently derived its view of Jesus primarily from Matthew, secondarily from John, and only distantly from Mark. It was only in the 19th century that Mark came to be seen as the earliest of the four gospels, and as a source used by both Matthew and Luke. The hypothesis of Marcan priority (that Mark was written first) continues to be held by the majority of scholars today, and there is a new recognition of the author as an artist and theologian using a range of literary devices to convey his conception of Jesus as the authoritative yet suffering Son of God.



The **TNT** Sunday School Class is continuing its study of

LETTER TO THE ROMANS

We study various books of the Bible and recently completed

NEHEMIAH

If you enjoy a wide range study of scripture, we would love to have you join us in class or on FACEBOOK. We meet every Sunday in the Community Room.



WE WILL NO LONGER LEAVE THE ALLEY DOOR TO THE SANCTUARY BUILDING UNLOCKED DUE TO UNWANTED GUESTS WHO MAKE THEIR HOME UPSTAIRS. IF YOU ARE A KEY HOLDER, **PLEASE** DO NOT UNLOCK THE ALLEY DOOR.



NOW AVAILABLE!!! OUR BEAUTIFUL CCC BALL CAP AND **T-SHIRT CAN BE YOURS FOR** ONLY \$20 EACH!!! To purchase your **CCC Ball Cap** and **T-Shirt** Call or come by the Admin. Office today!!!



In our Sanctuary/Education building we have three areas where we try to maintain an energy efficient temperature that can be adjusted as needed. These areas are the sanctuary, the parlor, and HeBrews. Each area has its own controls.

It has now become necessary, in an attempt to control the cost of heating and cooling in our Sanctuary/Education building, to turn off ALL units except in the sanctuary. Therefore, the parlor and HeBrews will no longer have AC/Heating units on. If you wish to use the parlor or HeBrews, please let the Property Committee Chair, Jim Spears, know. It will also be necessary to reserve the parlor or HeBrews by booking it through our Admin. Assistant, Tonya Shumake.

With everyone's help we can save on the cost of gas AND electricity.

Thank You!

Your Property Committee



BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY MONDAY

VIA

OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE POSTED **BY 4:00 P.M.**

AND

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW IT

EACH AND EVERY MONDAY ON FACEBOOK.

REMEMBER:

WATCH WORSHIP ON MONDAYS AT 4:00 P.M.

ON

OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

HTTPS://WWW.F&CEBOOK.COM/CCCTXK/



JUST & REMINDER

HONORARIUM

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MEMORIAL

GIFTS ARE WELCOME

ANÝTIME.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE AN

HONORARIUM OR MEMORIAL

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK TO CCC

WITH & NOTE STATING WHO YOUR

HONORARIUM OR MEMORIAL

IS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF.



FLOWERS!!!!

Be sure to purchase flowers for the sanctuary to honor Friends or Family or in memory of a loved one. The cost is only \$40.





If you are looking for a safe way to give to the church, download the "Givelify" app onto your phone. You can find it at the App Store or at the Google Play Store under:

"Givelify Mobile Giving App."

Our church is listed, and this is a safe and fast way to give. Please be sure you find Central Christian Church <u>Texarkana</u>.

ATTENTION ALL ELDERS AND BOARD MEMBERS!!

In an effort to increase attendance at our Elder meetings and Board meetings, we would like you to sign up for text messaging so you can receive reminders of meetings.

THIS IS NOT A GROUP TEXT!

No one will receive your phone number through this messaging service! If anyone responds to a text it goes straight to the messaging computer system, not you. This is a completely safe way to receive reminders without risking your privacy. Please follow the instructions below to sign up for the messaging service. We need ALL of you to do this, please.



Central Christian will be sending out text messages to remind members of upcoming meetings. To receive text messages, please text ccctxk to 292929, as shown above, to have your number put on our list.

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411 REMINDER

Just a reminder that any articles you would like to submit for publication in the 411 must be submitted to the office no later than noon on Tuesdays.

> After that time, we cannot guarantee your article will be published.

Day & Time may vary during holidays CHURCH BULLETIN

Any information you will like in the Church Bulletin must be submitted to the office no later than 10am on Fridays Day & Time may vary during holidays.



DO YOU PREFER RECEIVING TEXT MESSAGE OR PHONE CALL REMINDERS FOR MEETINGS?

Central Christian will be sending out text messages and phone calls to remind members of upcoming meetings and inform every one of prayer needs.

If you would like to receive text messages, please text ccctxk to 292929, as shown above, to have your number put on our list.

If you do not receive text messages but would like to be added to our call list, please email or call the church office at (903) 792-1915 and let Tonya know.

Upcoming Events & Services

May 25	4pm	Randy Sams prep
May 25	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
May 26	all day	Memorial Day/office closed
June 1	10:40am	Pentecost offering
June 1	11:45am	Congregational Meeting
June 5	all day	World Environment Day
June 7	1:30pm	Bingo
June 8	all day	Pentecost
June 8	10:40am	Pentecost offering
June 9	1pm	Book Club
June 10	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
June 12	all day	Women Veterans Day
June 15	all day	Father's Day
June 15	11:45am	Potluck Luncheon



Be sure to keep up-to-date with Church Activities By visiting

www.ccctxk.com

to see what's new!

Our site is easy to navigate and there is a lot of information.

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IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT PRAYER LIST

In recent discussions with the Southwest Region, it has come to our attention that "The Prayer List" may be cause for litigation if we place people on it that have not given their personal consent to be placed on it. It is a violation of HIPAA Law to release information about anyone without their personal consent. Therefore, we ask that you not call requesting that a "friend" be placed on the list unless you have their consent. THANK YOU.

31	30	29	28	27	26 Memorial Day Office closed	25 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off
24	23	22	21	20 6pm Elders Meeting	19 1pm Book Club 6pm General Board	9am Elders in Prayer9:30am Sunday School10:40am Worship Service11:45am StewardshipComm
17 Fish Fry and Auction 6pm Doors open 6:30pm Food served	16 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	15	14	13 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group	12	11 Mother's Day 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service
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3 11:30am CWF	N	1				
Sat	7	Thu 25	Wed ZO	Tue	Mon	Sun

May	May Birthdays
Bob Wilmoth	05-09
Richard Martin	05-13
Isabelle Fowler	05-13
Gabriel Fowler	05-16
Richard Burkhart	05-17
Diane Pope-King	05-20
Nick (Cowboy) Mathison	05-23
Aaron Doddy	05-24
Midge Cooney	05-28
Wes Byas	05-28
John Beeson	05-29

May Anniversaries

Richard & Glenda Burkhart 05-03

Servers for the Weeks Ahead

May 4, 2025

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter Worship Leader: Glenda Burkhart Hospital Elder: Jim Spears Flower Elder: Connie Spears Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Troy Kern

May 11, 2025

Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow Worship Leader: Jerry Thomas Hospital Elder: Robert Kern Flower Elder: Alice Kern Deacons: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore

May 18, 2025

Greeters: Jerry & Sheri Thomas Worship Leader: Mike Martin Hospital Elder: Glen Hudspeth Flower Elder: Tami Hudspeth Deacons: Alice Kern & Robert Kern

May 25, 2025

Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart Worship Leader: Teresa Crow Hospital Elder: Jack Carter Flower Elder: Joan Carter Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Judy Shilling

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9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Congregational Mtg.				World Environment Day		1:30pm-3:30pm Bingo
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Pentecost Sunday 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service	1pm Book Club	6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group		Women Veterans Day		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Father's Day 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon				Juneteenth	World Refuge Day 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off	6pm Cabinet Meeting					
29 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am 5th Sunday Breakfast 10:40am Worship Service	30				Potluck luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Meat I-Z: Vegetable/salad	Pentecost offering taken up on June 1st and 8th

James & Nancy Thompson Stan & Pat Brummal Alan & Janet Bennett	Betsy Spencer June A	Angela Doddy	Glenda Worley Alan Bennett	Lisa Kern	Jane Watson	June
6-05 6-20	6-29 June Anniversaries	6-28	6-16 6-28	6-15	6-01	June Birthdays

Flower Elder: Teresa Crow Hospital Elder: Tom Crow Greeters: Bob & Lynn Wilmoth June 29, 2025 Flower Elder: Joan Carter Hospital Elder: Jack Carter Greeters: Ethan Cole & Alice Coleman Deacons: Jamie Bennett & Sheri Thomas Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr. Greeters: Robert & Alice Kern June 15, 2025 Flower Elder: Alice Kern Hospital Elder: Robert Kern Deacons: George Carpenter, Jr. & Julia Carpenter Hospital Elder: Jim Spears Greeters: Mike Lamb & Lois Moore Deacons: Glen Hudspeth & Tami Hudspeth Worship Leader: Sondra Bedwell Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Mae Kidd Worship Leader: Jim Spears June 22, 2025 Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter Worship Leader: Bob Wilmoth Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Lynn Wilmoth Worship Leader: Mike Lamb Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter June 8, 2025 Flower Elder: Connie Spears Worship Leader: Alice Coleman June 1, 2025 Servers for the Weeks Ahead



SHOW FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church Wes Byas Jane Watson Claudine Brown Janice Dorn, Sheri Thomas' sister Michael Lamb, Jr. Donna Lee, Robert Kern's sister Glenda Burkhart Mike Worley John Beeson

Ongoing Concerns

Dorothy Alves Laura Byas Joe Alves Gaylen Ramsey, Neldajo's son-in-law Rhonda Hunter, friend of George & Julia Carpenter Richard Martin Randy Thomas, Jerry Thomas' brother Larry Moore, Mack Thomas' uncle Lonnie Hale, friend of Jerry Thomas Marie Barfoot, friend of Julia Carpenter Ellen Allard, Glenda Burkhart's sister-in-law **Glenda** Worley Emily Smith, Wes' niece Jeanne Phillips, Sheri Thomas' sister Carolyn Hudspeth Anthony Johnson Ed Shilling, Judy Shilling's husband Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhart's son-in-law Jeane Duren, Beth Brine's aunt

Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., Encompass Rehab Room 256B Margie Beeson, Golden Villa in Atlanta Room 404 Betty Caudle, home Elizabeth Cooney, home Herb Hamilton, Little River Nursing & Rehab Rm. 117 Jane Watson, home James Thompson, home Susie Howdeshell, home Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, The Villa room 207 Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life s s

Serving this Sunday May 25, 2025

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Greeters: Sondra Bedwell & Glenda Burkhart Worship Leader: Teresa Crow Hospital Elder: Jack Carter Flower Elder: Joan Carter Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Judy Shilling

May 18, 2025

Attendance:28Offering:\$461.25

This Sunday:

"Blue Laws"

Scripture:

John 5:1-9

LECTIONARY FOR MAY 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9