



FAITHnews

Monthly Newsletter of
Eldridge United Methodist Church

May 2024

Happy May Days!

It is MAY! What a beautiful month! When you think of May, what comes to your mind? May is considered the queen of spring. The name of month May originated from the Latin *Maias*, short for "Maia's month." Who is this Maia? It is a Greek goddess, a goddess of fertility and spring—appropriate for the growth and increase we see in the month of May. To dig deeper, the Greek name Maia comes from a root meaning "mother, nurse, and midwife."

May is the favorite month of the year for many people, and especially in Korea. In South Korea, May is the month of the family. It is marked with special (holi) days. While enjoying spring in its full swing, we celebrate and appreciate the familyhood on Children's Day (one of the biggest holidays), on Parent's Day, and on Couple's day. Our church calendar here at Eldridge and McCausland is marked with special days as well. We will celebrate Mother's Day on May 12 at both churches and Youth Confirmation on May 19 at McCausland for all the achievements of the 10 confirmands.

Amazed with the growing greens and flowers all around, my prayer goes out for all of you that your life will grow further as this spring unfolds its blessing and that your faith journey will bear many fruits as you continue to walk with the risen Christ who is alive and present in our midst. May God's abundant blessing be with you and all whom you love and care. Amen.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor JaetHee Lee

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



- **This Sunday 9am** **Communion Sunday**
4pm Choir Rehearsal
- Mon, May 6 8-noon AP Testing in the Gathering Area — *Shhhh!*
6:30-9p CCT Rehearsals begin (Mon-Thurs until June 6)
- Tues, May 7 8-noon AP Testing continues
- Wed, May 8 1pm Worship Committee Meeting
- Thur, May 9 6:30p Admin Council Meeting
- Sat, May 11 7am Men's Breakfast
- **Sun, May 12 9am** **Worship / Ascension Sunday / Mother's Day**
- Mon, May 13 8-noon AP Testing continues
- Wed, May 15 8-noon AP Testing continues
- **Sun, May 19 9am** **Worship / Pentecost / Graduate Recognition**
- Tues, May 21 6pm Missions-Outreach Committee meeting
- Wed, May 22 3pm United Women of Faith meeting
- **Sun, May 26 9am** **Pastor's last Sunday @McUMC / Joye C preach here**
Last Sunday for Children's Sunday School until fall
- Mon, May 27 All Day Memorial Day — *Please kick off your summer safely!*
- **Sun, June 2 9am** **Pastor Lee's last Sunday here / Communion / Brunch**
- Tues, June 4 All Day Primary Elections (EUMC is a polling place)
- **Sun, June 30 10:30a** **5th Sunday Combined Worship at McCausland**
- **Sun, July 2 9am** **Pastor Jim's first Sunday with us / Communion**
- **Sat, July 20 6:30p** **Special SATURDAY "GOSPEL" WORSHIP** *with guest art ist, Daryl Mosely, 3-time Songwriter of the Year, Grand Ole Opry veteran and former lead for bluegrass group, "The Farm Hands"*



celebrating MAY

← **birthdays**

and

↓ **anniversaries**

May 2	Kathy Rhinehart
	Jesse Biekert
May 4	Lloyd Keppy
May 5	Linda Reickard
May 7	Joyce Orcutt
May 11	Clair Frazee
May 14	Debbie Fordham
May 16	Travis Berhenke
	Stacy Muhs
May 17	Ken Nestler
	Karen Voelkel
May 27	Richard Heiman
	Tim Reickard
	Doug Reynolds

May 7	Dick & Fran Wilson
May 21	Becky & Jeff Newmeister
May 27	Boise & Daisy Schoonover
	Dan & Lori Stackhouse
May 29	Becky & Dan Esbaum