May 17, 2026

Rehoboth
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Gallatin, Tennessee

We exist to welcome all people by sharing the Love of Christ!

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10:15 am Service | **Ascension Sunday** | **May 17, 2026**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS — Don Cunningham
***PASSING OF THE PEACE**
OPENING PRAYER — Don Cunningham
PRELUDE — Gayle Graening
***CALL TO WORSHIP** — Don Cunningham

Leader: Today is Ascension Sunday when we celebrate Christ's return to God!
Congregation: We look up in wonder as He is lifted from us into heaven!
Leader: But this is not a time to gaze upward. We have work to do.
Congregation: Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us. Let us prepare our hearts for the task ahead with prayer and praise! Amen!

***OPENING HYMN** — *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* — UMH 158
UNISON PRAYER — Don Cunningham

Almighty God, we thank you for the wonder of the Ascension - that holy moment when the disciples looked toward heaven in awe, and Jesus' earthly ministry came to its perfect completion. We praise you that through His Ascension, Christ is now Lord of all, no longer limited by place or time, but present with us always. Forgiving and gracious God, you have called us to be your witnesses. Forgive us when we rush ahead without your power, when we turn inward instead of seeing the world in need, when we fail to be your hands and feet. Lord, let your love be the guiding light that directs our steps. Move us toward peace, hope, and compassion for all people. We pray in the name of Christ, our Risen and Ascended Savior, Amen!

SONG OF REFLECTION — *Come, Sing Unto the Lord* — Chancel Choir
GRADUATE RECOGNITION (please see insert) — Bert Crump
PRAYER FOR GRADUATES — Bert Crump
***SCRIPTURE READING** — Acts 1:1-14 — Bert Crump
WITNESS TO THE WORD — Waiting with Purpose — Bert Crump
OFFERTORY
MUSICAL OFFERING — Gayle Graening
RECEIVING OF GOD'S TITHES and OUR OFFERING
***DOXOLOGY** — UMH 95
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER — Don Cunningham
***CLOSING HYMN** — *I Stand Amazed in the Presence (v 1,4,5)* — UMH 371
***BENEDICTION** — Bert Crump
***POSTLUDE** — Gayle Graening

(Please remain standing as the Acolyte brings the Light of Christ.)

*Please stand as you are able

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A Special Thank You to
Bert Crump
for serving as our Guest Preacher today

Pastor Felicia Will Be On Vacation from Sunday (May 17) through Thursday (May 21)

During Pastor Felicia's time away, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Phillips, Senior Pastor at Saundersville UMC, in Hendersonville has volunteered to help with pastoral care needs. **If you have a pastoral care need or an emergency during this time, Rev. Phillips may be reached via:**
Mobile Phone 615-957-9008 (preferred method of contact)
or voice message left at the Saundersville UMC church office 615-822-7750 or email jpband@bellsouth.net

MONDAY

Lunch & LEARN

All are Welcome to Attend our Exciting Presentation from the Senior Adult Ministries Team
Third Monday of Each Month ◆ 11:30 am ◆ RUMC Fellowship Hall
Participants are asked to bring their own lunch, with tea and lemonade being provided by the church.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER ADULTS IN GALLATIN — Monday, May 18, 2026

Join the Senior Adult Ministries Team for our **May Lunch & LEARN** session featuring guest speaker **Kim Baker, President and CEO** of the **Gallatin Area Chamber of Commerce** to learn about opportunities available for Older Adults in the Gallatin area as well as the Gallatin Golden Years Program.

The **Monday Virtual Prayer Time,** the **Wednesday Prayer Time in the Chapel**, and the **Bible Study** will continue during Pastor Felicia's time away.

6:30 am Monday Virtual Prayer Time
will be conducted by Pastor Felicia

9:30 am Wednesday Prayer Time in the Chapel
will be conducted by Tina Crump

Tuesday Zoom Bible Study will be conducted by Pastor Felicia
Wednesday In-Person Bible Study will be conducted by Bert Crump

2026 Churchwide Retreat

Saturday, August 29, 2026 — **10 am to 4 pm**
Theme: Whispers of Hope — Whispering Pines Christian Camp, Castalian Springs, TN

"And after the earthquake there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper!" 1 Kings 19:12

WHISPERS of Hope

Details Coming Soon

Rehoboth's Prayer Requests

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2

Long-Term

(hospice care or long-term medical treatments, diagnosis or rehab)

Linda Busby (Grinder)
Jean Cage
Lindsay Dina (Hasch)
Helena Ludwig
Michael Mayernick (Dorris)
Judy Menee (A. Mason)
Jackson Murtha (Shumate)
Brenda Outlaw (J. Miller)
Donald Perry (Stark)
Richard Powell (Ludwig)
Cathy Rupley (Blinder)
Elijah Sturdivant (Shumate)

Health Concerns

A. J. (Grinder)
Irma Angeles (J. Miller)
Ted Apple (Calabro)
Ann Love Ayre
Shirley Barbee (McGuiere)
Phil Byrum
Lynn D'Angelo (D'Angelo)
Christy Elrod-Church (Shumate)
Amanda Garner (Mott)
Gina (Esmer)
Lisa Hanson
Cole Harris (A. Mason)
Phyllis Hillsamer (Blinder)
Vinnie Jordan (Mott)
Loretta (Esmer)
Carolyn Martin (Rainey)
Nelda Maxwell (Green)
Adah Joy McAffee (T. Cage)
Denis McNeal (D'Angelo)
Janet Menees Lassiter (A. Mason)
Jimmy Menees (A. Mason)
Tim Menees (A. Mason)
Roy Moriarity (Hasch)
Len Oldham (Wesley)
Josh Patterson (Shumate)
April Quail (Broeckelmann)
Peggy Ragland (Calabro)
Earl Ridgell (Woods)
Gabi Roda (A. Mason)
Shannon Sisseck (Mott)
Grady Smith (C. Smith)
Vanessa Smith (T. Smith)
Tim Taylor (Grinder)
Chris Walker
Betty Woods (Woods)

Other Concerns

Hunter Anderson (Grinder)
Family of Clyde Chambers (A. Mason)
Hanson Family

Individuals will remain on our list for up to 3 weeks. Please contact the church office to resubmit a praise and/or prayer request.
(Names in Bold have been newly added to the list.)

Summer Singers Begins May 31

If you have ever wanted to try singing in the choir, this is your chance!

We have concluded our Spring season of Wednesday Evening Choir Rehearsals.

Beginning Sunday, May 31, everyone is welcome to join us for Summer Singers.

Rehearsals will be held at 8:30 am on Sunday mornings, and Summer Singers will not be wearing robes.

Father's Day Men's Choir
June 21
Let's Fill the Loft!

Father's Day is June 21, and it's a tradition at Rehoboth to fill the choir loft with men singing a familiar hymn for the special music on that day.

All men are invited to join! - Please meet with us for rehearsal at 8:30 am on Sunday morning, June 21.

Mahjong

1 PM & 6 PM in the Oasis Area
1st and 3rd Thursdays

NEXT SESSIONS: THURSDAY, MAY 21

Volunteer Communications Coordinator

We're looking for a friendly, creative **Communications Coordinator** to help share the life of our church online. If you enjoy taking photos, capturing moments, and posting to **Facebook**, **Instagram**, **TikTok**, or updating our **website**, we'd love your help. This volunteer role includes attending church events, creating weekly posts, and submitting content for approval. Support and guidance are provided.

If this sounds like a way you'd enjoy serving, please reach out to the church office.

May Mission Items

May's Mission Items will assist **Grace Place** who support mothers with children who are experiencing homelessness or fleeing unstable conditions. A faith-rooted community offering a transformational program in which mother and children live in supportive family-oriented housing, Grace Place walks alongside families as they rebuild their lives, providing safety for today and strength for tomorrow.

Items Include:

Bounty Paper Towels
Charmin Toilet Paper
Tide or All Free & Clear Laundry Detergent
Bleach
4T/5T Boys and Girls Pull-Ups
5T/6T Boys and Girls Pull-Ups

If you wish to donate, please place your donations in the collection bucket located in Fellowship Hall **by Sunday (May 31)**

The Missions Team appreciates your gifts for those in need!

Week of May 17, 2026

Today:
8:30 am Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Sunday School
9:45 am Fellowship Time (FH)
10:15 am Worship Service (Sanc)

Monday:
6:30 am Weekly Guided Prayer Session (via Zoom)
11:30 am Lunch & Learn: Opportunities for Seniors in Gallatin with Chamber CEO Kim Baker

Tuesday:
6:30 pm *Exploring the Sermon* Study (via Zoom)

Wednesday:
7:45 am Men's Breakfast at Panera
9:30 am Prayer Time in the Chapel
10:30 am *Exploring the Sermon* Study (FH)

Thursday:
1:00 & 6:00 pm Mahjong (Oasis Area)

Birthdays

May 24 Jack Miller
May 26 Jo Ann Holt
May 27 Karen Shrode
May 29 Zoey Shaffer
May 30 Nick Boyd

Birthday Blessings

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