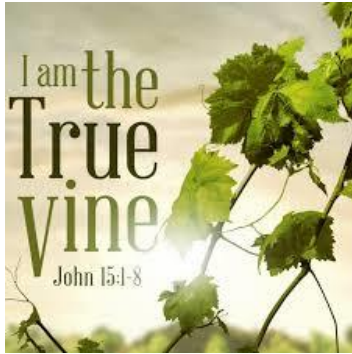


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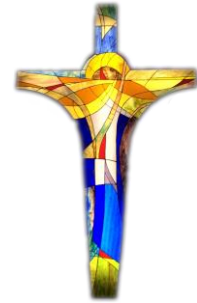
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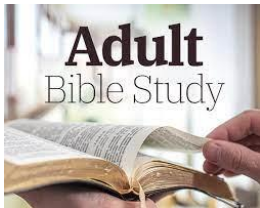
**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
WORSHIP – 10:30am

*Worship service also available  
live on Facebook*



## Reminders & Announcements

Ed Nolan is turning 90 on May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like to, please bring a birthday card for him to church this Sunday and place in the basket in the Narthex.



Adult Sunday School - Sunday at 9am

Women's Bible Study – Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am

Friday Bible Studies – April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 7pm

**The next Peace by Piece Quilting Group meeting is Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.**



The Forsyth Singers present **Strike Up The Band: A Night with George & Ira Gershwin.**

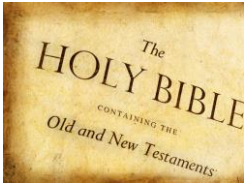
Performing at Lord of Life Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

All are welcome!

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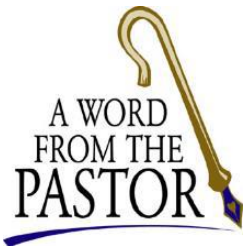


## **The Lessons for Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday of Easter**

First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40  
Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21  
Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-8

## **The Lessons for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Sixth Sunday of Easter**

First Lesson: Acts 10:44-48  
Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6  
Gospel Lesson: John 15:9-17



### **Connected for Life**

A parent stands at the bus stop on the first day of school with a kindergarten student. Another parent lingers in the doorway of a first-year dorm after unloading the final box from the car. These parents are entering new times they will not be present to help their children make some important life choices, and words of advice slip from their lips—eat your sandwich before your dessert, share with others, don't drink and drive, remember who you are.

After years of preparation, their children step toward greater independence.

Jesus lingers with the disciples before his death and prepares them for the time when he will no longer be present day to day to help them make their way in the world. Words slip from his mouth: *"Apart from me you can do nothing"* (John 15:5). These are difficult words as the disciples try to make sense of Jesus' impending death and the promise of his continued presence.

**"Apart from me you can do nothing"** may also be a difficult word for a self-reliant, individualistic culture such as our own, focused on personal achievement and success. God is the vine grower, Jesus the vine, and we the branches, who, separated from the life-giving vine, can do nothing.

Yet, these are gracious, gospel words from Jesus. He's been preparing his disciples for years to take this step. These are words that point not toward individualistic, self-reliant independence but toward dependence on the one whose life defies death and whose perfect love casts out all fear. Connected to the vine, these branches are given a death-defying life free from fear. These are gracious, gospel words from Jesus that point to a community nourished by this life-giving vine and bearing fruit for the sake of the world.

**Join us for worship either Online or In-House at 10:30**

