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“God’s Steadfast Love”

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INVITATION TO PRAYER

#164 UMH — Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

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WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

HYMN #374 UMH — Standing on the Promises

BENEDICTION

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POSTLUDE

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FIRST UMC SPRING CONCERT

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Save the Date: Vacation Bible School

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Don’t miss this world premiere event!

Spring Concert: Next Sunday May 21, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary Reception to follow in Simkins Hall. Suggested donation at the door: $10/adults/$5/seniors and children under 12.

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C.A.S.T. presents Disney’s Aristocats Kids
Children’s After School Theater (C.A.S.T.), is pleased to present the 1st-5th graders in Disney’s The Aristocats Kids. In the heart of Paris, a kind and eccentric millionaires wills her entire estate to Duchess, her high-society cat, and her three little kittens. Laughs and adventure ensue as the greedy, bumbling butler pulls off the ultimate catnap caper.

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Balance to Wellness for Young Children
This free parent workshop is presented by First UMC Preschool. Come and learn various ways to help create and maintain wellness for your child. Led by a panel of healing practitioners specializing in young children. Bring your pressing questions for a great learning experience. Chair massage, refreshments, giveaways and a fun learning time! Open and free to the community so invite your friends, grandparents and caregivers.

Wednesday May 24, 7 p.m. in Simkins Hall.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES
Habitat for Humanity Event
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