

## Memorials for April

**General Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Joycelyn O'Dell Madden by Ms. Diane Powell; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Morris; Ms. Louise Thomas; Mrs. Zell Skinner; Mrs. Toni Arsenault; The O'Dell Corporation; Mrs. Dale Bishop; Mr. & Mrs. Larry Powell.

**Annie Armstrong:** In memory of Mrs. Joycelyn O'Dell Madden by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Abrams.

**Cemetery Maintenance:** In memory of Mrs. Joycelyn O'Dell Madden by Mrs. Sue Elledge.



2018 VBS  
June 24 – 29, 2018  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Age 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Dinner – 6:00 pm

Each night meals will be served for the VBS workers, youth and children at 6:00 pm. There will also be refreshments served after the commencement service on Friday evening. If anyone wishes to help defray the cost of the food for VBS, your contributions would be most welcomed. Please place your donations in an envelope marked “VBS Food” and give to Pam Posey or Nancy Balentine or place in the offering plate.

*If you are willing to help with the weekly janitorial duties of the church, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board. Just pick which week and which tasks work best for you and sign your name beside the task(s) for the week you choose.*

We are still in need of a pianist for the Sunday morning worship service and for choir practice. If you know of anyone who would be interested in the position, please call the church office or let one of the deacons know. Please be in prayer as we seek the Lord's will in this matter.

**REMINDER:** VBS is just around the corner, so if you could please save the plastic or metal jar lids from peanut butter or mayonnaise jars, it would be greatly appreciated. It doesn't matter the size or color, we will match up sizes and they will be spray painted. Please place them on the table by the water fountain.



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*Rooted in trust and hope in the Lord.  
Branching out in ministry and service in our community.  
– Jeremiah 17:7-8*

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### DECORATION DAY

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance later that month. “The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land,” he proclaimed.

The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

### HISTORY OF MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But, during the first World War, the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars.

For decades, Memorial Day continued to be observed on May 30<sup>th</sup>, the date Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May. The change went into effect in 1971.