

# ARCC NOTES



The **Labyrinth at Abbey Road** welcomed 16 walkers (in three shifts) for peace on World Labyrinth Day last Saturday. It was a beautiful day and the iris even started blooming for their arrival. Altogether...what a blessing!



## Sunday School May 13

The **Middle Room** class will discuss chapter 5 (p. 85) “#NotAbandoned”, of Daniel Rice’s *#Gospel: Life, Hope, and Truth for Generation Now*.

The “**Conversations That Matter**” group is about halfway through Celeste Headlee’s *We Need to Talk: How to Have Conversations That Matter*. This Sunday, our reading assignment is to read to pg. 101 (the end of chapter six). She addresses the cost of multi-tasking and puts a word in for mindfulness. New conversation partners are welcome to join at any time!

- **Golden Boys** will meet at 8:00 on Tuesday at My Daddy’s Cheesecake. Please join us for breakfast and conversation.



## Worship Notes May 6

**Attendance: 57 Regular friends: 10**  
**Offering: \$5,691**

**May 13**

**Big Words**

**Revelation 21:1-6 John 13: 31-35**

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 13

9:30am Worship Service  
9:30am Abbey Rd. Adventures for children, K-6<sup>th</sup> grade  
10:30am Fellowship  
10:45am Sunday School

### Tuesday, May 15

8:00am Golden Boys at My Daddy’s Cheesecake

### Wednesday, May 16

9:30am Bible Study  
6:00pm New Life Singers practice  
6:45pm Chancel Choir practice

### Thursday, May 17

8:00am Women’s Breakfast Group at Panera Bread



John & Deborah Browne, Del Brunton, Connie Gibson, Kenny Werner, Luther Hunt, Mary Ann Heinsman, Maxie McKenzie & family, Bill Pratt, Mark Faith, Nelda Simpson, Bill Cox, Gerry Thomason, Vera Brown, Ada “Dottie” Cruce, Joe Robb Blattner, Debbie McCormick, Susan Spooler, Emily Goode, Carol Gleason, Brian

Lierer, Dwight Taylor, Liz Meyer, Debbie Bradley, Thomas Smith, Thelma Nelson, Allison Sherinski, Debbie Michel, relatives & friends serving in the military, all who are hurting, lonely, and afraid.

**Do you have someone to add to our prayer list? Please inform the church office or fill out a form found at the back of the sanctuary.**

## Serving on Sunday May 13

At the Table: Martin Needels (c), Jim Main (o)  
Distribution: Barbara & Dennis Underwood + ushers  
Communion Prep: Kilja Israel  
Scripture Reader: Margaret Needels  
Greeters: Sue Kemp, Judy McLain  
Ushers: Anne McDonough, Randy McLain  
Abbey Road Adventures: Peggy Bentlage  
Worship Capt.: Ed Tilley  
Soundboard: Breedon/Dean



*In the coming weeks, the "Ethical Guidelines for Congregational Conduct" will be published in the newsletter.*

*The **third** of seven installments follows:*

C. Our Relationship as Members to our Minister(s).

1. When seeking a minister, we will follow our denominational guidelines, work through the Regional Office, will conduct all negotiations with integrity, courtesy, and orderly procedure, without unfair discrimination with regard to marital status, age, race, or gender.
2. We will keep informed on how ministers are compensated in our denomination through information supplied by the Pension Fund of the Christian Church, and by the regional office, and will support our minister with salary, housing, a pension plan, health insurance, necessary expenses funds, vacation, and the time and financial means for continuing education consistent with the demands and resources of our congregation.
3. We will provide our minister with necessary facilities and equipment for his/her work and will respect study hours. We will be considerate of the need for rest and relaxation and will be sensitive to the need for time with family.
4. We will respect the time and talents of members of the minister's family and will have no greater expectation of them than of other lay people.
5. We will grant our minister responsible freedom of the pulpit and the right to present Christian convictions without fear.
6. We will respect and cooperate with our minister's spiritual and intellectual leadership.
7. We will call on our present minister for weddings, funerals, and other special services. Our former ministers and others unconnected with the congregation may be invited to participate in such services only when appropriate and at the present minister's invitation.
8. We will cooperate with our minister to best utilize our congregation's talents in fulfilling the mission of the church.
9. We will keep our minister informed when pastoral services are needed.
10. We will support our minister's reasonable participation in District, Regional, and/or General activities of the denomination, as well as civic and ecumenical activities.
11. We will encourage and assist our minister through constructive feedback, appropriate praise, constant prayer, and faithful participation with him/her in ministry.
12. Because the congregation is the priesthood of believers that minister to one another (pastor to the congregation, and congregation to the pastor), our relationship to the church will be covenantal as well as well as contractual, and we will maintain and conclude all pastoral relationships in a spirit of Christian love.
13. The church will be sensitive and will voluntarily find specific ways to go the second mile in ministry with love, compassion, and trust in the event of personal and/or family crisis, illness of the minister or minister's family, psychological or emotional difficulties or other extenuating circumstances.
14. We will have an active Pastoral Relations Committee or a corresponding body to continually monitor the relationship between our minister and the congregation, and we will call on the assistance of the area/regional staff before a conflict situation grows into a crisis.
15. We will observe similar appropriate principles with all other professional staff and our congregation.