

The R E A C H O U T

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Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!

I asked you during Lent to look inside. Find what is inside you that causes you to run from God. That which is inside you, that separates you from God. You did that!! Then on Good Friday, we placed those on the cross. We gave them up to God, trusting that Christ took all that separates us from God away. Christ gives us new life!! Now we are in the season of Easter. Which is also Spring. A time of new growth. Refreshed without the worry or heaviness of our sins weighting us down. So, how does that look to those around you? How do we witness the saving grace of Christ? I struggle believing and having faith, yet I am not willing to show it or practice it. It is difficult unless we find ways to show it or test it. No, not test God, but test our reliance on God. It is in the working through my faith that I find the witness and courage to rely on God in every part of my life. Am I called to never step out in faith? Am I called to always be reaching in faith out to those who don't know, who are around me who need strength during their weakest moments, or most trying times?

What does that mean for the church or your life? How do we live our lives? Throughout the years, we have moved from a society where we teach our children to do what their parents have done, to a society that want

are children to do better than us. We want them to get the education we didn't get so they can earn more and live more comfortably. We have gotten away from teaching our youth and future generations how to do the things we do. I have noticed a trend in the schools, to teach to help youth pass a test and we are dropping how to cook, build or fix things (Shop Class), and how to keep a checkbook. We want them to use all their free time to do something. We fill free time or what I like to call dream time. We have them playing every sport under the sun. "Idle hands are the devils workshop" Right? I haven't had a chance to look around and not see the youth at a college not staring at their phones. I even catch myself on the phone browsing through social media. Is this what we were thinking of when we did this? Do we really know when it changed? I knew someone who was amazed when I changed a garbage disposal, or when I changed the guts in the toilet tank. When someone broke the toilet seat during day camp, I replaced it. How do you know how to do that, they asked? I said I watched my dad and my grandpa do it. I handed them

Look what is

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RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

May 25

the tools. Just for a note of humor, I also refreshed myself by watching a YouTube video of it. Hee-hee.

At this point, Greg Razo is saying, "Get to the point Pastor Ralph."

This is my point. I am asking have we in the church our experiences, faith, and commitment to God who has given us everything? Have we shared with the next generation, our belief in the church? Have we helped to train a newer or younger believers what it takes to build the body of Christ? By the way what does it take? Any organization needs us to believe it needs to exist. Does Good Hope need to exist? Why? What do we have that others don't have? What does it take to exist? Everything from changing filters in the furnace every two months to plowing snow in the winter and mowing grass in the summer. There are people who change the paraments (the colored things that drape the table/altar) set up communion, bake bread for communion, anointers, preachers, teachers, and janitors. And I haven't gotten to the ministry of the Church, 'To feed the body and soul'! Now that the church building is taken care of we can move to ministry and love of the people. Don't forget not just those who are here, but those in the community and throughout the world. A daunting task if we don't have faith in God! A daunting task if we don't share it with others and teach those who join us why we do this and why it is important to do! But first, we have to ask ourselves why is it important that we are here?

Once we understand the purpose of the church, then we need to do everything in our power to grow. Grow in faith! Grow in hope and most importantly grow in Love. As we grow we never lose our awe of how God got us here and has supported us through the year of successes and mistakes. We learn to commit not to the church, but to God who has been faithful in the promises made and commitment to us. That God would send His very own Son into the world to give up his life to save ours. To leave his human nature to put on the spiritual nature to encourage and strength us with the Holy Spirit. That even when we fail we prevail. I pray that this season of Easter we each recommit our time, talents, and resources to ministry. So, Good Hope might represent God's Love in a world that is in so much need to be loved and shown the way. God Bless every family of Good Hope and may we bless every person who comes to us with a heavy burden that we might, through Christ, give them peace. That we might sustain them with the body and blood of Christ and breathe into them the gift of the Holy Spirit!!

Rev Ralph Edwards

Youth & Family

Easter has come and gone, and graduation season is upon us. This is a very important time in the lives of our youth. This is when they decide what they are going to do outside the realms of high school. Where they will go, what will they learn, and what steps they want to take on the path in front of them. Spend time with your young ones, and send love to the youth. Now more than ever they could use the support and love of our family here at Good Hope. It is them who control the future and it is our job to lend them the support and love they need to succeed.

Nathan Edwards

Dorcas Circle ~ Hannah Circle



MONTHLY MEETINGS

HANNAH CIRCLE: Second Tuesday at 10:00 AM
DORCAS CIRCLE: Second Wednesday at 10:30 AM

PURPOSE:

As a community of women, created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah circle met April 25th and visited several shut-ins. We took flowers and balloons to brighten their day. After visiting we had lunch at R's Pizza in Columbiana and enjoyed fellowship with each other. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who baked cookies for the Rescue Mission. The cookies were gratefully accepted as Hallers delivered a trunkful of cookies. Thank you, girls. Our next meeting will be May 9th and Barbie Gray will lead Bible Study #2. Our meeting time is 10am.

Please continue to save aluminum cans and foil for Hannah Circle as this is our only fundraiser.

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas circle met April 12, 2017 at Shepard of the Valley– Poland
 He meeting opened with prayer for friends and family.
 “Love Gifts” were collected to be sent to the Levites.
 Marilyn presented the devotions based on Romans 11 and after a short discussion she read an excerpt from “too wise to want to be young again”. Anna Marie Conklin will provide the program for May.
 The meeting closed with Prayer.

Stewardship for May.

Thank you to all who remained after church on Palm Sunday to make Palm Crosses. We had a fun time. Twenty five crosses along with a printed prayer were sent out during Holy Week.

Mutual Ministry

Join us on May 13th 9am-12pm for our spring clean up. Bring out your rakes and wheelbarrows as we clean up the church shrubs and mulch the flower beds.

Come to help, or come for the fellowship with your family within Good Hope.

Afterwards join us for Lunch!

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

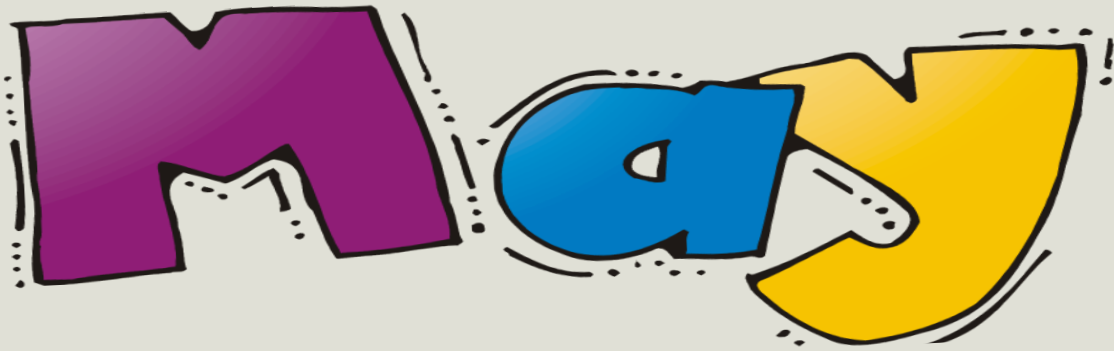
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| DATE | EVENT NAME | COLOR | READINGS | INTRODUCTION |
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| May 7th | Fourth Sunday of Easter | White | Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10 | Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation. |
| May 14th | Fifth Sunday of Easter | White | Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14 | As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life. |
| May 21st | Sixth Sunday of Easter | White | Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:8-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21 | Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world. |
| May 28th | Seventh Sunday of Easter | White | Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11 | In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family. |
| June 4th | Pentecost | Red | Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23 | Today's festival derives its name from the Jewish festival of Pentecost, observed fifty days after Passover. On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the power of God among us that heals, forgives, inspires, and unites. In the reading from Acts, images of wind and fire describe the Spirit poured out on disciples of all nations. In John's gospel the risen Christ breathes the Spirit on his followers on Easter evening. In the one Spirit we are baptized into one body, and at the Lord's table the Spirit unites us for witness in the world. |

Serving in God's House

| SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE | May 7th 4th Sunday Of Easter | May 14th 5th Sunday Of Easter | May 21st 6th Sunday Of Easter | May 28th 7th Sunday Of Easter | June 4th Pentecost |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|
| Altar Guild | Alice Haller | Amber Powell | Kathy Kramer | Donna Haller | Andy Tesyk |
| Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 10:30 am | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Communion Assistant | Kathy Kramer | Robin Marino | Loetta Haller | Kathy Kramer | Robin Marino |
| Lector 8:00 am | Jane Peachey | Greg Razo | Nancy Crouse | Jane Peachey | Greg Razo |
| 10:30 am | Walt Kyser | Andy Tesyk | Ed Peachey | Lee Panneton | Loetta Haller |
| Liturgy | Sarah Deiger | Sandy Kuntz | Loetta Haller | Kathy Kramer | Jane Peachey |
| Ushers 10:30 am | Sonny Schneider | Ed Smith | Chuck Haller | Sonny Schneider | Ed Smith |
| Fellowship After 10:30 am Service | Beth & Tim Lower | Andy Tesyk | Jean Saurwein | Ed & Jane Peachey | Sandy Kuntz |
| Chrema Head counter in bold print | Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Jim Frost | Jeff Hum Donna Haller Ruth McMurray | Pam Nock John Nock Loetta Haller | Nancy Barret Sandy Kuntz Sarah Deiger | Tammy Chuey Ed Smith Jim Frost |
| 8:00 am Anointers | Nancy Crouse Marlene Vavrus | | | | Nancy Crouse Marlene Varvus |
| 10:30 am | Nancy Barret Robin Marino | | | | Nancy Barret Robin Marino |
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| Communion Bread | Loetta Haller | Loetta Haller | Loetta Haller | Loetta Haller | Tammy Chuey |

If you need to exchange dates with someone else, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
AFTER you have made the arrangements with someone to exchange dates with, so that we may change the



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Worship 5pm |
| 7 Worship 8am& 10:30am | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Worship 5pm Spring Clean up 9am-12pm |
| 14 Worship 8am 10:30am | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Worship 5pm Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 |
| 21 Worship 8am 10:30am | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Worship 5pm |
| 28 Worship 8am 10:30am | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
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Our Prayer List

NEW PRAYER CHAIN SYSTEM

Due to One Call we have a new system for the prayer chain. Call If you have a prayer that needs lifted up!

If you would like a One Call sent out just talk to:

Jane Peachey 234-567-1461

Or

Church Office .. 330-549-2406



Mike & Judy Dickey
Dolores Kuhar
Ashlyn Bosley
Michael Bartell

Our weekly Intercessory Prayer for the people of our congregation:

MAY 7

Megan Coburn
Rebecca Coburn
Susan Cogswell
Susan Conaway

MAY 14

Annemarie Conklin
Berkley Corey
Glenn Corey
Whitney Corey

MAY 21

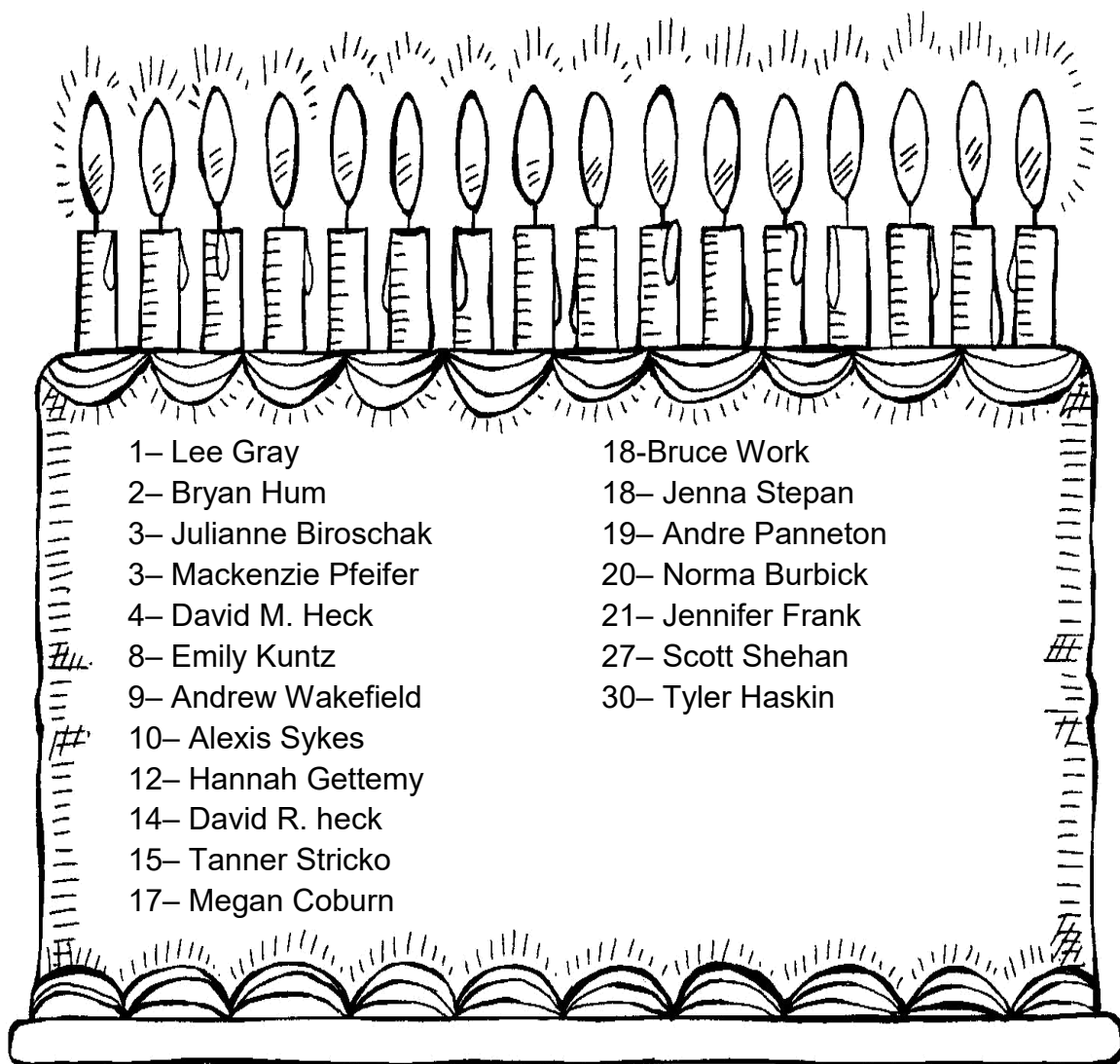
Frederick Coss
Kevin Coss
Lauren Coss
Melinda Coss

MAY 28

Stephan Coss
Jack Crouse
Nancy Crouse
Donald Curtis



Karen & Jeff Hum
John & Tammy Chuey



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

: Council Meeting:

Present: Jane, Ed, Jeff, Penny, Paul, Kevin

Jeff calls meeting to order and opens with prayer.

Jane Discussed treasurer issues with Gene Byler Not going to direct deposit for employees Gene will do reports. Stacey, who works for Gene, will be helping Jane.

Jane Made a motion that her and Gene will do treasurer reports and continue to work out the details.
Paul Second Motion, Motion accepted.

Paul motion to table Financial Secretary Reports, Ed seconded motion. Motion Accepted.

Jeff Discussed getting helpers for maintenance team (needs extension ladders)

Jane Discussed grief camp needs: Putting donation button on webpage for grief camp donations and a button for day camp donations.
Council also discussed the grass cutting situation.

Family and youth reported.

Sunday school

Date- Lesson

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March 26th- Apostles Creed Craft

April 2th- Lazarus Craft

April 9th- Palms for Palm Sunday

April 16th – Easter

New Crafts working very well with the kids!

Outside Sign

Easter Sunday

Good Friday

Maundy Thursday

2 Baptisms

Secretarial Work

Bulletins

Easter

Good Friday

Maundy Thursday

Newsletter

Answer Phones

Assisting Jane with CCC's phone calls, and referrals.

Transformation - Soup and Salad

Fund Raiser for Good Grief Final Profit \$896

2 tax appointments for Ohio Benefit Bank

Continued assistance with the Three C's, meetings, reports to State of Ohio, and working to help establish a filing system and financial thank you letters that meet IRS requirements

Met twice with Pastor Ralph to discuss future goals and direction for my ministry here at Good Hope and Camp Frederick. Assessing where my skills and interests can both serve Good Hope and my personal goals.

Met with Gene Byler to divide tasks of Treasurer. I will be writing checks and other tasks. Gene's company will do payroll and monthly report.

2 counseling session

Mutual Ministry meeting

Two Grief Camp Meetings = looking at funding needs if grief camp is to continue, review of brochure for grief camp

Pastor Ralph reported

I had 13 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.

3 home communions

1 memorial Chuck Brown

We had our regular number of Saturday night,

Sunday morning Services

Over the past month, I have presided at 13 worship services and prepared 5 sermons.

I had 10 meetings with various Groups in the Church and Outside Representing Good Hope.

Mar 1 Imposition of Ashes 11am to 1pm

Mar 1 Ash Wednesday worship- Imposition of Ashes and Communion

Mar 5-11 ACTION Gamaliel National Leadership Training Kathy Kramer Wed, Sandy Kuntz Sat-Sun

Mar 8- Apr 5 Wednesday Lenten worship
Wednesdays at 7pm

Mar 12 – Apr 9 Bible Study Road to Coronation
Sundays 9am and Sundays PM??
Mar 25- Soup and salad Supper

Old business:

Envelopes, the format, costs, etc...

Ed made a motion to accept new envelope formats. Penny seconded the motion, motion accepted.

New business:

Sign letters: Jeff is taking care of the letters.

took up collection for Secretary's' Day

End with the Lords Prayer

Easter Word Search



Angel

Cross

Crown of Thorns

Easter

Empty Tomb

Good Friday

Holy

Hope

Jesus

King

Love

Mary

Messiah

Resurrection

Risen

Sacrifice

Salvation

Sunday

Savior

Third Day



Spaghetti Dinner

All You Can Eat!

When: Saturday May 20, 2017. 4pm– 7pm

Where: Good Hope Lutheran Church
12030 Market St.
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What: Spaghetti With your choice of
Meatballs or Sausage,
Salad, Bread, and Dessert.

How Much: \$10 For Adults
\$ 6 For Children



TAKE OUT
AVAILABLE

Call 330-549-2406 If you have any Questions

STRAWBERRY



SOCIAL



for the North Lima Community Day Camp program

June 11th
11 am – 1 pm

BY DONATION – Proceeds benefit the kids going to Day Camp

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs from the grill with chips & baked beans...

also snow cones, popcorn, cold drinks

And of course...

STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE

with ice cream or whipped topping!

Don't Miss Our Raffle Baskets!!!



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Return Services Requested

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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