

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 can't stop singing "I've got sunshine on a cloudy day, I've got sunshine on a cloudy day. When it's cold outside, I've got the month of May. Well, I guess you'd say, what can make me feel this way? My girl (my girl, my girl), talkin' 'bout my girl (my girl)." April was a month that was so stressful, yet so joyful. Wendy and I worked through the business of Lent, Easter, and our wedding, and we made it through the support of our friends and family of Good Hope. What a time!!!

We went through the season of Lent and worked on ourselves, trying to clear our lives of the things that separate us from God. We received an encouraging pep talk from Christ about how we are to serve and care for one another. We even heard in all this that we are to give up our lives, die to self and rise in Christ. Then that day we all dread, but yet we celebrate by calling it Good Friday. We celebrate by taking all our sins and hanging them on the cross with Christ so we can have a clean slate to live with, renewed. Then the most exciting day of all Easter! The resurrection of our Lord! This year was even more special for me because it was on April 1, the anniversary of my mom's death. The resurrection of Christ gives me hope that my mom is with Christ and made new. Christ defeated death and the grave, and gave new life, an everlasting life. WOW!!!

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May 25

Then we were able to celebrate with Bishop Allende the 1st Sunday after Easter. We heard the story of doubting Thomas, but the Bishop took it to all of the disciples who were afraid. We had as large a crowd for the bishop as we did for Easter. It was wonderful to see the crowd of people celebrating and worshipping with us. After the service, the bishop officiated our coming together as wife and husband, Wendy and I. What do you gift someone with who feels they have everything? We thank you! We thank you for the gift of a vacation! We drove until we found warm weather to just do nothing. Our friends and family gathered and ate and left with joy. What a celebration to live in the freedom of the very Christ who comes in our midst and say Peace. My peace I give you. We live in a world where we have so much to be thankful for, even when everything is crazy. We make new beginnings in a world of sickness, death, and destruction. We make new beginnings because we focus not on this world, but on the hopes and visions of Christ and the world to come, reliving Easter every day. Trusting and having faith in the resurrection.

May is when we finally see true signs of Spring. A rebirth of warmth and all things start to come to life. Rabbits, chipmunks, snakes, and squirrels are running in the yard, the grass just seems to turn greener and grow overnight. Everything begins to wake after the winter slumber. I also get to see the rebirth of those in the church. People stretching themselves in faith to become renewed mind, body, and spirit. I love to be there and witness as they get a vision of what they can be in and through Christ. They take their devotions, read and become fed and then next thing, you see them as they feed others with the food they themselves have been fed with. When others try alone and fail, and as they suffer, the people of God encourage and lift them as the Holy Spirit moves through them to take the failure and raise it to a success that can be shared with others to encourage the whole body of Christ. I watch as some who don't feel worthy become stronger in faith and something takes over and they are renewed and become a new person learning and yearning to serve. Something they had never felt before. Then to gain the courage to share this new zeal for the Lord with the body of Christ. Which encourages us all to get connected to Christ and stay connected. As I hear again Christ saying "You will do greater things than these!"

New life in a world of death and destruction. New life when all else seems to fail. New life through faith. We just have to believe it. In our lives as pain and sorrow seep in, we have faith that seems to carry us no matter what. When we can't take that next step, we don't know how, but we keep stepping. When we can't even feel our feet or legs, we keep stepping. Just a closer walk with thee, precious Jesus, hear my plea. People of Good Hope, please help be the 'Epidemic of Hope' in this world. As we say -GOOD HOPE!!!

Pastor Ralph

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

Five Hannah Circle members met April 10th at the church and then proceeded to visit shut-ins. The visits were enjoyable and appreciated.

Thank you, Hallers, for taking the cans and foil to Solomon's salvage center. We earned \$25.36. Please keep saving foil and cans for Hannah Circle as this is a very necessary fundraiser. Containers are located in various places in the church.

Next month we will meet at 10:00am on May 8th at the church and once again, proceed to visit shut-ins.

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas met at Shepherd of the Valley for their April meeting on April 11. Prayers for friends and family and devotions were led by Irene Bentley. Love gifts were collected for the Levites. Irene presented a program on "If Jesus came today, would we know him." Our May meeting will be held at Irene's home on May 9 at 11:00am. Please bring a sack lunch. Refreshment and dessert will be provided.

Stewardship Team

Our next meeting is May 8th at 7:00pm at Good Hope. Sarah and Wendy attended a stewardship workshop and will present the information. We are also going to plan our calendar for the next year. New members and new ideas are always welcome!

Have a blessed summer!

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
May 6th	Sixth Sunday Of Easter	white	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.
May 13th	Seventh Sunday Of Easter	white	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!
May 20th	Day of Pentecost	red	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is sometimes called the church's birthday, but might more appropriately be called its baptism day, since the gift of the Spirit is the fullness of baptism. Ezekiel's vision shows the Spirit resurrecting and re-creating not just individuals but a whole people. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.
May 27th	First Sunday After Pentecost	white	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

Serving in God's House THE REACHOUT

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE	May 6th Sixth Sunday Of Easter	May 13th Seventh Sunday Of Easter	May 20th Day of Pentecost	May 27th First Sunday After Pentecost	June 3 Second Sunday After Pentecost
Altar Guild	Donna Haller	Andy Tesyk	Jacki Makowski	Art & Barb Gray	Alice Haller
Acolyte/ Crucifer 8:00am 10:30 am	N/A Nick Haines	N/A Nick Haines	N/A Nick Haines	N/A Nick Haines	N/A Nick Haines
Communion Assistant	Robin Marino	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer	Robin Marino	Loetta Haller
Lector 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer	Greg Razo Andy Tesyk	Nancy Crouse Jean Sauerwein	Greg Razo Ed Peachey	Nancy Crouse Pam Nock
Liturgy	Pam Nock	Sarah Deiger	Sandy Kuntz	Loetta Haller	Kathy Kramer
Ushers 10:30 am	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller	Sonny Schneider	Ed Smith	Chuck Haller
Fellowship After 10:30 am Service	Ed & Jane Peachey	Sandy Kuntz	Roberta McMurray	Art & Barb Gray	Amber Powell
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
Anointers 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Crouse Marlene Varvus Nancy Barret Robin Marino				Nancy Crouse Marlene Varvus Nancy Barret Robin Marino
Communion Bread	Kristen & Grace Pavkovich	Kristen & Grace Pavkovich	Kristen & Grace Pavkovich	Kristen & Grace Pavkovich	Debbie Dulovich

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 office calendar. **If you would like to volunteer, please call the office (330-549-2406) and we will add your name to our list. Thank you!**

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Office open 9-2	3	4 Office open 9-2	5 Worship 5:00pm Wood cutting at Camp Frederick
6 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	7 Office open 9-2	8 Hannah Circle 10 am Stewardship Meeting 7pm	9 Office closed professional development Dorcas Circle 11 am	10	11 Office open 9-2 Rummage sale 10am-5pm	12 Worship 5:00pm Pulled pork lunch and bake sale 11am-2pm Rummage sale 10am-5pm
13 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	14 Office open 9-2	15 Council Meeting 7pm	16 Office open 9-2	17	18 Office open 9-2	19 Worship 5:00 pm Calvary bbq chicken 3-6pm
20 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	21 Office open 9-2	22	23 Office open 9-2	24	25 Office open 9-2	26 Worship 5:00pm
27 Worship 8:00am & 10:30am	28 Office open 9-2 Memorial day parade 11am	29	30 Office open 9-2	31		

Our Prayer List

NEW PRAYER CHAIN SYSTEM

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers.

If you would like a One Call sent out please contact:

Jane at 234-567-1461
or the Church office at
330-549-2406



Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

Joe Kreidler	Ralph Allen
Jennifer Ostapiak	Pete Wellman
Tom & Catherine Bivianno	Jack Schneider
Emily Bluedorn	Judy Dickey
Marilyn Crozier	Chris and Julia Karis
Dale Sheely	
Family of Ron Rapp	
Family of Linda Kopalko	
Family of Charlotte Work	

Serving in the Military: Morgan Ball, Alyssa,
Bryce Liberty, Jakeb Fry

May 6

Debbie Dulovich
Joe Dulovich
Bryan Dulovich
Jonathan Dulovich

May 13

Penny Felger
Baylee Felger
Dean Frederick
Carl Frost

May 20

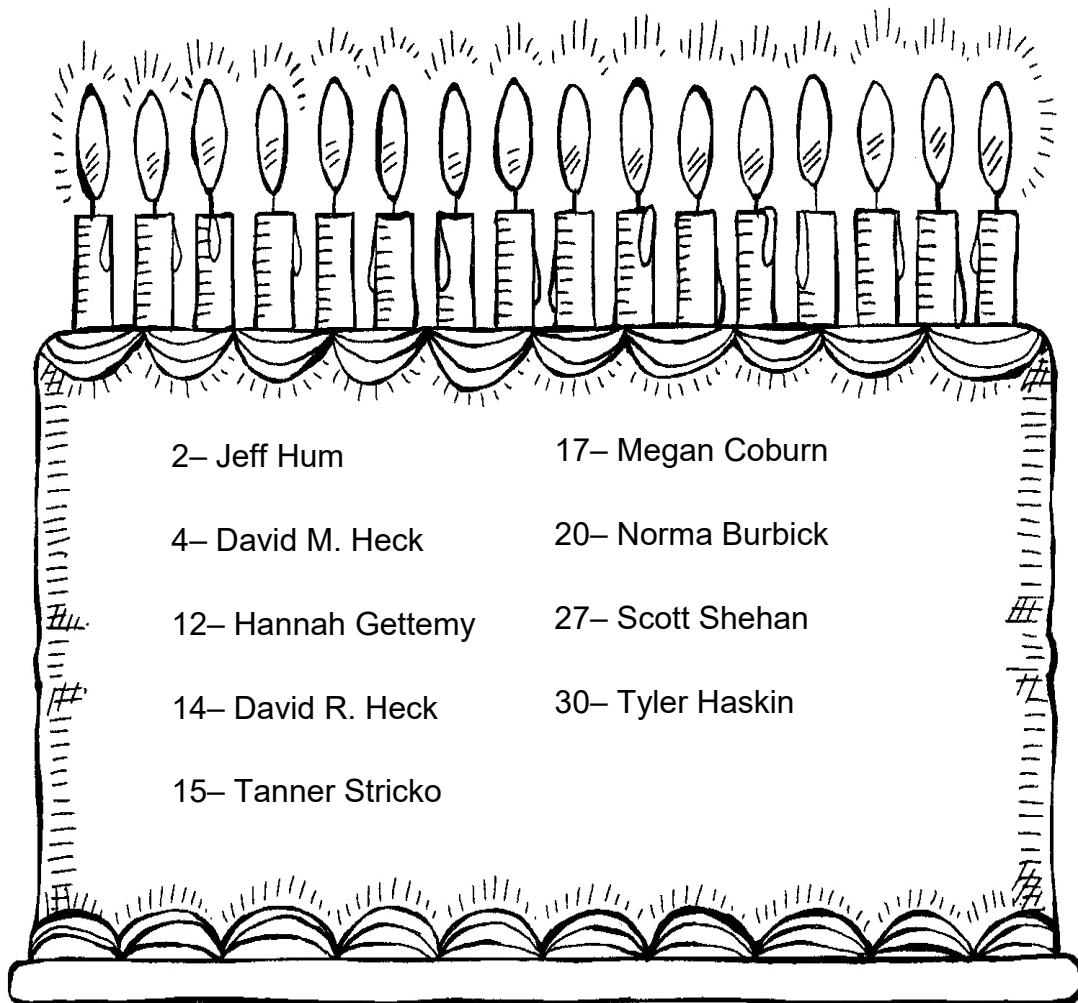
James Frost
Debbie Frost
Alaina Fuller
Glenn Fuller

May 27

LaDonna Fuller
Virginia Fuller
William Fuller
Karen Galgan



5th— Karen & Jeff Hum
6th— Angela & Keith Gorby
14th— Tammy & John Chuey



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Minutes for April 17, 2018

Present: Sarah, Jane, Greg, Jeff W., Jeff H., Andy, Kelsie

Excused: Joe, Bryan, Pastor Ralph

Opening prayer led by Greg.

Treasurer's report: Jeff motions to accept February's report pending audit. Jane seconds. Motion carried. March report to be emailed to council members when available.

Financial secretary's report: Greg motions to accept March's report pending audit. Jane seconds. Motion carried.

Secretary's report: Prepared bulletins for Lent and made Easter crafts with the kids in Sunday school. Continued to update and organize the office.

Building maintenance: Greg to obtain quote for sump pump repair.

Transformation:

- Assisted with Spaghetti Dinner, Pastor and Wendy's wedding
- Attended Renewal of Pastor's vows
- Counseling -7 Counseling Appts.
- Grief Camp two planning meetings, met with One Health Ohio 2 times to discuss partnering and assistance with funding. Speaking engagement at the Youngstown Rotary
- 3 tax Appointments
- Visited with congregation members
- Returned calls and followed through with requests for assistance and fielded calls for the office during Pastor and Wendy's absence.
- The 3 C's gave notice that my final treasurer's report will be the first Tuesday in June. I will assist as needed while the new person takes over. Returned calls aided people with food, housing and utility assistance. Created a list of nonfood items that are helpful to those in need

Future Plans

- Continue planning grief camp and coordinate the scheduling, begin interviews with children, visit Camp Erin in Pittsburgh to brain storm for other ideas, continue fund raising efforts. Present to Greenford Lutheran in May.
- Continue with the discipleship training
- Assist with the rummage sale, set up and food sale. Provide guidance as needed for Jean Ohlin, Michael Elford and John Chuey as they head the dinner team
- Train others to take over the various positions I have held in the church

(council minutes cont.)

Old Business:

Bell tower appointment was made but had to be cancelled due to wet ground.
Parking lot- Jeff Hum to follow up with contractors to align estimates. Jeff will pass out pledge cards.

New Business:

Stewardship workshop- Jeff motions for the church to send 5 delegates; \$50 to be paid for by the church. Andy seconds. Motion carried.

Sarah motions to accept the March meeting minutes. Jane seconds. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Greg.

Treasurer's Report Ending March 31, 2018

	Current	Prior Year	Current Year To Date	Prior Year To Date
Income	\$13, 148.35	\$18,416.75	\$33,916.27	\$50,613.75
Expense	\$18,596.46	\$16,884.23	\$47,482.38	\$43,075.64
Total	(\$5,448.11)	\$1,532.52	(\$13,566.11)	\$7,538.11

(negative shown in parentheses)

Special Ministry Areas

Needed by June 1, 2018:

Treasurer for the Three C's

- Ability to use Excel worksheet
- Work with local members to assist with utility bills and emergency housing needs
- Write checks, contact appropriate agencies to make pledges
- Mail or deliver checks to agencies
- Prepare monthly report on donations and expenditures, attend monthly meeting on the first

Tuesday of each month (no July meeting)

Jane will work with new Treasurer to help make Transition smooth.

For more information contact Jane Peachey 234-567-1461

Transformation Ministry

- Someone who feels called to assist those in need in our community
- Need someone to take over writing checks, vetting clients, able to keep information confidential, consult with Pastor when unsure of how to proceed.
- Attempt to be a good steward of funds knowing that once the gift is given the blessing is between the recipient and God.

For more information contact Jane Peachey 234-567-1461

Community Events

May 19– Chicken Bbq at Calvary United Methodist Church from 3pm-6pm. Dinner includes: 1/2 chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, green beans, roll w/ butter, drink, and dessert.

May 28– Memorial Day Parade at 11am. All veterans are invited to walk the parade route. If you or your group would like to be in the parade, please contact Dale Bricker at 330-729-2780.

June 2– Camp Frederick's annual 5K Wilderness Run at 7:30 am. Call the camp office for more information at 330-227-3633.

June 10– Strawberry Social at Mount Olivet United Church of Christ from 11am-1pm. Proceeds to benefit the Community Day Camp. If you would like to donate a basket to the raffle, please deliver it to Mount Olivet by June 8th.



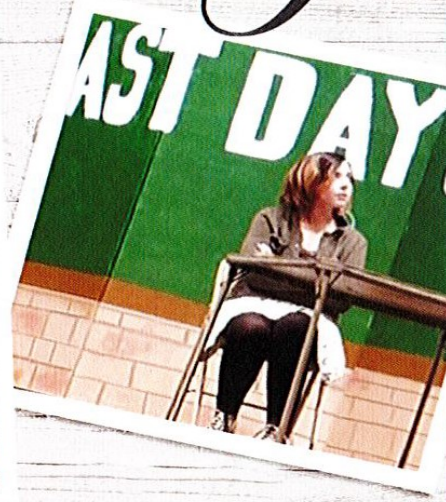
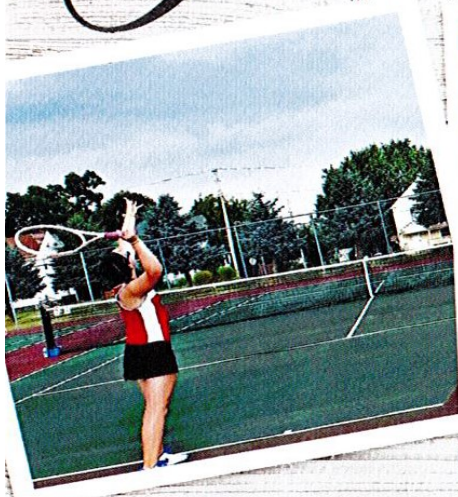
Celebrate
with the Graduate

the class of **2018**

Rebekah Ann Edwards

Class of 2018

Grad Party



Honoring Rebekah Ann Edwards

Sunday, June 24, 2018 Open House - 1:00 to 4:00 pm | Please RSVP to Brigid at 330-360-6983
Birch Hill Cabin at the Lily Pond, McCollum Rd. Mill Creek Park, Youngstown, Ohio 44509

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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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