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

The R E A C H O U T

Refreshed from our time down South, Wendy and I are slowly getting back into the swing of things. We are not as young as we used to be! The first week back, I have to admit that I am running slower, but I feel recharged. I really think it is in our best interest to take time away and get recharged. When we came back, we hit the ground running. I wouldn't have it any other way. (LOL) It was great to see Beth and her family as we baptized Roman. What a wonderful thing to have 50+ people at a Saturday night service. People are getting their shots and starting to come back to church. It has been great to see. We have stopped drive through communion. We will be starting out to move forward, a new day, a new month, and a new year.

Frist, I want to encourage anyone who has extra gift monies to prayerfully consider giving to the Capital Improvement fund. We have had a request and large donation to purchase a new electronical sign for outside. Our current sign is starting to fade from sun and elements. With an electronical sign, we can put more information out at one time and change more frequently. Council will be looking into signage and getting 3 or 4 bids. We also need to make sure it is what we want and need to do the job. We are also looking into the outside lighting around the church. Our lights are out-dated and do not work. Please pray for council as we do our best job looking into making our building on the corner of 165 and 7 look the best that we can as well as helping our staff keep you and the neighborhood informed and connected.

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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

Next, our stewardship team has been doing a great job to keep us always and ever looking out with service to our community as well as to our neighbors. They have been doing wonderful things to keep the members in need, as well as our neighbors, in front of us so we don't ever have to fear those in need will be invisible to us like the rich man in Luke's story of Lazarus and the rich man. I know this year with your help we will be kicking it up a notch using the information from Michael Ward who wrote Abundance: Creating a Culture of Generosity. What a gift to the church each and every one of you are. A gift we cannot waste or squander. When I say thank God you are here, I truly mean it. While everyone has been afraid during this period of Covid-19, I have been amazed and impressed at the people of this congregation. You have had faith and have been giving without seeing. You have just totally amazed me! At every meeting with my peers, I have been over taken by emotion as I explain how our giving has not gone down and people have been coming to worship, and by drive through, Online and of course zoom. We have not missed a beat or chance to help our neighbors. We have been feeding the Body and Soul even during this time of fear, and confusion. When those around us have been laying off and cutting back, we kept our cool and our staff, as well as supported the dinner team and Barber Drive Barbeque. They hired local people and members to provide dinners and donations to those who could not afford dinners. We provided over 100 to 150 dinners to Teen challenge and their 50 to 80 residents. As well as local families in need identified by the local school in South Range, Springfield, and Western Reserve.

We have backed up or increased everything we have been doing with Action grants written by our members to Thrivent and I hope we do even more grants with your help. If you are a member of Thrivent you can speak with Natalie Keenan-Nemenz, Angela DeVito, or the office and ask how you can help get an action grant written. Let's keep exploring ways to help others generously and abundantly. It is so neat to give help to a person or business and have them thank you and you can say I didn't do it. The people of Good Hope supported me along with Thrivent grants written by the members so we can do more. We can give abundantly. Through God all things are possible and our God is not a God of scarcity. God is a God of abundance. Let us pray that we at Good Hope learn generosity and give generously with a happy heart. I pray each and everyone here realize good and bad comes our way in this world but we are blessed and loved by God and we have been given salvation through the resurrection of Christ. Christ has blessed us with the Holy Spirit to live a life of blessing for our neighbors. Amen! Amen! Amen! Hallelujah!

Pastor Ralph

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
May 2nd	Fifth Sunday of Easter	white	Acts 8: 26-40 Psalm 22: 25-31 1 John 4: 7-21 John 15: 1-8	This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.
May 9th	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 16th	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 23rd	Day of Pentecost	red	Acts 2: 1-21 Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b Romans 8: 22-27 John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15	Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.
May 30th	Holy Trinity	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

MAY

Serving in God's house	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Lector 8:00	Sue Deutschlander	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse	Sue Deutschlander	Greg Razo
Lector 10:30	Andy Tesyk	Sarah Deiger	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Sarah Deiger
Communion bread	None needed	None needed	None needed	None needed	None needed
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger Sandy Kuntz	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	need

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

JUNE

Serving in God's house	June 6	June 13	June 20	June 27
Lector 8:00	Nancy Crouse	Sue Deutschlander	Greg Razo	Nancy Crouse
Lector 10:30	Kathy Kramer	Andy Tesyk	Sarah Deiger	Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich	Debbie Dulovich
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Tammy Chuey Sarah Deiger Sandy Kuntz	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk

Mark Your Calendar

May 16: Mixed grill barbeque from noon to 4pm. Meal includes cherry smoked ribs and chicken served with baked beans, buttered corn, and coleslaw.

May 22: March for Jesus at the amphitheater in Youngstown. Hope to see you there!

May 22: Camp Frederick's Quarter Auction at The Shrine Club Pavilion at 5pm.

May 23: Affirmation of Baptism during the 10:30 worship. Confirmands are Cadence Elford, Neil Takach, Kellen Pitzer, and Jimmy Powell. Congratulations!

****Special Notes****

Financial Secretary: Good Hope is looking for a financial secretary to start June 1st. Peggy has offered to provide instructions for the Tithe.ly and On Realm websites. She will also be available to help with the transition. The financial secretary is responsible for recording the weekly offering and mailing out end of year statements, etc. Please let the office know if you are interested or have any questions.

Maintenance: We will not be holding a large-group yard clean up day this year. Instead, we invite you to stop in with your family or friends whenever you want. Please consider helping out with pulling weeds, trimming bushes, and planting new flowers as it is needed. Eugene will continue to mow the lawn.

*****Thank You*****



Thank you so much for your donation to West Side Cats. We depend on kind people like you to provide food and care for our cats and kittens. We would not be able to do what we do without you, and we want you to know just how much your support is appreciated.

Circle News ~ Team News

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Our next meeting will be May 11th at 7pm. Pastor Ralph has asked us to read 'Abundance: Creating a Culture of Generosity' written by Michael Ward. Stephanie will be attending to discuss the church picnic.

DINNER TEAM

Proceeds from the soup to-go were \$717. Thank you for your support!

BIBLE STUDY

The bible study will resume Wednesday, April 28th at 7pm on zoom. In person bible study will resume Thursday, April 29th in the Chapel at 6pm. Pastor Ralph will email the link and assignment beforehand.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

The March for Jesus will be held on May 22 in Youngstown. Please contact Sarah at 330-727-1095 if you need more information or have any questions. If you wish to order a t-shirt or hat, you can find them on the website below.

<https://themarchforjesusmv.com>

If you are interested in becoming financial secretary for Good Hope, please let Wendy know at 330-549-2406.

Thank you Peggy Manchester for your service! We appreciate you!

Our Prayer List

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 the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Shannon Styer
Thomas C.
Sherman Gumbs
Dave Sweeney
Karen Corey
Mark Shaffer

Serving in the military:
Morgan Rhinehart
Alyssa
Bryce Liberty
Jakeb Fry
Lyndsey Miller

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

May 2

Jennifer Scott
Angel Sheehan
Xana Sheehan
Dale Sheely

May 9

Olin Sheely
Alexia Shehan
Cole Shehan
Kaden Shehan

May 16

Scott Shehan
Sherri Shehan
Joseph Slifka
Alicia Smith

May 23

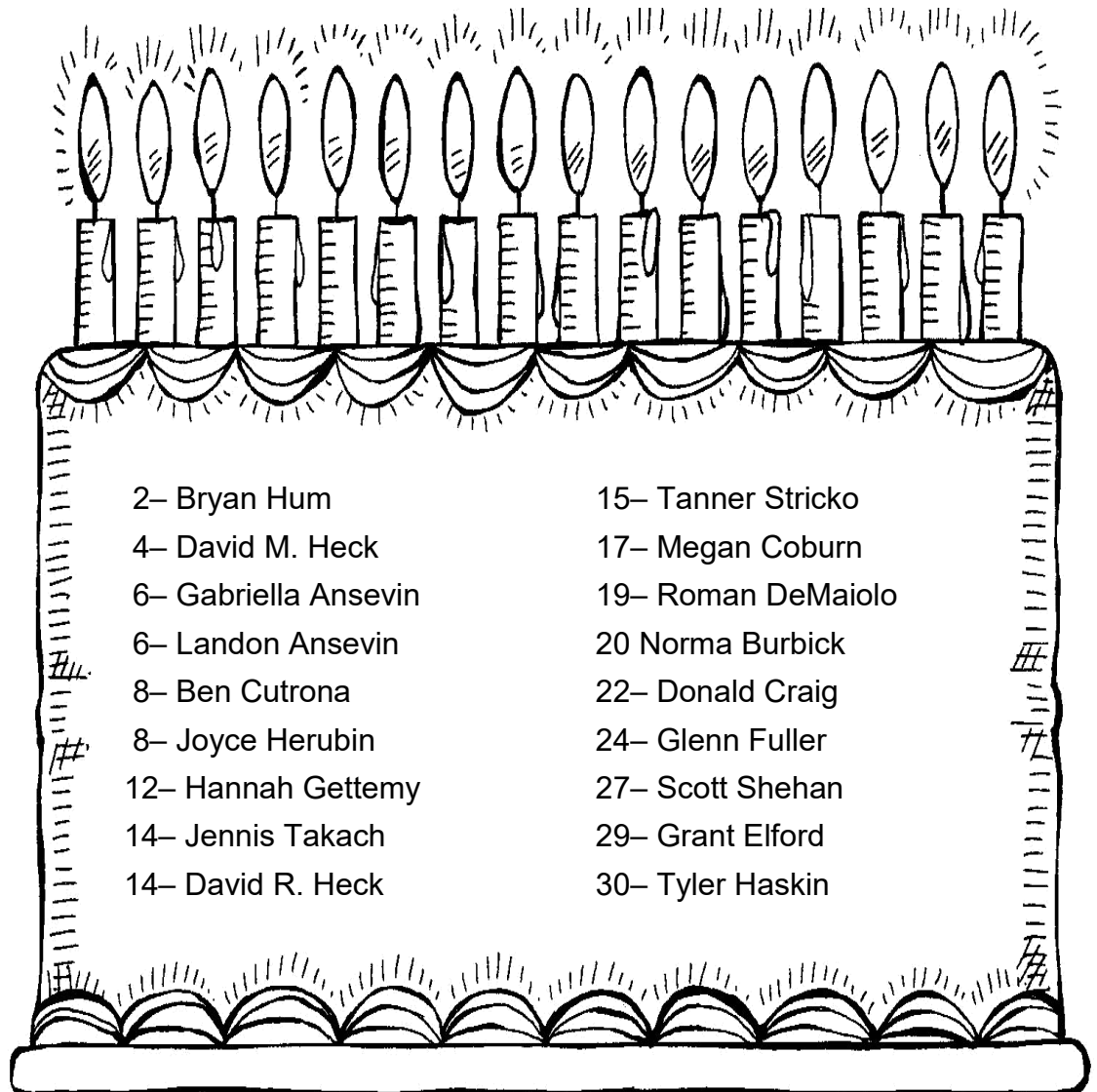
Alyson Smith
Brad Smith
Ed Smith
Eddie Smith

May 30

Edward Smith
Emilee Smith
Kim Smith
Jen Stasiak



2– Katie & Michael Elford
13– Sarah & Patrick Scenna
14– Tammy & John Chuey
18– Sharon & Don Greenberg
31– Melinda & Fred Coss



MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2021

present: Nancy, Sarah, Wendy, P. Ralph, Kelly, Greg, Stephanie, Andy, and Peggy

excused: Kevin, Sue, Jeff

The meeting was opened with prayer by Sarah.

Treasurer: Kelly states that March was uneventful as far as finances go. She reports a net surplus of about \$1,200 for March.

Pastor's Report –April– 2021

Area of Focus Last Month:

- ✓ I had 20 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
 - ✓ 2 Funeral Walter Kyser and Charles Hoffmaster
 - ✓ 1 Wedding Chris Smith
 - ✓ 5 Drive through Communion
 - ✓ 15 contacts by phone for significant help.
 - ✓ Daily Reaching out to Members by phone.
 - ✓ We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services
 - ✓ Over the past month, I have presided at 16 worship services and prepared 8 sermons.
- March 5,12,19,26 Lenten Fish Fry
 - March 7 Aaron Hartman Funeral
 - March 11 Rostered Ministers Online meeting.
 - March 14 Daylight Saving Time Starts
 - March 14 Pasta Bake
 - March 28 Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday
 - March 30 Renewal of Vows and Blessing of Oils
 - Apr 1 Maundy Thursday Worship 7PM and on Zoom
 - Apr 2 Good Friday Worship 7PM and on Zoom
 - Apr 2 Lenten Fish Fry
 - Apr 3 Vigil of Easter
 - Apr 4 Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day Worship
 - April 11-16 Pastor Ralph and Wendy on Vacation Office Closed

Secretary's March 2021 Report:

Attended Lent services

changed outdoor sign

Assisted with dinners

Assisted with drive through communion

Changed paraments

Organized clothing shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council

Took meeting minutes for council

Prepared 12 bulletins and 12 power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

Faxed all bills and statements to Kelly

Old Business:

- a. March with Jesus- Sarah presented the information video at the 10:30 worship last week. She said that if you want to participate without marching, you can come to the amphitheater to listen to live music. Sarah will attend the next training this weekend. If you have questions about the march, please contact her at 330-727-1095.
- b. Church picnic- Stephanie will attend the May 11 Stewardship meeting to brainstorm and report back to council at the May meeting.

New Business:

- a. Shed- Michael Elford requested to purchase and put an 8x8 new shed next to the clothing shed at the church. This will hold the equipment needed for dinners being held at Good Hope. Andy motions to allow Michael to place the shed at Good Hope. Stephanie seconds. Motion carried.
- b. Printer- P. Ralph informs council that our color printer has broken beyond repair. He and Wendy met with Tom from Team Office and received a quote for a new machine and a maintenance contract for both machines. This new contract will be a few dollars less than what we were paying before.
- c. Electric sign- A member of Good Hope has offered to help purchase an electric sign to replace the one we now have on the corner. Greg will obtain 3 quotes for the May meeting. Wendy and Nancy both offered to help with the quotes.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Greg.



Treasurer's Report Ending March 31, 2021

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$17,918.17	\$45,663.59	\$148,396.41
Expense	\$16,673.31	\$50,433.51	\$143,626.49
Net Total	\$1.244.86	(\$4,769.92)	\$4,769.92



Quarters Auction
to Benefit
Camp Frederick
May 22, 2021
Doors Open at 5:00
Auction Starts at 6:00
The event will be located at:
The Shrine Club Pavilion
1735 W. South Range Rd
North Lima, OH 44452

For Discounted Pre-Ordering: go to
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-camp-frederick-quarters-auction-may-22nd-2021-tickets-140051661289>



CHICKEN BBQ DRIVE-THRU

Where: Calvary United Methodist Church
12062 South Avenue
North Lima, OH 44452

When: Saturday, May 8 from 3-6pm

Meal: 1/2 chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, green beans, roll & butter, and dessert (pie).

ALL FOR ONLY \$12

SUNDAY MAY 16

NOON- 4PM OR TILL SOLDOUT

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**BBQ- TO- GO provided by
BARBER DRIVE BARBEQUE**

*CHERRY SMOKED RIBS
AND ¼ CHICKEN DINNER FOR \$15
SERVED WITH HOMEMADE
TEXAS BAKED BEANS, BUTTERED
CORN AND CREAMY COLESLAW*



**CALL OR TEXT MICHAEL TO PRE-ORDER AT 330-727-0437.
PICK UP PRE-ORDERS BY 1:30.**

DRIVE THROUGH ONLY

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Return Services Requested

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

Church Office

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