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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

¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. ¹⁵If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

Well, we are in the Easter Season! I hope you are preparing for the Holy Spirit to come. Blowing into the lives of the Apostles as well as our lives. What is this Holy Spirit all about anyway? I enjoy the songs that are about the spirit blowing into our lives to give us peace and to stir us from placidness. Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea. It makes it sound so great and easy, right? Well I have been feeling the Spirit move in and out of my life as I have been gifted to do ministry. I have been to Nigeria, Maize Mexico, San Quentin Mexico, Mississippi, and inner-city Cleveland doing ministry and watching as the Spirit does wonderful and amazing things. But I have never seen the Spirit move as passionately as I have at home watching the people of Good Hope!

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You see, if you boil the Holy Spirit down to its essence you get love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. It's that easy right? I don't know about you, but I have a difficult time. I seem to have a problem being those things. But I know that the struggle is the battle and the battle is the source of growth and strength. Every single time you win a little scrimmage and you show Love, or any of the elements, to someone else then they see the Holy Spirit the very essence of God and Jesus Christ.

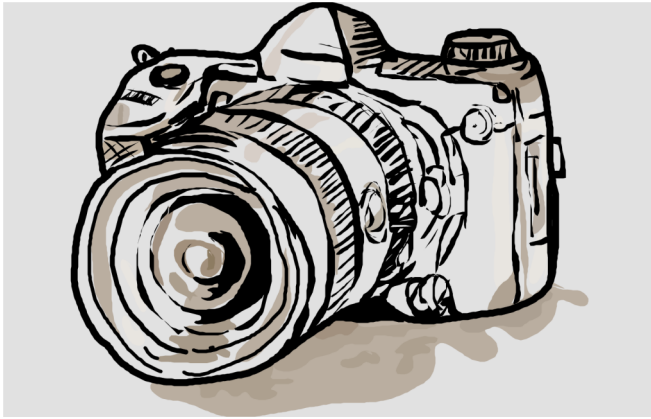
One of the encouragements I can give you is the scriptures I have listed at the top of the page. I think it is crazy exciting that Christ says we can do greater works than these. Can you believe it? You and I can do greater works than what Christ had done? It gives me encouragement, and I am puzzled at the same time. I wonder what I can do next to show God that I am thankful for all that I have been given, including the forgiveness of my sins, so that I may be empowered by the spirit, to do greater works than these! We each have been cleaned and anointed Children of God. We have the power to show others Christ through our actions. It is through our actions that we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives that other see Christ.

Again, as you look at the scriptures, you can see that the world cannot see the Spirit of Truth, but we know him and have seen him. So, when we allow the Spirit to abide in us, the world gets a chance to see and believe. So what do you have to do to teach them or show them? Be! Believe! And Live! When we believe that Christ has covered our sins and has freed us to be priests who serve God we act differently toward our neighbor. We seek the truth, we seek justice and we seek God everywhere we go. I promise you the more you seek God the more you find evidence of God and the more you see God in everyday life. We when we see God we feel empowered. The world doesn't seem so threatening, and we can have peace. We relax and share more Love, we encourage more people. We are patient, kind, generous, faithful, we are more in control and we have a peace that passes all human understanding. Then all of a sudden the people you are working with want what you have. They start to ask how do you have such peace, strength and faith? Our response is that God is an awesome God who provides for people with love.

I pray that we at Good Hope are training for the day of Pentecost. So that when we feel the rush of the wind and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are ready to show our neighbors the Christ that abides in each and every one!

Believe Christ so that you seek the Christ in everyone, so you may serve Christ in your actions daily in caring for one another. May the Gifts of the Spirits abide in you that you might show others Christ. Amen!!

Pastor Ralph



Directory pictures will be taken here at Good Hope Saturday, May 4th and Saturday, May 18th from 3-5pm. These are not commercial pictures, they are for our directory only and you will not be asked to purchase any additional pictures. Hope to see all of your beautiful smiles!



**** Please note the location has changed ****

The New Levites Breakfast

The Last Saturday Every Month

Start Date May 25, 2024 9am to 10am

Location: Mt. Olivet Church of Christ

410 South Range Road, North Lima

Text your R.S.V.P. to: Carl Frost 330-540-1427 or Pastor Ralph 330-360-1372

The priests of Aaron clearly acquired sole right to the Jewish priesthood. Those who performed subordinate services associated with public worship were known as Levites. In this capacity, the Levites were musicians, gate keepers, guardians, Temple officials, judges, and craftsmen.

Here is the plan!!

We meet and have breakfast. At 10am we break and those who can, meet at the church, and change light bulbs and heating filters or any odd jobs that need done at the church. We head our separate ways between 11 and noon.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

MAY

Serving in God's house	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer
Communion bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller
Chrema	Andy Tesyk Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Nancy Barrett Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

JUNE

Serving in God's house	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk	Greg Razo Kathy Kramer	Nancy Crouse Andy Tesyk
Communion bread	Deb Dulovich	Deb Dulovich	Deb Dulovich	Deb Dulovich	Deb Dulovich
Chrema	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards Tammy Chuey	Nancy Barret Andy Tesyk	Sandy Kuntz Tammy Chuey	Wendy Edwards Andy Tesyk	need

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
May 5th	6th 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 12th	7th 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 19th	Day of Pentecost	red	Acts 2: 1-21 Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b 1 John 3: 16-24 John 10: 11-18	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 26th	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.




Quarters Auction
 to Benefit
Camp Frederick
May 18, 2024
 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:
www.Eventbrite.com or scan the qr code on this flyer



FELLOWSHIP AT GOOD HOPE

The first weekend of every month.

Saturdays at 4:30 and Sundays from 9-10am.

Come and enjoy refreshments.

Come and join the conversation to plan the future
of Good Hope!

Our Prayer List



Ruth Thompson
MaryAnn Sweeney

In the military:
Alyssa
Bryce Liberty
Jakeb Fry
Lyndsey Miller
Daniel McMurray

Our weekly intercessory
prayer for the people of our
congregation :



2- Michael & Katie Elford
6- Matt & Lauren Newton
13- Pat & Sarah Scenna
14- John & Tammy Chuey
17- Erik & Jessica Kochanowski
18- Don & Sharon Greenberg
28- Skyler & Molly Knecht
31- Fred & Melinda Coss

May 5

Kelly Shaffer
Mark Shaffer
George Shears
Marianne Shears

May 12

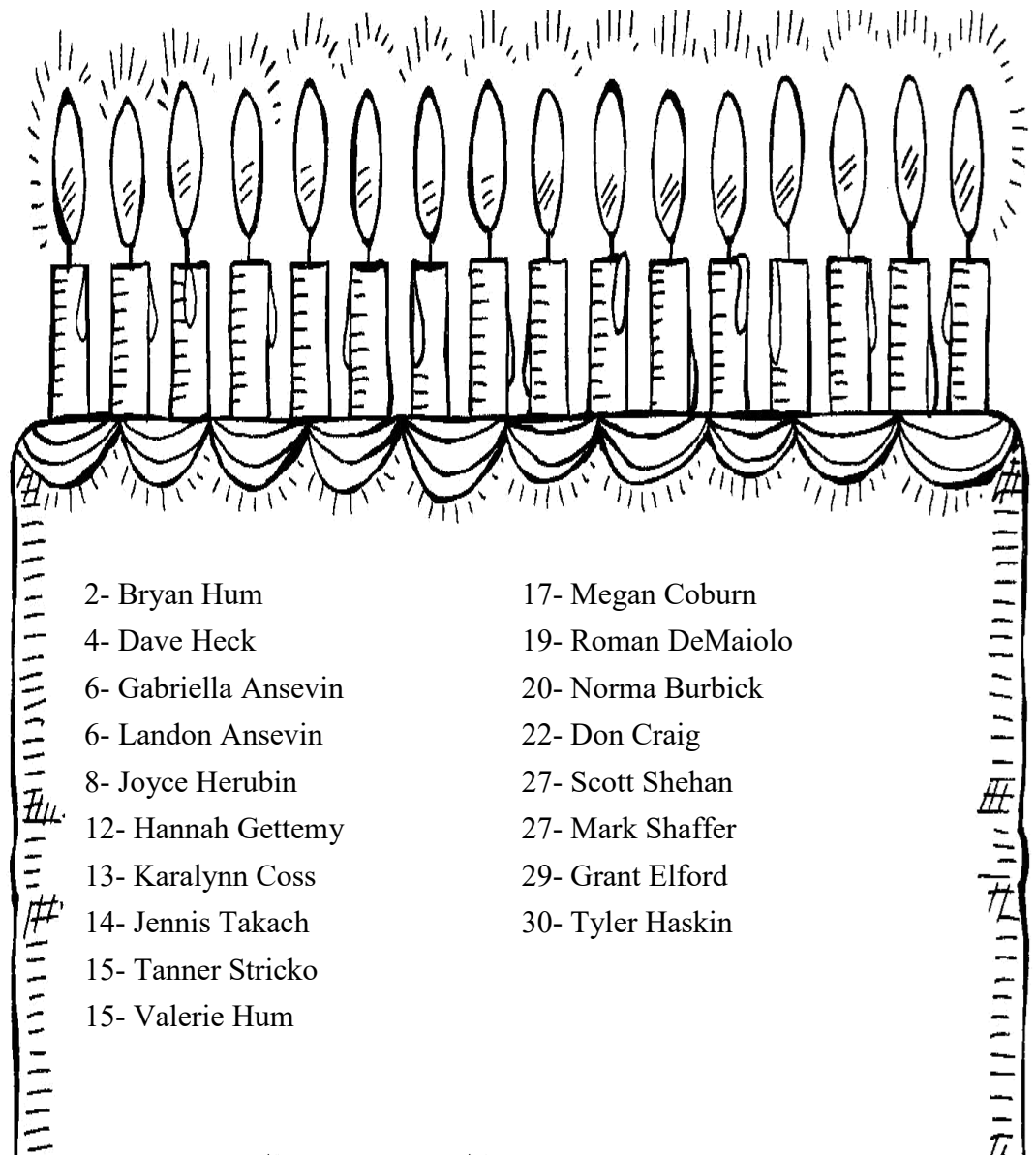
Angel Shehan
Xana Shehan
Alex Shehan
Alexia Shehan

May 19

Cole Shehan
Kaden Shehan
Lisa Shehan
Scott Shehan

May 26

Abby Shields
A.J. Shields
Alicia Smith
Brad Smith



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for April 8, 2024

present: Lauren, Chris, Kim, Carl, Jean, Natalie, Mark, Pastor Ralph & Wendy

excused: Mike

Kim led the opening prayer to open the meeting.

Old Business:

- Natalie and Tracy will take photos for the directory Saturday May 4th from 3pm- 5pm, and also Saturday May 18th from 3pm- 5pm.
- Aqua Ohio is requiring Good Hope to have a backflow prevention device installed on the main water line. Lauren and Wendy are obtaining quotes.
- The shingle replacement, the sidewalk quote and employee evaluations will be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Pastor Ralph motions to accept Tom, Kelsey, and Konnor Klim as members of Good Hope as of April 8, 2024. Jean seconds. Motion carried.

Church Growth:

- Lauren is looking for a different picture of Pastor Ralph. The welcome pamphlets will be printed soon.
- The plans for the open house were finalized. Chris will bring 3 dozen doughnuts and Jean and other congregation members are making cookies.

Miscellaneous:

- A list of capital improvements and building repairs is being developed. So far replacing the shingles, replacing the sidewalks, cleaning or replacing the basement floor, and the library wall repair are on this list. The thermometer will be brought out once a goal is established so progress can be tracked.
- Mark spoke to Naomi and is setting a date for the financial meeting.
- Chris motions to stop having the Barber Drive fish fry and take the tent down before the open house. Kim seconds. P. Ralph opposed. Motion carried.

Lauren led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

Council Meeting Minutes for April 29, 2024

present: Natalie, Kim, Carl, Mike, Jean, Mark, Naomi, Pastor Ralph, Wendy

absent: Chris and Lauren

Naomi attended the meeting to answer financial questions and make suggestions.

She stated the following:

- Good Hope is doing well budget wise. She will continue adding items to the budget as they come up. Our giving is great compared to other churches. However, if Good Hope stays on trend, we will be about \$10,000 short at the end of the year.
- The assets list needs to be updated listing all of the improvements to the church. She will look at the information given by Mennonite Mutual and create a list for council to approve.
- She is working on eliminating designated funds as she can.
- A policy and procedure handbook needs to be created. This handbook will include accounting, job descriptions, building maintenance, and emergency evacuation, etc. procedures.
- She asked council to find at least one person to train as treasurer so that she has back-up.

Pastor's Report –April– 2024

Area of Focus Last Month:

- ♦ I had 12 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ♦ 1 funeral Joe Kreidler
- ♦ I had 6 contacts by phone for significant help.
- ♦ We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services.
- ♦ Over the past month I have presided at 18 worship services and prepared 7 sermons.

Pastor's Report continued

- Mar 1 Fish Fry
- Mar 3 Third Sunday in Lent
- Mar 6 Bible Study 6pm
- Mar 8 Fish Fry
- Mar 10 Fourth Sunday in Lent
- Mar 13 Bible Study 6pm
- Mar 15 Fish Fry
- Mar 17 Fifth Sunday in Lent
- Mar 20 Bible Study 6pm
- Mar 22 Fish Fry
- Mar 24 Palm Sunday
- Mar 28 Maundy Thursday Service 7pm
- Mar 29 Good Friday Service 7pm
- Mar 29 Fish Fry
- Mar 31 Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter
- Mar 31-Apr 6 Wendy and Pastor on vacation

Secretary's Report:

March 1- confirmation camp
 March 11- received voting equipment
 March 16- took supplies to Calvary for fundraiser
 March 20- voting equipment picked up
 Attended confirmation classes
 Changed paraments
 Answered calls for 3 c's
 Updated electronic sign
 Organized clothing shed
 Completed office duties
 Prepared agenda and reports for council and took minutes
 Prepared bulletins and power point services
 Prepared and distributed the Reachout
 All bills and statements to Naomi

Old Business:

- a. Aqua Ohio requested back flow test results by April 30th. We first had to install a back flow preventer. This was completed April 15th by Cerrone Plumbing and Heating.
- b. Mark brought employee evaluation forms and council will be filling them out. Pastor Ralph suggested they ask members of the church to complete them too. Mark will compile the data.
- c. Pastor Ralph provided a quote to repair/replace all of the sidewalks and the handrail on the South side of the building. This project is on hold until funds are found to pay for it.
- d. The new price to use the Fellowship Hall is \$50 per hour. Wendy will update the contract.

New Business:

- a. Pastor Ralph motions to accept Patricia (Pat) Cohol into membership at Good Hope as of April 29th. Jean seconds. Motion carried.
- b. Council will pick new signers for the bank accounts at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous:

- a. Council asked for the zoom link to be put on the electronic sign.
- b. The Levites will meet at Mount Olivet for the community breakfast May 25th.
- c. Council planned a clean up and plant flowers day for May 18th.

Natalie led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

LANDSCAPING DAY

May 18 9am- 12pm

Come to Good Hope for a fun day in the sun!

Bring your tools, your gloves, and your friends!



You are welcome to bring a plant to add to the flower bed.

A light lunch will be served.

In case of inclement weather,
a different day will be scheduled.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

January	February	March	April
7th- 74	4th- 67	3rd- 70	7th- 76
14th- 39	11th- 74	10th- 66	14th- 87
21st- 66	18th- 65	17th- 76	21st- 89
28th- 73	25th - 67	24th- 82	28th- 85
		31st- 128	

Treasurer's Report March 1- March 31, 2024

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual	Budget	Budget remaining
Income	\$20,065.92	\$16,159.92	\$3,094.00
Expense	\$16,380.40	\$16,233.67	(\$146.73)
Net Total	\$3,888.52	(\$73.75)	\$3,240.73

Mt. Olivet Community Breakfast**May 25th 7am- 10am**

**This is a monthly fellowship breakfast
held the last Saturday of each month.**

Cost is by donation.

Mark Your Calendar

May 4- Fellowship at 4:30pm

May 4- Pictures taken for the directory 3-5pm

May 5- Fellowship 9- 10am

May 18- Pictures taken for the directory 3-5pm

May 18- Landscaping Day at Good Hope 9am- noon

May 18- Quarters Auction 6pm

May 19- Affirmation of Baptism at 8am worship

May 25- Levites meeting 9am at Mt. Olivet

May 25- Community breakfast 7- 10am



Calvary United Methodist Church
12062 South Ave.
North Lima, Ohio

will hold a

DRIVE THRU CHICKEN BBQ DINNER

May 18, 2024

3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Dinner includes:

½ BBQ chicken, baked potato, green beans,
applesauce, roll and butter & pie

Cost: \$15.00

Just drive in and your dinner will be brought to your
car.

Office Notes

Please use this link to join the 10:30 worship. Please join about 10:15.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94263012735?pwd=U1A0L1FjMEpDT0ZWQUdsY250VzlUUT09>

Meeting ID: 942 6301 2735

Passcode: 197098

Used greeting cards are collected all year long. Please put them in the container on the table in the Narthex. These cards are donated to the Alzheimer facility so they can be used to make crafts.

Bible study is held in the Chapel every Wednesday at 6pm. We are currently discussing Matthew. All are welcome!

Please let the office know if you have someone graduating this year. We will honor them Sunday June 16 at both services.

DEAR DONOR,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
RECENT DONATIONS TO ANIMAL
CHARITY WHICH INCLUDED
DOGGIE CAT FOOD, RAISED DOG
BOWLS, BLANKETS, TOWELS,
RATS, A BUCKET WITH BRUSH
AND SPONGES AND A MODERATE
DONATION.

YOUR GENEROSITY AND
SUPPORT FOR OUR WORK
ON BEHALF OF PRECIOUS ANIMALS
IN NEED IS TRULY HEARTFELT.
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KINDNESS.

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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

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