

# Hilltop News

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## *Happy Spring!*

It is our Mission to make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation and healing of the world. This Mission gives our lives all the meaning they would ever need."

Dear Bunker Hill family and friends,

Our Easter festival has just ended but the celebration has just begun. All our Sundays are "little" Easters. The resurrection event centuries ago solidified the first day of the week as Sabbath for all Christians. However, several groups observed the old Sabath. (7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists, 7<sup>th</sup> Day Baptists). So we claim it in honor of Christ's resurrection as an Easter remembrance to lift us to victory with Him; in our worship, in our prayers, in our efforts to make a difference in lives around us, in service to Him. "To God be the Glory!" we sing. I am elated and honored to be Christ's representative to the people of God in this resurrection faith.

Some years ago, I was asked to write my Theological summary – a statement of faith, if you will. I'd like to share the second and last paragraphs:

"I believe in the power of the Christian message evident by God's grace and love through the victorious resurrection of God's Son Jesus the Christ. I also believe in compassionate and victorious daily living by the living presence of God's Holy Spirit (the Spirit of Christ)"

"The Church is the community of faith which shares God's redeeming love in human life both in personal experience and within the community as the "body of Christ". The gospel and all its aspects are not ours to claim alone but is given to be shared with everyone. It is our particular responsibility as Christian disciples to extend the message of God's grace so that all persons may have the opportunity to be reconciled to God and neighbor, that they may experience new life in the graces that lead to this resurrection faith."

Friends, we are so blessed at Bunker Hill UMC and with our fellow believers all around us to be in the fellowship of upward living in Christ Jesus. Changed lives tell the story of our resurrection faith.

Thanks be to God!

Much love and grace to you all,  
Pastor Dave

"I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:12-13 (NIV)

"For it is by Grace that you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

***Pentecost:***

In 50 days, Pentecost will be celebrated on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Recognized as the Birthday of the Church

We have a nice group of our young people beginning Confirmation classes. Let's pray for these young ones as they consider our faith in Christ and as they grow in understanding the faith.



Jason Duck	3-Apr
Jayne Donaldson	7-Apr
Nathaniel Duck	7-Apr
Daryl Kaurich	8-Apr
Dolores Campbell	10-Apr
*Raina Brown	12-Apr
Tammy Scott	16-Apr
Paul Manypenny	20-Apr
Susan Cushman	22-Apr
John Brown	8-May
Linda Bandy	9-May
Barbara Karlen	13-May
Albert Gfeller	16-May
*Silver Lyn Burton	21-May
Cinda Ferguson	28-May
Heather Waselich	1-Jun
Wendy Gfeller	2-Jun
Dale Ann Martig	7-Jun
Steve Simms	9-Jun
Richard Biery	11-Jun
Andrew Bock	26-Jun
Bob Beatty	29-Jun

\*Children

## *Happy Anniversary!*

Jon & Lisa Brown	3-Apr
John & Barbara Biery	9-May
Dave & Sabrina Brewer	20-May
Josh & Niki Bricker	11-Jun
Harry & Naomi Karlen	15-Jun
Steve & Teena Simms	24-Jun

## *Keep them in your prayers...*

Joyce Billingsley  
Dolores Campbell  
Audrey Weingart  
Laura Biery  
Georgene Scott  
Harold Phyllis  
Les Muniz

## **“Google Classroom Update”**

If any of you are not receiving emails from our Google Classroom with our announcements, please contact Jodie Bock at [bocklj@live.com](mailto:bocklj@live.com) or phone: 330-853-8360.

## **We have a new parsonage family!!!**

Josh and Christina Mighell (pronounced Mile), and their little boy, Jack (2 years old). Both are 30 years old. Josh has been the lead instructor at the Salem Music Centre for two years and also does light antique restoration. He is frequently a fill-in musician at Damascus Friends and Greenford Christian churches. Christina has been employed at Frito Lay in Salem for the past two years. We are happy to welcome them to our Bunker Hill parsonage!

# On the Calendar

## April

12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Second Harvest  
26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. Game Night & Snacks

## May

11<sup>th</sup> Church Rummage Sale (Missions)  
10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Second Harvest  
15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee  
15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Church Council

## June

14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Second Harvest  
23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 a.m. Worship and Picnic at Barb & John's  
at the Pavilion  
30<sup>th</sup> Fifth Sunday

### Fellowship Game Night – April 26<sup>th</sup>

Join us at 6:30 for an evening of fun and fellowship. Bring your favorite games and any snacks/drinks you prefer. Invite a friend...they may be more likely to join us for worship after they get to know us.

## **Bunker Hill Friends...**

Do you remember Sunday School? Do you remember Bunker Hill before COVID? We had three adult classes and a children's class. At least twenty-six individuals finding out the best way to follow Jesus for the coming week.

I am not sure if you have noticed that there is a class meeting after the worship service. It is currently all women, but that can change. We love discussion and welcome ANYONE.

Pastor Dave suggested reading a book of the Bible during lent, so the class is reading the book of James with a LOT of questions and conversation. Please come and FILL THE ROOM!  
*Evelyn Summers*

## **The Nursery is Open!**

The Nursery is now open each week Sunday morning following the Kid's Chat for babies, toddlers and young children to play while their families are in worship. Thanks to Jayne Donaldson, Nikki Bricker, Stacey Burton, Jodie Bock and Dianne Shoemaker for staffing the Nursery on a weekly rotation.

## **Youth Sunday School Following Kid's Chat!**

Following the Kid's Chat during worship, Youth Leader Sherry Summers invites all youth to the Fellowship Hall for Sunday School to learn about Heros of the Old Testament including games, stories and activities.

## **Kids' News...**

We are planning on another camping trip to Guilford Lake on August 4<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars! We would also like to thank all the kids and parents who help to make what we do together so productive and fun!  
*Sherry Summers*

# Ryan Johnson Memorial 5K

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

West Branch High School – 9:00am

Each May, we run and walk a 5K to honor Ryan Johnson, a beloved young man who tragically passed doing what he loved, running.

**Location:** West Branch High School  
(14277 S. Main Street, Beloit, Ohio 44609)

**Packet Pick-up:** West Branch High School from 7:15am – 8:45am.

**Register Online:** Ryan Johnson Memoria 5K ([runsignup.com](https://runsignup.com))

**Entry Fee:** \$25.00 (shirt guaranteed through May 4<sup>th</sup>)

**Awards:** 1<sup>st</sup> Overall Male and Female and 1<sup>st</sup> Place M/F in age groups:  
(5 & under, 6-10, 11-15, 16-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71 & up)

**Finisher medals to the first 150 registered participants!**

(See Roy or Linda Johnson with questions)

## ***Start Cleaning and “Save the Date”!!!***

We are having a rummage sale on May 11<sup>th</sup> at Bunker Hill 9:00am to 2:00 pm. Start gathering your “no longer needed” items! More information will be passed along as we get closer to the date. Please contact Suz Biery for more information.

### **Something to think about....**

When your heart hangs heavy...with a never-ending pain...when you feel the world's against you...and your skies are filled with rain...turn your eyes toward the heavens...give a silent thanks to God...for all the blessings that you have...however hard you plod...or when your friends forsake you...and each thing you do goes wrong...face it with a prayer or two...try smiling, sing a song...for the time you've got for happiness...is very short you know...and before you turn around ...it's almost time to go...so don't spend your time in crying....however hard the way...just be thankful for the things you've got...sing a song and smile, it pays.

*Ben Burroughs*

## Christians are People of the Spirit

### ***Pentecost – A Day, a Season***

The Day of Pentecost closes the Easter Season and opens the door to the liturgical Season of Pentecost, dozens of weeks that carry us from Pentecost Sunday to the First Sunday of Advent.

### ***Meaning***

We call Pentecost the birthday of the Christian Church. On this day the ascended Jesus sent the promised “Counselor” by pouring the Holy Spirit on his disciples (John 16:7)

Filling the house with a sound of wind, the Spirit energized the disciples, showing them the meaning of the Old Testament and how Jesus’ life and death fulfilled it. Just as important, the Spirit pushed the disciples into the street and baptized them with power to bring this Truth to the people of the world.

### ***The Gift of the Spirit***

Throughout Scripture the Holy Spirit is a gift of the Lord and is, in fact, the Lord Himself.

In the New Testament this Spirit of God descended on Jesus at his Baptism (Matt. 3:16) On Pentecost the Spirit descended on Jesus’ followers to give them power, as he had promised (Luke 24:49).

In the Book of Acts, the Spirit that guided the apostles was called “the Spirit of Jesus”.

Peter called the Day of Pentecost the realization of Joel’s prophecy about the outpouring of the Spirit (Acts 2:16-21) – a gift promised not only to the Pentecost disciples, but “to you and your children and to all that are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him” (Acts 2:39)

***Pentecost***, meaning 50<sup>th</sup> day, was taken over for Christian use from the Jews. For them Pentecost was the Feast of Weeks, celebrating the end of the grain harvest. Other milestones related to the Jewish Pentecost were the giving of the Law and the founding of the Jewish faith community.

Early Christians found in their Pentecost a thanksgiving for the fruits of the Spirit, as well as the founding of the Christian Church, the successor to the Old Testament community.

***Baptism and acceptance of new member or confirmands*** is sometimes part of Pentecost Sunday. In the New Testament, baptism is related to receiving the Holy Spirit.

***“Tongues” of fire*** appeared to hover over the disciples on Pentecost as a sign of the Lord’s presence and power. In Old Testament times fire was often the sign of God’s presence and holiness, which might purify or punish. John the Baptizer talked about a baptism with the Holy Spirit and with fire which Jesus would bring.

***Red***, the liturgical color for Pentecost Day, traditionally reminds us of the offering of life – lives of Christian martyrs gone before us and our own lives – in the service of our Lord.

## The Secret of Easter

So many lines have been penned, so many songs sung, so many words spoken regarding to significance of Easter.

We dwell on the events of holy week – the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the last supper, the betrayal, the trial, the crucifixion; and then – the triumphant Easter morning experience.

Such meditations are good – for we pause to re-examine our own lives.

But, could it be that most of us have missed the most wonderful life giving significance of the whole series of events – the picking up of the cross!

Most of us shy away from the statement “I have a cross to bear” – many feel it is a maudlin code – but is it?

Don’t we all have problems – which are nothing more than crosses?

Don’t most of us spend too much time; spiritual, mental and physical energy trying to evade our crosses and resenting the persons or circumstances that resulted in them?

To me, this is the secret of Easter week – Christ wasted no time in accepting his cross – and not in any defeatist manner. It was something that had to be done and he did it, gladly and willingly at the same time holding no ill will toward anyone or any circumstances that lead up to it.

He picked it up – carried it. But rather than let it defeat him, he rose triumphant above it on Easter morn.

To accept our problems – waste no time in resenting them – get them behind us and go on to a fuller, richer life – could this be the secret of Easter?

*Mrs. Carl Gilgen*

“To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better place than we found it, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life breathed easier because you lived. This is to have succeeded.”

*Bessie Anderson Stanley*