

MAY NEWSLETTER 2018

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From the Pastor...

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

On Thursday, May 3, our nation will celebrate a National Day of Prayer. Since 1988, it is the law of our land that the first Thursday of May be deemed as a National Day of Prayer. The theme chosen for this year is from Ephesians 4:3, "It is making every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace."

The Bolivar/Zoar community will have a commemoration at the Bolivar United Methodist Church beginning at noon. In addition to the local pastors, Mayor Rebecca Hubble and Tusky Valley School Superintendent Mark Murphy will join us to pray for our nation. A luncheon will follow the prayer service. The Tusky Valley High School Ensemble will also be present to sing "God Bless America."

The significance of this event is that we will be joining millions of Americans who are united together in prayer for this country. As the divisive nature of politics continues in Washington, we are desirous of a bi-partisan effort among all elected officials to work for the welfare of all citizens regardless of race, color, creed or national origin. Our hope is that the Holy Spirit who brings all people together as one will guide and direct those in federal, state and local governments to work collaboratively so as to benefit the citizenry of this great country.

I hope that you will join us at the Bolivar United Methodist Church on May 3 to pray for the unity of America. If you are unable to attend, I encourage you to pray that day especially for this country. We will grow together as one to the extent that we recognize our common humanity as members of the body of Christ on earth. One of the final prayers that Jesus uttered was a desire that we may all live as one. In John 17: 21, "that they may all be one. As you, Father are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

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Worship Ministers

DATE	TIME	ASSISTANTS	DATE	TIME	LECTORS
May 6	10:30 A.M.	Terry Tegtmeier	May 6	10:30 A.M.	Steve Maurer
May 13	8:00 A.M.	Rose Harris	May 13	8:00 A.M.	Jen Ward
	10:30 A.M.	Dee Garrison		10:30 A.M.	Sue Bahr
May 20	8:00 A.M.	Jim Ward	May 20	8:00 A.M.	Pam Ward
	10:30 P.M.	Marcia Howenstine		10:30 P.M.	Richard Dudash
May 27	9:30 A.M.	Mark Cunningham	May 27	9:30 A.M.	Tammy Huggins
USHERS & GREETERS			ACOLYTES		
May 6	10:30 A.M.	Rick & Lori Caughey	May 6	10:30 A.M.	Lizzie Kienzle
May 13	8:00 A.M.	Dave & Charlann Young	May 13	8:00 A.M.	Carson Majors
	10:30 A.M.	Tom & Tammy Huggins		10:30 A.M.	Izaak Matthews
May 20	8:00 A.M.	Greg & Julie Majors	May 20	8:00 A.M.	Kayla Majors
	10:30 A.M.	Skip & Jeanie Steward		10:30 A.M.	Michael Eberly
May 27	9:30 A.M.	Randy & Cheryl Simers	May 27	9:30 A.M.	Bailey Keane
		<u>Altar Guild</u> Randy & Cheryl Simers	Fellowship --	<u>Community Meal</u> Kathy Pozzuto	
Screen Monitor					
May 6	10:30 A.M.	Lisa Keane			
May 13	8:00 A.M.	Cameron Majors			
	10:30 A.M.	Rick Caughey			
May 20	8:00 A.M.	Whitney Ward			
	10:30 A.M.	Doug Dix			
May 27	9:30 A.M.	Dee Garrison			

Offering and Attendance

Date	4/1	4/8	4/15	4/22	4/29
Offering	\$9,160.00	\$3,039.00	\$2,106.00	\$7,858.23	
Attendance	127	73	72	47	77

Readings:

5/6	5/13	5/20	5/27
Sixth Sunday After Easter	Seventh Sunday After Easter	Day of Pentecost	First Sunday After Pentecost
<u>Acts 10:44-48</u> <u>Psalm 98</u>	<u>Acts 1:15-17, 21</u> <u>Psalm 1</u>	<u>Acts 2:1-21</u> <u>Psalm 104:24-35</u>	<u>Isaiah 6:1-8</u> <u>Psalm 29</u>
<u>1 John 5:1-6</u> <u>John 15:9-17</u>	<u>1John 5:9-13</u> <u>John 17:6-19</u>	<u>Romans 8:22-27</u> <u>John 15:26-27; 16:4-15</u>	<u>Romans 8:12-17</u> <u>John 3:1-17</u>



Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers – Paul Gosselin, Mary Simmons, Oltie Pickens, Tom Bitticker, Anthony Carpinelli, Dan Levesseur, Danny Fisher, John Seng, Richard Neice, Mary Pickens, Judy Berger, Herb Siefert, Molly Bauer, Claudia Winrod, Tim Robb, Kelly McDaniel, Sal De Ruggiero, Floyd McBeth, Jackson Kinsey, Jean Baker, Imagene McClellan, Bill Tait, Marlene Jisa, Ret Kendrick, Chuck Slaybaugh, Lauren Seifert, **Servicemen & Women-** Gray Ashworth, Trent Garver, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, David Ward, Jordan Ritter, Adam Pohovey, William Robishaw, Paul Roley, Kyle Greiving

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Marlene Jones	5/4	Robert Snyder	5/18
Steve Maurer	5/8	Vivianne Eberly	5/23
Lunett McClay	5/8	Larry Fortner	5/23
Pr. Mike Pozzuto	5/9	Dana Maus	5/31
Jamianne Hafer	5/17		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Larry & Virginia	Smerglia	5/6
Dave & Charlann	Young	5/8
Jim & Jen	Ward	5/11
Garry & Tenia	Sears	5/19
Dennis & Jennifer	Smith	5/30

Book Club: A church member suggested “Saving A Sick America,” by Michael L. Brown as a selection for our group. Subtitled ‘A Prescription for Moral and Cultural Transformation,’ the book raises the question if America might be at a moral and spiritual tipping point, and potential ways to deal with that possibility. “Written with optimism and sobriety, hope and inspiration,” he talks about possible solutions – starting with us, God’s people. If you would like a book (\$10 apiece), contact Terry Tegtmeier. **Our discussion is planned for Tuesday, June 5th, 7:30 p.m.**



Rummage Sale: Sunshine Ladies and Rebekah's Sisters, We will be having our annual rummage sale **Friday May 4th. 9:00 – 4:00 p.m. Saturday 5th. 9:00 – Noon.** This will be for a great cause, 2018 Toys for the Children. Your help is always appreciated. **Thank-you in advance for your donations!!!**

Youth News: All Youth (K-12) - Kid's Club (K-7) / HS Youth Group (8-12) -Due to scheduling conflicts, our May meetings for both youth groups will be held together on Saturday, May 19th. Please plan to meet in the Fellowship Hall for dinner @4:00. We will then separate into groups for a lesson / discussion and then travel together to Canton for an end of year Sunday School celebration at LASER QUEST. This is our final gathering for the school year and I encourage EVERYONE, including all past High School graduates to join us, so spread the word! Please RSVP to Lisa or sign up on the Youth Activities Board if you are planning to attend.

Anniversary News: June 2nd - The Anniversary Committee will host a 5K & 1 Mile Walk on the Fort Laurens Towpath @11:00 am followed by an Ice Cream Social @12:00 pm. You can register via email stpaulbolivar5k@gmail.com Be sure to include your name, event, and age. The first 100 registrants receive a finisher's medal. If you do not wish to participate in the run / walk, please let me know if you are available to volunteer handing out water, medals, monitoring the path for safety, etc.



Health Lecture on May 6th: There will be a free one-hour lecture reviewing the evidence supporting a lifestyle of plant-based nutrition to stop or reverse coronary artery disease (and other ailments) on Sunday, May 6th at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall. If you or a loved one has coronary heart disease, or wants to prevent it from occurring, you need to hear this lecture. It's also a great way to invite a friend or neighbor to "church." There will be time for questions and discussion following the lecture.

ALL - YOU - CAN - EAT - COUNTRY BREAKFAST - St. John United Church of Christ - Saturday, May 5, 2018 - 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Breakfast will consist of: - Scrambled eggs, ham or sausage, biscuits and sausage gravy, pancakes, juice, and coffee. - Cost: \$6.00 ages 11 and up \$3.00 ages 6 to 10 - Under 6 - Free



MAY IS FOOD PANTRY MONTH! - Please place your donations in the shopping cart in the narthex. The weeks are as follows:
Week One – Breakfast Food – **Week Two** – canned foods, **Week Three** - quick foods (i.e. cake mixes, macaroni and cheese, etc.) **Week Four** - paper products, laundry products, hand soap, dish soap, etc.



May 9th will be our last choir practice for the summer schedule. Thank you for your faithfulness, enjoy your summer.

Tree Planting: On May 6 in honor of our 175th anniversary we will be dedicating a tree donated by Ted & Marcia Howenstine. There will only be one service that day. We encourage everyone to attend. A picture of those attending will be taken and placed into the time capsule.

Graduates: We will honor our graduates on Sunday, May 20th at the 10:30 service. John Kienzle is graduating from Tusky Valley High School and Josh Dix is graduating from Sandy Valley High School.



Summer Schedule: We will begin our summer schedule on Sunday, May 27. There will be only one service at 9:30 until September.



Memorial Day or Decoration Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. We wish you a happy and safe holiday.

Prayer Focus for May 2018

*The Prayer Focus for this month is an article by the late Dr. Billy Graham which appeared in the Spring 2018 issue of Prayer Point, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse: **LEARNING TO PRAY***

How can you make prayer a part of your daily life? Let me suggest six guidelines that have helped me:

- First, have the right attitude. A friend of mine likes to define prayer as “a declaration of dependence”—and he has a point. We will only pray when we realize how dependent we are on God and we trust Him to hear our prayers and answer them according to His will. The Bible reminds us that “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble” (1 Peter 5:5 ESV).
- Second, seek God’s will in your prayers. God wants us to bring our every concern to Him in prayer and to be persistent. But we don’t see the whole picture, and sometimes we ask for things that are unwise or even wrong. James wrote, “When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives” (James 4:3, NIV). Ask above all for God’s will to be done.
- Third, bring everything to God in prayer. God loves us, and He is concerned about every detail of our lives, both big and small. I have known young people who prayed about minor things – but then didn’t pray about their choice of college or their career or their future spouse. On the other hand, I’ve also known people who prayed only when they faced a crisis. The Bible says, “In everything ... present your requests to God” (Philippians 4:6, CSB).
- Fourth, learn to pray at all times, and in all situations. Nothing can replace a daily time spent alone with God in prayer. But we also can be in an attitude of prayer throughout the day – sitting in a car or at our desks, working in the kitchen, even talking with someone on the phone. The Bible says, “pray continually” (1 Thessalonians 5:17, NIV).
- Fifth, trust God for the outcome. One of the most frequent questions people ask me concerns unanswered prayer. But God knows what is best for us, and we need to learn to trust him for the outcome. Sometimes God answers “Yes” when we ask Him for something. But sometimes His answer is “Not yet” or even “No”. And sometimes His answer is simply “Trust Me, even if you don’t understand.
- Finally, learn to listen. Prayer is speaking to God – but sometimes He uses our times of prayerful silence to speak to us in return. He may simply give us an inner assurance of His presence, or He may guide us in a certain direction. The Bible says, “Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him” (Psalm 27:7, ESV).


Pray because of Jesus’s example. Pray because God has commanded it. Pray because Christ died to give us access to the Father. Pray because you need His forgiveness and guidance and protection. Pray because others need your prayers. Pray most of all because God wants your fellowship and you need His fellowship on this journey He has set before you. –

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Month of May 2018

Food Pantry Month

<i>SUN</i>	<i>MON</i>	<i>TUES</i>	<i>WED</i>	<i>THUR</i>	<i>FRI</i>	<i>SAT</i>
		5/1	5/2	5/3	5/4	5/5
			Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	BUMC- noon National Day of Prayer	Rummage Sale 9-4:00 p.m.	Rummage Sale 9-Noon
5/6	5/7	5/8	5/9	5/10	5/11	5/12
Worship & Communion 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Congregation Picture and Tree Planting. T.T. Lecture- 7:00 p.m.	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.		Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.			Mulch Day 9:00 a.m.
5/13	5/14	5/15	5/16	5/17	5/18	5/19
Worship & Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY 	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.		Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	Community Meal 5-6:30 p.m.		Youth Event 4:00 Dinner & Laser Tag.
5/20	5/21	5/22	5/23	5/24	5/25	5/26
Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. – Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Fellowship – Graduates Recognition	Yoga Class 9-10:00 a.m.. Council 7:00 p.m.	PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE..	Bible Study 6:30 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline Free Kids Day Preschool. 10-11:00 a.m.		Fellowship Hall – Judy App – 4-7:00p.m.
5/27	5/28	5/29	5/30	5/31		
Worship & Communion:9:30 a.m.	Happy Memorial Day 