



MAY NEWSLETTER 2026

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From the Pastor...

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A prayer delivered to the Kansas state legislature

“Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know your Word says, “Woe to those who call evil good” but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

We confess that we have ridiculed the absolute truth of your Word and called it pluralism. We have worshipped other gods and called it multiculturalism. We have endorsed perversion and called it alternative lifestyle.

We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionist and called it justifiable.

We have neglected to discipline our children and called it self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor’s possessions and called it ambition.

We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

Search us, O God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the center of your will. We ask it in the name of your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen”

No doubt these words strike at the heart of our nation’s conscience. We are always in need of self-examination before the God so that we can follow the path the Lord desires. As Americans prepare to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country, it is proper and fitting for all of us to reflect upon the ways in which we can become a more perfect union under God.

On Thursday, May 7 our country will celebrate the National Day of Prayer. The local commemoration will be held that day in the auditorium located in the old Tusky Valley Junior High building in front of the new school beginning at 11:00 am. Please join us on the special day along with others in our community to unite in prayer for America.

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Ministers for Worship				
May 3, 2026				
<i>Assistant</i>	8:00	Steve Maurer	10:30	Terry Tegtmeier
<i>Lector</i>	8:00	Olivia Howell	10:30	Donna Menyes
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>	8:00	Dave & Charlann Young	10:30	Dee Garrison
<i>Screen</i>	8:00	Terri Howell	10:30	Doug Dix

May 10, 2026				
<i>Assistant</i>	8:00	Sandy Ritter	10:30	Marcia Howenstine
<i>Lector</i>	8:00	Sandy Ritter	10:30	Gabriel Woods
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>	8:00	Byron & Maryann Lautenschleger	10:30	Aaron & Meghan Woods
<i>Screen</i>	8:00	Olivia Howell	10:30	Ted Howenstine

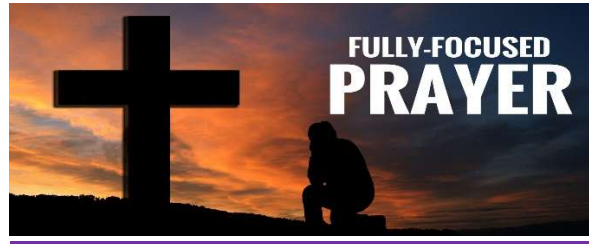
May 17, 2026 Fellowship Sunday				
<i>Assistant</i>	9:30	Randy Simers		
<i>Lector</i>	9:30	Cheryl Simers		
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>	9:30	Tom & Tammy Huggins		
<i>Screen</i>	9:30	Zac Pirillo		

May 24, 2026				
<i>Assistant</i>	9:30	Kim Pohovey		
<i>Lector</i>	9:30	Kim Pohovey		
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>	9:30	Dave & Linda Clugston		
<i>Screen</i>	9:30	Terri Howell		

May 31, 2026				
<i>Assistant</i>	9:30	Steve Maurer		
<i>Lector</i>	9:30	Mary Ann Miller		
<i>Ushers & Greeters</i>	9:30	Randy & Cheryl Simers		
<i>Screen</i>	9:30	Olivia Howell		

DATE		FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL
May 3	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 6:1-9; 2a,51-60	Psalm 146	Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 10	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 17:16-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 17	Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:12-26	Psalm 68:1-10	1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 24	Day of Pentecost	Numbers 11:24-30	Psalm 25:1-15	Acts 2:1-21	John 7:37-39
May 31	Holy Trinity Sunday	Genesis 1:1-2:4	Psalm 8	Acts 2:14, 22-36	Matthew 28:16-20

PRAYER FOCUS FOR MAY 2026



May is a month of refreshing, renewal, and spiritual awakening. As nature flourishes, we are reminded that God is the One who brings new life into places that once felt dry or stagnant. May invites us into a deeper walk of faith, one filled with expectation, surrender, and trust.

It is a month that calls us to open our hearts to the work God desires to do within us, around us, and through us. Through prayer, we enter a sacred space where God comforts, guides, strengthens, heals, and restores.

As the fifth month of the year, May symbolizes grace, God's unearned, unconditional favor that sustains us daily. Grace meets us in our struggles, lifts us in our weakness, and empowers us to face every challenge with courage. Praying through the month of May helps us realign our hearts with God's purposes and recognize His presence in every situation. Whether you are entering this month with excitement, uncertainty, or exhaustion, God is ready to walk with you through every moment.

This month, commit to seeking God intentionally. *Whether you spend a few minutes each morning or a quiet moment before bed, let these prayers guide you into deeper fellowship with Him. Allow them to remind you that God is attentive, compassionate, and faithful. He hears every whisper, understands every burden, and responds with perfect wisdom.*

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." – *Philippians 4:6-7*



Memorial Day 2026 will be observed on Monday, May 25, 2026, in the United States. It marks a federal holiday dedicated to honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Enjoy your time with family and friends as you remember those who gave their lives so we could have our freedom.

CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES!!



May Birthdays

Steve Maurer – 5/8
Pastor Mike Pozzuto – 5/9
Wanda Baltzly – 5/22
Larry Fortner – 5/23



May Anniversaries

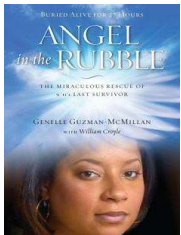
Larry & Virginia Smerglia – 5/6
Dave & Charlann Young – 5/8
Jim & Jen Ward – 5/11
Garry & Tenia Sears – 5/19
Dennis & Jennifer Smith – 5/30



Shut-ins: Please see a list of our shut-ins below; they would enjoy hearing from you by visit or card. –**Pam Ward** (Room 128) – Hennis Care Center 300 Yant St. Bolivar OH 44612) - - **Jerry Hoskinson**, 1970 North Orchard Rd. NE Bolivar, OH 44612 - - **Betty Menapace** (Room 19 A) – Park Village – 1511 Crater Ave., Dover OH 44622 and **Alyce Snyder** - (Room 608) at Assisted Living at Brewster Park 360 Wabash Avenue (Jefferson Lodge/Inn Bldg. Brewster OH 44613 **Carol Hoskinson** (Room 311) The Gables 3660 Greentree Ave. SW Canton, Ohio 44706



Prayer Chain - This week remember in your prayers –Rylan Gribble, Pastor Tim Carlson, Carol Harker, Sam Ward, Julie Miller, Ed Rentch, Julie Dean, Joseph Baltzly, James Baltzly, Jim Tucker, Zach & Raeann Todd, Donna Robishaw, Mary Sanders, Netta Strand, Lissa Johns, Brock McNutt, David Shetler, Gary Smerglia, Lauren Seifert, Servicemen & Women- Seth Hershberger, Kyle Grieving, Cearra Taylor, Don Scholz, Rob Vitous, Andrea Gibson, Andy Jones, **Note: After 6 months names will be removed if no new information is given.**



BOOK CLUB: The next book we are reading is “Angel in the Rubble” - By Genelle Guzman-McMillan. Terry and/or Brenda can get copies. The riveting story of the last survivor pulled from the 9/11 Ground Zero debris after twenty-seven hours and her journey from desperation to a miraculous salvation. In this moving true story, Genelle Guzman-McMillan reveals her harrowing experience trapped inside the collapsed Tower One on 9/11. Buried beneath concrete and steel for over a day, Genelle couldn't help but reflect on her life and her lost faith. Yet, something reminded her of a miracle she witnessed as a child in her native Trinidad. Maybe God had a miracle for her? She had no idea that an angel was on the way to rescue her. Meeting date **May 26 at 7:00 p.m.**

Mark the date: The National Day of Prayer is **Thursday, May 7.** The service will be held at in auditorium located in the old Tusky Valley Junior High building in front of the new school beginning at **11:00 AM.**

Church Security/Intruder- Ushers to watch our security screen, lock doors prior to worship.

Property News: Vasco resurfaced the parking lot and with the addition of more handicap spaces.



Manna for Many: Will be held on Saturday, **May 16**, from 10 a.m. till noon in the fellowship hall. We will prepare 2,000 bags of dried food that will serve 10,000 meals around the globe. The cost of each bag is \$1.25. The total cost is \$2500. This is a community event and other churches will be asked to help. **A Box Lunch will also be provided for all volunteers.**



The chairs in the fellowship hall are going to be replaced soon and anyone in the congregation is welcome to take any of the old metal ones as they wish at no cost. Please help yourself! Those that are not taken will be available at the rummage sale.

Council News: The council approved a donation to OnePlusGod Ministries. The church will purchase new chairs for the fellowship hall. A total of 72 will be bought at a total price of \$2,800. The evangelism committee will be purchasing bibles for each individual room in the new homeless shelter in New Philadelphia.



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.

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Welcome, we are glad you are here

Rebekah's Sisters Sonshine Ladies
RUMMAGE SALE



**SEE WHAT
TREASURES YOU
CAN FIND!**

Furniture, housewares, children + adult clothing, toys, books, crafts, and more!

May 1st 9am-4 pm
May 2nd 9am-12 pm
in the Fellowship Hall

FREE WILL
DONATIONS ON
MOST ITEMS

We will be collecting items beginning April 17th
Please drop off your gently used goods in the fellowship hall
We are unable to receive televisions

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<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
					<u>5/1</u>	<u>5/2</u>
					RUMMAGE SALE 9-4:00 P.M.	RUMMAGE SALE 9-12:00 P.M.
<u>5/3</u>	<u>5/4</u>	<u>5/5</u>	<u>5/6</u>	<u>5/7</u>	<u>5/8</u>	<u>5/9</u>
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m.	Yoga 9-10 a.m.	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	.	COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 – 1:00 P.M. National Day of Prayer 11:00 a.m.		Property 9:00 a.m.
<u>5/10</u>	<u>5/11</u>	<u>5/12</u>	<u>5/13</u>	<u>5/14</u>	<u>5/15</u>	<u>5/16</u>
Worship & Communion 8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Happy Mother's Day	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Lions Club 6:30 pm		Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.	Worship Meeting 10"30 a.m.		Manna For Many 10:00-Noon
<u>5/17</u>	<u>5/18</u>	<u>5/19</u>	<u>5/20</u>	<u>5/21</u>	<u>5/22</u>	<u>5/23</u>
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m. Fellowship – Taco & Salad Bar	Yoga 9-10 a.m. Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Men & Women's Meeting 7:00 p.m.		Bible Study 10:15 a.m. COMMUNITY MEAL 11:30 – 1:00 P.M.		
<u>5/24</u>	<u>5/25</u>	<u>2/26</u>	<u>5/27</u>	<u>5/28</u>	<u>5/29</u>	<u>5/30</u>
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.	Lions Club 6:30 pm 	Book Club 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.		Youth Group – Fellowship Hall	
<u>5/31</u>						
Worship & Communion 9:30 a.m.						

