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May Newsletter

Let me tell you a story about a spiritual growth and renewal opportunity right here in Springfield Ohio. There is a Men's Walk to Emmaus coming up May 30th – June 2nd, 2024, with Rev. Ben Webster and Rev. Ed Fugate as spiritual directors. Guys, here's your chance to get away for a time of fun and growth. There will be a Women's Walk this November 14-17, 2024 with Rev. Beth Cheeseman and I serving as spiritual directors. Ladies, here's your chance to spend quality time with God and with me. Both the Men's and Women's Walks will be held at High Street United Methodist Church.

The Walk to Emmaus relates to the story in Luke 24:13-35; it is a story of two of Jesus' disciples who were walking on the Road to Emmaus. They were heart-broken after Jesus' death. A stranger joined them on the road and opened the meaning of the scriptures for them. At the close of their time together the disciples' eyes were opened as the stranger broke bread and gave it to them. They realized in the breaking of the bread, that the stranger was not a stranger, but Jesus. The point of Emmaus is to open our eyes so that we too may realize that Jesus walks with us as we travel through life, just as he walked the Emmaus Road with his disciples.

The Walk to Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination. It is for people who want to strengthen their spiritual lives, get questions of faith answered, develop a better understanding of what Christianity is, and who want a closer walk with Jesus.

The Walk to Emmaus is a 72-hour retreat, with 15 talks (10 lay speaker talks and five clergy talks), special worship services, singing, tons of fun and laughter, great food, snacks, and time to unwind and reflect on your life. The talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in Christian community, and how it is lived out in the world.

If you are interested in learning more about attending this three-day retreat, please contact me, Pastor Vicki Downing, (937) 901-5337. I have applications here at Grace Church. Also, as a bonus, Grace Church is happy to sponsor you for the weekend, so all you must do is fill out your application and I'll take it from there.

May God continue to bless us as we move forward together. May God inspire us to continue to learn and to grow in our faith and service ministries.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Vicki Downing

Stewardship Thoughts...



TITHES & OFFERINGS = GOODNESS

It's a simple idea, but sometimes simple ideas really stick: if you put good into the world, you will get good back out. This is especially true when considering tithing.


- When you give tithes and offerings, be prepared for your generosity to come back to you in equal or greater measure.

Tithing and offerings are acts of giving worship to God. Like prayer and singing, tithing shows God your appreciation and awe.

- With all that God provides for us, the least we can do in return is share what we have with our community and those that instruct us in the Word of God.

None of us ever do anything great on our own. It is God who gives us what we need to thrive. Without His support, we would have nothing.

Remember and **THANK HIM!**



Church Garage Sale

The church will be having a garage sale on June 1st, alongside Pennsylvania House. Church members will have the opportunity to rent a table for \$10 a table. Please keep tuned for further information!

Hello Church,


We have an opportunity to help Snyder Park Elementary School on their Field Day, May 21, 2024! The students really loved our cookies last year, so let's show them our love again this year.

Your help is needed! We need to have 650 cookies for our SPE students for Field Day. Could you please have your cookies in the Wesley Room by Monday May 20 by noon.

They will be distributed to all students on May 21.

We provide bottles of water and popsicles too. Any contribution will be appreciated. We are blessed to have this Ministry with SPE.

Through Him all things are possible, Connie Mitchell



Happy Anniversary, Bob & Ramona!

On Saturday, May 25th, Bob and Ramona Keeton will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house from noon to 5pm, hosted by their daughter Krista. Everyone is welcome!

Prayers Needed:

Jack Yeager

Millie Luttrell

Phyllis & Larry Garber

Jeanne & Shelley Powell

Janet Blazer

Ron Stevens



Shower of Blessings

Recipient for April:

Jack Yeager

32 Carlotta St.

New Carlisle OH, 45344



May 1	1 Samuel 16:7
May 2	2 Corinthians 10:18
May 3	Philippians 3:13-14
May 4	Isaiah 43:18-19
May 5	Proverbs 13:9
May 6	Jeremiah 29:11
May 7	Colossians 2:7
May 8	2 Corinthians 1:21-22
May 9	Ephesians 1:13
May 10	1 Corinthians 9:24
May 11	Jeremiah 30:17
May 12	3 John 11
May 13	Psalms 119:5
May 14	Proverbs 3:26
May 15	1 John 4:13
May 16	Hebrews 13:5
May 17	Psalms 37:3
May 18	Romans 12:8
May 19	Romans 3:27
May 20	Psalms 19:1
May 21	Romans 5:2
May 22	Isaiah 41:10
May 23	Hebrews 10:23
May 24	Psalms 103:8
May 25	Matthew 6:31-32
May 26	Philippians 4:6
May 27	John 4:10
May 28	Philippians 2:2
May 29	2 Corinthians 12:9
May 30	Romans 8:28
May 31	Hebrews 10:22



<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
Acolyte	May	Larry Campbell
Communion Set-up	May 5	Pastor Vicki
Communion Servers	May 5	Pat & Gene Hart Connie Mitchell & Cindy Yeager
Communion Clean-up	May 5	Betty Prosser
Greeter - Front Door	May 5-12 May 19-26	Pam Smith & Mary Olmstead Deb & Ken Cooke
Greeter – Sanctuary Door	May 5-12 May 19-26	Marilyn & Tom Martin Mary Ahlborn & Kim Stehle
Liturgist	May 5-12 May 19-26	Bruce Eckler Dave Speas
Ushers	May	Larry Campbell & Greg Hosier

<u>Counters</u>	<u>Special Music</u>
May 6 Mary Ahlborn & Pam Smith	May 5 Jayme Tatro
May 13 Marilyn Martin & Jackie Gregory	May 12 Jim Mayhugh
May 20 Kim Stehle & Connie Mitchell	May 19 Choir
May 28 Mary Ahlborn & Deb Cooke	May 26 Choir



The Merry Month of

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				6pm Trustee Mt		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
7pm NA	Mens Bible Study	11am Soap Making 7pm NA		6pm All-Church mt		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
7pm NA	4:30 Soup Kitchen Mens Bible Study	7pm NA		6pm Choir		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
7pm NA	Donations for Snyder Park School due Mens Bible Study	12 pm Women of Faith 7pm NA				Ramona & Bob Wedding Anniversary
26	27	28	29	30	31	
7pm NA	Mens Bible Study	7pm NA	Annual Conference	Annual Conference	Annual Conference	

Flowers

C	W	E	R	A	C	B	L	U	E
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G	N	E	V	A	G	L	A	D	I
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Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes):

BLUEBELL

CARNATION

CHRYSANTHEMUM

CORNFLOWER

DAHLIA

~~DAISY~~

FORGET-ME-NOT

GLADIOLUS

LILY OF THE VALLEY

PANSY

ROSE

TULIP



This is zigzag word search puzzle. Words go left, right, up, down, not diagonally, and can bend at a right angle. There are no unused letters in the grid, every letter is used only once.

Grid size:
10 x 10 squares,
10 x 10 letters,
90 x 90 mm.

Square size:
9 x 9 mm.

What do you get when you plant the wrong kind of flowers?

- Oopsie Daisies!

Why is a flower like the letter "A"?

- a 'bee' goes after it.

What do you get if you cross a sheep dog and a rose?

- a collie-flower

What type of gardens do bakers have?

- flour gardens