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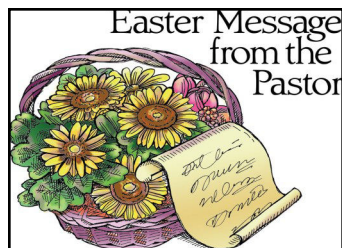
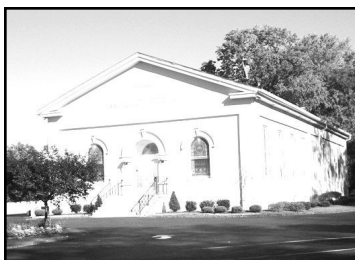
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THE PASTOR'S PEACE

We find ourselves in another time of turmoil. There is a conflict in Iran that our military is involved in, it is unclear when this will end, and what the cost will be to those who serve and defend us. I know that there are likely different views on this issue in the church ranging from seeing this an absolute security necessity to an illegal use of force. As a pastor I try and focus less on the political landscape and more on what I see as the long term issue, and that is the suffering of our fellow children of God. At the end of the day, I am for whatever option leads to the least loss of life in our world. In any conflict, it is always the innocent that suffer the most and that was as true in Christ's time as it is now. Most people in Iran are worried about the same things as people here in the United States are. They want to earn a living, raise their children, and have safety and support for those whom they love. If it were left to the people living their everyday lives, war would probably never happen, but sadly those are not the people making such decisions.

It is worth mentioning that Christ was welcomed into Jerusalem not on a warhorse but on a donkey, or a donkey and a colt depending on which Gospel you read. This was a disappointment to some that day who looked for a Messiah not as a savior from sin, but rather as a savior from the Romans. The Jewish people had been brutally oppressed and the Messiah would free them by destroying the occupiers with the force of God. However, we know that is not how the story went. We were indeed liberated by the force of God, but it was a liberation from sin, a liberation from death itself, and a liberation that connected all of us, both Jew and Gentile to Christ for all of eternity. Christ showed us a path towards peace and reconciliation that is largely ignored in this world to this day, to our own detriment. Until we follow the example of Christ in our world, the Kingdom of Heaven will never be fully realized and we will always suffer the consequences of our actions.

In this Easter season I pray for peace and I pray to the Prince of Peace. I pray that those who have hardened hearts in the world will open them up to the love of God and find ways to work through their differences in ways that don't involve death and destruction. Will this happen? Who knows, and probably not, but no one thought that a crucified criminal would rise from the dead and save us all. As Paul says, we hope not for what we see, but for what is unseen. I pray for everyone involved in this conflict and every conflict across the globe, I pray they can come home to their loved ones and know peace in their lives. Such hope and faith are, after all, what makes us an Easter people. We look beyond all of the crosses of our lives and hope with love in our hearts for something miraculous to happen. I pray that for this Easter, as I do for every season of our lives together. May Christ's resurrection show us the way to a better future and God's Kingdom here on Earth, for He has risen, He has risen indeed!

Pastor Brian
Peace and Blessings

Prayer List

MEMBERS/FRIENDS IN ASSISTED LIVING

Norma Jackson—Oak Creek Terrace
 Wayne
 Hudson
 Susan Saddler—Bethany
 Polly—Trinity, rehab
 Mary Owens
 Laverne
 Bonnie Phillips, Legacy



HOSPICE CARE

Jan—Marty's friend
 Patty Adams
 Sandy—Linda R's friend
 Charlie & Gary
 Jim Abrams
 Jean, Julie's mother
 Anna, Jackie & Cathy
 Jack G.—Alice
 Jerry M.—Bill's friend
 Joe, Bob—Alan's friends
 Jack—Pat F.
 Robert Craig

RECOVERY

Barb H. & Barb P.
 Donna R., leg
 Ann, hip replacement
 Susan S., broken leg/rehab
 Cody, car accident
 Carolyn, cancer
 Bill B., stroke
 Gene M., brain bleed
 Jim B., stents—Bill B.

STAGE 2 OR 4 CANCER

Chris S., uterine
 Jack G., brain tumor
 Charles, colon
 Rochelle and Marilyn
 Aunt Dot, stage 3 melanoma
 Tony, stomach
 Jim, stage 4 colon
 Scott, stage 4 colon
 Debby
 Bob C.



PRAYERS FOR

The family of John Sylvis Willhelm, son of Carol Hildebrecht, age 55, d. 2/27.
 The family of Judith K. Faulkner, age 86, d. 3/5.
 The family of Donald Rauch, age 86, d. 3/8
 The family of Tony, Shirley's relative
 The family of Cory, Shelby's relative
 The family of Tom, Marian's friend

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WITH CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS

Steve, ALS—Bob W.
 Sharon, ALS—Ann
 Austin P., MD
 Dale, Hodgkin's lymphoma—Janice
 Lisa & Carol—long Covid
 John K., leukemia
 Evan (age 9), heart—Shirley
 Pastor Brian & Amelia
 Wayne, chronic infection/pacemaker
 Hope, cerebral palsy
 Alan, heart
 Cheryl M., Parkinson's/diabetes
 Rob S., Parkinson's
 Nancy, Parkinson's—Karen B.
 Brooklyn, paralysis—Pat F.
 Sandy, dementia—Alice
 Polly, various health concerns—Marian
 Xin Hua L., cerebral palsy—Lindsey
 Billie Jo., declining—Barb P.
 Cassidy, leukemia

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 PRAY for our families and friends, our leaders, our military, our first responders, our teachers, our farmers and workers, our manufacturers and laborers, our health workers, our service workers. And, above all, the homeless, helpless and weak.
 PRAY for our nation and the world.

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 Please review the Prayer List on page 3 and tell Ruth if there are names to remove.
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Prayer List



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| <p>† Adam, open heart bypasses—Auer</p> <p>† Angie P., diabetes, eye surgery, better</p> <p>† Andrea, breast cancer—Pat F.</p> <p>† Anthony, brain hemorrhage</p> <p>† Barb, brain cyst—Nelson</p> <p>† Barb H., kidney test</p> <p>† Beth, open heart surgery</p> <p>† Beth, mental, cancer—Tom</p> <p>† Bill J., age 92, extensive cancer—Shirley</p> <p>† Bob S.—Shelby</p> <p>† Dr. Bonnie Johnson, cancer, hospital</p> <p>† Cabe, recurring cancer</p> <p>† Carol, stroke: Vicky, daughter—Barb P.</p> <p>† Cathy M., neck pain, etc.</p> <p>† Cheryl, breast cancer/liver</p> <p>† Chris, liver/stomach cancer—Shirley</p> <p>† Chuck, diabetic complications</p> <p>† Cindy, Lynn, Kenny, Janet, Joe—Barb H.</p> <p>† Dave, prostate; Debbie, cancer—Alan</p> <p>† Denise M., cancer</p> <p>† Don—Alice's brother-in-law</p> <p>† Donna, colon cancer, etc.—Janice</p> <p>† Dwayne & Joe, cancer & stroke—Alan</p> <p>† Elaine, back surgery—Pastor Brian</p> <p>† Eugene M., serious fall, broken bones—Jeannette</p> <p>† Evan and Ida—Marty</p> <p>† Father Jim, falling—Carole S.</p> <p>† Father John, esophageal cancer—Carole S.</p> <p>† Gary, rare cancer—Shirley</p> <p>† Gage, liver failure—Shirley</p> <p>† Glenn, spine broken 3 places—Tom</p> <p>† Jeff, heart—Tom R.</p> <p>† Jeff's wife, stroke—Karen B.</p> <p>† Jerry, lung cancer—Gloria</p> <p>† Jim, bladder cancer—Auer</p> <p>† Jim, tumors—Jeri</p> <p>† Joe, cancer—Pat F.</p> <p>† Joan, heart attack, accident, life support</p> <p>† John, esophageal cancer, sepsis—Freeze</p> <p>† Josh, heart—Nelsons</p> <p>† Joyce, pulmonary stenosis—Doug</p> <p>† Joy & Julia, cancer—Nelsons</p> <p>† Kate D.—Pat Freeze</p> <p>† Kate, Lisa's mom—Tom</p> <p>† Ken, advanced cancer—Linda R.</p> <p>† Maria P., back—Cathy M.</p> <p>† Mary Ann, heart surgery—Tom R.</p> <p>† Nathan, liver transplant</p> <p>† Neeva, AFIB/brother, heart—Pat F.</p> | <p>† Pam M., stroke</p> <p>† Patrick, cancer surgery—Shirley</p> <p>† Patsy, foot surgery</p> <p>† Paula, kidney trouble—Nelson</p> <p>† Pearl, broken hip, health—Shirley</p> <p>† Penny, kidney transplant—Pat</p> <p>† Phyllis, lumpectomy</p> <p>† Polly, heart attack, better—Marian</p> <p>† Penrod, B. & B., ongoing health</p> <p>† Rae, cancer treatment—Carol L.</p> <p>† Ray Eben, Carolyn Paul—Marty</p> <p>† Randy—brain tumor</p> <p>† Rich K.—Penrod</p> <p>† Rich, cardiac—Sheila K.</p> <p>† Richard T., stroke—Sherry</p> <p>† Richard McD., stroke—Hawkins</p> <p>† Rob, aortic aneurism</p> <p>† Rose, health—Alan</p> <p>† Sandy, tests, surgery—Hawker</p> <p>† Sarah, Brian's friend</p> <p>† Sarah T., broken shoulder—BeBe</p> <p>† Shelby R., throat problem</p> <p>† Sherry, COVID—Mindy</p> <p>† Shirley, cancer—Linda R.</p> <p>† Sonny, fast growing invasive cancer</p> <p>† Steve, back—Pat</p> <p>† Sue, stroke—Pastor Brian</p> <p>† Suzanne, lung surgery—BeBe</p> <p>† Tammy, heart; Zach, kidney—Ashley</p> <p>† Terry, aorta surgery</p> <p>† Theresa, skin cancer—Hawkins</p> <p>† Tim P., heart—Pat</p> <p>† Tina, lungs—Shirley</p> <p>† Tom B., throat—Eddie</p> <p>† Troy, neck/throat cancer—Auer</p> <p>† Vicky, hospital—Pat</p> <p>† Virginia, pacemaker—Barb's cousin</p> <p>† Wayne, surgery—Patti</p> <p>† Xin Hua L., brain surgery—Lindsey</p> <p>† Zachary, tumor of the jawbone—Barb</p> |
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- The names on the prayer list will remain for two or three months or until the crisis has passed. Then they'll be removed to make room for others' needs. Please let Jeannette know if the person still needs prayer.

Church Service List

Communion April 5 Easter		
Scripture	Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	Tom Rauls	
Altar Flowers	Bill & Carolyn Conner	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

April 12		
Scripture	Acts 2:14, 22-32 John 20:19-31	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	Patti King	
Altar Flowers	April Binkley, in gratitude	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

April 19		
Scripture	Acts 2:14, 36-41 Luke 24:13-35	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	Donna Banks	
Altar Flowers	Ashley Severtson, in memory of friends	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

April 26		
Scripture	Acts 2:42-47 John 10:1-10	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Donna Banks, in memory of daughter Marie Ballard	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners: Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

May 3		
Scripture	Acts 7:55-60 John 14:1-14	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	TBD	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

\$\$\$Stewardship Record		
Date	Offering	Attendance
March 1	\$1907	73+FB
March 8	\$975	27+FB
March 15	\$4101	66+FB
March 22	\$5769	54+FB
March 29	\$263+1915	68+FB

3/8: Covid & time change OGHS: \$345

Church News and Events

April 12th: “Questions you always wanted to ask” Sunday

Once again, on Sunday April 12th, we will have a special Sunday where the church gets to ask the pastor questions. Instead of a regular sermon, Pastor Brian will pick several questions out of a basket and answer them. The congregation is asked to think of some good questions. Perhaps there is some theological question that you just are burning to have answered. We will have pieces of paper and pens out in advance for you to write your questions on. For those online, questions can be asked via Facebook, or sent to Pastor Brian in advance via email.

Easter Sunday: April 5th

Easter Sunday is on April 5th this year, and below is a schedule of the day:

9:00am – Easter Breakfast

10:30am – Sunday Worship with communion, also available on Facebook and YouTube

11:45am – Easter Egg Hunt

Please note, that there will be no lunch after the service on Easter Sunday. Everyone is instead invited to come to the breakfast

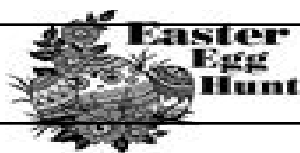


Maundy Thursday Service

On Thursday April 2nd at 6PM we will have a Maundy Thursday service in the lower lever of the church. There will be a light meal along with the service, soup will be provided and people are encouraged to bring other simple food for the meal. Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, and marks the last moments before Christ went to the cross. It is a solemn but meaningful service. Please join us as we journey with Christ and each other.

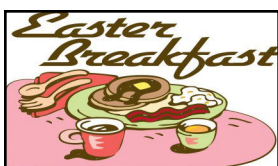
Easter Egg Hunt

We will be having an Easter egg hunt on April 5th after the 10:30 Easter service. The event will be held outside if the weather permits, and inside if there is bad weather. Please feel free to bring plastic eggs with treats in them in the weeks leading up to Easter. They can be left on the island in the kitchen downstairs.



.EASTER BREAKFAST

The Easter Breakfast will begin at 9:00 am on April 5th, Easter Sunday, and food will be served for a little more than an hour. We have put out a sign-up sheet on the card table for people to volunteer to help with the breakfast or to bring food. We will have several breakfast dishes. There is no charge, but donations are welcome.

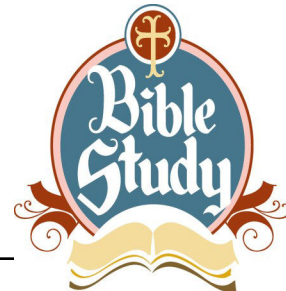


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Gospel of Mark Bible Study

We are continuing our 12-week Bible study on the Gospel of Mark, which takes place every Tuesday at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. This is the start of a gospel Bible study series in which we will be going through each of the four gospels over the next 16 months. We will be studying the gospels in the following order. Mark, Matthew, John, and Luke. Each study will be 8 to 12 weeks in length. Below is the remainder of the reading schedule for our Mark study. In it, "SG" stands for Study Guide.

4/7: SG Ch7 pt1 pg.215-247; Mark 11:1-12:34
4/14: SG Ch7 pt2 pg.248-274; Mark 13:1-13:37
4/21: SG Ch8 pt1 pg.275-308; Mark 14:1-14:72
4/28: SG Ch8 pt2 pg.309-338; Mark 15:1-15:47
5/5: SG Ch9 & Ch10; Mark 16:1-8



.Church Work Day: Saturday April 18th 10:00 AM

We will be having a church work day on Saturday April 18th to take care of a few things at the church. We will be going through the downstairs closets and cleaning them out and organizing them. We will also be doing some outdoor projects as well, weather permitting. We will meet at the church at 10:00 am and work until we decide to stop. Lunch will be provided by the church. Any help that you can provide is much appreciated.



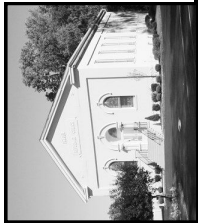
Spring Congregational Photo

We wanted to take a new congregational photo for the church directory and we are asking people to please come on Sunday May 3rd if you can, to be in the photo. We will take the photo on the front steps of the church immediately after the church service.

OLD NEWS FROM THE XENIA GAZETTE, April 14, 1891

On Sabbath morning, April 19, at 10:30 am in lieu of the regular church services, Rev. J.S. Steele will preach a sermon with special reference to the graduating class.

This is the first class ever graduated from a Township High School in Greene County. The Beavercreek people take a great deal of interest in the event and cordially invite their friends throughout the County to all the services. Also, the usual mass meeting and closing exercises of the Sub-district schools will be held in Beaver Church May 8th, an all-day event.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Beaver United Church of Christ
5 Easter Sunday <i>9:00 Breakfast</i> 10:30 Worship & Communion	6	7 6:30 pm Book Study— Gospel of	8 Fool's Day	9 12:30 Lunch Club@Marion's 6 pm Maundy Thursday	10 Good Friday <i>Please pray for our service men and women.</i>	11 <i>Need a lift? Read John 3:16!</i>	1960 Dayton— Xenia Rd. Beavercreek, OH 45434 426-5602 Pastor Brian Eastman 469-1383
12 Question Sunday 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship <i>11:45 Lunch</i>	13	14 6:30 pm Book Study	15 6:30 pm Planning Committee Mtg on Zoom	16 A.A. 8:30 pm	17	18 10 am Church Work Day	CHILD CARE is available during worship services for ages infant to kindergarten. Beaver Church is wheelchair accessible with elevators. We also have sound devices for those with
19 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship <i>11:45 Lunch</i> 12:15 Choir	20	21 6:30 pm Book Study	22 Earth Day 6 pm Consistory	23 A.A. 8:30 pm	24	25	
26 10:30 Worship <i>11:45 Lunch</i> 12:15 Choir <i>AA 8pm</i>	27 <i>Make this a great Monday!</i>	28 6:30 pm Book Study	29	30 A.A. 8:30 pm			