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THE PASTOR'S PEACE

Recently I was talking to someone about a very difficult thing that they were going through. I suggested to them that they were indeed going through a very difficult time, and that was not likely to change. All they could do was just get through the situation. I recommended that they accept that and instead of focusing on the terribleness of the issue, they should try and focus on caring for themselves as best they could during it. Of course, this is easy advice to give out, but not so easy to follow yourself. There have been plenty of times in my life, and the lives of everyone, where we can't help but focus on the negative aspects of our lives and how unfair and challenging, they seem.

We are in the process of finishing up our Bible study on the Gospel of Mark, and in June we will begin our next Bible Study series on the Gospel of Matthew. One thing that I am struck by in this careful reading of Mark, is that Jesus never tells the disciples that the road before them will be an easy one. In fact, he tells them the opposite. He says that they too must pick up their cross and follow. He also says that they will be reviled and mistreated because of him. When Jesus is asked by James and John to be at his right and left side, he tells them that they will not be able to share the cup that he must bear, i.e., the suffering he will endure. Jesus even lets the disciples know that in his time of need, they will all abandon him, which they are unwilling to even imagine, despite it coming to pass. It is clear that following Christ was never a guarantee for an easy life. One thing that Christ does promise, however, is that he will never leave those who follow him, Matthew 28:20. Indeed, our lives are certainly not always easy, but we are never alone.

In addition to the presence of Christ in our lives, we are also shown through his death and resurrection, that sorrow and difficulty are never the end of the story. Not only does Jesus return to his disciples, but he forgives them as well, showing that not only is Christ with us, but the love of God is with us always. I am sure that many of you who read this will be going through your own challenges in life. We must never diminish the fact that sometimes life is hard, but know that you are not alone, and you are not without love. No matter what is going on, the Good News of the Gospel says that your sorrow will not be the end, and you will know joy again. Take care of yourself, know that you are worthy of God's love, and know that the light of the Kingdom of God awaits us all.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Brian



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.
 Mildred—Austin's grandmother

RECOVERY

Barb H. & Barb P.
 Donna R., leg
 Ann, hip replacement
 Susan S., fall, head trauma
 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 Robert Bruce Craig, age 82, d.
 4/26

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
 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
 Xinhua L., cerebral palsy, epilepsy—Lindsey
 Billie Jo., declining—Barb P.
 Cassidy, leukemia
 Bill B., congestive heart
 Alan, heart, kidneys

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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>† Beth, open heart surgery</p> <p>† Beth, mental, cancer—Tom</p> <p>† Bill J., age 92, extensive cancer—Shirley</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 and Larry and sisters—Alice</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>† Father John, esophageal cancer—Carole S.</p> <p>† Gary, rare cancer—Shirley</p> <p>† Gary, cancer, hole in heart—Jeannette</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, back fractures—Barb H.</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 and Mike, Lisa's parents: Tom R.</p> <p>† Lori, neck/spine surgery—Linda R.</p> <p>† Marsha, terminal cancer—Carolyn</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>† 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>† Uncle Art—Melissa</p> <p>† Vicky G. & Mike, hospital—Eddie</p> <p>† Vince G.—Eddie</p> <p>† Virginia, pacemaker—Barb's cousin</p> <p>† Wayne, surgery—Patti</p> <p>† Xinhua 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 May 3		
Scripture	Acts 7:55-60 John 14:1-14	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	Tom Rauls	
Altar Flowers	Severtson	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

May 10 Mother's Day		
Scripture	Acts 17:22-31 John 14:15-21	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Steve Filer, in memory of my mother, Millie Kelly, on Mother's Day	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

May 17		
Scripture	Acts 1:6-14 John 17:1-11	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	Donna Parker	
Altar Flowers	Patti King & Family, in memory of Rev. Greg King	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

May 24 Pentecost		
Scripture	Acts 2:1-21 1 Corinthians 12:3-13	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Pat & Doug Goudy	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners: Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

May 31 Trinity Sunday		
Scripture	Genesis 1:1-2:4 2 Corinthians 12:11-13	
Usher/Greeter	John Lyden	
Lay Reader	TBD	
Altar Flowers	Karen Barger	
Children's Bible Study: Brittany King	Young Learners Sarah Hogan	Nursery: Ellie Rauls

\$\$Stewardship Record		
Date	Offering	Attendance
April 5	\$4950	113+FB
April 12	\$1251	50+FB
April 19	\$3858	64+FB
April 26	\$1178	57+FB

Church News and Events

MOTHERS DAY

Mothers, past and present, will be honored with a carnation on Mother's Day, **May 10th**. Because people usually have plans after church for Mother's day, there will be no lunch after church on this Sunday.



Memorial Day Sunday: Remembering those that have passed

On Sunday **May 24th** we will recognize and remember all those in our church family who have died in the past year. We will do this by reading their name aloud and lighting a candle in their honor. If you have any family or friends who you would like remembered, please give their name to Pastor Brian by May 19th by sending him an email at "pastorbrian@beaverucc.org".



Pastor Brian will be away from the office and taking some time off for vacation from **May 11th through May 19th**. If you need to speak with a pastor while he is gone, you may contact Rev. Charlie Williams at (937) 830-6034 or our head Deacon, Rev. Martha (Marty) Smith at (216) 233-0637.

Pentecost Sunday: Show your Spirit

On Sunday **May 24th** we will celebrate Pentecost, the event marking the founding of the Church when the Holy Spirit came upon early Christians in a great fire. The traditional color for this holiday is **red**. We are asking that on that Sunday people wear red to church to celebrate the Holy Spirit.



Church Scholarship

It is that time of the year again for us to receive applications for the church scholarship. If you are a graduating high school senior that plans to attend college and wish to apply, you can request an application from **Tom Rauls** or there are some copies available at the church. The due date for the application is **June 21st**.

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Strengthen the Church Offering: May 24th

On May 24th we will be taking up our denomination's "Strengthen the Church" special offering. It is one of our denomination's four special yearly offerings. This offering is used to help churches in our denomination.



Spring Congregational Photo



We want 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

MAY 27, 1943

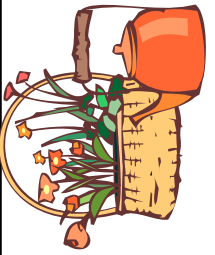
REV. ALFRED ANKENY TALKS ON JAPAN

More than 150 farmers and their business and professional friends attended the May meeting of the Farm Forum at Geyer's Banquet hall Monday evening. Rev. Alfred Ankeney, formerly of Beaver Creek Twp., gave a graphic picture of life in Japan and told of his arrest, trial and interment following Pearl Harbor. Rev. Ankeney went to Japan in 1914 and has been engaged in mission work there during the last twenty-eight years. He was imprisoned from Dec. 8 to June 3, following the declaration of war.

The Forum went on record as favoring the continuance of Central War Time. Motion pictures were shown by Mrs. J.R. Bryson, AAA fieldwoman. The Ross Twp. Committee of Lester McDorman, Carl Ritenour and Horace Long arranged the program. Herman Ankeney, president of the Forum and brother of Rev. Ankeney, presided at the meeting. The program for the June meeting will be under the direction of the New Jasper Twp. Committee headed by Franklin Boots.

(Albert Ankeney became a member of Beaver Church on March 31, 1861 by confirmation.)


(Horace Ankeney became a member of Beaver Church on February 9, 1868 by confirmation.)



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Our Mission:
"To love and to serve."



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3:10:30 Worship & Communion 11:45 Church Photo	4	5 Primary Election 6:30 pm Bible Study—Gospel	6	7 12:30 pm Lunch Club @ Marion's Pizza A.A. 8:30 pm	8	9 
10 Mother's Day 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship No lunch today	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Pastor Brian		Out 5/11—5/19/2026		
17 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Lunch 12:15 Choir	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Pastor Brian Away 5/11 –					
24 Pentecost SONKA STC Offering 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship/ Memorial Svc. 11:45 Lunch	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30
			6:30 pm Planning Committee Mtg on Zoom			
			6:30 pm Consistory	A.A. 8:30 pm		
31 9:15 Bell Choir 10:30 Worship 11:45 Lunch						

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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 hearing impairments. Ask any time.