

2022

MAY

JUNE



Luke 23:6-7

⁶ He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

These verses are recorded in our story as the words of angels. The angels reminded the women at the tomb of Jesus' words he shared with them earlier: that he would be raised from the dead! And the women believed in the witness of the angels! Christ is risen indeed!

Throughout the month of May and in the first few days of June, we continue to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Easter is a 50-day season in the church year that invites us to be intentional in our celebration of all God has done for us. We also receive reminders in this season that it is now our turn to share the good news of the resurrection with others.

Sometimes we share the good news of the resurrection through our words. We proclaim our belief in the resurrection through the traditional creeds that have been passed on to us. We proclaim that Jesus rose again on the third day. We proclaim we believe in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Proclaiming it and believing in it with our hearts is a beginning.

Sometimes we share the good news through our actions. We share the good news through sharing the light of Christ with others- when we love our neighbors as ourselves, when we seek to treat others the way they want to be treated, and when we are kind to others as God has been compassionate to us.

God is with us as we share the good news. One kind word and one kind action can provide witness to the resurrection.

Following the Easter season is Pentecost. Sunday, June 5 marks Pentecost Sunday, a time when we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. We are having a combined worship service and luncheon at Broadlands church beginning at 9:30 am on that day. All are welcome.

Blessings and peace in this season,
Pastor Trevor

OAKWOOD / HEBRON UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

The Messenger



Did You Know?

MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER



In Early April, Pastor Trevor took a few of us to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center to volunteer for the day. We left Oakwood at 6:00 AM and spent the day putting together school bags. We returned at 6:00 pm. It was a long day but very rewarding. Besides myself, Nancy and Pastor Trevor, we were joined by 2 members from Broadland.

We expect to return sometime this summer and urge others to join us in the worthwhile work.

Laura Wittig

Pastor Trevor Oetting's Office Hours

Monday and Thursday — 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesday — 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm



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WORSHIP SERVICES: Oakwood UMC — 9:00 am
Hebron UMC — 10:30 am

Special News



FELLOWSHIP OF THE TROWEL

We are presently working on the flower beds around the church and finishing up on the Memorial Garden out front.

Please feel free to join us any Thursday, 9 am to 11 am, (weather permitting) to plant, weed, prune, and care for our flowers around the church.

Input is always welcome as to what can be done differently or if another time is better for you.

(Contact Laura or Marilyn)

Everyone is welcome.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 9 –11, 2022
Peoria Civic Center

On Saturday morning, June 11th,
Pastor Trevor will be commissioned as an Elder in the church.

Anyone interested in attending this session,
please let Laura or Wanda know.



Bible's Cool held a celebration on April 21. The youth shared some of the things that we learned during the year with family members. All enjoyed pizza.

Playing Tangled.



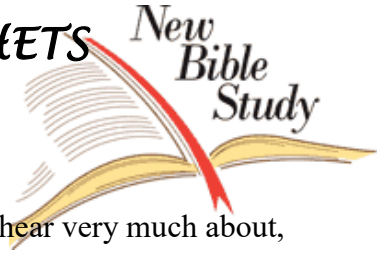
Playing Goblet Tic-tac-toe



Coming events

A STUDY OF THE MINOR PROPHETS

Wed. May 4, 11, 18 and 25



Join us to explore some of the minor prophets of the Bible that we don't hear very much about, such as Habakkuk, Haggai, Jonah, and Obadiah.

Bring your Bible and join in the discussion .



Oakwood United Methodist Church and Muncie Baptist Church will be combining together to host Vacation Bible School –

Monumental, Celebrating God's Greatness.

Fun Day (Registration) – Saturday, June 4 at OUMC –
details coming soon.

VBS – June 20 – 24, 1 – 3:30 PM at Muncie Baptist Church

Preschool – Current 7th graders

Volunteers needed – station leaders, decorations –

Contact Deb (217-799-0594) if you are able to make this happen.

The church hive



Bees live in a cooperative way described as “eusociality,” or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church's health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul's words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts “but the same Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:4).

According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect “living illustration of how to walk in unity.” He wrote, “Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ. Like the bees, we must learn to practice the sacrifice, labor, sharing, and submission of love that together we ‘may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ’” (Ephesians 4:15, KJV). How are you using your own spiritual gifts to build up your church “hive”?

Youth News



– ASP 2022 – Rooted in Love

“Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”

June 12-18, 2022

Junior High and High School

HIGH SCHOOL:

Katie Reffett, will graduate from Oakwood HS with plans to go to DACC for his first two years and then transfer to a 4 year college.

JUNIOR HIGH:

Madison McFarland, will be attending Oakwood HS in the fall.

ASP Youth will be heading to Craigsville, Nicholas Co, West Virginia on Sunday, June 12. We had a fantastic Texas Roadhouse Rolls and Butter fundraiser and stocks sales have been great. Thanks to all. Some of the youth practiced construction by building a step stool – they used the chop saw and drills. It was a fun time.



COMETLAND YOUTH NEWS

Grades 7-12

Sunday 5:30 to 6:30pm

At: Muncie Baptist Church

Stay in touch with
Josh Hunsberger to
learn
about upcoming
activities.

Cell: 814-969-1766



Calendar

May 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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MAY—Special Dates

National Day of Prayer	May 5th
Mother's Day	May 8th
Ascension Day	May 26th
Memorial Day	May 30th



June 2022						
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JUNE—Special Dates

Pentecost	June 5th
Trinity Sunday	June 12th
Flag Day	June 14th
Father's Day	June 19th
VBS	June 20-24th
Summer Begins	June 21st



On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

Birthdays & Anniversaries

OAKWOOD

May

Birthdays:

- 3 Amanda Shareef
- 6 John D. Montgomery
- 11 Lauren Plawer
- 24 Madison McFarland
- 26 Luca Shareef

Anniversaries:

- 7 Shawn & Lara Conklin

June

Birthdays:

- 1 Brenda Ludwig
Tom Goodwin
Courtney Linn Dudley
- 23 Robin Linn Durand
- 27 Janice Lee

Anniversaries:

- 9 Ryan & Amy McFarland
- 10 Ron & Janice Lee
- 21 Matthew & Heather Trask
- 26 John & Beth Sudlow



HEBRON

May

Birthdays:

- 1 Sue Fletcher
- 5 Dave Parker
- 6 Dennis Divan

June

Birthdays:

- 6 Lauren Covington
Xander Draper
- 17 Shelia Fletcher
- 28 Jane Sprague

**Remember our
Church Family
Living Away
from their Homes**

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Remember those in the Military

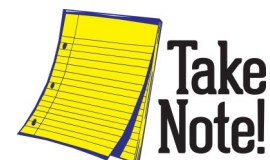


Capt. Toby Neal
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Stationed— in Germany

Corrections

If you have any additions or corrections to the Birthday/Anniversary list, please let me know.



Newsletter Update

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, thereby getting it immediately and in color, please let me know.

Contact — Marilyn at (217) 474-3260 or
email at melrodmae@gmail.com

OAKWOOD/HEBRON U.M.C.

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OAKWOOD UMC YARD SALE

Saturday, June 4th

7:00 am to 2:00 pm

We will be also be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, water and cookies at the sale.
(Hint...we need the congregation to provide homemade cookies for the sale.)

Start going through your garage and attic to see what "treasures" you may find.
(Please price all items.)

We will keep you informed of more information through our web pages and the bulletin.

If you can help with the Yard Sale or with the cooking, etc., please contact Marilyn Elrod or Laura Wittig.