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## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR. . .

### **Note From The Pastor's Desk**

Greetings to all. We have had so many blessings this past month, and many of them have come from our younger members of the congregation. I personally have been blessed to share the pulpit with our middle school youth for our Sunday school program, and with two of our amazing college students for graduation Sunday. We heard a wonderful testimony from Ellie Lloyd on Graduation Sunday, and we were blessed to hear about the tremendous sum of money given in scholarships to Presbyterian students in Logan County. May was a month of God reminding us that our future is bright, and our young people are strong. I want to remind everyone that if you are away from town this summer, or if you are not able to join us for worship physically, that you can watch church live or later at [www.youtube.com/@1stunitedpresbyterianchurc786](http://www.youtube.com/@1stunitedpresbyterianchurc786). Blessings to all for the month of June, we are all excited to see what God has in store for First United Presbyterian, for Bellefontaine, and for God's children.

### **What it means to be Presbyterian.**

Someone asked me a few weeks ago why in some of the creeds it says, "Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church." We say Apostolic because we believe that our church is a descendent of the churches created by the apostles. That is to say that we aspire to be the kind of congregation and community that the church of Corinth, or the church of Ephesus aspired to be. It is away to say that we desire to hold fast to the foundation of our faith tradition. We say Catholic, not because we are tied to the Roman Catholic church, but rather we use catholic as an adjective meaning "denoting or relating to the entire body of Christians." This statement seeks to bond us to all Christian churches and is a way of saying though we acknowledge our differences we also recognize each other as fellow children of God and followers of Christ. And we say Holy meaning, "dedicated or consecrated to God or a religious purpose; sacred." We are a church loyal to our beginning, bound to each other and dedicated to God.





## DID YOU KNOW . . .

What's the Buzz? Bees are essential for the health of people and the planet. Honey and other products have medicinal properties, and the role of bees as pollinators makes them vital for food supplies.

There are around 20,000 known bee species worldwide, and over 4,000 are native to the United States. Humans only manage a few of these, and most species are wild.

As well as valuing bees for their honey, people have come to recognize the importance of bees in promoting food security and variety in plants and animals.

However, a rise in factors, such as pesticide use and urbanization, means that bees are currently in decline, negatively affecting many of the Earth's ecosystems. A loss of bees would affect honey supplies, but, more importantly, world food security and biodiversity. Without them, the world could be a very different place.

Bees are significant for many reasons. They have historical importance, contribute to human health, and play a role in maintaining healthy ecosystems.

Not all bees produce honey, but it is one of the main reasons people value them. The substance is a natural sweetener with many potential health qualities.

People have used bees and bee-related products for medicinal purposes for thousands of years. Some claims note it has antioxidant, antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and anticancer properties. In traditional medicine, people use honey when treating a wide variety of conditions. While many of these uses do not have scientific backing, they include eye diseases, hepatitis, hemorrhoids, eczema and ulcers.

In recent years, it has become clear that honey may not be the most important reason to protect bees. This is because bees play a crucial role in pollination, where they use the hairs on their bodies to carry large grains of pollen between plants. Roughly 75% of crops produce better yields if animals help them pollinate. Of all animals, bees are the most dominant pollinators of wild and crop plants. They visit over 90% of the world's top 107 crops. In other words, bees are essential for the growth of many plants, including food crops.

Bees are very intelligent, and people have applied knowledge of their mannerisms and social interactions when creating human initiatives. For example, researchers have suggested that studying the actions of bees could help experts develop emergency plans to evacuate people from an overcrowded environment.

Observing honeybee dances can also help scientists understand where changes are taking place in the environment. Farming practices, global warming, and disease are just a few reasons why bee numbers are declining. Experts are concerned about the impact on world food supplies, especially fruits, nuts, and vegetables. They say that without bees, there will be no more nuts, coffee, cocoa, tomatoes, apples, or almonds, to name a few crops. This could lead to nutritional deficiencies in the human diet, as these products are essential sources of vital nutrients.

\*\*Not to drone on, but did you know we have a beekeeper in our very midst? Art Lloyd is an expert who knows his beeswax!!! We can swarm him with questions with his clear crystallization of answers! Our colony will be the sweetest, with his Queen, Betty!!





## GOOD NEWS...



Meet our BHS Graduate **Co-Validictorian ELLIE LLOYD!!**

Daughter of Shawn and Jeannie Lloyd

Sister of Chloe and Deacon Lloyd

Granddaughter of Art and Betty Lloyd

ALL ABOUT ELLIE. . .

*What is your biggest dream or goal in life?*

To live a happy life where I am able to give to those in need and help make the world a better place.

*What is something you like to do out side of home/school in your free time?*

You can find me jamming out to music or riding my motorcycle.

*Have you volunteered in your community?*

I am a member of the National Honor Society and volunteer as much as possible.

*What would you like to be known for in the future?*

Being dependable, trustworthy, and kind.

*Do you plan on earning a college degree or military experience?*

I will have an Associates Degree come May from Clark State. I will attend the University of Cincinnati in the fall for Mechanical Engineering.

*What career did you want as a child? Is it the career path you are headed for now?*

I cannot say I had a career choice in mind, but I always had a curiosity to figure things out, so I would say engineering is a good choice.

*If you could travel to the future in a time machine, what would you like to see there?*

I would like to see how the world has developed and all the new inventions.

*I know my family will always:*

Be there for me, support me, and love me unconditionally.

*If you could give your family a slogan/motto, what would it be?*

If you give life your all, we would never be disappointed.

*What is your favorite family memory?*

Family cookouts and gatherings where we play board games and laughter and smiles fill the house.

*What hobby would you like to do for the rest of your life?*

Sightseeing and going on adventures.

*What is something you are thankful for?*

I am thankful for the little things in life, every passing moment is a blessing.

# BUILDING BLOCKS

CONGRATULATIONS to our Building Block Recipients for 2023/2024!

PreK - K Lincoln Core, Tilly Jervis, Abby Justice, Nora Lentz, Jameson Reed

Sing The B-I-B-L-E, sing Jesus Loves the Little Children, Deuteronomy 6:5.

Grades 1 - 2 Charlotte Burkhardt, Evelyn Lentz, Nora McClelland

Sing Gloria Patri, learn the Ten Commandments

Grades 3 - 5 Griffin Burkhardt, Salem Ericksen, Dori Jervis, Scarlett Lentz, Finley Reed,

Arianna Smith, Brady Wilson, Ellie Wilson

Learn the New Testament Books, Matthew 7:12

Middle School - Lyrik Core, Zoe Jervis, Calen McClelland, Cole McClelland

Learn the Beatitudes, Psalm 46

High School - Emma Suman

Read the Book of Luke



THANKS A LATTE'  
TO OUR WONDERFUL TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS!!

Karen Brady

Mike Brady

Lauren Burkhardt

Sue Crawfis

Bob Core

Bridget Hawkins

Brenda Jenkins

Betty Lloyd

Brenda Oda

Sara Stahler

Nancy Stokes

Joliece Reed



CONGRATULATIONS to our newest grandparents, Pastor Greg and Wendi Menssen, at the birth of their very first grandchild!!

**Stella Dora Djurovich** was born May 9, 2024 making her appearance at 1:00am! She weighed in at 7pounds, 12 ounces and stands 21.25 inches tall!!

By all accounts, Stella, Mom Katie and Dad Todo are doing just fine!



Quest Federal Credit Union recently awarded six teachers from the various county schools as Teacher of the Year for 2024!

Alicia Dinovo, granddaughter of Sue and John Dearwester was the recipient from the Bellefontaine City Schools.

As part of the program, these teachers were praised for their love of teaching, kindness, helpfulness and many more amazing qualities. Each teacher was awarded a glass plaque. **CONGRATULATIONS ALICIA!**



**Congratulations to our 2024 Higher Education Scholarship Recipients!** Our thanks and remembrance to the generosity of those who came before us and established these endowments for the continuing education of Logan County Presbyterians:

**Richard and Evaline Knief Memorial Scholarship:** Multiple scholarships to students pursuing higher education and have membership in any Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) in Logan County. Knief Recipients (students attend the church listed under their name):



Chloe Anderson  
Belle Center



Jordan Butler  
Bellefontaine



Clay Jacobs  
Belle Center



Caroline Eader  
Bellefontaine



Olivia Eader  
Bellefontaine



Vivian Eader  
Bellefontaine



Mekenzie Flora  
Bellefontaine



Chloe Lloyd  
Bellefontaine



Ellie Lloyd  
Bellefontaine



Regan Ross  
Huntsville



Jacob Zarnosky  
Huntsville

**Wayne and Pearl Lawrence Memorial Scholarship:** Awarded to one male and one female 1<sup>st</sup> UPC student who are members of 1<sup>st</sup> UPC, have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and are either graduating this year or who have received the scholarship in past years.



Ellie Lloyd



Ben Sailors



**Nancy J. Merrilees Memorial Scholarship:** Awarded to a 1<sup>st</sup> UPC member who is pursuing the teaching profession.

Recipient: Jennifer Jervis

A total of \$16,900 has been awarded today through the interest of these endowments. Our thanks to the scholarship committee: Michael Brady, Brenda Oda, Beth Powers, Sara Stahler, chair: Anne Brienza.



50 Bellefontaine High School scholars were honored at the 36th Annual Honda Academic Achievement Breakfast at Ohio Hi-Point Career Center. Among those 50 are Kaeleigh Flora, honored for excellence in English and Elliana Lloyd, honored for excellence in Calculus. Congratulations to both of you!!!



Captain Chad McKenzie, United States Navy, has been selected to be a Distinguished Alumni of Bellefontaine High School 2024.

With this honor, he was chosen by the BHS Class of 2024 to be the Speaker at the BHS Graduation ceremony on May 24.

He is currently the Commanding Officer of the Great Lakes Naval Hospital and will assume the duty of Deputy Clerk of Navy Medicine East and Europe in Portsmouth VA, in July.

He is the son of **Gary and Lois McKenzie** with 30 years of service.

Congratulations Chad for being selected as a Distinguished Alumni of Bellefontaine High School and THANK YOU for your service!



Emma Suman and friends celebrate a Superior rating for the Bellefontaine High School Orchestra, who competed in the Trills and Thrills Music Contest at Wilmington High School.

The Orchestra members were then treated to a visit to Kings Island for more celebration!



Tilly and Jesse Jervis enjoy the Father - Daughter Dance recently held at the Bellefontaine Elementary School!

Tilly is also being recognized on the Lee's Chicken Wall of Fame Winner for the fourth quarter. Tilly is an exceptional student and person! She comes in every morning with a smile on her face and is eager to learn. Her positive attitude is infectious and helps create a welcoming learning environment for her peers. She is passionate about the work she

completes, shows her creativity, and always gives her best effort. Tilly is a great friend to all and is kind and respectful to others. GREAT JOB TILLY!!





## ENROLLED

Rylee Jo McCully

Class of 2024

Plans to Enroll 

I have decided to continue my education at Cedarville in Worship.

**What's your E?**



Rylee McCully, granddaughter of Art and Betty Lloyd will graduate as salutatorian from DeGraff's Riverside High School this year and has enrolled to continue her education at Cedarville University!

She plans to major in the area of Worship! What a wonderful choice!

**Congratulations Rylee!!**



**Congratulations to Rod Bair, RN, CEN, Paramedic, EMS Educator** for receiving the 2024 John P. Moore Memorial EMS Award for Excellence.

John P. Moore was an invaluable member of the OhioHealth Grant Medical Center family. For 25 years, John served as a part-time paramedic instructor at Grant and was one of three paramedic instructors for the Columbus Division of Fire. John dedicated his professional life to the continued success of the Grant Trauma program and Grant's LifeLink program. His contributions to the improvement of care for pre-hospital patients through his efforts at the Columbus Division of Fire, Grant LifeFlight, Grant LifeLink and Grant's Paramedic School are invaluable.

To pay honor to John's memory, OhioHealth is proud to present The John P. Moore Memorial EMS Award for Excellence. This prestigious award is bestowed annually upon an Ohio Emergency Medical Responder, Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Emergency Medical Technician or Paramedic. It serves to recognize, appreciate, and celebrate the recipient's accomplishments and contributions, as demonstrated through their actions as an EMS advocate, educator, leader, mentor or provider.

**Congratulations Rod!! A very well-deserved honor!!**



Say hello to Tiny Jesus! He is always among us and is watching over you! But where is he watching from? He could be anywhere in the church and if you happen to find him, you can bring him to the Church Office and win a prize!

You will know he is the one you want to find because he will have a black mark on the bottom of one foot.

If you find his helpers, Tiny Jesus at the Pulpit, Tiny Jesus enjoying the bells, or Tiny Jesus listening to Tom play the organ, please do not get too excited. Those Tiny Jesus helpers are not eligible for a prize.

It was a trio of beauties on Mothers Day for June Coil and her daughters, Bonnie Conley and Becky Coy!!





## Who's in the Pew?

### NANCY STOKES

What is your strangest talent? Bowling  
What food can you not live without? Salad  
What animal would you be? Dog  
Olympic athlete, what sport would you choose? Running  
Favorite Color? Blue  
Famous Entourage? John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jesse Owens



### BETH POWERS

What is your strangest talent? Cleaning horses' hooves  
What food can you not live without?  
What animal would you be? Eagle  
Olympic athlete, what sport would you choose? Power walking  
Favorite Color? Green  
Famous Entourage? Alan, Judy, Carol Burnett



### CINDY JENKINS

What is your strangest talent? Perfect pitch  
What food can you not live without? Chips  
What animal would you be? Dolphin  
Olympic athlete, what sport would you choose? Figure Skating  
Favorite Color? Purple  
Famous Entourage? Oprah Winfrey, Barbra Streisand, Kelly Clarkson



I went to the beekeeper (Arthur B. Lloyd) to get 12 bees. The beekeeper gave me 13. I said: "Sir, you gave me an extra." He responded: "That's a free-bee!"

### WORDS OF WISDOM

Don't Stop Bee-lieving    You should Bee Dancin'    I'll Bee There (By the Jackson Hive)

# BEES IN THE BIBLE!

And after a time, he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion: and behold, there was a swarm of bees and honey in the carcass of the lion. Judges 14:8

They compassed me about like bees: they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the Lord, I will destroy them.

Psalm 118:12

More to be desired are they than gold, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Psalm 19:10

And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, even unto Hormah. Deuteronomy 1:44

But I said to you, "You will possess their land; I will give it to you as an inheritance, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the LORD your God, who has set you apart from the nations. Leviticus 20:24

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. Isaiah 7:18



Saint Ambrose is the Patron Saint of Beekeepers.



## THOSE NEEDING OUR SPECIAL PRAYERS . . .

The Family of Beth Powers	Bob Lentz	Jadyn Plaughter	Vera Miller	David Ritter	Shirley Ritter
June Coil	Carl Wunderle	Sherri Ullom	Vicki Shafer	The Morrisons	Mark Brienza
The Deardurff Family	Karen Primavera		Kevin & Christina Horrigan		



## WITH US IN SPIRIT . . .

Sue Albano \*104, 2739 Co. Rd. #91 Belleft. 43311  
 Bryron Fullerton \*316, 2739 Co. Rd. #91 Belleft. 43311  
 Vera Miller \*310 2739 Co. Rd. #91 Belleft. 43311  
 Lois Ashworth 209 E. Glen Belleft. 43311  
 Bob Lentz 6557 US Rt. 68 S. \*11 West Liberty 43357  
 Bob Carter 6559 US Rt. 68 S. West Liberty 43357  
 Joyce Core 2450 Co. Rd. #118 Rushsylvania 43347  
 Bud and Mona Eichholtz 1328 Omaha Rd. Belleft. 43311  
 Anne Heinlen 741 E. Sandusky Ave. Belleft. 43311  
 Marcella Neeld 541 Center St. Belleft. 43311  
 Nate Weber 608 Newford Dr. Belleft. 43311



BEE the light of their day!  
 Send a card their way!



## CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY IN JUNE . . .

June 1: Gary McKenzie	June 16: Julie Stephens, Emma Suman
June 4: Nancy Farrington	June 21: Tara Bair
June 5: Nate Weber	June 22: Robbie Robinson
June 8: Cole McClelland	June 23: Tom Ark, Dana Heydinger
June 14: Warren Taylor	June 24: Brad Flora
June 15: Nancy Wisse	June 26: Caroline Notestine



## CELEBRATING A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN JUNE . . .

June 10: Michael and Sandi Chervenak	June 20: Judy and Bill Wical
June 14: Matt and Jamie McClelland	June 21: Woody and Katie Amidon
June 15: Jim and Linda Hilliker	June 22: Mark and Molly Amidon
Krista and Eric Adelsberger	

What kind of music do bees like?

Bee-bop, Bee-thoven, Bee-yonce, The Bee-tles, Cros-Bee - Stills - Nash and Young, Justin Bee-ber.



## COMMITTEE CALENDAR . .



We are in need of volunteers to assist our Nursery Attendant, Brenda Jenkins, in the weekly task of taking care of our youngsters!



### **What would be my responsibilities?**

Arrive at the nursery at 10:30 and stay until the last child leaves. Be the 2nd person in the nursery to keep us compliant with child abuse prevention policies.

Play with the children (color, chat, watch them play) - you don't have to crawl on the floor unless you want to! Adult mobility is not a requirement! We even have adult-sized chairs - no preschool chairs for you! Supervise children when Brenda takes a child to the restroom. Help in teaching the children to clean up the room at the end of the hour.

### **What are the benefits to being in the nursery?**

You will get to be God's hands and feet, serving the youngest of His children and their parents. You can hear the sermon through the speakers in the Chapel (or watch on YouTube when you return home).

You will get to know Brenda Jenkins - our wonderful nursery leader!

You will get to know parents and kids who use the nursery!

You will be providing an important and valuable service to the 1st UPC Congregation!

You might even get a snack!

### **How often would I need to serve in the nursery?**

You decide... Once a month, once every couple months, once a year - you determine what you are comfortable with!

If you are available to be an addition to the Nursery, please contact Anne Brienza.

Open Dates: June 30! July 21, 28!



Would you like to be a worship leader in June, July or August? As a worship leader, you would assist Greg with the worship service, reading prayers, calls to worship and confession, as well as scripture. You would also greet at the west side of the church AFTER worship. You would receive your readings several days in advance, giving you time to read through readings and would have the options of reading them from the paper or from the projected screen.

Our Youth are ALWAYS welcome to be a Worship Leader, we will make every effort to guide them through the service! It's never too early to get them involved!!

If interested in being a worship leader, open dates are listed! Please contact Anne Brienza with your choice or any questions!

Open dates: July 21, 28! August 4, 11, 18, 25!





The CE Ministry Team is sponsoring a Summer Sunday School Experience for our Youth!

KidsTalk has open Sundays and is waiting for you to join in!! You can share a talent with the kids, teach them a song, do a dance, build a birdhouse, color, talk about God or pick a subject and watch them learn!!

Open dates: June 16, 23, 30! July 7, 14, 21, 28! August 4, 11, 18, 25!

Please contact Sara Stahler or the Church Office to set up your time today!!!



Continuing into June, an addition to the Sunday Bulletin is an insert that you can use to "interview" someone at our weekly service. There will be a list of questions for you to ask. You then drop the insert into the offering plate and the Church Growth and Member Care Team will take it from there! You never know what you might discover about someone you have known for quite a while!!

*Progressive Dinner*



Saturday June 22! You don't want to miss this!! Come for a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and fantastic food!!

We will begin, at 4:30pm, with appetizers in the lovely home of Ruth Bowden!

Our second stop will be salads and the main course in the home of Nancy Wisse. Watch out for that stunning driveway of hers!!

Our final destination will be the home of Art and Betty Lloyd where you will enjoy dessert amidst the many flowers, sunshine and peacefulness that Art and Betty are known for! There are bees too, but they are too shy to come out and Art is still deciding what show tunes to train them with, to entertain visitors.

Sign-up sheets will be forthcoming as to what food area in which you would like to participate. It would be greatly appreciated if you would contact the home host for a time to drop off your food contributions.



We all tend to sit in the same place and talk to the same people each Sunday morning. But what about those people on the other side of the sanctuary?

Who are they? What do they do? I wonder what they are like?

**Here's your chance to get to know them better!!**

This summer, the Church Growth and Member Care Team would like to pair you up with others for an informal meal at a local restaurant. You will not know who you are dining with until you get there!

INTRIGUED? EMAIL CARLA MURDOCK at [bcbbmurdock@aol.com](mailto:bcbbmurdock@aol.com) with your choice of date for Supper, Lunch or Brunch and if you have a specific time that would be better for you!

Open date: June 4 - Supper, June 5 - Lunch, June 8 - Brunch  
July 10 - Supper, July 11 - Lunch, July 13 - Brunch  
August 5 - Supper, August 6 - Lunch, August 17 - Brunch



Our Daily Bread Bakers deliver desserts to Our Daily Bread on the third Monday of each month between the hours of 8:30am and 6:00pm.

June 17

Nancy Stokes . . . . . Judy Wical  
Katie Amidon . . . . . Tara Bair



Deadlines for any information going into the Newsletter, View From the Pew, or the Weekly Bulletin, etc. . .

Newsletter: June 24

View from the Pew: Items are due by noon on the preceding Tuesday.

Weekly Bulletin: Items are due by noon on the preceding Tuesday.

Postcards: Items are due two weeks before they are to be mailed.

Financial statements for Committee use: Request one week in advance.

MEAL OF THE MONTH

**LASAGNA SOUP!**

**Ingredients:**

- 1lb. cooked ground turkey or beef
- 1 - 24oz. jar marinara sauce
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 - 14oz. diced tomatoes
- 1 - 32oz. chicken or beef broth
- 1 spoonful minced garlic
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 tsp. italian seasoning
- Sprinkle of red pepper flakes
- 1 Cup heavy cream
- 10 - 12 lasagna noodles

**Optional toppings:**

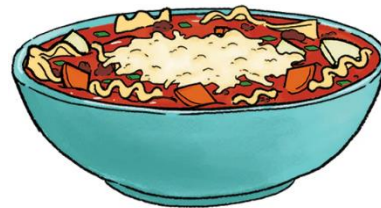
- Ricotta Cheese
- Parmesan or Mozzarella Cheese

Mix together marinara sauce, cooked ground beef or turkey, chopped onion, broth and seasonings. Stir and cook on high for 3-4 hours.

Add in heavy cream and lasagna noodles. Cook an 30 minutes on high.

Pour in bowls and top with your favorite cheese!

**ENJOY!**



If you have a recipe you would like to share, please submit it to the Church Office at [secretary@bellefontainepres.com](mailto:secretary@bellefontainepres.com)!



## MEETING IN JUNE . . .

The Church Growth and Member Care Team meets Sunday June 2, 12:00pm.  
 The PWA Leadership meets Sunday June 9, 12:00pm.  
 The Worship Team meets Tuesday June 11, 1:30pm.  
 The Deacons meet Tuesday June 11, 5:00pm.  
 The Mission and Outreach Team meets Tuesday June 11, 6:00pm.  
 The Stewardship and Finance Team meets Wednesday June 12, 12:00pm.  
 The CE Team meets Wednesday June 12, 5:00pm.  
 The Endowment Team meets Tuesday June 18, 3:30pm.  
 The Book Club meets Tuesday June 18, 6:30pm.  
 The Session meets Thursday June 20, 6:00pm.  
 The Property Team meeting is yet to be scheduled.



## SERVING IN JUNE . . .

Deacons On-Call: Woody Amidon, Betty Lloyd

Welcome Team: Sue Crawfis, Karen Brady, Ben Stahler, Nancy Wisse

Worship Leaders:

June 2: Jill Butler

June 9: Bill Wical

June 16: Nancy Wisse

June 23: Brandon Standley

June 30: Bridget Hawkins

Church Open and Close:

June 2: Cindy Jenkins

June 9: Cindy Jenkins, Sue Crawfis

June 16: Anne Brienza, Beth Powers

June 23: Anne Brienza, Beth Powers

June 30: Bob Day

Coffee Hour Hosts: There will be no coffee hour in June.

### BEE TRIVIA

Bees have 5 eyes! Must bee hard to focus! Bees are insects, so they have 6 legs.

Male bees in the hive are called drones. Female bees in the hive are called worker bees.

Bees fly about 20 mph! Number of eggs laid by queen: 2,000 per day is the high.

Losing its stinger will cause a bee to die. Bees have been here about 30 million years!

An average beehive can hold around 50,000 bees.

Foragers must collect nectar from about 2 million flowers to make 1 pound of honey.

The average forager makes about 1/12 th of a teaspoon of honey in her lifetime.

Bees are important because they pollinate approximately 130 agricultural crops in the US including fruit, fiber, nut, and vegetable crops.



# FINANCIAL FOCUS

May 5, 2024

On-Line Attendance: 23

Sunday School Attendance: 23      Sunday School Offering: \$27.00

Worship Attendance: 76      Weekly Giving: \$5,625.25

Received To Date: \$80,148.20

May 12, 2024

On-Line Attendance: 24

Sunday School Attendance: 39      Sunday School Offering: \$44.44

Worship Attendance: 125      Weekly Giving: \$2,945.00

Received To Date: \$83,093.20

May 19, 2024

On-Line Attendance: 21

Sunday School Attendance: 19      Sunday School Offering: \$38.00

Worship Attendance: 88      Weekly Giving: \$2,316.00

Received To Date: \$85,409.20

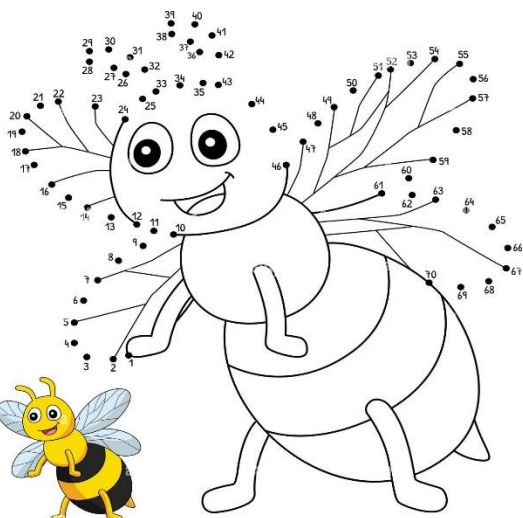
May 26, 2024

On-Line Attendance: 15

Sunday School Attendance: 21      Sunday School Offering: \$25.00

Worship Attendance: 76      Weekly Giving: \$4,526.25

Received To Date: \$89,935.20







# LOOKING AHEAD...



**SURF'S UP** and VBS planning is underway!! However, there is plenty of time for you to sign up to be a helper in some way!!

We will enjoy **"SURF SHACK"** Vacation Bible School Sunday July 14 through Thursday July 18, and as always there are many spots to be filled! You can be on DAWN PATROL to register our wave riders, HANG LOOSE at the snack shop, RIDE THE CREST at the Craft table, or HANG TEN with our Lifeguards (Shepherds)!! No doubt it will be a RAD happening for all involved! A special event is being planned that just might have you IN THE DRINK so watch out for those MEN IN GREY SUITS (Sharks)!! The Christian Education Team would be thrilled to have you join in the fun!! you are available, please contact Sara Stahler for more information!



The Logan County Fair will run July 7 through July 13!! Good Luck to everyone who will be exhibiting!!



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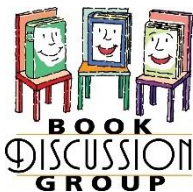
July 15, 2024

Karen Brady . . . . . Anne Brienza  
Debbie Day . . . . . Nancy Farrington



It's back in August!! The Top of Ohio Cruisers will once again offer their Classic Car show **August 10!!**

And once again our **Mission and Outreach Team** will be set up in front of the church to sell food! Volunteers are always welcome to come and help, or to donate various things! We are generally the cheapest meal on Main St. with one of our biggest sellers being homemade PIE, PIE, AND MORE PIE!! So, watch for coming information about how you can help!



The weekly **Book Study** will resume September 3, 11:30am.



The month of September will have us back in the routine of regular Sunday School and Worship services.

From there, can the Advent Season and Christmas be far behind?



Each month, the Board of Deacons encourages you to help meet the needs of our 1stUPC family through your donation to our **2 Cents for Compassion Offering**. Your donation will support the Deacons in their efforts to support those members of our church who are in need. Donate 2 Cents (or more) for every compassionate thought or deed you have experienced in the past month and place it in the “2 Cents for Compassion” envelope included in the Sunday bulletin.

***Our Lord Jesus said, “I desire mercy, not sacrifice.”***

**DINNER AT THE PRES!** June 25<sup>th</sup> will be our next Dinner at the Pres! The Mission Committee would LOVE volunteers for this date! If you are available to help serve, please contact Vicky Shields! Our Daily Bread will continue to need our help with serving on certain days of each month. If you are available to help, please contact Evelyn at 937-592-6325!



***God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.***



Through the **Community Cash Program**, shop at Community Market, bring in your receipts and place them in the Donation Centers outside the Sanctuary or in the Fellowship Hall and you can contribute! A portion of your sale will support the 1stUPC Sharing Fund, providing assistance to our church families as needed.

***“Whoever brings blessing will be enriched  
and one who waters will himself be watered.”***

Using your Kroger Reward Card will support Youth Mission Trips! To make an automatic donation with your Kroger Plus Card, go to [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com). Log in or set up a new account. Our NPO (non-profit) ID number is HD313, and listed as First (not 1<sup>st</sup>) United Presbyterian Church. Each year, through the graciousness of our 1stUPC shoppers, this fund contributes \$800 - \$1000 to support our youth mission trips.



***“And let us not grow weary of doing good,  
for in due season we will reap if we do not give up.”***

