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# THE BEACON

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As trees bear summer fruit, may my life bear the Spirit-fruit of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23, ESV).



## 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"?



"The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close."

—Unknown



## Your Kingdom Come

Every week during the Lord's prayer we say "your kingdom come, your will be done." As I look at my life I often wonder, "What is the difference between busy work, church work and kingdom work?" Our mission should be to live out the Great Commission. The Lord has gifted each of you in so many different ways. My question for you is: Are you using your gifts to build His kingdom?? I would recommend you take a hard look at yourself and say "What kingdom work am I doing?"

Believe it or not, nomination time is coming soon. I believe many of our committees are glorifying God in what they do. I also think some are having a hard time finding their way. For Union Hill to live out Matthew 28, we need the right people in the right places using their gifts to help build the kingdom. So, I encourage you to please do a spiritual gift assessment and prayerfully ask the Lord "How can I use my gifts to build Your kingdom?" \*\*

Here is something shocking for a pastor to say but, you know, kingdom work does not have to be "church work," right? If you are gifted and called to serve on a committee please do. If not, "No" is the right answer. But be aware I believe that some committees have a lifespan and if God is not calling people to serve, it may be time for that committee to pass away. Really this is alright. God has called each of us in our own way to build His kingdom. Shall we bring His kingdom to earth.

Grace Abounds,

Pastor Jeff

\*\* Spiritual Gift Assessment Surveys are on the table in the narthex next to the Welcome Desk.

**SUMMER BIBLE READINGS: JUNE**

Interest was expressed for our Bible Reading Challenge to continue for the summer. Pastor Jeff has compiled readings. The readings for June:

June 6 - 11: Genesis 4:1-16  
Genesis 14:1-24  
Genesis 18:1-33

June 13 - 18: Genesis 19:1-29  
Genesis 24:1-67  
Genesis 25:19-34

June 20 - 25: Leviticus 19:1-18  
Leviticus 26:1-46  
Numbers 20:1-13  
Numbers 22:20-38

June 27 – July 2: Deuteronomy 6:1-25  
Deuteronomy 31:1-13  
Joshua 10:1-15  
2 Kings 23:1-25



**PENTECOST SUNDAY**



Pentecost Sunday is June 5<sup>th</sup>. To remember and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, please wear something red!

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**



The East Ohio Annual Conference will be held in Akron June 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>. Please be in prayer as many difficult decisions may need to be made. Mary Lou Lorenz is our delegate

and Brenda Widder is a delegate for the district.



*Fabulous 50's Fling*



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Come and visit our church trailer at the Fabulous Fifties Fling, June 10 & 11 behind the Sugarcreek Fire Station.

**TATC SUMMER SCHEDULE**

The TATC youth group will continue to meet during the summer every Sunday evening 6:00 – 7:30 pm with special activities planned throughout the summer.



**Swimming Party**

The first activity will be a Swimming Party on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at Buffy & Travis' home. Come and join the fun!

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation classes for those entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade through high school who would like to join the church will meet on Friday mornings from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. The class will meet for seven weeks beginning on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the church





Join us  
 Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
 as we celebrate  
 Father's Day.

- June 3: Cole Fisher
- June 4: Brian Sitzlar  
           Jeromy Starner
- June 5: Sherrie Gordon
- June 6: Karlee Roach
- June 11: Hunter Hostetler
- June 13: Kendall Fisher
- June 20: Kyle Barnhart
- June 22: Heather Kinsey
- June 23: Stace Maust  
           Jeff Seward
- June 28: Erin Conn Mahaffey
- June 29: Dawn Byers

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

The Sugarcreek United Church of Christ is going to be hosting Vacation Bible School during the week of July 10 – 17. Watch for more details!



**OCC ITEMS FOR JUNE**



Quality Toys  
 Examples: Dolls, stuffed animals, jump ropes, toy cars, legos, etc.



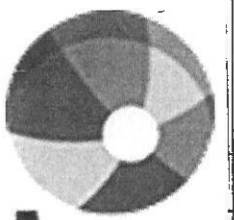
- June 1  
 Joe & Terry Mizer
- June 3  
 Trevor & Karen Miller
- June 9  
 Dan & Tina Raber
- June 10  
 Nick & Jessica Schwartz
- June 19  
 Grant & Abby Hershberger
- June 21  
 Clayton & Nancy Fisher
- June 26  
 Dan & Pam Edwards

**BARRS MILLS FOOD PANTRY**

Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta



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# JUNE 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

5 Summer Reading Begins 6pm - T A T C	6 7:30pm - Finance 9am - Busy Bees 7pm - Education	7 9am - Busy Bees 7pm - Education	8	9 EOC Annual Conference	10 Fifties Fling	11 FH private use 2pm - 4H Speaking Contest
12 6pm - T A T C @ Buffy &	13 7:30pm - Ad. Board	14 FLAG DAY	15 7pm - Scholarship Meeting	16 7pm - SIS	17 9am - Confirmation	18 FH in private use
19 Father's Day Juneleenth	20 Office closed	21 Newsletter items due	22	23 9am - Confirmation	24	25
26 6pm - T A T C	27	28 SUMMER BEGINS	29	30		

