

STEEPLEVUES

A Letter From The Pastor

By Pastor Matt Merriman

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

Matthew 18:20

BUMC Family and Friends,

The above quote from Jesus is a very well-known Bible verse. That's probably because of the inherent truth found within it. "Where two or three are gathered" in the name of Jesus, Jesus will be present with them as the Holy Spirit. This verse also highlights the importance of small groups within the faith. Jesus wants us gathered in small groups.

Gathering in larger groups for meals and to worship is wonderful, but it is in the small groups—where two or three are gathered in Jesus' name—that we really connect with each other and with God. Participating in small groups is an essential part of developing as a disciple of Christ and if you are not part of one, then you are missing out on a very important part of being a Christian.

Small groups do not have to be study groups either. Many are, but a small group can be a breakfast group, a book club, or can be formed around any common interest. In this season of our church when the Leadership Board is encouraging you to listen for and answer God's call in your life, consider the possibility that God is calling you to start a small group of some kind.

Our study groups are all led by clergy, so I would especially urge you to consider putting together some kind of study. You don't have to be a great theologian to do this either. There are plenty of books you could use as a guide. Remember that God speaks to all of us and so God would guide you and your potential small group in all that you do and discuss.

Please prayerfully consider forming a small group of some kind to help bring us closer together and closer to God. If you have any questions or would like any guidance, please contact me.

Blessings to all,
Pastor Matt



We are coordinating two fish dinners this Lent.

**March 28th and April 4th
Serving 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Dine in or Carry out.**

**Cost: \$15.00 adults and \$7.00 children
Pierogi (5) dinner \$14.00**

Adult Meal:

**Choice: Fish or Pierogi Dinner
(one fish or 5 pierogies)**

**Choice: Baked Potato, Mac and Cheese or French Fries
2 Pierogies, Green Beans
Choice: Cole Slaw or Applesauce
Roll, Dessert and Beverages**

Kids Meal

3 chicken strips

**Choice: Mac and Cheese or French Fries
Green Beans, Applesauce, Roll, Dessert and Beverage**

We will accept desserts from our Great Church Bakers, again this year. If you are interested in helping this year, please let Ruth Dodig know by calling her at (440) 292-7846 or talk to her on a Sunday morning.

She's one of the greeters.

(Drop your dessert off during the day of March 28 and/or April 4 Fish Fry. Our wonderful volunteers, Carol Metheney and Linda Olsen will start cutting and plating desserts about 4:00.)





Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13 @ 10:00 am



On Palm Sunday we have an exciting service planned.
Come join us as we experience Jesus's walk into Jerusalem
and the parade of palms with our children
and Pete the donkey leading the way.

Good Friday

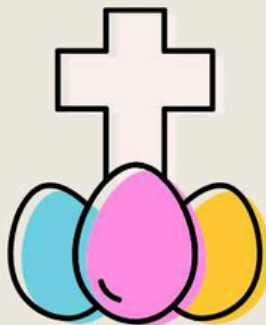
Friday, April 18 @ 7:00 pm



The Good Friday Service reminds us of the brokenness in our world - in sin, tragedy, disaster, terrorism. In his death on the Cross, Jesus engages directly with that brokenness. This is God's most loving action. In Christ, God offers healing to the world. Come experience God's love during this impactful and spiritual night.

The night that gives us all hope.





Brunswick United Methodist Church

Easter Egg Hunt

1395 Pearl Rd, Brunswick, OH 44212

Saturday, April 12th

Continental Breakfast from 9:30 - 10:00

Egg Hunt at 10:00

Ages Preschool - 5th grade

Held outside rain or shine.

Please dress kids appropriately.



Special Appearance from the Easter Bunny!

To register, visit: www.brunswickumc.org

Or call: [330-225-3179](tel:330-225-3179)



Kidz Connect

The kids have begun working hard on their Easter Pageant performance which will be held on Palm Sunday during the worship service. It will be an exciting morning as they will lead Pete, the donkey (from Dave Goodyear's Farm) through the sanctuary



during the Parade of Palms. You won't want to miss this historical event! What a great way to begin Holy Week with a re-enactment of Jesus entering Jerusalem.

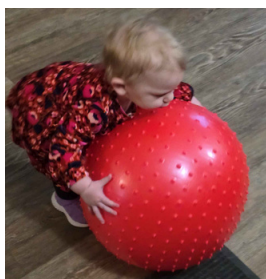
Kidz Connect Schedule

Please make sure you're checking your worship bulletins and emails as Katie and Mallory are alternating leading Kidz Connect and Katie is planning different activities each month.

In March they went to Scene 75. Thank you to everyone who came out to join us for a fun family night! The kids loved getting to see everyone, play games and enjoy fellowship with one another.

The tentative schedule for April is:

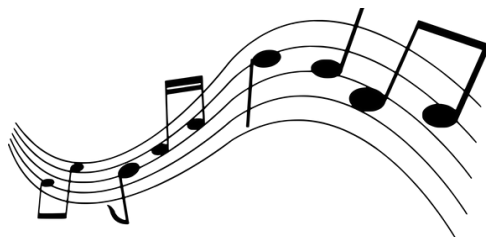
- April 5 - Katie is rehearsing for the pageant.
- April 9 - Mallory is leading and this will most likely be the last rehearsal before Palm Sunday.
- Week of April 13 -19 - We won't meet because of the Easter Holiday.
- April 23 - Mallory has a special project planned.
- May 2 - Katie will have a fun event for the kids.



The Sunday school and Kidz Connect Teams would like to express a huge thank you to Carole Jones for making beautiful curtains for our Sunday school room to brighten up the space! This was the perfect way to make our room a little cozier.



Music Department



Lent and Easter Music opportunities

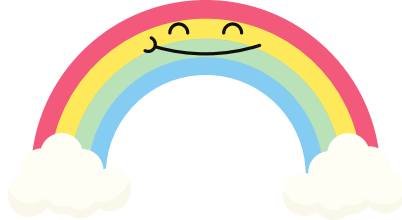
This Lent and Easter season, you are invited to participate in the music of our church!

Choir will be singing on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Our rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 pm and you are invited to come sing with us just for Easter, or for the rest of the Spring season. You are welcome to join us!

The bell choir will be performing just following Easter with three Wednesday evening rehearsals. If you would like to ring with us, contact me and I'll keep you updated on the rehearsals as the time approaches.

We will put the church band together for Palm Sunday which involves 2 Sunday rehearsals after church. Please join us if you play any instrument. The music is at a middle school level, so don't worry about it being too difficult.

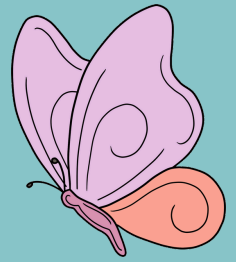
Please contact Chris Chidsey with questions
christopherchidsey@gmail.com



Bible Study Opportunities

Pastor Matt holds a Bible Study on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm and on Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm. He is currently doing a churchwide Lenten study called, "Creed" by Adam Hamilton. In this six-week study, Hamilton considers important questions of life, reality, and truth. He explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe it and why it matters. Both bible studies will be discussing this book so you can choose whichever class time works best for you. Also, we are flexible, you can just drop in anytime as your time permits or you can attend every week.

Following Lent, he will begin a book study which is still being determined for the Thursday afternoon study and the Wednesday night study will pick a book of the bible that they're interested in studying.

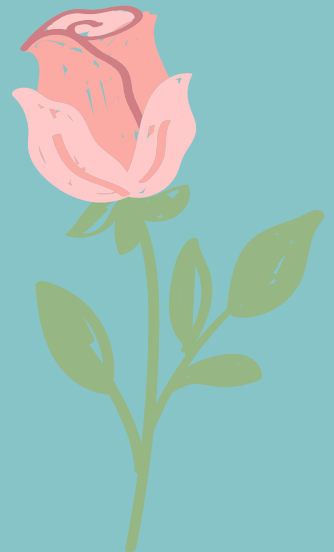


Rambling Roses

Rambling Roses will be having lunch at Jennifer's in Strongsville on Tuesday April 8.

If you would like to attend please call or email Debbie Vargo by Friday, April 4 at ladydebv@frontier.com or (330) 242-3467.

Hopefully, Spring weather is on the way!





Mission Trip: June 15-June 21

Our Youth Mission Team will be going to Augusta, Georgia the week of June 15 to help repair hurricane damaged homes. Augusta was hit hard this past year and there is a lot of need for assistance.

We currently have 16 youth and 5 adults signed-up to go. The youth are currently fundraising to help pay for the trip. The total cost of the trip will be about \$10,000.00. That includes food, van rentals and gas, and a love offering to the church that will house our group.

Fundraisers include loose change offering the first Sunday of each month during worship. The kids are also selling \$10.00 stocks in the Gathering Area every Sunday morning. On Easter and Mother's Day they will hold a bake sale and in May they will be holding several car washes. The kids will also be working the fish dinners so money from the dinners will also go toward their trip.

There are a lot of ways you can help them without spending extra money that you would normally be spending anyway.

We thank you for your support!



Operation Christmas Child

For April let's donate items especially for 2-4 year olds. This can include, toys, sippy cups, blankets, soft brushes, clothes, etc. I have noticed that the box hasn't been very full. Thank you to those who have donated. Since the box hasn't been very full, we could still donate hygiene items and toys. Have fun and remember you are making it possible for a child to learn about Jesus. The gift they receive may be the first they ever received.

Contact Marcia Taylor at (330) 350-1479 with questions.



At The Foot of The Cross

By Naomi Fata 2013

At the foot of the cross
there is healing;

At the foot of the cross
there is mercy;

At the foot of the cross
power flows from sinless
blood.

Love pours into broken
hearts from the perfect One.

At the foot of the cross
covered by his sacrifice,
the Son of God sets me free.

Lakeside Girls Retreat:

For any middle or high school aged girl looking for a weekend of fun and love! We will be renting the cottage from the Sutton family once again July 11th-13th and are so grateful! Please let Katie know if you are interested in joining us. More info to come. Contact Katie with questions 330-741-1464!

Golf League



Golf season is just around the corner again and the Brunswick United Methodist Church Golf League is starting to get organized. Come join us this year. Players of all skill levels are welcome. The golf league will play 9 holes every Thursday evening from April 24th through September 18th. Tee time is 4:05 pm at Cossett Creek Golf Course in Brunswick.

If you can't commit to being a Regular (players who plan to play at least 15 times during the season) we have space for what we call Alternates (players who plan to play at least 5 times during the season). The dues for Regular players are \$60 and for the Alternate players \$15. Hope to see you and a few new faces at the course this year. For more information on the league contact:

Jim Armitage 724-814-4513 jrarmitage1@gmail.com

Ron Chidsey 440-785-0509 chidseyr@gmail.com

Soup Dinner



I wish to thank everyone who took part in these dinners. So many of you brought soup and many helped to set-up and clean-up. It seems like we've always had a 100 or more people attending with the majority of those people being from the community.

See you all again in October. Again thank you all for doing God's work.

Lynn Miller



BOUNDARIES AND GOODBYES

By: [Lysa TerKeurst](#)

Listen Up Ladies! Join us for our next Study!
starting @ 6:30 pm

Bible study group	3/21
	4/25
	5/23
	6/13
	8/8

Brunswick United Methodist Church
1395 Pearl Rd,
Brunswick, OH 44212
in room 101

Contact Alyssa @
(440)823-8198 or
Mallory @
(330)749-5573
with questions!

A study for women
ages 18-35

Join us as we share
about how god shows
up at pivotal points in
our lives! we will share
testimonials, treats and
friendship!



Dear Church Family,
Thanks so much for the retirement cake, cards, and send-off. It was a big surprise and was really appreciated! I will always remember it and think of you all!

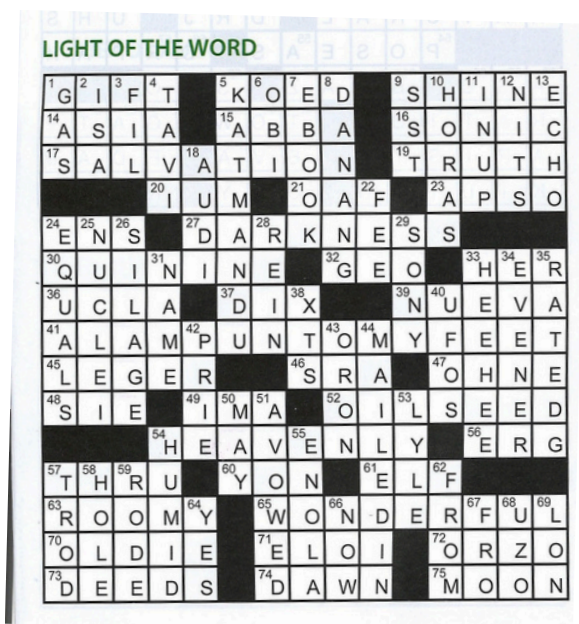
Sincerely,
Bob Custer

Dear Church Family:

Thank you very much for all your prayers, beautiful cards and visits to the funeral home on the passing of my mom, Rose Miktuk.

A special thanks to the volunteers who helped serve at the luncheon and baked the wonderful desserts. Thanks to Pastor Susan for conducting the nice service, Pastor Matt's visit at Kemper House, and the help of Karen M.

God Bless You All,
Karen Lipovits & family
Bob Miktuk

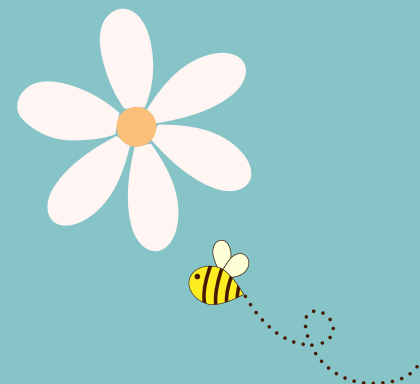


Answers to the cross word puzzle on page 11.



April Birthdays

- 2 Jaxton Anglin
- 2 Tricia Kropog
- 5 Jon Fisher
- 5 Robyn Spears
- 6 Bill McGoughran
- 7 Marianne McCracken
- 8 Justin Weinmann
- 9 Eula Brooks
- 9 John Ohler
- 9 Tyler Robinson
- 10 Theresa Taylor
- 11 Barb Porter
- 12 Ed Mitchell
- 13 Lyn Luttner
- 15 Patti Carter
- 17 Jessie Hammond
- 17 Vlad Chuvilin
- 19 Linda Bracker
- 20 Henry Bracker
- 22 Bill Eyssen, Jr.
- 23 Brayden Robinson
- 24 Lynn Frantz
- 24 Susan Ohler
- 27 Donna Goessler
- 28 Joe Lipovits
- 29 Jennifer Gegorski
- 29 Philip Long



ACROSS

1. "Every good and perfect _____ is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" (James 1:17 NIV)
5. Definitely defeated, in boxing
9. "In the same way, let your light _____ before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16 NIV)
14. 5-Down's continent
15. "Dancing Queen" band
16. Kind of boom
17. "The Lord is my light and my _____ —whom shall I fear? (Psalm 27:1a NIV)
19. "This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the _____" (1 John 1:5-6 NIV)
20. End of many names on the periodic table
21. Clumsy fellow
23. Lhasa _____ (dog breed)
24. Grad. of Annapolis (or its 2nd and 3rd letters)
27. "The light shines in the _____, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5 NIV)
30. Malaria treatment since 1632
32. Pres. Washington
33. "On _____ Majesty's Secret Service"
36. Bill Walton's alma mater
37. Fort _____, N.J.
39. New, in Nogales
41. "Thy word is _____, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105 KJV)
45. Cubism artist Fernand (anagram of RE-GEL)
46. Mrs., in México
47. "Die Frau _____ Schatten" (Strauss opera) (anagram of HONE)
48. "Sprechen _____ Deutsch?"
49. "_____ little teapot..."
52. Castor bean, canola or sesame
54. "Immediately after the distress of those days, 'The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the _____ bodies will be shaken'" (Matthew 24:29 NIV)
56. Tiny unit of energy
57. Drive-_____ window
60. Thataway, quaintly
61. Will Ferrell's Buddy, for example
63. Spacious
65. "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his _____ light" (1 Peter 2:9 NIV)
70. Song from way back
71. "My God" in Aramaic -- repeated twice by Jesus on the cross in Mark 15:34
72. Rice-shaped pasta
73. "This is the verdict: Light has come into the

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- world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their _____ were evil" (John 3:19 NIV)
74. "If I rise on the wings of the _____, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. (Psalm 139:9-10 NIV)
 75. "The city does not need the sun or the _____ to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp" (Revelation 21:23 NIV)

DOWN

1. Product of Citgo or Chevron
2. "Patience _____ virtue"
3. Chick-_____A
4. Rikki-Tikki-_____ (mongoose from a Rudyard Kipling story)
5. Capital of Nepal
6. _____-Wan Kenobi
7. Download for an Amazon Kindle
8. Vietnamese seaport
9. Retired jet, for short (with 16-Across properly placed as its middle word!)
10. Dances at Jewish weddings
11. _____ to one's ears
12. What faultfinders pick
13. "E" in the NATO alphabet
18. Rival of Mercedes and BMW
22. Checking charge

24. Is, in math
25. Centers of atoms
26. Stored livestock fodder
28. Bridle strap
29. Maker of the PlayStation video game system
31. Title
33. Giggler's sound
34. Closer to 50-50
35. Completely family-friendly, in TV or movies
38. Old IBM PC's
40. Subjects of a museum in Roswell, NM
42. _____-dieu (kneeling bench) (anagram of RIPE)
43. "Dressing on the salad _____ the side?"
44. Sent, as one's early ballot
50. Peter Parker's aunt in "Spider-Man"
51. Publicly swore
53. 1996 Best Country Album Grammy winner Lovett
54. Like summers in Florida but not Arizona
55. _____ Gay (famous World War II plane)
57. Walked (on)
58. One of 18 on a golf course
59. Was a passenger
62. Gift tag word
64. "You betcha!"
66. This very instant
67. Jimi Hendrix's do, informally
68. Emmy-winning actress Aduba of "Orange is the New Black"
69. Actor Chaney of "The Phantom of the Opera" or Chaney Jr. of "The Wolf Man"



Office News!

Building Keys

If you have a building key and are no longer using it, please return it to the office. Everyone who has a key has been sent an email explaining how to set the alarm. If you need help, Karen will be happy to walk you through the directions.

Thank you!

Office Closed

The staff gets Easter Monday off which is April 21st.

Mail

Please remember to mail your donations and any other correspondence to the following:

BUMC
PO Box 85
Brunswick, Ohio 44212



Aspire

Aspire is a fun night of music, laughter, and inspirational stories just for women. It's being held on Saturday, April 12 at North Olmsted Friends Church starting at 6:00 pm. We currently have 8 women signed up to go. We only need 2 more women to get the group rate of \$25.00 per ticket. General Admission at the door is \$30.00.

Call Karen in the office to learn more or to sign-up. She will coordinate car pooling and the receipt of tickets.

Office Hours:

Please plan your trips accordingly:

Monday thru Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

The office is closed on Friday afternoons.

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karen.mcoughran@brunswickumc.org



Easter Flowers!!

We would like to decorate the sanctuary this year with a beautiful array of spring flowers in honor or in memory of friends and loved ones.

To order please fill out the order form below and mail it to the church at: PO Box 85 in Brunswick or you can drop it off in the church office during office hours along with your payment by Sunday, April 6.

Donated by: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

(Please indicate the number of flowers you would like
at a cost of \$8.50 each)

of Lilies _____ # of Tulips _____ # of Daffodils _____ # of Hyacinths _____

Total Payment: _____ ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Cash _____

You are welcome to take the flowers you paid for
with you after church on Easter.