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Dear Church Family,

As we step into 2026, I am filled with gratitude, hope, and excitement for what God has placed before us. Scripture reminds us, “See, I am doing a new thing. Now it springs up. Do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:19). As we look ahead, we do so with thankful hearts for all God has already done and with open spirits for what He is continuing to unfold among us.

Before we look forward, we pause to give thanks for 2025. It was a year filled with faithfulness, growth, and powerful ministry both inside and outside the walls of our church. God was at work through worship, outreach, mission, fellowship, and quiet acts of service that may never be fully seen but were deeply felt. Lives were touched, relationships were strengthened, and Christ’s love was shared in meaningful ways. For all of this, we give thanks to God and to each of you who faithfully lived out your calling.

As we move into the year ahead, 2026 brings renewed vision, revived ministries, and deeper connections with one another and with our community. God continues to call us forward, and I truly believe this will be a year marked by spiritual growth, faithful service, and Christ’s love made visible through our actions. Together, we are being drawn into a deeper relationship with Christ and with each other as we live out the words of Colossians 3:17, “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus.”

Our January sermon series, Called and Claimed: Stepping into God’s Purpose, will invite us to reflect on God’s call upon our lives and the assurance that we belong to Him. In February, we will journey into The Way of Jesus: Walking with Christ from the Mountain to the Wilderness, preparing our hearts and minds as we move toward the season of Lent and the deeper spiritual work it invites.

January also brings one of our most joyful traditions, our Annual Church Birthday Party Potluck Luncheon. On Sunday, January 25, following worship, we will gather around the table by birth month to share fellowship with others who celebrate the same month. It is always a meaningful time of laughter, connection, and relationship building as we learn more about one another.

See “Pastor”, page 3

**Worship
Schedule**

**Sundays
9:30 a.m.**

Dates of Interest

Office Closed.....Jan 1
 Greens Take-Down.....Jan 4
 Birthday Carry-in.....Jan 25
 Scout Sunday.....Feb 8
 Ash Wednesday.....Feb 18
 Valentine Carry-in.....Feb 22

Meet your 2026 Team Leaders

Church Council Chair - Kate MacVeigh
Trustee Chair – Chris Oaks
Finance Chair - Andy Jeffers
SPRC Chair - Jeff Huddleston
Nominations Chair - Rev. Bob Lybarger
Memorial Chair - Ron Roby
Worship Chair – Laurie Owens
Music Ministry Chair - Ansley Lucas
Nurture Chair - Sue Willets
Outreach & Missions Chair - Regina Jeffers
Caring Connection Chair - Donn Hellinger
Christian Education Chair - Donn Hellinger
Membership Secretary - Jerry Gracy
Media Chair - Regina Jeffers
Caramel Candy Chair – Laurie Owens
Lay Leader - Donn Hellinger
Chg. Lay Member to Conference - Donn Hellinger
Chg. Lay Member to Conference - Linda Hellinger



January - Breakfast Meals
February - Boy Scouts
March - Freezer Meals
April - Stitches United

Thank you!!

To everyone who helped with stirring, cutting, wrapping and selling caramels this year! This project could not happen without each and everyone of you!

Prayers & CONCERNS

Dallas Hall	James & John
Chuck Allen	Poland
Bill Zimmerman	Harvey
Kim Vukovic	Lane Feaver
Patrick Loudin	Sandy Feaver
Dale Algren	Marcie
Patrick Stafford	Linda
Melisa's Daughter	Kay
Craig McVeigh	Carrie Little
Michelle	Susan & Don
Libby Hasting	Madelyn
Myron	Craig
Peggy Plath	Sean Jordan
Sandy	Jenny, Jason & son
Michelle	Marilyn Seacrest
	Shannon Lewis

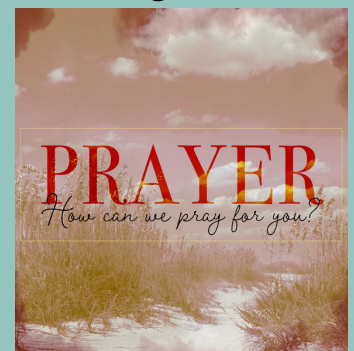
Keeping Near Home:

Carolyn Gracy
Penny Martin
Winnie Keiter

Extended Care & Assisted Living Facilities

Joyce Curry - Brookdale of Oakwood
Sandy Hasting - VanCrest
Pat Johnson - VanCrest
Barb Lee - Brookhaven
Bill & Bev Miles - VanCrest
Roselyn Riley - Danbury
Connie Urban - Oakwood Village

Lloyd Fisher
Jacque
Rick Matson
David



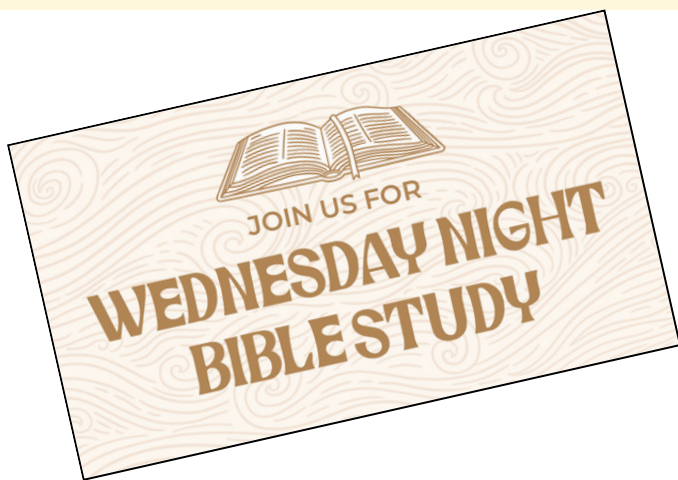
As we move into February, we will observe Ash Wednesday on February 18 with a worship service at 7:00 pm. This sacred time will invite us into reflection, repentance, and renewal. The first Sunday of Lent will be February 22, marking the beginning of a season that calls us to walk closely with Christ. Following worship on February 22, we will also host our Annual BE-lated Valentines Potluck Luncheon. This gathering offers a wonderful opportunity to celebrate love, fellowship, and community in a joyful and welcoming way.

Our monthly Bible Study continues on the second Wednesday of each month. We will gather on January 7 and February 11 for a potluck dinner at 5:30 pm, followed by Bible study from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. On January 14, we will also share a slideshow and discussion highlighting our recent mission trip to Nicaragua. This will be a meaningful opportunity to learn about how God is moving through our mission partners, hear stories from the team, and explore new possibilities, including the hope of returning for a summer mission trip.

January offers all of us a sacred opportunity to renew our focus, reenergize our faith, and recommit ourselves to growing closer to Christ. My prayer for each of you is that you would prayerfully take the leap and lean into opportunities for Bible study, outreach, and mission as we step together into this new year. As Hebrews 10:24 reminds us, "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

What a year 2025 was. I am confident that God has even greater plans ahead for us in 2026. Together, guided by faith, strengthened by community, and rooted in Christ, we can do great things for the Kingdom of God. I am deeply grateful to serve alongside you and look forward to all that God will do in and through our church in the year ahead.

Grace and peace,
Rev. Bob Lybarger
Senior Pastor



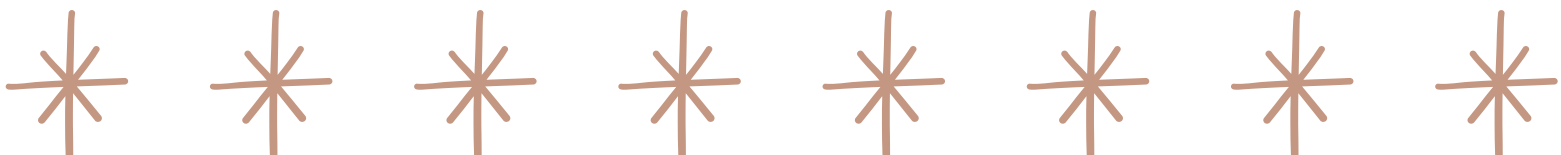
Mark your calendar for January 7th and join us for a carry-in dinner and Bible study. We will also hear from Pastor Bob and Jeff Huddleston about their trip to Nicaragua.

Let's celebrate your birthday!

Mark your calendar for Jan 25th for the **All Church Birthday Party!**



We will have a carry-in after church. Everyone will sit with those who have the same birthday month. Get to know your fellow church members by connecting, sharing, and laughter.



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January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h2>Noisy Offering: Breakfast Meals</h2>			AH—Asbury Hall WH— Wesley Hall LG—Lounge Lib—Library	1 	2 9a Retired Men's Breakfast 2-3:30p GSCS in WH 5p Girl Scouts (AH)	3
			4 9:30a Worship 10:30a REMOVAL of the GREENS 10:45a Sunday School 6p NA Meeting 6:30p Prayer & Share	5 12p AA Meeting (Lg) 7p Girl Scout Unit Mtg (AH)	6 2-3:30p GSCS in WH 5p Dance 6-7p Tutoring (AH)	7 5:30 pm Carry-in Dinner 6:30p Bible Study 6:30p Cub Scouts (WH)
11 9:30a Worship 10:45a Sunday School 6p NA Meeting	12 12p AA Meeting (Lg)	13 2-3:30p GSCS in WH 5p Dance 6-7p Tutoring (AH) 7p Trustees (Lib)	14 6:30p Cub Scouts (WH)	15 11a Upper Room Study (Studebaker's) 2-3:30p GSCS in WH 4:30p Dance (WH) 6-7p Tutoring (AH)	16 9a Retired Men's Breakfast 2-3:30p GSCS in WH 5p Girl Scouts (AH)	17
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25 9:30a Worship 10:45a Brunch Carry-in (WH) 6p NA Meeting	26 12p AA Meeting	27 2-3:30p GSCS in WH 5p Dance 6-7p Tutoring (AH)	28 6:30p Cub Scouts (WH)	29 11a Upper Room Study (Studebaker's) 2-3:30p GSCS in WH 4:30p Dance (WH) 6-7p Tutoring (AH)	30 9a Retired Men's Breakfast 2-3:30p GSCS in WH	31

February

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1 9:30a Worship 10:45a Sunday School 6p NA Meeting 6:30p Prayer & Share	2 12p AA Meeting (Lg) 7p Girl Scout Unit Mtg (AH)	3 2-3:30p GSCS in WH 5p Dance 6-7p Tutoring (AH) 7p Church Council Mtg	4 6:30p Cub Scouts (WH)	5 11a Upper Room Study (Studebaker's) 2-3:30p GSCS in WH 4:30p Dance (WH) 6-7p Tutoring (AH)	6 9a Retired Men's Breakfast 2-3:30p GSCS in WH	7
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Noisy Offering: Boy Scouts						

CONGRATS!
To...

Mike Vukovic for being selected as the Volunteer of the Year for Bethel Churches United Food Pantry




Welcome, Brian Chapman!!

Brian is our new custodian. He is a retired toolmaker/precision machinist. His wife is retired from Miami Valley Child Development Center and is now a substitute teacher at Tecumseh. They have three married daughters and 5 “lovely (ornery)” grandchildren. Brian loves the outdoors, and in his spare time - camping and hiking. He has even been known to catch a fish or two! If you see Brian around the church, give him a big “hello” and “welcome to the family”!

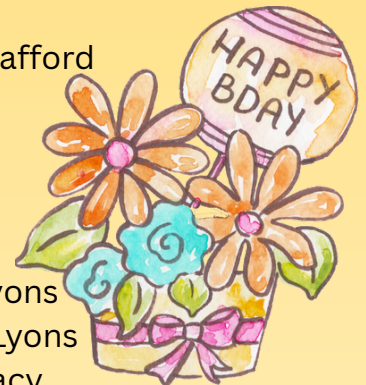
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- Jan 3 Mindy Andrus
- Jan 5 Joy Hall
- Jan 11 Bambi Heck
- Jan 12 Ruth Yoesting
- Jan 14 Laurie Owens
- Jan 16 Kimberly Hall
- Jan 19 Jenny Bunch
- Jan 20 Stephen Solch
- Jan 21 Nancy Loudin
- Jan 24 Bill Miles
- Jan 27 Donna Stafford



- Feb 1 Sandy Lyons
- Feb 6 Howard Lyons
- Feb 7 Jerry Gracy
Hudson Oaks
Sawyer Oaks
- Feb 10 Austin Dupuis
- Feb 12 Anne Brewer
- Feb 14 Ryan Darling
Janet Lybarger
- Feb 15 Melisa Shaner
- Feb 16 Joyce Curry
- Feb 17 Don Ross
- Feb 23 Catie Gracy
- Feb 24 Sandy Hasting
- Feb 26 Sue Anne Martin

Membership UPDATE

Jan and Andrea Florence were removed as constituent members in November.

Longtime member, Marvin Curry, passed away December 8, 2025. He leaves behind his wife, Joyce, and their children and grandchildren.

The membership committee wishes all a peaceful and joyful new year. Expand our impact in the community by inviting a friend to church

Jerry Gracy Membership Secretary

Christmas Eve 2025

