

BIBLE STUDY

Come join Pastor Joe's Bible Study - Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. We are studying the book of Acts.

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS EXIST. Visit our website www.bellefontainefirstumc.org/online-giving/ or utilize our text to give feature on a smartphone by texting to (937) 582-9174. Follow the onscreen prompts to complete your gift.

Bellefontaine 1st UMC is looking for a **DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES**—Responsibilities include, youth & families. Click the link on our website to access more specific info regarding this position and info is in the church office.

MAY Tower News are in the rack in the entryway!

UMW/UMIF Bake Sale for Ukrainian Relief UMCOR, today. United Women in Faith, new name for UMW

NEW OFFICE HOURS—We have changed our office hours to 10am – 2 pm Monday thru Thursday temporarily. The church may be open earlier and/or later. Please contact the church office if you have business to conduct outside of these scheduled hours.

What's Happening This Week?

Sun. 5/22	Online/ in-person Worship Services UMW/UMIF Bake Sale	9:00 a.m. 10:30 am
Mon. 5/23		
Tues.5/24	Dulcimer Grp. (down) Priscilla Circle Bible Study N/A (up)	1:00 p.m 1:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Weds.5/25	Ignite Choir Handbells	5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm
Thurs.5/26	Last Thursday Meal	4:30 p.m.
Fri.5/27	Prayer Group (f.h.)	11:00 am
Sat. 5/28	N/A (up)	7:00 pm
Sun.5/29	Online/ in-person Worship Services	9:00 am 10:30 am

THE ALTAR FLOWERS for this Sunday are given by Mike and Nancy Angle in memory of Roy and Iris Angle and their youngest son, Jonathan Angle on May 9th.

We are happy to announce that **SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS STARTED AGAIN.** All children, age 4 through 5th grade are invited to join our wonderful teachers downstairs to learn more about Jesus! Sunday School runs from 10:00 to 10:30.

Blessing Bucket for May – defray costs for VBS!

Luke 4: 16-21

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. 17 The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

**18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to preach good news to the
poor,
to proclaim release to the prisoners
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to liberate the oppressed,
19 and to proclaim the year of the Lord's
favor.**

**20 He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the
synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every
eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. 21
He began to explain to them, "Today, this
scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard
it."**

I Am Not Afraid

by Lloyd Larson

In the emptiness of silence
When the world has turned away
Beneath the weight of sorrow
When I can no longer pray;

In the wilderness of worry,
In the desert of despair;
In the never-ending darkness
When it seems that no one cares,

I am not afraid,
I am not alone.
You hold me in Your hands
And will not let me go.

Though the waters rise
And though the winds may blow,
I will not be afraid
For I am not alone.

When there are no words of comfort
That can stem the flow of tears;
When I'm stranded at the center
Of a rising tide of fear;

When there is no path before me,
When my feet have lost their way,
I remember You are with me
And I am not afraid!

I am not afraid,
I am not alone.
You hold me in Your hands
And will not let me go.

Though the waters rise
And though the winds may blow,
I will not be afraid
For I am not alone.

I will not be afraid, For I am not alone.



I am the new Office Manager here at the church. I am excited to start this position. My name is Jeri Sphar. I just moved to Indian Lake from Hilliard, Ohio. My back- ground is in workers' compensation and my last job was at a physician's office as an office administrator. I am married and have two children and two granddaughters. I am anxious to meet all of you. If you need anything, please let me know.