

## **BELLEFONTAINE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs; 10 am — 12 and 1 – 2 pm

***Our Mission:** To welcome all people through the love of Jesus Christ and grow as disciples who transform the world.*

***Our Vision:** Every person in our church and community lives a life that will make Jesus smile and others smile on their journey of life and love. Jesus smiles when every person loves God, loves one another and is engaged in transforming the world.*

***Every member is a minister!***

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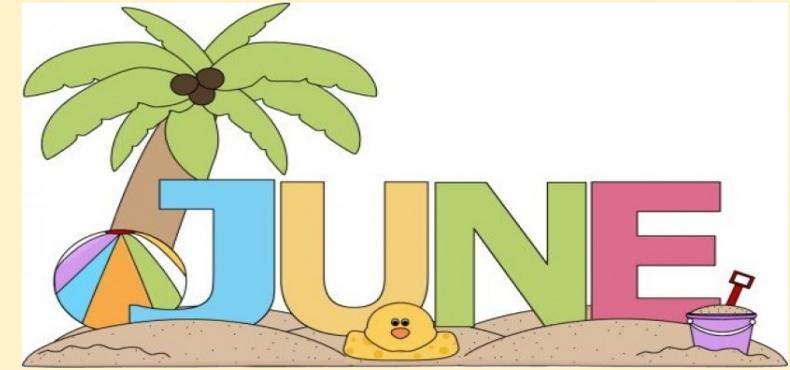
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## **TOWER NEWS— 2022**



### **PASTOR JOE'S PAGE...**

<sup>7</sup> They attacked Midian, just as GOD had commanded Moses, and killed every last man...  
<sup>13</sup> Moses, Eleazar, and all the leaders of the congregation went to meet the returning army outside the camp. <sup>14</sup> Moses was furious with the army officers—the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds—as they came back from the battlefield: <sup>15</sup> "What's this! You've let these women live! <sup>16</sup> They're the ones who, under Balaam's direction, seduced the People of Israel away from GOD in that mess at Peor, causing the plague that hit GOD's people.

Numbers 31:7, 13-16 (MSG)

Moses and the Israelites are well on their way toward inheriting the Promised Land when they start the process of purging the current residents of the land of Midian. After the warriors had returned with the plunder of war. Moses is aghast to see that they have not followed God's instructions and destroyed the wives of the Midian people. I wonder if the warriors found it difficult to slay a person who wasn't actively fighting against you. These women carried no weapons, nor did they organize or order any troops. It was much harder to see the enemy within. So, they brought them with the plunder to Moses. It seems very logical to me. I think it is what I would have done with them.

For Moses [and God] there is worry about the influence that these women might have on the Israelite men. After all they have been committed to another man in other cultures through marriage. They might encourage these men to think, and say, and do things that are against God's values and will. In short, this might erode the belief systems that God has been imparting through Moses on this journey. While the journey through the desert can be classified as the longest camping trip known to man, it was also a time for God's people to be guided, uplifted and encouraged. These old customs could easily replace God's plans if the ways of God had not yet solidified into holy habits.

## PASTOR JOE'S PAGE CONTINUED

We may consider this story as a cautionary warning for our own life. When we come to faith, is there something about our nature that substantively changed about the way that we see our world and destiny? Did we feel new in some ways? Did we see the world and those in it on different terms? Did we find it easier to offer forgiveness to those who hurt us? And of most important consideration, have we bottled up and saved these feelings and perspectives until they became holy habits for us?

I believe that this is part of what Paul was talking about when he said that we are made new, the old is gone. Jesus cautioned that one does not pour new wine into old wineskins. Like someone who has been on a seriously successful diet, the old clothes just won't cut it anymore. God wants us to be clothed in new clothes...Christ's glory. God is in the transformation business.

When we journey with God, we are in the process of being made new and presentable to the Divine guide for our lives. God wants to set a new course for our life here on earth. What holy thoughts attitudes and habits need a refresher course for our souls. Take some time this in the next couple of moments to consider the provisions of self-care that God has packed for you on this journey together. Take some time to stop and take a break to allow God to provide you a spiritual tune-up. Is there someone who has been guiding you lately in a different direction? Have a cup of tea with God and remember the great gift you have been given.

Peace,

Pastor Joe



### **Blood Drive** **First United Methodist Church**

Fellowship Hall  
201 Main N  
Bellefontaine, OH 43311

**Tuesday, June 21, 2022**  
**12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org),  
sponsor code: FirstUMCBellefontaine.

**Come to give June 1-30 and get a \$5 e-gift card to a  
merchant of your choice.**

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# JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Greg Penhorwood	June 3
Mrs. Carolyn Wyse	June 8
Ms. Laura Mitchell	June 9
Ms. Cindy Darling	June 11
Mrs. Linda Englehaupt	June 12
Mr. Samuel Heim	June 14
Jordan Reed	June 14
Tracy Yoesting	June 19
Miss Peyton Robbins	June 22
Mrs. D. J. Howell	June 23
Mr. Gary Carnes	June 24
Miss Ellie Heim	June 24
Mrs. Sherri Heim	June 25
Mrs. Donna Joliff	June 26
Rev. Edwin Beale	June 29
Mr. John Martin II	June 30



## UMM

### What Are Your Desires

Psalms 37:4 Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Have you ever stopped and asked yourself, “What are the desires of my heart”? Secondly, what does that really mean? And finally, do I delight myself in the Lord?

Another word for desires could be passion. What is your passion or passions? In other words, what are you going after in your life or what means the most to you?

I believe that most people will say that family is my greatest passion, others may say a great career, and still others to gain notoriety.

Whatever your passion, what is the motive behind it or what is the outcome you desire? Do you desire recognition for your accomplishments? Do you expect compensation equal to your abilities? Do you want family members to hold you in high esteem?

All these passions can be good if we achieve our desires for the correct motive. What about the first part of the above Psalms which says to “Delight in the Lord”. When the desires of our heart are reached or even partially reached, do we give God the glory for giving us the guidance, strength, and dedication to reach our goal(s)? Do we invite him to walk with us daily and join in with our passion(s) or do we believe that through our own efforts we have achieved the level we currently tend to be?

I am as guilty as the next person in taking life for granted at times, and receiving the daily blessings that God gives without giving God the entire credit for which he has allowed me to reach. God blesses me every day and protects me from myself, when I am tempted to make the wrong choices along the way. Oh yes, I still make bad choices once in a while when I get ahead of God’s plans for me. God has a plan for each of our lives if we only listen. May we take the time to worship his glory daily.

May you “Delight yourself in the Lord” and listen for his direction in your life. Then be bold and give him the glory to all you meet!

Upcoming Events:

Due to summer vacations and activities, there will be no Men’s Fellowship Breakfast in June, July, or August; but will return, God willing, in September.

**Ron Perry**

# UMW NEWS

## Mother/Child Dinner

Our annual Mother/Child Dinner in May was a big success. The UMM served a delicious Mexican meal and the girls and boys enjoyed piñatas made by Susan Givler. We were entertained by the BMS Dazzlers. Thanks to Marianne Antram for organizing our festivities and to Hannah/Ruth Circle for decorating.

## Bake Sale

Thank you to all of the UWIF/UMW ladies who contributed to our bake sale and thanks to our congregation for donating to our Ukrainian cause. We have collected 524 plus dollars that will be sent to UMCOR. UMCOR will see that the money collected will be used to help those Ukrainians caught in the crisis of war. Thanks to all for your continued support.

## Mission Opportunity

We have a mission opportunity to help out the residents at Bellefontaine Manor. Bellefontaine Manor houses residents who are elderly and/or disabled and is located at 160 Lakewood Drive in Bellefontaine ( behind the movie theater). There are 8 people who have requested help to weed and clean up the garden boxes at their apartments. If you enjoy gardening, getting outside for some fresh air or just want to be helpful to those that need a bit of help and are willing to work please call Robin Harrington at 937-597-3111 or email at rah1954@me. Com. We can either set up one work day for a larger group or if we have a couple of individuals who can work in one or two places on their own schedule that would be fine as well. I am going to get the apartment numbers where they have asked for help so we can go and work even if the Service Coordinator who runs the complex is not there.

Blessings to you all,  
Robin Harrington



The next Trustee meeting will be held on Tuesday July

5th at 6:00 P.M.

In the Fellowship Hall



Blessing Bucket for June will go toward

Vacation Bible School

Thank you

Thank you to Speedway for donations for Last Thursday's meal



Wow, Thanks so much for the loving celebration of my 2nd retirement. A special thank you also for all the cards, gifts, hugs and well wishes. I so appreciate all the people that worked preparing it and cleaning up for this celebration. I will miss all of you and love you.

Thank you  
Barb Dancer



## Sermon Schedule

June 5<sup>th</sup> [Pentecost]

**Scripture:** Romans 8:14-17

**Sermon Title:** “The Work Of the Spirit”

June 12<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture:** Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

**Sermon Title:** “Being a Wise Guy Isn’t Always Bad”

June 19<sup>th</sup> [Father’s Day]

**Scripture:** 1 Kings 18:20-39

**Sermon Title:** “Unshakeable Faith”

June 26<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture:** Galatians 5:1, 13-25

**Sermon Title:** “Choosing To Be A Slave”

## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH PRAYER BREAKFAST



**BELLEFONTAINE FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022**

**10:00 AM**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND**

**Sponsored by Bellefontaine United Women in Faith  
(previously known as UMW/United Methodist Women)**

**Contact Janice Miller for more information**

**THANK YOU**

# June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 11 Prayer Group Virtual W. Oh Annual Conference	4 7 N/A (UP)
5	6	7 7 N/A (UP)	8 UMW Exe. Mtg. 1:00 (lounge)	9	10  11 Prayer Group	11 7 N/A (UP)
12	13 UMW prayer Breakfast 10 a.m. 5:30 Administrative Council Visionary Meeting (FH)	14 7 N/A (UP)	15	16	11 Prayer Group	18 7 N/A (UP)
19	20	21 7 N/A (UP) Red Cross (F.H.) 12-6)	22	23 Last Thursday Meal 4:30 p.m.	24 11 Prayer Group	25 7 N/A (UP)
26	27 Organ Tuning a.m.	28 7 N/A (UP)	29	30		