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An Encouraging Word

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Elise and I will be married 37 years this March. As a result, we know each other pretty well. We can tell you about our preferred: colors, style of clothing, food, books, work, hobbies, etc. We're even pretty good at telling you how the other one will finish the sentences they start! The danger of course is that we can fail to completely listen to each other because we assume we know how the conversation will conclude. We end up hearing but we don't hear. In cases like these, the issue isn't a physical loss of hearing it's a case of hearing but not listening. Sometimes Elise or I will hear only the first part of what the other says and then finish their sentence with "Yeah, I know..."

We can do this with Jesus, the Son of God, too. The more time that has passed since we repented of our sin and yielded our lives to His authority, the more likely this is to happen. We become so familiar with His words in the New Testament that it's common to

read them or hear them but not really listen to Jesus speaking to us. We only get part of what He is saying because we have more or less said in our hearts "Yeah, I know..."

The church season of Lent is a great opportunity to change this and become real listeners. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. It includes the forty days and six Sundays leading up to Easter Sunday. It's a great time to think about our relationship with Jesus. Are we growing in that relationship? Or, are we drifting? If we find ourselves drifting away from Jesus, we can choose to do something about it...listen to Him. One key to growing closer to Jesus is to stop saying "Yeah, I know" and instead choose to read Scripture and really listen to Him.

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What might Jesus want to say to you and me? I encourage you to read through Mark and Luke and pay particular attention to the words of Jesus. There's a total of 40 chapters in these two gospels, one for each day of the Lenten season. Choose to listen to Him as you read. Make it a point not to listen with a "Yeah, I know" mindset. Instead, write down the significant things you hear for the purpose of making them your plan of action!

—Pastor Mike

Looking for a time and place to exercise? On Wednesdays Gail Erhardt will lead two classes which includes stretching, yoga postures and breath work, all to contemporary Christian music. Gail meets the needs of each participant, no matter the skill level. A \$5 donation is appreciated.

Chair Holy Yoga is offered at the church at 11:00 AM every Wednesday morning. Chair yoga features poses so that they can be done while seated in a chair. These modifications make yoga accessible to people who cannot stand or lack the mobility to move easily from standing to floor positions.

Gail also offers a Sunset Holy Yoga on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Ministry Annex.

HOLY
YOGA



The main goal of Backpack Blessings is to demonstrate God's love by providing food to children in need which allows them to be filled both physically and spiritually. These kids may just look at the food packs and be excited to have something to eat without even realizing the love and prayers that go into them. Hopefully, though, over time they will come to understand just how special they are in the eyes of the Lord. We don't want them to feel like a number just waiting in line for their food. We want them to feel loved! In an attempt to show that love, we strive to create different menus every week so that they have something new to look forward to. We all know how picky kids can be, so if they don't like something this week, they'll get something different next week. If you have any suggestions of new, non-perishable items you think would be nice to include, please let us know! Thank you for all of your support and please continue to pray for these kids and their families!

March Item of the Month: Instant oatmeal

April Item of the Month: Canned pasta

—Melissa Stephen, Coordinator




Easter LILIES

In Honor or Memory of a loved one, be sure to order your Lily by March 22. The cost is \$10.50 each. Information will be on the Sign-Up table.

Hammersville Community



Sunrise
SERVICE

This year the Sunrise Service is hosted by Hammersville Church of Christ at 6:30 Am.



Good Friday Worship Service
April 10 at 7:00 PM

The service will include Holy Communion and a dramatic portrayal by Pastor Martin Denes titled: "Who Am I".



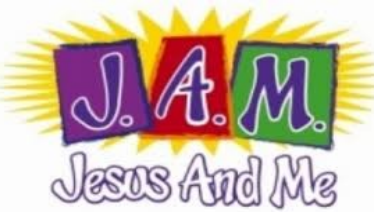
Served 8 to 9 and 11 to 12



Mark your calendars for March 14th, April 11th, and May 9th for Men's Breakfast for the Soul. The breakfast starts at 7:30AM, followed by a speaker and time of fellowship for men of all ages. The speaker for March will be Chris Erhardt. This is an excellent opportunity to invite a friend or two to join you for breakfast; it is a great way for men of all ages to connect. For more information, please contact Dan Reed.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS



6:50PM. Brenda Reed and Gloria Ulrich lead this group. The March-April schedule is...

March 9, March 30, April 6, April 20

Jr. JAM is an interactive small group especially designed for ages 3 through 5. It is a monthly opportunity for preschoolers, along with a parent or grandparent, to begin to learn Bible stories and songs that help them begin to worship with music, learn simple Bible verses and stories, plus make a craft or snack.

If you have a preschooler, please consider setting aside time for Jr. JAM.

Jr. JAM will be meeting...Tuesday, March 3rd and April 7th at 6:00PM—6:40PM

Year end Celebration will be Tuesday, May 24th at 6:00PM—6:40PM



This small group meets after school each Monday from 4:30PM—5:30PM for a time to grow in faith, fellowship, and serving together. All those who are in 4th, 5th, or 6th grade are invited to be part of this small group. Alyssa Eubanks is presently leading lessons

from Black Belt Bible series to help middle grade students learn scripture and practical applications for their own lives. Additionally, the group enjoys serving together through several service ministries of Mt. Nebo UMC. The group follows the school calendar for Western Brown Schools (if Western Brown school is in session, 4-5 will



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Sunday Youth

Sunday Youth Group meets Sunday evenings 5:00—6:00PM and is primarily designed for youth grades 7-12 plus any 6th graders who are not able to attend one of the Devotions and Donuts groups that meet midweek. Sunday Youth will meet the first 3 Sundays in March and April. (NOTE- the group will not meet April 12th). The group meets in the church narthex for a time to fellowship and growth in Christ with other youth.

Two Devos and Donuts groups will continue to meet for youth, grades 6-12. The youth and adult leaders join together for breakfast and a time for devotions and prayers to start their day. Choose one of these groups to be part of in 2020.



Tuesdays—6:50 AM at McDonalds, Mt. Orab, OH
 Wednesdays—7:45 - 8:30 AM at Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church
NOTE - Transportation to school following each of these is furnished.

Youth Snowtubing Event



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4-5 and JAM Share God's Love for Valentine's Day

There were 27 children and adults spreading God's Love, February 10th with visits and Valentines to several shut-ins and residents of Ohio Valley Manor. While the goal was to brighten the day for special residents of OVM and making home visits, the children and adults were blessed by being a blessing. Both JAM and 4-5 had spent time preparing for these visits by making small gifts to give and praying for those they would visit.

This spring we will be setting a time during worship for youth who are presently meeting together to learn more about the Christian Faith and what it means to be fully engaged in the life of the church. Confirmation Sunday is a time that those youth, along with adults will be making a commitment that counts. This will be a milestone in their Christian journey, though not an end into itself. Please pray for these youth as they complete 'Basics of the Christian Faith' and continue their faith journey with the support of the church family. Details about confirmation will be announced later this month.



Linda Galbraith, passed away on February 10, 2020, at the age of 63. Linda was the sister-in-law of Jim Luckadoo.

Deborah Winkle, passed away on February 11, 2020. Deborah was the sister of Phyliss Colliver.

Gabe Farrell, passed away on February 25, 2020, at the age of 82. Gabe was the husband of Connie Farrell, father of Elaine Sams (Terry), Troy Farrell (Amy) and Matt Farrell (Debbie).

Prayers and love to all the families and friends.

The Mt. Nebo Leadership Team has been discussing updating our church directory. We are working with a photographer to take pictures of newer families in our congregation. Anyone that is already in the online directory can update their photo, new family members and make address changes. Look for more information to follow.



Saturday, March 28 at 10:30 AM

There will be activities to help families understand the message of Easter. There will also be an egg hunt for all children through 5th grade during the event, so bring your family and baskets! This is a great opportunity to invite other families in the community!



Easter Eggs and Candy

We often recall times when we hunted eggs or the look of excitement as children hunted and opened eggs during the Easter season. This year we all have an opportunity to help families and children in our congregation and community experience the thrill of hunting and opening eggs. During the event we will also have stations that focus on the meaning of Easter, snacks and then an egg hunt during our Family Easter Event.

You can help families make memories together or help with this event. One way you can do so is by donating eggs filled with wrapped candy or be part of the team to help with the event. A sign up sheet for helping at the event will be at the sign-up table. Through Sunday, March 22, there will be a collection bin in the Narthex for eggs prefilled with wrapped candy for the Family Easter Event sponsored by Mt. Nebo UMC. For more details, please contact Brenda Reed, Discipleship Coordinator.

Save the Date

This year's VBS will be Monday, June 22nd – Friday, June 26th.

Registration for VBS will be open mid April.

Join the Quest for the King's armor— spend the week exploring how we put on the armor of God through active games, Bible stories, science, crafts and snacks.

There is a VBS class for age 4 through 6th grade.

If you have any questions about Mt. Nebo's VBS program, feel free to contact Brenda Reed, Discipleship Coordinator.



2020 VBS Planning Meetings Set

Please save the date and mark your calendar to help plan the 2020

Knights of the North Castle Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, March 11 and Tuesday, April 14 at 6 PM (classroom 3)

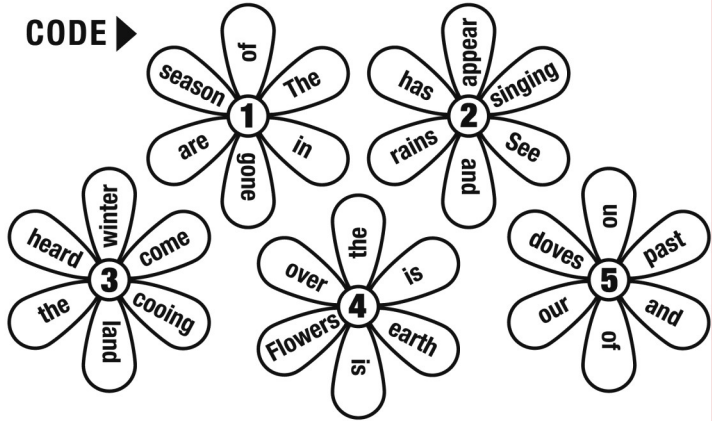
Also on Monday, May 18 at 6 PM (admin bldg.)

Safe Sanctuary training will be available following each meeting for anyone who needs to complete it before VBS.

PUZZLE

Using the flower code, fill in the blanks to complete the springtime words from Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV.

CODE ►



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SONG OF SOLOMON 2:11-12, NIV

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Mt. Nebo High School and College Graduates

The church family at Mt. Nebo UMC would like to honor our high school and college graduates for all they've accomplished and announce their future plans. These will be featured in the May/June issue of The Mt. Nebo News. We are also making plans to recognize the 2020 graduates during Graduation Sunday in May (date to be announced). We would like to collect information about the graduates by April 15th. You may either email both the picture and information to nancymoore@roadrunner.com or complete the Graduate Information Sheet, along with a picture. These forms will be available at the sign-up table in the church narthex beginning March 15th and completed forms and pictures may be left at the sign up table through April 15th.

We will need the following information:

Graduate's name

Parents'/ Grandparents' name

Picture of the graduate

Graduate of which school (Name of High School or College)

Special honors

Future plans (college attending—field of further study—military—or other work plans)

Contact phone number

Information Needed From Our Mt. Nebo Graduates

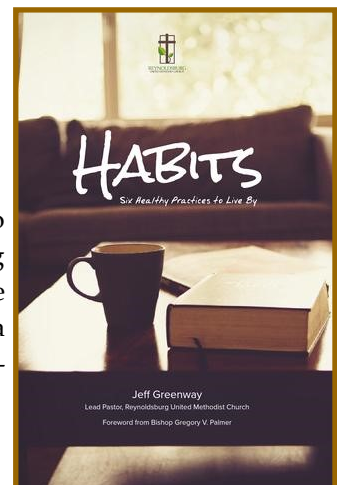


Habits: Six Healthy Practices To Live By

Thursdays: March 5, 12, 19, 26 April 2, 9

7:00pm, Classroom 2

God's Word has some things to say about healthy practices to live by. Each session of this study includes a DVD teaching by Pastor Jeff Greenway. You'll learn about God's principles, the power the Holy Spirit provides, and the benefits of living in a community with other believers. Please bring your Bible. Workbook cost: \$10 Register for this class at the "Sign-Up Table."





Prime Timers Valentine Celebration

And

Outreach Mission



For the past few years, the Prime Timers Group has gone to the Maysville College Culinary Café for a Valentine Dinner. This year was no different. On February 18th, 51 members and guests enjoyed a delicious meal and an evening of great fellowship. We thank Nancy and Harlan Moore (and their helpers) for coordinating this event. Each of the ladies received a



beautiful red rose and the guys enjoyed the candy table decorations.



Our next event will be on Friday, March 6th when we will car pool to the Matthew 25 Ministries. As we volunteer as a group, we'll help sort or prepare items to be sent to those in need. This outreach is an eye opening and rewarding experience, to see what great work this ministry is, and has been, in serving the needs of those who have experienced tragedies. A tour of the facility is offered for those first time volunteers.

There is a Sign-Up sheet at the table in the Narthex if you would like to join us. We will leave the church at 8:45 AM and plan to serve from 10 to Noon, then stop for lunch on the way home.

Watch for more information on our Prime Timers Movie Night to be held on April 3rd at the church. Also, pick up a Prime Timers schedule of this years planned events at the Welcome Center and join us for any of these events.

—Bonnie Oney, Reporter



Financial Peace University
Sundays, through March, 6:00 pm, classroom 3

Prayer Shawl Ministry
2nd. Monday of Month, 6–7 pm, Narthex

Women's Early Morning Group Study
"Women of the Bible"
Tuesdays, 7 am, church, classroom 2

Adult Bible Study
"Unfailing" small group study
Tuesdays, 10:30 am, through March, classroom 3

Adult Small Group Study
"Sidetracked in the Wilderness"
Wednesdays, 9:30 am, classroom 3

Chair Holy Yoga
Wednesdays, 11 am, classrooms 1/2

Sunset Holy Yoga
Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, Ministry Annex

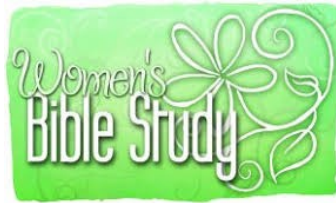
Women's Heart to Heart Share Group
"When God Doesn't Fix It" study
Wednesdays, 7–8:30 pm, Narthex

Habits: Six Healthy Habits to Live By
Thursdays, 7 pm, March 5–April 9, classroom 2

Women's Hand in Hand Emmaus Share Group
Saturdays, 8:45–10 am, Ministry Annex

Men's Shoulder to Shoulder Share Group
Saturdays, 9–10 am, Administration Bldg.

Men's Breakfast For The Soul Group
2nd Sat. of each month, 7:30–9 am, classrooms 2/3



7 AM Women's Study Group

Looking for a time to connect and study
with other women?

There is an early morning opportunity beginning Tuesday, March 3rd, meeting in classroom 2. The group is studying Women of the Bible. Each week the group will look at the life of a different woman from the Bible and take the time to discuss the implications and applications for our own lives. Kristine Brookover leads this study. Bring your Bible and study together with other women.



Mortgage as February 29, 2020:

\$508,251

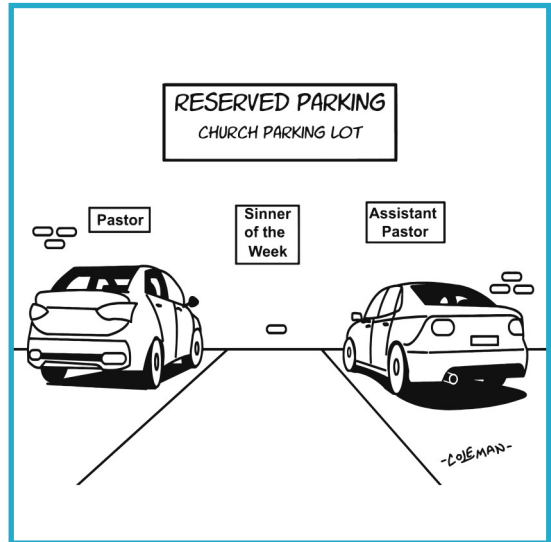
Heavenly Humor

A Letter Home

Dear Dad,
 School i\$ really great. I am making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying very hard. With all my \$tuff, I \$imply can't think of anything I need, \$o if you would like, you can ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you.
 Love, Your \$on.

The Reply:

Dear Son,
 I kNOW that astroNOmy, ecoNOmics, and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOR student busy. Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOWledge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh.
 Love, Dad



Faithful With Much

At a Wednesday evening church meeting a very wealthy man rose to give his testimony.


"I'm a millionaire," he said, "and I attribute it all to the rich blessings of God in my life. I can still remember the turning point in my faith, like it was yesterday:

I had just earned my first dollar and I went to a church meeting that night. The speaker was a missionary who told about his work. I knew that I only had a dollar bill and had to either give it all to God's work or nothing at all. So at that moment I decided to give my whole dollar to God. I believe that God blessed that decision, and that is why I am a rich man today."

As he finished it was clear that everyone had been moved by this man's story. But, as he took his seat, a little old lady sitting in the same pew leaned over and said: "Wonderful story! I dare you to do it again!"

Bible Quiz


Who came to Jesus by night to ask him questions, and what famous Bible verse was part of Jesus' answer?



- A. Martha; "I am the resurrection and the life ..."
- B. Peter; "Do to others what you would have them do ..."
- C. Thomas; "I am the way and the truth and the life ..."
- D. Nicodemus; "For God so loved the world ..."

Bible Quiz

Three of the Gospels tell that when Jesus was crucified, darkness covered the earth from noon until three in the afternoon. Which Gospel does not mention this event?



- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John

Answer to Bible Quizzes on Page 15

SPRING FORWARD




DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME BEGINS



Greeters and Ushers
9 AM Service

March — Denny & Becky Wallace
April — TBA

To volunteer as a Greeter and Usher for the 9 am service, please contact Harlan Moore.



Greeters and Ushers
11AM Service

- 3/1 — Jim & Gail Frazier
- 3/8 — Bill & Shannon Hiler
- 3/15 — Neal & Pam Massengill
- 3/22 — Alan & Lisa Leonard
- 3/29 — Jim & Jennifer Brosenne
- 4/5 — Chris & Julie Stratton
- 4/12 — Cecil & Tracy Gibson
- 4/19 — Troy & Becky Tucker
- 4/26 — Jim & Gail Frazier

To volunteer as a Greeter and Usher for the 11 am service, please contact Pam Massengill.



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<u>March</u>				<u>April</u>			
3/1	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Alyssa Eubanks Kelly Day	Tina Nolen Jenny Flores	4/5	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Alyssa Eubanks Lori Sams	A. & M. Shepherd Alicia Snyder
3/8	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Kristi Hansel Lori Sams	Ginny Pollard Abby Clark	Easter:			
3/15	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Tabitha Chirco Heather Fite	Emily Meyer Gail Frazier	4/12	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>		Brenda Reed
3/22	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Pat Cornett Virgie Luck	Kelly Hahn Alicia Snyder	4/19	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Tabitha Chirco T. & S. Wesley	Tina Nolen Gail Frazier
3/29	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Carol Ann King K. Brookover	Erin Edminsten Shelly Arn	4/26	<u>Pre-K</u> <u>1-3</u>	Alyssa Eubanks Virgie Luck	Diana Starkey Jenny Flores



<u>9:00 AM</u>		<u>11:00 AM</u>	
<u>March</u>			
3/1	Abby Chirco/Leah Waterfield	Jayden Edminsten/Jalyn Hahn	
3/8	Camryn Graham/Logan Waterfield	Branson Gartner/Kenna Stratton	
3/15	Jennah Eubanks/Gracie Zeuch	Emmaline Starkey/Dani Tackett	
3/22	Stella Keller/Abby Chirco	Addison Brossenne/Brooke Kunkel	
3/29	Camryn Graham/Gracie Zeuch	Jayden Edminsten/Dani Tackett	
<u>April</u>			
4/5	Leah and Logan Waterfield	Addison Brossenne/Branson Gartner	
Easter:			
4/12	Jennah Eubanks/Stella Keller	Emmaline Starkey/Jalyn Hahn	
4/19	Abby Chirco/Camryn Graham	Kenna Stratton/Brooke Kunkel	
4/26	Jennah Eubanks/Leah Waterfield	Branson Gartner/Jayden Edminsten	

NOTE: The children / youth, 4th grade and up, who are on the schedule to be an acolyte will take out the 'Light of Christ' during the closing song on the day they are scheduled to acolyte.



9:00 AM

11:00 AM

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March

April

- 3/1 Theresa Conaty I. Hicks & T. Conaty
- 3/8 K. Waterfield Emily & Josh Meyer
- 3/15 Theresa Conaty T. Nolan & M. McKinzie
- 3/22 A. Eubanks Theresa Conaty
- 3/29 Theresa Conaty S. & M. Kirk

- 4/5 Theresa Conaty N. & P. Massengill
Easter:
- 4/12 K. Waterfield L. Wash & T. Conaty
- 4/19 Theresa Conaty Amy Timmers & Esta
- 4/26 Alyssa Eubanks E. & J. Edminsten

ANSWER FROM PUZZEL ON PAGE 8

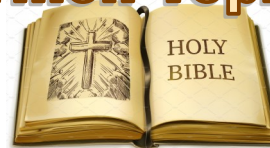
Answer: See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV

Answer to Bible Quizzes on Page 13

**Top—D (See Matt. 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 19)
Bottom—D (See John 3:1-16)**



**March & April
Sermon Topics**



March 1—DS Calvin Alston Jr. “Stand Firm and Take Your Position in God’s Word

“Listen to Him” Series begins

March 8—Whoever Wants to be My Disciple

March 15—Everyone Who Asks

March 22—See to the Light Within You

March 29—God Alone is Good

April 5—If You Keep Quiet

April 12—(Easter) Why Are You Troubled?

April 19—Tracy Gibson preaching

April 26—**“I Still Believe” Series begins**

Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church

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Pastor Mike Starkey
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Invite Friends and Family to Worship!

Service Times:

9:00 - 10:00 AM Worship with Hymns
(Children's Church)

10:15 - 11:00 AM Sunday School Program
Heart Shapers (Pre-School - 5th grade)
Middle School and High School
Adult Classes

11:00 - 12:00 PM Worship with Band
(Children's Church)

***Nursery Provided at 9:00 & 11:00**



Our Mission:

To Know Christ and Make Him Known