



GRADUATES ISSUE



Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

The Mt. Nebo News

An Encouraging Word

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Most of you reading this are probably aware of my decision to retire this year at the end of June. My wife, Elise, and I have been talking about this and praying about this for some months. The reason is that I haven't been able to regain the energy and clarity that I need to serve God with my best in pastoral ministry. Some of it is probably age but most of it is due to the lingering effects of an August 2, 2024 car crash in which Elise and I were involved. I want you to know that I'm okay with retiring now because I'm completely confident that it's a God-directed change. I have shared with Mt. Nebo's Leadership Team for a few years now that I've been praying for the Lord to let me know when it

was time to step aside. Now is clearly the time and the Holy Spirit is giving both of us peace. However, I know that change isn't easy and all of us will need to make adjustments. Change does bring a degree of uncertainty about what is ahead. Yet when we love and follow Jesus, we can be certain that He will cause all things to work together for our good (Romans 8:28) and His glory.

You may be wondering about the process for identifying Mt. Nebo's next lead pastor. The process for pastoral change in the Global Methodist Church is very different from the process of our former denomination. It works like this. Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee, and a SPRC sub-group have worked together to compile a church profile. This profile was submitted to our Hillsboro Circuit Presiding Elder, Rev. Dennis Mohler, who is helping to guide our SPRC group through the search process. Rev. Mohler shared Mt. Nebo's profile with the Conference Superintendent and the other Presiding Elders in our Allegheny West Annual Confer-

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together to identify 2 to 3 prospective experienced Ordained Elders (pastors) who are open to considering Mt. Nebo as a potential place to serve God. Next, Rev. Mohler presented our SPRC group with profiles of prospective pastors. An initial virtual interview is conducted. If our SPRC group wants to consider a second interview with one of the prospective pastors, a face to face interview is arranged by Rev. Mohler. If none of pastors considered seem to be a fit for Mt. Nebo, our SPRC group requests interviews with additional prospective pastors. Once the SPRC group identifies Mt. Nebo's next lead pastor, the SPRC group and Leadership Team will vote together. Afterwards, the congregation will be informed as soon as possible. I ask you to continue to pray for everyone involved that God's good will is realized.

I said earlier that I'm completely confident now is the right time for me to step aside. And because God has given me this certainty, we can be confident that He has a person prepared to lead Mt. Nebo forward in mission and ministry. Let me remind you of our mission: "To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly". I want you to be excited for what God has ahead for Mt. Nebo. I get it. Changes like this are not easy. But in order for the Holy Spirit to move the church forward, it requires followers of Jesus who are willing to change as He directs us to change. Mt. Nebo has a 190-year history that includes stories of God-directed changes that have resulted in many people being saved and changed through faith in Jesus. He has changed individuals, whole families, and even this community through the people of Mt. Nebo Church. People who were willing to change in order to keep moving forward to share the gospel of Jesus!

I'm excited for you! I'm excited about what God has ahead for you and for me and my family too. The adjustments will be a challenge for all of us for a while but remember the promise of Jesus to those who with courage and faith will take on His mission. He said, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20 NLT). Notice that this promise is dependent on you and me going and making disciples. Keep moving forward to share the good news about Jesus and to love people on His behalf.

Following Jesus is an adventure! An adventure that we were created to sign onto. So, congregation, I encourage you to keep moving forward with courage and faith expecting God to do greater things and changing more lives in the years ahead.

-Pastor Mike



THE LIVING LAST SUPPER

On April 17 and April 18, Mt. Nebo Church provided a reenactment of the Last Supper called The Living Last Supper. This experience took us into the hearts and minds of each disciple as he shared his thoughts just after Jesus revealed to them that he would be betrayed by one of his very own. Each

disciple brought us to a point of self-reflection to consider how we might have reacted if we had been present in that moment. This powerful experience was attended by many of our church family and community. Cast and Crew: Jacob Clubb, Daniel Cox, Steve Edminsten, Rachel Gibson, Samuel Gibson, Bill Henry, Bill Hiler, Lucas Hiler, Samantha Hiler, Guy Hopkins, Alan Leonard, Josh Meyers, Greg Stover, Will Stratton, Michael Starkey, and Sydney Van Meter.

—Tracy Gibson, Director



Reeves Family Worship Music and Testimonies

The Gerald and Carmela Reeves family led worship services at Mt. Nebo GMC on Palm Sunday. Gerald, two daughters, two sons, one daughter-in-law, and one son-in-law offered excellent worship to the Lord Jesus by playing instruments and leading vocals. They began with the hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns." Other songs of worship included "Hosanna", "Hosanna You Are the God Who Saves Us", "I Speak Jesus", "Is Anyone Worthy?", and "All Hail King Jesus". One of the highlights of the morning was when six of the Reeves young grandchildren sang "Good, Good Father". You can watch a recording of this worship service that can be found on the church website www.mtnebogmc.com. The Mt. Nebo congregation was blessed by this dear family who led us in praising Jesus Christ, the Savior and Lord.







Men's Retreat at the Cove Godly Manhood in Today's World

Ten men from Mt. Nebo GMC traveled to Billy Graham's Training Center near Ashville, North Carolina, the weekend of April 11th to attend a retreat led by Tony Dungy and James "J.B." Brown. Although both Tony Dungy and James "J.B." Brown are well-known in the world of sports, both men use this platform God has given them to speak about their faith in Christ and Godly manhood.

Below are a few comments from Mt. Nebo men about the weekend-

- "Looking forward to next year.. great experience once again!"
- "It was definitely a blessing to spend the weekend with you all. Let's lift each other up in prayer today and in the days to come...."
- "I'm looking forward to next year. What a great time."

If you want to hear more about their experience, plan to attend the monthly Men's Breakfast for the Soul on **May 10th**.

Altan James Henry was born on March 15, 2025, weighing 8 pounds and 8 ounces and was 22 inches long. He was welcomed home by parents Gunner Henry and Lindsey Damron, as well as grandparents Bill and Anna Henry and great grandmother Linda Henry.



As the disciples watched Jesus as He went up into the cloud to go to heaven, who suddenly appeared next to them?

- A) Abraham
- B) Ezekiel
- C) Two men dressed in white
- D) Both A and B

Who took Judas' place as the twelfth disciple after Jesus went back to heaven?

- A) Barsabus
- B) Matthias
- C) Paul
- D) Timothy

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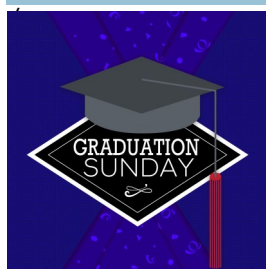
Praises in the Pavillion

Friday June 6, 2025

5:00-7:30 PM

Murphy Pavillion

Join the Prime Timers for an evening full of music, food, and fellowship. Bring a dish to share, a lawn chair, a sweater or jacket to keep warm, and a friend to share the evening with!



Hope you will plan to join us Sunday, May 18th, as we recognize and celebrate our high school and college graduates during both the 9 AM and 11 AM worship service. We will have a time following each worship service to personally congratulate these graduates for their achievements! Looking forward to seeing you May 18th at one of our worship services.



Izzie Carroll is graduating from New Richmond High School. She is the daughter of Kevin and Kamesa Carroll and granddaughter of Lloyd and Beth Theademan. She has played softball, both on the high school team and traveling ball teams. Additionally, she is a member of the Honor Society and Troubadours singing group. Next year Izzie will attend Mount Saint Joseph University where she will major in Exercise Science and play softball for Mount Saint Joseph.



Carter Cook is graduating with honors from Grant Vocational and Bethel High School. Carter is the son of Kasie and Matt Rector and the grandson of Angie Brown. Next fall Carter plans to attend Northern Kentucky University and major in Computer Science.

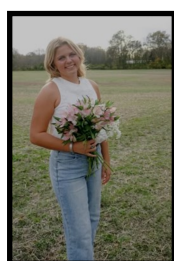
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Josie Davis is graduating from Western Brown High School. She is the daughter of Jake and Jessica Davis. In addition to going to school, Josie works part-time. Following graduation, Josie plans to continue working.



Natalie Evans is graduating from Western Brown High School. She is the daughter of Justin and Miranda Evans, the granddaughter of Terri Albrecht, and the great niece of Sam and Barb Moler. Natalie has played soccer all four years of high school and has been in honor choir as well as being in the cast of the Princess Tea Party. Natalie plans to attend Cedarville University this coming fall and major in primary education.

Haiden Jacobs is graduating from Western Brown High School. He is the son of Jeremy Stewart and Jessica Hornsby. Haiden has been on both the soccer and tennis teams at Western Brown High School. After graduation, Haiden plans to enter the workforce.



Esta Timmers is graduating from Western Brown High School. She is the daughter of Rob and Amy Timmers and is the granddaughter of Truman and Carol Sue King. In addition to graduating from high school this year, Esta will receive her Associates of Science degree from Southern State Community College. Esta plans to attend Northern Kentucky University this fall and major in accounting.

Gavin Wehrle is graduating from Batavia High School. He is the son of Kyle and Mandy Wehrle and the grandson of Lisa Jones. Gavin has played on the Batavia Bulldog baseball team. Next year Gavin will be attending Cincinnati State University and will be part of their Occupational Therapy Assistant's program.



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Anna Bryan is graduating from Bowling Green State University with a bachelor's degree in psychology. Anna is the daughter of Jason and Julie Bryan and granddaughter of Jim and Gail Frazier. Anna is a member of the undergraduate Psychology Association and Psi Chi, a national honor society in psychology. Anna is continuing her education at the University of Cincinnati in their graduate program for school psychologists. Upon completion of her graduate degree, Anna would like to work as a school psychologist.



Alex Massengill is graduating from Shawnee State University with a bachelor's degree in Individualized Studies. He is the son of Neal and Pam Massengill. While attending Shawnee State, Alex has worked at Clermont Mercy. Following graduation, Alex will look for a job that best uses the skills he has learned.

Gary Powell III is graduating from Mount Saint Joseph University with a bachelor's degree in Health and Exercise Science. He is the son of Mandi Powell and Gary Powell. During his time at Mount Saint Joseph Gary was a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. Gary plans to gain an alternate license in Education in order to teach Health and Special Education. He plans to coach football and wrestling while obtaining this license.



Jackson Wesley is graduating from the Gateway Community & Technical College Diesel Mechanics program. He is the son of Matt and Tara Wesley. Jackson is the recipient of the Diesel Technology Student of the Year Award. Following graduation, Jackson will work in the Diesel Mechanics field.

Sunday School

Sundays 10:15 AM to 10:55 AM

There are Sunday School classes at Mt. Nebo that meet year-round between the 9 AM and 11 AM Worship Services. For children, this is a great opportunity to learn more about Jesus and His Love as well as learn how to read the Bible. Maybe as a child, this is where you learned the Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, and precious Bible stories from both the Old and New Testaments. For teens, this is a time to meet together with peers to learn and grow in relationship to Christ and one another; lessons for this age include life application components.



For many adults, the Sunday school hour is a time you can commit to being part of a small group. Our adult small groups, in addition to studying, watch over one another in Christian love.

Children and Youth Classes Age 4- High School

- Age 4 through 2nd grade meet each Sunday in the nursery, using Heart Shaper curriculum. Kristina Waterfield is the teacher of that group.
- Grades 3 through 6 meet in Classroom 1. This group also uses the Heart Shaper curriculum, specifically designed for this age range. Carol Ann King teaches this group.
- Grades 7 and 8 meet in the church kitchen. This group is taught by Kristine Brookover and uses a Jr. High Heart Shapers curriculum.
- High Schoolers meet each Sunday in Classroom 2. Jacob Clubb teaches the group, which uses a Biblically based curriculum with real-life applications for today's teens.

Adult Sunday School Classes

- Prayer and Share Class- Meets in the Admin Building. This group is led by Joe Chirco. The format is easy to follow- share praises and prayer requests- Study together (presently using study by Bob Goff), sending out to serve throughout the week.
- Adult Study Group- Meets in Classroom 3. This group is presently using *Glory Days*, a video- study guide by Max Lucado. Learn and grow together in Christ.

Reaching Across The World

Through the Youth's Hearted for Zambia project, Mt. Nebo has had the opportunity to reach out to our ministry partner in Zambia, Pastor John Kalambo. During February through mid March, the youth hearted yards to raise awareness and funds for JP Schools, a ministry that Pastor Kalambo has begun in a community in Zambia. Throughout this time, the congregation and friends of Mt. Nebo willingly allowed their yards to be hearted and donated money to move the hearts to another yard. Many of you, who did not even have the opportunity to see hearts appear in your yard, gave both time to pray as well as financial donations to support JP Schools.

The youth were able to connect and talk with Pastor Kalambo via Zoom, both at the beginning and end of this time. It was because of your generosity through Hearted for Zambia that \$2,985 was sent to Pastor Kalambo for JP Schools toward the end of March. The youth are going to continue to pray and partner with Pastor Kalambo and JP Schools in the coming months, won't you join the youth in praying for them regularly this summer!



Upcoming Events for Youth

- Help with VBS (You may be part of the Drama Crew, be a Youth assistant with a Road Trip group, or work with media)- Sign up in narthex (June 2-5)
- Joni and Friends Carnival (June 17)
- Volunteer Day for youth at Matthew 25 (date TBA)
- Great American Ballpark Tour and activity (date TBA)
- Help with Family Chalk Night (date TBA)

Join us for a Road Trip by helping with VBS this summer!

As a child, VBS mattered to me; it was a time for lots of fun and gave me a time to be with other kids my age! I know that there was much more to VBS than fun games, Kool-Aid and Mama's Cookies (now that really shows my age!) for snacks, and crafts; it was a time when I learned Bible stories.

Vacation Bible School is still all those things, minus the Kool-Aid and Mama's cookies. VBS creates an intentional time and space for kids of all ages to hear the gospel, learn scripture and tell their friends about Jesus. It is for both the church and unchurched in our community; we all need to learn more about Jesus and His Love. Where else do we have four days set aside to immerse young people in God's Word through Bible story, crafts, games, science, snack, and music? VBS is so worth the efforts behind it; it is a time when our Mt. Nebo church family can come together to play a role in sharing the message of the Gospel.

There are several ways you can help-

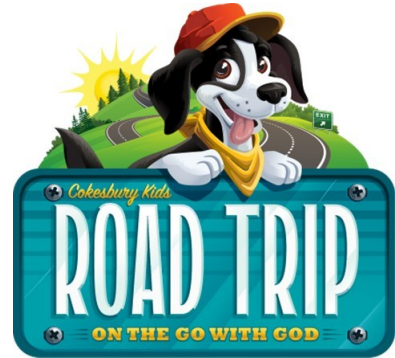
1. Pray for the children that will come to VBS that they might learn more about God's Love for them. Pray also for those who will lead VBS this year.
2. Help make Road Trip VBS complete by furnishing needed supplies for this year. (You may find cards of needed donations at the sign up table beginning May 11th)
3. Go all in and be part of the crew! It is lots of fun to work together to make VBS happen.

You do not have to lead, you only need to be willing to help! Our next meeting will be Wednesday, May 7th at 5 PM. (NOTE- There are many different opportunities to serve. If you cannot be at VBS, but would like to help, there is decorations, tear down and clean up.)



Hope you will consider the difference you can make this year through VBS!

Blessed to Serve with You,
Brenda Reed, Discipleship Coordinator



Youth and Adults Serve Together

Serving others in some way does not need to cost money. It is done with love, time, and is always done better as a group. Mt. Nebo youth and several adults were these kinds of servants at the beginning of April. Chris and Virgie Luck organized the efforts to landscape the area in front of each church building and spread rock around the administrative building. Below are some of the pictures of the landscaping work they did. The next time you walk into the church building, look at the neatly groomed area; it is amazing what can be done with a lot of people in a short time. I



challenge each of you to get involved in some way to serve alongside others here at Mt. Nebo! You will be blessed as you are a blessing!

Brenda Reed, Discipleship Coordinator



Joni and Friends Family Retreat Carnival



Each year our older youth families and other adults work together to host a carnival at Ohio's Joni and Friends Family Retreat. This year's carnival night will be Tuesday, June 17th at Shawnee State Lodge. We will set up carnival games and activities for the families who will be in attendance, being Christ's hands and feet to let them enjoy something we often take for granted.

Joni and Friends is a ministry group founded by Joni Eareckson Tada. Joni, herself, was in a diving accident soon after graduating from high school that left her a quadriplegic. Living with the challenges of someone who is physically disabled, she has devoted her life to make the lives of others with disabilities easier. The mission of Joni and Friends is to help this be a world where every person with a disability finds hope, dignity, and their place in the body of Christ.

Sign up in the narthex if you can be part of this team going to Shawnee June 17th .

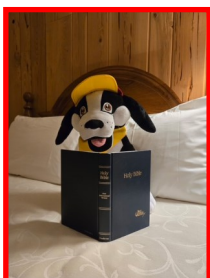
Road Trip

2025 Vacation Bible School

June 2 – June 5

9AM- Noon, with sign in beginning each day at 8:45 AM

Calling all Navigators as we are on an exciting journey where we learn to trust God no matter what situations life brings! It is time to take a Road Trip at Mt. Nebo's Vacation Bible School! Go with Scout, the pup, on adventures each day. In fact Scout has already been traveling this spring, seeing sights and getting ready for Mt. Nebo's Road Trip. There will be groups for ages 4 through those who have just completed 6th grade!



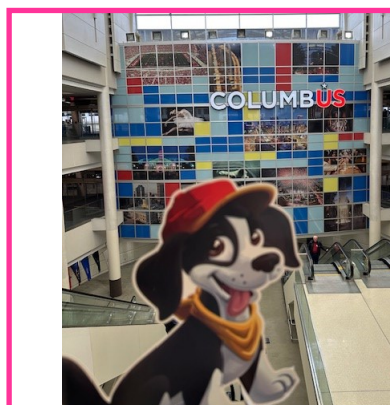
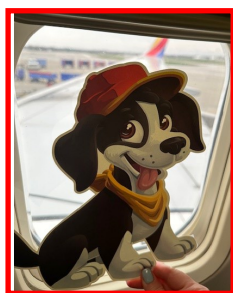
Preregistration is open; you may access registration online by going to <https://mtnebogmc.mycokesburyvbs.com>

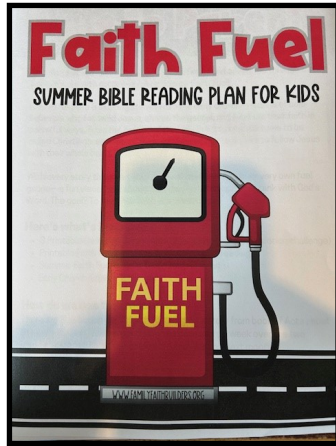
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Registration forms are available at the sign-up table in the church narthex.

If you have a young person who is completing 5th or 6th grade and they would like to help with the music each day during closing, please contact Brenda Reed, discipleship coordinator, by May18th.

Each day the Road Trip will stop at the Bible story theater, stretch our legs with outdoor games, have a roadside snack, spend time at a craft shop, visit the local scientist, and stop by the video store for a sing-along.





Faith Fuel Summer Bible Reading Plan for Kids

Parents, help fuel your young person's summer with adventures from the book of Acts and the life of the early church. This is an 8-week plan that includes Bible stories from Acts, devotion cards, a playlist of worship songs and a faith fuel gauge to track what they read. This is a great follow-up from Road Trip VBS and can be taken 'on the road' wherever you go this summer!

Please let Brenda Reed, discipleship coordinator, know if you would like for your family to have Faith Fuel this summer!



	9:00	11:00
5/4	Theresa Conaty	Theresa Conaty
5/11	Kristina Waterfield	Theresa Conaty
5/18	Linda Wash	Amy Timmers
5/25	Alyssa Eubanks	Kate Stratton
6/1	Linda Davis	Theresa Conaty
6/8	Kristina Waterfield	Josette Warner
6/15	Theresa Conaty	Erin Edmisten
6/22	Virgie Luck	Theresa Conaty
6/29	Sarah Clubb	Theresa Conaty

9:00	11:00
5/4 Emery Bolender/Macy Bolender	Kelsey Adamson/Ali Myers
5/11 Abram Cox/Jasmine Davis	Jett Edmisten/Olivia Myers
5/18 Adelyn Earhart/Jonah Cox	Brenleigh Slater/Madelynn Starkey
5/25 Julea Eubanks/Evelyn Kunkel	Caleb Stover/Emmaline Starkey
6/1 Abigail Chirco/Joey Chirco	Kelsey Adamson/Ali Myers
6/8 Abram Cox/Jasmine Davis	Jett Edmisten/Olivia Myers
6/15 Emery Bolender/Macy Bolender	Caleb Stover/Emmaline Starkey
6/22 Macy Bolender/Julea Eubanks	Brenleigh Slater/Madelynn Starkey
6/29 Julea Eubanks/Evelyn Kunkel	Emmaline Starkey/Madelynn Starkey
7/6 Abby Chirco/Joey Chirco	Kelsey Adamson/Ali Myers



Acolytes Schedule



9:00 AM

- 5/4 Brenda Reed/Brenda Blair
- 5/11 Brenda Reed/Denise Lewis
- 5/18 Megan Cox
- 5/25 Virgie Luck
- 6/1 Nancy Moore
- 6/8 Alyssa Eubanks
- 6/15 Gail Frazier
- 6/22 Kathy Pollard/Jessica Kunkel
- 6/29 Tabitha Chirco
- 7/6 Megan Cox

11:00 AM

- 5/4 Erin Edmisten
- 5/11 Michelle Clark/Esta Timmers
- 5/18 Linda Stover/Samantha Hiler
- 5/25 Josette Warner
- 6/1 Amy Adamson
- 6/8 Tina Nolen
- 6/15 Shannon Hiler/Amy Timmers
- 6/22 Kate Stratton/Julie Stratton
- 6/29 Michelle Clark/Esta Timmers
- 7/6 Linda Stover/Samantha Hiler

**ANSWERS TO BIBLE
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Right — B (Acts 1:26)



**Mortgage as of
April 30, 2025:
\$ 364,862.88**

**May & June
Sermon
Topics**



New Series: News About Jesus Spreads

- May 4 – When the Hurting Are Healed
- May 11 – When Purpose Is Clear
- May 18 – When People Pray
- May 25 – When Christians Fan Out
- June 1 – When Directions Are Followed
- June 8 – When Lives are Changed

**New Sermon Series: Welcoming God-
Directed Change**

- June 15 – Thrive During Transition
- June 22 – Choose Stretched
- June 29 – Three Things To Know

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Invite Friends and Family to Worship!

Service Times:

9:00 AM Worship with Piano and Hymns

Service inside and parking lot on 91.1 FM

10:15 – 11:00 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship with Band

Service inside and parking lot on 91.1 FM



*Videos of all services are
offered on our website*

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and on our YouTube channel

(Mt. Nebo Church).

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