

# The Epistle

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**St. John UCC, 409 Park Avenue, PO Box 156, Bolivar, Ohio 44612**

**FRIENDSHIP•MISSION•SPIRITUALITY    June 2021**

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Greetings members and friends of St. John Church,

This month on my calendar there are three significant days not to forget. The first was my anniversary on May 12th. The 2nd date was on May 23rd, Pentecost. The third date will be May 31, Memorial Day. While my anniversary always falls on May 12, the other two events take place on different dates each year. Pentecost is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It celebrates the Holy Spirit descending upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. The disciples were gathered together and experienced a "mighty rushing wind" and "tongues as of fire" appearing. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages. This event represents the fulfillment of Scriptures that Christ will baptize his followers with the Holy Spirit.

Memorial Day used to be called Decoration Day. It is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the military personnel who have died in the performance of their duties while serving our country. It is always celebrated the last Monday in May since 1970. Before that, it was always celebrated on May 30 since 1868. When I was growing up it was always a time when we went to the cemetery to plant flowers as a family. I do not recall any parades as we so often see today. No speeches given by politicians. It is meant to be a solemn remembrance of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their life for our country. Over time traditions change which inevitably changes the meaning to those who choose to attend the events.

On Pentecost, I invited those coming to church to wear red. I would estimate that 75% of the people in church did so. It was a symbolic act to represent the tongues of fire that rested upon the disciples. It was something to behold. I believe it is important with all that we have going on in our lives, that we are reminded of important dates and their true meanings. I am thankful for all those who are able take time on Sunday mornings to worship together at St. John. I hope that throughout the summer when possible we will continue to see people making an effort to be present in worship. It makes a difference to each of us as well as to our church. I hope that you will make every effort to join others in helping St. John UCC a powerful witness for our Lord and Savior.

We are open for worship and fellowship,

Pastor Jeff

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June 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Ezek 9-12	2 Ezek 13-15	3 Ezek 16-17	4 Ezek 18-20	5 Ezek 21-22
6 Ezek 23-24 Altar Communion 10:30am	7 Ezek 25-27  <i>Ezra Kuharich</i>	8 Ezek 28-30  <i>Carol Kinsey Kathy Mizer</i>	9 Ezek 31-33  <i>Hallie Carpenter</i>	10 Ezek 34-36 Consistory Meeting 6:30pm  <i>Connie Burris</i>	11 Ezek 37-39	12 Ezek 40-42 Clothes Closet/Pastor's Pantry 9:00am-12:00pm
13 Ezek 43-45 Ely's Anniversary Open House 2:00pm-4:00pm	14 Ezek 46-48	15 Dan 1-3	16 Dan 4-6	17 Dan 7-9	18 Dan 10-12	19 Hos 1-7 Strawberry Festival Parade 4:00pm
20 Hos 8-14	21 Joel	22 Amos 1-5	23 Amos 6-9  <i>Barb Berens</i>	24 Oba/Jonah Epistle Items Due	25 Micah	26 Nahum Celebration of Life for Charles Regula 2:00pm-5:00pm
27 Hab/Zeph	28 Haggai Clothes Closet/Pastor's Pantry 9:00am-12:00pm	29 Zech 1-7	30 Zech 8-14	<b>Daily bible readings are listed for each day. Members and friends birthdays are listed on the calendar.</b>		

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**Please remember the following in your prayers:**

**All frontline/healthcare workers,**

Nila Baad, Bob and Joyclin Ely, Pam Farnsworth, Barb Goldsmith, Helen Hall, Mark Hickman, Missy Jones, Holly Myers, Jeanne Nalley, George Rootring, John and Wanda Stucky, Crystal Weaver

## **CLOTHES CLOSET**

The Clothes Closet welcomed Birdie back as a helper in May. She joined our regular crew of Jane, Cathy, Chris, Jean and the two Beckys. We had 10 customers, two of whom were new to the Clothes Closet. They saw our sign and stopped by to shop. Our receipts for the month were forty dollars and change.



We will be open on one Saturday in June to serve those who work on Mondays. We also invite congregation members who are not able to come on Mondays to stop by to see what we do or lend a hand. Do stop by for some coffee and cookies and conversation. Our next open dates will be Saturday, June 12 and Monday, June 28.

## **ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE**

You are all invited to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary for Bob and Joyclin Ely. The Open House will be on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Wilkshire Banquet Center from 2:00pm-4:00pm. Your presence at the celebration is enough of a present. No gifts please.



## **STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE**

We will be participating in the Bolivar Strawberry Festival Parade on Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>. The parade begins at 4:00pm. We will line up at Fort Laurens at 2:30pm. After the parade, we will share in refreshments at the church.



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## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Please join us to celebrate the life of Charles Thomas Regula, on Saturday June 26, 2021 from 2:00-5:00pm at the Regula's home. A time for sharing memories of Charles will begin at 3:00pm. Light refreshments will be served.



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## THANK YOU

Our family would like you to know how appreciative we are of the cards. Nila reads them several times a day-always puts a smile on her face. Your thoughts and prayers are needed. There are some good days that we hold on to.

Thank you,  
Don Baad and family

## EPISTLE COMMUNICATION

We currently send the monthly Epistle by email and regular mail. Please let the office know if you want to change the method in which you receive yours. The office can be reached by 330-874-2822 or [stjohnsect@aol.com](mailto:stjohnsect@aol.com).



## PRAYER LIST/CARD MINISTRY

Every week, our prayer list is updated to the best of our ability. Please notify the office if you have any additions, deletions or suggestions! Remember the shut-ins and those on the prayer list. "Thinking of you" cards, a note, or a telephone call means so much. Contact the church office if you need addresses or phone numbers.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

On the monthly calendar, every day has a passage from the bible. Follow this daily schedule and you will read the entire bible in one year! The schedule will also be listed by the week in the Sunday Bulletin.



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## CONSISTORY MEETING SUMMARY – April 8, 2021

The Consistory met on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Old Business discussed was setting Pastor Jeff's installation date in late August. The clean up day for the church was moved to May 1<sup>st</sup>. It was decided that the congregation will be invited to participate in the Bolivar Strawberry Festival Parade on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Also discussed was helping Zoar UCC with the Civil War Reenactment in September. New business discussed was who we would have do mowing at the church. Dale will handle some minor railing repairs at the church.

## FINANCIAL REPORT – APRIL 2021

### Offering

4/4 \$2,796  
4/11 \$1,059  
4/18 \$1,405  
4/25 \$2,045  
Total \$7,305

	<u>April</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
Income	\$7,305	\$27,384
Expenses	(\$7,201)	(\$25,315)
Total	<u>+ \$104</u>	<u>+ \$2,069</u>

If you would like further details, please feel free to contact the church office.