

# Newsletter June 2025



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## **FROM THE PASTOR: Rev. Larry Hoffmann**

Pentecost falls on Sunday, June 8 this year. It marks the day the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. We find this account in Acts, chapter 2. Pentecost marks the conclusion of the fifty days of Easter. Pentecost celebrates the ministries we have received from the Holy Spirit.

In Acts story, the Jewish community has gathered in Jerusalem for the Feast of Pentecost, also known as the Feast of Weeks, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, or the Feast of Harvest. The festival was celebrated fifty days after Passover, hence its name Pentecost (based on the Greek word for “fifty”). As a Jewish observance, Pentecost marked the end of the wheat harvest.

For Luke, the author of Acts, this particular celebration of Pentecost clearly marked a new beginning, the arrival of “the last days.” As we read chapter 2, we see that the celebration of Pentecost calls us to a universal witness to proclaim the hope of forgiveness to all nations, just as it has been extended to us. Grace and peace to you. Larry

## **FROM THE CLERK EMERITUS: D. Dee Mowry**

### **History of Bremen Area Presbyterians – Part 1**

The Presbyterians came to the Rushcreek valley early in the settlement of this part of the country. In the year 1806, a log church was built on the William Thompson farm in Sec. 5, Rushcreek Township, just south of the cemetery, and adjoining that lands settled by the Shaws. The cemetery is taken from the Shaw and Thompson farms in sections 4 & 5. This location was near the junction of the trails and roads that crossed Rushcreek to the north and south of this location.

Rev. John Wright was the first pastor being sent from the Presbytery of Pittsburg to serve Lancaster (then Hockhocking) and Rushcreek. He was pastor until 1835. About the year 1825, the Rushcreek Church was moved to West Rushville, and a church was erected in the northeast corner of what is now the West Rushville Cemetery. In about 1824, the Bethel Church was organized, and in 1827, a church was built on the lands of Abel Everitt, east of Bremen. The original contract was preserved by Edward B. McCullough and was given by him to Rev. J. A. McEwen for deposit in the safety box of the church. The members of the Rushcreek Church lived as far north as Thurston and south to several miles beyond Maxville. For this reason, the Bethel Church was organized, and a church was erected south of

## **FROM THE CLERK EMERITUS: D. Dee Mowry (continued)**

Middletown in about 1838. On October 20, 1844, the records of the Licking Presbytery record that the Bremen Church was organized with some of the officers of the Bethel Church as charter members. The first Bremen church in the village was erected on the south-west corner of Broad and Walnut Streets. In 1887, the second church was erected at the north-west corner of Fort and Marietta Streets. In 1907, the congregation having outgrown this church building, construction was begun on the present building.

In May of 1932, talks between the Bethel and Bremen churches resulted in the merger of the two churches, and on June 13, 1932, the Columbus Presbytery finalized the merger. Presbytery was invited to meet to hold the September 1932 presbytery meeting at the Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. A. McEwen was called to be the minister of the combined churches at a yearly salary of \$2,000, and \$200.00 was returned by Rev. McEwen as his tithe. That same year on October 29, a sugar maple tree was planted on the west side of the church in honor of the George Washington Bicentennial. 150 people attended the event after the morning service. The 1932-33 annual report to presbytery listed additions of 30 new members, 4 dismissals and two deaths for a total membership of 375 and a Sunday School membership of 310. (Church officers were to greet all visitors and to see that there was no crowding in the pews.) The 1934 total budget was \$2,643.00. In October of the same year, the church celebrated the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bremen Church and the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bethel Church. In April 1935, the bank balance of the church was \$2.32. The 1935 price of the annual Turkey Supper was \$.50 with Elmer Baum as Chair of the event. In April 1936, we reported 392 members with 301 in Church School. (Today, our per capita would be \$14,000!). In February, 1936, the church was in arrears in the pastor's salary. *To be continued in July's Newsletter.....*

## **FROM THE TREASURER: Kathy Mowry**

There are currently 13 households participating in our Kroger Community Rewards. For the quarter of February through April, we received \$33.28. The session has designated the income to the **Breakfast to Go** program.

To date, a total of **96** books have been donated to the Big Book Nook.

## **FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE CHAIR: Judy Turner**

**YOGA** will be 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Mondays, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. (No Yoga on June 23<sup>rd</sup> due to VBS). The cost is \$10 per class.

**THE COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> through Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at Bremen-Bethel. There will be a light meal at 6 pm. VBS starts at 6:30 pm and goes through 8:30 pm. Ages: preschool through completion of 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Hope to see you there!

## **FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE CHAIR: Judy Turner (continued)**

**BREMEN BETHEL** and Bremen Community Methodist church are working together to provide snacks for the children at the Bremen swimming pool's free swim night on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 pm. If you would like to provide a snack, please see Judy Turner. Snacks that are individually wrapped are great! If it is cancelled due to weather, the snacks will keep until the next date. Fresh fruit is purchased on the day we are responsible for the snacks if the weather permits.

**ZETA ALPHA** will *next* meet On Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. The new Bible study is "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ". All women are welcome to attend.

## Calendar of Events

**REMINDER!: Beginning Sunday, June 1**, worship will begin at **10:00 am**. This will be our summer worship time for June, July, and August.

**Jun 1<sup>st</sup> – LUNCHEON after worship:** This is in honor of Dee Mowry and his years of dedication.

**Jun 14<sup>th</sup> – Community Play Dates!** From **10-11:30 am**. Flyers with information about the Community Play Dates are available on the back table in the sanctuary and on the website.

**Jun 15<sup>th</sup> – Happy Father's Day!**

**Jun 22<sup>nd</sup> – Jun 26<sup>th</sup> – Community Vacation Bible School;** see Judy Turner's announcement on page 2 for details.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Jun 1<sup>st</sup> – Dean & Judy Ackerman**

**Jun 14<sup>th</sup> – Sally Spangler**

**Jun 15<sup>th</sup> – Jon Schmidt**

**Jun 25<sup>th</sup> – AJ Ray**

**Jun 26<sup>th</sup> – Elizabeth Henwood**

**Jun 27<sup>th</sup> – Don Spangler**

**Jun 29<sup>th</sup> – Andrew & Jenna McCandlish**

## June Lay Readers, Communion Servers and Ushers:

**Jun 1<sup>st</sup> – Ron Cullumber: Lay Reader, Communion Server & Usher**  
Cindy Cullumber: Communion Server & Usher

**Jun 8<sup>th</sup> – Linda Shreyer: Lay Reader & Usher**  
George Shreyer: Usher

**Jun 15<sup>th</sup> – Cinda Keller: Lay Reader**  
Mark & Tracy Embrey: Ushers

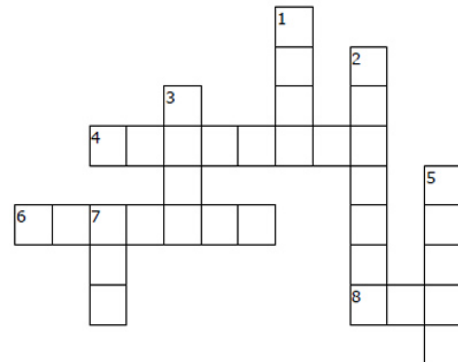
**Jun 22<sup>nd</sup> – Scott Bergreen: Lay Reader & Usher**  
Karen Bergreen: Usher

**Jun 29<sup>th</sup> – David Mowry: Lay Reader & Usher**  
Kathy Mowry: Usher

# Kids' Page

## Father's Day Word Search and Crossword Puzzle

J I S K R Y T A E U L X S O G  
R G O S D F H J R P Q K Z M D  
U I A D I X L O U S Y J Z F L  
E C A G M V K K F X K H N U T  
Q D L O V E Y E J U J J O R M  
S I W X F I S H I N G R B M B  
J O Q T Y D B C C G F G Z W E  
Z K N P I T I A H I I W S L Z  
A X G K B E T B N U S M L A F  
G O L F E Q H K E B G U I U P  
C L W S X M C H Q E D S P G P  
H A Q W A A G U M Z A X P H B  
F O R Z H D B O X T Y J E T Y  
Q F H L U R C P D A J A R A G  
J F A T H E R J G B O Z S X S



### ACROSS

4. Comfortable shoes that dad wears around the house.
6. A gift that father wears around his neck.
8. Our Heavenly Father.

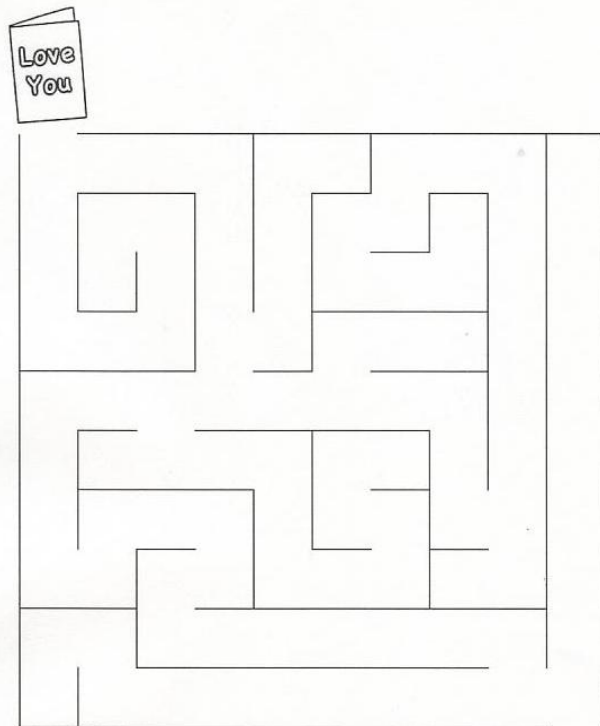
### DOWN

1. Dad tells these to make us laugh.
2. What dad likes to do at the lake.
3. Something you give to dad to show him you love him.
5. Another word for father.
7. What your dad drives.

FISHING	LOVE	DADDY	LAUGH	FATHER
TIE	DAY	HUGS	CAR	HOME
GIFT	GOLF	JOKE	SLIPPERS	GOD

DADDY	FISHING	JOKE	GIFT
NECKTIE	CAR	SLIPPERS	GOD

Instructions: Trace the path through the maze. Help get the Father's Day card to Dad.

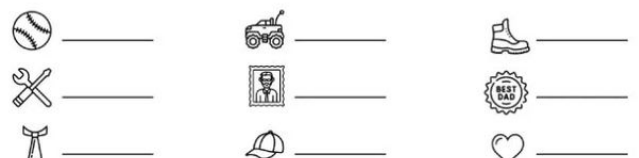
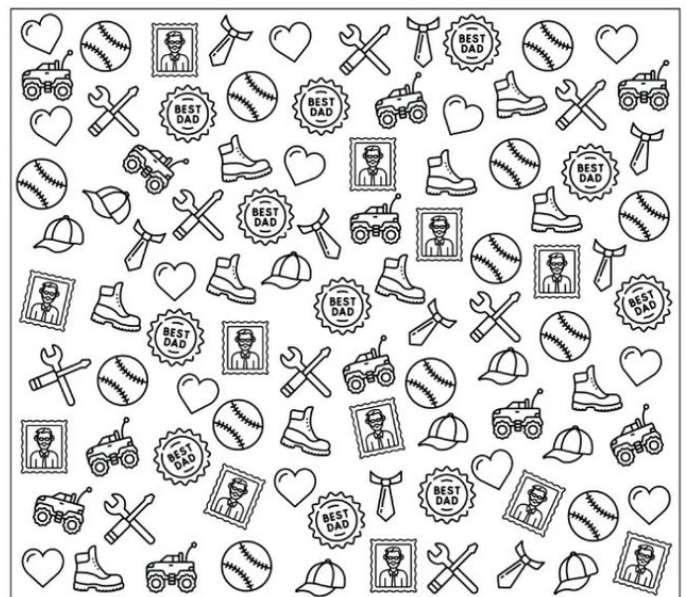


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## FATHER'S DAY I SPY



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