

Newsletter May 2026



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FROM THE PASTOR: Rev. Larry Hoffmann

Looking for a different prayer discipline for the summer? Try the Psalms. Recently I read a small book, Psalms, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The Psalms were a central part of Bonhoeffer's prayer life. He describes them as a "Priceless Treasure" for the Church and believed they should be included in every worship service. Bonhoeffer recommended each Christian pray the Psalms daily, once every morning and once every evening. In the ancient church it was not unusual to memorize the Psalms. David prayed the Psalms. Christ prayed the psalms. We pray the psalms. In praying the Psalms we participate in the prayer life of Christ and His community and are drawn closer to God.

Peace,
Larry

FROM THE TREASURER: Kathy Mowry

Our collection for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering totaled \$1,134.19! This includes \$69.53 from the "Fish_Banks"! In 2025, our collection was \$ 869.97 including \$48.27 in the "Fish Banks".

Birthdays and Anniversaries

May 3rd – Brian Boyd

May 6th – Cindy Cullumber

May 6th - Rick & Loretta Dawson

May 9th – Brice Winegardner

May 11th – Cenlee Riley

May 19th – Ron & Cindy Cullumber

May 24th – Dean Ackerman

May 26th – George Shreyer

May 28th – Christa Riley

Anyone wanting to add a birthday or anniversary to the list, please send an email or call the church office.

Calendar of Events

May 10th – Happy Mother’s Day!

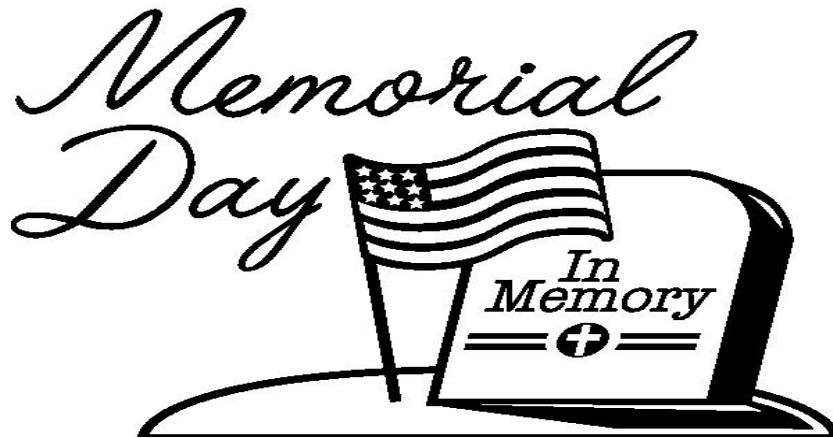
May 15th - The Annual Olivedale Health Fair will be held from 11 am to 1 pm. Free lunch and t-shirt will be given to the first 200 senior attendees. The health fair will include free blood pressuring screening, blood oxygen and glucose checks, and resources on various health, safety, etc. issues for seniors.

May 17th – ZETA ALPHA will meet at 9:30 am in the church basement. Lesson 8 will be discussed in the Bible study *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. All women are welcome to attend.

May 24th - Session will meet at **9:30 am**.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS: The pastor will lead a Confirmation class for youth eleven years of age and older. The classes are two hours each and will be held on Sundays following worship (12 noon to 2 pm). Lunch will be served. The dates remaining are **May 24 and June 7**. If you missed the first class in April, you are still welcome to come. Please contact the pastor. To prepare for the May 24th class, read the Gospel of Mark.

May 25th – Memorial Day



Lay Readers, Communion Servers and Ushers

May 3rd – Scott Bergreen: Lay Reader, Communion Server & Usher
Karen Bergreen: Communion Server & Usher

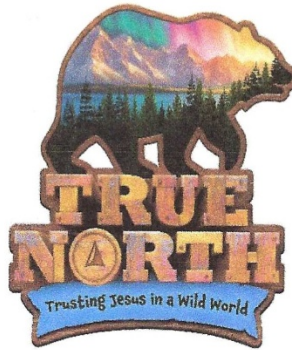
May 10th - Carri McCandlish: Lay Reader & Usher
Gene McCandlish: Usher

May 17th - Brenda Winegardner: Lay Reader
Kerry Boyd & Savannah Collis: Ushers

May 24th – Cinda Keller: Lay Reader
Mark & Tracy Embrey: Ushers

May 31st – David Mowry: Lay Reader & Usher
Kathy Mowry: Usher

LOOKING FOR MOUNTAINS OF FUN >



YOU OTTER BE HERE!

Bremen Community Vacation Bible School

New friends > Amazing experiments > Creative games

Super-fun snacks > Surprising adventures > Incredible music

Dates: Sunday, June 14 – Thursday, June 18

Drop off and pick up at Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church

Meal at 6:00 p.m. Program 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Classes for: Preschool (age 3 and potty trained)

**Based on completed grade – Kindergarten and 1st, 2nd and 3rd and
4th, 5th, 6th**

**We will be collecting shelf stable food items for the food pantry
each day of VBS for a service project.**

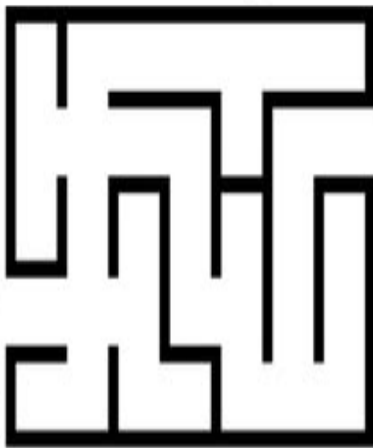
Online Registration Here:



Deadline for registration is June 7, 2026

Kids' Section

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- EFLOWRS - _____
- EVOL - _____
- LYMAFI - _____
- AETBIFUUL - _____
- TGIF - _____
- NKSESNIID - _____
- ERTUUNR - _____
- EHRTA - _____
- TNGELE - _____
- RACIGN - _____
- YADHRTOMSE - _____
- SGUH - _____
- SIRANHG - _____
- DNIK - _____



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- Beautiful
- Nurture
- Grace
- Angel
- Tender
- Devotion
- Support
- Comfort
- Warmth
- Patience