

**GUNNISONVILLE UNITED METHODIST  
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Dear friends,

In 1955, "Damn Yankees" hit Broadway. The plot of this musical revolved around the frustrations of the perennially losing Washington Senators. It presented some memorable songs. The tune I still hum to myself is "Heart." It has been a source of comfort as I have endured years of rooting for teams in Detroit.

You've gotta have heart;  
All you really need is heart.  
When the odds are sayin' you'll never win;  
That's when the grin should start.  
You've gotta have hope;  
Mustn't sit around and mope.  
Nothin's half as bad as it may appear;  
Wait'll next year and hope.

"Wait until next year." That has been a mantra I have repeated far too often. Of course, I need to remind myself that I shouldn't get bent out of shape over a game. After all, there are much more important matters in life. Then again, the lessons I learn in the triumphs and travails of my heroes on the gridiron, ball field and court can be helpful in the arena of real life. One of those lessons is "You've gotta have heart!" Hope is essential for a healthy well balanced life, especially in challenging times like the ones we face today.

Fortunately, our hope is not in a young athlete carrying a pigskin, swinging a bat or shooting a three pointer. Our hope is in the Lord who made heaven and earth! This month we will continue to explore reasons we have to be a hopeful people in the midst of desperate times as we place our faith in a God who never fails us. I invite you to join us each Sunday morning as we explore the richness of God's grace that is sufficient for all of our needs.

Your hopeful pastor,  
Mark

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

02 Sandy Taylor  
06 Brenda Detzler

16 Joanne Schlintz  
21 Roger Coulter

07 Connie LeFever  
16 Jessie Cochran

22 Larry Swartz

### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

04 Ken & Kris Cable

06 Don & Julie Reed

### **MAY HOSTESSES**

03 Phyllis Murray  
10 Joyce Barker  
17 Kathy Hundt

24 Nancy Drolett  
31 Florence Hartman

### **THURSDAY, MAY 7 NATIONAL PRAYER DAY**

The church will be open from 9 AM to 5PM for anyone wanting to pray.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 9 MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET**

The banquet will be held from 10AM to 12:00 Noon. There will be a brunch and short program. Tickets are \$3.00 and can be purchased from anyone on the Caring Committee.

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 SERVICE CLUB**

The next meeting of the Service Club will be on May 13 at 12:00 noon at the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker, Geraldine Tibbits was ill last month and had to cancel, but she hopes to come this month and tell us of her travels to Liberia. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Please bring your own sandwich.

### **SATURDAY, MAY 16 WOMEN UNITED IN CHRIST**

The Women United in Christ will meet from 9:00 AM to 11:00AM at the Bath United Methodist Church for a brunch and program. The tickets are \$5.00. See Laurel or Florence

### **SUNDAY, MAY 24 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE**

At the 9:15 worship service, we will be honoring those who have passed away and those who have served or are serving in the military.

### **SCHEDULING OF CHURCH EVENTS**

To schedule any events, please call Florence Hartman (517) 668-0489

### **JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Sunday, May 24 [bbest@4wbi.net](mailto:bbest@4wbi.net)

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### **FROM THE KITCHEN OF:**

**HELEN HOLCOMB**

#### Scalloped Corn

1 1/2 cup milk  
2 Tbs. of melted butter  
2 Tbs. of flour  
1/2 cup crackers broken up



Salt and pepper to taste  
1 can of cream style corn  
2 eggs

Heat milk. Mix together the melted butter and flour and add to the milk. Add crackers, salt and pepper and cream style corn. Separate whites from the yolks of two eggs, set aside. Beat egg yolks and add to other ingredients. Beat egg whites to a stiff peak and fold into the mixture. Bake in a 1 ½ quart buttered casserole dish for 30 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees.

**From the Kitchen Of:** is a new feature of our newsletter. Submit your favorite recipe and see it in print next month.



Allen Holcomb,  
Margie Dickson, Ursula Glasmacher, Laurel Headley, Beatrice Shirey  
Tess Boyle Maggie Boyle, Marvin Boyle,

Happy Birthday, April Birthdays

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**WHY DID JESUS FOLD THE NAPKIN**

Submitted by Jane Casler

Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection?

John 20:9 tells us that the napkin which was placed over the face of Jesus was not thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded and was placed at the head of that stony coffin.

Early that Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved. She said, “They have taken the Lord’s body and I don’t know where they have taken Him!”

Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other disciple outran Peter and got there first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn’t go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrapping lying there, while the napkin that had covered Jesus face was folded up and lying to one side.

Is that important? Absolutely!  
Is that really significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about the Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition.

When the servant set the dinner table for the Master, he made sure it was exactly the way the Master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly and then the servant would wait just out of sight until the Master had finished eating. The servant would not dare touch the table until the Master was finished.

If the Master was done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth and clean his beard and then wad up the napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would know it was time to clear the table. For in those days the wadded napkin meant, “I’m finished.”

If the Master got up from the table and folded his napkin beside his plate, the servant would not touch the table because the folded napkin meant, “I’m coming back!”

He is coming back!

During this Holy season, I pray that you are blessed with peace and joy in the knowledge that He Is coming back someday.

**NEW MEMBERS**



Back

Row:

Marlene Kelley, Don Price, Larry Swartz  
Middle Row: Barbara Best, Barbara Price, Billy Gladstone  
Front Row: Dorothy Harris, Al Gladstone

Margie Dickson  
John Swanson



“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

May Sunday School Update

Our B.I.G. Idea for May is:

We believe that stories of the Spirit promise us that the Holy Spirit is present in our lives.

Our B.I.G. Theme for April

Stories of the Spirit

Our Bible verse for May:

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23

May's Lessons

This month the children will learn about several ways that people experience God's Holy Spirit, and will recognize symbols used to remind God's people that the Holy Spirit is always present with us.

- May 3            Ezekiel-Dry bones, Ezekiel 37:1-14  
The children will hear the Bible story about Ezekiel's vision in the valley of dry bones where he saw God's Spirit at work in restoring the people and brought the message that God's Spirit was with them.
- May 10           Fruit of the Spirit (Love, Joy, Peace), Galatians 5:22-23  
Over the next three weeks the children will hear about the fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. They will learn that the fruit of the Spirit are qualities that show others that God's Holy Spirit is in their lives. Children will discover ways that others can see God's Holy Spirit through their acts that show love, joy, peace, patience kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.
- May17            Fruit of the Spirit (Patience, Kindness, Generosity), Galatians 5:22-23
- May 24           Fruit of the Spirit (Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control), Galatians 5:22-
- May 31           Pentecost, Acts 2:1-21, 37-47  
The children will hear the Bible story about the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. They will think about ways that the Holy Spirit helps us and guides us as we work together for God.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The 2009 Easter Egg hunt was held on Saturday, May11 at the church. Pastor Mark helped the children make pretzels which were used for the communion bread on Easter Sunday. Thank you for your help with making the Gunnisonville Easter Egg Hunt special.

## EASTER EGG HUNT

