

Bell Chapel News

Sharing Jesus with One Another and the World

JOIN US ON SUNDAYS:

Service @ 10:00 AM

Children's Church:

K-6th Grade

Cookies & Coffee @ 11:00



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Take Time to Be Holy

For me, it is hard to believe that in a few weeks it will be Easter. In the Church, this period of time leading up to Easter Sunday is called Lent. Over the history of the Church Lent has served as a time to reflect, to focus, and to allow ourselves to make the difficult changes in our lives to be more like Jesus. As I was reflecting on this reality, two things came to my mind. First, we see Jesus, multiple times, take time away from everything else to pray. Luke 5:16 says, "But Jesus would withdraw to deserted places for prayer." Why? Because Jesus knew He had to connect with God intentionally in order to live out His purpose and mission. Jesus modeled a strong relationship between Himself and God, showing all Christ followers for generations the importance of prayer, of taking time away, and of staying connected to God. Second, I was reminded of the words of a hymn in our United Methodist Hymnal titled "Take Time to Be Holy." I would like to share the first couple of verses: "Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; abide in him always, and feed on his word. Make friends with God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek." The second verse more closely aligns with the Scripture from Luke 5: "Take time to be holy, the world rushes on; spend much time in secret with Jesus alone. By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be; thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see."


It is my hope and prayer that at all times, but especially during this time of Lent, we can intentionally take time away, time to be holy, time to focus on the Lord, time to read and study the Word, and time to grow in relationship and connection with the King of Kings. Amen.

Pastor Seth Filburn

 2:00-5:00PM M-W

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 18 Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30 pm

February 21 United Methodist Men's breakfast @ 9:00 am at Murray's

February 28 Sausage-Making @ 8:30 am

March 5 United Methodist Men @ 6:00 pm; Women's Fellowship @ 6:00 pm

March 10 Committee Meetings beginning @ 6:00 pm

Bible Study meets Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm

Choir meets Mondays @ 5:00 pm with Cantata practice @ 5:30 pm

FINANCE UPDATE

WEEK OF	GENERAL FUND	MISSION CANS
11/2/25	\$4,230.17	
11/9/25	\$2,391.55	Hospice
11/16/25	\$3,179.17	\$857
11/23/25	\$2,630.17	
11/30/25	\$2,622.17	
12/7/25	\$2,501.17	Building Fund
12/14/25	\$1,330.17	
12/21/25	\$3,194.17	\$1,915.27
12/28/25	\$3,376.17	
1/4/26	\$3,972.17	
1/11/26	\$2,170.17	Scholarship Fund
1/18/26	\$2,187.17	
1/25/26	\$250.17	\$704.00
2/1/26	\$3,450.17	
2/8/26	\$3,970.17	

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anytime.
anywhere.



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Minimum amount needed in General Fund weekly giving in order to cover the 2026 budget: \$3,836.

Kroger Community Rewards

Our Good Samaritan Food pantry currently serves over 45 families. One way to support this ministry is through the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Thank you to the 43 households who currently support the Food Pantry through their shopping at Kroger. If you shop at Kroger, a percentage of your purchases can be directed to Bell Chapel UMC, too. Directions can be found at <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>.



BIRTHDAYS

Feb 1 Karyssa Bowers

Feb 4 Sonja Rhine

Feb 5 Mike Hitt

Feb 6 Alexander Pawelczyk

Feb 11 Anna Wadas

Feb 12 Robin Davidson

Feb 16 Donna Glover

Feb 18 Charles Argentine

Feb 24 Jessica Chipps

Mar 2 Becky Miller

Mar 4 Stephanie Furbee

Mar 7 Gene Furbee

Mar 10 Orion Bengier

Mar 11 Kathy Pavlik

Mar 14 Christine Smith

Mar 25 Tresa Bratt

Mar 26 Carole Auch

Apr 1 John McCullough

Apr 3 Kraig Kerr

Apr 6 Esmé Hashbarger

Apr 12 Sam Brown

Apr 13 David Evans

Apr 13 David Taylor

Apr 18 Dwaine Davidson

Apr 20 Ed Bengier

Apr 20 David Schaefer

Apr 23 Kathy Proya

Apr 24 Lara Finney

Apr 29 John Dennis

May 5 Kindra Filburn

May 15 Robin Haun

May 17 Seth Filburn

May 17 Haley Hashbarger

May 21 Don Bickar

ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 19 Debbie & Gale Parsons

Mar 1 Arlene & Bob Zahniser

Mar 9 Donna & Gary Glover

Apr 4 Lori & Kraig Kerr

Apr 8 Lisa & Kevin Burch

Apr 20 Stephanie & Gene Furbee

Apr 26 Bernadine & Charles Hayes

May 2 Carole & Ron Auch

May 2 Sue & Jeff Evans

May 5 Debbie & Don Bickar

May 5 Gena & Sam Brown

May 11 Tresa & Bob Bratt

May 26 Paula & John Dennis



United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast at Murrays on Saturday, February 21 at 9:00 am. All men are invited!

The UMM will be making sausage and pork chops on Saturday, February 28, 8:30 am - noon, in the Fellowship Hall. Lots of help is needed in different areas, including cutting, mixing, wrapping, and weighing. Order forms are available on the Welcome Center Desk. The sausage is \$4 per pound and you can order the Bell Chapel original, extra spices, or Pastor's "Bringing the Heat" (hot). Bone-in pork chops are also available on a first come, first served basis. Orders will be taken for individual chops and will be priced at \$4 per pound.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Shelterhouse sale will be Saturday, July 11!

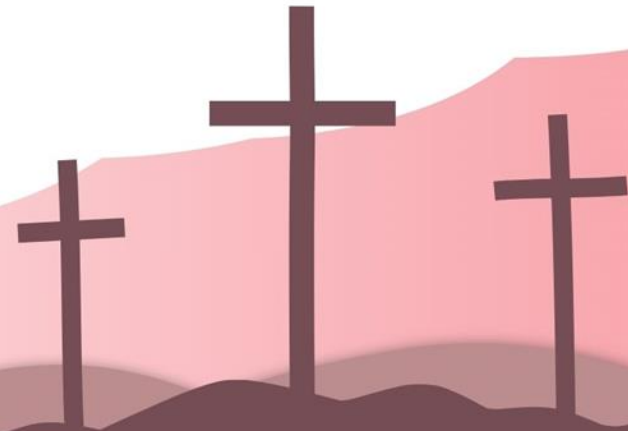
LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, February 18
Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Palm Sunday, March 29
Easter Cantata during 10:00 am worship
Easter egg hunt following worship

Good Friday, April 3
Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5
Sunrise Service at 8:00 am
Breakfast at 8:30 am
Worship Service at 10:00 am



Graduate Information

We need the following information for our 2026 graduates who would like to be included in the PowerPoint on Graduate Sunday, May 24, and in the newsletter:

- A graduation picture
- Some information about yourself. Please include:
 - where you are graduating from (and degree if graduating from college)
 - parents
 - hobbies
 - accomplishments
 - future plans

You can bring them into the church office or email them to bellchapelchurch@gmail.com. Please have them in by May 12.



Scholarship Applications

Bell Chapel Scholarship applications are due by May 1. Reach out to the church office if you are interested in an application and more information. Those applying must be an active participant of Bell Chapel United Methodist Church and pursuing an undergraduate degree.





Summer Camp 2026

Summer camp has always offered campers of all ages the chance to enjoy fun in the sun! Children, youth, and adults come together to learn new skills, experience new adventures, and make lasting friendships, all under the care of our trained, creative, and compassionate staff. Consider making Summer Camp a key part of the spiritual growth for your children and youth. Register online at www.EOCsummercamps.org or reach out for brochures at the church office, camp@eocumc.com, or (330) 499-3972 ext. 139.

Want to sing in the Easter Cantata?
Practices are Mondays at 5:30 pm.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
JUNE 5
BELL CHAPEL UMC
SHELTER HOUSE

“Come As You Are” Sunday

Sunday, May 24, will be “Come As You Are” Sunday. Graduates will be recognized during the service. The United Methodist Men will host a picnic in the Shelter House following worship. The men will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, baked beans, and drinks. Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish to share.



All Daughters Banquet
Saturday, May 9
6:00 pm
Join us for an evening of delicious food and uplifting entertainment.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10