

Spring 2025

# 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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## Shifting Gears

The "Holiday Season" is long gone and we are now into the third month of 2025. I hope you have remembered to write 25 instead of 24 on your checks by now. If not, you've got 9 more months to work towards that change. Speaking of change, the seasons are on the brink of change, with the long and dull days of winter beginning to give way to the green and warmth of spring. It is time to shift gears, to clean up the soggy, cold messiness of winter in exchange for new life, new growth, longer days, track, baseball, and all those other things that come along with shifting to a new season of the year. But shifting gears does not come without its difficulties, especially in our personal lives and in the life of the Church. As the pastor at Bell Chapel UMC, I would like to speak on the latter. Thank you all for your continued welcome and support of me and my family over the last few months; I am excited for all the good deeds we can do on the hilltop moving forward, but, as with anything, in order to continue to move forward, reach out to more people, and continue to grow; we must be willing to shift. What do I mean by that? When things get shifted around or when a vehicle is shifting into another gear, things move around and are displaced. If we are committed to truly seeing Bell Chapel grow, then we may get displaced. You may need to shift your desire to sit in the same seat every Sunday in order to give that seat to someone new. You may need to allow something to be done a little bit differently than "the way we've always done it" because the new way is more effective, efficient, and more impactful for the building up of God's Kingdom. If we truly want to grow in number and effectiveness here at Bell Chapel, we must be willing to be made uncomfortable while simultaneously being open and moldable. So, I ask, as the seasons shift and new possibilities (and people) are drawn to church, that we be open to think about things a little differently, sit (if required) in a different seat to show hospitality, and to be willing to do things in a new way if we can reach more people with the love of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor Seth

 1:30-4:30PM M-W

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Youth Group meets every Sunday @ 6:00 pm at the Four Seasons building

March 5 Ash Wednesday Worship Service @ 6:30 pm

March 6 United Methodist Men mtg @ 6:00 pm; Women's Fellowship mtg @ 6:15 pm

March 8 United Methodist Men making sausage @ 8:30 am

March 11 Committee meetings beginning @ 6:00 pm

March 31-April 4 Pastor Seth on Retreat

April 13 Palm Sunday Easter Cantata during 10:00 am Worship, Easter Egg Hunt following

April 18 Good Friday Worship Service @ 6:30 pm

April 20 Easter Sunday Worship @ 8:00 am, Breakfast @ 8:30 am, Worship @ 10:00 am

## FINANCE UPDATE

WEEK OF	GENERAL FUND	MISSION CANS
12/1/24	\$4,177.17	
12/8/24	\$3,017.17	Love
12/15/24	\$2,583.17	Offering
12/22/24	\$2,159.17	\$802.58
12/24/24	\$1,253.00	
12/29/24	\$2,618.17	
1/5/25	\$3,093.17	Building
1/12/25	\$3,223.17	Fund
1/19/25	\$2,331.17	\$1,417.21
1/26/25	\$2,755.17	
2/2/25	\$4,176.17	Scholarship
2/9/25	\$2,630.17	Fund
2/16/25	\$2,561.17	\$1,309.17
2/23/25	\$2,905.17	

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anytime.  
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Minimum amount needed in General Fund weekly giving in order to cover the 2025 budget: \$3,758.

All Daughter's  
Banquet

Saturday, May 10  
6:00 pm

STRAWBERRY  
FESTIVAL

JUNE 6

3:30-6:30

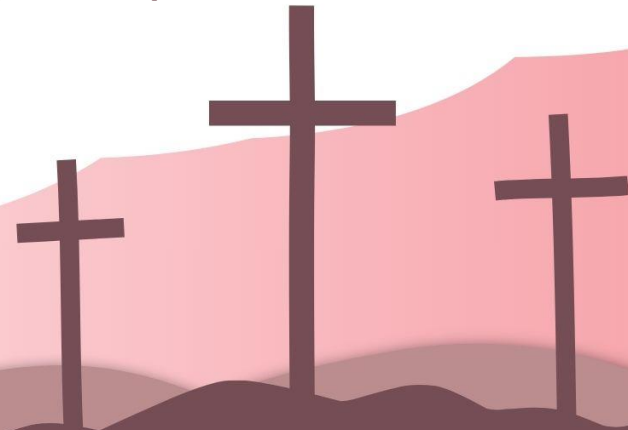
# LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, March 5  
Worship Service at 6:30 pm

Palm Sunday, April 13  
Easter Cantata during 10:00 am worship  
Easter egg hunt and desserts following worship

Good Friday, April 18  
Worship Service at 6:30 pm

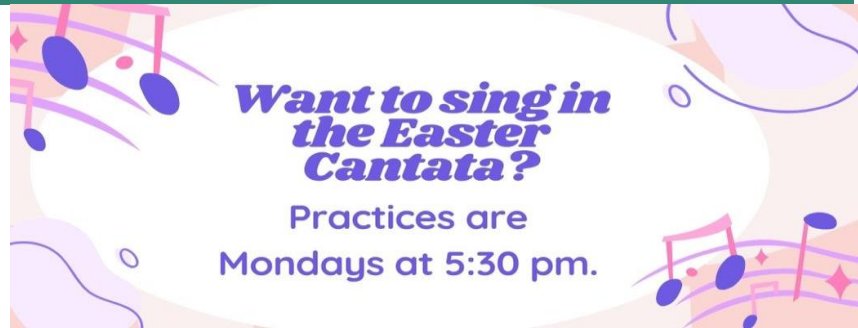
Easter Sunday, April 20  
Sunrise Service at 8:00 am  
Breakfast at 8:30 am  
Worship Service at 10:00 am



**The Women's Fellowship meeting will be Thursday, March 6 at 6:15 pm.**

***Want to sing in the Easter Cantata?***

Practices are Mondays at 5:30 pm.



## Summer Camp 2025

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. We look forward to partnering with your congregation as you make Summer Camp a key part of the spiritual growth for your children and youth. Register online at [www.EOCSummercamps.org](http://www.EOCSummercamps.org) or reach out for brochures at the church office, [camp@eocumc.com](mailto:camp@eocumc.com), or (330) 499-3972 ext. 139.





# 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

**Mar 30** Richard Haught

**Apr 1** John McCullough

**Apr 3** Kraig Kerr

**Apr 6** Esmé Hashbarger

**Apr 13** David Evans

**Apr 13** David Taylor

**Apr 15** Christ Haught

**Apr 18** Dwaine Davidson

**Apr 20** Ed Bengier

**Apr 20** David Schaefer

**Apr 23** Kathy Proya

**Apr 29** John Dennis

# ANNIVERSARIES

**Feb 19** Debbie & Gale Parsons

**Mar 1** Arlene & Bob Zahniser

**Mar 9** Donna & Gary Glover

**Apr 4** Kraig & Lori Kerr

**Apr 8** Kevin & Lisa Burch

**Apr 20** Stephanie & Gene Furbee

**Apr 26** Bernadine & Charles Hayes



## Graduate Information

We need the following information for our 2025 graduates who would like to be included in the PowerPoint on Graduate Sunday 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](mailto:bellchapelchurch@gmail.com). Please have them in by May 12



## Scholarship Application



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.

## United Methodist Men Updates

The United Methodist Men will meet on Thursday, March 6, at 6:00 pm. All men are invited!

The UMM will be making sausage and pork chops on Saturday, March 8, 8:30 am - noon, in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to come help. Order forms are available on the Welcome Center Desk. The sausage is \$4 per pound and you can order the Bell Chapel original 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 12!

## Four Seasons Ministries

Four Seasons will be having two bake sales at the Pleasant Hill Firehall during their fish fries. The dates are March 7 and April 4, 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. All baked good donations are appreciated and can be brought to the firehall after 10:00 am on those days.

Four Seasons had a new gym floor installed by Smitty's Floors in Steubenville. What an amazing transformation!!

Looking ahead-

This year, Four Seasons' largest fundraiser will be August 9-10, 16-17, and 23-24 from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at the Shaker Woods Festival. Please mark your calendars. Sign up sheets for helpers will be on the Welcome Center desk in July or you can call Sonja Rhine at 740-381-1160. Come and join us and have a great time!



**Four Seasons will be hosting an Open House on Sun, March 30 following the worship service. Food will be provided - chicken 'n noodles, rib eye steak sandwiches, and drinks. What is Four Seasons, you ask? Come and find out all about it.**

**Youth  
GROUP**

Youth group for all youth in 7-12th grades meets on Sundays at 6:00 pm over at the Four Seasons building (129 School Street). There are pool tables, a small gym, a youth room, and plenty of space to have fun. Any questions, feel free to call or text Pastor Seth at 330-324-7957.

## Sermon Series

Our Sermon Series for Lent will be “What Makes A Hero? (The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus),” based on the book by Matt Rawle. We will also look at a different superhero each week.

March 9: Good, Evil, and God

March 16: Right, Wrong, and Holy

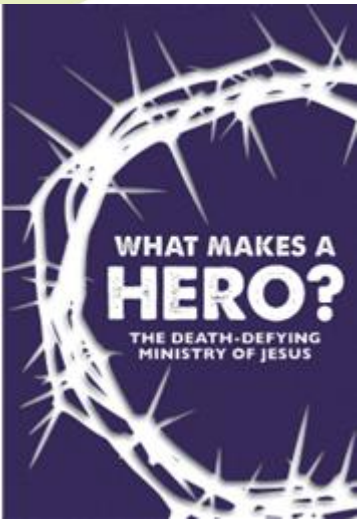
March 23: Us, Them, and the Body of Christ

March 30: Have, Have-Not, and the Kingdom of God

April 6: Old, New, and Covenant

April 13: Easter Cantata

April 20: Life, Death, and Resurrection



## Paint with T

Sign up now to Paint with T at Four Seasons! This event will be held on Saturday, March 15 from 1:00-4:00 pm. The cost is \$40, with \$15 being donated back to Four Seasons Ministries. A sign up sheet is located on the Welcome Center Desk and the deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 2. Questions - contact Melissa Krinock at 740-317-4260.



## Directory Photos

We are in the process of putting together a new directory. If you'd like to be included, the photographers will be taking photos on Thursday, March 6 and Friday, March 7, 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm. The make-up day will be Sunday, March 9 after worship. There are sign-up sheets on the Welcome Center desk. If none of those dates work for you, please contact the church office.



## Kroger Community Rewards

Our Good Samaritan Food pantry currently serves over 40 families. One way to support this ministry is through the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you shop at Kroger, a percentage of your purchases can be directed to Bell Chapel UMC. Directions can be found at <https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.  
PSALM 51:10

