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**ALLEGHENY WEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024**

Before I share about our upcoming Annual Conference, let me pass along a word about VBS 2024. The Children’s Council would like to announce that Bellpoint will host ***Outback Rock VBS*** on Friday, June 28 through Sunday, June 30th. ***Outback Rock*** is a weekend VBS developed by Group Publishing. We will have a Friday evening session and a Saturday morning session. Sunday there will be a brief recap and celebration during the 10:30 AM service. Outback Rock will help kids “venture into solid faith.” If you’d like to help lead this VBS or serve as a group leader, please call Pastor Paul or leave a message with the church office. As in the past, we will also give our members the opportunity to help with the donation of materials and supplies. In mid-May, flyers will be available for this event and we’re encouraging our folks to pass them along to those families they believe would be interested in joining us on this great adventure. We wanted to give everyone plenty of notice about VBS 2024 so they could get it on their

calendars, but keep your eyes open for forthcoming information and ways to help.

Now, some may think, “Didn’t we just had an Annual Conference in October?” The answer is of course – Yes, we did. This was our Allegheny West Convening Conference, however. May 22nd through the 25th we will have our first regular Annual Conference at Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Please, be in prayer for this event. Our focus will be on “***Building Together.***” What are we planning on building, you ask?

**GOD’S KINGDOM!**

As The Global Methodist Church wants to be far more than just United Methodism 2.0, we’ll be taking steps to live into a fresh vision for the church that intentionally seeks to revitalize individuals whole congregations on a worldwide scale, helping men and women effectively spread The Good News of Jesus Christ.

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The Conference is seeking to challenge and encourage its members and leaders to become “History Makers” in the way our founder, John Wesley and the early Methodists were, literally changing the world in their day and significantly impacting the lives of literally millions of souls.

To achieve this goal one the GMC will be partnering with The International Leadership Institute, an organization developed by a former UMC missionary and graduate of my alma mater, Asbury Theological Seminary. The cabinet for our annual conference has already gone through this incredible training. Next, every pastor within our conference will be required to go through the same training and then take it back to their congregations, leading as many members as are willing through the ILI program.

The focus of this training is around eight core values. I can’t go into great detail but will list them for you. They are Intimacy, Passion, Vision, Evangelism, Multiplication, Family, Stewardship, and Integrity. When opportunity arrives to participate in ILI, I sincerely hope that you will plan on being a part of it. Testimonies highlight how life-changing ILI has been and cited the significant impact ILI has had on building up local churches and ministries and missions around the world. You can check out ILI by going to [iliteam.org](http://iliteam.org).

Lastly, let me encourage you to give to ***The Miracle Offering*** to be taken up during our Annual Conference. The President of AWGMC, Dr. Jeff Greenway explains: “The Miracle Offering goal for 2024 is \$150,000. Funds will go toward meeting some immediate needs related to our Annual Conference Mission Partnership with the Kenya-Ethiopia Conference. Rev. Wilton Odongo, the President Pro-Tempore of the Kenya-Ethiopia Conference, and his leadership have a pressing need for the following:

- \* 6 motorcycles—these will be used by the Presiding Elders to itinerate in their circuits. The cost of each motorcycle is \$1,500 for a total of \$9,000.
- \* 1 used SUV vehicle to be used by the President Pro Tempore to give him dependable transportation as he itinerates across Kenya. Persons familiar with Kenya indicate that this is an absolute necessity. The cost for a used SUV is estimated to be \$35,000.
- \* Provide the mandatory classes in Global Methodist History, Polity, and Doctrine that 50 pastors in Kenya need to take before they can be ordained next year. The total estimated cost of providing the class for 50 clergy (which includes transportation, tuition, books, lodging, food, and registering the school with the country of Kenya) is \$50,000.

Our Kenya-Ethiopia Mission Partnership Team would also like to develop an escrow of at least \$50,000 to help bridge the gap of needs until we can build the partnership between the circuits in Allegheny West and Kenya-Ethiopia.”

As you can see, our leadership is determined to put its money where its mouth is. We identify as a global or worldwide denomination and so we are committed to helping our sister churches in different parts of the world to become History Makers too. Checks can be made out to Bellpoint Community Church. Please, indicate in the memo portion that your gift is designated for the 2024 Miracle Offering of the GMC West Allegheny Conference. So grateful for your thoughtful support of this endeavor.

In Him,

***Pastor Paul***



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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

May 11

First Aid/CPR Training

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

May 15

Children's Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

May 16

Ice Cream Social

4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

May 18

How To Share Your Faith

Workshop - Developing a

Personal Faith Story

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

June 28 - June 30

Vacation Bible School

## Sunday Morning Worship Services

Traditional Service - 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:35 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service - 10:30 a.m.

K-4th graders, come join us in Bible Adventures during second service, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

## Bellpoint Community Church Groups

(all groups meet at church unless otherwise stated)

- **Adult and Youth Sunday School:** Sunday Mornings, 9:35 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- **Men's Bible Study:** Every other Monday, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Paul for additional information.
- **Bible Study Book Group:** Every other Thursday, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. New Study: The Holy Spirit, Activating God's Power in Your Life by Billy Graham.
- **Sunday Women's Bible Study:** Every other Sunday, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the McCullough home. Contact Lori McCullough for additional information. Current Study: Jesus The One & Only by Beth Moore.
- **Monday Women's Bible Study:** Mondays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- **Teen Disciples** (6th - 12th grades): Sundays from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **Emerging Adults** (high school seniors through mid-30s): Second Friday of the month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Solli home. Contact Kelly Solli at 740-816-9383 for additional information.
- **Young Family:** Biweekly at the Kraick home. Contact Holly Kraick at 317-670-5725 for additional information.

## May Birthdays

<b>May 1</b>	Erin Art Kim Prior
<b>May 9</b>	Nathan Sayer
<b>May 10</b>	Lincoln Kraick
<b>May 12</b>	Phyllis Williams
<b>May 13</b>	Susan Ritchie
<b>May 14</b>	Winnie Orahood
<b>May 15</b>	Tim Vangundy
<b>May 17</b>	Jennifer Westover David Millar Margo Emlich Caleb Finley
<b>May 18</b>	Norm Spellman
<b>May 21</b>	Lori McCullough
<b>May 24</b>	Mary Jane Himes
<b>May 29</b>	Ron Kuhn
<b>May 31</b>	Carol Davis

## Happy Anniversary

<b>May 12</b>	Ian & Melissa West Married 12 years
<b>May 25</b>	Tim & Michelle Shelly
<b>May 26</b>	Marty & Chris Webb Married 34 years
<b>May 27</b>	Pete & Sherri Finley

## Children's Council

- ♦ **Vacation Bible School** - Our theme this year is Outback Rock. VBS will be held June 28 - 30. Stay tuned for more details!
- ♦ **Bible Adventures** - Kiddos in K-4, after the opening worship music during second service we head down to our room. Anyone interested in helping in any capacity can see Susan Ritchie for more details. It is not your average Children's Church, it's an Adventure!
- ♦ **Nursery Volunteers** - Thanks to all who have stepped up to play with and minister to our littlest ones! If you are not yet on the list and would like to be, please see Susan to sign up.

## Teen Disciples

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades - Meets Sundays at Church from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**May 5:** Teen Disciples 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**May 12:** No Meeting - Mother's Day

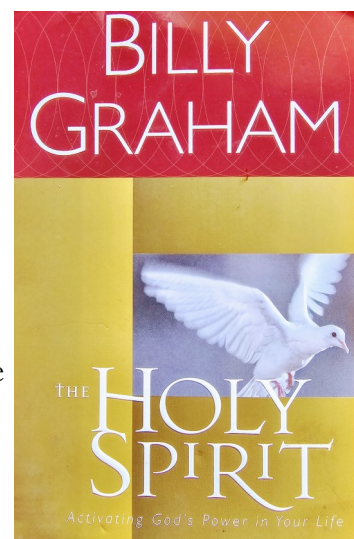
**May 19:** Teen Disciples 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

*Parent Meeting to follow, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

**May 26:** No Meeting - Memorial Day, Buckeye Valley Graduation

## Book Study Group

The Book Study group is starting a new book titled: The Holy Spirit, Activating God's Power in Your Life by Billy Graham. We meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30ish. Books are available for \$5. Each week is always its own focus, so it's fine if you jump in anytime or miss a session. We are looking forward to some folks trying our group to see how it fits your faith life.



## Prayer Requests

- \* **Robert and Peggy Sable** - welcoming into membership at Bellpoint
- \* **Travis Miller** - headed for boot camp
- \* **Patty Hopper** – cancer free
- \* **Michelle Witherspoon** – diagnosed with breast cancer, considering a double mastectomy and reconstruction (Williams)
- \* **Family of Vicky Spellman** - Vicky passed away
- \* **Lehman Family** – Daren’s father Tom passed away
- \* **Jordan Kelleher** – prayers that she’ll be able to find a good job
- \* **Kyle May** – he and his family are being moved to Bahrain for two years
- \* **Family of Denise M.** – Denise passed away
- \* **Kyle** – diagnosed with melanoma
- \* **Noelle** – struggling with severe emotional problems (Sayer)
- \* **Karin** – recovering from back surgery (Webb)
- \* **Virginia Daugherty** – her son is back in the ICU
- \* **Steve Mayes** – prostate cancer (Webb)
- \* **Scott** – a family friend’s 18-year-old daughter was abducted (McCullough)
- \* **Mary Anne & Duane** – health and recovery (Jaudzems)
- \* **Gail Aumend** – heart issues
- \* **Michelle Shelly** – receiving treatment for thyroid cancer
- \* **Janet Artz** – ovarian cancer (Kidd)
- \* **Avah’s Aunt** – colon cancer
- \* **Ron** – recurrence of non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma
- \* **Vicki** – battling lung cancer
- \* **Lanie** – undergoing radiation
- \* **Israel** – Protection and deliverance from her enemies. That she would receive her Messiah, Jesus.



## Prayer Chain

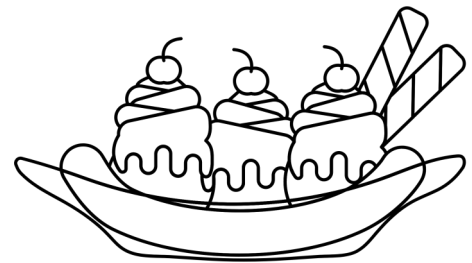
Are you looking for a way to serve Bellpoint Community Church and our community? Prayer is a powerful way to make an important difference in someone’s life. The Prayer Chain is always looking for new members for this vital ministry, so please call the church office if you are interested.

If you hear of a concern or praise there are multiple ways to share the information with our Prayer Chain:

- ◆ Complete a paper prayer request located on the back of each chair and drop in an offering bag or one of the clear boxes in the entrances to the fellowship hall and sanctuary.
- ◆ Contact Brooke Williams, the church office manager, by phone at 740-369-5956 or by email at [office@bellpointchurch.com](mailto:office@bellpointchurch.com).
- ◆ Post to the online prayer wall at [bellpointchurch.com/prayer-wall](http://bellpointchurch.com/prayer-wall).

## Ice Cream Socials

'Tis the season – for Ice Cream Socials!! The tradition will continue this season, beginning with the first social of the year on **Thursday, May 16**. Be a part of the tradition by donating food items for the menu, helping during the social (see the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall), or joining us for dinner that night. Carry-out is also available. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun. See you the 16th!



Save the Date for our upcoming Ice Cream Socials!

**May 16 | June 20 | July 18 | August 15**



## First Aid/CPR Training

Brian Goodall will be holding a First Aid/CPR training at the church on Saturday, May 11th from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for the Red Cross. It is open to anyone. Questions can be directed to Brian at [goodallarborist@gmail.com](mailto:goodallarborist@gmail.com) or 614-701-6839.

## Sisters In Faith

We held our organizational meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> and planned some exciting outreach projects and events for the rest of this year. In addition to continuing to sponsor a child through Compassion International, we plan to:



1. Donate funds to help plant flowers and perennials in the church garden.
2. Bake cookies for Scarlet Ohio's outreach.
3. Establish a collection box for items Turning Point needs as well as donate funds.
4. Host the August Ice Cream Social on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
5. Host the Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

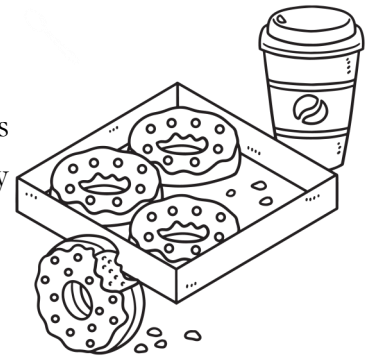
We'll also be hosting a Ladies' Day Tea, a Birthday Party Luncheon in September, and our annual Christmas Ornament & Cookie Exchange in December. Sisters in Faith is open to all ladies of the church, and our events are great opportunities to invite your friends and neighbors to Bellpoint.

*Mark your calendars now to join in the fun and fellowship!*



## Friendship Table

Don't forget about our Friendship Table on the **second** and **fourth** Sundays each month! Enjoy some coffee, juice or milk, and a donut, etc. during Sunday School or before the worship services. Please keep all food and beverages in the Fellowship Hall or in your Sunday School room (if your teacher is okay with it). **There is a new sign-up sheet available in Fellowship Hall** if you'd like to sign up to provide for the Friendship Table. It is intended to be just a light snack, not a full breakfast, so anyone could do it!



HAPPY  
*Mother's  
Day*

MAY 12, 2024

## The Peal

If you do not have access to the internet or email, or simply prefer to have a hard copy mailed to you each month, please contact Brooke Williams, the church office manager at 740-369-5956 or by email at [office@bellpointchurch.com](mailto:office@bellpointchurch.com).

## Just a Reminder...

Please email all articles, pictures, and content for the June Peal to Rachel Kapraly at [peal@bellpointchurch.com](mailto:peal@bellpointchurch.com) by Friday, May 24th.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!