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## EASTER 2022

Christmas is a wonderful holiday. I've always looked forward to it and thoroughly enjoyed it. For many, especially children, it is their favorite - for obvious reasons.

While it may be some people's favorite holiday, it is not the most important. Long before Christians began to celebrate Christmas, they celebrated Easter, the day of Jesus' resurrection. It was and still is Christianity's highest holiday. Indeed, Christmas has no significance if Jesus Christ never bodily rose from the dead. As St. Paul told the Church in Corinth, "If Christ has not been raised, our preaching is worthless, and so is your faith." (1 Corinthians 15:14 BSB) It is Jesus' resurrection that proves that He was who He said He was, God's Only Son. It also backs up His claims that He could forgive all our sins, restore our broken relationship with our Heavenly Father, and give us real life for today and eternal life for tomorrow.

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, will you join us in worship to express our deepest gratitude for what God has done for us through His Son? We will have a single combined service that day at 10:30 AM. A special ensemble will share music with us that morning. If you are interested in being a part of it, please be sure to contact Amy Harding.

I hope you'll also be able to be a part of our observance of Holy Week. It begins with Palm Sunday on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Maundy Thursday (April 14<sup>th</sup>) we are planning a

special interactive worship experience along with The Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM. For Good Friday, Amy is putting together an informal time of singing, prayer, and Scriptures.

If I could, let me mention two additional Easter activities. Our Children's Council will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. (Susan Ritchie is looking for donations of candy and prizes. If you're able to help with this please contact her.) Also, let me encourage you to invite families with children to attend. It is open to the whole community. The youth, instead of hosting a continental breakfast as in the past, will be selling homemade Cinnamon Rolls to take home after our Easter Service. They will be \$5.00 each. The proceeds will help fund the Youth Summer Mission to South Dakota.

We look forward to you joining us for all of these events as we anticipate celebrating the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Him,  
*Pastor Paul*

### **ADDITIONAL TIMELY INFORMATION**

**General Conference**, originally scheduled for this fall, has now been postponed for a third time, until 2024. This is a very disappointing development as *The Protocol For Amical Separation* was to be voted on by our delegates from around the world. It was expected to pass. However, it is doubtful that this significant piece of church legislation will be included on the docket for 2024. This action has prompted the Global Methodist Church (a new orthodox Methodist denomination) to launch on May 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Many local Methodist churches from around the world will then begin to disaffiliate from The United Methodist Church to join The Global Methodist Church. In the next twelve months, Bellpoint will need to have a conversation about this and vote whether to stay with or leave the UMC to join the GMC or another denomination prescribed by our current Book of Discipline. The Bellpoint Administrative Council is current on what's happening with the UMC and will be communicating with you as we navigate this together.

### **INFORMATIONAL MEETING PERTAINING TO REMODELING THE BELLPOINT SANCTUARY**

On Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Ad Council and MCCI Decide Team will be presenting their proposal to remodel our sanctuary. They will share all the details and quotes from possible contractors. Their financial plan will also be discussed. This is a time for you to give your input and to ask questions. The time for this meeting is 9:30 AM, right after the first service. After a two week period of discernment on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> we will have an official Church Conference meeting during which we will take a vote on whether or not to proceed with the remodel. No discussion or comments will be entertained at this vote. The vote will take place with permission of our District Superintendent at 10:00 AM by paper ballot. The tally will be counted and the results shared immediately. Please be in prayer for both of the last two items mentioned.

In Him,

*Pastor Paul*

A stylized, blue, cursive script of the word "Welcome". The letters are fluid and connected, with a slight shadow or outline effect.

*to Bellpoint Community Church*

# Committee News

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## Contact Us

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[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

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

## Upcoming Events

February - April 20

**“How Should We then Live?”**

ten-week series Wednesday nights from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

April 9

Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m.

April 10

Sanctuary Remodel Informational Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

April 14

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 15

Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 17

Easter Sunday Service at 10:30

## Worship Committee

Traditional Service - 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Contemporary Service - 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

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

Nursery is open. Volunteers needed.

**Maundy Thursday Service - April 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Good Friday Service - April 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Easter Sunday Service - April 17, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.**

Bellpoint Community Church Bible Study Groups (all groups meet at church unless otherwise stated)

- Adult and Children/Youth Sunday School sessions: 9:35 - 10:30 a.m.
- Teen Disciples: Sundays, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (see Children & Youth pages for details)
- Adult Bible Study: Mondays at 10:30 a.m. (weekly home rotation)
- Women’s Bible Study: Meets the third Sunday of the month, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (location to be determined) *see page 10 for details*
- Men’s Bible Study: Meets every other Monday, 7:00 -9:00 p.m. at the church.
- Emerging Adults (high school): Meets once per month. Contact Kelly Solli 740-816-9383 for date, time & location.
- Young Family: Small group study meets at the Kraicks home. For details, contact Holly Kraick at 317-670-5725.

## Easter Ensemble

Hello Church Family!

I am leading an ensemble to sing for our Easter Service on April 17. We will be singing Christ be Magnified by Cody Carnes. If you would like to join us, please come to practice after second service (approximately 11:45 - 12:20) on April 3 and 10. Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to singing together! -Amy Harding

# Committee News

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## April Birthdays

**Apr 4**      Jonah Counts  
              James Burtch

**Apr 6**      Elizabeth Chapa

**Apr 7**      Ryan Sayer

**Apr 9**      Jason Counts

**Apr 12**     Bob Barker  
              Melissa West  
              Kelly Solli

**Apr 15**     Shelby Barnett

**Apr 18**     Dan Masters

**Apr 19**     Jim Swearingin  
              Stacy Sayer

**Apr 22**     Kelly Willis

**Apr 23**     Jessica Ulmer-West

**Apr 27**     Jonathan Ridge Webb



## Happy Anniversary!

**Apr 3** Todd & Jennifer Westover

**Apr 27** Jim & Elva Swearingin



## Sisters In Faith

Mission Statement: To provide fellowship to all the Ladies at Bellpoint Community Church, and service to our surrounding community.

The latest meeting was held at the church on March 17 (*see pictures below*). Thank you to Chris Webb, Jody Miller, and Tia Rutherford for organizing this event and thank you to all who attended!



The second quarter meeting will be held in June. The date and time is to be determined.

Reminder: The group meets once per quarter. (March, June, September and December). Exact dates and times will be provided prior to each quarterly meeting. In lieu of a committee leader, each meeting will be coordinated and run by 3-4 different SIF attendees each quarter.

## Mission Committee

### Common Ground

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this event through food, time, and funds!

## Accepting Donations

Hello church family!

Buckeye Valley West is in need of bottled water for children's testing. They need 30 cases of 24 bottles by April 12th.

They do not have to be cold, I can take care of that part. Cases can be left at the church.

Thank you,

Susan

# Committee News

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## Mission Committee

### **2022 Bellpoint Fall Adult Mission Trip** **MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION CENTER**

MDC is an UMCOR ministry located in Springfield, IL. We helped here before in 2014. Check out their website for details on what kind of work we'll be doing ([midwestmission.org](http://midwestmission.org)).

**DATES:** Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. *(Departing after worship. Returning early to mid-afternoon.)*

**PARTICIPANTS:** There are slots available for 10 adults.

**TRANSPORTATION:** We will be renting one 12-passenger van.

**ITINERARY:** We will work at the center Monday through Friday. In our free time we will see some of the sights of Springfield.

**MEALS:** We will be responsible for cooking our own meals. *(These costs will be included in the trip cost. We'll likely have dinner out 3 or 4 evenings.)*

#### **COST AND PAYMENT DATES:**

The total cost of the trip is **\$200.00** per person.

**\$25.00** – Deposit due now. *(This will secure your spot and is non-refundable.)*

**\$87.50** – Payment # 1 is due by the end of April.

**\$87.50** – Payment # 2 is due by the end of July.

**PREPARATION MEETING:** October 16 after the second service (11:30 AM)

Final details will be shared and any additional forms completed.

**PRAY:** Pray regularly for our mission trip that we would make a big impact for Jesus and have safe travels.

**RSVP** with Pastor Paul ([740-816-2675](tel:740-816-2675) or [pmccull@columbus.rr.com](mailto:pmccull@columbus.rr.com)).



# Children & Youth

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## Children's Council

### Nursery

The nursery is open. Volunteers needed.

To volunteer, please use the signup sheet on the nursery door or contact the church office manager.

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

You never know where your next adventure will take you!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 9th, 10:00 a.m. rain or shine here at the church. We are asking for some items to help make this event, well an event! As of today we are accepting candy, please limit to one bag per family. We are also requesting new small stuffed animals, toys, puzzles, or games all in the \$5 - \$7 range to use as prizes for the hunt. If you are unable to shop and still want to help, monetary donations are welcome. Thank you!

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### TEEN DISCIPLES

Build, Own, Operate &  
Maintain your faith in Christ

#### 6 - 12<sup>th</sup> grades

Meet Sundays at Church

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Psalms 118:24 NIV

#### Upcoming Events:

**April 3:** Teen Disciples 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**April 10:** Teen Disciples 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**April 16:** Fundraiser - Making Cinnamon Rolls for Youth Mission  
*Trip order details on page 12*

**April 24:** Teen Disciples 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

# Children & Youth: Teen Disciples

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## **Rosebud Indian Reservation**

Rosebud is the home to the Rosebud Sioux Indian Nation. We will be working there with **Tree of Life Ministry**, a United Methodist ministry, located in the town of Mission, South Dakota.

**DATES:** Friday, July 1 through Sunday, July 10. (*Departing at 3:00 a.m. Returning at 9:00 p.m.*)

**PARTICIPANTS:** There are slots available for 10 youth and 4 adults. (*Youth should be regularly attending youth group in order to participate in this missions experience.*)

**TRANSPORTATION:** We will be renting one 12-passenger van and taking a cargo van for our luggage.

### **ITINERARY:**

7/1 (Friday) – Depart from church at 3:00 AM (We will be staying at Roger & Christy McCombs (*The McCombs used to belong to Bellpoint*) new church in Sioux Falls, SD. (*Mercy Church, CMA*) Roger is springing for pizza for us! Yay!!! (*Sioux Fall is in Central Time*))

7/2 (Saturday) – Depart 7:00 AM for **The Bad Lands** (We will have lunch at **Wall Drug**, SD then tour The Bad Lands. Then it's off to Storm Mountain UMC Camp in Rapid City, SD where we'll spend the night. (*Showers are available here.*) The Bad Lands are in Mountain Time.)

7/3 (Sunday) – Depart 5:00 AM to visit **Mt. Rushmore**. After that we'll tour **Custer State Park** and **Wind Cave National Park**. Then it's on to Mission, SD. Along the way we'll stop at **The Wounded Knee Massacre Monument**. We'll arrive at Mission, SD between 5:00 and 6:00 PM (*Central Time*).

7/4 (Monday) through 7/8 (Friday) - We'll do construction and rehab work around the reservation. We'll have opportunity to experience Sioux culture during our free times in the evening.

7/9 (Saturday) - 9:00 AM we depart for Mercy Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Along the way we'll visit **The Ft. Pierre National Grasslands** and stop in world famous Mitchel, SD to see **The Corn Palace**. The remainder of the afternoon we'll tour **Sioux Falls Park** and other local attractions and have a meal together at a nice restaurant.

7/10 (Sunday) 5:00 AM we depart for home. We'll arrive back at church about 9:00 PM (EST).

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# Children & Youth: Teen Disciples

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## **Rosebud Indian Reservation con't**

**MEALS:** Most meals will be included with the cost of the trip. The church will cover these. Youth should plan on paying for lunch at Wall Drug, 1 Fast Food Lunch, 3 Fast Food Dinners, and one nicer dinner on Saturday night the 9<sup>th</sup>.  
*(It's possible that we may be able to cover the cost of this depending on how our fundraisers go.)*

### **COST AND PAYMENT DATES:**

The total cost of the trip is **\$275.00** per person. *(Assistance is available to those who need it. Please, just ask Dom or Pastor Paul.)*

**\$75.00** – Deposit due now. *(This will guarantee your spot and is non-refundable.)*

**\$100.00** – Payment # 1 is due April 3 *(Sunday)*.

**\$100.00** – Payment # 2 is due June 5 *(Sunday)*.

**FUNDRAISERS:** Cinnamon Bun Sale *(Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. We'd make and box the buns on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Sale would begin Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.)*  
Spaghetti Dinner *(Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00) (see page 10)*  
Car Wash *(Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 5:00)*

Dates and times for these fundraisers will be forthcoming. Participating youth are expected to help with at least two of these fundraisers.

**PREPARATION MEETING:** This is for youth and parents to be held on June 26 @ 7:00 PM. Final details will be shared and necessary forms completed.

**PRAY:** Pray regularly for our mission trip that we would make a big impact for Jesus and have safe travels.



# Volunteers

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## Nursery Workers

**First Service:**

**Second Service:**

**Sunday School:**

**April 3 - 24:** The Nursery is open.

## CCC Attendance

**April 3 - 24:** Please complete a Connect Card, and drop into one of the clear plastic bins near the entries in Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary.



## Greeters

### Friendship Table

The Friendship Table will be closed until further notice.

**First Service:**

**Second Service:**

**April 3, 10, 17, 24:** the 2022 greeter schedule is to be determined.

Offering plates will not be passed. Please place your cash/check offering into one of the clear plastic containers near the entries in Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary.

## Communion Stewards

**First Service:**

**Second Service:**

**April 3:** Pre-sealed Communion Elements will be used.

*(Please note, all of the above is subject to change.)*



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are about to begin a new study by Beth Moore & Melissa Moore called *Now That Faith Has Come: A Study of Galatians*

This will be a 6-session study beginning April 24. The first meeting will be at Brenna Coughlin's house:

265 Woodsvie Dr

Ostrander, OH 43061

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

We will meet on the third Sunday of each month. The Bible study workbook may be purchased through Amazon. For more information, contact Lori McCullough.



## SPAGHETTI DINNER

### MISSION TRIP

### FUNDRAISER

*Thank you to all who participated and supported this mission trip fundraiser!*

- Church Youth

# Community News

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Remember in your prayers...



## New Prayer Requests:

**Marie VanGundy** – fell Thursday night (Mark VanGundy's Mom)

**Pam Williams** – recovering from a fall

**Dick Cruickshank** – recovering from heart surgery (Hopper)

\*\*Be sure to check our [Prayer Wall](#) at [www.bellpointumc.com](http://www.bellpointumc.com) for new requests as well\*\*

## Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Jennifer – currently undergoing serious cancer treatments (Virginia Daugherty's daughter), Russ Ulmer – ongoing cancer treatments, Mary Clements – diagnosed with breast cancer (West), Logan and Lauren – being deployed, Cheryl Hagerty – uterine cancer, surgery went well, Dawn – beginning chemo, Rich and Jim – both diagnosed with cancer, Unnamed – wrestling with depression, Janet – starting radiation treatments, David Sayer – entering home hospice with brain cancer (Doug's Dad), Don – pancreatic cancer (Webb), Nolan Webb – spinal cord issue, Mark VanGundy – the daughter of a friend has leukemia and isn't responding well to treatment, Logan Kelleher – applying to law schools, A Girl at BV Middle School – she is lonely and acts out (Webb), Juanita – dementia (Matt's mom), Vicky Spellman – comfort and healing, Bob – colon cancer (Harding), Jerry – stage IV lung cancer is spreading (Webb), and Daren Lehman's Dad – cancer has spread and undergoing chemo again

# Community News

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## Prayer Concerns:

To submit a prayer request see the options under Community News/ Prayer Chain to the right of this section.



## YOUTH EASTER CINNAMON ROLL FUNDRAISER

Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of rolls ordered

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00/roll =

\_\_\_\_\_ (Amount Due)

Orders can also be placed online at <https://www.bellpointumc.com/order-form/>

Orders will be ready after the Easter Sunday Worship Service.

The Bellpoint Teen Disciples thank you for your help in getting them to South Dakota for their 2022 Summer Mission Trip.

## 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/pew. Post to the online prayer wall at [www.bellpointumc.com](http://www.bellpointumc.com), contact Brooke Williams, the church office manager, by phone at (740) 369-5956 or by e-mail at [office@bellpointumc.com](mailto:office@bellpointumc.com).

## The Peal

If you do not have access to the internet, e-mail 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 e-mail at [office@bellpointumc.com](mailto:office@bellpointumc.com).

## Just a Reminder...

April 20th is the deadline for articles to be turned in for the May 2022 issue. Please e-mail all articles, including any Bellpoint Community Church event/mission pictures to Rachel Kapraly at [peal@bellpointumc.com](mailto:peal@bellpointumc.com)

MCCI Team Leaders/Secretaries: Please send any updates you wish to share with the congregation.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!