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DISAFFILIATION UPDATE

As a reminder, Bellpoint Community Church is exploring the possibility of disaffiliating from the United Methodist Church. The Administrative Council determined this should be put forth for our congregation to decide. We do want to remind our members of a couple of important points.

Even if the congregation votes to disaffiliate, if they desire, individual members can choose not to disaffiliate and seek membership in a local UMC that is remaining a part of the connection. At our District Superintendent’s request, we will have someone from the Conference come and speak about remaining in the UMC. This date is TBA.

We are currently running a Sunday School class entitled Firm Foundations which lays out ways we as a Methodist church can confront the issues we’re facing. It meets every other week at 9:35 a.m. The next meeting will be September 11th.

This class will be followed by 3 distinct mid-week informational meetings

approximately 1 hour in length from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Monday October 10, Tuesday October 18, and Wednesday November 2).

We were hoping to have an official Church Conference in December. However, our D.S. has informed us that there will be no such conferences in December. So, after all of our meetings, we will request a date to vote in early January 2023.

At this meeting, only members will be permitted to vote and the vote will be by paper ballot. We will be asking everyone to sign in.

If you have any doubt about your membership status, please contact the church office.

Our church secretary, Brooke, is currently compiling an up-to-date list of our members that will be published in the next Peal and posted in the fellowship hall near the church office.

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DISAFFILIATION UPDATE (continued)

If you are not currently a member but would like to become a member in order to vote in January, we will be offering a membership class this fall. If interested, please register with Pastor Paul. Classes will be during the Sunday School Hour in Pastor Paul's office (9:35 a.m.). The first class is on October 30, the second on November 6, and the third on November 13. New members will be received on Sunday, November 20 at the 10:30 a.m. service.

In the meantime please be in prayer about this important decision. You can visit globalmethodist.org for additional information about this new denomination that we have the option to join should we decide to disaffiliate. You can also visit westhioumc.org/disaffiliation for more information about the disaffiliation process as well as answers to common questions regarding what's currently happening within our denomination.

In Him,

Pastor Paul



to Bellpoint Community Church

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Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

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

Upcoming Events

September 4
Communion

September 11
Firm Foundations Class
9:35 - 10:30 a.m.

September 15
Breakthrough Prayer
7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

September 21
Children's Council Meeting
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

September 25
Firm Foundations Class
9:35 - 10:30 a.m.

Committee News

Worship Committee

Traditional Service - 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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

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

Nursery is open.

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

- **Adult and Children/Youth Sunday School:** 9:35 - 10:30 a.m.
- **Teen Disciples:** Sundays from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. (see Children & Youth page for details)
- **Adult Bible Study:** Mondays at 10:30 a.m. (weekly home rotation)
- **Women's Bible Study:** Meets once per month at Brenna Coughlin's house. Contact Lori McCullough for date, time and location. Current Study: Now That Faith Has Come by Beth & Melissa Moore
- **Men's Bible Study:** Meets every other Monday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the church.
- **Emerging Adults** (high school seniors through early 30s): Meets once per month. Contact Kelly Solli at 740-816-9383 for date, time, and location. Current Study: Abba's Child by Brennan Manning
- **Young Family:** Small group study meets at the Kraicks' home. Contact Holly Kraick at 317-670-5725 for date, time, and location.

September Birthdays

Sept 2	Ceci Michael
Sept 3	Linda Vangundy Nancy Millar
Sept 4	Beth Sacher
Sept 8	Gabriel Willis
Sept 9	Brenna Coughlin
Sept 14	Pam Gilliam
Sept 15	Holly Kraick
Sept 17	Dianne May Lawrence Kirby Tiffany Bahan
Sept 19	Ian West
Sept 22	Brendan Sayer
Sept 23	Colleen Dennis
Sept 26	Kurtis May Matt Maxim
Sept 29	Matthew Spellman



Happy Anniversary

September 8

Jeff & Vicki Kidd
49 years

September 9

Brad & Colleen Dennis
44 years

September 15

Lewis & Joann Stegner
59 years

September 16

Jason & Tamara Counts
16 years



Committee News

Missions Committee

For the entire month of September the Mission Committee is collecting items for the Buckeye Valley Food Pantry in Ashley. The Pantry is in need of all items you would purchase in a store, from shampoo and personal hygiene products, to meat, milk, and food or one dish meals. The Mid Ohio Food Bank is now charging the Pantry for food. They are facing a very high demand with very little monetary donations received. Please be sure any food items have a good shelf life and any meats, milk, etc. are labeled and put into the church's refrigerator/freezer. Any toilet paper, paper towels, etc. need to be individually wrapped. Susan will be taking all donations to the pantry, so please bring all donations to the church. Thank you in advance on behalf of the Missions Committee and the BV Food Pantry!

Sisters In Faith

Sisters in Faith Third Quarter meeting will be at the Church shelter house on Sunday, October 9th from 5 to 7 pm. We will gather together for fun and fellowship with crafts and a sing along around the campfire, where you can roast your hot dogs and marshmallows. (Which will be provided.) We are asking you to please bring a dish to share. Bring a chair and feel free to invite a friend or two! If you have questions feel free to ask Phyllis, Kelly or Pam Williams.

Sisters In Faith mission is to provide fellowship to all the women at Bellpoint Community Church, and service to our surrounding community. The group meets once a quarter, exact dates and times will be provided prior to each meeting. In lieu of a committee leader, each meeting will be coordinated and run by 3-4 different Sisters In Faith each quarter. The fourth quarter meeting will be held in December, date and time to be determined.

Children's Council

- Children's Council - We meet every 3rd Wednesday at the church at 7:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise. All are welcome to attend.
- Calling all K-4th graders! Join us for Bible Adventures every Sunday during second service, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. You never know where the next adventure will take you!
- The Annual Harvest Hoedown is scheduled for Sunday, October 16th from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. - Mark your calendar NOW! We will see you there and don't forget to invited a friend or new neighbor!

Community News



Ongoing Prayer Requests:

- * Cathy – myeloma(Wirz)
- * Gail & Linda Aumend – recovering from COVID-19 (Sayer)
- * Stacy Sayer – broken foot
- * Evelyn Winter – recovering from eye surgery
- * Russ Ulmer – vision issues
- * Cindy Michael’s Mom – recovering from a lumpectomy
- * Alva Swaengin – shingles
- * Belinda Daugherty – health issues
- * Tom Lehman – recovering from surgery
- * Juanita – recovering from a stroke (Maxim)
- * Cathy – ongoing medical procedures to determine myeloma diagnosis
- * Penny – breast cancer (Miller)
- * Jake Hetzer – serious kidney issues (McCullough)
- * Nancy – health issues & depression
- * Logan – deployment in Iraq
- * Molly Gregg – needs a liver transplant (Lehman)
- * Cheryl Hagerty – uterine cancer
- * Dawn – chemo
- * Rich and Jim – cancer
- * Unnamed – wrestling with depression
- * Janet – radiation treatments
- * Mark VanGundy – friend’s daughter has leukemia
- * Bob – colon cancer (Harding)
- * Jerry – stage IV lung cancer (Webb)
- * Daren Lehman’s Dad – undergoing chemo again

Be sure to check our [Prayer Wall](https://bellpointumc.com/prayer-wall) at bellpointumc.com/prayer-wall for new requests as well

TEEN DISCIPLES

6 - 12th grades

Meet Sundays at Church
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

September 4: Labor Day

September 11: Delaware
Horse Parade 3:00 p.m.

September 18: Delaware
County Fair 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

September 25: Teen
Disciples 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



NURSERY

The nursery is open!

To volunteer, please use the
signup sheet next to the
church office or contact the
church office manager.

Community News

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 bellpointumc.com, contact Brooke Williams, the church office manager, by phone at 740-369-5956 or by email at 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 email at office@bellpointumc.com.

Just a Reminder...

Please email all articles, including any Bellpoint Community Church event/mission pictures to Rachel Kapraly at peal@bellpointumc.com.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!

