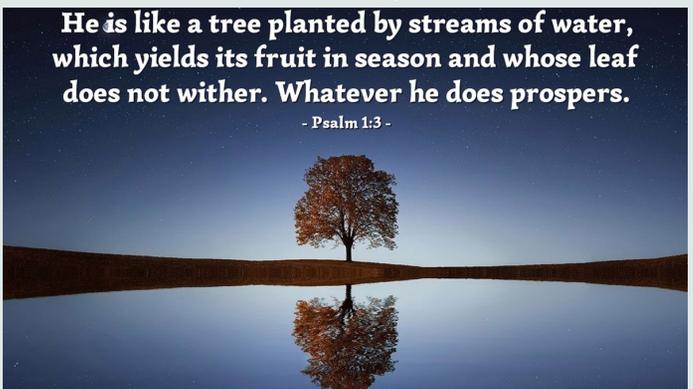


*No one can be established through wickedness,  
but the righteous cannot be uprooted.*  
Proverbs 12:3

Not long back my buddy Israel Lewis posted: "The tallest oak in the forest was once just a little nut that held its ground."

God made that nut, but He didn't stop there. He kept working.



**He is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf  
does not wither. Whatever he does prospers.**

- Psalm 1:3 -

We all have stories that are yet to be told, I call them our "NUT Collection" — stories about where we've been and what we've done back in the day. In fact, we all have stories about adventures taken, struggles faced, victories won, pranks pulled, rebellious streaks, pains endured, failures and mistakes, and hiccups along the way. And, if we don't tell these "NUT stories," we forget them.

Through the years, I have heard lots of previously unknown secrets from friends I thought I knew — these backstories make us interesting and distinctive. I think our NUT stories, keep us alive.

God wasn't finished back then, and He's still not finished.



I have a friend who was a roadie for Kenny Rogers and the First Edition. I know someone who was a national Duncan Yo-Yo champion — wowing school assemblies internationally. I have another who was in a porta-potty when it tipped over... he came away totally blue. Then there was the druggo who was shot three times and left for dead on an old country road outside of McAlester, OK. I have watched a friend eat his own boogers and heard one tell about winning a case of Goop as a contestant on a TV game show.

I have more than one friend who watched a friend die, several who were abused and neglected, and one who lived in more than twenty houses before turning 18. And, I know a few who are still

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# EASTER/ASCENSION

Church Office Hours  
Mondays and Fridays  
10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Sunday  
Worship Service  
9:00 am

You may know a snippet or two about me, but you don't know all the dragons I've fought, the struggles I've faced, or the victories I've won. What you do know, is that I'm just another nut being made into a giant oak because God keeps helping me hold my ground.

We are all a bunch of nuts in the hands of a God who is really good at growing oaks.

*They will be called oaks of righteousness,  
a planting of the LORD  
for the display of his splendor.*

Isaiah 61:3

Thank you, Abba.

*Ron Rose has been a unique minister and friend, but he is also a noted author and leader of several ministries. Ron now makes himself available as a listener and friend as he spends time with people on the go and in coffee shops and shares grace and a listening ear connecting them with God who is always in the room!*



**FRIDAY, MAY 6 AT 6:00 PM  
BRING YOUR FAMILY AND  
FRIENDS TO ST. JOHN'S  
FAMILY NIGHT!  
HOMEGROWN ENTERTAINMENT  
PROVIDED BY  
MAGICIAN LARRY McMECHAN**



## CELEBRATE!!

Pastor Tim will be celebrating his 50th year of his ordination into Word and Sacrament on June 4th. We are planning to celebrate this occasion with an open house/garden event on Saturday, May 28th at our home from 1:00-4:00 p.m. We would love for you to join us and we hope to see you then.

Our home is located at 7602 Newkirk Drive Fairfield Township, Ohio 45011. If you are unable to attend, please consider sending a card or a note to him to add to the festivities of the day. Please send them to our daughter:

Mrs. Jessica Gill  
1258 Southern Hills Blvd

### **MOBIL FARMER'S MARKET - PREBLE COUNTY**

10am-noon  
Preble Co. Fairgrounds  
722 S. Franklin St. Eaton

May 2, June 13, July 11, August 25, September 22, October 3, November 2, December 5

Lewisburg Community Center  
6400 Knapke Lane Lewisburg

3rd Thursday of each month, 10am-noon  
May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, September 15, October 21, November 17, December

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### **8th Annual Martha Leach Memorial Tea**

Saturday, May 14, 1:00PM

Faith Lutheran Church  
3315 Martel Dr. Dayton, 45420

Entertainment provided by  
Doug Baltes, magician

Finger sandwiches, desserts, and  
tea

Ticket are \$5 per person  
Children six and under are admitted  
free

**Advance ticket sales only by May 8**

Contact Ingrid Holmes, 937-272-1178 or Faith office, 937-253-2156

Bring your family and friends!

May 1, 2022

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**John 21:1-19**

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.



**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**John 10:22-30**

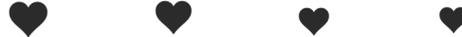
**BELIEVE BELIEVE BELIEVE BELIEVE**

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**John 13:31-35**



Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

**Sunday, May 22, 2022**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**John 14:23-29**



Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

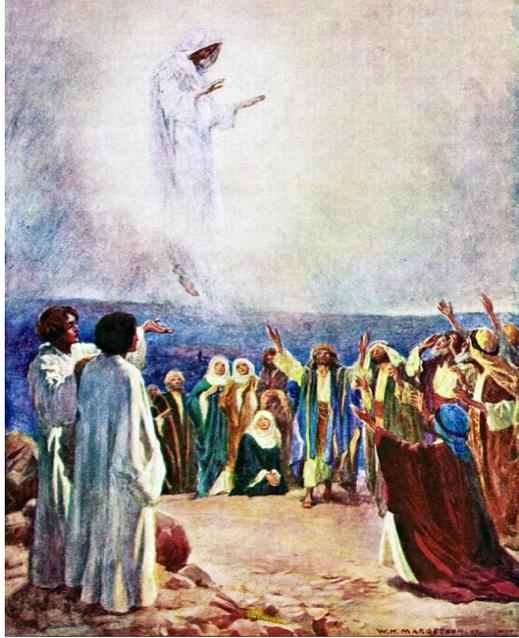
**Sunday, May 29, 2022**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**John 17:20-26**



It is possible to hear in Jesus’ high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—



"If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth."

### MISSIONARIES

Jon & Michelle Voge and family  
Abby Utsinger

### THOSE GRIEVING

Families of Melinda Studebaker,  
Carol Lunsford, and  
Polly Voge

Joe and Lori Nelson send their thanks to everyone who sent notes, cards, and prayed for them before, during, and after their recent

Keith Paulus	Janet Ferguson	Reenie Halsey
Lori Nelson	Butch Spitler	Mark McKinley
Catherine Dafler	Marna Beneke	Melissa Collins
Patrick Collins	Helen Comer	Dale Degler

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF OUR MEMBERS

Judy Fergus	Wanda DeVilbiss
John DeVilbiss	Bailey & unborn baby
Chris Shelton Jr.	Alice Hapner
John Merrell	Sharon Blosser
Ann Cooper	Neil Wick
Howard Collins	Eric Walker
Joan McCaffrey	Lilly Moore
Rich Hapner	Lisa Altic
Andrew Obst	Robert Kincses
Ellen Hickey & Family	Carolyn Ulrich
Mark Blosser	Maxine Ingram
Jim Ferguson	Andy Eck
Jack Green	Colleen Mitchell
Vicky Hendricks	John Matteucci
Paul Samson	Stacy Cline

**Mark your calendars:**

**Pentecost blows in on June 5 this year.**

**Wear your RED!**

**May 12-Blood Drive @ Eaton Community Church,  
noon to 6:00 PM**

**May 28-Open house/garden event at Pastor Tim's.**

St. John appreciates those who continue

# May 2022

	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	
	2	3	4 Worship & Music Committee meeting 6:30 PM	5	6 Family Night Carry-in 6:00 PM	
	9	10	11 Council meeting 7:00 PM	12	13	
	16	17	18	19	20	Sleep 9
	23	24 Homeless Meal LaVerne & Chris	25	26	27	Homeless Meal Op 1:00
	30 Memorial Day	31	AG-Chris I. CA-Stephanie C.	Ushers-Buzz W., Scott H., Steve S., and Al S.		
Mr Lord						



