



*A message from the Pastor*

*"There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under the heavens:"*

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, May 5, 2019, Chris Plant, the Chairperson of SPRC read the following message scripted by Rev. Abby Auman, our District Superintendent:

*"As your Staff Parish Relations Chairperson, I have an announcement to share regarding our church and our pastor.*

*As of July 1, 2019, Bishop Tracy S. Malone will be appointing Pastor Teresa Smolka to Ohltown UMC at three-quarter time. She will no longer be serving New Hope UMC at that time. This is by her request for family considerations. Our district superintendent wishes to thank us for our flexibility in sharing our pastor for a year and the accommodations that we made. We recognize that we are all working together for the cause of Christ, and that particularly our other United Methodist Churches are partners in the gospel work. We look forward to another year of growing in our own faith so we can share it with others under Pastor Teresa's leadership."*

I am thrilled to be staying at Ohltown. We have more of God's work to do together. But what does this announcement mean? I will no longer be serving New Hope and I will no longer be full time. After careful consideration and discussion with my husband, the SPRC, and the District Superintendent, I have elected to go to a ¾ time position. Here are my reasons:

I have insurance through Joe's employment with General Motors.

1. By going to ¾ time I am able to eliminate the need for the church to pay for my health insurance, which is a savings to the church of nearly \$15,000.00 per year.
2. 2018-2019 was a trying year and I believe I will be served better to step back a wee bit. (Who knows, I might even take a day off here and there.)

Will I still be available to you when you have an emergency? **YES**

Will I still be delivering a message on Sunday mornings? **YES**

Will I still be making calls to home and hospital bound people? **YES**

Will I still be involved in church activities and have my hand on the pulse of the church? **YES**

What will change? I may take a Thursday morning off to attend a Bible study that I do not have to lead. Actually, you will probably not notice a difference. I am looking forward to another year together.

Blessings,  
Pastor Teresa

*Opportunities for Worship*

**May 26 ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**June 2 ~ Communion Sunday  
Ascension of the Lord  
Sunday**

The Ascension of our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven.

**June 9 ~ Pentecost**

This celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus. Don't forget to wear your red! Our annual church picnic will follow the worship service.

**June 16**

**Trinity Sunday; 1st Sunday after Pentecost; Peace with Justice Sunday; Father's Day**  
We have a lot going on, you don't want to miss it!

**June 18**

**Worship at Humility House  
10:00 a.m.**

**June 23**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 30**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 7**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
and Communion Sunday**

## *Come Holy Spirit, Come*

Join us as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter which falls on **June 9** this year. Wear your red to symbolize that you are “on fire” for the Lord. Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world. (It's kind of a big deal!)

## *The Church Summer Picnic*

Our annual covered dish picnic will be held **June 9** immediately following the worship service. Table settings, beverages, and hot dogs will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.



## *Annual Conference*

Once again our annual conference will be held at Lakeside. Pastor Teresa and Beverly, our Lay Representative, will be attending June 10-13. Since all United Methodist pastors are required to attend this conference there will be no one covering for prayer concerns. IF you need someone to assist you if you are in the hospital, have an illness or other concern Cheryl Emrich, our Lay Leader, will be available. If it is an emergency you can call the Church and leave a message, we will be checking the machine from time to time. Or call the pastor's home, her husband Joe, will be able to reach her.

Also, while at Annual Conference, Pastor Teresa and Beverly will be participating in a walk to raise funds to benefit the mission partners of the East Ohio Conference. We will accept contributions through June 9.

## Peace with Justice Sunday

On **June 16** we will observe Peace with Justice Sunday. There will be a special collection to support people to live a gospel of peace around the United States and the world.

## United Methodist Women

UMW Mission U at the University of Mount Union will be **Friday, July 19**. Please submit your \$37.50 reservation to Linda Hahn by June 21.

## Talent Auction

Plan ahead for this year's Talent Auction to benefit the Youth Group. Once September comes, they will be accepting donations and bidding begins in October. Consider all the talents you have to offer! Do you bake, detail cars, knit, or rake leaves? There are so many options, so start thinking about it soon so we can support our Youth Group.

## Father's Day recognition

It's not too late to help with the Father's Day surprises. If you would like to assist in making Father's Day special, please see Pastor Teresa ASAP!

## *Congratulations Paul Colla!*

Congratulations to Paul Colla for his big success in the Special Olympics competition. Paul placed in several events! We are very proud of your accomplishments, Paul!

## Wanda Armstrong

There will be a memorial service for Wanda on August 15. If you have a story you would like to share during the memorial, please speak to Pastor Teresa so she can include it in the service.

# Thank You

Many hands make light work and that was the case with the Trash and Treasure sale. This was a church effort and the church came out in great force to help. Thank you to those who set-up, baked, prepared food, manned the tables, worked the sale, cleaned up after the event and hauled the left over items to the Good Will. Your efforts helped raise over \$1,200.00. Good job church!

Thank you to those who contributed to providing this year's Mother's Day gifts: Paul Colla, Becky Eckels-Hood, Yvonne Hornberger, Sarah Hahn, Jeff McCracken and Pastor Teresa. You helped to make the women of Ohltown feel special.



Our May communion service had a few new faces serving. Thank you to the men of Ohltown for helping with this sacrament. Surely Sheryl Baringer is appreciative of the extra help.

Friends at Ohltown,

Thank you so much for the birthday and get well cards and your prayers that you sent to Al. He is in assisted living at Brierfield Manor for now.

Connie Darby

Thanks to everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, and donations for Chuck Welch on his passing on April 17, 2019. He will be missed by family and friends.

Nancy Welch and family

There is much gratitude for those who are willing to pitch in and make things happen. Thank you to Jeff McCracken and children for potting the Mother's Day plants so that they could be given to the women of Ohltown. Thank you, Paul Colla, Sarah Hahn, Yvonne Hornberger, and Becky Eckles-Hood, for contributing to the purchase of the plants, candy, and special bulletins. Thank You to Beverly Kalasky and Randy and Cheryl Emrich, for helping to set up the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for the Mineral Ridge Baccalaureate Service. Thank you to our bakers: Cheryl Emrich, Beverly Kalasky, Sarah Plant, Carolyn Lorent, Rhonda Harris, Karen Krolopp and Pastor Teresa for the cupcakes for the time of fellowship that followed the service. And thank you to the UMW for their help in seeing that the coffee and punch were made and replenished. And a very BIG thanks to Cheryl Emrich for helping to purchase items necessary to enhance the reception and for assisting in making some of the decorations. Hopefully no one was left out, for you are all appreciated more than you know.

Ohltown Choir,

Thank you to all who participated in this year's choir season. Your dedication and flexibility is extremely appreciated as I navigated this new role. Thank you for your patience and understanding! Your work to offer praise brings great meaning to our worship services.

Thank you again,  
Beverly

## Facts and Figures

	Attendance	Given to the Lord
May 5	64	\$ 3,010
Native American Ministries		\$ 173
May 12	73	\$ 1,607
May 19	73	\$ 2,107

# Opportunities to Pray for One Another



## Prayer Concerns

Al Darby	Chick Giovanni	Natalie (lifted by Ron Fleet)
Ashly (lifted by Jane Bell)	Karisa (lifted by Mary Jane Gehring)	Phil (lifted by Robin Bowers)
Blake Hood	LuAnn Allen	Sophia (lifted by Sarah)
Bud Simkins	Melanie (lifted by Christy)	Stacy (lifted by Debbie Fisher)
		Rev. Susan Brown

## Joys

Congratulations to Lorna upon the arrival of her newest great granddaughter, Francesca, born April 19 weighing 6 lbs 6 oz

Congratulations to Marysue's granddaughter, Madison, upon being awarded Prom Queen

Carolyn Hoxworth's sister-in-law has a new home following a fire and hurricane

Congratulations to Tick's granddaughter upon graduating from Marine boot camp

Congratulations to Paul Colla upon his achievements at Special Olympics

## Condolences

*Our deepest sympathies to Carolyn Hoxworth following the passing of Dawn*

*Our deepest sympathies to the family of Wanda Armstrong following her passing*

*Keep these folks in your prayers as they celebrate special days this month:*

### *Birthdays*

2	Randy Emrich
5	Julie Gearhart
7	Chrissy Baird, Christy Sheldon
9	Tammy Knipp
11	Garth Sheldon
17	Steven Sigley
19	Bob Darby
21	Alma Plant
24	Carolyn Lorent
28	Devin Sigley
30	Brian Mellott

### *Anniversaries*

10	Preston & Diane Walker
11	Clark & Adria Hood
14	Andy & Kalyann Welch
18	Lynn & Linda Whittlesey
27	Robert & Robin Baldwin

*Keep our worship leaders for the month in your prayers:*

### *June Worship Leaders*

#### *Liturgists*

2	Tom Hoover
9	Lois Ann Phillips
16	Randy Emrich
23	Sandi Rich
30	Frank Sloat

#### *Greeters*

Robin Baldwin & Chris Sigley
Kevin & Becky Hood
Sandi & Commilla Rich
Chick Giovanni
Jeff McCracken and family

# June 2019

## Sunday Worship 9:30 am

Have you ever thought about offering Special Music? Speak with Beverly to be added to our summer schedule!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>2</b>  <b>Communion</b> ← ---  Pavilion rental 12 – 4 pm	<b>3</b> Beverly out of the office --- →	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Quilters 10 am	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> <b>Church Picnic</b> Following worship 	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">                         Church Office closed for Annual Conference                     </div>			<b>12</b> Quilters 10 am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Pentecost</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>Trinity Sunday</b> <b>Peace with Justice</b> <b>Father's Day</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Humility House Worship 10 am	<b>19</b> Quilters 10 am  Newsletter deadline	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>Mission U</b> <b>reservations due</b> <b>to Linda Hahn</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Quilters 10 am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b>	<i>Looking ahead:</i> Thursday, <b>July 11</b> Veteran Appreciation Picnic						

# Annual Church Picnic

June 9

Following worship  
Table settings, beverages,  
and hot dogs will be provided

## Easter Pictures

Didn't you just love your Easter portraits?? If you like them so much that you would like to order another one, please fill out the order form and submit it to the church office. We will get them developed just as soon as we get a significant amount. Pricing is as follows: 4x6 \$1.50, 5x7 is \$3.00, 8x10 \$6.00

Easter Picture orders ~ please return to the church office

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

4x6 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$1.50 = Total \_\_\_\_\_

5x7 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$3.00 = Total \_\_\_\_\_

8x10 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.00 = Total \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Prints \_\_\_\_\_ Dollar amount of Order \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note if you are ordering the same print  
you received for free or another print.*

Same print \_\_\_\_\_ A different print (see sample) \_\_\_\_\_

THE BRIDGE

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

Teresa C. Smolka, Pastor  
Nancy Goddard, Custodian  
Beverly Kalasky, Secretary

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