



# Good News!

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## In the Merry, Merry Month of May (thoughts while walking through the park one day)

Greetings in the wonderful name of the Risen Lord!

During this fifth month of the year my hope is that everyone **MAY** tell others of God's love and that God's love **MAY** bless them as they share. **MAY** it be so!

It is important for us to always remember the last words Jesus spoke to his followers prior to his ascension; "Go into all the world and make disciples."

To help fulfill this great commission I want to give you a few ideas on how to become a better witness for Jesus Christ:

1. First ask God to give you a burden for some people who need to be saved, friends, family, etc. and then just start praying for them every single day.
2. Live a consistent Christian life, modeling the example of Jesus by the way you act, speak, think and love. Let others see the hope that is within you.
3. Be ready when asked to give a reason for the hope you have. Just share your faith story. But always do this with gentleness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15)
4. Seize opportunities for inviting other people to church. Because if you invite enough people, some **MAY** come. And if enough people do come to church, then some **MAY** be saved! **LORD JESUS, MAY IT BE SO. AMEN!**

# **Town Hall Meeting Immediately After Worship Service**

**Next Sunday – May 7th**



**Right Here In the Chapel**

Dear Foothills Worship Center members,

The Simplified Accountable Leadership Team (SALT) voted on April 16, 2023 to apply to proceed with a period of church-wide discernment and explore the possibility of disaffiliation from the United Methodist denomination. The application now needs to be approved by the presiding Bishop which we expect to happen soon, possibly on May 5.

We will be following the UNY Annual Conference policy found online with other helpful resources here: <https://www.unyumc.org/about/disaffiliation-process-resources>.

Many churches in the denomination are currently considering disaffiliation “for reasons of conscience regarding a change in the requirements and provisions of the Book of Discipline related to the practice of homosexuality or the ordination or marriage of self-avowed practicing homosexuals as resolved and adopted by the 2019 General Conference, or the actions or inactions of its annual conference related to these issues which follow.” There has always been some alarming teachings and statements made by denominational leaders that have called into question the issue of biblical authority.

Our church’s goal over the next several months will be to provide pertinent information, resources, and differing viewpoints so that all church members are equipped to make an informed decision on this important issue. We value each member’s opinions and rights of conscience on this matter. You can get involved as much or as little as you would like, and you can keep your opinions private if you choose to. At the end of the discernment process, the District Superintendent will host a Church Conference, where all professing members will be eligible to vote. (If you are unsure whether you are currently listed as a professing member, please check with Lynnè in our church office.)

This is a difficult time in our denomination, but we know God is with us. Regardless of the outcome of this process, we hope that everyone can come away with a better understanding of differing beliefs and how they are shaping the current life of churches. Whatever path we choose, know that God loves us and has great plans for our future.

# Don't Forget to Pray | In every Situation



One of the most prolific hymn writers of all time was Fanny Crosby, blind from infancy, who wrote no less than 8,000 songs during her amazing life.

According to her own words, she never attempted to write a

song without first kneeling in prayer. Once, under intense pressure to meet a deadline, she tried to write words for a tune a composer had sent.

No words came.

Then she remembered she had forgotten to pray.

She immediately fell to her knees, and when she rose, the words to one of her most famous hymns, "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross," came so fast her assistant could hardly keep up in writing them all down.

Prayer Really Works!  
Turn your worry list  
into your prayer list.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Before you sleep, **PRAY**  
When you wake up, **PRAY**.  
When life gets hard, **PRAY**.  
When you're happy, **PRAY**  
If you are unsure, **PRAY**.  
God is always with us.  
Amen!

## HOUSEHOLDS TO PRAY FOR THIS MONTH:

Lucille Blunck

Sally Brenner

Robert & Linda Bronk

Marie Buyce

Kiki Cannell

Rich Carpentier

Jim & Kathy Catucci

Mary Chase

Brad & Lynné Chesebro

Ernie Clapper

Carol Cristman

Bob Crouse

"Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another,



Because He Lives- I can face tomorrow. Because He Lives- All fear is gone

# Foothills Worship Center

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@ Foothills Worship Center



## Birthdays of the Month

- May 6 Betty Myers
- May 8 Margaret Wemple
- May 10 James Catucci
- May 12 Annette Achzet-Ltaif
- May 15 Archer Harrington
- May 22 Patricia Green
- May 23 Carol Cristman
- May 27 Marlene Walker
- May 30 Michael Harrington
- May 31 Nila Edwards
- May 31 Janice Havlick



### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

Jewel & Clayton Ernst  
Bob & Betty Twardy  
Richard & Janice  
Havlick



A Brand New  
Sermon Series  
Starts April 30<sup>th</sup>  
Join us Sunday  
to learn how to  
truly impact the  
world for Jesus!

Foothills Worship Center

### **Planning the Next Event : Our Community Outreach and Fundraiser Planning Meeting May 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**

We have several exciting ideas and intriguing updates about ways we can reach more people with the Good News of Jesus. Foothills Worship Center is here to bless our community and we really need your input and help, so please join us if you are able. See Lynné if you have questions.



Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

# Foothills Worship Center

# CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Fri May 12<sup>th</sup> & Sat May 13<sup>th</sup>

Help needed to sort, price, set-up & sell!

## Foothills Bowl-a-thon is Back!



June 11<sup>th</sup> at Perry Lanes

4 Person Teams/\$25 pp

(\$100 each team)

Sign-Up in the Office



\*Donations needed for Giveaways/Prizes  
& Workers for the Day of the Event

**Hey Church! Let's All Go Bowling!**

## Where Families Grow Strong

There are all different kinds of families at our church. There are different people at all different stages of life. There are families of different sizes, compositions, and backgrounds. It is our prayer that our mix of families is a place where all families can grow strong together. Indeed, we are stronger because we are together in this family called the church.

**We hope you hear us clearly.  
You are welcome here.  
Your family is welcome here.**

**You are welcome here regardless of your background or need. You are welcome here because we are a family that loves to reach out to others.**

**Please feel free to bring your needs to our family.  
Please feel free to bring your questions to our family.**

**It is our desire not only to say you are welcome here, but to demonstrate that welcome with our words and actions.**

**You are really welcome to our church family. And you are welcome to find out what it means to be part of this family.**

**Welcome Home!  
Pastor Brad C.**



*When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*

## Pentecost...A Gathered Harvest

**"When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place."  
(Acts 2:1).**

Pentecost comes from the Greek word for fiftieth, "*pentekoste*".

Also called the Feast of Weeks, Pentecost was a harvest festival on which the Jews remembered the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai fifty days (the day after 7 weeks) after the first Passover, when God freed Israel from their bitter slavery in Egypt.

Acts 2 tells how the anxious and fearful disciples, who had gathered on the Day of Pentecost, were all filled with the Holy Spirit, receiving the power & authority thereafter to preach boldly the gospel of Jesus.

Fifty days after Easter, the day of resurrection by which we are set free from slavery to sin, 10 days after Jesus ascended to heaven, the Spirit was poured out in wind and fire. Jesus' followers began to speak about "God's mighty works"

## You Make It All Possible!

Thank  
you  
Volunteers!

In April our Food Pantry served **183** people which is another new record! Our busiest month ever as more folks are facing food insecurities and need assistance to daily feed their families. We are very fortunate to have many generous, faithful, helpful volunteers to serve in this very crucial ministry.

Our Brooks Barbeque fundraiser was a big success because of the dozens of volunteers that helped in a variety of ways. We raised \$2,229! Thanks!

"THE SMALLEST ACT OF KINDNESS  
IS WORTH MORE THAN THE  
GRANDEST INTENTION."  
- OSCAR WILDE

## Spring has Sprung—All has Begun

The month of April brought us snow showers. The month of May brings us bridal showers, weddings, graduations, Mother's Day celebrations, Memorial Day and a reminder that every day is Easter.

So **May** I suggest that during this month:

**May** you give thanks with a grateful heart for the wonderful things the Lord is doing in our midst.

**May** you have more love, more power and more of Jesus in your life as you draw closer to Him.

**May** the Lord find you faithful, steadfast in prayer, serving Him daily and sharing the Good News.

**May** you rejoice in the knowledge that God has purchased our freedom with the blood of Christ and has forgiven all of our sins. O Praise God!

**May** you joyfully celebrate in the realization that God loves you very, very much and He wants to bless your life in amazing and abundant ways.

It is true- there are no **Maybe's** about it!

**Pastor Brad C—**

You ask me how I know He lives- He Lives within my heart- Amen!



## *Mother's Day Blessing*

May those with children feel appreciated,  
May those grieving empty arms be comforted,  
May those mourning and missing the one who gave them life  
Be wrapped in goodness and love today.

*Tamara Rice*

