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To the Bethel Murdoch Family,
As the Easter season winds down and Spring turns into summer, May also marks another important day in the life of the church with Pentecost. It is the day where we recognize the gifts of the Holy Spirit to the Church and in particular, our own gifts as well. I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for your hard work over the course of the year in making Lent and Easter truly special. Know that it couldn't happen without you.

As the weather gets warmer and we get preoccupied with home improvement projects and summer planning, don't forget about the importance of worship in your life. Setting aside time every Sunday to come together and worship God as part of a community of faith is not a waste of time. It may not always seem as productive as mowing the lawn or as enjoyable as doing something else, but I can assure you,

that time is well spent. If you are not here, you are missed. When you are here, you are appreciated.

We often think that we can delay growing in our faith until we need to do so, but that's the opposite from how it should be. We need to work on our faith during the easy times, that way it will support us during the difficult ones. Procrastinating in your faith is like running a marathon without having ever run before. It will end badly. Work on your faith now and you can rely on it later.

Enjoy the weather and the activities that come with it during this season, but do not do so to the detriment of your faith. Instead, let it be a constant part of who you are. Come to worship God in fullness and in confidence.

In Christ,
Pastor Frank

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Relay For Life

The mission committee will once again be putting together a Bethel Murdoch team to participate in our fifth annual Relay for Life! Relay for Life is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and helps raise awareness and funds for cancer. It will begin Saturday, May 15 at 12pm and end Sunday, May 16 at 7am at the Lebanon fairgrounds. You do not have to be there the entire time, we will have a sign up sheet with half hour increments for walking. There's plenty of food, beverages, activities, and fellowship so it's a great time to bring the whole family out while supporting a great cause. The overall theme this year is "Board Games", and team campsite theme will be "Life". We have won "Best Campsite" for 3 out

of the 4 years, so expect another great campsite this year. We will again have a Sunday morning sunrise service at 5:30am and Pastor Frank will be doing the service! Please watch for an information table in the fellowship hall for ways you can participate and if you are interested on being part of the core planning/fundraising team please see Stephanie Rupnik. We also have a team website where you can make donations, buy luminaries, or sign-up to be on our team. Last year we raised a little over \$2,500! Also, if you are a cancer survivor there is a special luncheon and ceremony for you that we would love for you to attend. You will need to pre-register for this. You can visit www.relayforlife.org/lebanon for more info, make a donation, or purchase luminaries. Please join us for this great event!

Q&A – You Asked, We Answered

Q. When are we going to start worshipping at 10:00 am? I really liked doing that last year.

A. Our worship time will shift to 10 on the Sunday before Memorial Day.

Please plan accordingly.

Q. The church office looks great. Who did you hire to do it and where did the new desk come from? Can they come to my house?

A. We are very pleased with the way the new office turned out. In fact, we didn't hire anyone, except for the carpet people. Pastor Frank and Carol Dick did the majority of the work with Ken Dick, Mike Rudkin, and John Howell helping out. They did it all in the course of three days. The desk was donated to the church. You'll have to ask them if

they'll come to your house, though.

Q. How is the church doing financially? I know other churches in the area are struggling.

A. The economy is not the best, which means organizations that are reliant on offerings tend to suffer as well as people cut back on their giving. Nevertheless, this church is doing fairly well. Things could be better, but we have been very careful with our spending.

Q. I have an idea to improve things at the church, who do I talk to about it?

A. It really depends on the idea, but we have a suggestion box in the Sanctuary. You can also talk to Pastor Frank directly or whoever is in charge of the program. We are always looking for people to step up, so don't be afraid to do so.

Blessings Delivered to Good Shepherd

On Monday, April 12th we once again were able to share with our Appalachian neighbors, The Good Shepherd Church in Campton, Kentucky. Your generous donations, mostly clothing and bedding were delivered to their Thrift Store. Also included were material (yard goods) and craft supplies. Sister Ann was on hand to receive the donations and sends her heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you. Since jobs are harder to find down there many residents have turned to creating quilts, and items that can be sold at craft fairs to bring in some much needed cash. What cannot be worn can almost always be turned into a quilt. We found the shelves of their small store to be almost empty and much in need of all

that we brought. I only wish we could have taken everything.

We are still accepting clothing, small household items, dishes, silverware, pots and pans, etc, as well as sheets, blankets, towels, and toys. There is now room in the basement if you still have things to give. Our next trip many not be until right before school begins, and if anyone is going that way and has a little extra time to stop that would be blessing. Campton is southeast of Lexington, taking 64 to Winchester and it's a short way from there. Thanks again for your generous support to this small pocket of Catholics who are doing their best to share God's love with a large Baptist population. God bless all of you.

Anne Fritz

Youth Group

If you've been following our youth group schedule, we had 2 events scheduled for May.

The first is the Repair Affair on May 8. I have not found anyone to lead up this event yet, so for now assume that we will not be doing this.

We will be doing the Relay for Life on May 15 & 16. See separate article. The youth can come and leave at any point in the event, but usually they do spend the night. It's lots of fun with games, music, food, etc. Please let me know if your youth is planning on spending the night and if they are bringing friends.

Lastly, the bowling was unknowingly scheduled for Easter weekend, and we just couldn't squeeze anything else into that weekend. So that is going to happen on Saturday, June 5. We'll go out for pizza and then bowl at Eastgate lanes. Starting time will be given at a later date. Please let me know if there are conflicts with this date. This will be the last event for the spring and we will start back up again in the fall.

Basement Ladies

La Comedia Dinner Theatre

On Sunday, May 23rd, 26 ladies will be traveling to Springboro to attend "Church Basement Ladies". If any of you would like to carpool, be at the church no later than 4:30PM. Thanks to all of you that made this possible. *You may call Sue at 899-3536 or email her at: sfields1950@yahoo.com

New Local Book: "Cincinnati and Soup"

Cheri Brinkman, Director of, "Christmas in Warren County" will soon be releasing her new cookbook,, "CINCINNATI AND SOUP" This is a spiral bound cookbook with 98 pages and a full color acetate coated cover. Retail: \$18.50. Publication date is May 1. The book may be reserved in advance at: www.VintageCincinnati.Etsy.com Cheri has been collecting "old yellow recipe cards" from her aunt,

Marno Christensen and other friends and relatives for many years. In addition to the mouth watering soup recipes you will find recipes for "Goetta" Cincinnati Chili, "sliders" and many other nostalgic recipes from Ruth Lyons, The Hotel Sinton, and a popular salad dressing from the old Pogue's Department Store tea room to name a few.

Cheri has lent her musical and vocal talents here at Bethel Murdoch to fill

in for Jim on occasion and help with our Christmas Eve Worship Services.

We would like to extend our Congratulations to Cheri and wish her much success with the new book.

Currently the book is available for purchase at the following locations in the Greater Cincinnati area : Joseph Beth Booksellers: Rookwood Pavilion, & Borders in Mason & Eastgate to name a few.

Save The Date and Tell Your Friends

Just a reminder that VBS will be here before we know it. The dates for Vacation Bible School this year will be Monday, July 19th through Friday, July 23rd, with the final program on Sunday, July 25 during morning worship. Bible school will again be held in the evenings from 6pm to 8:30pm, beginning with a light supper for everyone. Lots of great Bible stories will be learned. It seems the stories stick with us longer if we are part of the story. Interactive lessons will include children and adults taking the parts of the characters in the lessons, such as Zachaeus, the sisters Martha and Mary, the Good Samaritan, the sower of the seeds and the lesson about the children going to see Jesus. We will also be meeting new

friends (one per day) from China, Kenya, Germany, Chile and the US to see if they know about our friend Jesus. All committees are working hard to make their part the best. We have world-wide games, international snacks from our Food Committee, fabulous decorations, crafts that you would want to make for yourself, and the music will be inspiring. (Kumbya in 5 languages). Spots are still available for you to help. Come and be part of the fun. You won't want to miss this! Ask how you can join in Counting Your Blessings, and Sharing with Others Around the World!

Anne Fritz

Mark Your Calendars!



ITS ICE CREAM SOCIAL TIME!

June will be here before you know it, and we're hoping for another successful summer ice cream season. With that said, please be thinking about helping. There will be several noticeable absences this summer which means we can use all the help you can give us. Mike Hoban will be stepping in to make the ice cream. Look for a meeting to be called soon. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall for anyone that can help this year. Please, again, think about helping.

Sue F.

Please Support Hands Up Program

It is once again time to think about gardening and raising good vegetables for our tables. The Church of the Good Shepherd in Campton, Kentucky sponsors a "seed program" called 'Hands Up, Not a Hand out'. They offer free vegetable seeds to neighbors in their area who work hard to raise food to feed their families. A elementary school provides them with donations of green beans and lettuce seeds, but more seeds are needed. I would like to collect donations

of sweet corn seeds, peas, lima beans, carrots, turnips, squash and pumpkin seeds and other seeds as you would like to provide to be mailed to Sister Ann and Sister Amy to help with their mission of giving people a way to help themselves. We will begin collecting seeds on Sunday (April 25) and will mail all items collected to the Campton church by May 10. Thanks for your assistance and generosity. Anne

New Worship Time

May 30, 2010

Please mark your calendars that our Worship Service will begin at 10:00am on Sunday, May 30th. We will continue this new schedule until September.

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.
Colossians 3:15

Kate Rose Studies Abroad!

Kate Rose will be living in Amman, Jordan during the latter half of the Summer semester where she will be attending the University of Jordan. She will be attending courses Sunday through Thursday in early Islamic theology and history, as well as advanced Modern Standard and Classical Quar'anic Arabic.

During her stay, she will be taking a total of seven short trips in and around Amman to conduct primary research for her Thesis. The trips within Jordan will include travel to the fundamental Umayyad sites such as the costal town of Aquaba and Petra, as well as two of the most important Umayyad

desert palaces, Qasr al-Amra and Qasr Kharana.

Her travels outside of Jordan include three short trips to Damascus, Cairo, and Jerusalem. The trip to Damascus is essential to her research because it was the capital of the Umayyad Caliphate. Kate writes :

“ When I was first approached with the opportunity to take part in the Jordan study abroad program, most of the costs were to be covered by school funding programs. However due to current economic conditions school funding for research studies abroad have been cut. I have applied for, and received, several grants but the bulk of the costs will be

my responsibility. We have therefore set up a Jordan Research Donation Fund to assist me in raising the additional out of pocket costs. If you would like to make a contribution , any amount would be greatly appreciated. To make your donation: Please make checks payable to: Kathryn Rose *On the memo please write: **Jordan Studies Donation Fund** or checks may be mailed directly to: Chase Bank Attn: Sharon 513 Loveland Maderia Road Loveland, OH 45140 Cash donations may be given to me directly or you may give them to Frank or Stephanie Rupnik. A donation (cont. pg.4)

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

The members of Bethel Murdoch Church would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Happy Birthday or a Happy Anniversary on your special day!



“Pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.” Ephesians 6:18

2	Sherry Riley	25	Frank & Stephanie Rupnik
7	Karl Walker	26	Mary Walker
11	Barry Fields	27	Zach Popp
14	Nancy McKeehan	27	Michelle Trauger
17	Carl Ferrell	28	Glenda Mulberry
17	Kevin Howell	28	Phyllis Reagan
18	David Schlemmer	28	Mike & Anne Marie Rudkin
20	Chaz Schebor	31	Chuck Schebor, III

Facing The Trials of Life With Joy

History tells us that Thomas Edison invented the microphone, the phonograph, the incandescent light, the storage battery, movies with sound, and more than 1,000 other things. The truth is the quality of our lives has been immeasurably improved by the genius of a man who overcame dyslexia and found that there was a great deal to learn from the failures and trials that life brought his way.

In 1914, the laboratory where many of Edison’s inventions were birthed caught on fire. Fire companies from eight surrounding towns responded, but inadequate water pressure and intense heat left firefighters with nothing

more to do than watch two million dollars in assets that were insured for only \$238,000 burn to the ground.

The inventor’s 24 year-old son, Charles, searched frantically for his father. He worried that his father might have been trapped in the structure. When he found him, he was calmly watching the fire, his face glowing in the reflection, his white hair blowing in the wind.

“My heart ached for him,” said Charles. “He was 67 – no longer a young man – and everything was going up in flames. When he saw me, he shouted, ‘Charles, where’s your mother?’ When I told (cont. on back)

Kate Rose cont.

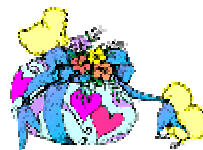
box has been set up in the church office. In the event the trip is cancelled I will refund your donation or gift it to the church upon your request.

Many thanks to a great Congregation. The support and prayers from our church have aided me greatly in making this very difficult decision to leave my family for eight weeks and take part in this study abroad. I have many times prayed to God to give me the strength in making the right decision for my family. Though all great opportunities in life should be embraced, not all of them come without risk. I will be traveling in and out of countries listed on the “terrorist watch list” and ask you keep both my family and I in your prayers while I am gone.

Thank you for your love and support,

Kate

A Special Thanks!



The Fellowship Committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the Maundy

Thursday meal and the breakfast on Easter morning. We greatly appreciate everyone’s efforts. As always the food was delicious and enjoyed by everyone who was able to attend.

Those We Care About and Miss!

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A recent email from Bowe’s father:

There is every indication that the LORD has heard our prayers, and in His mercy, has His hands upon Bowe and the situation in general. Continue to pray for him and the people around him, and those within the operations community. This is going to be a testimony to all.

May 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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<i>2</i> Worship 10:45am	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Choir 7:30pm	<i>6</i> YAH Lunch- eon 12:00pm	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Angel Food Deadline
<i>9</i> Worship 10:45am Mother's Day	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> Choir 7:30pm	<i>13</i> Session 6:30pm	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Angel Food Pick-up Relay for Life
<i>16</i> Worship 10:45am	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> Choir 7:30pm	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i> Worship 10:45am LaComedia	<i>24</i> Newsletter Articles Due!	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> Choir 7:30pm	<i>27</i> Committee Night 7:00pm	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>30</i> Worship 10:00am	<i>31</i> Memorial Day!					

Please check the bulletin inserts and office calendar for additional information on committee meeting etc. this month.



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Our Mission Statement:

*Bring People to Jesus,
Educate them in God's truth.
Teach them to love God and each other,
Heal the brokenhearted
Enjoy God and each other, and
Live worshipful lives*

Facing The Trials of Life With Joy (cont.)

him I didn't know, he said, 'Find her. Bring her here. She will never see anything like this as long as she lives.'

The next morning, Edison looked at the ruins and said, "There is great value in disaster. All our mistakes are burned up. Thank God we can start anew."

It is hard to face our trials with the spirit that was found in Thomas Edison, but that's exactly what God expects us to do. You see God knows that real spiritual growth can only come from and through the trials that he allows to come our way. They are ultimately what form the basis for the joy that Christian maturity brings with it.

I ran across a poem recently that's worth putting on our refrigerators and thinking about when trouble finds us. I don't know who wrote it, but I sure know the One who inspired it:

It's sometimes very difficult
For us to understand;
The wisdom and the love behind
The things that God has planned.

But we wouldn't have the rainbow
If we didn't have the rain;
We wouldn't know the pleasure
If we never tasted pain.

We wouldn't love the sunrise
If we hadn't felt the night;
And we wouldn't know our weakness
If we hadn't sensed God's might.

We couldn't have the springtime
Or the yellow daffodil;
If we hadn't experienced
The winter's frosty chill.

And though the brilliant sunshine
Is something God has made;
He knew too much could parch our

souls
So He created shade.

So God's given us a balance:
Enough joys to keep us glad,
Enough tears to keep us humble,
Enough good to balance bad.

And if you'll trust in Him you'll see
Though yesterday brought sorrow;
The clouds will part and dawn will
bring A happier tomorrow.

<http://www.devotions.com/2009/10/facing-the-trials-of-life-with-joy-3.html>

"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials."

James 1:2