



# Pathways May 2024



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# What's Happening

Journey  
Community Church  
UCC-DOC  
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Worship  
Opportunities  
Sundays:  
10:00 AM Traditional  
Worship in Sanctuary

## Journey Community Church



# VBS 2024

# Camp Firelight

June 24th - 27th

Crafts

Bible Stories

Singing

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Recreation

Snacks Science

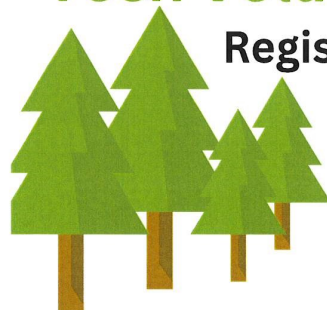
4 yrs old - 5th grade

Teen Volunteers are Welcome!

Registration **Deadline** June 10th

FREE EVENT

Scan or call  
to register



For an electronic version  
of newsletter  
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www.journeyccl.com

Robin 513-325-9961

## Pastor Words of Wisdom

Baseball season has finally started back up, and that means we are probably all filled with the same emotion - hope!

Regardless of how last year ended for whatever team you are a fan of (for me, the Detroit Tigers. For you, I assume the Cincinnati Reds), a new season means new hopes and dreams for success.

Even if you think your team is bad (hello, Detroit!), it's still almost impossible not to feel some level of anticipation and excitement about this season. Sports are weird and you never truly know what's going to happen.

And that gives us hope.

Now, having hope doesn't mean everything is going to magically work out in our favor. Again, sports are weird and the outcome is never as straightforward as it seems. Rarely does the best team in the regular season actually go on to win the title. Just ask the Dodgers, Braves, and Orioles from last year.

The same is true of life. We have hope for certain things, and it doesn't always work the way we had imagined or...hoped.

But that doesn't mean we should stop hoping! Hope is the fuel that inspires and ignites us to action. With hope, we are motivated to work toward whatever hopeful event we are striving for.

Hope encourages us, strengthens us, and keeps us moving forward. Without it, what would be the point of, well, anything?

If we didn't have hope for anything in our lives, why would we try to do anything new or helpful or risky? We would simply exist, remaining static in our lives. How sad would that be?

Our faith demands hope, because God is offering us hope at every turn. Hope that we can make the world a better place; hope that our lives can be something more; hope that the future is bright; hope that a place is waiting for us in heaven.

Hope is the great motivator. Hope is what keeps us going. Hope is what God promises us.

So whether you're rooting for the success of the Reds, yourself, or your neighbor, remember that it is through hope that we find comfort and excitement.

It is through hope that we fight on, trusting that even if it doesn't work out this year, there's always next year. And the next. And the next.

For hope, just like God, is infinite.



**Mt. Healthy Alliance Needs**

Mt. Healthy Alliance is in need of the following items:

Deodorant  
Hand Soap  
Dishwashing Liquid  
Non-Perishable Foods

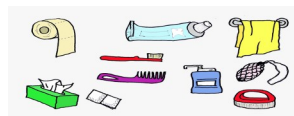
Shampoo  
Toilet Paper

Personal Care Items

Toothpaste  
Laundry Detergent

Spring Cleaning Supplies

Toothbrushes



5/1 Karen Schroer  
5/5 Pam Leist  
Derek Street  
5/6 Jenny Birdsong  
Linda Stegman  
5/7 Judy Staudigel

5/7 Anne Marie Timme  
5/8 Alice Graber  
Romone Johnson  
5/9 Emmett Izer  
5/11 Dee Iverson  
Steven Johnson  
5/16 Greg Turner

5/17 Linda Woods  
5/19 Alexis Mittler  
5/21 Jackie Lamott  
5/23 Tyler Mittler  
5/29 Sue Marshall  
5/31 Judith McIlhaney  
Angie Tietsort



6/1 Misti Cornish  
Debbie Dahm  
6/3 Brian Carr  
6/6 Mark Heitman  
6/12 Ron Packer

6/13 Cheryl DuPriest  
David Lynch  
6/16 Jeff Turner  
Kiahna Jayne Turner  
6/18 Jerry Lewis

6/22 Jordyn King  
6/23 Adam Roberts  
6/26 Jan Apro  
Shianna Johnson

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March 11, 2024 Board Meeting Notes

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Steve opened meeting at 6:07pm and Brian prayed. Five board members and pastor were present.

- Sharing of previous meeting minutes were read and Skip requested minor correction.

**Team/Committee Reports****Finance (Mike I)**

- Shared budget numbers (need to plug in new numbers to get from Treasurer)
  - Journey Checking Balance: \$26,568.88
  - Journey Savings: \$380,472.44
  - SPELC Grant Money: \$104,208.56
  - St. Paul Checking: \$9668.90
  - Schwab – Journey Investments: \$144,244.23
  - Edward Jones: \$414,342.96 (now includes P & G Stock
  - Edward Jones (cash account): \$1477.35
- Request was made to include end of month balances to spread sheet and is in process of being accomplished.
- Met with Schwab. Finance to move 250k to transfer from savings into Schwab money market account at 5.2% interest.

**Building (Skip)**

- Still waiting on quotes for repair of front wall.
- AC work in progress this week. To be completed within next couple of weeks. Jim and Judy are on board with this work.
- Shared the need to look into touchless sensors for faucets in kids restrooms. Rob had indicated this need.
- Was shared that foundation of flag pole needs work as well as some additional tree work.

**Personnel (Ben)**

- Planning to meet with Anne/Office Administrator/Treasurer on performance assessment and contract.
- Contract, Job Description, and Performance assessment finalized for Sexton/Jimmy.
- Working to finalize Rob's custodial job description and contract updates.

## **Spiritual (Robin)**

- No meeting in March.
- Lunch with the Easter Bunny coming up March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Next up is VBS planning. VBS will be June 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.
- Was shared that Pairs and Spares was not part of spiritual.

## **Pastoral (Brian)**

- Final preparation for Easter in works along with Palm Sunday (24<sup>th</sup> March) and Maundy Thursday (28<sup>th</sup> March).
- Advertising on Facebook for our Easter service.
- Reaching out to former Carthage members to invite to worship.
- 2024 Goal setting meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> to finalize.

## **Additional Business (Steve)**

- No updates at this time on Best Buy installation finalization from Mike.
- Discussed online/social media/Facebook desire to get this moving.
- Still checking on possible replacing front of church sign with an enhanced sign from a local business.

Brian closed with a prayer at 7:21pm

End of Meeting



*Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:*

*Home Bound Members*

*Wm & Eileen Church      Alice Graber      Diane Griswold      Ruth Hoeweler  
 Lynn Hoffman      Emmett Izer      Nancy Lanza      Donald Lerch  
 Melitta Marx      Bob Runk      Dave Schleutker      Marlene Sheward      Elaine  
 Sloan      Anne Timme      Rommie Turner      Sharon Wagner      Del Yung*

*Special Prayer Request  
 Our Service Men and Women  
 The Country of Ukraine  
 Civil War in the Sudan  
 Victims of Children Trafficking*

*Erma Amrein      Nola Apro      LaRue Baker (Estie's Sister)      Victoria  
 Baumstead      Al Bonaccorso      Pat Bonaccorso      Judy Boyce      Barb Brewer  
 Max Buerkle      Amy Buschelman      Mike Burriss      Bill Carter      Jim Cobb  
 Joyce Compton      Danielle Coulton      Debbie      Shelley Dauderman  
 Friend of David Lynch      Carrie Devine      Mercedes Dreier      Brian Drinnen  
 William DuPriest      Dorothy Dumford      Huntleigh Enderle      Mary Enderle  
 Rick Enderle      Owen Erickson      Pam Farlow      Paul Fuhr      Sue Geary  
 Marcia Gibbs      Theo Gruber      Ken Handley      Michelle Henn  
 Patti Hornback      Becky Horning      Dave Huser      Jim Hutchison      John Jester  
 Trudy Jester      Jessica Kerns      Jamie Kist      Rhonda Lahmann      Joan Lewis  
 Dan Mc Donald      Dick Manifold      Harper Manning      Vicki Newport  
 Kathy Noble      Darlene Reed      Ricky Renier      Rhonda  
 Bill Richards, Jr.      Steve Rogers      Cherie Lynn Sauer      Emma Sauer  
 Jacob Sauer      Ken Scheffel      Bob Schebens      Tom Schumm      Kari Shell  
 Les Smith      Karen Street      Melissa friend of Trudy      Friend of Summer Lighthall  
 Denise Tingle      Anne Vander Molen      Leslie Washington      Chad Wilcocks  
 Karen Wilson      Ann Winkler      Mike Woeste      Paula Zellner      Anne Zimmer  
 Family of Richard Huff*

*Please keep the office informed when  
 Names can be removed or need to be added*



**Worship Leaders  
in May**



**Communion Servers  
in May**



Bobbie Compton	5/5/2024
David Holmes	5/12/2024
Mothers Day	
Kathy Terrell	5/19/2024
Pentecost	
Judith Lewis-Combs	5/26/2024
Memorial Day	

Bobbie Compton	Dee Iverson	5/5/2024
David Holmes	Ben Sauer	5/12/2024
Kathy Terrell	Terry DuPriest	5/19/2024
Judith Lewis-Combs	Robin Lighthall	5/26/2024

**Greeters  
in May**

Lois Bates	5/5/2024
Ben Sauer	5/12/2024
Trudy Jester	5/19/2024
Vicki Celenza	5/26/2024

**PARISH NURSES**

Our parish nurses, Vicki Celenza and Roxanne Reed, will have blood pressure screening on Sunday, May 19, 2024 9:15-9:45 AM before Worship. Their area is located in the Café area. All are welcome!

**June  
NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE**



The newsletter deadline for the June edition is Wednesday, May 22nd. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.

**COMMUNITY DINNER**

Our weekly community dinners will be held on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Tuesday's of the month.

Dinner is served 5:00 - 6:30 PM

**ZWOSTER SCHOLARSHIP**

The updated Zwoster Scholarship Criteria Information, Application and Service Hour Log are now available in the Narthex and in the Office. If you have someone who would be interested, and need a copy emailed, please call the office and speak with Anne and all the information can be emailed.

The deadline to submit application and service hour log has been extended to Friday, May 31, 2024. All paperwork must be in the church office no later than end of business hours, which is 9 AM to 2:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact either, Sandy Blevins, 513-520-2772 or Margaret Maybury, 513-522-9606.

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

We started a new Facebook Page. Here is the new link!  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100025889658215>

**ONLINE GIVING**

We do have online giving set up for Journey Community Church. If you choose to use our online giving, here is the link, <https://journeycomchurch.churchtrac.com>, or you can also use the CR code below. Once in the system, you can input your envelope number and it records directly to your record. If you have questions, please let us know. All financial help at this time is much needed and appreciated.



Thanks so much,  
Finance Team



**SMALL MEN’S GROUP BIBLE AND DISCUSSION GROUP**

Calling all men seeking deeper insights into “God’s Money”!  
 Join Ben Sauer for a 3-part Bible Study and discussion group. Delve into the scriptures and both historical and contemporary points of view to uncover wisdom on wealth, stewardship, and financial principles.

May 9th, 16th, and 23rd  
 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Held at Creativity Cottage located at 7426 Hamilton Avenue in Mt. Healthy

Fuel your mind and spirit with insightful discussions and camaraderie.

Coffee will be provided.

Don’t miss out - mark your calendars and join us!



**Many Thanks and a Story to Share From Our AA Groups**

The AA Groups love the new HVAC system. The unit on the side of the room we use is set to a temp that, barring an extreme temperature swing, does not come on during our meetings, or so it seems. When we have new people attend, they tend to speak very quietly. This works really great! We are really blessed to have such a thoughtful landlord. Many Thanks!

Recently a member came in who had been sober for 13 years. She had not attended many meetings in the last 5 years, but was doing well. She shared how her sister, who had recently passed, had been so proud of her and her sobriety. But that she has been feeling so lost without her sister and was searching for guidance. That’s when she saw the sign out in the front, advertising AA Meetings at Journey. She said she felt as God answered her prayer with divine guidance.

**INFORMATION NEEDED FOR THOSE ON PRAYER LIST**

Our prayer list is an ever changing necessity for our members, friends of our members, and those on the prayer list. If you have placed someone on the prayer list, who is not a member of this church, and would like for them to receive a card from the church, please call the office and give to Anne the address of the person you would like to have a card sent to.

Our team of card writers will be happy to send a card to let them know the church is thinking about them and praying for them.

Information can be called in to Anne during office hours at 513-931-2205 or it can be emailed to her at [office@journeyccc.com](mailto:office@journeyccc.com).

Thanks in advance!

# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Building Team meets after Worship on Sunday's as needed.	FH = Fellowship Hall ELC = Early Learning Center HS= Head Start		1 ELC - 4's Concert 7 pm Sanctuary	2 ELC - Pre-K Concert 7 pm Sanctuary	3 AA - 8 PM	4 AA - 8 PM
5 Jazz Trio	6 HS - No School Finance Mtg 6 pm Spiritual Mtg 6 pm	7 Dinner 5 - 6:30 PM	8 ELC - 4's Concert 7 pm Sanctuary	9 ELC - Pre-K Concert 7 pm Sanctuary	10 AA - 8 PM	11 AA - 8 PM
12 George Theders DOC Mission New Church Ministry	13 HS - No School Personnel Mtg 4 pm Board Mtg - 6pm	14 ELC - 3's Family Fun Dance Party 7 PM Fellowship Hall	15	16	17 ELC - 2.5 YO Last day school AA - 8 PM	18 AA - 8 PM
19 Jazz Trio	20 HS - No School	21 Dinner 5 - 6:30 PM	22 Newsletter Articles Due ELC-3's, 4's, Pre-K Last day school	23 Head Start Last Day of School	24 AA - 8 PM	25 AA - 8 PM
26 George Theders UCC Mission Strengthen the Church	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29	30	31 AA - 8 PM	Standing Dates: Sunday: Crew Mtg 1:30 - 2 PM Tuesday: Dinner FH 5:00 PM 1st & 3rd