

NORTH BENTON CHURCH

NEWS



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Dear Fellow Northbentonites,

As I write this, we just went through some “interesting weather” for sure. Unseasonably warm weather, sustained winds sometimes reaching hurricane force speeds and then St. Patrick’s Day we woke up with white instead of green. Spring sure is interesting in Northeast Ohio, for sure. No matter the weather, we still keep keeping on.

When weather changes, we are adept at changes. When life has ups and downs, we as Christians adept to changes also. There are mountain tops and valleys in every road trip we take and there are ups and downs as we travel the road of life. During those times, scripture tells us how to adapt. We read in Proverbs 3: 5-6: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.” That applies at all times (in ALL your ways), even when circumstances seem uncertain. Always remember that God is faithful a great benefit to guide us to sustain us. Each of those valleys may seem like it is dark but remember that “Jesus is the Light!” (John 8: 12) Plus, each trial is an opportunity to grow closer to Him and when we do, we discover peace and hope that goes beyond our human limitations.

There is a special benefit when we are walking with Christ-that is the church. Because as you walk with Christ, you are walking with us as we also walking with Christ.

In the big windstorm that went through North Benton, a big pine tree across from the Post Office was blown down. It was a strong sturdy tree but it was by itself. It did not have any other trees around it to help withstand the wind. It fell and took out a phone poll, knocking out our electricity. Other trees around in the woods did not fall. They were able to withstand the same strong winds with the support of other trees.

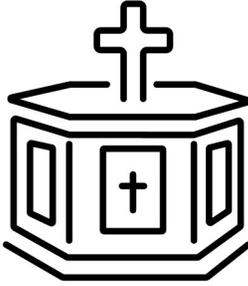
Let us take time this blessed month of April to take time to be a support system for each other Let us pray for one another, especially ones going through a storm. Even a small gesture or a listening ear can make a big difference in someone going through a storm.

I wish you all a blessed April filled with perseverance and renewed trust in God’s goodness May you find new reasons to give thanks each day and find ways to share your “blossoms” each day.

With faith,

Pastor Herb





Let's
Celebrate

For April 2026, here are the sermon titles and scripture readings and themes:

April 2, 2026. Maundy Thursday Service. We will meet in the fellowship hall for candlelight communion.

April 3, 2026. Good Friday. We will meet at the Damascus Methodist Church at 7:00 for the community Good Friday Service. We will be looking at the Seven Stations of the Cross with ministers from 7 of our local churches.

April 5, 2026. Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Day. After our breakfast in the fellowship hall, we will be moving to the sanctuary for the concluding sermon on our sermon series "Hope" with the sermon "Hope for All!" It is not the end but the beginning of something special. Matthew 28: 1-10 and First Peter 1: 3-4 will be the basis for this sermon. We will also be having communion during the service.

We will now be opening the Letter to the Philippians for our next sermon series with the overarching themes "Joy in Christ!"

April 12, 2026. Second Sunday of Easter. "Joy in Christ!" is the title for our first sermon based on Philippians 1: 1-11. This sermon will emphasize Paul's speaking of what brought him joy.

April 19, 2026. Third Sunday of Easter. The sermon "Worth-While!" tells of how Paul stays focused even during extreme adversity. We will open our Bibles to Philippians 1: 12-30 for this sermon.

April 26, 2026. Fourth Sunday of Easter. The importance of unity within the body of Christ goes without saying. But sometimes even the church needs reminded. Paul does that in Philippians 2:1-11 in the sermon titles "Humming Right Along!"

April 2026

Birthdays & Anniversaries

4/2	Joshua Gaines
4/3	Nancy Finch
4/9	Addam Gossiaux
4/10	Jennifer Lesko Jude Fielder
4/11	Adam Lewis
4/12	Sarah Finch Ricky Jones
4/16	Dutch Wilson
4/18	Beverly Flickinger
4/19	Mike Hammond Carolyn Gabric
4/20	Cael Benedict
4/21	Karl & Barb Schenk
4/22	Marilyn Smith Kelsey Phillips
4/23	Shirley Bullis
4/24	Jadon Randlett
4/25	Tom Skelding V
4/28	Doug & Debbie Shields John Lesko
4/30	Phil Carlile



OFFERING/ATTENDANCE

February 2026

	Offering	Attendance
2/1/26	1516.00	43
2/8/26	1370.00	35
2/15/26	1050.00	35
2/22/26	1927.00	32

DEACON GREETERS

April 2026

Sherry Kelly
Cheri Martin

Coffee & Pastry

Not being held in April.

See you in May



CONTINUED PRAYER

Nursing Home/Homebound

Dan Rowe

(Essex #1 Salem, Rm. # 210, Salem, OH 44460)

Ongoing Health Concerns

Denton Herron, Jim Hilles, Stan Jozwiakowski,
Sandy Jozwiakowski, and Paul Bates

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER BECAUSE WE CARE

April 2026



Margaret Moore

Josh Myers

Nick Myers

Ryan & Lisa Myers



MISSION CAUSE FOR PRAYER

Youth Initiatives/Ireland - Doug Smith

Campus Crusade - Lisa (Smith) Wyss

Vacation Bible School



Special Dates for April 2026

Holy Week Continues, March 29-April 5, 2026

Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026

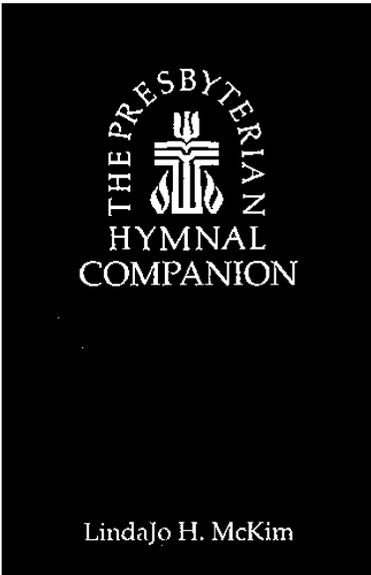
Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Earth Day, April 22, 2026

Administrative Professionals Day, April 22, 2026

Book Review



This helpful resource provides extensive information about each hymn in The Presbyterian Hymnal (1990)--background detail about hymn origins, publication history, authors, translators, composers, and arrangers. Stories about some of the hymns are also included.



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

ROOSTER — The rooster reminds us of Peter’s threefold denial of Jesus on the night of his trial (Matthew 26:34, NIV). Because of this, it often symbolizes human weakness and faithlessness—especially when faith is tested. Yet, the rooster also calls to mind watchfulness. Its early-morning crowing echoes Jesus’ words about being alert for his return: “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn” (Mark 13:35, NIV).

Favorite Recipes of Old

Recipes are chosen at random from the North Benton Church “Favorite Recipes” cookbook.

HAM LOAF II *Jean F. Kile*

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 2 lbs. ham loaf mix | 2 eggs |
| 1 cup graham cracker crumbs | 3/4 cup milk |

Mix all ingredients and bake at 350 degrees for 1-1/2 hours. For individual loaves, lessen time. Yields: 10-12 servings.

- Sauce:**
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|---|---------------|
| 1/2 can tomato soup | 1/4 can water |
| 1/2 tsp. dry or 1 tsp. prepared mustard | |
| 3/4 cup brown sugar | 1 T. vinegar |

Mix and pour over ham loaves, basting several times.



Engage Your Mind

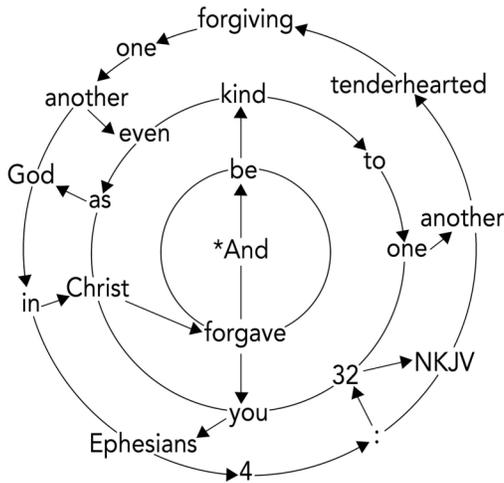


Puzzle!

This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.



Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



"And _____ ,
 _____ ,
 _____ ,
 _____ ."

Answer: "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32, NKJV

"News from the Pews"

We are going to try doing "News from the Pews" again. Please submit your news with one photo to secretary@northbentonchurch.org



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus weary endured opposition 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> cross endured scorning shame 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> eyes us joy heart
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. cross 6. endured 7. scorning 8. shame 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jesus lose pioneer sinners 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. perfecter 6. him 7. faith 8. hand
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. eyes 2. us 3. joy 4. heart 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. right 6. grow 7. God 8. throne 	

"... fixing our _____ on _____ , the _____ and _____ of _____ . For the _____ set before _____ he _____ the _____ , _____ its _____ , and sat down at the _____ of the _____ of _____ . Consider _____ who _____ such _____ from _____ , so that you will not _____ and _____ "

Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

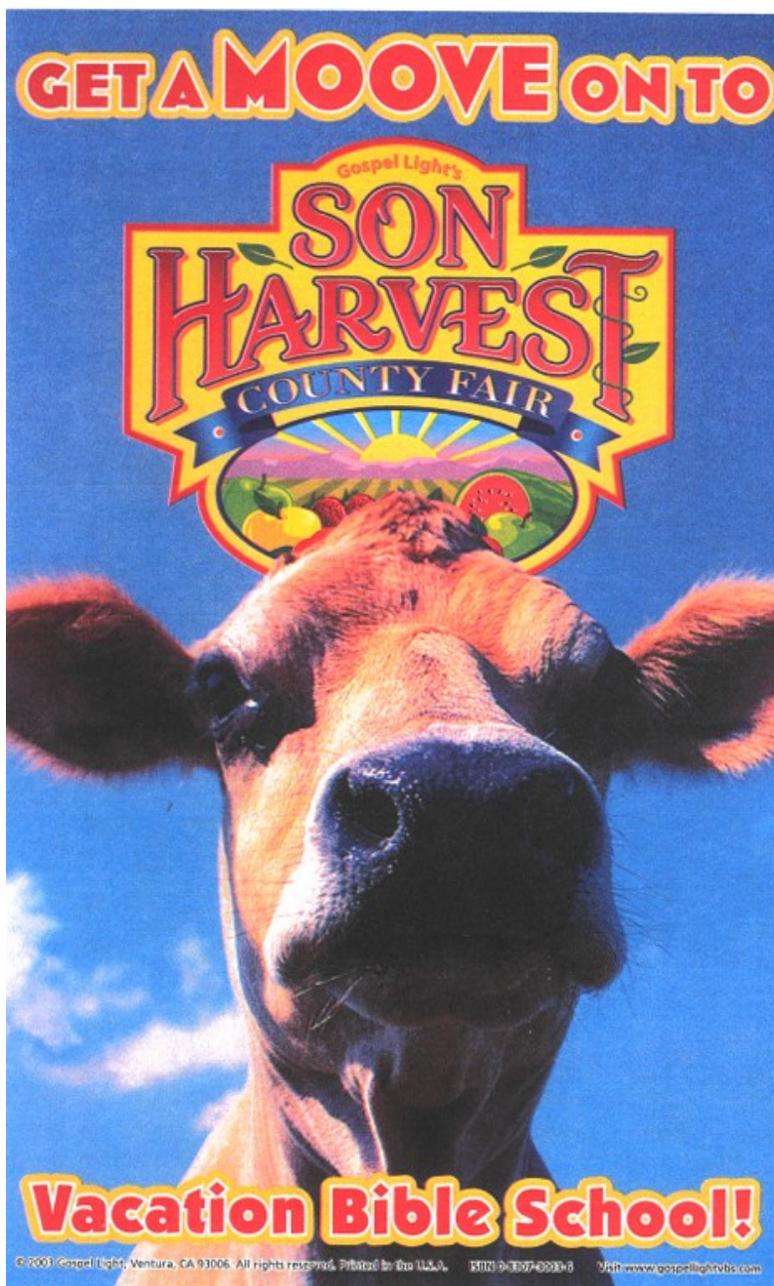
Answer: "... fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3 NIV

BIBLE QUIZ

According to Matthew's account, something remarkable happened to the earth on the day Jesus was crucified and again on the morning when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary visited the tomb. What occurred on both days?

- A. There was a flood on both days.
- B. There was an earthquake on both days.
- C. There was a huge fire on each day.
- D. There was complete darkness on both days.

Answer: B (Matthew 27:51; Matthew 28:2)



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Vacation Bible School

Date: June 8-12, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ages: 4 years old through completed Grade 6

Questions: Contact Cindy Gaines at 330-584-2989

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY	3 GOOD FRIDAY	5
5 Easter Sunday 8:30 Sunrise Breakfast Birthday Sunday Communion 9:00 Coffee & Pastry 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class	6	7 4-H	8	9 7:30 Session Mtg	10	11
12 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class 10:45 Deacon's Mtg	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class	20	21	22 EARTH DAY ADMIN PROFESSIONAL'S DAY	23	24	25 6 PM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER
26 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class	27	28 4-H		29	30	

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Sunday Service: 9:30 am Worship Service

“A church where everybody is somebody, and Jesus Christ is Lord”

TRUE INTEGRITY

At a job interview, Carol was asked repeatedly, “Why did you leave your previous job?” The interviewer had an inkling of the conflict she’d had with her former employer and wanted to know what had happened.

While acknowledging “differences in working style,” Carol refused to divulge her opinion of her former boss, believing that it would be wrong to speak ill of him. Later, after she was hired, her new boss revealed that the hiring personnel liked her response: “We were impressed by your integrity. We wouldn’t want you to bad-mouth your boss - or us next time - either.

As a new believer in Jesus, Carol had always wondered how to live in a “godly” and “right” way, practically. She realized the answer could be simple: show integrity and be

honorable, honest, and ethical.

First Peter 2:12 points to the importance of integrity in everything: “Live such good lives among the pagans that ... they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.” This includes practical things like submitting to lawful authorities (vv.13-14); doing good (v.15); showing an attitude of humility and service (v.16); and respecting and loving others (v.17). As God helps us, let’s serve Him in a way that brings honor to His name.

- LESLIE KOH

In what simple and practical ways can you live out your faith? What words and actions would you use or avoid?

Prayer

Dear Father, please give me the wisdom to show integrity, love, and respect for others each day so Your name will be glorified in all I say and do.

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