

NORTH BENTON CHURCH

NEWS



North Benton Presbyterian Church

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June greetings to all "Northbentonians,"
My prayer is that this will find you well.

We are just a few weeks away from our country's 250th anniversary. Last month we were looking at the influence Christianity had on Christopher Columbus and how that led to his part in the discovery of the New World. Next month we will be looking at the role the Presbyterians had in the writing of the Declaration. But first, it would be advantageous to take a look at the place the Pilgrims had in the building blocks of the foundation of our country.

The Pilgrims are often remembered for the first Thanksgiving, but their influence on America reaches much deeper. When 102 people sailed to the New World in 1620 and established Plymouth Colony, they brought with them a strong faith in God's providence, a commitment to family and community, and a determination to build a life shaped by both responsibility and hope. Their journey was marked by hardship, sacrifice, and uncertainty, yet their example became part of the spiritual and cultural foundation of early America. Even now, their story reminds us that convictions rooted in faith can leave a lasting mark on a nation.

One of the Pilgrims' most important contributions was their example of self-government. Before coming ashore, they signed the Mayflower Compact, an agreement to work together for the good of the colony and to live under laws they would establish as a body. Though simple, this covenant showed the importance of mutual responsibility, orderly leadership, and accountability. In many ways, it reflected the biblical understanding that a community thrives when its people accept both freedom and duty. These principles would later echo in America's developing democratic traditions, where ordered liberty and shared responsibility became central ideals.

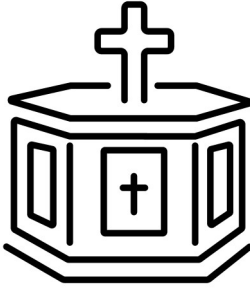
The Pilgrims also left a religious legacy that continues to resonate. They endured hardship because they longed to worship according to conscience, and their perseverance under suffering still speaks to believers today. Their days in Plymouth were marked by prayer, Scripture, labor, and dependence on God's mercy. The well-known Thanksgiving observance that grew from their experience became one of America's most treasured traditions, reminding generations to pause, remember God's provision, and give thanks together. While history is always more complex than a simple holiday story, the Pilgrims' witness still points to the value of gratitude, endurance, and trust in the Lord during difficult times.

Like all people in history, the Pilgrims were imperfect, yet their example of courage, covenant, and gratitude continues to shape the American story. For the church today, their legacy is a reminder that faith can influence a nation when believers live with conviction, humility, and trust in the Lord. As we remember the Pilgrims, may we also renew our own commitment to build homes, churches, and communities that honor God. Their story encourages us not only to appreciate the past, but also to consider how our own faithfulness may bless future generations. During all of the 250th celebrations that will be coming this month, let us not forget the One who gives us freedom and make it all a time of thanksgiving!

Blessings,

Pastor Herb





Let's
Celebrate

For June's sermons, we be looking at themes dealing with Christians living in the United States as we approach our nation's 250th anniversary. Here are the titles, themes, and scriptures for this month:

June 7, 2026. Second Sunday after Pentecost. We start our 5 Sunday countdown with the sermon: "Set Free for Life" based on John 8: 31-36 and Galatians 5: 1. Does freedom really mean: "I can do whatever I want?"

June 14, 2026. Third Sunday of Pentecost. Philippians 3: 20, Jeremiah 29, 4-7 and Romans 13: 1-7 are the scripture foundation for the sermon "Here and There!" How can we live in both?

June 21, 2026. Fourth Sunday of Pentecost. One of the best ways to live is "In Gratitude!" That is the title of the sermon based on Deuteronomy 8: 10-18, Psalm 103: 1-5, and James 1:17. We often forget things but this we should not for sure!

June 28, 2026. Fifth Sunday of Pentecost. All good gifts are given for the benefit of the receiver. We will be looking at Galatians 5: 13-14, Mark 10: 42-45 and First Peter 2: 16 to complete the title: "Freedom to _____."

June 2026

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 6/7 Tim & Sandy Wilmoth
- 6/22 Matt & Jodi Weibush
- 6/10 Alexis Pierce
- 6/11 Gail Berger
- 6/23 Jerry & Angela Gossiaux
- 6/25 Irene Shields
- 6/29 Joyce Winters
- 6/30 June Vulcan
- 6/30 Joann Yeager



To have a name added or removed, please contact the church office.

OFFERING/ATTENDANCE

April 2026

	Offering	Attendance
4/5/26	\$1,716.55	91
4/12/26	\$1,375.00	42
4/19/26		44
4/26/26	\$1,922.00	38

DEACON GREETERS

June 2026

Karen Fay
Barb Franklin

Coffee & Pastry

9:00 a.m.
June 21, 2026



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

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER BECAUSE WE CARE

June 2026



Tom & Heidi Phillips

Alexis Pierce



MISSION CAUSE FOR PRAYER

Youth Initiatives/Ireland - Doug Smith

Campus Crusade - Lisa (Smith) Wyss

Vacation Bible School



Special Dates for June 2026

Flag Day, June 14, 2026

Juneteenth, June 19, 2026

Father's Day, June 21, 2026

First Day of Summer, June 21, 2026

Presbyterian Questions,

Presbyterian Answers

Revised Edition

Donald K. McKim

Book Review

Presbyterians often have questions about Presbyterian theology and beliefs that are basic to Christian faith itself. Featuring a unique question-and-answer format, *Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers* is an accessible and concise treatment that provides a sampling of these questions on important topics and brief but complete answers from a distinguished Presbyterian theologian. Fully updated for the changes to the Presbyterian new Form of Government, this revised edition also includes updated entries and six new questions and answers. Arranged according to doctrinal topics, the book is ideal for individual and group study, church officer training, new member and confirmation classes, and all those who are interested in Presbyterian theology.



CHRISTIAN SYMBOL

CEDAR TREE — A species of evergreen used to decorate for Christmas, the tall cedar tree symbolizes Christ's majesty year-round. Cedars of Lebanon, which have grown to 130 feet, were known to Old Testament people. "The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted" (Psalm 104:16, NIV). David's palace and both Solomon's palace and temple were built of cedar wood. The word cedar is found 75 times in the Bible. Due to its evergreen nature and longevity, this tree is associated with eternal life and thus sometimes used in cemetery landscaping.

Favorite Recipes of Old

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

FRUIT MEDLEY

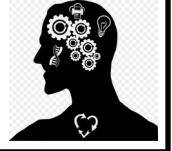
Kasie Hartzell

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| 1/2 cup Miracle Whip | 1/4 cup sour cream |
| 1 cup Baker's angel flake coconut | 1 banana, sliced |
| 1 cup miniature marshmallows | |
| 1 8-oz. can pineapple chunks in juice, drained | |
| 1 11-oz. can mandarin orange segments, drained | |

Mix dressing and sour cream in large bowl. Add fruit, marshmallows and coconut; mix lightly. Refrigerate several hours or over night. Makes 6 servings.



Engage Your Mind



Puzzle!

A Father's Love

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the lines to complete the Bible verse below.

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| Shem, Ham & Japheth = M | John the Baptist = N |
| Solomon = O | Jacob & Esau = A |
| Jonathan = I | Cain, Abel & Seth = O |
| Jesus = C | Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, |
| Rachel & Leah = S | Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, |
| Isaac & Ishmael = P | Naphtali, Asher & Dinah = S |

- God: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." _____
- Adam: God gave him another son because the older killed the younger. _____
- Noah: His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth. _____
- Abraham: God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descend from these two sons. _____
- Isaac: His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn. _____
- Laban: He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger was very beautiful. Both married Jacob. _____
- Jacob: Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter. _____
- Saul: His son was David's best friend. _____
- David: He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple. _____
- Zechariah: His son, a cousin of Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance. _____

As a father has _____
on his children, so the LORD has
_____ on those who
fear him. *Psalm 103:13, NIV*



Answers: compassion

NOTICE:

JULY & AUGUST NEWSLETTERS WILL BE COMBINED AND SENT OUT IN JULY, SO THERE WILL NOT BE A NEWSLETTER IN AUGUST. HAVE GREAT SUMMER! GOD BLESS AND KEEP EVERYONE SAFE!



REMEMBERING OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

Father's Day is a time to thank our father and father-figures who work hard to keep our families safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill out the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

Answer: What great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

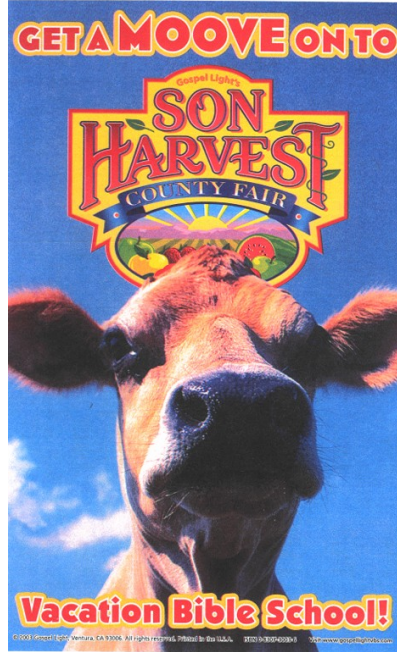
BIBLE QUIZ

King David wanted to build a glorious temple for worshiping God and for housing the ark of the covenant. God, however, did not permit him to build it. Instead, God chose Solomon, David's son, to head up the building program. Why wasn't David allowed the honor of building the temple?

- A. David was getting too old to supervise such an undertaking.
- B. David had been a warrior and had shed blood.
- C. David had stopped taking God seriously.
- D. David's attention was required elsewhere.

A. Answer: B (1 Chronicles 28:3)

V.B.S.



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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

Father's Day 2026

Sunday, June 21



June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Birthday Sunday 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class 10:45 Deacon's Mtg	8	9	10	11	12 VBS Picnic	13
	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL					
14 9:00 Coffee & Pastry 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class	15	16 4-H	17	18	19	20
21 FATHER'S DAY Coffee & Pastry 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class	29	30				

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Sunday Service: 9:30 am Worship Service

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

GENEROUS GIVING

When Oswald and Bidy Chambers ran a Bible college in London from 1911 to 1915, they continued with their life principle of not turning away those in need. Astute Londoners were aghast at this practice, thinking the college would be taken advantage of. In response, Oswald observed, without inviting others to follow in the practice, “My responsibility is to give. God will look after who asks.”

The couple followed the example of our generous Creator. Through His instructions to Moses, God laid out gracious ways for His people to live and serve others, including the giving of their food and possessions. Moses told the Israelites at the end of every three years to “bring all the tithes” so the Levites, “foreigners, the fatherless and the widows,” could come and “eat and be satisfied”

(Deuteronomy 14:28-29).

Through the generosity of His people, God cares for the vulnerable.

The Changers’ trust in God was so strong that they gave willingly and without question. They’d learned to “revere ... God always” (V. 23) and receive His blessing “in all the work of [their] hands” (V 29).

We may also feel inspired to give freely while we lean on God for wisdom and discernment. We know that God will generously lead and guide as He provides for the foreigners, the fatherless, and the widows.

- AMY BOUCHER PYE

What’s your view and practice of giving? How has God provided for your physical, emotional, and spiritual needs?

PRAYER

**Generous God, I look to You for all I need. I know that You’re the source of all good things. I worship You.
Amen**

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