

NORTH BENTON CHURCH

NEWS



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Greetings to the North Benton Church family, I really enjoy the month of March! It is the month that spring usually does sprung. (Rings, rangs, rungs therefore spring, sprang, sprung, but you knew that.) But did you know that the month of March has the only day of the year that is a command? It is the month that we are told to "MARCH FORTH!" While a drill sergeant might tell that to their trainees, it is a theme that is found throughout the Bible for us. March forth reminds us that faith is not static, but a daily journey. We are to go forth even when the path is not certain. Whether we are facing challenges or celebrating victories, each step is an opportunity to receive even more of God's blessings.

Just imagine where we would be if these individuals did not march forward. Think of Abraham, who left his homeland and traveled 500 miles to get even more blessings. How Moses marched forth with the people of Israel from the slavery of Egypt to the freedom of the land that flowed with milk and honey. Or how Peter left the other disciples in the boat as he did march forth in faith. Of course, once they did march forth, it was not without obstacles or challenges but God was with them, and they received so many more blessings because they did march forth.

I encourage you to take some time this month thinking about times when you did not take an opportunity to march forth. There are always the wouldas, couldas and shoudas that we all have wished did not happen throughout our

lives. Then there are the times we would and did, we could and did and we should and did.

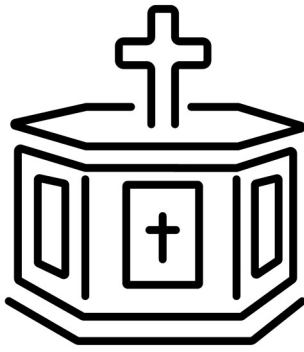
Just don't think of them but share your stories with others and encourage them to share their stories with you. They will learn more about you and you will learn more about them. We all have times in our lives which could inspire others. You have been blessed and you have gone through difficult times and came through them. Others need to know it.

I will never forget the time I was talking with a teenager who said that I did not know just how difficult it was to be a teen in this time. I said no, I didn't but when I was a teen I was eligible to be drafted and called up to go to Viet Nam. My father graduated in 1942 and went to World War II, my grandfather was called up to fight in WWI and another of my ancestors was a prisoner of war during the Civil War. Another was at Valley Forge and another had to keep the fire going so saber tooth tigers would not have a late-night snack. They got through them just as she could, with God being with her as she marched forth.

Knowing God is with you, march forth.

Pastor Herb





Let's Celebrate

This March, our sermon series will center on the powerful theme of HOPE, exploring how hope sustains us through life's challenges and uncertainties. Each week, we'll draw from scripture and real-life stories to illustrate the ways hope can transform our hearts and outlook. Join us as we discover practical steps to nurture hope, deepen faith, and inspire one another to persevere with confidence in God's promises.

March 1, 2026. Second Sunday in Lent. Matthew 6: 25-34 is the basis for the sermon "Hope for the Worrier!" One of the great themes of the Bible is that Christians should not worry. We have more reasons not to worry than to worry.

March 8, 2026. Third Sunday in Lent. "Oh if only I wasn't so weak!" is something we too often say. Isaiah 40: 25-31 gives us a reason to have "Hope for the Weak!"

March 15, 2026. Fourth Sunday in Lent. "Hope for the Broken" is a sermon based on Luke 7: 11-17. Just when we think we have come to the end, God is just getting started.

March 22, 2026. Fourth Sunday in Lent. The great story of the resurrection of Lazarus gives us "Hope for the Weary!" That is found in portions of John 11: 1-44.

March 29, 2026. It has been said, "As long as there is breath in your lungs, there is hope for your soul." In Luke 23: 32-43 Jesus proves that there is "Hope for the Underserving." A good sermon to hear and to share.

February 2026

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3/1 Alisha (Shields) Meyer
- 3/2 Marty Martin
Nora Bailey
- 3/4 Jennie Armbruster
- 3/5 Todd Gainor
- 3/6 Karl Schenk
- 3/10 Karen Fay
- 3/11 Heidi Phillips
Mikhaila McDaniel
- 3/12 Josiah Gaines
- 3/15 Josh Myers
Stan & Sandy Jozwiakowski
- 3/18 Bab/Carolyn Stowe
Sandy Jozwiakowski
- 3/20 Brianna Williams
- 3/22 Nicholas Gainor
- 3/24 Bonnie Benedict
- 3/26 Zander Lesko
- 3/27 Katie Stowe
- 3/29 Barry & Bonnie Benedict
Tammy Collins
- 3/30 Lou Winters

OFFERING/ATTENDANCE

January 2026

	Offering	Attendance
1/4/26	1719.00	33
1/11/26	1551.00	30
1/18/26	2022.00	28
1/25/26	Church cancelled due to weather	0

DEACON GREETERS

March 2026

Jodie Weibush
Cindy Ruffier

Coffee & Pastry

March 1, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.



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

March 2026

Ted, Marvella, and
Wesley Miller



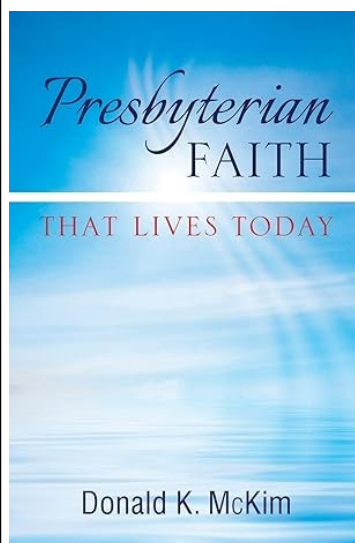
MISSION CAUSE FOR PRAYER

Youth Initiatives/Ireland - Doug Smith
Campus Crusade - Lisa (Smith) Wyss
Vacation Bible School

**Special Dates for March 2026**

World Day of Prayer, March 6, 2026
Daylight saving time begins, March 8, 2026
St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2026
First day of spring, March 20, 2026
Holy Week, March 29-April 5, 2026
Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29, 2026

Book Review



In this insightful book, Donald K. McKim explores the basic tenets of Presbyterian theology and doctrine, from their beginnings to their meaning for the church today. Throughout McKim emphasizes the how Presbyterian history can inform current and future challenges. Without prescribing solutions to contemporary challenges, McKim's six brief chapters provide the foundation for broadening and strengthening a Presbyterian faith the lives today. Each chapter ends with suggestions for further study.



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.

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

Nanette Wilson

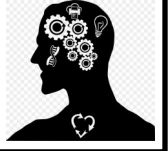
1 4-1/2 lb. stewing chicken	3 quarts. cold water
1 med. onion, chopped or onion flakes	1 tsp. chopped parsley
1 sliced carrot or more, if desired	1 T. salt
1 lb. noodles	

*optional; 1 add large can chicken broth and about 1 T. powdered soup base.

Rinse and disjoint chicken. Put into a sauce pot and add remaining ingredients, except noodles. Cover and bring to boiling. Cook over low heat about 3 hours or until thickest pieces of chicken are tender. Cool and remove chicken. Pick off bones; discard skin and bones. Add back to broth. Refrigerate overnight. Skim fat.



Engage Your Mind



Puzzle!

HOW'S THE WEATHER?

Use the code below to fill in these forecasts in places where Jesus traveled:

CODE:

A = ☺	D = ❄	H = ☁	M = ☆	P = ◆	T = ■	W = ☐
B = ☂	E = +	I = ✱	N = ↑	R = ●	U = □	Y = ☼
C = ☼	G = ⚡	L = ★	O = ↓	S = ○	V = ☒	Z = ☼

Mt. Hermon



Jericho



Jerusalem



Dead Sea Area



Sea of Galilee



Mediterranean Coast



Answers: snow, hot, mild, tropical heat, gusty winds, breezy

"News from the Pews"

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



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

It's time to tune up your Bible brain!

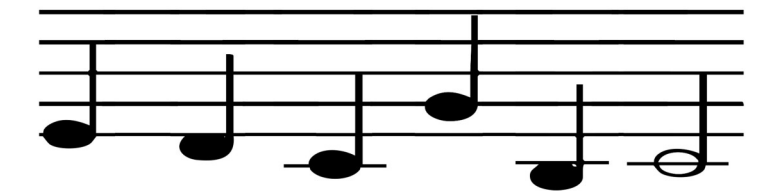
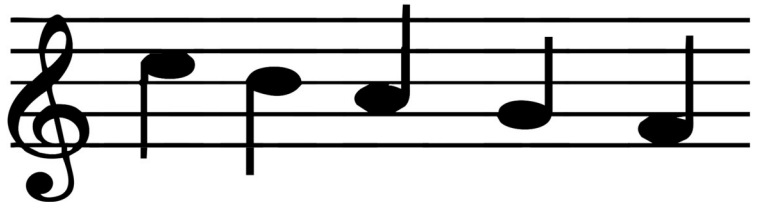
Decode the notes to discover a verse that sings with joy.

Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship



the



Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

BIBLE QUIZ

In Bible times, shepherds spent most of their days with their sheep—guiding them to food and water and guarding them from danger. When a sheep was injured, the shepherd treated the wound with a special liquid. What was it?

A. Water B. Honey C. A salt solution D. Olive oil

Answer: D (See Psalm 23:5)

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Saturday, March 15th, 6 pm - Meet in Sanctuary

Tickets: Adult: \$13.00 Ages 5-11: \$7.00 Ages 0-4: **FREE**

See Cindy Gaines for tickets or call 330-584-2989

Craft party with Nancy & Sarah



Come join us for an afternoon of
crafting, food, and fun.

March 1 at 1 p.m in the fellowship hall

Please bring a soup or dessert to share,
something to drink and a craft to work on.

Come
And
Join
Us

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Birthday Sunday 9:00 Coffee & Pastry 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Deacon's Mtg 10:45 Searcher's Class 1-4 CRAFT PARTY	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class	9	10 4-H	11	12 7:30 Session Mtg	13	14
15 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class TACO BAR	16	17	18	19	20	21 6 PM MEN'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER
22 9:30 Worship Svc 10:45 Searcher's Class	23	24	25	26	27	28

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Sunday Service: 9:30 am Worship Service

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

GO AND TELL OF JESUS

As our bus traveled higher and higher on the narrow road along the Andes Mountains, my teammates were busy laughing and singing. I was staring out my window - aghast that there weren't any guardrails between us and the abyss to our right. I was feeling a bit fearful and anxious as we kept going up and up, and I started to wonder why our short-term mission team had come to this remote part of Ecuador. Then it dawned on me: God must really love these people if He would send His own Son to die for them. Surely I could get through a scary bus ride to express that love with them.

It ended up being such a joy to do short Bible lessons, share our testimonies, and pray with the people who welcomed us in the various towns we visited each day.

The apostle Paul was committed to telling others about Jesus so they too could put their trust in Him. In Romans 10:13 he says that all who call on Jesus “will be saved.” But, “how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?” (Romans 10:14-15).

There are people all around us who don't know Christ. Let's ask God for the courage to share the good news of Jesus with others, pray with them, and invite them to a church service or activity.

- Nancy Gavilanes

Prayer

Dear God, please help me to share Jesus as You help Me.

How can you share the message of Christ with those who don't know Him? What tangible things can you do this week to show someone that you care?

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