

FAWN TALES

May 2022

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Hello Church,

While I was at a conference meeting recently someone was describing a place they visited as a "thin place." I never heard this term before, but it appears to be more common than I thought. It refers to a place where it seems like heaven and earth meets. It can be like this picture of the salt flats that reflect the sky like a mirror. While many use this term as simply descriptive of the image other use it as a spiritual term as though there was truly a closer connection to heaven in certain places. People travel the world to visit such places in hopes of being closer to heaven, closer to what they see as the spiritual or divine.

As Christians we know that we don't need to search the world for a place of closer access to God. And even more amazing is that God has searched the world for us! Jesus, the Messiah is Heaven come down to us. The barrier between heaven and earth has been bridged, not by creative people, or amazing places, but by the one who gave His life as a ransom for us all. And now as the Apostle Paul writes in Hebrews 4:16 "Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

While we may not seek physical places in hopes of greater access to God, let us not forget in our struggles to remember that God is near and to come to Him boldly to receive His love and healing. Where in your life do you need a real encounter with heaven? The good news is that heaven has come, and His name is Jesus! Approach Him today with eager hearts because He is waiting to meet with you!

In Christ, Pastor Dave



Contemporary Service	9:30AM (Sanctuary)
Kids for Christ	9:30AM
Traditional Service	11:00AM (Sanctuary)
Adult Growth Groups	Combined Service Begins
8:30AM (Parlor)	May 29, 2022
9:15AM (Social Hall)	
10:30AM (Parlor)	



For Christians, Easter is not just one day - it's a season of 50 days, a week of weeks, derived in its length from the fifty days between Passover and Pentecost (which means fiftieth) in Judaism. Easter season begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends with [Pentecost](#), the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

Easter season is more than an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season when persons who wished to become Christians were learning how to live the way of Jesus and preparing for baptism on Easter Sunday. Christians have referred to this time of formation as "catechesis" or "echoing the way of Jesus." The original purpose of the Easter season was to continue the formation of new Christians in the faith. Christians have historically referred to this formation process as "mystagogy" or "leading people into the mysteries."

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what we mean when we say Christ is risen and that we, as the church, are the body of the Risen Lord. It's a season for focusing on the core doctrines and mysteries of the faith and for preparing for the ministries the Spirit has empowered us to undertake in Jesus' name.

The season after Pentecost begins with Trinity Sunday and concludes with Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday. The purpose of this season is to support our common work of using the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Because contexts for ministry can vary widely, the [lectionary readings](#) were chosen to permit more flexibility during this season. The three readings are not related to each other. Pastors and worship planners can create series that follow any one of the three different streams of texts (Old Testament, Epistle, or Gospel), whichever seems to be speaking into the missional context of the local church the best.

-Ask The UMC, a ministry of United Methodist Communications.

PRAYER MINISTRIES OF FAWN CHURCH



Anointing and Pastoral Care: Our church family wishes to pray for anyone before surgery or at a time of illness. Anointing with oil and laying on of hands is offered and especially encouraged during Worship.

Prayer Book: Please see our prayer book on The stand in the lobby for names of those to Pray for and where you can request prayer.

E-mail Prayer Chain:

Call or email Church Office
(717)382-4573 fawnumchurch@gmail.com)



YOUR BLESSINGS
ARE WITH HIM
FOR EVER AND
YOUR PRESENCE
FILLS HIM WITH
JOY.
PSALMS 21:6



*Wendell & Elizabeth Hostler, Helen North, Raymond & Ella Mae Thomas, Amanda Strumsky,
Taylor Howell, Jennifer Marino, Kimberly Glass, Jackie Delgado, Nick Zell, Helen Stewart, Ben Boyles,
Roland Family, Annie Kurtz, Crizer Family, Tim Jarrett, Kim Thompson & Family,
Denise Fuhrman, Gracy Pickel, Barbara Helmich*



Many thanks to the Fawn United Methodist Women, Sonshine Friends and all others for the Easter cards received. I appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness and hope All had a Blessed Easter.

With God's Love & Blessings, Phyllis Warner

Fawn UMC Mission/HUB Update

Thank you Church as we continue to support the efforts to care for those in need in Ukraine. Mission central recently received the following letter.

*Dear Team at Mission Central,
I'm a British volunteer in Ukraine and yesterday my team and I took food and Humanitarian supplies into Bucha - to people who, as they told us, hadn't seen bread for 39 days. They have endured unimaginable things and their bravery was unbelievable. We checked every box in our van to see what was inside, to see what was needed where most, and so we came across your cards with your address on them.
I just thought you might like to know that your care packages have gone to one of the hardest hit places in Ukraine. Today we took the other half of them to villages north of Kyiv, who have been cut off from supplies for a long time.
Sending you all warm wishes, & God bless you.*

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Change the World Weekend May 22nd

Join the FAWN HUB in Celebrating CHANGE THE WORLD WEEKEND - Sunday May 22nd (9 am - 12:30 pm in the church lobby). Help assemble Care Kits for those in need including those suffering from the war in Ukraine. All Ages Welcome! Sunday school classes- please consider joining us during class time to serve those in need.



More Mission Opportunities:

- If you are cleaning out your closet and have shoes you no longer need, please consider donating them. Mission Central collects them for international micro-enterprise programs; small businesses such as repair shops, small shops or individuals able to sell shoes to provide income for their families leading to economic stability. Please drop them in the box provided in the lobby,
- Also, please remember to donate any medical equipment no longer needed (i.e., walkers, canes, wheelchairs, bedside commodes, knee scooters, etc.). Mission Central works to be sure anyone in need of medical items will have access - at NO COST.
- The **HUB Sewing Ministry** will meet on Saturday, May 7th from 9 until 11 AM. Please consider joining us as we continue to make blankets and other items for those hurting, healing and in need.

Thank you for joining us in service to God's people in need,

Fawn Mission/HUB Team

"Whatever you have done for the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you have done for me."
Matthew 25:40

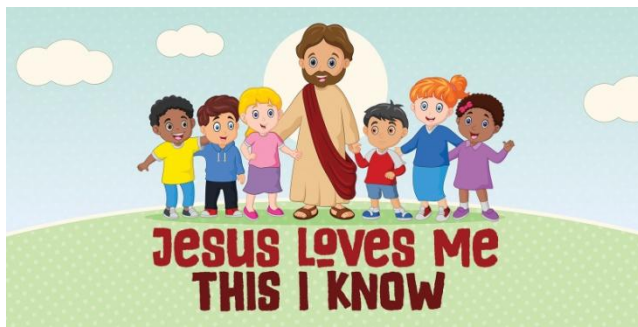
Backpack Program

Friday, May 6, 2022	Jen Scott	443-528-5260
Friday, May 13, 2022	Lauren Lowe	717-779-5498
Friday, May 20, 2022	Pat SanAugustine	717-817-8556
Friday, May 27, 2022	Sara Gibney	717-515-1370
Friday, June 3, 2022	Liz	717-891-1446



Delivering to the School Margaret McGinty

Thank you team, for all of your help & support this school year. We could not have accomplished this alone!



Kids for Christ Worship

This is available for children in preschool thru 5th grade. Please come and join us as children, each Sunday morning at 9:30am.

Our Youth meet every Sunday from

6-8pm during the 2022 school year. Please contact our Youth Director, Jeffrey Billings if you have any additional questions.

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(443) 693-3256

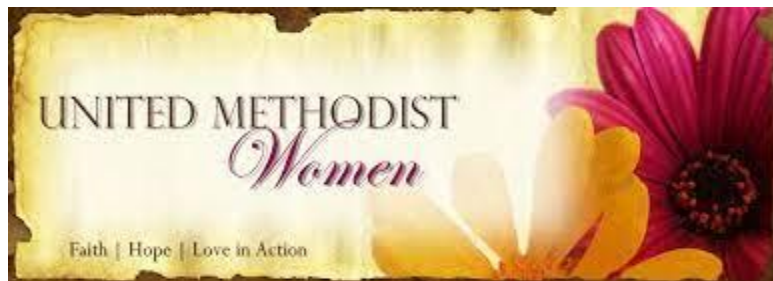
Choir practice is on Thursday evenings beginning @ 7:00pm.



Please come and join our choir. New members are always welcome!

Spring 2022 Sound/Projection
Schedule for May

1-May Hall 443-562-8607
8-May Wernig
15-May Ayres 717-487-9283
22-May Herbert 717-683-6615
29-May Whiteford 717-818-0225



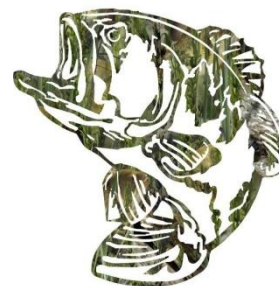
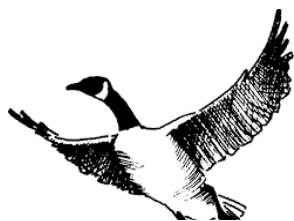
Meetings will be held on:

May 10th,

June 14th at 7:00PM

Ad Council Meeting, May 17th @ 7:00pm

SPRC Meeting, May 11th @ 7:00pm



Farewell Luncheon

**Please join us on June 12th after our Combined Service for
Pastor Dave & His Family in our Fellowship Hall**

**We will miss his stories, wonderful sermons and most of all his love for
our church family!**

Fawn Grove Boy Scout Troop 83

Troop meetings are held on Sunday's in the Fellowship Hall 4:00pm-5:30pm

kareyreed@icloud.com

(Troop Leader is Karey)

Alex Reed is currently working on his Eagle Scout project which is a free children's book fair for our community. He is collecting gently-used books and will be placing a donation bin in the lobby of the church. The collection is from April – May and the books will then be distributed at the Olde Tyme Days Fair in June.

Please be on the lookout for the bin.



Fawn Grove Girl Scouts Troop 20840

Our troop accepts girls KDG-12th grade. We are looking forward to new faces and we will be meeting throughout the summer of 2022.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's each month in the Fellowship Hall. Any additional information please contact:

(717) 654-8297 **Troop Leader is Danielle**

girlmafia@hotmail.com

1 Michael Wernig
2 Leanna Richardson
5 Gordon McFadden
8 Justin Hall
9 Benjamin Lowe
9 Jeffrey Zimmerman
12 Layne Holmes
12 Russ Morris

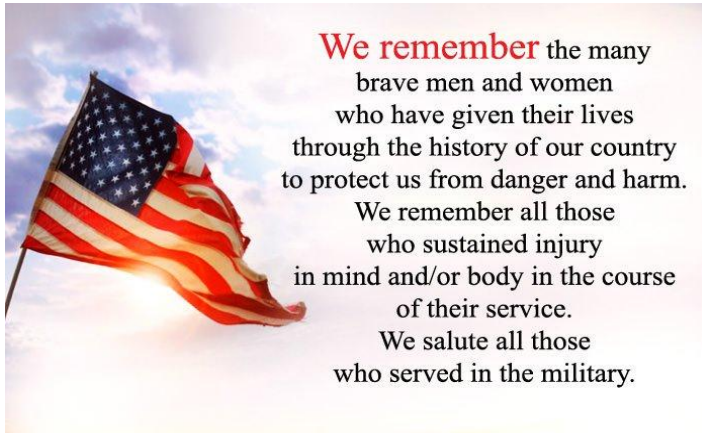


12 Corinne Sharnetzka
16 Gayle Logana
18 Ryan Awalt
19 Dorothy Devilbiss
19 Jordan Sommer
23 Roger Stewart
25 Amber Spencer
26 Brianna Logana
28 Rachel Sharnetzka

4 Larry & Sandy Smithson
8 Ed & Dorothy Absher
12 Robert & Jenny Holmes
16 Duane & Cynthia Herbert
18 Richard & Carol Awalt
20 Mark & Cynthia Hall

27 Wendell & Elizabeth Hostler
27 William & Beverly Whiteford
27 William & Joanne Ness
27 Dave & Lynn Marslett
28 Al & Robyn Stubbs
29 Eric & Jessica Gemmill





John 15:13 - Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Galatians 5:13 - For you have been called to live in freedom, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Congratulations!

Larissa Herbert will graduate May 7th, 2022 with a Master's Degree from University of Toledo, in Social Work with a focus on education/teaching.

Graduation is a time of utmost celebration. Celebration of hard work put towards studies, celebration of perseverance even when life got tough & celebration of success now that the end goal is achieved. Congratulations – not just for graduating with a Master's degree, but for finally becoming the master of your own destiny.

Bethany Birchfield, will be graduating from Messiah University on May 7th, 2022. She has completed her bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Science. Her future plans include pursuing her Master's degree in School Counseling.

"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."
—Malcolm X

Caroline Lowe will graduate from Kennard-Dale High School on June 3rd. She plans to attend York College of PA and Major in Nursing.

"Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the journey."
—Michael Josephson

John Michael Hostler will be graduating from Kennard-Dale High School on June 3rd and will be attending Harrisburg Area Community College. He will begin his Associate Degree in Applied Science, specializing in HVAC.

"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you can dream it, you can become it."
—William Arthur Ward

Julia Birchfield will be graduating from North Harford High School on June 7th. She will be attending University of Delaware Honors College in the fall with a Major in Marketing.

"Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears, and never regrets."
—Leonardo da Vinci



Our grandson, Casey Frock, will be graduating from Southern Wesleyan University, Central, SC, Friday May 6, with a major in History and a minor in Athletic Coaching. He will be attending Florida State in the fall where he has earned a full 5 year scholarship to obtain his Master's and Doctorate degrees. He will be working toward his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Political Science with a concentration in International Relations and American Politics. During his time at Southern Wesleyan, he has been a member of the Cross Country/Track and Field team. He has been named to the Conference Carolinas Spring and Winter Academic All-Conference Teams presented by Barnes & Noble College. He was also named to the Conference Carolinas Presidential Honor Roll presented by Southern Recognition LLC for the 2021 Fall Semester.

"By three methods we may learn wisdom: First, by reflection, which is noblest; second, by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is the bitterest." —Confucius

Congratulations Class of 2022



Happy
Mother's
Day

May 8th, 2022

