

# THE BELLRINGER



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## Pastor's Study

### Extraordinary Ordinary Time

My grandfather was a farmer and every year he would grow his own tomato plants. He planted seeds that grew into small seedlings under grow lights in the basement. When the time came in the spring, he would set the plants into carefully prepared ground. It seemed funny to me at the time; he would plant the small tomato plant next to a stake - - what looked like a branch from a tree, that he would hand-whittle a point onto so that he could drive it into the ground. He was planning for growth, for significant growth of the plants, and put in stakes to match the growth he anticipated. But in those early weeks, it looked very odd - - a small little plant next to this towering support.

Thinking about that now, the tomato and the stake may be a good illustration for the potential of our faith growth during Ordinary

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Outreaching hands...

**Sunday August 7**, as Jesus feeds us, on **Communion Sunday**, we will feed others. Please place your non-perishable food or healthcare items and place them in the baskets at the front or back of the sanctuary and we will donate it to the Xenia Area Fish Food Pantry.



**Lions Club Festival-** Festivities begin Thursday night at 6:00PM with games, carnival rides, and lots of great food! Lots of things to do for kids and adults alike. You won't want to miss the big parade through downtown Bellbrook beginning at 4:00PM on Saturday. Visit all of the great food trailers for pizza, cotton candy, Italian sausages, and last but not least funnel cakes. Under the big food tent they will be serving huge pork chop and chopped sirloin dinners Thursday night, a fish fry dinner on Friday night and huge grilled chicken dinners Saturday night. You won't go home hungry!! At the conclusion of the festival Saturday night we will draw names of the winners of over \$10,000 in prizes and a firework show.



--Bud Rogers is back at Quaker Heights. He became weak again and went back for more therapy.

--Betty Cornett is at Bethany's Linden House Rehab & would enjoy visitors.

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Time, the Church season of summer that is marked with the color green. It is a time of growth. And God has already placed a great support for us to lean on and grow into in the Cross and the Spirit.

Some of our growth may be in a deeper understanding of the ordinary, most common parts of our days. There is much that is ordinary within Ordinary Time. In the heat of the summer, sometimes ordinary tasks become more noticeable (and hot!) - - washing the car, mowing the lawn, cooking a meal. We are aware of them. And that awareness, and heat, raises the possibility of how we might grow in faith through these little things. Writer Kathleen Norris lifts up the potential of small and ordinary tasks. She writes, *"The Bible is full of evidence that God's attention is indeed fixed on the little things. But this is not because God is a Great Cosmic Cop, eager to catch us in minor transgressions, but simply because God loves us—loves us so much that the divine presence is revealed even in the meaningless workings of daily life.* God is in the midst of the season of the ordinary, beside us, around us, nurturing us each day.

A second perspective on Ordinary Time focuses less on the ordinary and more on the extraordinary. As you probably know, the Church marks the progression through Ordinary Time with Ordinal numbers. (Okay, math teachers, help me out here . . . .) Instead of counting with Cardinal numbers, which count how many, we use Ordinal numbers, which count the order of things, for the church year. Ordinary weeks count forward from the Baptism of the Lord, and then after Pentecost are checked backwards from the last week of the church year. These ordinary Sundays of Ordinary Time, **then point us back to Pentecost.** Isn't it interesting that these "ordinary" Sundays then, point us back to the most **unordinary** of days when the Spirit came down and the church was formed? When wind and fire whirled in the midst of the disciples and people of many different languages could all understand? So, as we journey through this ordinariness, finding the holiness in each moment of each day, we also simultaneously are able to touch back to Pentecost, to the power and presence of the Holy Spirit's coming and to the most unordinary things that occurred that day.

Whether your days are filled with the ordinary or the extraordinary - - **or maybe a bit of both** - - may you see and know of the presence of God in the midst of them. In the washing of the dishes, the getting the mail, and preparing of meals and in the wind of the Holy Spirit that blows by you and around you and to you in this extraordinary Ordinary season.

The Grace of our Lord be with you. Thanks for all that you are and do.

Christ's peace- Diane 



## All aboard!

When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark, you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.

—Corrie ten Boom



**Drones in Dayton**-The Bellbrook Historical Museum is very pleased to announce the last in their series of summer lectures celebrating important, interesting and entertaining events of past two hundred years in our nation's history. The development of the drone phenomenon and its impact in Dayton.

Tuesday, August 16, 2016  
7:00pm 8:00pm  
Bellbrook United Methodist Church



**You may want to check out One bistro.** One bistro is a non profit Biznistry® established for the betterment of our community to serve the privileged and underprivileged. At the core of One Bistro is a place from which we strive to serve a healthy, affordable meal to our neighbors, both those who have the ability to pay as well as those who under normal circumstances would not be able to eat out at a local restaurant. Check out the bulletin board for more information or ask Penny Zoller.



**Presbyterian Women Annual Gathering 2016.** They will be meeting at Xenia Memorial Presbyterian Church located at 343 W. Ankeny Mill Rd Xenia, Ohio on Saturday, August 13, 2016 from 8:30-1:00. Please see the bulletin board for more information and registration information.



**Victoria Theater Classic Movies, Sunday August 27, 2016 at 3:00PM--**  
"Gentlemen Prefer Blonds" There will be a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets will be \$3.50 from Pat Crowe or \$6.00 at the door. Hope you will join us.



**Blessing of the Backpacks:** Get your new school year off to its best start. If you are a student: school students both young and old, Bible study students, and teachers, please bring your backpack, new school supplies, new study supplies, and learning materials to have them blessed on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Proverbs 1:5 says, "Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance." Bring your supplies to add God's blessing and put you on the right path to learning this year.



**Thanks to the Verizon store at the Greene.** They were kind enough to donate 7 backpacks to BPC which we will pass along to the Family Resource center to help families in need in the Bellbrook/Sugarcreek area get ready for the beginning of school. And thanks for Al and Dorothy Evans for making it happen.



**Winter's Library is still going strong** in the Bellbrook Presbyterian Church. In the month of August they will be hosting their Marvel Club and Lord of the Rings club on Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>. And on Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup> they will be having a Make and Take Aromatherapy class from 6-8:30pm.



**Spirit of Love, on this glorious summer morning, we praise you in joy! Amen.**



# August 2016

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Sally on vacation	Winter's Library 5-6pm (FH) 6-8 pm (FH)	11:00am Bellcreek Seniors (FH)			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Communion</b> 8:45 am Keystone Class 10:00 am Worship 10:20 am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour			11:00am Bellcreek Seniors (FH)	Worship 7pm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Birthdays</b> 8:45 am Keystone Class 10:00 am Worship 10:20 am Children's Sunday School 11:00am Fellowship Hour		Men's Breakfast 8:30BBC 	11:00am Bellcreek Seniors(FH)	 <b>Lion's Club Festival</b> Winter's Library Aromatherapy 6-8:30pm (FH) Session 7pm	 Lion's Club Festival	 <b>Lion's Club Festival</b> Parade 4:00pm Fireworks
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>"Blessing of the Backpacks"</b> <b>Anniversaries</b> 8:45 am Keystone Class 10:00 am Worship 10:20 am Children's Sunday School 11:00am			First day of School Bellbrook 11:00am Bellcreek Seniors (FH)			Victoria Theater Cool Films "Gentlemen Prefer Blonds" 3pm
28	29	30	31			
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- 4 – David Stevens
- 9 – Alice Hopping
- 13- Roger Smart
- 16 – Kay Hodson; Penny Zoller;  
Arianna Contestable
- 22 – Jan Larimer
- 28 – Barbara Wagner; Keith Loree



- 5 – Andrew & Kim Berryhill
- 17 – Ted & Kay Hodson
- 19 – Steve & Sharon Berryhill
- 28 – Al & Dorothy Evans  
Bill & Alice Wiseman \*57 years



## Don't Forget! Chancel Flowers-

Chancel Flowers-What a wonderful time of year to share flowers from your very own garden to be displayed on the chancel. They can be given in memory of someone, in honor of someone, in celebration of anniversaries and birthdays, and just because. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the Chancel Flowers Sheet in the Fellowship Hall. You may also order flowers from TJ gardens. \$25 or \$45 arrangements are available. Sign up on the sign-up sheet, give your cash or check to the church secretary or put it in the offering plate marked "chancel flowers" along with any requests of color or dedication. Sign up today to brighten our Sunday mornings.

### Chancel Flower Order Form

Date- \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am bringing my own flowers

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to order an arrangement from TJ Gardens for \$25

Special requests:

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Anji Erickson  
Steve Berryhill  
Katie Rueber  
Dehn Family  
Jessica- ben's grand daughter  
Tisha Gibbs  
People suffering from the heat  
Larry Dumford  
Richard Jackson  
Family of Donna Wells  
Family of Mark Steineke  
Chuck Fleenor  
People of Turkey and France  
Kathy  
Roger Kitzman  
Family of Rob Loudermilk  
Family of Lauren Michael  
Justin Michael  
Family of Jerry Marshall  
Molly Rauch Sweeny  
Family of Chris Sommers  
Jean Ann Stephens  
Donna Ruschau  
Family of Fred Richards  
Rev. Steve Schumm  
Darlene Wilson  
Pam Reuber  
Leslie and Frank Luhn  
Kevin McNulty  
Lisa Graham  
Betty Cornette  
Jane Betz  
Susi Kircher  
Traveling Prayers  
Alzheimer Patients + caregivers  
Cancer Patients + caregivers



Terry Allen- 620-4811

Dorothy Evans 317-5008 or 287-7219

Valerie Fairchild-Timmons 768-9971

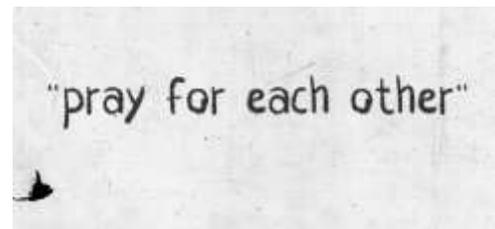
Kim Hensley 848-4756

Allen Circle-Rader 848-8218

Donna Ruschau 429-2107

Sue Seiler 848-2043. 478-1426 or 604-1426

Call with assurance of confidentiality, love  
and prayer



Susi Kircher  
Geneva  
Virginia  
Darlene

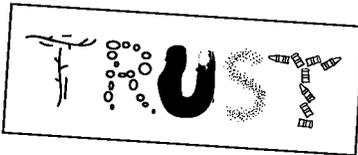
To visit or send cards please check with  
office for addresses.



# Children's Corner

## TRUST POSTER

No matter what you face, God is with you. Make this poster as a reminder to always trust God.



### What you need:

- Cardstock
- Glue
- Twigs (a 3" piece and a 2" piece)
- Pebbles
- Black paint
- Paintbrush
- Sand or glitter
- Broken crayons (2 or 3)

### What you do:

1. On the left side of the cardstock, trace a 3"-high letter T with glue. Place twigs on the glue lines.
2. Trace an R of the same size. Place pebbles on that glue.
3. Use black paint to make a U.
4. Trace an S in glue. Pour sand (or glitter) on top.
5. Make another T with glue. Place the crayons on top.
6. After the poster dries, shake off the excess sand (or glitter) into a trash can.

Color Me!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Join Us!

Bring your backpack to church!

Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>.



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