

Good News Letter

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It is springtime again! As I was driving to and from Missouri after Easter, I was impressed again by the beauty of nature as the trees began to sprout leaves of light green and the flowering trees revealed their white and purple hues.



I am not the first to let the world of natural beauty point to the things of God. There are several psalms that at least mention it, such as the 19th, or the 104th, but it is the 148th, beginning and ending with its Hallelu Yah, that is most comprehensive, so I will let it give us words of praise as the earth comes to life for another year, and as we observe and celebrate another Resurrection season:

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights above.
Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.
Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.
Praise him, you highest heavens
and you waters above the skies.
Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for at his command they were created,
and he established them for ever and ever-
he issued a decree that will never pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all ocean depths,
lightning and hail, snow and clouds,
stormy winds that do his bidding,
you mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars,
wild animals and all cattle,
small creatures and flying birds,
kings of the earth and all nations,
you princes and all rulers on earth,
young men and women,
old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.
And he has raised up for his people a horn,
the praise of all his faithful servants,
of Israel, the people close to his heart.

Praise the Lord!

May everyone have a very blessed and happy
Easter season,

Mark

May Panera Volunteers

Wed	Thur
Apr 30-Faulk	May 1-Faulk
May 7-Grubbs	May 8-Grubbs
May 14-need a volunteer	May 15-need a volunteer
May 21-Lovell/ Remlinger	May 22-Lovell/ Remlinger
May 28-Brown	May 29-Brown

Thanks to all who volunteer.

PERSONALS

-Darlene Caulkins recently had intestinal surgery at Grady.

- Randy and Jennifer Turner recently hosted their entire family for a gathering.

-Ray Serviss had the great joy of celebrating his 90th birthday with family from around the country.

-Dr. Allison took a trip to St. Louis for a few days at Easter.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

What a beautiful spring we have had. Our April meeting was early, being held the second Saturday. We did not want to hurry our preparations for the joy of Resurrection Sunday. This month though, we will be back to the 3rd Saturday, being May 17th. Because of concerns about parking with it also being the Arts Festival weekend, the May 17th luncheon will be at 11:30 at Panera, Central Avenue. Any questions should be answered by Candy Lee, who will be the leader of the meeting..

- Laura Brown

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all those who contributed to the America for Christ Offering in March. Because of you, we were able to meet our goal of \$1000.

-Pam Faulk

RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Since we currently have no children in our fellowship, we are not celebrating Children's Day this year. Instead, we will celebrate Recognition Sunday on May 18. On this day we will recognize our high school and college graduates. This will also be the last day for Sunday School classes until the fall. **SUMMER HOURS WILL BEGIN ON MAY 25** with the worship service at 10:00.

GRADUATES

Aidan Ferguson will graduate from OSU on May 4. He will be receiving his Bachelor of Science Degree in Material Science and Engineering.

Connor Owen Trigg will be graduating from Marysville High School on May 17th. Over his high school years he participated in various interests that were close to his heart:

1. A multiple Red Cross Blood Donor;
2. A member of the Spanish Honor Society;
3. Co-Editor of the "Monarch Vibe" the H.S. Newspaper;
4. He was an intern @ The Delaware Co. Historical Society;
5. He had various articles printed in the Marysville newspaper;
6. He has been a member of 4-H for years and always shows rabbits @ The Delaware Co. Fair;

He plans on attending Ohio Wesleyan University in August with a major in English. He hopes to become an English teacher.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND PEACE SUNDAY

The National Day of Prayer is always the first Thursday of May. Please take a moment out of your day and pray for our country. Since Peace Sunday is May 4, it would be wonderful if everyone prayed for peace in our world.

Janet Lathrop



Janet Lois Lathrop, 89 of Delaware, passed away peacefully in her sleep in the early morning of Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at the Ohio Living Sarah Moore Home in Delaware.

Born October 3, 1935 in Delaware, Ohio, the daughter of the late Lester Frank "Cap" &

Birthdays and Anniversaries



May

- 3 Rick VanBrimmer
- 8 Will Fogle
- 10 Archie & Beth Trigg
- 12 Jeanne Ekelberry
- 15 Barbara Smith
- 16 Brianna Showalter
- 25 Rolf Remlinger/Deb Lovell

Please report any errors.

Myrtle Claire (Huffard) Gabriel. Janet was baptized and raised in the First Baptist Church in Delaware. She graduated in 1953 from Willis High School. Janet met E. Gene Lathrop through mutual friends and shortly after she graduated, the two were married. With the exception of living just 2 years in El Paso, TX where Gene served in the army during the Korean War, Janet spent all of her life, before and after, in Delaware, Ohio.

During her adult life, Janet worked at Ranco Enterprises, Muirfield Village Golf Course and retired from CVS. Janet was a member of the Eastern Star and was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church.

Left to cherish Janet's memory are her 4 beloved daughters Pamela (Kenneth) Shears, Lori (Richard) Parfenchuk, Cindy Kinder and Dianna (Robert) Martiny; 8 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren; Brothers-in-law James (Pat) Lathrop and Ray Serviss; sister-in-law Sharon Lathrop; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Janet lost the love of her life Gene 39 years ago. She was also preceded in death by her parents, son-in-law Dallas Kinder, brother and sister-in-law Nevin and Peggy Gabriel, sister Carol Serviss and brother-in-law Willard Fogle, Carol's first husband; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Norman and Normalee Lathrop, Bill and Marie Lathrop, and Harve Lathrop.

Janet was known around Delaware for her candy making, even having made the front page of the Delaware Gazette. Her annual process started after

Prayer List

This list is prepared by the Deacons.
Please send changes to Larry Faulk (lfaulk01@aol.com).

Name

Dr. Allison's sister

Ken Shears

Jenni Pedzinski and family

Genevieve Peterson

Bill & Ann Clemmer

Condolences to the Lathrop family on the death of Janet Lathrop

Reason for Prayer

Health Issues

Health Issues

Father's stroke

Recovery from injury

Safety

Remember daily all the men and women in the military — Those stationed in the USA and those deployed throughout the world. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Thanksgiving and candy was given to close family and friends during the upcoming holiday season.

Every year she looked forward to the day trip to East Harbor State Park at Lake Erie with Gene and the girls, where the drive would start before sunrise but only after they had stopped to pick up cinnamon rolls from the Hamburger Inn.

Janet was a wonderful cook, seamstress and quilter, and she enjoyed tending to her flower beds and roses. Those close to Janet know how loving and caring of a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother that she was.

Pastor Mark Allison will officiate a graveside service on Friday, May 2nd, 2025 at 11:00 am at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Delaware.

Contributions in Janet's name may be directed towards the First Baptist Church, 101 North Franklin Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

Memories and Condolences may be expressed at www.robinsonfuneralhomeinc.com

Mission/Outreach News

The Clemmers

As you know, the Clemmers are missionaries serving in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo in Africa. Bill and Ann are devoted Christians who are serving there. At our business meeting we voted to send the money that was continuing to be pledged to missions for Jeni Pedzinski (now paid by International Missionaries) and Sarah McCurdy (no longer in the mission field), and send it to the Clemmers Goma Relief to continue their mission work. A thank you was sent to the church for this extra help at this much needed time. Bless them for helping children and young people to have a loving place to stay during the day, food to eat, and education, as well as meeting their health needs.

Thank You Bags for Staff at Conger

Thanks to everyone who brought items for the teacher appreciation bags for Conger Elementary. The bags and thoughts to thank them for their dedication to helping students learn will be delivered the first week in May.

Blanket Sunday

In May, we celebrate mothers on Mothers Day by having our annual Blanket Sunday. The money we give is given to Church World Service to provide blankets for shelter (as a tent) or warmth for a mother and her children. With all the tornados, hurricanes, flooding, and earth quakes in the world, many are so grateful to get help.

Panera Pick Up Continues

Thanks to all who continue to pick up Panera and take it to Willis on Thursday morning and Andrews House on Friday morning. If you would like to sign up for a night to help out, there is a sign up sheet in the gathering place. Ask Carol Grubbs or Larry about what you need to do.

Volunteers are needed.

People In Need Food Box

Thanks to all who fill the box with food so we can help those who are food insecure in our community.

Looking Ahead

For the month of June, we will have the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This is another opportunity to give to others in need.

Father's Day

On Father's Day, we will have the Tools for Hope offering. With all the bad weather that has been experienced this year, so many areas are in need of rebuilding. This is an opportunity to give so that Church World Service can provide tools and materials for this work.



Easter Lily In Honor/Memory

Darlene Caulkins – In Memory of Robert Caulkins
John Rittenhouse
Martha Rittenhouse

Richard & Laura Brown – In Honor of David and Rachel

Candy Lee & Brennan Howe – In Honor of Pat Gosser
In Memory of Raleigh Gosser

Jane Moore – In Honor of Jim Snyder
In Memory of Jimmie Moore and Mary Alice Snyder

Pam & Larry Faulk – In Honor of our Children and Grandchildren
In Memory of our Parents

Carol Grubbs – In Honor of Jim and Anna Brown
In Memory of Teresa Griffith, Nicholas Haycox
and Jeannie Stephenson

Tower Repair Project Update

Goal \$50.000



\$14,801 4/25/25



Directory Update

Phyllis Beasley
832 Fairwood Ave
Marion, OH 43302

First Baptist Church



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Delaware, Ohio 43015

May

2025

Dr. Mark Allison, Pastor

Office Hours: by appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May Mission Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher Appreciation Bags Blanket Sunday for CWS 		April 29	30 6:30 Potluck Dinner 7:00 Business Meeting 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	May Day 1 National Day of Prayer 8:45 Panera Pickup - Faulk	2	3
Peace Sunday 4 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Holy Communion	5 Cinco de Mayo 	6 	7 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	8 8:45 Panera Pickup - Grubbs	9	10
 Baptist World Alliance Sunday Mothers Day 11 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Blanket Sunday	12 5:30 Deacons	13	14 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	15 8:45 Panera Pickup - volunteer needed	16	Armed Forces Day 17 8 am Men's Breakfast-Bob Evans 11:30 am ABW Lunch at Panera Delaware Arts Festival
Baptist Heritage Day 18 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship Service Recognition Sunday Last Day for Sunday School June newsletter deadline	19	20	21 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell/Remlinger	22 7:00 Parish Council 8:45 Panera Pickup - Lovell/Remlinger	23	24
10:00 am Worship Service Summer Hours Begin June newsletter available	25 Memorial Day 26 	27	28 6:30 Choir 8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	Ascension Day 29  8:45 Panera Pickup - Brown	30	31