

# CHUM NEWS

## MAY 2026

*“Abide in me as I abide in you.” – John 15:4 (NRSV)*

### From the Pastor’s Desk – Samuel Mohn



Dear Church Family,

There is something about the month of May that invites us to pause and notice life again.

After the long journey through Lent, the powerful witness of Holy Week, and the joy-filled proclamation of Easter morning, we now find ourselves in the season of Eastertide—a time not just to celebrate resurrection, but to live it.

The trees are budding. Flowers are beginning to bloom. The days are stretching a little longer. And all around us, creation whispers a quiet but persistent truth: **new life is still happening.**

Jesus says in John’s Gospel, “Abide in me as I abide in you.” It’s a simple image—like branches connected to a vine—but it carries a deep invitation. Easter is not just a moment we celebrate once a year. It is a way of life we grow into, day by day, as we stay connected to Christ.

And here’s the beautiful thing: we are already seeing that new life among us.

We see it in the laughter and energy of our children and youth on Wednesday evenings, gathered around tables for food, friendship, and faith. We see it in the

steady work of our food pantry, serving neighbors with compassion and dignity. We see it in the ways you show up for one another in prayers offered, meals shared, hands extended.

Resurrection is not just something we proclaim it is something we practice.

As we move through May, we also look ahead to Pentecost, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon the church. Pentecost reminds us that we are not left to do this work alone. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead is alive and moving in and through us still—guiding, empowering, and renewing the church for today.

So I invite you into a simple practice this month: **stay connected.**

Stay connected to Christ in prayer. Stay connected to one another in community. Stay connected to the work God is doing in our neighborhood.

You don’t have to do everything. But you are invited to be part of something.

Because resurrection is not just behind us it is unfolding right here, right now.

See You in Church, *Pastor Sam*

## NEVER-FAIL ROAST BEEF DINNER

### Ingredients

- 1 3-4 pound beef English or rump roast
- 1 envelop dry onion soup mix
  - 1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup (11 oz)
  - 6-8 white potatoes, peeled and quartered
  - 6 sweet potatoes, peeled and quartered
  - 1/4 pound mushroom, cleaned and sliced



## What's Cookin With Pastor Sam

### Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place roast in roasting pan large enough to accommodate meat and vegetables. Evenly sprinkle dry soup mix over meat. Spoon mushroom soup over mix and spread soup to completely cover top of meat. DO NOT ADD WATER.

Arrange potatoes, sweet potatoes, and mushrooms around meat. Cover and roast in preheated oven for about 3 hours until tender. It can be baked longer at a lower temperature. Makes 6 to 8 servings. Enjoy!

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## *Prayer Concerns*

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**Friends and family of Craig Smith, Bonnie Hively, Anya, Karen DiPizzo, Bob and Tena Gerdes, Haylee (friend of the Pekalla family), Lee Elmo, Dora and Ron Baker, Nancy and Carol Smith, Helen Hess, David Moyers, Eileen and Jeff Hawkins, Darlene Capitola, Andre Williams and Dianne, his mother, Jimmy Quinlan, Joette Sondheimer (Viv Seifert's sister), Jane Doughton, Lori and Kevin Vara, Ron Miller (Ken Miller's cousin), family of Bruce MacLellan (Ken Miller's friend), Jimmy Weller, Samuel M, Margie Ryan, Bella, Roger (Jan Ferry's nephew), Tiffany Orwig, Lori Furlong, Mrs. Pirlozzi (Felicia Brown's mother), Natalie D'orzio (friend of the Ahlswede family, Roger Bartlett (Helen Hess's son-in-law), Bev Clinton, Irene O'Hara, Linda Baker (Neighbor of Catchpoles), Angelina Vince (Christian Denning), Felicia Brown, Craig Ruggles, family of Becky Paul, Sandy (Terri West's sister), Jay Walton, Debbie Webber, Linda Neal-Moore, Ed Dull, Bill Sonnenlitter, Audrey Williams, Prayers for teachers and military members and their families**

## PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

There are some hymns that don't just invite us to sing they *teach us how to praise*. One of those is the joyful and energetic hymn "**Praise Him! Praise Him!**". With its bright melody and simple, memorable refrain, it has been lifting hearts in worship for generations.

This beloved hymn was written by Fanny Crosby, one of the most prolific hymn writers in Christian history. Though she lost her sight as an infant, Crosby saw the world through deep faith and spiritual clarity. She wrote over 8,000 hymns, and her work continues to shape Christian worship today. The music for "Praise Him! Praise Him!" was composed by Ira D. Sankey, who partnered with evangelist Dwight L. Moody during the great revival movements of the 19th century.

At its core, this hymn is rooted in the language of the Psalms especially the call in Psalm 150: "*Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!*" It is a hymn that reminds us that praise is not reserved for quiet moments alone, but is meant to be bold, joyful, and shared.

The opening line sets the tone:

*"Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!"*

From the very first phrase, the hymn centers our attention on Christ lifting up His love, His saving work, and His ongoing care for us. Each verse paints a different picture of who Jesus is:

- The **Redeemer** who saves
- The **Shepherd** who gently leads and protects
- The **King** who reigns forever

One of the most meaningful lines comes in the second verse:

*"Jesus, our blessed Redeemer, for our sins He suffered and bled and died."*

Here, praise is not shallow or surface-level it is grounded in the story of the cross. Our joy comes not from circumstance, but from the deep assurance of Christ's love and sacrifice.

And then comes the refrain—simple, repetitive, and powerful:

*"Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness."*

There's something important about that word "*tell*." Praise is not meant to stay inside the walls of the church. It is something we carry into our daily lives into our homes, our workplaces, and our community. In a world that often focuses on worry or division, this hymn calls us to be people who *tell the story of God's goodness*.

As United Methodists, we believe that singing is a form of prayer. When we sing hymns like "Praise Him! Praise Him!", we are not just remembering theology—we are *proclaiming it*. We are joining our voices with generations of Christians who have found hope, strength, and joy in the act of praising God.





06 Kaitlyn Andre,  
Jasen Pekalla

07 Denise Bell,  
Debra Carson

08 Barbara Gulgas  
09 Frank Gorsuch

10 John Baksa

11 Nora Slimmer

14 Larry Chen,  
Beverly Clinton

18 Eileen Hawkins,  
Nina Pekalla

23 Doris Johnson

26 Kylie Denning,  
Deanna Slifka

27 Katie Kauffman

28 Dora Baker



Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup> will be combined outdoor worship services at Church Hill Park. More details to come.

### MAY FOOD PANTRY

Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>. See Sharon Wathen for more details.

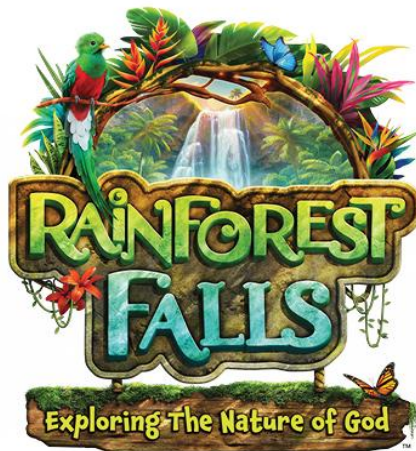
### We Need The Following:

Toilet Paper  
Creamy  
Peanut Butter  
Pasta Noodles  
(NO elbows)

## Save the Date

V.B.S.

June 22-29, 2026 9:00a.m.-Noon



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**Deanna Slifka**, Youth Director

**Joe Seifert**, Sound Room Tech

**Charity Washington**,  
Custodian

May 7, 2026



The 2026 National Day of Prayer

GLORIFY GOD AMONG THE  
NATIONS - SEEKING HIM IN ALL  
GENERATIONS

*Tell of His glory among the  
nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples.*

*1 Chronicles 16:24 NASB*

### *A Note from Jan Ferry*

Dear sisters & brothers in Christ, we all know the profound pain of losing a loved one or friend. We, CHUMC, want to ensure no one needs to walk that journey alone.

GriefShare is a ministry that offers hope and healing to those suffering a loss.

I am seeking compassionate individuals to consider becoming facilitators for our GriefShare ministry.

Please contact me if you feel led to this ministry

Jan Ferry

Mother's Day invites us to pause and give thanks for the women who have nurtured, guided, and loved us—mothers, grandmothers,

mentors, and spiritual mothers in the faith. Scripture reminds us that love is patient, kind, and enduring, and we see that love lived out so beautifully in those who have cared for us along the way.

This day can hold many emotions—joy, gratitude, remembrance, and even grief. Wherever you find yourself, know that you are held in God's grace. As a church family, we give thanks for the gift of love that reflects Christ in our lives.

Join us in worship as we celebrate and honor the women who have shaped us, and as we give thanks to God, the source of all love.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pantry 10-Noon	2
3 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship	4	5 	6 6:30 Dinner w/ Pastor at Jimmy's 7:30 Choir	7 National Day of Prayer 10:30 Bible Study 6pm Grief	8 <small>Pastor Sam at Lakeside for Clergy Executive Session</small>	9 Mary Jobe Celebration of Life 11 am
10 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship 	11 N.A.V.I.M 6:30	12	13 7:30 Choir	14 10:30 Bible Study 6pm Grief Share	15	16
17 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship Game Night 6-9 	18	19	20 6:30 Dinner w/ Pastor at Jimmy's 7:30 Choir	21 10:30 Bible Study 6pm Grief Share	22	23
24 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship 	25  Memorial Day ★	26	27 7:30 Choir	28 10:30 Bible Study 6pm Grief Share <small>Pastor Sam in Columbus for West Ohio Annual Conference</small>	29	30
31 9:30 Bible Brew 10:00 Worship 1pm Liberty Lesson Center Concert						

# ESPRESSO YOURSELF

I would like to get to know you better. If we could sit down over a cup of coffee these are the questions I would ask. Please answer all the questions below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown or where you grew up: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite T.V. Show(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Places to Eat: \_\_\_\_\_

Food: \_\_\_\_\_

I spend my free time: \_\_\_\_\_

Pets: \_\_\_\_\_

Children/Grandchildren: \_\_\_\_\_

Music or Songs: \_\_\_\_\_

Vacation Spot: \_\_\_\_\_

Cake or Pie: \_\_\_\_\_ Holiday: \_\_\_\_\_

Fun random fact: \_\_\_\_\_

Please take a moment to fill this out. We are creating a booklet to be shared with each other in the church as way to make connections or even get to know your life long friends better. Forms can be brought to church or emailed to Pastor Sam at [pastor@churchhillumc.com](mailto:pastor@churchhillumc.com).

A colorful poster for a game night event. The background features a grid of colored squares in shades of green, purple, blue, yellow, and red. Various game-related icons are scattered around the text, including a green puzzle piece, a multi-colored spinner wheel with an arrow, a black domino, a white board game with black pieces, a yellow chess king, a red chess pawn, and an orange puzzle piece.

**Churchill Fun and Games Night**

**Sunday May 17, 2026 at 6pm**

**Open to kids and adults of all ages**

**All children must have a parent present**

**Food Available for purchase**

**FEEL FREE TO BRING GAMES!**

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