

Creekside Church of the Brethren Connection

May 2026



Spirit of the Living God

Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. Acts 2:3

May 24 is Pentecost Sunday, the day that Christians around the world celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first apostles. Pentecost has roots in the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot (or the "Feast of Weeks"), which occurs 50 days after Passover and celebrates the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

We are blessed with Christian art and hymnody to observe this event and the promise of God's Spirit with us until the end of the age. You may be able to picture images of the Holy Spirit (like the one pictured above from a stained-glass window at Creekside) and be able to think of hymns, songs or choruses which reference the Holy Spirit. On May 24, we are going to have a service of mostly music to honor the tongues we have been given to sing our Redeemer's praise. Not all of the music will be about the Holy Spirit; not all of the music will be songs which we have sung before, but it will be an opportunity to share our praise together. If you have a favorite Spirit song, please contact Pastor Rosanna or Diane Lund by Sunday, May 3. We can't promise your favorite will be in the service in May, but we may be able to include it later in the season of Pentecost.

The coming of the Holy Spirit also marks the birth of the church—when the remaining apostles went from frightened followers to courageous witnesses for Christ. This is a season when we remember the mission Christ gave to his disciples to, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Pentecost season is a time for Creekside to review its own mission to Seek, Celebrate, and Share God's love. As we work in our community garden, the Prayer Garden and landscaped beds, building ramps, planning events for our neighbors and caring for children of young adults at our church, we do this because of our commitment to God's mission in the world.

The work of the kingdom is never finished, but if we work and witness through the direction and strength of the Holy Spirit, we not only make a difference for others, but we are changed ourselves. You probably know these words by heart; I have changed them to be plural to apply to us as a congregation. May they be on our lips and in our lives:

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us.

Pastor Rosanna

PASTOR'S REPORT

The Easter season is one of my favorite times of the Christian year and of the year in general. Even when geopolitical news is sobering, I find hope in this season because my hope is in the Risen Christ.

The coming months are busy ones for volunteers at Creekside: container gardens will be planted on May 16, our community garden will be planted shortly thereafter, there are ramps to build, activities to be planned, grass to be mowed. The Church Board has been doing diligent and intentional work around Risk Management and recommendations from Pathfinder Team about how we can best live into Creekside's mission and vision. I am preparing for a summer sermon series on Fruit of the Spirit, which will go in tandem with a summer adult Bible study. Christian Ed is planning a trip to the Ark Adventure and Creation Museum on June 19-20, you will be invited to attend Church of the Brethren Annual Conference in Fort Wayne on Sunday, June 28, and Vacation Bible School is July 19-23.

Tim and I will be away for a long weekend in Hocking Hills, Ohio in the middle of May. Missy Schrock, of Center for Healing and Hope, will be our guest speaker on May 10. Physicians John Mann and Bill Pletcher were both instrumental in establishing that clinic; we are grateful for their legacy and witness.

I am grateful for the work of Administrative Assistant Marita Barsoda and custodian Crystal Waggy; their mother, Carol Waggy, will be starting cancer treatment in late April, and we are supporting them not only with prayer, but with our assistance and flexibility if they need additional time with their family. Thank you for your prayers for Carol and Norm Waggy.

Blessings for this season of hope! In Christ— *Pastor Rosanna*

FROM THE CHURCH BOARD:

The Board met on April 21 and discussed updates from the Pathfinder Recommendations: coming this summer an Adult Intergenerational Bible Study on the Fruits of the Spirit (thanks to Christian Ed Team.) We are also excited about the Young Adults group. The Sustainability Team is being formed; their first meeting is May 3 with Colin Saxton from Everence as a consultant. Outreach is working on a Community Hog Roast at Creekside for August 29 (more information coming, mark your calendars).

Roger has reported that our mortgage is now at \$45,182. A committee will prepare a celebration to retire our mortgage on Saturday, June 26, 2027. Get that date on your calendar as well.

The Risk Management Team has a group of Safety facilitators that will be meeting soon for training.

Roger shared with us some plans for improving the look and cutting down on maintenance of the landscaping in front of the church. Roger and Judy are working on a plan and getting some quotes. Roger also shared he was cleaning out the Youth room and getting it ready for the Young Adults.

We have set the congregational meeting for April 26 at 8:30 including a continental breakfast prior to the meeting. We are glad to have our Moderator Norm Waggy with us at the Board meeting.

We looked at and approved a new Mentor position summary that came from the Christian Ed Team as we look forward to some new mentors and mentees.

Rosanna shared about a wedding she was officiating on Wednesday, April 22.

For the good of Creekside we heard about the SAWs Team branching out to help with a pre-build of 5 ramps in Wabash County with a group of high school students.

Mike Kauffman, Church Board Chair

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

From June 7-Aug. 23, on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour, there will be an option of Bible study for adults. The topic is *Fruit of the Spirit* by Mary Sue H. Rosenberger. Teachers will vary. If you have not previously met with a Sunday School class or if your class does not meet in the summer, you are welcome to join this Bible study; books will be provided. Thee Seekers will continue to meet as another Sunday School option; you may also choose to meet with that class.

Sermons for June-August will follow the fruit of the Spirit theme as we study about love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, gentleness and self-control.

May God bless our reading of the Word! *Pastor Rosanna*

The Bee Line



I hear that it's Spring already!!! A little birdie told me that... while he was shivering and looking for seeds that we put out on our deck.

Trees are blooming, fields are covered with dandelions, spring flowers have sprouted and so have the storms. We know our bees have been busy but the weather has prevented us from doing much with the hives. They get out to the flowers and trees when the weather gets warm but we haven't opened the hive yet to check on them. It's time to "suit up" and get back "out there." Ron has been busy repairing swarm boxes and he has a couple already hung. He plans to have ten of them total.

The Bee Team met near the end of April to discuss the future of Creekside's apiary. Tom Keb was able to join us and give us an update on his involvement. If you've been following our exploits, you may remember that Tom and his brother-in-law George took our hive boxes, full of honey, last fall and extracted the honey for us. They cleaned up the boxes and frames over the winter and will be setting them up on site when the shipment of new bees arrives. In other words, they've been doing all the work and we've been reaping the benefits. He tells us that he and George are happy to continue this arrangement and that they benefit from it as well.

Tom has suggested hosting a Saturday event this summer, after the hives are thriving, to give people an opportunity to learn more about the bees and see 'the girls' in action. This could be an opportunity for the community to participate as well. I'll be talking with the Outreach Team about the idea later.

If we want Creekside to continue its "Bee Ministry," consider becoming a helper and learning more about the bees this year. I think it's time to make a critical decision about its future.

In the meantime... remember to **Bee Kind**.
Steve Barton, for the Bee Team

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Larry Ford, Everence advocate

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BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Grant, Doug
- 6 Prah, Ryan
- 9 Pletcher, Sharli
- 10 Justiniano, Myrtis
- 11 Krull, Carolyn
- 13 McFadden, Rosanna
- 13 Rassi, Terry
- 18 Arnold, Gary
- 20 Rodgers, Rick
- 20 Morphew, Tim
- 24 Miller, Becky
- 26 Griffith, Roger
- 27 Schmucker, Leonard

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mayer, Horst & Robin Wentworth
- 14 Arnold, Gary & Pauline
- 14 Kohler, Joe & Karen
- 14 Schmucker, Chris & Beth
- 27 Griffith, Roger & Anne

EVENTS

- 3 Church reserved, 1-6 pm
- 7 Worship Team, 9:30 am
- 8 Kitchen reserved, 3-4:30
Game Night, 7:00 pm
- 10 Mothers' Day
- 12 Brunch at Angel's, 10:45 am
- 13 Finance Team, 1:30 pm
- 14 Christian Ed, 6:00 pm
- 16 Container planting, 9:30-12
Church reserved, 2-8 pm
- 30 Church reserved, 10-3:00

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