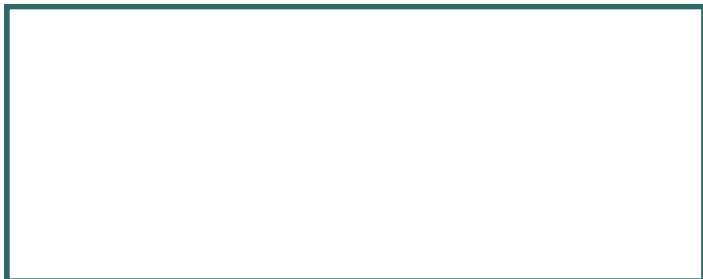




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# Fellowship Changes



Have you ever noticed how your relationship with someone else can have a sudden change for the better? When I see one of the teachers for Wednesday youth, or a table parent, or a driver on a youth event, talking with the children and teens, giving them attention and care, it changes my relationship with that person. I feel more strongly that we're on the same team, partners in something important. I see them differently—I know more of their heart and feel closer to them.

That's been happening with Libby and me as we make decisions about our new house in Akron. We've never had a house of our own before. In church parsonages, the major decisions are made by the church. Now, it's up to us. As we've been talking and deciding about paint colors, wall tiles, wood for the kitchen cupboards, and all the rest, it's deepened our marriage. I feel closer to her. We've been a team in a new way. I understand her better and know she understands me better.

The house is almost ready, the kitchen nearly finished. We like the new steps in from the garage (and the added space that gives our tiny garage). We're looking forward to the move in June into *our* new house.

Grafton will be the eighth church that we've moved from. It's never easy to say goodbye and make the change. It has been a blessing to be here. Your kindness to us has been special. Seeing your love and care for each other and for this community has strengthened our faith. Being in worship with you is a joyful thing.

We've always found the process of leaving brings us closer to people in the church. Maybe it's looking back and giving thanks. Maybe it's that time is short and we focus on what we have together. Maybe it's that the ending reveals things we had overlooked or taken for granted. Whatever it is, I'm thankful for the closeness that grows in the time of leaving.

Times of leaving always open new things to me in Scripture. This time, it's helped me see more into Paul's heart when he writes to the Philippians. He begins his letter saying, <sup>3</sup> **I thank my God every time I remember you.** <sup>4</sup> **In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy** <sup>5</sup> **because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.** <sup>6</sup> **I am confident of this, that he who began a good work among you will bring it to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.** <sup>7</sup> **It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.** <sup>8</sup> **For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.** <sup>9</sup> **And this is my prayer, that your love may abound more and more with knowledge and depth of insight** <sup>10</sup> **to help you to discern what is best, so you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,** <sup>11</sup> **filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.**

I am glad for May and June, that we might have these weeks to be together in partnership in the good news, to share in worship and the joy of Christ. God bless you,

Pastor Bob

# Serving the Lord

## May 2019



### Lay Liturgist

- 5 Barbara Abbott
- 12 Stan Benko
- 19 Larry Smeltz
- 26 Anita Wheatley

### Greeters and Ushers

- Dick and Margie Lisle
- Lloyd and Judy Miller
- Chuck and Barb Stephens
- Mindy and Nick Harris



## Church Office Summer Hours

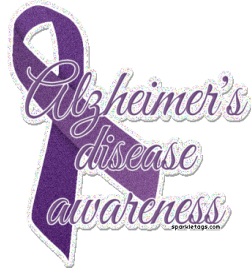
June 3 through August 14 the Church Office will be open  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Some exceptions may apply - please call ahead



**Deadline  
for  
JUNE  
Carillon  
Articles  
and  
Information  
Wednesday  
May 15**

Newsletter Info  
**Wanted!**



# Alzheimer's Group Meeting

Monday May 20<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 pm

Happy birthday



- 8 John Wheatley
- 11 Brenda Brest
- 20 David Coffman
- 21 Tyler Lottman
- 22 Nick Harris
- 25 Pete Bokesz
- 30 Margie Lisle

June

- 4 Ed Stinnett  
Pastor Bob Kuntz
- 5 Ryan Tomes
- 6 Dick Lisle
- 7 Doris Rand

Dear God

I woke up today

I can smell the flowers

I can feel the warmth of the sun

I can see the trees blooming

I can hear the birds singing

**I THANK YOU FOR LETTING  
ME SENSE YOU!**

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Happy Anniversary




June

- 1 Dave and Brenda Brest
- 8 Pastor Bob and Libby Kuntz

# May 2019



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 4:30 pm Wednesday Youth	2 9:30 am Women's Study	3	4
5 10:00 am Worship Service <b>Holy Communion</b> Open Table Birthday and Anniversary Sunday Native American Ministries Sunday (offering)	6 6:00 pm OutReach Meeting	7 6:30 pm Finance Meeting	8 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	9 9:30 am Women's Study	10	11
12 10:00 am Worship Service Blood Pressure Sunday 	13 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Administrative Council	14	15 <b>CARILLON ARTILCES DUE</b> 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	16 9:30 am Women's Study	17	18
19 10:00 am Worship Service	20 6:30 pm Alzheimer's Meeting	21	22 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	23 9:30 am Women's Study	24	25
26 10:00 am Worship Service	27 	28	29 6:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal	30 9:30 am Women's Study	31	

# Our Church Family who are Away from Us

Please remember those that are not able to be with us due to health and/or physical restrictions. They would LOVE to receive cards, phone calls and visits of ALL kinds at ANY time. Calls and visits are always welcomed. YOU could be the one to make the difference in someone's life!

Pete Bokesz      1210 South Abbe Rd  
                         Room 225  
                         Elyria, Ohio 44035  
                         Phone: 440-366-1014

Betty Chopich      Avon Oaks Caring Community  
                         37800 French Creek Rd  
                         Avon, Ohio 44011

Mary Dawson      13720 Durkee Rd      Grafton 44044

Ruth Sayles      10760 N Durkee Rd      Grafton 44044



## A Fond Farewell

Sunday, June 9th will be Pastor Bob's final Sunday with us at Grafton United Methodist Church. Please "bring a dish to share" and join us after the worship service for a Potluck Meal to celebrate his 4 years of shepherding our church family, and wish him a wonderful retirement. God Bless Pastor Bob and Libby!



# RESULTS FROM THE BULLETIN SURVEY

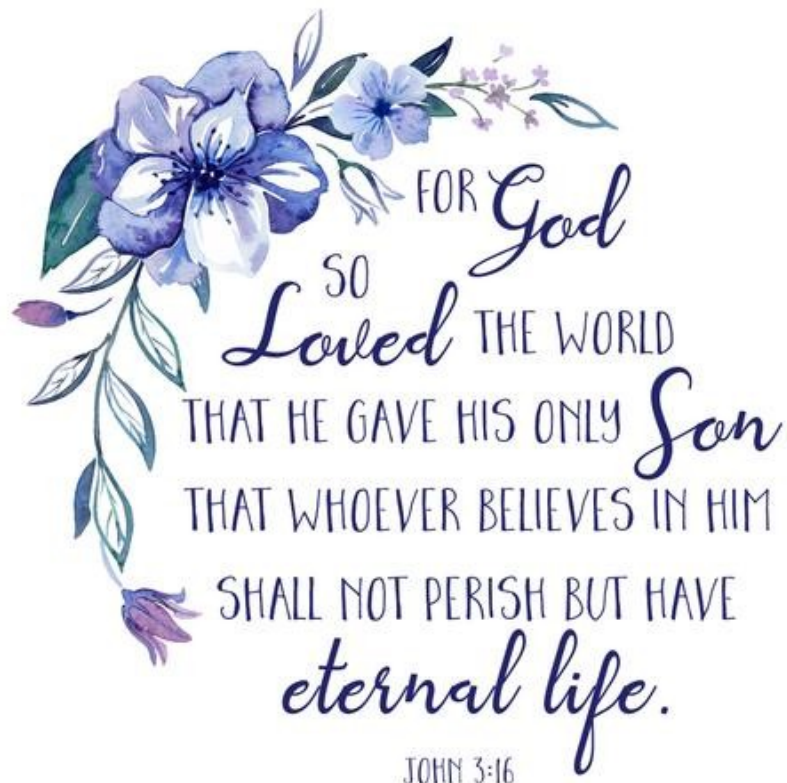


- Number of survey's returned	21
"I do not miss the order of worship in the bulletin."	10
"The printed order of worship is helpful to me."	5
"I miss the printed announcements."	12
"I use the page listing events happening at church this week."	15
Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- If it saves paper, go green.</li><li>- The printed bulletin is good for visitors to take with them.</li><li>- The printed order of worship is helpful for guests.</li></ul>	

As a result of this survey, and knowing how people use (and don't use) the printed bulletin, every Sunday we'll print up the announcements and the events happening at church this week. On special Sundays such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas and Easter, we'll print the order of worship because we expect extra guests and visitors.

Thanks to everyone who shared their thoughts.

- Pastor Bob



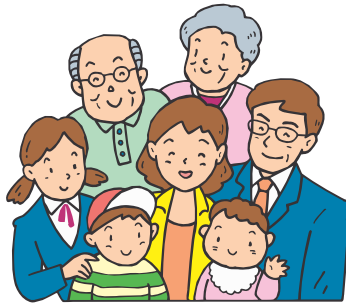


**MAY WE NEVER  
FORGET THAT  
FREEDOM  
ISN'T FREE...**

**Our deepest gratitude for  
those who have served for  
our Country.**



# An ADDITIONAL Party Invitation given for our ENTIRE Ministry Family



You're invited to a **PARTY**

celebrating Pastor Bob Kuntz's 40 years of ministry  
(and his retirement)

Saturday June 15, 2-4 pm,  
at Montrose Zion UM Church

(565 N Cleveland Massillon Rd, Akron, OH 44333)

Friends, our email list is not all inclusive, so feel free to invite others.



Please RSVP by May 15



You're welcome to share a story or memory of a time with Bob—in person or another form.

I'll print out emails and put them with letters in a book for him.

We'll have a sharing time at 2:30 for those who want to share with the group.

My contact info for emails, text, and good, old US mail service:

440-665-8986

kuntzlib@ohio.net

1056 Sunshine Ct, Grafton, OH 44044

We're inviting you because you're important to us and we're thankful for our special times together.

NO Gifts are expected.

(But if you're one of "those people" who can't resist, have fun with 40--pennies, nickels, dimes, etc.)

Love, Libby Kuntz