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MAY 2023

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I want to share with you an old story that I recently came across again, that speaks to us about the importance of encouragement.

A group of frogs was hopping through the forest when two of them accidentally hopped into a deep pit. The other frogs stood around the pit, and, seeing how deep it was, they told the two frogs that they couldn't help them. However, fighting for their lives, the two frogs ignored the others and started to try to jump out of the pit. The frogs at the top continued to tell the frogs in the pit to give up, as there was no way they would be able to jump out. After trying over and over, one of the frogs listened to the others and gave up, accepting his fate and falling to his death.

But the other frog continued to jump with all of his might. The crowd of frogs yelled down the pit for the frog to just stop – he wouldn't make it, but the frog jumped even harder and persisted until he finally got out. Upon reaching the top, the other frogs said, "We thought there was no way any frog could jump that high, couldn't you hear us?" The frog then signaled to the others that he was deaf, and he thought that the frogs standing around the pit were encouraging him the whole time.

Others' words can greatly impact your attitude and actions. Ignore the naysayers. Only engage with those who encourage you and believe in your ability to succeed. Furthermore, think about what you say to people before speaking, so you can make sure what you're saying is supportive. Your support (or lack thereof) could make the difference between success and failure.

The moral of the story is: Keep jumping or you'll croak.

*Encouraging you in Christ,
Pastor Dan*





All Ladies & Girls are invited! Sunday, May 7 at 5:30pm ~ Potluck Banquet, bring a dish to share. Chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, and applesauce will be available for girls 12 years and under. Table service will be provided.

A program of **“Favorite Childhood Memories”** will follow dinner. Everyone is invited to bring a favorite toy, item, picture, art work or memory to share. There is no cost for the banquet. Sign-up is encouraged, but not required. **Invite a friend!**



- 03 - Greg Bodeen, Gordon Bodeen
- 05 - Devonne DeBrock, Will DeJohn, Elizabeth Yost, Emily Yost
- 08 - Ty Johnson
- 12 - John Tank
- 13 - Tami Monier
- 15 - Olivia Mosbarger
- 18 - Nancy DeFauw
- 19 - Elaine Call
- 25 - Sharon Campbell, Ellen Rubino
- 26 - Rod Magerkurth
- 28 - Hannah Pace
- 29 - Ariel French
- 31 - Jacob Koster

OWLS Lunch

Thursday, May 18
11:30am in Otterbein



**PROGRAM presented by
Geneseo Humane Society**

Sign up in the lobby or by calling the office.



Thank you to all who participated in any way for the successful Women’s Maundy Thursday Lunch.

Women of Faith

Thank you to our church family for all your calls, cards and prayers these last few months with the passing of my brother and my dad. The love and support we received truly warmed our hearts.

Doug & Shelly Emerick family



- 01 - Jeff & Mary Orton (47)
- 02 - Dick & Lyn Gradert (59)
- 07 - **Kevin & Jody Akers (35)**
- 10 - Neil & Alice Marshall (48)
- 14 - **Doug & Shelly Emerick (35)**
- 25 - Mike & Jenne Robinson (32)
- 28 - Dean & Shalee Johnson (28)
- 30 - Tom & Diane Birmingham (36)
- 31 - **Larry & Sharon Campbell (15)**
Brett & Lynda Yoder (26)



APRIL 2023

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General Fund



Pastor Dan Seibert
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318 N Center Street
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Worship Sunday at 9:00am
Kids Worship (Ages 4-11)
Sunday at 9:00am

Sunday School:
Adult Classes at 8:00am
Men & High School Boys
at 10:00am

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Prayer Requests

Martha Anderson
Brant Betcher
Cara & Zane
Joey Eaker
Doug & Shelly Emerick Family
Evelyn
Nikki Haars
Brenna (Betcher) Holke
John & JoAnn Knox
Verla Lohman
Powell's brother
Cathy Rowe
Marian Shelton
Ginny Simon
Sally Swanson

Clark Barnes
Mathew Bodeen
John Carlson
Ruth Ann Eaker
Jon Espenses
Gradert Family
Cameron Hodgson
Jeanette Klavine
Jim Larimer
Courtney Morrison
Bev Radue
Steve Scherer's mom
Jann Sigwalt
Paul Starr
Alana Wachtel

Thoughts
In your time of sorrow, my
ARE WITH YOU



Our Love & Sympathy to...

The Family of Nancy Frakes
who passed away on April 3, 2023

The Family of Luke Bazan
who passed away on April 27, 2023

Son of Phil & Kelly (Gradert) Bazan
Brother of Madi Bazan
Grandson of Dick & Lyn Gradert

Those in Assisted Living & Nursing Home:

Greta Baugh Mona Radue Claeys Joyce Criddle
Mary Lou Deane Phyllis Keag John Riggs
Connie Ryner Sarah Stees Rita Webb
Phyllis Wiese

Please contact Julie Dahlquist
with prayer updates.



Food needs: 100% fruit juice,
low sodium canned
vegetables, oatmeal, 100%
whole grain pasta

Non-food needs: laundry
soap, paper towels, toilet
paper, dish soap, shampoo,
conditioner



Laney Dunker

daughter of Brad & Tammy Dunker

Laney will be attending Illinois State University to study Computer Science.

Party will be held on Sunday, May 21 from 5:00pm - 7:30pm at Richmond Hill Park (the large shelter by the tennis court)

Annalise Morris

daughter of Mark & Nancy Koster

Annalise graduated in December and is now attending Blackhawk College for two years, then transferring to university.

Party will be held on Sunday, May 21 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm at the Koster Residence 26866 Tanglewood Road, Geneseo



Graduation Sunday, May 21

Graduates will be recognized during Worship Service at 9:00am

Graduates are encouraged their cap & gown.



Emma Lorynn Sims
daughter of Josh & Amber Sims

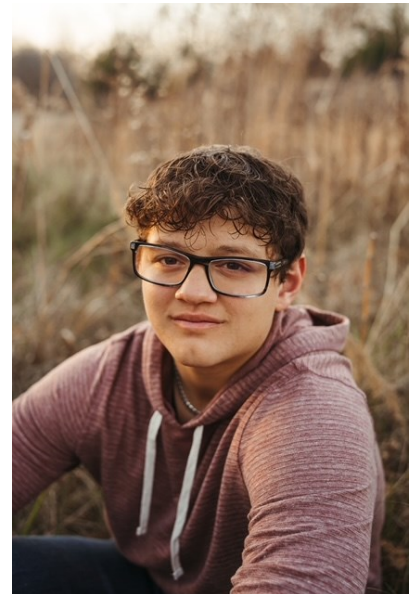
Emma will be attending Blackhawk College, then transferring to Midland University as an English Major.

Party will be held on Sunday, May 21 from 5:30pm - 7:30pm at Grace UMC in Otterbein

Bryce Johnson
son of Jamie & Michelle Johnson

Bryce will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Platteville to study Engineering.

Party will be held on Friday, May 26 from 5:00pm - 9:00pm at the Geneseo Country Club



Levi Neumann
son of Corey & Ann Neumann

Levi will be joining the Navy on July 26. He will be studying to be a Nuclear Engineer on submarines.

Party will be held on Saturday, June 17 from 5:30pm - 9:00pm at the home of Corey & Ann Neumann
11293 N 1950th Avenue, Geneseo



May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>8:00am - Adult Sunday School 9:00am - Worship 9:00am - KIDS Worship 10:00am Men & H.S. Boys Class 10:00am - Women & H.S. Girls Class</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4:00pm - Book Club, Library</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>8:00am-12:00pm Geneseo High School AP Testing, Otterbein</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:00am-3:00pm Geneseo High School AP Testing, Otterbein</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>Daughters of Grace Potluck Banquet 5:30pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel 9:00am, Library Meeting</p> <p>8:00am-12:00pm Geneseo High School AP Testing, Otterbein</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am - Pearl Circle, Chapel</p> <p>8:00am-12:00pm Geneseo High School AP Testing, Otterbein</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1:00pm - Violet Circle, Albright</p> <p>7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>12:00pm-3:00pm Geneseo High School AP Testing, Otterbein</p>	<p>11</p> <p>12:00pm-3:00pm Geneseo High School AP Testing, Otterbein</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00am-12:00pm Geneseo High School AP Testing, Otterbein</p>	<p>13</p>
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<p>21</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p> <p>Graduation Sunday</p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00am - Prayer Group, Chapel</p> <p>7:00pm - Church Council Meeting, Albright</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Regular Sunday Events</p>	<p>29</p> <p>OFFICE & BUILDING CLOSED</p> <p></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>			