



2026 Emmanuel UCC Calendar

Sunday

Monday



Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>May 31 Potluck Combined 10:30am Service at St. John's Carry in to follow</p>			<p>Pastor Jeremy gone May 26-29 Jesuit Retreat</p>		<p>1 Barb Beaver</p>	<p>2 Eric Andrews</p>	
<p>3 Worship 9am Clark Family Baptism and Membership</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Voting At church</p>	<p>6 Mark Burkholder Melissa Hauenstein Braden Weyer Stella Young Kendall Stackhouse</p>	<p>7  Flower pickup 6:00-7:00pm</p>	<p>8 Chuck Sousley Zakkary Hakes</p>	<p>9</p>	
<p>10 Worship 9am Communion Happy Mother's Day Brunch</p>	<p>11 Consistory 6:30pm</p>	<p>12 Kristen Parkins Peyton Worcester</p>	<p>13 Bonnie Cartwright Pearce Cottrell Michele Geiser</p>	<p>14 Kylie Stackhouse</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	
<p>17 Worship 9am Graduation Sunday</p>	<p>18 Women's Outreach 1am</p>	<p>19 Drianna Smith Caskie Linda Reichenbach</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Sage Music Vanessa Weyer</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	
<p>24 Worship 9am 31 10:30am Joint service Carry in to follow At St. John's</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day  Levi Mummert (31)</p>	<p>26 Pastor John Mummert</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Nick Shepler</p>	<p>30</p>	
<p>Pastor Jeremy Jesuit Retreat</p>							



Here's what's been happening with Emmanuel Church Family

Palm Sunday Confirmation (March 29)

Reception after worship

Kadreye, Pastor Jeremy, Kinzer



Confirmands & Mentors



Dick, Kinzer, Kadreye, Onalee

2026 Confirmands
 (New members of Emmanuel)

from left to right

Kadreye Scoles
 Mentor: Onalee Shepler

Kinzer Scoles
 Mentor: Dick Baker

Parents: Jeff & Ashley Scoles
 Grandparents: Becky Bucher

Easter Egg Hunt April 4

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FELLOWSHIP



FOOD





Baptism: James Lucas Martin-Ruhlen

Born: December 17, 2023

Parents: Chasity Ruhlen and James Martin

Grandparents: Chris & Jessica Ruhlen

Baptism: Letty Lee May Weyer

Born: November 25, 2025

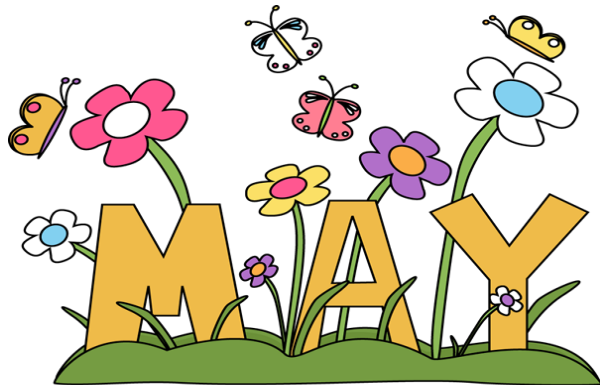
Parents: Vanessa Weyer & Drake Miller

Grandparents: Chris & Jessica Ruhlen



Welcome Membership to Vanessa Weyer

Affirming your Faith at Emmanuel UCC



May 7 at Noon



"Tell of God's glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples." -1 Chronicles 16:24

The Bluffton Area Ministerial Association would like to invite the community of Bluffton to gather at the gazebo on the Bluffton Presbyterian Church lawn at the Noon hour to offer prayer for our families & local church families, schools, teachers, staff & students, local businesses, local government officials & first responders, our state & country, and for the world. Interspersed with our prayer we will join our voices in song, singing some familiar hymns.

Should the weather not cooperate, we will hold our prayer service inside of the Presbyterian Church.

Let us join together with our brothers and sisters in Christ all across the nation celebrating the 75th annual National Day of Prayer on this 250th Anniversary year of our Country. Hope to see you there!

Thursday, May 7

Flower Pot, Hanging Basket, gift card orders will be available to pick up at church, between 4:30 and 6:00 pm or contact Averey Rumer 567-825-8193



You are invited to a Mother's Day Brunch following worship **Sunday May 10**. Do not bring anything. Come and enjoy!



Tuesday, May 26 - May 29

Pastor Jeremy will be at a Jesuit Retreat Provides an opportunity for reflection, prayer, and discernment. The Jesuit Retreat is designed to support spiritual directors in their ongoing personal and professional formation.



At Church on May 17, 2026

Recognizing High School Graduate

Jackson Bowlus – Son of Jeff & Robin Bowlus

Graduate of Bluffton High School May 23, 2026

–with a reception to follow



Emmanuel UCC and St. John's will be worshipping together on Sunday, May 31 at St. John's church. Time: 10:30am

There will be a carry in meal following worship services. Bring a favorite dish.

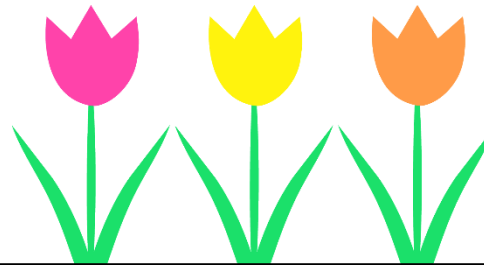


Kendall Stackhouse graduate of Bluffton High School May 23, 2026
Kylie Stackhouse graduate of Bowling Green State University May 2,2026
Grandparents: Tom and Rose Harvey

Trey Boblitt graduate of the University of Findlay May 2,2026
Phys and Health degree for grades k-12.
Parents: Todd & Becky Boblitt

Xavier White graduate of Ohio Connections Academy May 2026
Grandparents: Dan and Renee Caskie

June 7 - Work day so worship will be working and cleaning up around the church. Bring rags, cleaning supplies, rakes, gloves. There will be work to do for everyone.



April showers bring
May flowers

Praying the
SCRIPTURES
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May 3

John 14:1-14

May 10

John 14:15-21

May 17

John 17:1-11

May 24

Acts 2:1-21

May 31

Gen 1:1-2:4



Summer break for Faith Formation starting June 7
Children's church will resume in September
Activity bags available in the nursery
Please return activity bags to nursery after worship service

Mark your calendars! Bluffton's Community Vacation Bible School (Live It Out!) will be from Mon. July 13-Thurs. July 16 from 6:30-8pm. This year, Emmanuel will be in charge of providing volunteers to help with the snack and help with walking groups to the different rotations throughout each night. Please consider helping by donating food items or your time...more information to come!

Pastor's Column

As I write this column entry we find ourselves in the midst of Springtime in Ohio. Where it rains in the evening, snows overnight, fogs up in the morning, and then hits 70 degrees midday. Sometimes it feels like whoever is in charge of the weather control system for Earth puts on a blindfold and just starts smashing buttons for fun. But the flowers are blooming, the birds have returned, and we've celebrated the season of Easter with some gusto!

For the first time in many long years St. John's confirmed a new young member into their congregation through the process of Confirmation of Baptism. Another first in a very long time was the inclusion in that Confirmation Class 2 young members from Emmanuel. Once again, our two historic congregations making history together in a beautiful way and for the Glory of God. It was a challenging Lenten season for many of us, however our Holy Week celebrations starting with Palm/Passion/Confirmation Sunday was a great start, to a well attended Maundy Thursday meal and service on Thursday, a Bluffton Area Ministerial Association Cross Walk which hosted 292 participants on Friday, to a well attended Easter Egg Hunt at Emmanuel on Saturday, we brought Easter in with much activity and devotion.

At Emmanuel all of this activity quickly led to growth as we had multiple young families ask about Baptism for their children and the possibility of joining the church. For St. John's we continue to have visitors stop by in family and new community members who are seeking places to worship together in a traditional manner on Sundays. There is nothing I can say more about our two congregations other than, "Life is good, God is good!"

Now we look forward to a summertime which usually involves a dip in our attendance numbers, a slowing down of our activities, joining together once again for joint worship services, outdoor services, and church picnics. All I can say about this next season of Common Time is, "Don't forget about the church." I encourage you all to stay in this vein of habit to attend our services throughout the season. Stay engaged with our activity, limited as it may be, and, together, let us find ways in which to serve our community and enliven our worship as much as possible.

We do have Vacation Bible School to look forward to as well as some new activity with our St. John's Bike Ministry. BAMA will once again be raising funds for our local school teachers who were so thankful for last years gifts of \$100 gift cards given to them on behalf of the community for all that they have done and will do for our school children. The Bluffton food pantry will still need donated items, we will still be collecting Community Market Receipts at both churches for the purpose of fundraising. So although we all like to take breaks in the summertime, take trips to the beach, campgrounds, and far off places, don't forget your church family too!

We love seeing you on Sundays and will look forward to the stories and experiences you have to share with us each time you return. God bless and have a great Summer!

Blessings, Pastor Jeremy