



# Soundings



## Lambertville United Methodist Church

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**MAY 2026**

Reverend Bryan Kilpatrick

### Pastor's Page

#### Spiritually Prepared

*"I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."*

**-Luke 24:49**

May's blessings be upon you, brothers and sisters in Christ!

I joined the cub scouts when I was in elementary school because all of my friends had joined. I didn't become a scout because of a desire for self-improvement, nor did I join because I wanted to one day become a more productive member of society. I joined the cub scouts for three overly-simple reasons: camping, knives, and fire. See, my friends had all told me that when you were a scout, you could carry a pocket knife after learning how to use them responsibly. They said they had learned to start fires safely, and that once every couple months, they got to start fires on their camping trips. That was all I needed to hear. What I hadn't understood at the time, however, was that a journey that began with the promises of camping, knives, and fire, would take me through my high school years, teaching me more than I could have ever imagined. Above all else, scouting taught me that it's never a bad idea to be prepared.

As we continue through this Easter season, our focus begins to shift toward **Pentecost**, the day when we remember and celebrate the coming of the Spirit to the gathered believers after the Ascension. While this time of the church calendar continues to focus on scriptures that tell of Jesus' encounters with the disciples after the Resurrection, it is also a time when Jesus begins to prepare them for the Spirit. It's also a time when we hear some of the more profound words of Jesus when he declares that his followers will go on to do even greater things than he once the Spirit arrives. From here we move into the Book of Acts, where we continue to see the disciples preparing to receive a Spirit that they don't understand.

That Spirit will pull them in different directions, surprise and confound their understandings of God, and move them to doing things they had previously only been able to dream of. These stories remind us that when children of God listen and engage with the Spirit, we are still capable of more than we believe we are.

These stories, however, also remind us that in order to take full advantage of the Spirit's presence in our lives, ***we must be prepared to receive it***. Jesus helps the disciples prepare for the Spirit by encouraging them to remain together in Jerusalem until its arrival. ***What might the disciples have been doing in their waiting?*** Did they share their fondest stories of Jesus, ***testifying*** to how he changed their lives? Did they take time to ***clarify*** their understandings of their faith? Did they imagine what it would be like when the Spirit arrived, and what that whole process of ***receiving*** it might look like? Did they continue to do what they had been taught, continuing to ***serve*** one another and whoever might grace their presence? ***Are we, the current followers of Christ, prepared to receive the Spirit when it arrives?***

This is what we will be discussing during the month of May in our series ***Spiritually Prepared***. We will be engaging with the disciples and the early church family to learn not only how they prepared for the Spirit, but how they responded to it once it arrived. What we will hopefully discover is that the more prepared we are to receive the Spirit, the more willing we are to go out into this world to share the gospel with those who need it. May you prepare yourself, because the Spirit is coming!

**Rev. Bryan Kilpatrick**



### **ONE Worship service**

On Sunday, **May 31** we will have ONE Worship service at 10:00am with a potluck immediately following.

### **Grubby Sunday**

Please join us on **Sunday, May 31** for Grubby Sunday. This is a time where we spruce up the church for spring. We have many projects to complete, the more hands the better. This will take place immediately following the potluck.

### **Morning Bible Study**

Every Wednesday we have a Bible Study in the narthex at 9:30am. During this hour of study we focus on a specific book of the Bible and gradually read through it while discussing what is happening. It is a very informative and fun group to be part of. We are currently reading through Isaiah.

### **Junior Church**

Junior Church is every Sunday at 10:30am during church service. If you have a K-8th grader please bring them to church to learn the stories of the Bible.

### **Youth group**

We have youth group every Sunday night at 6:30 pm in the youth room. This group learns about the Bible through a devotional and discussion and then plays games and has snacks. It is such a fun group!

### **Ushers needed**

If you can help out by ushering at either the 8:30 or 10:30 service, please sign up on the list in the narthex. Thank you! If you need direction on what this involves we can help with that as well.

### **Greeters needed**

If you would like to help out by greeting people and handing them a program then please sign up for either first or second service on the sheet in the narthex.

### **Trustees—Cemetery Lots for sale**

The church is in possession of several cemetery lots at Toledo Memorial Park. They are being offered to the congregation at \$800 per lot (current price from Toledo Memorial Park is \$1200 per lot). If you are interested in purchasing a lot or lots, please contact the office.

### **Kroger rebate**

If you have a Kroger card and would like to add our church to your community rewards, we would greatly appreciate it. If you need help with this process, please ask the office and we would be happy to assist you. So far we have received \$93.64 to go towards our general fund.

### **April Mission**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to UMCOR for the end of March and April. We were able to raise **\$855**

### **May Mission**

For our May Mission we will be collecting items for the Humane Society of Monroe. Here is the list of needs: Please put all donations in the bin in the narthex.

Kitty Litter  
Dog food  
Toys  
Old blankets  
Bleach  
Paper towels  
Peanut butter without Xylitol  
\*This is a no kill shelter

### **Thank you**

Thank you to AJ Wink and Brooke Brown who are working hard to clean out the craft closet, a lot was accomplished and there is still more to do, we appreciate both of you!

Thank you to all who helped with the spaghetti dinner fundraiser, we were able to bring in **\$363.60** A special thank you to Dianna Snyder for making this event come together!

### **Lawn mowing**

It's that time of year again. We are needing volunteers to mow the lawn on a weekly basis. If we have enough people sign up this would only require you to mow once a month or less. If you have never mowed before and would like to help out with this, reach out to the office and we will get you set up for a tutorial on the mowers. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex after Easter for anyone who can help us out with this. Thank you!

### **Help with weeds**

It is that time of year again when all the nice weeds start to come up around the church and in the memorial garden. If you can help with pulling weeds then feel free to stop by anytime you have a free minute and pick to your hearts content. Thank you! Thanks to the girl scouts who did the initial weeding this year!

### **Graduation**

Do you know someone that is graduating this year from High School or College? We would love to recognize them at our worship service on Sunday, June 7. Please reach out to the office and we will get them the proper forms to fill out.

### **Red Cross blood drive**

Our next blood drive will be on **Tuesday, May 19**. If you would like to donate please contact Bert Miser— 734-347-4445 or go to [redcross.org](http://redcross.org).

**Membership News**

“I urge that petitions, prayers, requests, and thanksgiving be offered to God for all people.”

(1 Timothy 2:1)

***General Intercessory Prayers:***

Families dealing with Depression, Grieving Families, Marriages, Missionaries, Service Men & Women, Shut-ins, Unemployed, Unspoken, Youth

***Individual Intercessory Prayers:***

Brenda Wobser, Rich Schroeder, Phyllis Dudek, Pat Villarreal, Cathy Roberts, Debbie Krabach, Sandy Reilly, Tom Mavis, Sandy Stinefield, Dave Shadler, Marcia Brown, Mary Anne Bair, Carol Mavis, Carol Rayle, Heidi Barnette, Norm Hinshaw

***Shut-Ins:***

Sue Roach, Brenda Wobser, Vicki Clouse, Rose Leighty, Marcia Smotherman, Ethel Mull, Mary Jones, Lanice Andres

**Extended Church family & community:**

Cindy Vedra’s brother-in-law, Pat, Debbie Needle’s, brother, Kay Platt’s brother Wayne Stewart and sister-in-law, Ruby, Cathy Robert’s cousin, Sister Ann, McIntire’s sister-in-law, Marianna, Jim Villarreal’s cousin, Barbara, and sister, Ellie, Brooke Brown’s mom, sister, and friend’s, Bonnie and Steve, Susie Chandler’s brother, Jim, Phyllis Dudek’s son, Jeff, Mary Jones’s friend, Chris, Jim Dornberg’s sister, Nancy, Dick Light’s son-in-law, Nac, Joyce Earley’s son, Jim, Paul & Linda Leonhard’s friend, Kathy, Marsha Frank’s sister, Sandy, Mary Anne Bair’s sisters, Judy & Susan, Sandy Reilly’s son Jed

**Military serving :**

Alex Perry  
Amanda Needles

**\*If you would like to remove or add your loved one to the list please contact the office at:  
[office@lambertvilleumc.org](mailto:office@lambertvilleumc.org)**



**Praise time**

We pray for many people on our prayer chain and we would love to hear any praises that you may have. On the last Sunday of the month during the prayer time we will be updating the congregation with these praises. Feel free to write these down so that they can be shared during this time.

**Sharing your testimonies**

Was there a time in your life when you realized that God was in control and things would have worked out very differently if He was not with you? We are looking for people to share their testimonies with the church on a given Sunday. If this is something you would like to do, please contact pastor Bryan and he will walk you through the next steps.

**Lambertville United Methodist  
Church Mission Statement:**

Guiding everyday people into an amazing connection with Jesus

**Vision Statement:**

Equipping ourselves with the armor of God to build bridges and bring others into the kingdom



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their 29th Anniversary!**

## Happy Mothers Day

*A Mother gives her children stepping stones to the stars,  
Her love is unconditional her heart has no bars.*

*A Mothers teaches her children to be confident and bold,  
Her special love to her children is more valuable than silver or gold.*

*A Mother picks up her children and wipes away life's tears,  
She chases away monsters in the night and silences their fears.*

*A Mother celebrates her children's accomplishments in life,  
She hurts and cries with them when life brings times of strife.*

*A Mother shares her love freely with her tender loving way,  
She grows more beautiful to her children with each passing day.*

*A Mother is one of God's greatest gifts to you and me,  
Her love will remain locked in our heart and soul for all eternity.*

*By Lovinlife (Ann) 10 May 2012*


*The rigors of war laid waste to your youth  
You know what it is to be battered and bruised  
You paid for our freedom with your body, mind and soul  
Time spent "in country" has taken it's toll*

*Freedom was purchased by America's sons,  
Daughters and families, in battles fought and won  
Your sacrifice was great, our gratitude rarely spoken  
To those who gave it all, or whose bodies were broken*


*You are the heroes about which stories are written  
You are the foundation of the country, we live in  
We are proud of you, we honor you, and we know  
Your legacy requires more respect than we show*

*We remember the fallen, we are grateful for all  
Who died for our nation, heroes great and small  
May Memorial Day live in our hearts every day  
Uniting us as countrymen, because of the brave  
Who paid with their lives to secure our sacred freedom  
True heroes are scarce, but we desperately need them*

*May God bless the USA and all who serve and protect her*



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**MAY BIRTHDAYS 2026**

- 1– Linda Leonhard
- 1– Ken Hobson
- 3– Sue Roach
- 4– Fred Duvendack
- 5– Donald Clouse
- 5– Joanna Brown
- 7– Laura Reuss
- 8– Joanne Smitley
- 10– Brenda Wobser
- 11– Wally Rojem
- 11– Ashlee Needles
- 12– Barbara Taylor
- 12– Norm Spohler
- 14– Janet Shadler
- 16– Devin Smith
- 17– Dave Galbraith

- 18– Dave Stephens
- 19– Pastor Bryan
- 22– Larry Williams
- 23– Kay Williams
- 25– Debbie Galbraith
- 26– Laurie Digby
- 28– Hannah Sexton
- 28– Ethel Mull
- 29– Bradley Kilpatrick
- 29– Henry Taylor
- 30– Linda Smotherman
- 30– Ethan Tennant
- 31– Brian Anderson
- 31– Jason Frye



*Happy Birthday*



# MAY 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>26</b> 8:30 am Worship 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Jr. church 6:30pm Youth group 8:00pm Basketball	<b>27</b> 10:00am– Pickleball 5:30pm Softball 6:00pm Basketball	<b>28</b> 10-11am food pantry 9am– Figure factory 5:30pm Softball 5:00pm– Twirl MI 5:45pm Girl Scouts 8:00pm– Basketball	<b>29</b> 9:30am Bible Study 10:00am– Pickleball 6:00pm– Soup supper 4:30pm Baseball 7:30pm Basketball	<b>30</b> 9am– Figure factory 5pm-6 food pantry 5:30pm– Twirl MI 5:30pm Softball	<b>1</b> Scrapbooking set-up 5:00pm Baseball	<b>2</b> Scrapbooking event
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<b>10</b> <b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</b> 8:30 am Worship 10:30 am Worship 10:30 am Jr. church 8:00pm Basketball	<b>11</b> 10:00am– Pickleball 5:30pm– Softball	<b>12</b> 10-11am food pantry 9am– Figure factory 5:30pm– Twirl MI 5:30pm– Softball 5:45pm– Girl Scouts 6:00pm– Trustees 7:00pm Ad Council 8:00pm– Basketball	<b>13</b> 9:30am Bible Study 10:00am– Pickleball 6:00pm– Soup supper 4:30pm Baseball 7:30pm Basketball	<b>14</b> 9am– Figure factory 5pm-6 food pantry 5:30pm Softball 5:30pm Twirl MI 8:00pm Basketball	<b>15</b> 5:00pm Baseball 7:30pm Basketball	<b>16</b> 9:00am Farmer's market
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