

# Circuit Rider

Saybrook United Methodist Church  
*"People trying to live like Jesus"*  
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**May 2023**

Pastor for both churches

**Rev. Vernon Palo**

Plymouth Community  
United Methodist Church  
*Joyfully Share God's Love,  
Compassion, Mercy, and Hope that  
Transforms the Lives of Others.*  
Church: 440-998-0260



**"I will put my spirit within you, and you will live..." Ezekiel 37:14**

## **BEAUTIFUL SPRING GREETINGS**

We are finally into the month of May. With the new month comes warmer, greener and simply more beautiful days. I, like most of you I assume, have been drawn to the great outdoors for a variety of reasons, hiking, bike riding, and of course the yard work. I am one who finds beauty in all of God's creation. I love the differences of each and every season and I would have to say spring is at the top of my list with fall being a close second. I love the grand display of colors. The trees, shrubs and flowers are all budding and sprouting, reassuring us that winter is over. How refreshing it is to see the signs of new life surrounding us.

Although I have put in a garden most of my life, I have to admit that I have never been much of a flower gardener. I do enjoy the many spring flowers and greatly appreciate those who have gone to the time and expense to give us all such wonderful displays. Over the years, at this time of year, Karen and I have traveled to places like Holland, MI. and Kingwood Gardens in Mansfield, OH to see the grand displays, acres and acres of beautiful tulips.

Some 20-25 years ago I learned that not all tulips are equal, that many of the new hybrids are not made to last more than a few years. As I pondered all this, my original theory was that the tulip bulbs' lack of response was caused by something I had done or failed to do. In reality, the sparse response of these particular bulbs was due to man's attempt to create a more beautiful strain and in so doing, strain the hardiness right out of the bulb. The result is a beautiful tulip that lasts only a few years.



The lesson I learned in all this is that once again, God is The Giver of Life! You and I cannot bring life into being without the Life Giving presence of God Almighty. This does not mean we have no responsibility. We have the great responsibility to cultivate life - in ourselves and in others. It's more than just duty as part of our Christian service, it should be our desire, counted as pure joy.

It is up to us to fertilize and weed tulip beds, and also to weed our hearts and also to guide the hearts and minds of others. When we try to create, our efforts are short-lived. When God creates, the results are everlasting. Such is the Hope found at the empty tomb of Easter. Such is the Promise of God found in the Tulip bulb. Such is the Hope experienced in Ezekiel's vision and so **May It Be Our Hope** to be filled with God's Spirit and live. As we live and do, let us do all unto the glory of God so that our works will know long-term abundance rather than the limited rewards of man.

***May you find joy, peace, and hope in these new days of Spring.***

### **Merry Christmas in May and THANK YOU!**

I am excited about Operation Christmas Child Shoebox ministry all year long. I want to provide for you a small progress update.

Thank you to those of you who are bringing in ink cartridges for recycle. In April with recycle \$\$\$ (\$70) we were able to collect 120 ink pens, a few packages of colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, a few journals, some rulers and some scissors. So again thank you.

We also have credit ready for shopping in May. I also hope you are looking forward to getting some STONE (vegetable beef) SOUP to support the Soup for Soccer Balls in Shoeboxes. Thanks to all who helped with their soup donations.

Once again, The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. WE join with Samaritan's Purse partners world wide to share the

**GOOD NEW OF JESUS CHRIST!**

THANK YOU!  
*Karen Palo*

*As a local United Methodist Congregation we promise to honor God with:*

## *Our Prayers*

Our Churches, Shut Ins, Military, Our Pastor & Family, Missionaries,  
Ed & Linda Gray, Richard Clugh, River, Betty Hansen, Phyllis Wright, Dean Moore,  
Howard Hewitt, Erik Pimentel, Kurt Brindley, Linda Johnson, Sarrah Brown,  
Mary Lewis, Stoneman Family, Jackie McKee, Jim McKee, Keith Youngberg,  
Louise Ebetino, Chuck Ebetino, Kelly Forren, Monna O'Connor, Lisa Buck,  
Virgil & Carol Hammonds, Gary & Debbie Munson, Ron McIvaine,  
Charlene Hopkins, Mike Greenwood, Marilyn Wenner, Kathy Feiler,  
Dixie & Larry Leggett, Billy Hudson, Sue Hogan, Robin Nagle, Lou Buck,  
Bill Swanson, Edie Ann, Denny & Bobbi Heil, Diane (Swiger), Shelley Didonato,  
Chris Stiltner, John, Tim Cambell, Rick Arnold, Leo, Rev. Joe Platt, Mallory Wickert,  
Kelli Nelson, Patty Moore, Emily Fisher, Cheryl Josson, Ruth Falcione, Jim Smith,  
Barb Conrad. Baby Zayne Pniewski, Paul Gynn, Pam Thompson & family,  
Genny Wallace, Becky Schaade & Family, Janette & Chuck Davis, Justin Nelson  
Sonja Trisket, Jeff & Sandy Corbett, Tom & Donna Orr, Kathleen, Art, Eddie, Judy  
Richards, Roberta & Mary Lou, Hanna Powell, Martha Haluszka,  
David Orr, Willis Orr, Charles Fuller, Alice Conrad, Gary Feiler, Judy Richards  
First Responders, Ginny Mann, Sue McCracken, Roy Moyer, Liz Ostrander,  
Chip Titus, Doug Moore, Sonja Trisket, Jeff Corbett, Kaitlyn Stevenson,  
Vernon Hopkins



If you are in need of prayer or someone you might know is? please, don't hesitate to ask. If you would like to keep it confidential or say it out loud, doesn't matter, what matters is we pray.

**Our walk with God is precious,  
he loves to hear from you.  
Even it's just to say "Hello"**



## *and Our Witness*

By Betty Cochran

It's time for new! It's Spring!  
One of the 4 seasons from the Lord  
himself!

Spring is a special time with new blooms  
on the trees, seedlings bursting forth from  
the ground, the animals that have  
hibernated all winter are waking up and  
ready for the new year!

### **God is Amazing!!!!**

- **in the beginning** - God started creation
- **the first day** - light was created
- **the second day** - the sky was created
- **the third day** - dry land, seas, plants and trees were created
- **the fourth day** - the Sun, Moon and stars were created
- **the fifth day** - creatures that live in the sea and creatures that fly were created
- **the sixth day** - animals that live on the land and finally humans, made in the image of God were created

**by day seven** - God finished his work of creation and rested, making the seventh day a special holy day.

God gave us everything, not just this life, but even **ETERNAL LIFE!!!** So when you look at the new in the Spring, know that God is with us always..... It makes me wonder about what heaven might look like. Someday, if we except Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we will know and that is a promise.



## *Our Service*

**Sunday Worship Services at  
Plymouth 8:30am  
At Saybrook 10:00am  
Adult Sunday School at 9:00am**

Service can also be viewed online.  
The link is on our Facebook page or we  
can email you the link.

**Worship on Wednesday  
6:00pm Saybrook UMC**

**The First Sunday of June, the  
Saybrook UMC will be worshipping at  
the Saybrook Township Park every  
Sunday at 9:30am until after  
Labor Day**

**May 7th. right after worship service  
we will vote on a new Methodist  
Denomination to join.**

**For more info call the church**

## *Our Gifts*

### **Stewardship Update**

Year to Date as of 03/31/2021

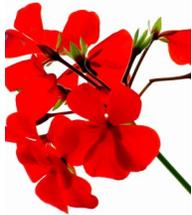
General Budget	\$56,903.00
Expenses	<u>-\$65,426.00</u>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>-\$8,523.00</b>



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**May 1st. & May 15th.**  
**Produce Distribution**  
**at the Plymouth UMC**  
**1-5pm Distribution begins at**  
**3:00pm**  
**Don't be shy!**

**ASHTABULA COUNTY CONCERTS OF PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
**MAY 5, 2023 @ 6:45AM**

Host Church: Eagleville Bible Church 1981 St. Rt. 45 Rock Creek, OH 44084  
Guest speaker– Nobles Darby, IV  
Metro Cleveland Director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
Tickets are \$12.00



**GERANIMUS WANTED TO BRIGHTEN UP THE**  
**CHURCH GROUNDS, RED, WHITE OR BLUE!**  
**PLEASE BRING THEM IN**  
**BEGINNING ON MAY14TH.**  
**THEY WILL BE PLANTED JUNE 3RD.**



**LOOKING.....**

for volunteers and helpers for this year's VBS Please speak with Nick Leavitt. The need for volunteers ranges from crew leaders, station leaders, to even stage hands.



**Saybrook UMC**  
**Family Game Night**  
**May 19th.**  
**6:00pm-8:00pm**

We have games galore here at the church!  
Pot Luck, Bring a dish if you can  
Come join us and have some fun and fellowship!

**SAYBROOK UMC**

- 1 Angelique Schaade
- 1 Everett Craft
- 2 Hannah Stiltner
- 2 Jennifer Stumbo
- 5 Gary Munson
- 3 Jim Stanford
- 8 Edward & Linda Gray
- 9 Myrna Osten
- 13 Dean Moore
- 14 Cyndi Lemke
- 24 Ruth Ann Falcione
- 24 Jorja Schaade
- 26 Rita Wilkinson
- 26 Keith Youngberg
- 27 Pauline Loveland
- 29 Marilyn Wenner
- 30 Barry Palmer
- 30 Ethan Fox

**PLYMOUTH UMC**

- 4 Barrie Bottorf
- 5 Donna Loyd
- 7 Betty Wheeler
- 8 Craig Stewart
- 13 Alan Trisket
- 15 Dave Casdorph
- 17 Mandi Bailey
- 20 Allison Pildner
- 26 Charlene Smith
- 31 Christina Kingston



**MAY'S  
BIRTHDAY &  
ANNIVERSARIES**



# Spring Tea

## SAYBROOK METHODIST SPRING TEA

**Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 1:00pm.**

Saybrook Methodist Church  
7900 South Depot Rd., Ashtabula, OH 44004  
440-969-1562

This year the theme will be the **Kentucky Derby**....Let the races begin!  
Wear your special hat for a chance to win a prize!  
Our entertainment this year will be provided by Brad Pethtel.  
Brad is a talented musician who sill sing and play a variety of  
oldies but goodies music.

There will be a light luncheon, door prizes, and themed gift baskets which  
will be available by Chinese Auction.

Tickets are \$20.00 each and are on sale at the  
Saybrook Methodist Church from 9am—1pm. Monday through Friday.  
You can reach the church office directly by calling 440-969-1562

**Tickets are limited so call for yours now!**



**A Big Thank You** to all who purchased, ordered, organized or helped out in anyway with the Easter Flowers this year! As you can see by a few pictures, they were just beautiful in both churches.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
OUR PRAISEFEST IS BACK!  
JULY 30TH!**

**We are in need of Vendors!**

1:00pm. To 5:30pm.

**SAYBROOK METHODIST CHURCH  
7900 South Depot Rd. Ashtabula, OH 44004**

**Space is limited and available on a first come first served basis.  
Direct Sales; Only one merchant per brand of merchandise will be accepted**

10x10 site, no table \$10.00

10 x 10 site, with table \$10.00 plus \$5.00/table .

**For more information and to sign up please contact**

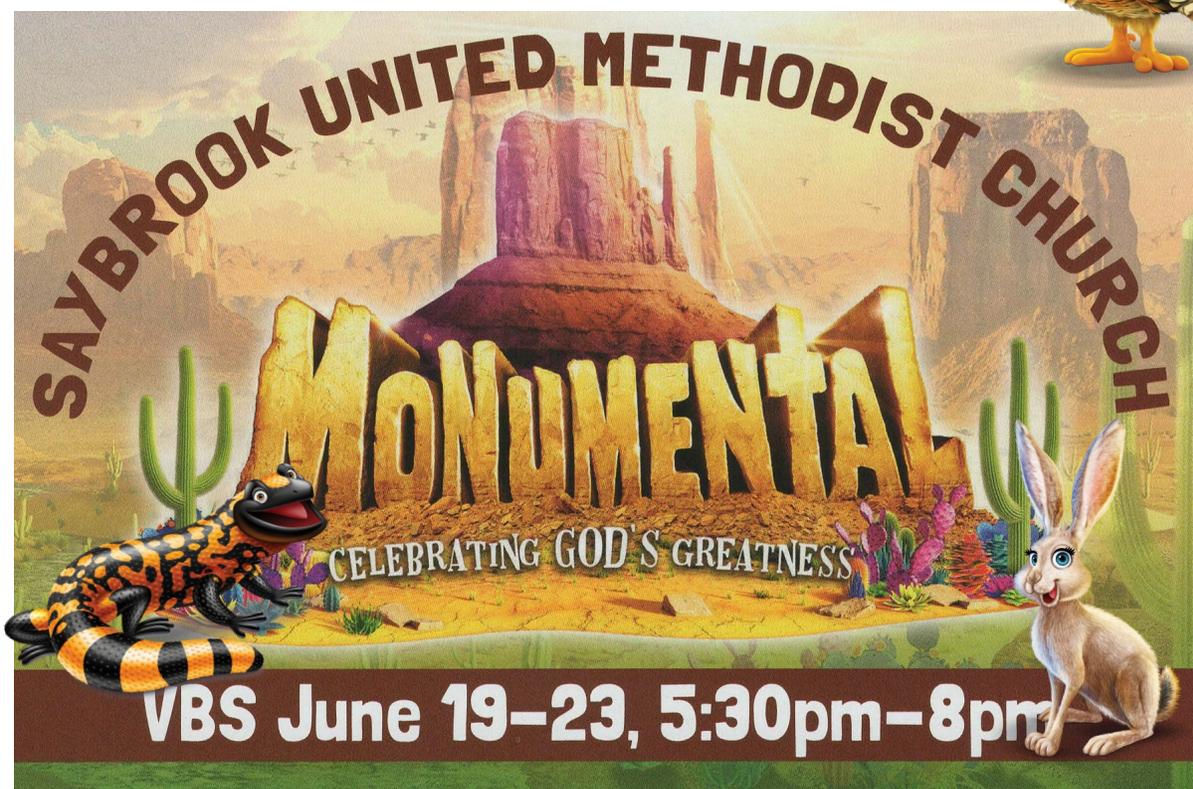
**Lou Buck at 440-969-1762**



**PSALM 30:4, NRSV**

COME AND JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!  
WE'RE EXCITED FOR YOU TO HAVE FUN WITH  
QUINCY, JET, ROLLO, HOWELL, MILEY & HARLEY!  
CAN YOU GUESS WHICH CHARACTER IS WHICH?

FIND OUT JUNE 19-23RD.  
HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS  
LEARN ABOUT GOD'S GREATNESS!



## Missionary Page.... News from the Overholt's

### **See! The winter is past.**

The seasons have always been important. *"See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come; the cooing of doves is heard in our land."* (Song of Solomon 2:11-12) (NIV)

We all experience winter differently. I remember as a child when my dad drove off the road on the way home from work and got stuck in a deep snow drift early one morning. He had to walk the rest of the way home since the roads were covered with snow and became totally impassable. Even though the road has since been rerouted, I still remember the location of where his car ended up. I have always been extra cautious when going outside in the wintertime.

Winter sometimes represents barrenness, coldness, and lack of production. However, if we have a safe place to spend the winter, it can also be a time of rest and reflection or a time for planning and preparation, in anticipation and hope for what is coming next. In agriculture, winter has its purpose. It can be a time to repair equipment and a time to buy the seed for planting.

As we reflect on the winter we are now leaving behind, we are hopeful for what the coming springtime brings to our life. Springtime is therapeutic. The cold is nearly over, and the soil is warming up. The trees are budding, and the sap is flowing. Some of the prettiest flowers are already blooming. In our family, several are praying for a springtime of relief from illness. Our local church is passing through major denominational change and being renamed, and looking forward to beginning a new growth. The COVID pandemic seems to be letting up. Even my pet dog, Brutus, seems extra alert to the birds singing when I take him out in the morning. We are putting the winter behind us. We are cleaning the yard and planning to plant new flower and vegetable gardens.

Spiritually, winter is over for us; springtime is here. Death could not hold our Savior in the cold tomb. He is resurrected, and we look forward to the future as his followers. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, we find confidence in knowing that *"... if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"* We can enjoy a life that is resurrected through Jesus Christ.

### **He is Risen.**

#### **Prayer requests:**

- Pray for our daughter Rachel's healing and the treatments she still faces.
- Pray for the completion of the certification process for the nursing school. This is the fifth year in a pilot program. Please pray for the funds still needed for the operation of this year, and for the impact and opportunities the personnel has to share about the Lord! (#25643)
- Pray for the impact of the 4-H program and mentorship with the youth in the region. Pati, Esmilda, and Diana are doing a fantastic job. Pray for their health and strength as they travel to each village. (#25492)

Larry and Angie Overholt, with World Gospel Mission since 1980

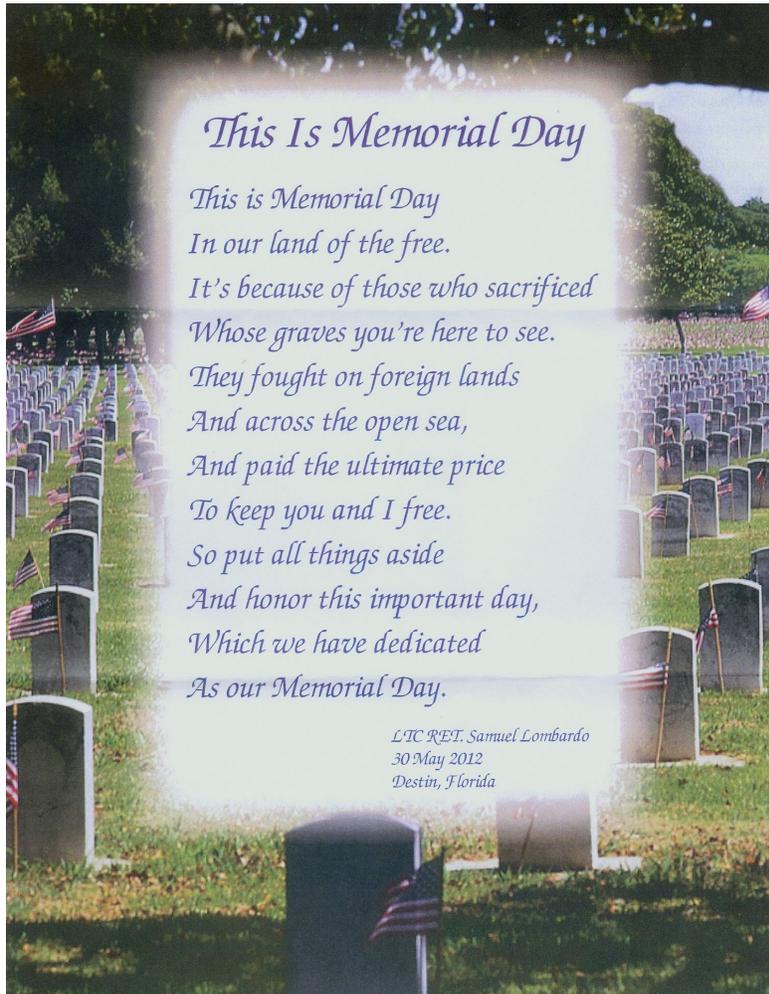
[www.wgm.org/www.overholtoverview.org](http://www.wgm.org/www.overholtoverview.org)

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201 Parrott St., Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050;

Phone: 740-507-9560 (Larry)/740-398-3871 (Angie)



### *This Is Memorial Day*

*This is Memorial Day  
In our land of the free.  
It's because of those who sacrificed  
Whose graves you're here to see.  
They fought on foreign lands  
And across the open sea,  
And paid the ultimate price  
To keep you and I free.  
So put all things aside  
And honor this important day,  
Which we have dedicated  
As our Memorial Day.*

*LTC RET. Samuel Lombardo  
30 May 2012  
Destin, Florida*

### **MAY 20TH. IS ARMED FORCES DAY!**

**Armed Forces Day  
is the day to honor all  
who currently serve  
and all who have  
served, both active  
and former, in the  
Reserves, National  
Guard or on  
active duty.**

**So if you know those  
who have served or  
are serving please tell  
them THANK YOU!**



As we begin the new month, we end the previous in solemn remembrance of those who gave their lives in service to our country. Jesus said that there is no greater love than for a man to lay down his life for another. Our soldiers, fire fighters, police and rescue personnel put their lives on the line each and every day protecting the rest of us as U.S. citizens. Take time to pray for the families of those who have fallen in service. Take time to remember the sacrifices of those who protect us and honor their memory. They gave their lives, so that we may live in safety and freedom.

**COME CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY WITH US ON MAY 14TH.  
EACH MOTHER WILL BE HONORED AND RECEIVE A SPECIAL  
GIFT! WHAT BETTER WAY TO HONOR YOUR MOTHER BY  
BRINGING HER TO WORSHIP!**

**YOU KNOW YOU'RE A MOTHER WHEN.....**

- ◇ You count the number of sprinkles on each child's cupcake to make sure they are equal.
- ◇ You want to take out a contract on the kid who broke your child's favorite toy and made him/her cry.
- ◇ You have time to shave only one leg at a time.
- ◇ You mastered the art of placing food on a plate without anything touching.
- ◇ You hire a babysitter because you haven't been out with your husband in ages, then you spend half the night talking about and checking on the kids.
- ◇ You hope ketchup is a vegetable because it's the only one your child eats.
- ◇ You fast-forward through the scene when the hunter shoots Bambi's mother.
- ◇ You obsess when your child clings to you upon parting during his/her first month of school, then you obsess when he/she skips in without looking back.
- ◇ You hear your mother's voice coming out of your mouth when you say, "Not in your good clothes!"

**Proverbs 31:25-30**

- <sup>25</sup> She is clothed with strength and dignity;  
she can laugh at the days to come.
- <sup>26</sup> She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
- <sup>27</sup> She watches over the affairs of her household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- <sup>28</sup> Her children arise and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:
- <sup>29</sup> "Many women do noble things,  
but you surpass them all."
- <sup>30</sup> Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;  
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.



**COME ONE—COME ALL  
BARGAIN BASEMENT BONANZA SALE**  
Plymouth Community United Methodist Church  
970 Plymouth Rd., Ashtabula  
Call:440-223-4189 with questions  
**Sale Date Friday May 19th Time: 9am-4pm  
May 20th. 9am-3pm**

Donations will be accepted for household items such as: small appliances, Small furniture, Linens, knick-knacks, dishes, rugs, lamps, seasonal decorations, pillows, jewelry, curtains, blankets, candles, cooking utensil, wall décor and pictures, baskets, office and school supplies, toys, children's clothing, books, and homemade crafts

**Please No Adult Clothing**

All items must be clean and in good working condition.  
We will not accept items that are dusty, stained, soiled, cracked, chipped, marred, torn or that have missing parts.

There will be a Bake Sale with many delicious goodies and a surprise gift will be raffled off to a lucky winner!

**CASH ONLY PLEASE  
\*ALL SALES ARE FINAL\***

***All proceeds will be used to benefit the  
Plymouth Community United Methodist Church.***





## **American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross is holding a virtual volunteer information session for urgent needs in *Northeast and Northern Ohio 17 Counties*. This information session will include current volunteer speakers from our Disaster Cycle Services Team. The date of the info session is **Thursday, May 11th, from 5:30 PM-6:30 PM.**

This event will be held **Virtually! We are in need of volunteers in all of the Northeast and Northern Ohio counties.**

If you could share this message with your employees, friends and family, clubs, associations, etc., it would be greatly appreciated! I have provided an attachment with the information to share with your audience. I am also happy to schedule a speaking engagement customized presentation for your group about our lines of service if you are interested.

### **VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSION**

**Thursday, May 11th 5:30-6:30 PM (EST)**

**Learn why Red Cross** volunteers are so passionate about what they do.

**Ask questions** and hear from current Red Cross volunteers and staff.

**Complete** your Red Cross volunteer application and get started now.

[www.redcross.org/volunteer](http://www.redcross.org/volunteer)

#### **Volunteer for our Most-Needed Disaster Services Positions**

Disaster Action Team Member (DAT) – Local Disaster Response

Disaster Operational Responder – Deploy to a Disaster Relief Operation

Disaster Action Team Duty Officer (Virtual) – Northern Ohio Region

**Join us virtually, guests welcome!**

**RSVP REQUESTED**

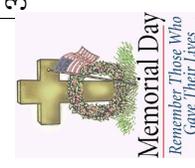
**CLICK LINK BELOW TO REGISTER**

[https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=vms\\_public\\_form&form\\_id=12718](https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=vms_public_form&form_id=12718)

Questions: 216-431-3328 or [NEOvolunteer@redcross.org](mailto:NEOvolunteer@redcross.org)

[james.kazel@redcross.org](mailto:james.kazel@redcross.org) or 216-645-5730

# May 2023

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 PUMC PRODUCE DIST. 1-5PM	2 SUMC 6PM TRUSTEES	3 SUMC 6PM WOW	4	5 7AM PRAYER BREAKFAST EAGLEVILLE	6 SUMC 1PM SPRINGTIME IN SAYBROOK LUNCHEON
7 WORSHIP 8:30 PUMC 10:00 SUMC	8 SUMC 5PM EDUCATION	9 SUMC 10AM MEMBERSHIP	10 SUMC 6PM WOW	11	12	13 SUMC 8:30 MEN'S GROUP 10AM WOMEN IN FAITH
14 <b>MOTHERS DAY!</b> WORSHIP 8:30 PUMC 10:00 SUMC  	15 PUMC PRODUCE DIST. 1-5PM	16 SUMC 6PM COUNCIL	17 SUMC 6PM WOW	18	19 PUMC 9-4 BASEMENT BONANZA SALE  SUMC 6-8PM FAMILY GAME NIGHT	20 ARMED FORCES DAY PUMC 9-3 BASEMENT BONANZA SALE SUMC 1-4PM MARILYN WENNER'S 90TH. BIRTHDAY PARTY (Stop by to wish her a Happy Birthday!)
21 WORSHIP 8:30 PUMC 10:00 SUMC	22 SUMC 9:30AM MISSIONS	23	24 SUMC 4:30PM WORSHIP & MUSIC 6PM WOW	25 SUMC 5PM COMMUNITY DINNER	26	27 SUMC 8:30AM MEN'S GROUP
28  8:30 PUMC 10:00 SUMC	29  Memorial Day <i>Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives</i>	30	31 SUMC 6PM WOW		AA Sunday & Tuesday nights at 7pm	