



**BUCHWALTER POST, CO. A
OHIO VOLUNTEER INFANTRY
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE**

MAY 26, 2003

**COMMUNITY UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
HALLSVILLE, OHIO**

**OUTDOOR CONCERT BY ADELPHI BAND...9:30 A.M.
SERVICE.....10:00 A.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance

To the American Flag:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

To the Christian Flag:

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag, and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands, one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and in love.

Our speaker today, John Frain, is a noted journalist who writes a weekly column for the Chillicothe Gazette. Mr. Frain was News Director for several radio and TV stations including WSAI in Cincinnati and WTVN Columbus. He was born and raised in Indianapolis, IN, and served as a radio operator on a B-29 during WWII.

Program:

Musical prelude.....Mrs. Celia Zeigler

Welcome.....David Zeigler, Chairman
Memorial Day Committee

Pledges to the American and Christian Flags
Led by David Zeigler

Congregational Hymn, *America the Beautiful*
Led by Pastor David Tilter

Scripture and Prayer by Pastor Tilter,
Hallsville Community Methodist Church

Recognition of Men and Women Present who
have Served our Country in its Armed Forces.

Special Music.....Sherry Zeigler

Address.....John Fraim

Closing Hymn, *Battle Hymn of the Republic*
Led by Pastor Tilter

Benediction.....Pastor Tilter

Memorial Day was initiated May 3, 1868, by General John Logan, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of The Republic, a veterans' association organized after the Civil War. Locally, the day was first observed in 1870, eleven years before it became a legal holiday. Services were first held on the lawn of the local cemetery. In the early 1900's, the service was moved to a community hall, the present site of the veterans' group home in this small town. Beginning in 1910, the observance became church-centered, with services held at one of the two village churches, alternating annually.

Today, as in past years, the Adelphi Band will lead a procession to the Hallsville Cemetery, with veteran Gale Kyle bearing the flag. Lowell Swepston will place a wreath at the Soldiers' Monument. The service will conclude appropriately with the playing of "Taps."
