

# The Parish Portrait

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## From the Pastor's Desk

On Wednesday, February 13th, we begin the season of Lent which begins with our Lord being tempted in the wilderness:

**Luke 4:1-13**

4Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>

The common thread that runs throughout the season of Lent is that in order to save us from our sins, Jesus enters into our suffering and sacrifices Himself for our sins and the sins of all creation! There is no greater love in all the universe than this love of God revealed in Christ our Lord. We may have lingering questions about some of the storms of life which we encounter, but there is no question about God's love for us! Perhaps the following witness from Martin Luther speaks to you:

At one point in Martin Luther's stormy career, he received some discouraging news. But he responded by saying, "Recently I have been looking up at the night sky, spangled and studded with stars, and I found no pillars to hold them up. Yet they did not fall."

Luther was encouraged as he



who was upholding the universe was caring for him.

Whenever we find ourselves discouraged in the storms of life, let us then look to the cross of Calvary and see just how much God loves us. In the shadow of the cross, in this Love of God, may we all find strength and peace!

In Christ,

Greg Leigh, pastor

## Loaves of Love

Loaves of Love is an outreach program designed to feed Crestview Elementary students whose families may not have enough food for the weekends. Every Friday, participating students will receive free food items that are both nutritious and easy to prepare and eat. The church is accepting donations of food items each month. We will be assigned an item, and if you wish to make a cash donation, drop it in the offering plate and label "Loaves of Love."

Collection for January will be individual cereal boxes, February- Chef Boyardee microwavable with pull tabs, March – granola or fruit bars, April – mac & cheese. Let us help up to feed elementary children on the weekends.

reminded himself that the same unseen God

## **Valentines Dinner**

Mark your calendar for February 10<sup>th</sup> to attend our annual Valentine Dinner from 11:30am-12:45pm featuring either roast beef or chicken breast, choice of potato, vegetable, salad, dessert and drink for a FREE WILL OFFERING. We want everyone to attend even if you feel you are not financially able as this is a great example of the church mission work at home. We are prayerful all will be able to attend.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for donations of any kind of dessert or salad. Proceeds will go towards the mission trip.

## **United Methodist Women**

UMW will be held February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the church social room. All ladies of the the church family and friends are welcome to share in a night with the girls. There will be a program, a little snack and lots of fellowship. The United Methodist Women are continuing to collect "Our Family Labels" from Pick-n-Save through July of 2013.

Please remember to save the labels and drop in the basket provided on the coat racks. Planning a "Girls Night Out" for April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Edgewood Park Community Building for shopping with local entrepreneurs, appetizers, a light dinner and socializing. Mark your calendars and tell your friends. Convoy Community Garage Sales in May, the UMW will have items to sell and offer lunch. Begin collecting items for our sale. The UMW offers catering services for receptions, class reunions, birthdays, anniversaries, wedding receptions, organizations etc. Brochures with meal options and pricing are available by contacting Lynn Johnson. You may get

## **Mission Team Trip**

The mission committee is planning its spring mission trip for early March. The trip will take place either the week of March 2, 2013. They are heading to Biloxi Mississippi. They are always looking for additional volunteers. They realize it is a sacrifice to give of your time, but everyone who has gone in the past feels the sacrifice was worth the reward. If you would like more information about the trip contact mission chair, Dick Miller at 419-749-2513.

Your pickle jar offerings and gifts continue to support those in need in our local community. The pickle jar offering for the victims of Hurricane Sandy was almost \$600. Thank you!

## **Convoy Fire & EMS 34<sup>th</sup> All You Can Eat Pancake Day**

The Convoy Fire & EMS Department will be holding their 34<sup>th</sup> annual all you can eat pancake day on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The fire department will serve whole hog sausage and pancakes from 6am-2pm at the Convoy Fire Station at 117 Franklin St.

All you can eat breakfast for Adults is \$6.00 and children 4-11 are \$3.00, Kids under 3 eat free. Come out and support your local fire department showing your appreciation for all they do for the community. Bulk pork sausage and packaged ribs will be for sale at the door. All proceeds will help to defer the costs of the new grass truck that is now in service.

A bake sale will also be held at the fire station. Donations will be accepted on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. If there are any questions you can contact Dale Ball 419-749-2908 or Gary Kreisler 419-203-1562. For the bake sale you can contact Cristy Balliet at 419-749-0000.

## **Congratulations**

Congrats to Bruce, Christi and Lilly on the new

your 2013 pledges to Vicki Saylor,  
Treasurer.

## Calendar of Events

Joyful Noises	Wednesday 3-4:30pm
Adult Choir Practice	Wednesdays 6:30pm
UMW Meet	Wednesday December 5 <sup>th</sup> at 7pm
Administrative Board	Thursday February 28 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
Trustees	Wednesday February 20 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
Lions Club Meetings	2nd Monday monthly
Convoy Fire & EMS Pancake Day	February 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6am-2pm
"Souper" Bowl Sunday	February 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Bring in can soup for the food pantry
Valentine Dinner	February 10 <sup>th</sup> 11:30am-12:45pm
Ash Wednesday	February 13 <sup>th</sup> , 6pm-7pm Meditation in the Sanctuary
Good Friday Community Service	TBA
Easter Service	Sunday March 31 <sup>st</sup> 7am and 9:30am

## Stop & Drop

Stop and drop your aluminum pop tabs in the collection jars in the vestibule. The tabs will be given to Cyler Miller for his donation to the Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks you to Margaret Miller and her gang for the very beautiful "Hanging of the Greens" worship service.

Thank you to Laura Leigh, Delta Dingsus, Julie Fegley, Jean Leary and the Joyful Noises for the Christmas Pageant.

Thank you to Shelly Bolenbaugh and crew for polishing the sanctuary for the holiday season.

addition to their family!! Enjoy!!

## Prayer Concerns

Gloria Ringwald, Missy Henry and Baby, Dion Bower, Cathy McClure, Chloe Miller, Glenn Gehres, Wilmer Bowers, Paul & Dottie Morehead, Dean McOmber, Troy Hammond, Madison Ringwald, Dick Burden, Care Placke, Madalyn Emerick, Deb Casterline, Dwight Smith, Helen Anderson, Annabelle Miller, June Burns, Rosalee Burns, Don Dawson, Dale & Dorothy Gleckler, Delores Harris, Randy LaPage, Annabelle Clevenger, The Family of Sandra Dealey

**Vancrest/Convoy:** Romaine Feasby, Esten Fortney

**Hearth & Home:** Jim Ryan

**Georgetown Place:** (Fort Wayne) Dean Branstrator

**Elmcrest of Lima:** Nell Rice

**Laurels of Rockford:** Jim and Jean Thomas

**Lutheran Healthcare:** Delores Harris

*"Now the purpose of this commandment is love, from a pre heart, from a good conscience and from sincere faith."*

*I Timothy 1:5 KJV*

## Flower Calendar

The flower calendar for 2013 is up on the bulletin board at the edge of the sanctuary. Cost is \$26 per Sunday. Thanks!

## Returned Parish Portraits

The portraits below were returned last month not deliverable. If you know a current address for these members, please let us know so that we will be able to get the monthly newsletters out to them. You can write the address on the note pad in the gold basket in the vestibule or e-mail

[klpp1985@gmail.com](mailto:klpp1985@gmail.com)

Thank you youth group for the wonderful cookie mixes.

## Contemporary Service

A Contemporary Service is offered every Sunday morning at 11:11 a.m. This is held at the former Hall Lumber office downtown, located along the railroad tracks east of Main Street. It's a service filled with songs and praise. It is a casual and more relaxed service than 9:30 service. We still offer all the same sacraments.

The Service is hosted by our praise band called "Crossroads". Members include:

Guitarist Pastor Leigh Lead Vocal Jeff Gleckler, Keyboard Laura Leigh, Drums Fred Fegley, Bass Guitar Jordan Leigh. Casual dress such as jeans, T-Shirts, and ball caps are acceptable at this service. Refreshments are offered to be enjoyed throughout the service. Not on time for the beginning, not a problem. You're welcome to come in and join us whenever you get there. It's very informal. You're always welcome to come join us.

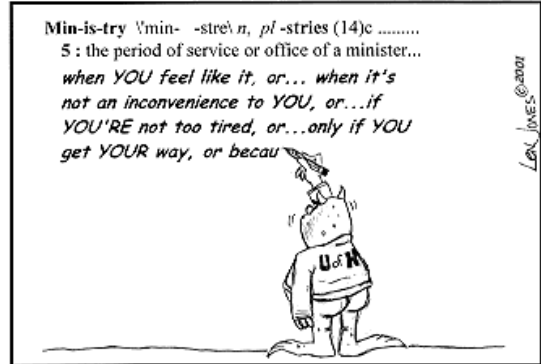


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## Comic Relief

**ALTAR EGO.** by Len Jones



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