



The Parish Portrait

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Where did the summer go?!

Nevertheless, with all the past storms and heat, autumn offers a refreshing change. One such refreshing offer is the fall invitation to Thursday evening Bible study. This year we will be offering a six week Bible journey in which we will be studying some of the key parables as taught by Jesus. Among the scholars who have contributed to this six week workshop is Dr. Ben Witherington III. Some of you will recall Dr. Witherington from a past Bible study on the book of Revelation. A brief description of the Bible study on the parables is as follows:

"Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Woven from the stuff of everyday life, the parables of Jesus made the kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners. In six engaging, interactive small group sessions, this Deep Connection DVD gives you will gain new insights into his parables and their meanings that will help you to appreciate more fully their relevance for your own life.

With maps and pictures, outlines, key Scripture verses, discussion questions, plenty of room for note taking, and a personal five-day Bible study for each session, this participant's guide will help you get the most out of The Parables of Jesus, both in your group and in applying what you learn to your life."

These Bible studies will meet from 6:30 to 8:00 on Thursday evenings with the first session on September 20th. If you need child care please let us know in advance.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Greg Leigh, pastor

Bible Study begins September 20th.

Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible began on Sunday July 29th and concluded on Thursday August 2nd. Delta Dingus did a great job organizing and overseeing the event.

There were over 60 kids present over the five day event and many adult and teen volunteers.

A BIG thank you to all of them because this is an enormous undertaking and we should be proud our church has the leadership and volunteer spirit to make it happen. Enjoy some of the smiling faces from the event below.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women will be held September. 5th at 7pm in the church social room. Program will be led by Anne Bowen. Greeters will be Phyllis Rice & Vicki Saylor and hostesses will be Linda Holden & Shelly Holden. All ladies of the church family and friends are welcome to share in a night with the girls.

The United Methodist Women are continuing to collect "Our Family Labels" through July of 2013. Please remember to save the labels and drop in the basket provided on the coat racks.

Northwest Plains District Annual UMW Meeting will be Oct. 27th at St Paul's United Methodist Church in Payne OH from 9:45am - 3pm. Theme for the day will be "Let God's Word Float Like Butterflies". Hoping you will consider a girls day out.

Loaves of Love

With school starting again the need for food items to fill the backpacks for children in need will again be on our minds.

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."

September collections will be Chef Boyardee canned food with a pull tab !! (ravioli, spaghetti, etc...)For more information contact Shawna Putman or Vicki Saylor.

Food Pantry

The Helping Hands Food Pantry had a very busy summer and the shelves are in continual need of restocking.

Please continue to pray for the ministry and for those we serve. Please pray for donations of food items to continue to feed those who are hungry in the Crestview School District.

There is a supply of canned veggies, but there is much need for all other non-perishable items such as canned soup, mac & cheese, canned fruits, paper products, cereal, personal hygiene items, canned meats, boxed dinners, or anything that your family likes to eat.

The Beef/ Pork Project is still in progress. Thank you to all of you who have donated. We have collected enough sausage but are still working on the beef. Please put donations in the offering plate or send to BEEF/PORK PROJECT

Pregnancy Life Center Walk

Thank you to all the supporters of the Pregnancy Life Center Walk for Life, to the walkers Mary Ann Hall, Meagan Hall, Aly Hall and for all your prayers for the PLC Ministry. It was a beautiful morning and a great time with friends

Heritage Board

The Heritage Board is in need of volunteers to help children walk over to the Heritage House and bring them safely back to school. It can be just a few hours to all day or you can be a sub...it is a great way to see the kids and get to know them. Please call Diane Perry at 419-622-6561. YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID!!

East Asia Prayer Letter

Please enjoy the letter sent by Austin Wise who visited our church in August to discuss his pending trip to East Asia. Austin reports he will be sending us updates as they are available.

Thank You

Matt Holden wrote,

"Dear Convoy UM Church Family,

Thank you so much for the God's Guide for Graduates book! It will be useful next year at Bluffton. Also, thanks for everything you've done for me. I truly appreciate it. Thank you again!"

College Care Packages

We will be starting the College Care Package program in September. Any member or child of a church member is welcome to be in the care package program. We would like to send encouragement to all college students whether they live in a dorm, apartment or at home and commute to college. We send the snack boxes to those that live away, but we also send the cards & gift cards to the commuters so all the students will be getting some encouragement from our church family!

The information needed is: name, address, college. Also, let us know if during the school year there is a change in their college status (change schools mid-term, start college mid-term, change address, graduate, quit school, etc.). If you happen to know when their holiday and/or spring break is, that would also be helpful so we avoid sending packages at those times.

Either give the addresses to any committee member or email to Shelly
sholden1981@gmail.com by Sunday
September 9. Committee members are:
Marilyn Reed, Patty Kiehl and Shelly Holden

We'll update the church family when we will be starting the care packages and we appreciate your help with this outreach program. Thank you!

Girl Scout Thank You

Thank you to all who donated T-shirts so the Girl Scouts could make bags for the children who visit the Women's' Shelters. The bags turned out GREAT. The girls did an amazing job and made over 70 bags! One of the girls who attended camp said this was her favorite activity because she was able to help other kids! We would like to get some more help from the community to donate items to fill the bags. If you are able to donate any of the following items contact Tina Pawlick at 419-749-4278, or you may leave the items listed below in a bag or box at the church under the coat rack marked Girl Scouts.

Items needed are toothbrushes, individual sized toothpaste, washcloths, small stuffed animals (in good condition), journals, coloring books, notebooks, sketchpads, wood search, crosswords, crayons, colored pencils, pens, and erasers. Thank you for your support.

West Ohio Conference



Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, new West Ohio bishop starting September 1, visited the conference center two days last week to meet with the Cabinet, staff and other conference leaders. After meeting the staff they surrounded the new bishop with prayers for his transition and ministry here. In his message of greeting, Bishop Palmer shared his excitement for the opportunity to serve in West Ohio and continue the outstanding ministry already in progress. The Bishop and Mrs. Palmer also toured the conference center and visited their new home in Worthington

Pastor Appreciation Dinner

Aloha! On Sunday, September 16th there will be an appreciation dinner held in the social room at noon so our friends the contemporary service can share in the celebration. There will be no charge for the meal.

The theme will be Hawaiian luau. You can purchase a "leiga" to show your appreciation for Greg and Laura and what they do for us all every day. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board by the custodian closet to bring food.

Sunday School Rally Day

On Sunday, September 9th during Sunday School hour visit all the classrooms and try to outwit, outlast and out play your fellow classmates. Go from room to room and play the games. Collect stamps from each room on your game card. Turn in the completed card to be entered in the drawing to win a prize.

Calendar of Events

Joyful Noises	Wednesday 3-4:30pm
Adult Choir Practice	Wednesdays 6:30pm
UMW Meet	Wednesday September 5 th at 7pm
Administrative Board	Thursday September 27 th at 7:00pm
Trustees	Wednesday September 19 th at 7:00pm
Lions Club Meetings	1 st & 3 rd Monday monthly
Sunday School Rally	Sunday September 9 th after church
Pastor Appreciation Dinner	Sunday September 16 th at 12:00 noon

Prayer Concerns

Betty Springer, Paul Moorehead, Patty Hauter, Warren Reed, Dean Mcomber, Don Johnson, Jan Baker, Troy Hammond, Madison Ringwald, Dick Burden, Care Placke, Madalyn Emerick, Deb Casterline, Dwight Smith, Helen Anderson, Annabelle Miller, June Burns, Rosalee Burns, Don Dawson, Marcia Davies, Dale & Dorothy Gleckler, Esten Fortney, Madge Wilson, Delores Harris, Randy LaPage, Linda Grant, Annabelle Clevenger, Cody Michaud, Karen Bullinger, Dave Hummel, Angie White, Cathy McClure, The family of Betty Fortney, Judy Dealey, "Doc" Stegamen, Unspoken Requests.

Vancrest/Convoy: Romaine Feasby

Hearth & Home: Jim Ryan, Esten Fortney

Georgetown Place: (Fort Wayne) Dean Branstrator

Elmcrest of Lima: Nell Rice

Laurels of Rockford: Jim and Jean Thomas

Cathy McClure had a double knee replacement at Kettering OH; please send up a daily prayer for healing. Email address: cathymcclure73@gmail.com.

I am sure she would appreciate lots of emails.

"whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation alright will I shew the salvation of God."

Psalm 50:23 (KJV)

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.

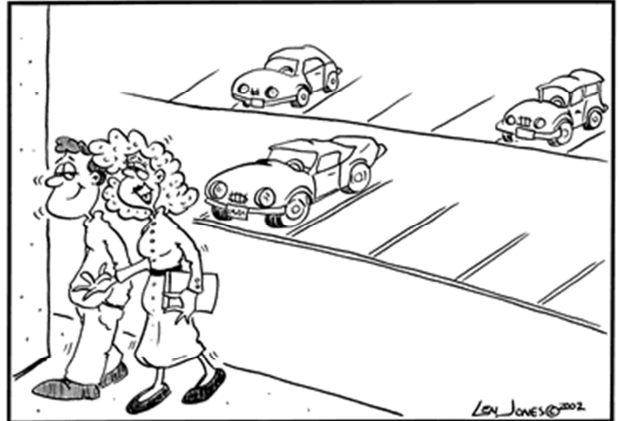


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Comic Relief

ALTAR EGO by Len Jones



"What's up with the great parking spot?...Pastor on vacation?"

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