

The Parish Portrait

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The parable of the long spoons has been told in many different variations though it is originally attributed to Rabbi Haim of Romshishok.

Since we are having a fall Bible study on the parables of Jesus, I wanted to add to your reading this thought provoking parable that has also appeared in many different paintings throughout the ages:

THE PARABLE OF THE LONG SPOONS

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like." The Lord led the holy man to two doors. He opened one of the doors and the holy man looked in. In the middle of the room was a large round table. In the middle of the table was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the holy man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths. The holy man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. The Lord said, "You have seen Hell." They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one. There was the large round table with the large pot of stew which made the holy man's mouth water. The people were equipped with the same long-handled



spoons, but here the people were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking. The holy man said, "I don't understand." It is simple" said the Lord, "it requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other! I think we can agree that this parable is indeed, "FOOD FOR THOUGHT"!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Greg Leigh, pastor

Beef / Pork Project

Thank you for your support with the Beef/Pork Project. The Helping Hands Food Pantry received a beef that completely fills the freezer. There are funds remaining to possibly process a hog in the near future.

We appreciate the support and prayers from the church and the community.

If you or your church becomes aware of a family in need of food, please have them call for an appointment: Vicki Saylor at 419-749-2266 (daytime) 419-749-2055 (evenings) or Robert Wertenberger 419-2206.

"Life is a gift from God, what we make of it is our gift to God"

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women will be held October 3rd at 7pm in the church social room. All ladies of the church family and friends are welcome to share in a night with the girls.

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."

October collections will be Poptarts. For more information contact Shawna Putman or Vicki Saylor.

Calendar of Events

Joyful Noises	Wednesday 3-4:30pm
Adult Choir Practice	Wednesdays 6:30pm
UMW Meet	Wednesday October 3rd at 7pm
Administrative Board	Thursday October 25th at 7:00pm
Trustees	Wednesday October 17th at 7:00pm
Lions Club Meetings	2nd Monday monthly
Charge Conference	October 28th at 3pm At Kingsley United Methodist
Pastor Parish Meeting	October 28th at 2:30pm prior to charge conference

Church Women United

Church Women United will meet October 5th at 1:30pm at St Paul's Reformed Church in America with speaking George Brake. The topic will be "Recycling"

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 one month update letter sent by Austin Wise who visited our church in August to discuss his pending trip to East Asia.

See the attached newsletter.

Prayer Concerns

Don Johnson, Diane Clemons, Wilmer Bowers, Paul Moorehead, Dean McOmer, 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, Esten Fortney, Unspoken Requests.

Vancrest/Convoy: Romaine Feasby

Hearth & Home: Jim Ryan

Georgetown Place: (Fort Wayne) Dean Branstrator

Elmcrest of Lima: Nell Rice

Laurels of Rockford: Jim and Jean Thomas

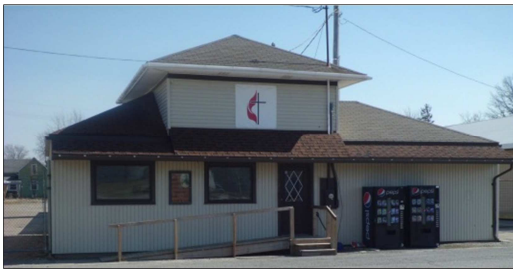
"My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." Exodus 33:14 KJV

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:

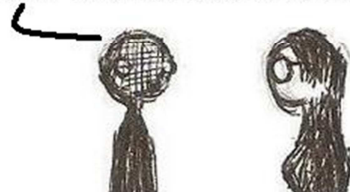
Guitarist Pastor Leigh Lead Vocal Jeff Gleckler, Keyboard Laura Leigh, Drums Fred Fegley, Bass Guitar Jordan Leigh. Casual dress such as jeans, T-Shirts, and ball caps are acceptable at this service. Refreshments are offered to be enjoyed throughout the service. Not on time for the beginning, not a problem. 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

People nowadays go to church not because they need to communicate with God but because it's Sunday.



Don't forget to check us out on the web at www.convoyumc.org for service streaming and more content about what's going on at Convoy United Methodist.

Enter to Worship...Depart to Serve

