

# The Parish Portrait

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During the clergy session in the spring we participated in a prayer meeting in which we anointed the new airplane which was to serve our brothers and sisters in the North Katanga region of the Congo. Following that inspiring service I spoke with our district superintendent Rev. Steve Bennett about having someone from the conference coming to share with us about that vital mission during one of our Sunday morning worship services. Rev. Bennett spoke with Rev. Dee Stickley-Miner who graciously offered to share with us. Pastor Dee began her stirring message with these timely words from the biblical witness found in the letter to the Romans:

Romans 12:9-13:

9Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. 10Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. 11Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. 12Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. 13When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

The service followed with a pickle jar offering and then a question and answer session with Pastor Dee. After this we enjoyed a carry in dinner organized by Mrs. Judy Farmer. It was such a wonderful day to be with sister Dee! We will forever give



thanks for her inspiring witness to the gospel.

That afternoon, our mission chairperson Dick Miller and I turned to the leadership of our lay leader Coach Dave Bowen who had organized a walk/bike-a-thon fundraiser for the Wings of the Morning UMC mission. By day's end more than \$1,100.00 had been raised. I couldn't be more proud of our church's witness than I am of this remarkable demonstration of true genuine Christian love and affection for our brothers and sisters in North Katanga.

Again I wish to express special thanks to West Ohio Conference director of connectional missions and justice Rev. Dee Stickley-Miner; Northwest Plains district superintendent Rev. Steve Bennett; mission chairperson Dick Miller; adult coordinator Judy Farmer; church lay leader Dave Bowen; church reporter Vicki Saylor; and last but not least, everyone who so joyfully participated in such a wonderful day of worship and worshipful work.

Through the streets of Convoy, over the countryside of Van Wert county, and on the Wings of Morning to North Katanga and to the ends of the earth: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Yours in Christ,  
The Peddling Parson  
Greg Leigh

## **United Methodist Women**

The United Methodist Women will meet on Wed. October 2, 2013 at 7pm in the church social room. All ladies of the church family are welcome to share in a night with the girls. Program by Marie Sanfilippo, Greeters will be Anne Stewart & Cheryl Hoover. Hostesses will be Cheryl Hoover & Cindy Mollenkopf. We have notecards with pictures of our church on them for sale. Just see a UMW member to purchase.

The UMW offer catering services for receptions, class reunions, birthdays, anniversaries, wedding receptions and organization etc. Brochures with meal options and pricing are available by contacting Lynn Johnson. You may get your 2013 pledges to Vicki Saylor, Treasurer. The women are planning a Jewelry Sale in November. If you would like to donate any new, used, reusable jewelry, costume or good as well as lightly used accessories such as purses or scarves, collections baskets will be provided in the vestibules and in the social room or contact a UMW member.

## **Church Woman United**

Church Women United will join together for the first meeting of the fall on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

St Mary's Catholic Church, 601 Jennings Rd, Van Wert will be the host church. The meeting will be held in the church rectory basement located on the north side of the church in the basement meeting room. Joan Blankemeyer is the chair person.

Program topic is "Church World Services." A collection will be taken for CWS blankets. All area ladies are asked to meet together to learn about the missions of Church World Services. Contact person Jean Wittung 419-749-2053.

## **Helping Hands Food Pantry**

Pantry shelves are stocked one week and empty within three weeks. Thank you for your past support, prayer for continued support. Your donations of cereal, paper products, health care items and food is much appreciated. Our freezer is blessed with ground beef and sausage from the Beef Pork Project. The need continues to grow in the Convoy area and we are helping people to feed their families, what a great mission for the Convoy area.

## **Loaves of Love**

School has begun and so has the Loaves of Love. A count has not been determined to date, but will be shared when available. September & October will be Spaghetti O's & meatballs or mini ravioli & meatballs pull tab and microwavable. November & December will be mac & cheese pull tab and microwavable. You may continue to give monetary gifts through the offering labeled Loaves of Love. Thank you for all your continued support.

## **Flower Calendar**

The flower calendar for 2013 is up on the bulletin board at the edge of the sanctuary. There are still a few dates available, but they are going fast. The cost is \$27 per Sunday.

## **Convoy Community Days**

Convoy Community Days Sept. 27-29  
Support your community!

## **Happy Birthday!!**

Betty Springer's, 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration,  
Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> \* 2-4pm \* Church Social Room.

## **Aluminum Tab Collection**

*Stop & Drop* your aluminum pop tabs in the collection jars in the vestibules. The tabs will be given to Cyler Miller for his donation to the Ronald McDonald House. Another way we can support local missions. We have one full jar and will be starting another

## **Thank You**

“Thank you for all the thoughts and prayers for me and my family. It is greatly appreciated. Church is the hardest place for me to be, but I know with the love and support of my church family it will get easier. God is good and may he bless you all.”

*-Nikki Beougher*

“During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.”

*-Sharon, Ann, Jon and Amber Young*

“Thank you so much for the care packages and your thoughts and prayers. Beneath all the stress of school, homework and other obligations I know I have, the strong foundation of my church family’s love and support to keep me on track and remind me that I am not alone. I want to thank you again from the bottom of my heart.”

*-Gracie Klinger*

“Thank you for allowing me to come talk to you about God’s ministry in Asia. Also, thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. Your church is such a blessing.”

*\_Austin Wise*

All original thank you notes are on display in social room foyer.

## **College Ministry Boxes**

We will be starting the college box ministry for this school year. Please give the name, address and name of the school your student attends to any one on the committee. The ministry is open to college students from our church family including the 11/11 group; undergraduate or graduate students, living away or living at home. If you student changes colleges addresses or joins mid-year, please let us know as we will always make adjustments. Committee: Patti Kiehl, Marilyn Reed and Shelly Holden. You can also email this information to [sholden1981@gmail.com](mailto:sholden1981@gmail.com)

## **Pregnancy Life Center**

Thank you! Thank you to all who supported the Pregnancy Life Center Imagine Life Walk. The walkers raised \$28,889.50. The corporate and church sponsors supported the walk in the amount of \$16,000. This means the grand total raised was \$44,889.50.

## **Sunday School Teachers**

We are still looking for Sunday School teachers. We also need substitute teachers to fill in when the primary teacher is unavailable. Please contact Tina Pawlick if you can help.

## **Village Ministry Center**

The VMC is now open Monday through Thursday from 3:15pm-5pm for homework assistance. Free Wifi is also available. If you are interested in helping or looking around, please drop by. The VMC is located on the corner of highway 49 and Tully Street in the old Buds Variety Store building.

## Calendar of Events

Adult Choir Practice	Wednesdays 6:30pm
Lions Club Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday monthly
UMM Prayer Breakfast	Sunday October 6 <sup>th</sup> at 7:30am
UMW Meet	Wednesday October 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 7pm
Charge Conference	Sunday October 13 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm
Trustees Meeting	Wednesday October 16h at 7:00pm
Administrative Board	Thursday October 24 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
Bible Study	Every Thursday at 6:30pm (except Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> )

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## Prayer Concerns

Dean McOمبر, Madge Wilson, Dick Burden, Greg & Madalyn Emerick, Helen Anderson, Annabelle Clevenger, June Burns, Rosalee Burns, Dale & Dorothy Gleckler, Annabelle Clevenger, Gina Griffiths, Dave & Stella Stevens, Shelly Klinker, Ray Tinnel, Reese Sunderland, Ruth Shinabery (Tona King's grandmother), Anna Dyer (Delta Dingu's mother), Pam Kulwicki, Shirley Laipply.

**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

### Update on Madison Ringwald:

Madison Ringwald is being taken off of the weekly prayer concerns. She is doing really well, even getting to try a sport (soccer)! We know she will need more surgeries and we will need to add her again, but for now, we can take her off the prayer list. We want to thank everyone for all the prayers and hope they will continue for her. Thank you!

-Gloria & Clark Ringwald.

*Fear thou not; for I [am] with thee: be not dismayed; for I [am] thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.*

**Isaiah 41:10 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



**"I wasn't always as religious as I am now. For years I thought the Ten Commandments were a doo-wop group from the 1950's!"**

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

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