

The Parish Portrait

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I was eating at a local fast food restaurant which played 70's tunes over the sound system. Suddenly, I became aware of a song that was playing which I had not heard for over 40 years!

The song was Big Yellow Taxi by Joni Mitchell, a 70's artist, musician and environmental activist. It is the chorus of this song that has always struck a chord within me about our relation with our Creator God and our responses to God through thanksgiving. The chorus goes like this"

"Don't it always seem to go, That you don't know what you've got till it's gone! They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

To this day, I question whether or not I give my Lord appropriate thanks for all the rich blessings that I fear I take for granted.

Hal Urban gives a witness from Eddie Rickenbacker that certainly recalibrates our hearts for thanksgiving. Eddie Rickenbacker, the famous World War I pilot, once drifted in a life raft for twenty-one days in the Pacific Ocean, hopelessly lost. He survived the ordeal and was asked later if it had taught him anything. He said, "The biggest lesson I learned from that experience was that if you have all the fresh water you want to drink and all the food you want to eat, you ought never complain



about anything." Hal Urban, *20 Things I Want My Kids to Know*

Because of this ordeal, Eddie Rickenbacker gained a renewed appreciation for the blessings in life. Let us too, take to heart a renewed thanksgiving for all that God has given to us. Make us better stewards Lord, of your wondrous creation!

Yours in Christ,
Greg Leigh

Craig Young Benefit

A benefit for the Craig Young Family has been planned for Saturday November 2nd, at the Convoy Community Building.

The day begins with bingo from 10am- noon. A euchre tournament is scheduled from 1-5pm. That evening at 6pm, Gibson's Backyard BBQ will be providing dinners for sale. A dance for student's grades 9-12 will be held from 8-11pm.

They are also asking for cookies to be donated for the BBQ dinners. If you would like to donate, please call Shelly Miller at 419-605-6565 or you can e-mail her at millers7360@gmail.com. Please have donated items to the community building by Friday November 1st between 2-4pm. Thank you for helping the Young family.

Church Woman United

Pleasant Chapel United Methodist ladies will be hosting the November 1st meeting of Church Women United at 1:30pm

Pleasant Chapel Church is located at 8164 Richey Road, Van Wert (corner of Lincoln Highway and Richey Road).

Program topic is World Community Day, "Walking Through the Doors of Opportunity." Vivian Oechsle is the program chair person.

Church Woman United held its first biennial assembly in Cleveland, Ohio December 1942. The gathering was not large in numbers due to difficult war time transportation, but it fulfilled its promise, "to courageously survey the church woman's place in the war crisis and point up her alertness to the kind of peace that must follow."

Study conferences were held and by June 1943, it was decided that a day be set aside in the fall of 1943 for the study of peace by church women. Eventually World Community Day was changed to the first Friday of November. The focus on world peace remains an integral part of each program.

World Community Day remains a time for education, action, outreach and spirituality. Ladies of the area are invited to join together on Friday November 1st, at Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church.

Aluminum Tab Collection

Stop and 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.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 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. Program by Cindy Mollenkopf, Greeters will be Phyllis Rice and Vicki Saylor. Hostesses will be Phyllis Rice & Vicki Saylor with lots of fellowship. Thank you to the Charles and Mary Cherry Family as well as the trustees for the new stoves in the kitchen. The old stoves were donated to the Edgewood Park Building.

Thank you Charlie for installing the new stoves and delivering the old stoves was much appreciated.

We have notecards with pictures of our church for sale, see a UMW member to purchase.

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 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 good lightly used accessories such as purses and scarves, collections baskets will be provided in vestibules and in the social room or contact a UMW member.

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. November and December collection items will be mac & cheese with pull tabs in microwavable containers. You may continue to give monetary gifts through the offering labeled Loaves of Love. Thanks for all your continued support.

Calendar of Events

Adult Choir Practice	Wednesdays 6:30pm
Lions Club Meeting	2 nd Monday monthly
UMW Meet	Wednesday November 6 th at 7pm
Election Dinner	Tuesday November 5 th 5-7pm
All Saints Sunday Observance	November 10 th
Laity Sunday	November 17 th
Trustees Meeting	Wednesday November 20 th at 7:00pm
Administrative Board	Thursday November 21 th at 7:00pm
Bible Study	November 7 th & 14 th 6:30pm
Thanksgiving Service	November 24 th 7pm Evening Praise & Prayer
Hanging of the Greens	December 1 st during 9:30am worship service
UMYF Dinner Theater	December 8th

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Convoy United Methodist Church

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Helping Hands Food Pantry



Pantry shelves are stocked one week and empty within three weeks. Thank you for your past support and prayer for continued support. Your donations of cereal, paper products, health care items and food are much appreciated. Our freezer is blessed with ground beef, thanks to all the donations and to Susan Hughes for purchasing and getting the meat processed. 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. Thank you to Paulding Putnam Electric Round Up Program for a donation of \$1400.00

UMYF

The youth is racking leaves this fall. If you would like to get on the list, contact Jean Leary or a member of the youth group.

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

Convoy Community Days

Thank you to everyone who participated in Convoy Community Days, whether chairing a committee, providing volunteers for helping with events, baking pies & cakes, making a dessert, working with others to make a great weekend, participating in events, eating the food, we appreciated all of your efforts in helping to make Convoy Community Days a great weekend.

Sunday School Teachers

To help give Sunday school teachers a break once in a while, we would like to have guest teachers. If you are available to help, please place your name and number in the basket in the vestibule marked "Sunday School," on the coat rack. Thank you! Any questions please contact Tina Pawlick at 749-4278.

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.

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.

VMC Dates to remember

Full of thanks @ the VMC

- Friday November 15th 3-5pm, free coffee and Cocoa
- Saturday November 16th 12-3pm, free pie & coffee

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

Prayer Concerns

Dean McOmber, Dick Burden, Greg & Madalyn Emerick, Helen Anderson, Annabelle Clevenger, June Burns, Rosalee Burns, Dale & Dorothy Gleckler, Annabelle Clevenger, Madege Wilson, Gina Griffiths, Dave & Stella Stevens, Shelly Klinker, Ray Tinnel, Reese Sunderland, Anna Dyer (Delta Dingus' mother), Pam Kulwicki, Luke Hoffman (Delta's friend), The family of Deloris Harris.

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

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

John 3, 1:2

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



"This church bulletin should be safe.
I tried it on the crash test dummy."

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