

The Parish Portrait

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From the Pastor's Desk

I wish to thank Rev. Samuel G. Candler for the following story:

It was a few days before Christmas. A woman woke up one morning and told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Christmas. What do you think this dream means?" "Oh," her husband replied, "you'll know the day after tomorrow."

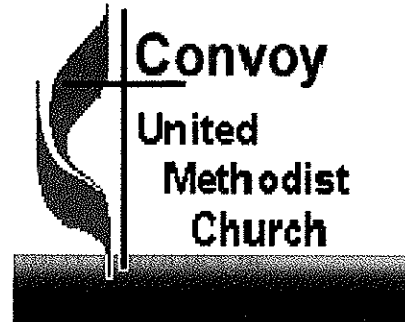
The next morning, she turned to her husband again and said the same thing, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Christmas. What do you think this dream means?" And her husband said, "You'll know tomorrow."

On the third morning, the woman woke up and smiled at her husband, "I just dreamed again that you gave me a pearl necklace for Christmas. What do you think this dream means?" And he smiled back, "You'll know tonight."

That evening, the man came home with a small package and presented it to his wife. She was delighted. She opened it gently. And when she did, she found a book! And the book's title was *The Meaning of Dreams*.

You can only imagine how disappointed the wife was in this little anecdote offered by Rev. Candler! Yet on the other hand, we celebrate a promise of the coming Messiah which has been fulfilled by the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. We follow the Messiah, the promised King of Kings whose greatness has been measured by His death upon the cross of Calvary. This is a King to follow! For this is a King who laid down His life for you and for me!

The fulfillment of this promised Messiah



therefore does not disappoint. Indeed the words of the famous Christmas carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" truly speak for all creation:

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;

above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

May the gift that does not disappoint, the gift of the Savior, be your strength in this and every season.

In Christ,
Peace!

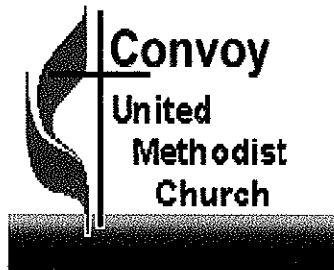
Greg Leigh, pastor

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women will be held Friday December 7th at 11:30am at the YWCA for their Christmas luncheon. The program will be children's activities throughout the year available at the YWCA. Reservations are needed by December 1st. Contact Jean Wittung 419-749-2053. The cost of the meal is \$7.00.

Calendar of Events

Joyful Noises	Wednesday 3-4:30pm
Adult Choir Practice	Wednesdays 6:30pm
UMW Meet	Wednesday December 5 th at 7pm
Administrative Board	Thursday December 20 th at 7:00pm
Trustees	Wednesday December 19 th at 7:00pm
Lions Club Meetings	2nd Monday monthly
United Methodist Men prayer breakfast	Sunday Dec 2 nd at 7:30am
Youth Sunday	Sunday Dec 2 nd
Children's Sermon Skit	Sunday Dec 2 nd
United Methodist Women luncheon	Friday December 7 th at 11:30am at YWCA
Christmas Program	Sunday December 16 th
Preschool Christmas Program	Wednesday December 19 th
Christmas Eve Service	Monday December 24 th
United Methodist Men prayer breakfast	Sunday January 6 th at 7:30am



Administrative Board

The Administrative Board of our church will meet on Thursday December 20th at 7pm in the Adult Sunday School classroom. The board is discussing import issues that affect every member of the congregation. If you are a member of the Administrative Board your attendance is vital.

If you are not sure if you're a member, a list will be posted on the bulletin board by the custodian's closet. Also the list is included as a page of this Parish Portrait. See you there.

Prayer Concerns

Esten Fortney, Shelly (Dealey) Klinker, Glen Gehres, Kenny Linton, Don Johnson, 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, Madge Wilson, Delores Harris, Randy LaPage, Annabelle Clevenger, Gary Williams, Esten Fortney.

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

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord who made heaven and earth."

Psalms 121:1,2 KJV

Joyful Noise

Joyful Noises Activities have begun again on Wednesdays after school. If any child is interested in attending, please contact Laura Leigh or Delta Dingus. The group meets each Wednesday from after school to 4:30. School pick-up is available.

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!!

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

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BEEVILLE TX 78102

Reminder

If you have items you would like included, please e-mail them to klpp1985@gmail.com or place them in the gold basket in the vestibule by January 25th to be included.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men's prayer breakfast will be held December 2nd and January 6th at 7:30am

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."

December and January collections will be Pop Tarts and Campbell's soup with pull tabs. For more information contact Shawna Putman or Vicki Saylor.

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 3rd or March 10th 2013. They are looking at an area north of New Orleans where the storm surge broke thru the levies. A team of dedicated volunteers, led by Margaret Miller are planning a Valentines Dinner to defray the costs to the mission team as they undertake their journey. 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 United Methodist Church
 Committee on Lay Leadership Report
 October 2012
 For Offices 2013

Administrative Board Chair	Rick Mollenkopf ✓
Administrative Board Vice Chair	Steve King ✓
Lay Leader.....	Dave Bowen ✓
Lay Member to Annual Conference.....	Don Johnson ✓
Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference.....	Tona King
Treasurer.....	Margaret Miller ✓
Financial Secretary.....	Sarah Dealey ✓
Finance and Stewardship Committee Chair.....	Kevin Weisman ✓
Pastor/Staff Relations Committee Chair.....	Tona King
Christian Education Chair.....	Tina Pollock
Worship Chair.....	Laura Leigh ✓
Mission Committee Chair.....	Dick Miller ✓
Evangelism Chair.....	Susie Baksa ✓
Youth Coordinator.....	Jean Leary ✓
Older Adult Coordinator.....	Betty Springer
Adult/Family Coordinator.....	Judy Farmer ✓
Higher Education Coordinator.....	Shelly Holden ✓
Communications Coordinator.....	Laura Leigh ✓
Membership Secretary.....	Marie Sanfilippo ✓
Coordinator of Camping.....	Tona King ✓
Representative of Health and Welfare.....	Alison Hammons ✓
Trustees Committee Chair.....	to be elected by Trustees
Volunteer in Missions Chair.....	Dick Miller ✓
President of United Methodist Women.....	Lynn Johnson ✓
President of United Methodist Men.....	Kevin Weisman ✓
President of United Methodist Youth Fellowship.....	Taylor Hughes ✓
Member at Large.....	Jon Hall ✓

All persons listed on this page are members of the Administrative Board which meets the 4th Thursday of each month in the Adult Fellowship Classroom.

OCTOBER 2012

Is Jesus the Son of God?



Sharing the Good News

“Wait! So Jesus is the Son of God?” This was the question I was asked during a conversation I was having with Kory last week. Kory is actually Kurt’s roommate (the student I told you about in my last letter). Kurt introduced me to Kory and told me I should share the Gospel with him as well. I met Kory and began to share the Gospel with him. I found out his grandmother is a Christian as well as his Reading English teacher. He was very curious and had actually been given a Bible. God has been working in Kory’s life and Kory desires to learn more. Please be praying that Kory would make a decision to have Jesus as the center and focus of his life. He is also talking to his parents this weekend about his desire to become a Christian. Please be praying that they would not be hostile and would be accepting of the desires God has placed in Kory’s heart.

Prayer Requests

New Zealand
We have a mission trip coming in from New Zealand next month. There will be about 20 people.

Kory
Please pray for Kory as he continues to learn about Jesus and talks to his parents.

Me
Please pray God would continue to grant me strength and love for this place and this job.

Introducing...Ozzy!

This past month we got a new co-laborer on our team. His name is Justin Osborn, better known as Ozzy. He will become our team leader once Brian leaves in December. Ozzy has signed on to serve in East Asia for three years. So our team is now nine people (4 girls and 5 boys). Please keep Ozzy in your prayers as he transitions and learns how to lead a team overseas.



Keep me posted on address changes! Contact Information:
awise@dodomail.net
Donations: give.ccci.org
Account Number: 0656015

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.

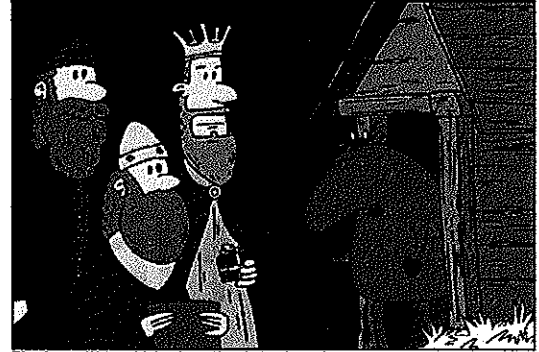


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Thanks to Wilma Melendez (See Luke 2:1-16)

12-25-2009

WELCOME TO THE STABLE ... PLEASE LEAVE ANY KNIVES OR WALKING STICKS WITH THE HORSE, IF YOU SMOKE WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE DO SO OUTSIDE, FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED INSIDE THE MANGER ROOM ...

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



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