

# The Parish Portrait

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are preparing to celebrate graduation with several of church's young people, my son Jordan included among them. In this journey of life, young and old alike, we must always remember: who we are, to whom we belong, and the price that has been paid for our redemption. As Good Friday and Easter have proclaimed God loves us! Though we have sinned and continue to exhibit imperfections, nevertheless God loves us so much that He gave his life for us. So hold your heads high, in God's eyes you are somebody! Don't let anyone make you feel otherwise.

Two well-bred, blue blooded dogs were walking primly along the street with their noses held high. They encountered a big scruffy dog that obviously was of the Heinz 57-variety pedigree.

At first they tried daintily to side step the friendly alley dog, but they were unable to do so. He was eager to make friends and totted alongside them. One of the lady dogs said, "We really must go," to which the alley dog replied, "Well, all right, but first tell me your names so I'll know what to call you dames if I see you again."

The purebred replied haughtily, "my name is Miji, spelled M-I-J-I." The other said daintily, "my name is Miki spelled M-I-K-I."

"Pleased to meet you," said the lower class dog and added, "My name is Fido spelled P-H-y-D-E-A-U-X."—God's Devotional book for Mothers (Colorado Springs, CO: Cook communications ministries, 2005), p.266.

Hold your head high, for in God's eyes you are somebody. Indeed the saying holds true, God loves each one of us as if God had only one of us to love.

In Christ, Greg Leigh, pastor



## United Methodist Women

*\*\*Note, below is a change from the regular program.*

The UMW will meet on Wednesday May 4th at 7:00pm. The program will be held at the Wassenberg Art Gallery, 643 S. Washington Street Van Wert Ohio. If you would like to carpool please meet at the church parking lot at 6:30pm otherwise meet at the Wassenberg Gallery at 7:00pm. Persons May Ann Hall.

The UMW is available to prepare and serve graduation receptions, wedding receptions, banquets and rehearsals. Contact Lynn Johnson for more information.

## UMW Summer Activity

July 13, 2011 the UMW will have a Summer Day Away. We will be visiting the Pregnancy Life Center, Van Wert County Museum, lunch from Collins Fine Foods and an afternoon surprise

There a few Rada spatulas and knives left, they sell for \$5 each. See a UMW member.

## Administrative Board

The Administrative Board will meet on the 4th Thursday in May the 26th at 7:00pm. The administrative board would like to invite all administrative board members to attend. We are deciding on the direction of many important issues that face our church family.

The May meeting will be the last meeting until September.

## Fort Wayne Rescue Mission Trip

Easter Sunday our church family took a trip to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission. The church family donated 119 pies that were enjoyed by all. A BIG thanks to Larry Dealy for donating 100 pie crusts and to Jon Hall for organizing the outreach. It's a feeling you have to experience.

## LOAVES OF LOVE

May collection for Loaves of Love will be individual macaroni & cheese bowls, and individual applesauce servings. This will be the last month of collection for items; monetary donations are welcomed throughout the summer. The collections will begin again in the fall. Thank you to all for participating. Check the church bulletin or contact Shawna Putman or Vickie Saylor.

## Food Pantry

Food Pantry- The food pantry is doing well with all the donations that have been received. Health care items are still needed, such as shampoo, deodorant, tooth paste, toothbrushes, bar soap, Kleenex and toilet paper. Thank you for all the donations that have come in, product and monetary, the community would not be able to feed the hungry without your help.

**\*\*\*Take your church bulletin to Wild Willy's Pizza in Van Wert any Sunday and 10% of your bill will be donated to the church.**

## Calendar of Events

Relay for Life Cookie Buffet	May 1 <sup>st</sup> after Church
UMM Breakfast 7:30am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday monthly
Administrative Board	4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday monthly 7:00pm
Trustees	3rd Wednesday monthly 7:00pm
Lions Club Meetings	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday monthly
Bible School	August 7 <sup>th</sup> – 11th

## Prayer Concerns

Mary Smith, Troy Hammond, Madison Ringwald, Sondra Shepherd, Maggie Bixler, Vickie Troyer, Bryan Stewart, Fritzi Stewart, Jim Ryan, Genia McOمبر, Betty Fortney, Esten Fortney, Ezella McIntosh, Gary Williams, Harold Etgen, Tony Tubleson, Norman Ward, Care Placke, PFC Curtis Yetman, Jim Thomas, Cheryl and Jerry Ellis, Dick Burden. Nick Foster, Debi Moore, Walter & Lillian Hartsock, Janice Taylor, Jasmine Coleman.  
Unspoken Requests.

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*For everything God made is good, and we may eat it and gladly if we are thankful for it, and if we ask God to bless it, for it is made good by the Word of God and Prayer.*

*I Timothy 4:4 TLB*

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## Van Wert Girl Scouts

The Van Wert County Girl Scouts are planning a summer camp with a Civil War era theme. We are looking for materials to make each girl an outfit to wear. We will also be looking for volunteers to help sew them together. Please contact Nikki Beougher at 419-749-4175 or Delta Dingus at 419-238-4448 if you would like to help. Thank you.

## Sinn Diaper Drive

Ongoing diaper drive for the Sinn Twins. They are now in size 2 diapers and keep on growing. If you would like to help them, the diapers can be dropped off in the vestibule under the coat rack.

## 2011 Graduates



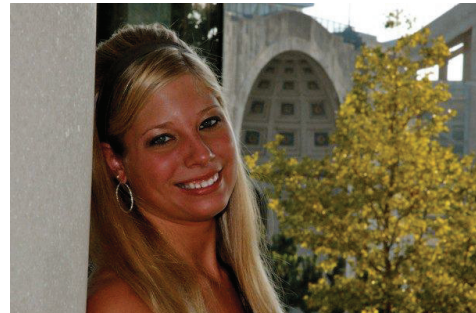
**Jordan Leigh** will graduate June 11<sup>th</sup> from Crestview High School. During his high school career Jordan was part of the Knight Times newspaper and CK T.V. media staff. Jordan has played drums as part of Knight Vision and to accompany other the theater performances. Jordan is also a member of the Crossroads band Jordan will be attending Ohio Northern University in the fall. His major is undecided. Jordan is the son of Laura and Greg Leigh. Jordan's graduation celebration will be held June 12<sup>th</sup> at the church.



**Z. LaNae Beougher**, daughter of Ben And Nikki Beougher. Granddaughter of Ann and Jerry Beougher, Jim and Treva Hammond and Judy and Keith Bowers. LaNae has been accepted at the University of Northwestern Ohio, where she will be majoring in accounting.



**Garret Gleckler** will graduate June 11<sup>th</sup> from Crestview High School. His school years have been highlighted with his involvement in Band, Basketball, Model UN, Knight Vision Swing Choir and selection as a Dare Role Model and Jr. Rotarian. Much of his time and energy were spent on area roads and tracks during preparation for and participation in Crestview Cross Country and Track. Garret is grateful for his great core of friends and has enjoyed many movie nights, video game competitions and simply hanging out together. He is looking forward to the next step and plans to attend IPFW in Fort Wayne with a major in speech disorders, where he will also join the IPFW Mastodon Division I Cross Country Team. A graduation open house will be held on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>, at our home from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. Please feel free to stop by and join in our celebration.



**Courtney Gehres** is a Senior at Crestview High School. While at Crestview she has been a Football and Basketball Cheerleader, a member of Marching and Concert Band, a member of the National Honor Society and Model UN. She has been involved in dancing for the past 15 years at Kim Hohman's Danceworks. She will be attending The Ohio State University this fall majoring in History with a minor in Education. She hopes to teach Jr. High or High School History upon graduating from college.



**Nathan Davis** will graduate from Wilmington College in May.

Other graduates this year with ties to the Convoy United Methodist Church are:

**Ann Marie Young**, graduates from Crestview High School. She plans on attending either Toledo university or Malone College in the fall. Ann Marie is the daughter of Craig and Sharon Young.

**Ben Beougher** will graduate from the Van Wert Police Academy. Ben is the son of Ben and Nikki Beougher.

**Sloane King** will graduate on May 14<sup>th</sup> from Cleveland State University.

**Sagan King** will graduate on May 7<sup>th</sup> from the University of the Cumberlands. They are the daughters of Stephen and Tona King.

**(Picture not available)**

### **Jennifer Cramer**

Jennifer will attend Ohio Northern University this fall as a pre-med Biology major. She plans to pursue a career in Physical Therapy. Jennifer is a 4 year member of the Crestview Marching Knights & concert band, has been active with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters "Big Buddies" program, and has acted as a junior curator for the Van Wert Historical museum done an amazing job as a, member of the Crestview SADD program and in her free time tutors students after school.

Jennifer's parents are Steve & Patti Cramer, sister Kristin Cramer and grandparents are Emmett & Cheryl Gehres, Connie Gehres (deceased), and Mike & Carol Cramer.

## **Congratulations and a BIG THANK YOU!**

After 35 years of service as head usher, Wilmer Bowers will retire this year. Wilmer has done an amazing job and we would all like to thank him for his devotion and service to the church family. While we know Wilmer can never be replaced, we are looking for someone who is brave enough to follow in his footsteps.

Wilmer you have been an inspiration to us all and we look forward to continuing to see your smiling face in church. God bless you and enjoy your well-deserved retirement.

To throw your hat in the ring for this position, please express your interest to someone on the administrative board or the pastor.

## **Adopt a craft**

Vacation Bible School will run from August 7<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup> this year. We are looking for people to "adopt a craft" to help defray some of the costs to the church. Each day the kids will learn a Bible story and create a craft that reflects the message or theme of the story. As most of us know these crafts become memories and keepsakes parents and kids of all ages will treasure for a life time. A sign-up sheets will be available in the vestibule in July. If you will not be around in July and would still like to help please contact Delta Dingus at 419-238-4448

## 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 or Jon 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.



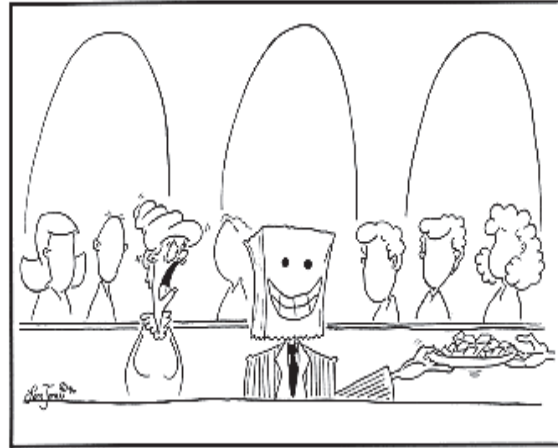
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## Comic Relief

**ALTAR EGO.** by Len Jones

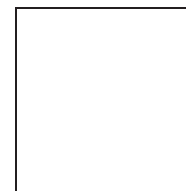


" I think God knows how you really feel, don't you!!? "

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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