

The Parish Portrait

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Sunday May 12th, we will be celebrating Mother's Day. As each of us *looks back* over our journey of life, we indeed celebrate the blessings we have received from our mothers. Take a look at this email I received and see if it strikes a chord within your heart as well:

Real MOTHERS. . . .

Real Mothers don't eat quiche; they don't have time to make it.

Real Mothers know that their kitchen utensils are probably in the sandbox. Real Mothers often have sticky floors, filthy ovens and happy kids.

Real Mothers know that dried playdough doesn't come out of carpets.

Real Mothers don't want to know what the vacuum just sucked up.

Real Mothers sometimes ask "why me?" and get their best answer when a little voice says, "because I love you best."

Real Mothers know that a child's growth is not measured by height or years or grade It is marked by the progression of Ma-ma to Mommy to Mom



We have received so much of the love of God through caring mothers. There is no way to truly calculate the richness that caring mothers bring to life's journey. For me it is enough to say that they are just priceless. However, Rev. Sunnie Murphy has attempted to do at least some of the math:

"A recent study found that if a typical mother got paid for all the duties she did in the home, she would earn an average of \$700, 000 a year in the business world. Yes, that's right, \$700, 000! In an average day a mother can be a taxi cab driver, a counselor, an engineer, a carpenter, an accountant, a judge, a motivational speaker, a teacher, a chef, a supervisor, a personal assistant, an event coordinator, an administrator, a preacher. You combine all those jobs together and you couldn't pay a mother enough. \$700,000 a year sounds cheap. The work that most mothers do is priceless!"

Mothers, we thank God for you. For you are PRICELESS!

In Christ,

Rev. Greg Leigh, pastor

Youth Dinner Theater

The 2nd annual Convoy UMYF dinner theater took place on April 7th at 6:30 pm. The audience was treated to two fantastic performances. The first was CSI Jerusalem starring Cora Finrock, Hali Frinrock, Becca Daugherty, Katie Hughes, Danielle Pawlick and Ally Fegley and directed by Meagan Hall. The story investigates the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus through the eyes of four scientists, a sage scribe and the guard at the tomb. They ask the question...Who are you, and discover HE is risen.

The second play, Jesus Was, Jesus Is starred, Taylor Hughes, Noah Daugherty, Mallory Bowen, Kenadie Speith, Tyson Bolenbaugh, Riley Guest, Hannah Leary, Braxton Reno, Olivia Leary and directed by Jean Leary. This story examined Jesus through the eyes of a minister trying to write a sermon and gets a little help from some people who all knew Jesus. While each of them viewed Jesus differently, they all agreed in the end, Jesus was, Jesus is...risen.

Special thanks to Emma Leary and Brady Guest for all their hard work. Without them the performances would not have been possible.

Thanks so much for all the hard work and dedication of our youth leaders, Jean Leary and Meagan Hall, and to all that helped prepare the wonderful dinner. Thank you to the youth for their excellent performances. With busy school schedules and activities, they made time for church. The efforts of all to make this dinner theater a success are appreciated.

Graduating Senior



Cora Bethany Finrock is the daughter of Delta Dingus and Davy Finrock. Cora will be graduating from Crestview High School on June 8, 2013. Cora attended Vantage Career Center majoring in the Culinary Arts Program her Junior and senior year. She also participated in three years of high school cross country, two years of high school track, church volleyball team, 14 years of girl scouts. Cora's achievements at Vantage are student ambassador, blue chipper, Jr. rotarian, national technical honor society, Class Treasurer of Culinary Arts, district treasurer for FCCLA. Cora is also vice president of her church youth group. Cora will be continuing her education at International Business College, Where she will be majoring in travel and hospitality.

– submitted by Delta Frinrock

Loaves of Love

There will be no collecting of items, as this will be the last month that bags will be distributed. You may continue to give monetary gifts through the offering labeled Loaves of Love. Thanks for all your continued support and we will look forward to the fall collections.

Rescue Mission

Thank you to all who contributed to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission Easter Sunday trip. It could not be done without the help of many people. Here are a few of the numbers. It took 7 days to put together and prepare the food. There were 75 volunteers preparing, serving and cleaning up after the meal. There was room for 100 people to be seated at one time. There were 200 pounds of sweet potatoes and 200 pounds of white potatoes used. There were 400 pounds of green beans used and 1500 slices of homemade pies served. There was a total of 1600 meals served, half of which was dine in and half were carry out.

The amazing numbers were reported by Rosa Rodriguez of the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette. What makes it more meaningful is the fact that 20 volunteers were from our church. The group left from our church on Easter Sunday, taking a servants spirit and 106 homemade pies with them.

It was mentioned to Jon Hall by staff of the rescue mission that our churches presence on Easter Sunday is very much appreciated and the homemade pies from our church are a highlight to those we are there to serve.

A special thank you to Larry Dealey, Charlie and Linda Baer

Community News

The Village of Convoy will be doing some improvements in the village this summer. Replacement of water lines, improvements at the park, sidewalk replacements, and paving North Main Street through September. Please excuse the mess while the project is going on this summer.

2013 Mission Trip

Kevin Weisman, Clark Ringwald, Dick Miller, Phil Campbell, Charles Profit and Emmett Gehres traveled to Gulfport MS. for a week of mission work March 2 thru March 10. They worked on an older ladies home where a tree had fallen into the house during Hurricane Isaac, damaging one end wall and about 1/3 of the roof. The team before us had rebuilt the wall, put up new rafters on that part of the house and sheeted and tar papered the roof. Phil and Clark began by tackling the shingling of the roof. The rest of our crew started cleaning up the inside of the home, including removing the wet ruined carpet. Then we installed two new windows in the new wall, located the electrical and rewired some plugs. Once the inspector had been there to approve our work, we started insulating the ceiling and walls, followed by applying vapor barrier to the new wall and installing dry wall. We were also able to reinstall some of the kitchen cupboards. The weather was fairly good in the upper 60's to low 70's.

Community Days Garage Sale

In May, during the Convoy Community Garage Sales, May 17 & 18th the UMW will be holding a Recycle, Reuse & Reclaim Sale. You can help by beginning to collect items at home for our sale. Please bring them to the church beginning May 12th. No clothing or shoes, please. During the garage sale weekend, there will be lunch available to the public of soup & sandwiches. Spaces are available in the church parking lot to rent for \$10.00 per space for the weekend sales. If you would like one or know someone that might like one, contract Susie Baksa, coordinator at 419-771-8479 or Vicki Saylor.

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.

Girls Night Out

Thank you to all the ladies that provided appetizers and snacks for the evening. Thank you to all who help set up, prepared food, decorated and cleaned up, took down tables, loaded cars, and swept after the event. Thanks to Anne and Jim for setting up the tables. Thank you to the local entrepreneurs including: Pampered Chef by Ellen Proffitt, Longaberger by Deb Miller, Perfectly Posh by Brenda Allison, Scentsy Wickless by Amanda Lichtle, Cookie Lee Jewelry by Terry Plas, Jam Berry Nails, Jewelry by Bobbi Jo, Essential Oils by Stephanie Caldron, Little Cupcake Boutique by Julie Burk, Avon by Jen Wright, Tupperware by Dawn Brown, Van Wert Massage Therapy by Leslie Moser & Sarah Burden, Thirty One by Amber Davis, Cheeseballs by Psi Iota Si Sorority, Tote bags by Community Health Professionals, Oragami Owl by Roenna Karcher, Celebrating Home by Jason Dettrow & Kelly Burns, Once I Was by Vickie Schulte, Scarves by Janet Gearhart, Paparazzi Jewelry by Grace Mackie, He Cares Crayons by Maria Magoulas, Rodan & Fields Dermatologist, Erin McCoy Thanks for the 20 door prizes donated by the vendors. Thanks to KAMS Kim Adams & Clean 13's Shelly Bolenbaugh. We estimate 150 girls and guys enjoyed the Girl's Night Out. Lots of shopping, eating and lot's of fun!!!!!!

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.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women will meet on Wed. May 1, 2013 at 7pm in the church social room. All ladies of the the church family and friends are welcome to share in a night with the girls. Program by Lynn Johnson, Greeters will be Nikki Beougher & Lynn Johnson and Hostesses will be Lynn Johnson & Leta Feasby and lots of fellowship. The United Methodist Women are continuing to collect "Our Family Labels" from Pick-n-Save through July of 2013. Please remember to save the labels and drop in the basket provided on the coat racks. We have notecards with pictures of our church on them 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.

"WHAT IS A MOTHER?"

A mother is someone to shelter and guide us,
to love us, whatever we do,
With a warm understanding and infinite patience,
and wonderful gentleness, too.
How often a mother means swift reassurance in
soothing our small, childish fears,
How tenderly mothers watch over their children
and treasure them all through the years.
The heart of a mother is full of forgiveness for any
mistake, big or small,
And generous always in helping her family whose
needs she has placed above all.
A mother can utter a word of compassion and
make all our cares fall away,
She can brighten a home with the sound of her
laughter and make life happy everyday.
A mother possesses incredible wisdom and
wonderful insight and skill-
In each human heart is that one special corner
which only a mother can fill!

Author: Katherine Nelson Davis, submitted by Susie Baska

Calendar of Events

Joyful Noises	Concluded for the year
Adult Choir Practice	Wednesdays 6:30pm
Lions Club Meeting	2 nd Monday monthly
UMW Meet	Wednesday May 1 st at 7pm
Trustees Meeting	Wednesday May 15 th at 7:00pm
Administrative Board	Thursday May 23 rd at 7:00pm
Convoy Preschool Graduation	Tuesday May 21 st at 7pm
Vacation Bible School	TBA Summer 2013

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Convoy United Methodist Church

Parish Portrait Notice

This will be the final Parish Portrait until September. You can follow the news of the church at www.convoyumc.org or follow us on Facebook.

Prayer Concerns

Glen Gehres, Paul & Dottie Morehead, Gloria Ringwald, Dean McOmer, Roseanna Etgen, Madge Wilson, Madison Ringwald, Dick Burden, Madalyn Emerick, Dwight Smith, Helen Anderson, Annabelle Clevenger, June Burns, Rosalee Burns, Dale & Dorothy Gleckler, Delores Harris, Esten Fortney, Glenda Holloway, Glen and Jean McClure, Dean Mollenkopf, Chad Lobsinger (in Afghanistan), Greg Emerick, Amy Evans, Reese Sunderland, daughter of Brian & Jill, granddaughter of Jay & Barb. Texas Explosion victims, Boston bombing victims

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

Lutheran Healthcare: Delores Harris

“Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ...”

Matthew 5, 1 : 5 ESV

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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