

# The Parish Portrait

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## From the Pastor's Desk

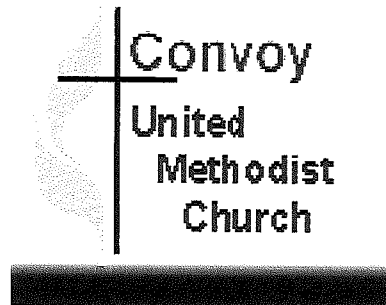
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> we will begin the Lenten journey, during which we will remember the great sacrificial love of our Savior Jesus Christ. To this day, whenever we witness sacrificial love, such sacrifice reminds us of that great love of Jesus. I offer you the following story from history as one such illustration of God's love for us:

During the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England, sentenced a soldier to be shot for his crimes. The execution was to take place at the ringing of the evening curfew bell. However, the bell did not sound that evening. It turns out that the soldier's fiancé had climbed into the belfry and had clung to the great clapper of the bell to prevent it from striking. When she was summoned by Cromwell to account for her actions, she wept as she showed him her bruised and bleeding hands. Cromwell's heart was touched and she said, "Your love shall live because of your sacrifice, because of your sacrifice curfew shall not ring tonight,"

Because of Jesus' nail pierced hands and feet, because of His wounded side, curfew shall not ring for us tonight! Darkness can no longer claim us. Through the Light of the world, a day has dawned that shall know no end. Let us praise our Lord for His great sacrificial love and let us walk in His light eternally.

Yours in Christ, Greg Leigh



## Village Ministry Center

Convoy Preschool in conjunction with Van Wert County Hospital presents 1, 2, 3, 4 Parenting seminar is coming to the Village Ministry Center March 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>. from 5:30pm-7:30pm. This free three part series focuses on children ages birth to five. There will be complimentary child care provided by Crestview FCCLA members at the Convoy preschool.

## Loaves of Love

March collection items will be pop tarts. You may continue to give monetary gifts through the offering labeled Loaves of Love. Thanks for all your continued support.

## Wireless Internet Available

Log into the Convoy UMC Guest wireless Internet. Password available at the church. If you have questions or problems, please contact Dan Baska or Tim Dingus.

# Words from Asia

January 2014

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for our believing students as they are home on winter holiday
- Pray for our Mid-Year conference. That we would learn new tactics as well as feel rested as we go back for Spring Semester
- Pray for our team as we plan for Spring Semester and evaluate Fall Semester.

Keep me Posted on  
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## Making Plans, Saying Goodbye, Resting

January is a weird month for missionaries in East Asia. It is final examination time for students and they take examinations very seriously. Therefore, having appointments with them is difficult. However, my disciples were faithful to meet with me before they left for their hometowns for winter vacation. When we met, I got the opportunity to talk to them about what they wanted to aim for during winter holiday. This meant making a plan for reading, praying, evangelizing, etc. We talked about how this was not homework and if they did not stick to this plan God does not love them less; instead, this is a guideline of potential options they can do while they are home. You see, for East Asian students, winter holiday can be difficult because most students are going home to non-Christian households and this means potential for a lot of spiritual battle for them. Please be praying for our Christian East Asian students as they are home for winter holiday.

Also in January my team and I will go to Thailand for a Mid-Year conference. Here we will have some coaching times, gain some knowledge, and relax. It will be nice to be around other interns from a few different countries!

Pictured above is Julia, Bethany, and myself with three of our foreign friends that we made this year. The man next to me, named Kingston, left our city this month to move to another city so this was our last meal with him as well as our goodbye. Be praying for his transition!

## Calendar of Events

Adult Choir Practice	Wednesdays 6:30pm
Lions Club Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday monthly
Daylight Savings Time Begins	March 9th
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday March 5 <sup>th</sup> Quiet Meditation 6pm-7pm
UMW Meeting	Wednesday March 5th at 7pm in social room
Trustees Meeting	Wednesday March 19 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
Administrative Board	Thursday March 27 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
Trinity Performs	Sunday March 30th at 9:30am
Conformation Classes Begin	Sunday March 30 <sup>th</sup> (begin with lunch and conclude by 1:30pm)
Stitched Together	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month @ the VMC

## Valentines Dinner

We would like to thank everyone that helped make the Valentine's Day Dinner a great success. We had a god turn out, despite the weather. We appreciate all who donated, helped and attended. We received \$688 to send with our mission team. Thanks again!

## Convoy Preschool

Dine out at Bob Evans on March 25<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Convoy Preschool. Fifteen percent of all sales with the March 23<sup>rd</sup> bulletin insert certificate will be given to the preschool. Proceeds will be directed toward the smart board fund.

## Prayer Concerns

Chelsi Siefker, Heather (Feasby) Cramer, April Feasby, Larry Holden, Aubrey (Pollock) Turner, Jasmine Coleman, Dean McOmber, Dick Burden, Greg & Madalyn Emerick, Helen Anderson, Annabelle Clevenger, June Burns, Rosalee Burns, Dale & Dorothy Gleckler, Annabelle Clevenger, Madge Wilson, Gina Griffiths, Dave & Stella Stevens, Shelly Klinker, Pam Kulwicki, Luke Hoffman, Carolyn Schumm, Ron Clemons, Destinee Hoblet, Jodi Horn, Mary Jo Hammond, Michelle Mollenkopf, Sue Baumgardner's mom, The family of Larry Agler, Unspoken Requests

**Vancrest/Convoy:** Romaine Feasby

**Hearth & Home:** Jim Ryan

**Georgetown Place:** (Fort Wayne) Dean Branstrator

**Elmcrest of Lima:** Nell Rice

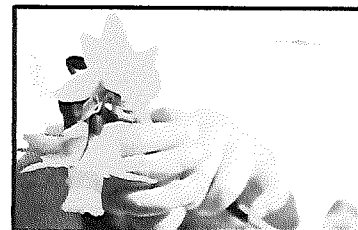
**Laurels of Rockford:** Jim and Jean Thomas

*"Christ Liveth in me: and the life I now live- I live by the faith of the Son of God, who love me and have Himself for me."*

**Galatians 2:20 KJV**

## Flower Calendar

The flower calendar for 2014 is up on the bulletin board at the edge of the sanctuary. There are 10 dates available, but they are going fast. The cost is \$27 per Sunday

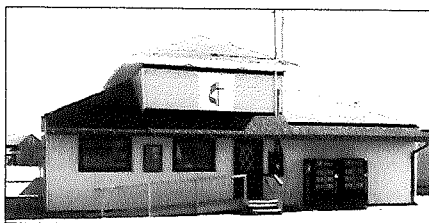


## Contemporary Service

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.

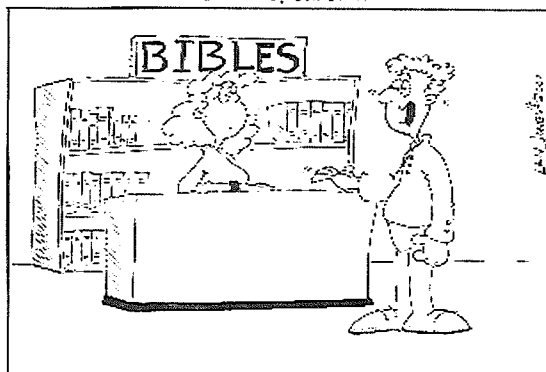


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## Comic Relief

ALTAR EGO by Len Jones



"What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted, or in need of making some kind of decision."

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.

*Enter to Worship...Depart to Serve*

