

The Parish Portrait

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

To begin this month of the Easter celebration I lift up the historic words from the world famous Paschal greeting: **"Christ is risen! Risen indeed!"**

Elliot Johnson and Al Schierbaum, have written the following:

Two thousand years ago, Jesus did something that gained Him an even greater hearing. He rose bodily from the dead. Edersheim, a historian, called Christ's resurrection the "best established fact in history." Ewald said, "Nothing is more historically certain than that Jesus rose from the dead and appeared again to His followers."

Of the four major world religions based upon a person (all others are based upon a philosophy), only Christianity has a resurrected founder. Abraham, the father of the Jews, died about 1900 B.C., and no one claimed he was resurrected. The Mahaparinbana Sutta, which contains the earliest accounts of Buddha's death, records that he died "with that utter passing away in which nothing whatever remains behind." Mohammed died on June 8th, A.D. 632, and his tomb is still occupied and visited annually. -- Elliot Johnson and Al Schierbaum, *Our Great and Awesome Savior* (Brentwood, TN: Wolgemuth & Hyatt, Publishers, Inc., 1991), pp. 207-208.

For me, the words of the famous hymn "He Lives", are indeed a witness that rings true with the witness of my own heart:



He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.

May the Spirit of the Risen Christ live within all our hearts! May we all know life, life abundant, and life eternal:

Yours in Christ, Greg Leigh

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women will meet on Wednesday April 2, 2014 at 7pm in the church social room. The program will be a book review from Anne Bowen, with Greeter's Susie Baksa & Karen Bullinger and Hostesses Lynn Johnson & Anne Stewart. All ladies of the church family and friends are welcome to share in a night with the girls. You may get your 2014 pledges to Vicki Saylor, Treasurer.

Calendar of Events

Adult Choir Practice	Wednesdays 6:30pm
Lions Club Meeting	2 nd Monday monthly
Confirmation Classes Begin	Sunday Mar:30pmch 30 th at 1:30 after lunch
Trinity Performs	Sunday March 30 th at 9:30am
UMW Meeting	Wednesday April 2nd at 7pm in social room
Choir Easter Cantata Palm Sunday Morning	Sunday April 13 th 9:30am service
Trustees Meeting	Wednesday April 16 th at 7:00pm
Maundy Thursday	April 17 th at 7pm Communion and film "The Lords Supper"
Good Friday Service	April 18 th 1pm Countryside Chapel Greg Leigh, speaker
Easter Sunrise Service	Sunday April 20 th at 7:00am
Easter Breakfast	Sunday April 20 th 7:30am following Sunrise Service
Easter Sunday School	Sunday April 20 th at 8:30am
Easter Worship	Sunday April 20 th 9:30am (combined service)
Convoy Preschool Chicken BBQ	Sunday April 27 th Meals \$7.50
Administrative Board	Thursday April 24th at 7:00pm
Stitched Together	3 rd Monday of each month @ the VMC

Girls Night Out

"Girls Night Out" will be held on Friday April 4, 2014 from 4-8pm at the Edgewood Park Community Building on North Main Street in Convoy OH. Local entrepreneurs will be sharing items that they have for review and for sale including representatives from Pampered Chef, Cherry Tree Creations, Perfectly Posh, Scentsy Wickless, Cookie Lee, Essential Oils, Oragmi Owl, 31, Celebrating Home, Once I Was, Van Wert Massotherapy, He Cares Crayons, Wreaths by Sharon, Paparazzi Jewelry, MessMakerBaker, Lillipillar Designs, Tastefully Simple, Mary Kay, Faith Jewelry and much more. An admission of \$5.00 per person includes an opportunity to win gifts donated by our entrepreneurs throughout the evening and an appetizer & dessert table with a variety of homemade items including a chocolate fountain. Join us for a great night of lots of shopping, wonderful food and lots & lots of fun. This event is being sponsored by the Convoy United Methodist Women. If there any questions contact Anne Stewart at 419-749-2206 or Vicki Saylor at 419-749-2055 or 419-749-2266.

Jewelry Sale

A Timeless Treasurers Jewelry Sale will be held May 16th & 17th during the Convoy Community Garage Sales. We are still accepting donations of gently used jewelry, handbags, scarves and much more. The Church Café will be open during the same hours of the sale, serving sandwiches, homemade pie, soup and drinks. There will be a donation list for food on the bulletin board in the near future. This event is sponsored by the Convoy UMW.

Pie Bakers

You can pick up pie crust and pie filling the week before Easter for making pie to go to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission on Easter Dinner

Celebrate Linda's Gift



Linda Holden was recognized on Sunday March 2, 2014 for her 50 years of playing the organ at the Convoy United Methodist Church in Convoy. Linda filled in for Joy Stemen prior to becoming the church organist in March of 1964. She is been a member of the adult choir, singing, directing and playing for the adult choir under the direction of Mary Jo Hall, Gary Stemen, Ellen Mollenkopf, Joyce Miller, Phyllis Rice & Keith Bowers. In her years of service, she has worked with the church ministers including William Covert, Eugene McCormick, Donald Johnson, Gary Exman, Joseph Miller, James Sisk & Greg Leigh. At weddings, special services, children's choir and programs & funerals, Linda enjoyed playing the church organ & piano. Linda's willingness to share her gift with those of the Convoy and Van Wert area has been a blessing to many. Thank you Linda Holden for all your dedication to the Convoy United Methodist Church.

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

Stop & Drop

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. Thank you for your continued support.

Trinity Concert

Sunday March 30th Trinity will be in concert during the 9:30am worship service. Trinity has just celebrated their 30th year of music ministry. Through the years they have shared a wide variety of Christian music and have turned the focus towards Southern Gospel. Vocalists are Gary Adams, Cheryl Burk and Kim Mason. They perform approximately 125 concerts a year throughout the Midwest and South. A carry in dinner will be held following church school around 11:30am in the church social room.

Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class will hold the first session March 30th at 1pm. Please let Rev. Leigh know if you wish to attend.

Loves of Love

April and May collections are individual cereals. Thank you to all who are supporting this ministry.

Convoy Preschool BBQ

The Convoy Preschool will host its annual Chix BBQ on Sunday April 27th. Meals will be provided by Gibson's Barnyard BBQ and include Chix, Chips or beans and a cookie for \$7.50. Tickets available from CP student, Tona King or at the secret Garden. Meals can be picked up 11am-1pm in the village parking lot.

Wireless Internet Available

Log into the Convoy UMC Guest wireless Internet. Password available at the church.

Helping Hands Food Pantry

Our community is so blessed to have a local food pantry to help those in our community. Thank you Pat Marsee for making her dream come true. I think of her often when spending time in the pantry and realizing what a blessing it has become to many people. Thank you Convoy area Boy Scouts for holding a food drive and donating around 50 sacks of items for the pantry.

The Perfect Season

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CRESTVIEW KNIGHTS AND OUR OWN TYSON BOLENBAUGH, COACH DAVE BOWEN & CHEERLEADERS RILEY GUEST, OLIVIA & HANNAH LEARY FOR A PERFECT SEASON AND THE 2014 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

CUMC Website

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.

Check us out on Facebook.
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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, Luke Hoffman, Carolyn Schumm, Ron Clemons, Destinee Hoblet, Jodi Horn, Mary Jo Hammond, Michelle Mollenkopf, The family of Larry Agler, Unspoken Requests

Vancrest/Convoy: Romaine Feasby

Elmcrest of Lima: Nell Rice

Laurels of Rockford: Jim and Jean Thomas

“My son, pay attention to what I say; listen closely to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body.”

Proverbs 4: 20-22

Church Women United

Church women united will join together for the firrs meeting of 2014 on Friday April 4th at 1:30pm at the St Pauls Reformed Church in America, located at 6077 German Church Rd. The ladies of the church will be presenting the program. Membership dues will be collected at this meeting. Church dues are \$10 and member dues are \$5 annually. Guest speaker to be announced. All ladies of the area churches are invited. Please come and bring a guest. For more information please contact Jean Wittung 419-749-2053.

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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