

The Parish Portrait

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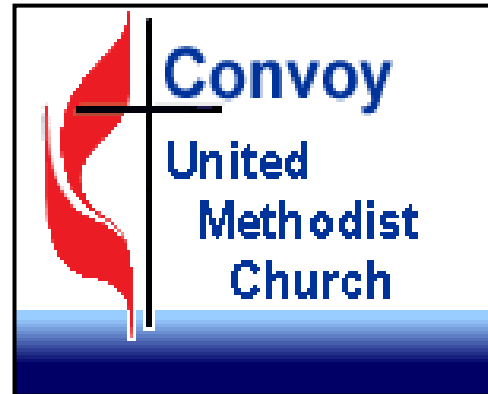
May 2014

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During this month of May, we welcome the opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all our mothers. In this journey of life, so much of the love of God that we have experienced has come to us through of our beloved mothers. There is an exceptional story which I encountered years ago in my early ministry which represents this divine love found in so many of our mothers who have watched over us and sacrificed for us. Hear once more this wonderful story of a mother's love for her child as told by the great illustrator: James S. Hewett!

A man never sees all that his mother has been to him until it's too late to let her know he sees it. Years ago, a young mother was making her way across the hills of South Wales, carrying her tiny baby in her arms, when she was overtaken by a blinding blizzard. She never reached her destination and when the blizzard had subsided her body was found by searchers beneath a mound of snow. But they discovered that before her death, she had taken off all her outer clothing and wrapped it about her baby. When they unwrapped the child, to their great surprise and joy, they found he was alive and well. She had mounded her body over his and given her life for her child, proving the depths of her mother love. Years later that child, David Lloyd George, grown to manhood, became prime minister of Great Britain, and, without doubt, one of England's greatest statesman. -- James S. Hewett



I can truly see so much of my own mother in Dr. Hewett's story. How about you? Make the time this month to say thanks to your mother. Plan now to attend the 9:30, and or the 11:11 services on Sunday May 11th during which we will be observing Mother's day and the Festival of the Christian Home. But why wait? Pick up the phone and call right now, to tell Mom how much you love her!

Yours in Christ, Greg Leigh

Jewelry Sale

A Timeless Treasures 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.

Calendar of Events

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| Adult Choir Practice | Wednesdays 6:30pm |
| Lions Club Meeting | 2 nd Monday monthly |
| Confirmation Classes | May 4 th , May 18 th , May 25 th |
| UMW Meeting | Wednesday May 7 th at 7pm in social room |
| Mother's Day Observance | Sunday May 11th |
| Mission Sunday, report from the field | Sunday May 18 th |
| Trustees Meeting | Wednesday May 21 st at 7:00pm |
| Administrative Board | Thursday May 24 th 7:00pm |
| Community Memorial Service | Sunday May 26 th , CUMC hosts community service |
| Stitched Together | 3 rd Monday of each month @ the VMC |

Youth's Winter Adventure



The Youth took a winter break to socialize and enjoy God's winter beauty. They all went sledding at the Leary residence.

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.

Loves of Love

May collections are individual cereals. This will be the last collections for this school year. Thank you to all who are supporting this ministry.

United Methodist Men

The Men's group will once again hold their annual Mothers' Day Breakfast for all the ladies of the church and their family and friends on May 11, 2014 starting at 8:00 AM.

Wireless Internet Available

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

Helping Hands Food Pantry

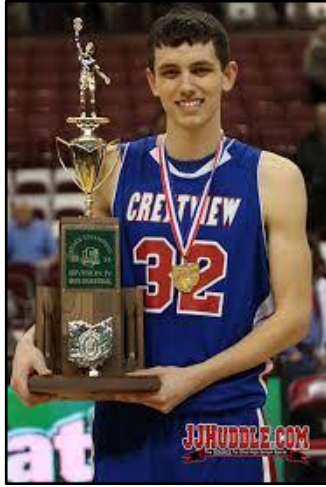
Our community is so blessed to have a local food pantry to help those in our community. Thank you Pat Marsee for making her dream come true. I think of her often when spending time in the pantry and realizing what a blessing it has become to many people. Thank you Convoy area Boy Scouts for holding a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

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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Graduates



Tyson Bollenbaugh



Riley Guest



John Young

Graduates



Derrick Baksa

Derrick Baksa will be graduating with a Bachelors in Integrated English Language Arts Education Major from Bluffton University. During his college years Derek was very involved.

English Department Assistant – 2 years
Student Athlete Advisory Council – 2 years
Building and Grounds Custodian – 3 years
Winter and Spring Intramurals – 4 years
Football – 4 years
Dean's List – 3 semesters
Awarded Trustees Scholarship
Elected to May Day Court as Senior Escort
Member of 2013 Bolivia Cross Cultural Mission/Service trip

Derek hopes to teach in a local school district and coach either football or basketball. This summer he hopes to work at Federal Mogul in Van Wert and eventually pursue his Masters in English, with a literature focus.

My Code as a Christian

To live each day as if I were to meet my Maker at sundown.

To be absolutely honest in all things and with all people especially myself.

To be a fanatic in my unceasing search for truth. To be so straightforward, so simply truthful that my slightest word will carry weight.

To consider myself last and least when making plans, judgments and decisions.

To strive to be absolutely unselfish in thought and action for in the universal scheme of things selfishness has no place.

To be unswervingly loyal to high principles.

To remember always that, as between right and wrong there can be no compromise, but that as between my desires and those of others compromise is a fine thing.

To try to see the good in everyone no matter how unprepossessing.

To remember that all men everywhere are brothers and irrespective of color, race or creed they deserve to be treated as such.

To be humble, compassionate, kind, understanding, generous, earnest, forgiving, pure in heart, judging no one and with a hunger for righteousness.

To give myself the limit of my strength and ability to the service of others.

To shun like the plague all forms of pettiness, gossip, thoughts of revenge and boastfulness.

To look for opportunities to do favors for those who do not like me. To speak only good of a person or to speak not at all.

To keep the right perspective in life by realizing that all material things are of value only as they build spiritual values. Faith, hope and love are all that are lasting.

To spend some time each day in strengthening my spiritual muscles by probing my soul in search of its unsuspected capacities, its reservoirs of strength and

Inspiration and listening for God's message.

-Excerpt from my parents church newsletter 1964. Found in my dad's Bible.

United Methodist Women

The May UMW meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8th at 7pm. The program will be given by Vicki Saylor. Greeters will be Marilyn Reed and Judy Jackson. Hostess will be Judy Farmer and Jean Witung.

Thank you from Larry

I would like to thank all my family and friends for their prayers and cards during my battle with bladder cancer. Tests this week showed no abnormal cells at this time. Thank you.

Prayer Concerns

Heather (Feasby) Cramer, Dee Howell, Gary Hale, Jasmine Coleman, Dean McOmber, Dick Burden, Greg & Madalyn Emerick, Helen Anderson, Annabelle Clevenger, June Burns, Rosalee Burns, Dale & Dorothy Gleckler, Annabelle Clevenger, Dave & Stella Stevens, Shelly Klinker, Carolyn Schumm, Destinee Hoblet, Jodi Horn, Anna Dyer, Taylor Hughes Sharon Hyitt, Carry Profit, Larry Holden, Fritz Stewart, Unspoken Requests

Vancrest/Convoy: Romaine Feasby

Elmcrest of Lima: Nell Rice

Laurels of Rockford: Jim and Jean Thomas

"For the eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward Him, so that He can show His great power in helping them."

II Chronicles 16:9 TLB

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.

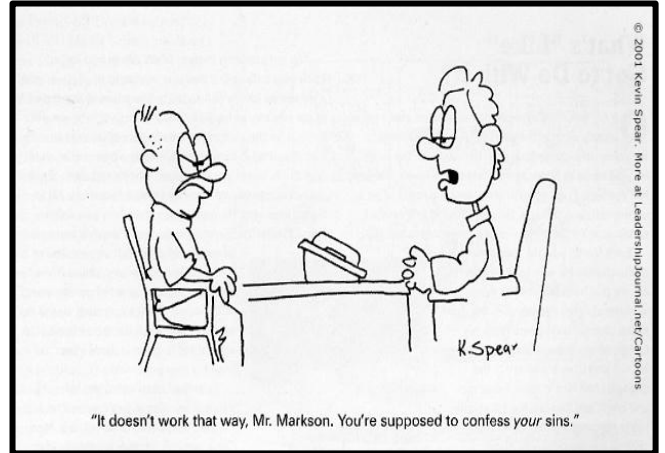
The Service is hosted by our praise band called "Crossroads". Members include:

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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