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*“Working, playing, and praying together
in our faith journeys to share Jesus Christ
with one another, our community, and the world.”*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AT EAST FAIRFIELD UMC
Saturday, July 16, 2011
10:00 AM—3:30 PM



THE 4G NETWORK: GLORIOUS AND GENEROUS GIFTS FROM GOD

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10



SOCCER



ANIMALS



PUPPETS



ARTS AND CRAFTS




WATER FUN

SNACKS

MUSIC



CONCERT IN THE PARK
at Firestone Park in Columbiana
Sunday, July 31, at 2:00 PM

The Fellowship Team and the Outreach Team will sponsor and host a concert at Firestone Park.  Eric Bable (Don Bable's grandson) is the performer that day. We will have free give-aways and serve homemade ice cream.

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FUN 'N GAMES

On each page of this July newsletter, there is an ice cream cone, the same size and shape as this: 
(This one doesn't count)

There is one ice cream cone per page. See if you can find all 8.



FAMILIARITY

Grant Street, Edison, Osborn, and Taft were the four elementary schools in Ashland, where I grew up. You went from kindergarten through sixth grade in one of those schools. I went to Grant Street school. Most of my friends were from Grant Street school. We lived in the same general neighborhood. It was all very familiar.

And then came seventh grade. All of us sixth graders from Grant Street, Edison, Osborn, and Taft were thrown together in this big ocean called Junior High school. We were assigned a homeroom with people that we didn't know. We were assigned locker rooms with people we didn't know.

This unfamiliar territory seemed so vast — so big. By ninth grade, though, the unfamiliar gave way to the familiar. We “knew the ropes.” As a result of this familiarity, things didn't seem so overwhelming. We were no longer strangers.

Those of us who have been part of our congregation for many decades “know the ropes.” As a result of this, things don't seem so overwhelming for us when we enter the doors for a Sunday morning service. We know each other.

However, the person who visits us for the first time is likely to be in more unfamiliar territory. They do not know where all of the rooms are. They do not know what “coffee time” is all about. They do not know about the Sunday school classes. They may not know the elements that go into the Liturgy. They walk a fine line between wanting to be welcomed, but not wanting to be put on the spot.

We often talk about faith. Often the greatest steps of faith are seen in the visitor who walks into a church for the first time. My prayer is that we continually appreciate such steps.

Rev. Mike



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

JOY CIRCLE

We had the Mother-Daughter Banquet in May. The Joy Circle will not have a meeting in June. Our **United Methodist Women's Picnic** is Wednesday, July 6 at 12:00 noon at the home of Thelma Adams. Bring a covered dish and your table service. Our next regular meeting will be August 29 with Meryl Esenwein and Vesta Prus as hostesses.

HOPE CIRCLE

We served 62 at the Father-Child Breakfast on June 19. The menu was scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, pancakes, biscuits, sausage gravy, watermelon, juice, and coffee.

BUS TRIP

Wednesday, August 10, 2011



We are organizing a bus trip to Middlefield, Ohio.

We will visit an Amish Co-Op, Mary Yoder's Restaurant, a Swiss Cheese Plant, Chocolate Factory, a family market, a Bargain Bin.

The cost is \$75 per person, which pays for everything.

Please get your reservation in ASAP.



Payment needs to be in by July 25.

Mail or call Betty Stoffer at 4179 Fairfield School Road, Leetonia, OH 44431 (330-482-4936).

ADAPT COALITION OF COLUMBIANA COUNTY

**Family Fun Fest
to be held at Firestone Park**

Saturday, July 16, 2011

4:00-7:00 PM



to benefit

Crestview and Columbiana
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team

Free food, games, and prizes for the entire family

Free Cornhole Tournament for ages 13 and up.
Registration at 4:00 PM

JOIN OUR TEAM TO FIGHT CANCER!!

Most of you probably have a family member or friend who has been affected by cancer, or maybe you have been affected by cancer.

To help in the fight against cancer, we, as a church family, are participating in the Columbiana/Crestview American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The relay will be held on Friday, July 8, and Saturday, July 9, at Crestview High School. The money we raise is used for cancer research and local education and awareness programs.

There are several ways you can be a part of our team. You can:

1. Sell candy bars. We sell candy bars for \$1.00 and our team gets \$.50 of each dollar.
2. Make a donation to our team. Checks should be payable to "American Cancer Society." (You can also make a donation in memory of someone who died from cancer.)
3. Walk for our team.
4. Make homemade ice cream or homemade pies to sell at the relay.
5. Purchase a luminary in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of someone who died from cancer.
6. Register a cancer survivor to walk in the survivor lap at the beginning of the relay.

Call team captain Deann Davis (330-482-0213) if you can help in any of these ways. We would love to have you help us fight cancer!!

God bless you for your help.

The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home.

-- St. Augustine of Hippo

JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH



"Flat Rock"

Flat Rock Community Services provides home and community-based services to individuals who have mental retardation and developmental disabilities through Flat Rock's Community Services Program.

Flat Rock Care Center accepts children from across the state, ages 6-18. While residents may stay in our care until they are 21, we do not admit persons over 18. Most residents come to us through referral from the County Board of MR/DD of their home county. We have a licensed capacity of 34 children and operate at 100% capacity.

While private gifts make up a relatively small percentage of our overall budget, these gifts help us make sure we are able to meet the needs of our children.

Flat Rock is in covenant relationship with the East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. The church does not own us, but rather we have a mutual, voluntary relationship.

Mark your offering: "Fund # 22"

UPDATE ON MISSION GIVINGS

Name of Mission	Need	Received	Still Need
Scouts	300	310	0
Way Station	150	266	0
4C's	125	480	0
Warren Com. Center	150	179	21
One Great Hour of Sharing	any donation	109	0
Japan Relief	any donation	110	0
Blankets+	any donation	139	0
Ron & Bonnie Gouge	300	981	0
Seth & Veronica Porter	any donation	420	0
Peace With Justice	any donation		
Flat Rock	any donation		

Thanks for your continued support of missions.



Prayer, Care, and Share



Please keep the following people in your prayers

- ◆ Allan Chamberlin In Salem Hospital.
- ◆ Lois Dickey Outpatient surgery on Tuesday, June 28.
- ◆ Olivia Needs chemo. Then doctors will remove her elbow.(10 years old)
- ◆ Doris Garrod Broke her hip. It cannot be repaired.
- ◆ Bruce Henry Working in Bahrain.
- ◆ Bob Back problems. (Dolly Knight's son)
- ◆ Tom Cancer of prostate, spine, bones, colon, liver. (Dolly Knight's brother)
- ◆ Lynn Finley Very progressive arthritis and now she can't have surgery.
- ◆ Phyllis Webber Had knee replacement surgery on June 15.
- ◆ Deana Warneke Hip replacement surgery June 27.
- ◆ Tyler Douglass Graduating from Navy field medic training. Deployed to Yuma AZ.
- ◆ Jim McAlister Very aggressive chemo for leukemia. (Regina McAlister's son)
- ◆ Chris Brown On transplant list for kidneys. (Andrew Lawlor's friend)
- ◆ Kristi Simcox Hospitalized with bleeding stomach ulcers. (Denny Farmer's sister)
- ◆ Ellis Hawkins Now home after heart surgery, but can't get heartbeat regulated.

Sympathy

Jeff Cattrell, Mitch's brother, passed away June 16 from injuries suffered in a parachuting accident.

Richard Enterline, Carol Bable's brother, passed away June 16 following a lengthy illness.

Serving in the Military

Kyle Crook ~ Sam Frost ~ James Frost ~ Kyle Gotch ~ Rob Ray ~ Cody Wine

Our Shut-ins

Evelyn Albright ~ Ramon and Sarah Berger ~ Virginia Crook ~ Susan Case
Allan and Carol Chamberlin ~ Virginia Crook ~ Kathryn Firestone ~ Harry and Ruth Hawkins
Dorothy McQuiston ~ Evalyn Morris ~ Helen Radler ~ Betty Vollnogle ~ John and Dorothy Ward

Thank you

To my church family, Thank you very much for all the goodies in my spring college box!
It was greatly appreciated and I enjoyed it very much. - Sincerely, Cory Cusick

Invitation

The public is invited to honor Charles Hawkins for his 90th birthday at a cake and ice cream reception on **Sunday July 10, 2:00-5:00 PM** at Rogers United Methodist Church, 46361 Walnut Street, Rogers, Ohio. Charles' birthday is June 28th. The party will be hosted by Charles' spouse, Marie, and his four children, Marcia Griggs, Charmaine LaMoncha, Forrest Hawkins, and Roxie Witmer. Charles has six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The family asks that gifts please be omitted.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mission of the Month: Flat Rock					1	2
3 INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School	4 Independence Day <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10-11:30 Bible Study 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	5	6 12:00 UMW Picnic at the home of Thelma Adams	7	8	9 <i>Relay for Life Event at Crestview High School</i>
10 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 6:30- 8:00 <i>Element 79 at Abundant Life Fellowship</i>	11 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	12 7:00-8:00 PM DISTRICT PASTOR'S TRAINING in the Sanctuary	13	14 6:30 Cub Scout Picnic and Water Games at the Pavilion	15 6:00 Guardian Angels Jesus Party	16 10:00 – 3:30 PM Vacation Bible School The 4G Network 4:00-7:00 <i>ADAPT Coalition Family Fun Fest at Firestone Park in Columbiana</i>
17 9:00 <i>Pray for Missions</i> 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School	18 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	19 Newsletter Deadline	20	21 9:00 Newsletter Mailing Committee	22	23
24 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 6:30- 8:00 <i>Element 79 at Abundant Life Fellowship</i>	25 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	26	27 10:00 - 1:00 <i>Denise & Vicki at District Secretary's Luncheon</i> 6:00 Pastor's Compass Group at Lisbon UMC	28	29	30
31 COMMUNION 9:30-10:30 Worship Service - Kids Choir Sings 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 2:00 CONCERT IN THE PARK at Firestone in Columbiana sponsored by EF UMC - Eric Bable is performing - homemade ice cream 2:00-6:00 Fellowship Hall in Use (DeChellis)						



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Wade Baer, Emily Boyarko, Leo Hicks, Jay Walters
- 2 Gina Cope, Betsy Wilhelm, Janet Logan, Jacquelyn Evrard, TJ Westover
- 3 Jodie Grazier, Laura McConahy, Cliff VanKirk
- 4 Bridget Garwood, Noah Roberts
- 5 Kevin Baker, Dolly Knight
- 6 Marci Burkey, John Courter, Norma Nulf, Alma Robins
- 7 Randy Colian, Emily Hart, Darleen Kotas, Nicole Peterson, Kathleen Smith
- 8 Nate Good, Mary Webber, Angela Pelinsky
- 9 Paul Crook, Eileen Grim, Erin Hartz, Zachary Shingleton, Carrie Waters, Addison Wendell, Rev. Lester Wilson
- 10 Donald Barnhart
- 11 Lois Dickey, Sarah Foerster
- 13 Elaine Louk, Dick Sell
- 14 Jodi Baer, Abigail Boyarko
- 15 Sue Berger, Jerry Peppel
- 16 Sue Strobel
- 17 Tom Matulja, Rick Matulja
- 18 Little Leo Hicks
- 20 Justin Baker, Jonathan Chaplow
- 22 Michelle Crook, Brandon DaLonzio, Jim Garwood, Andrew Neiheisel, Jay Noel
- 23 Rachel Hart, Tonya Wellman, Bud Webber
- 24 Grace Auer, Kristin Blakeslee, Bob Garwood, Linda Wolfgang
- 25 Allan Chamberlin
- 26 Hannah Colian, Patrick Cox, Susan Baker, Devan Peters
- 28 Lenny Ridzon, Pam Veiock
- 29 Cory Cusick
- 30 Jim Morris
- 31 Ben Cattrell, Deann Davis, Nicholas Holsinger, Josh Louk, Christy Sturgell



JULY ANNIVERSARIES



- 1 Rob + Alisha Auer
- 1 Paul & Bonnie Crook
- 3 Harry + Ruth Hawkins
- 7 Chris + Kim Barlow
- 11 Bill + Ruthie Rowley
- 14 Ron + Loretta Kyser
- 17 Shawn + Kristi Ebben
- 17 Bob + Kathleen Smith
- 21 Denny + Georgia Farmer
- 21 Josh + Kimberly Louk
- 21 Dick + Elaine Sell
- 22 Jon + Cyndi Straney
- 22 Michael & Pamela Boyarko
- 26 Tom + Sherri Hawkins
- 27 Kent + Chris Baker
- 27 Craig + Richelle Kyle
- 27 Terry & Kim Rankin
- 28 Bob + Perri Smith



CLASS RESPONSIBLE FOR COFFEE TIME

- July - Loyal Workers
- Aug. - Pairs and Spares
- Sept. - Helping Hands
- Oct. - New Beginnings

Christians are like the flowers in a garden, that have each of them the dew of Heaven, which, being shaken with the wind, they let fall at each other's roots, whereby they are jointly nourished, and become nourishers of each other.
-- John Bunyan

9:30 AM Worship Services

Date	Nursery	Jr Church	Greeters	Liturgist	Speaker or Event
July 3	Alisha Auer	Pam Boyarko		Dick Sell	INDEPENDENCE SUNDAY (Kelli gives 5 min. meditation)
July 10	Anita Cusick	Cyndi Straney	Thelma Adams	Edie Boles	
July 17	Kim Burkey	Chris Baker	Dick & Elaine Sell	Cindy Wright	
July 24	Anita Cusick	Anita Cusick	Ross & Phyllis Porter	Jon Straney	
July 31	Kim Burkey	Pam Boyarko	Gary & Donna Shaw	Missy Roberts	COMMUNION

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“Funny thing about kindness. The more you use it, the more you have of it.”

**RETURNING THE BALL
Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

**“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
2 Corinthians 9:7 (NRSV)**

While watching a college baseball game, my young daughter retrieved a foul ball. If it had been a professional game, she would have been allowed to keep the ball, but at this level fans are expected to return baseballs. I wished she could keep it because I thought it would be a big thrill for her. Then I saw how she enjoyed giving it back.

In reality, the young man who collected the ball was just the batboy or equipment manager. But to a 6-year-old, he was a “real live ballplayer,” an athlete in uniform. She couldn't have been more delighted and awestruck if she had been giving the ball back to Babe Ruth himself.

In a similar way, we present gifts to God. Just as the baseball wasn't really my daughter's, what we give to God isn't really ours. At our best, we are only being obedient—doing our duty — with the gifts first given to us.

As Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Luke, “When you have done everything you were told to do, ... say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’” (Luke 17: 10)

But wouldn't it be great if we could return our gifts of money and service to God with the same sense of joy and wonder that my daughter had in returning the baseball? It's not the gift that's special, but the One receiving it.

Prayer: Dear God, help us to give joyfully. Amen.

[Taken from the Upper Room April 8, 2010 by Norman Styers, Oklahoma]