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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.”*

School has started and sports are in full swing. We are all excited to see our kids in football, soccer, band and cheerleading. As we get our new schedules under way, and try to fit our many things into our day....let's not forget the importance of our children's spiritual education.

When all is said and done, when we reflect back on our lives and relive our joys and regrets, we find the most life-changing and life-fulfilling gift we could have given our children is a solid faith foundation.

As you read this newsletter, you will see we have several opportunities to help our children and youth develop and grow their faith. Please let them know, and encourage them to join us.

We have started a **DISCIPLES CLASS** for youth and young adults on **Thursdays at 7:00**. The kids tell me that I should say "THERE'S FOOD!" and that will bring people to our class. We are very small and hoping to make it into a thriving class. I have no doubt that God is with us, as the boys in the class have so much enthusiasm. Come join us!
- Janie Crowl

NEW BEGINNINGS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

On Sunday, October 2, the New Beginnings Class will start a new study, *The Joy of Encouragement; Unlock the Power of Building Others Up*, by Dr. David Jeremiah. We will study principals, identify examples, read about role models, and discuss practical suggestions on how to impart courage to those who are weary and in need of encouragement.

Following this 10-week study we will begin a study on Angels, who they are and how they help. We will examine what the Bible reveals to us about angels.

Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there.

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OUR CHURCH CONFERENCE IS SUNDAY, OCT. 30 AT 1:30 AT LISBON UMC



SOCIAL HOLINESS

Like many, I have been doing a great deal of thinking about the challenges that face today's Church. Sunday morning no longer has the same meaning today as it did a generation ago, people no longer involve themselves in a given denominational tradition because that is what their parents did, and there is a general doubt regarding matters of faith (expressed in writers like Christopher Hitchens and Penn Jillette--of "Penn and Teller" fame).

In addition to these challenges, there are many internal challenges facing today's Church. There are disagreements between the "we've never done it that way before" traditionalists, and the "we've got to try something new" innovators. There are anxieties that largely revolve around the metrics that we are all familiar with (attendance, new members, finances, new groups).

These challenges have prompted a rethinking of the way that we "do church." Instead of seeing the church only in terms of a building and a place to go (a noun), there has been a renewed vision that sees the church as people gathered and doing things in the name of Christ (a verb). While this may seem like a new way of thinking, it really is not. It is rooted in the ways of the ancient church (read Acts). And it is rooted in something that is deep within the "DNA" of the Methodist movement—Social Holiness.

Challenges and the questions that arise from them are always clearer than the solutions. After all, if the solutions to our challenges were clear, they would no longer be challenges. Nevertheless, as we become acquainted with the meaning of Social Holiness, we will find the God-given way that we United Methodists "do church."

Rev. Mike



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

JOY CIRCLE

The Joy Circle met on Monday, August 29 with sixteen members present. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. We sent cards to Rev. Ken & Mary Anderson, Sue Cope, Dorothy Ward, Ruth (Bob) Hawkins, and Ruth (Harry) Hawkins. Joyce Ward handed out Reading Certificates. Our Circle received a 5-Star Award. Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas will be here Sept. 17, 9:00-12:00 noon. Our Bazaar is Nov. 8 and Phyllis Porter will make the apple dumplings. Meryl gave a report on her trip to Honduras. Our next regular meeting will be Monday, September 26 with Jan Selby and Sue Kariher as hostesses.

HOPE CIRCLE

The Hope Circle met on Tuesday, September 13 to make plans for the Christian Women's Luncheon scheduled for Monday, October 10 at 12:30 PM. We also discussed the Cookie Run, which we have in December.

PACKING COLLEGE BOXES

We will pack boxes for our college students on October 23 during coffee time and we need your help in providing food items and postage.



Gum	Chex Mix	Lollipops	Puppy Chow
Candy	Crackers	Cookies	Microwave Popcorn
Easy Mac	Hot Chocolate	Apples	Granola Bars
Money for Postage		Snacks	Microwave Oatmeal



Donations may be left in the box in the foyer at the church.

COLLEGE STUDENT INFO

We started a new list of college students for this school year.

If you have a "college-age" student in college, please fill out this form and return it to the church office as soon as possible.

Even if we had their address last year, PLEASE resubmit it this year. Also let us know if they have graduated. That way we can be sure we have the most up-to-date information.

Thank you.

2011-2012 COLLEGE STUDENT

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Would this student like to receive a care package from the church?

YES

NO

Comments: _____

College _____



Prayer, Care, and Share



Please keep the following people in your prayers

- ◆ **Willard & Sally Foster** (Pam Veiock's aunt & uncle) - Sally passed away Sept. 3 from burns suffered in a house fire. Willard was recently released from the hospital. Undergoing tests.
- ◆ **RoseMary Ziegler** Surgery September 8 for left sacroiliac joint fusion.
- ◆ **Sue Cope** Still undergoing therapy after shoulder surgery.
- ◆ **Sparky Vollnogle** Still battling a staph infection. (Denny Farmer's sister)
- ◆ **Kristi Simcox** 16 year old. Kidney transplant failed. Testing family for a match.
- ◆ **Autumn Kimble** Breast surgery. (Friend of Jim & Ina Bowles)
- ◆ **Susan** Continued prayer. More surgeries possible. (Dick Sell's sister)
- ◆ **Marge** Thyroid surgery August 22. (Debbie Lawlor's friend)
- ◆ **Anita Brown** Second round of chemo. (10 years old)
- ◆ **Olivia** Cancer of prostate, spine, bones, colon, liver. (Dolly Knight's brother)
- ◆ **Tom** Staph infection after surgery (Keith Wilhelm's co-worker)
- ◆ **Mark** Seizures (the son of Karen Namy's friend Colleen)
- ◆ **Reid** Working for the military in Bahrain. (Bill & Sue Kariher's nephew)
- ◆ **Bruce Henry**

Sympathy

Robert Hawkins - Passed away September 3, 2011.
Please continue to keep the family in your prayers.

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 ~ Susan Case
Allan and Carol Chamberlin ~ Virginia Crook ~ Kathryn Firestone
Dorothy McQuiston ~ Evalyn Morris ~ Betty Vollnogle ~ John and Dorothy Ward

Congratulations !!

Shawn & Renee Louk had a baby girl, Madelyn Renee, on September 13, 2011.
Madelyn weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and was 20 inches long.

In the Mail

Your outpouring of love, words spoken, the family meal, and prayers were all a great comfort to us.
With grateful hearts, - The Garrod Family

Gay and I truly enjoyed our time with you and the East Fairfield Congregation. It brought many, many wonderful memories of our time when we served in ministry with the folks there many years ago. Thank you for your kind hospitality. Blessings on you. - Rev. L. Mark George

GUARDIAN ANGELS SPECIAL-NEEDS MINISTRY

SUPPORT GROUP

The Guardian Angels Support Group is kicking off their fall session with big plans for trainings and meetings for both parents and professionals. The group has had a quiet summer but is ready to get back into gear and change lives for more families as well as continue supporting the members already established.

The Group will begin meeting at The Das Dutch Haus on the first Thursday of each month from 9:00-11:00 am and will be a dutch treat affair. Children are welcome and encouraged to come and enjoy a meal as a family or just visit, but childcare will not be provided at this time.

Support Group meetings contain:

- Prayer
- Registration and filling out "Silent Needs Forms"
- Breakfast and Christian Fellowship
- Devotion or reading pertaining to the group or individual struggles within the life of a special needs family.
- Prayer Requests - This is a time when each member can voice prayer requests, praises, problems, fears, heartaches or angers. This is also the time when members within the group can respond to provide instant answers to that prayer by helping that individual with support, insight, or possible solutions.
- Closing with Prayer



Guardian Angels Trainings

The Guardian Angels will be hosting Trainings on Thursday evenings at the Church in the fellowship hall (dates to be announced) . Trainings will be open to both parents, family members, caregivers and professionals at this time.

The training for November is scheduled for **November 10 from 6:00-8 pm** with registration beginning at 5:30. Refreshments will be provided as well as Childcare at this event.

The Training will be conducted by Erica from the ACLD Learning Center in Youngstown and will benefit both parents and professionals who deal and live with children with special needs. This training is conducted in a manner that when you arrive at the training you are given a "special need or disability" and you will learn what it is to live with that disability for the two hour training.

More information on this training will be provided soon. This will be an R.S.V.P. event, so please RSVP as soon as possible, while there is still room in the class.

... more GUARDIAN ANGELS

Jesus Party



Our Jesus Party is on the third Friday of each month at 6:00 pm and is a great family event where all are welcome with the primary focus on Love.

This is not a counseling event, however hearts are mended and children learn to let down their walls of hurt and fear and begin to play and learn that they can be accepted for who they are. Again, the primary focus is the love and acceptance of Christ and all are welcome.

The Jesus Party is an event where a seasonally appropriate family-style meal is provided followed by play time, music, crafts and an occasional puppet show. This is open to all ages and disabilities.

The Jesus Party on **October 21 will begin at 6:00 pm** at the Maze Craze on St. Rt. 14 in Columbiana. For children and adults who want to participate in this function, you can come straight to the Corn Field. For those with small children or those who do not want to participate, you can go directly to the church for fun and activities. We will have a bonfire and hotdog roast after the Maze Craze.

Operation Manna

The Guardian Angels are looking to re-instate the Operation Manna Program, which was a program to provide food to families in need within the Support Group, the church and within the local community. Please keep this ministry in prayer, and if you feel led to help participate in this specific ministry, please contact Kelli Harding.



Angel Choir



We are working on plans to possibly begin a Guardian Angels Children's Choir with practice taking place on the second and fourth Thursdays from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. This will give the children a chance to have a great time playing and singing together and to learn about God in a manner that doesn't seem like school.

Once the group gets on its feet, we may have them provide some special music during the Sunday morning worship Service.

Please keep all of these Guardian Angel ministries in your prayers and let me know if you are interested in helping with any of them.

Please call Kelli Harding with any questions on any of these events at 330-692-1427.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

The children will be singing in the morning worship service on Sunday, October 30.

We will have two practices at the church
on Wednesday, Oct. 19 and Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 6:00 PM.

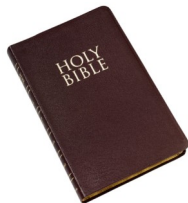
All children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 are invited to participate.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PRACTICE

Practice for the Christmas Program will begin on Thursday, November 3 from 6:00-7:00 PM.

It is open to children from Kindergarten through 6th Grade.
We especially hope our older children will participate as there are speaking parts and solos that we really need their help with.

Parents, please encourage your children to participate.



Ever wonder what would happen
if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?
What if we carried it and flipped through it throughout the day.
What if we went back home to get it if we left the house without it.
What if we received messages from the text, and couldn't live without it.
What if we gave it to kids as gifts, and used it in case of emergency.
And you know what, it would never be disconnected,
because JESUS has already paid the bill.



- Chris Hughes, Davis Family YMCA

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH "World Communion Sunday



Your donation to World Communion Sunday provides scholarships for racial-minority and ethnic-minority students in the United States and internationally.

Now is the time to give. United Methodist students who have demonstrated leadership potential are losing education opportunities because of lack of funds. These students are the future of mission for The United Methodist Church.

Mark your offering envelope: "Fund # 16
or use the special offering envelope inside the bulletin on Sunday, October 2

UPDATE ON MISSION GIVINGS

Name of Mission	Need	Received	Still Need
Scouts	300	330	0
Way Station	150	286	0
4C's	125	590	0
Warren Com. Center	150	179	0
One Great Hour of Sharing	any donation	109	0
Japan Relief	any donation	110	0
Blankets+	any donation	139	0
Ron & Bonnie Gouge	300	1,056	0
Seth & Veronica Porter	any donation	420	0
Peace With Justice	any donation	61	0
Flat Rock	175	185	0
Community Center of Yo.	150	150	0
Tobin Center	300	115	185

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mission of the Month: World Communion Offering						1
2 WORLD COMMUNION 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 2:00- 4:00 Fellowship Hall in Use (Ready)	3 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:00-9 Divorce Care 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	4	5 7:00 Choir Practice	6 2:00-10:00 Music Study Club in The choir room 7:00 Disciple Bible Study for Youth	7	8
9 BAPTISM 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 6:30-8 Element 79 at Crestview HS 7:00 Worship Committee	10 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 12:30 ChristianWomen Luncheon HERE 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:00-9 Divorce Care 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	11 7:00 SPR	12 7:00 Choir Practice	13 7:00-8:00 Prayer Ministry 7:00 Disciple Bible Study for Youth	14	15
Rev. Mike - Vacation Oct. 13 - 19						
16 LAITY SUNDAY <i>9:00 Pray for Missions</i> 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 2:00 - 4:00 Fellowship Hall in Use - Becky Rupert	17 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:00-9 Divorce Care 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	18 8:00 PM Janie's Stephen Ministry Supervision	19 9:30 Window Cleaning 6:00 Kids Choir Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	20 7:00-8:00 Prayer Ministry 7:00 Disciple Bible Study for Youth	21 6:00 Guardian Angels Jesus Party Wedding Rehearsal	22 3:00 Music 3:30 Wedding Ashley DaLonzon & Benjamin King (Kay Crook to coordinate)
Rev. Mike - Vacation Oct. 13 - 19						
23 PACK COLLEGE BOXES 9:30-10:30 Worship Service 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 6:30-8 Element 79 at Crestview HS	24 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts go to Snyder's Farm 7:00-9 Divorce Care 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts	25 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	26 6:00 Kids Choir Practice 7:00 Choir Practice	27 9:00 Newsletter Mailing Committee 7:00-8:00 Prayer Ministry 7:00 Disciple Bible Study for Youth	28	29 1:00 Baby Shower - Debbie Strang 6:00-8:00 Trunk or Treat
Acquire the Fire Oct. 28-29 in Cleveland						
30 9:30-10:30 Worship Service - Kids Choir Sings 10:30-11:00 Coffee Time 10:45-11:45 Sunday School 1:00- 5:00 Raingutter Regatta - Randy Daub 1:30 CHARGE CONFERENCE at Lisbon UMC	31 <i>(Pastor's Day Off)</i> HALLOWEEN 10:00-11:30 Bible Study 12:00 Joy Circle 6:30-7:30 Cub Scouts 7:00-9 Divorce Care 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts					

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Zachary Garrett
- 2 Chris Rogers, Rev. Wanda Wilson
- 3 Bonnie Crook, Robin Scott, Tony Watson
- 4 David Crook
- 5 Josh Gaston, Jon Straney
- 6 Coby Lynn Brown, Shanelle Davner
- 7 Shelby Barlow, Sarah Berger, Larry Porter
- 9 Ruth Hawkins, Don Knight, Tristan Reynolds, Jen Sell
- 10 Ron Cook, Laurie McFarland
- 11 Kyle Crook, Tony McCoy, Nicholas Ridzon
- 12 Bill Baer, Maralyn Porter, John Selby, Evelyn Thomas
- 13 Tyler Westover
- 14 Malory Vollnogle
- 15 Pam Boyarko
- 17 David Gorby
- 18 Jacob Baker, Noah Brown
- 20 Chris Baker, Cliff Brinker
- 21 Georgia Farmer, Cathie Hicks
- 22 Jay Olmstead, Amanda Rupert, Amy Webber
- 23 Meryl Esenwein
- 25 Molly Colian, Brenda Porter
- 27 Karsyn Faulk, Dwain Hawkins, Gina Unger
- 28 Chris Davis
- 29 Matt Bable, Barry Crook, Jackie Ridzon, Lucas Schmucker
- 30 Michelle Harroff, Jennifer Harroff



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES



- 2 David & Carol Vollnogle
- 5 Grant & Melissa Roberts
- 6 Leonard & Cindy Ridzon
- 8 Ray & Sukie McCoy
- 12 Joe & Linda Chaplow
- 14 John & Jan Selby
- 15 Jerry & Alice Peppel
- 15 Kenneth & Jessica Haynes
- 17 Wayne & Rhonda Good
- 20 Jim & JoAnne Peppel
- 23 Keith & Megan Kollaja
- 29 Don & Melodye Courter
- 31 Cody & Sarah Holmes

CLASS RESPONSIBLE FOR COFFEE TIME



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| Oct. - | New Beginnings |
| Nov. - | Loyal Workers |
| Dec. - | Pairs and Spares |
| Jan. - | Helping Hands |

*"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give.
I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare."
C. S. Lewis*

9:30 AM Worship Services

Date	Nursery	Jr Church	Greeters	Liturgist	Speaker or Event
Oct. 2	Anita Cusick	Cyndi Straney	Dolly Knight		WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
Oct. 9	Kim Burkey	Chris Baker	Ray & Sukie McCoy		
Oct. 16	Miranda Barnett	Anita Cusick	George & Barb Crook		LAITY SUNDAY ~ MESSAGE BY
Oct. 23	Alisha Auer	Pam Boyarko	Thelma Adams and Janet Logan		
Oct. 30	Anita Cusick	Cyndi Straney	Keith & Carol Wilhelm		

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**“TRUNK OR TREAT”
Saturday October 29, 2011
6:00 - 8:00 PM**

We will meet in the church parking lot and open up the trunks of our cars.
The kids will go around to the cars while you hand out candy,
treats or prizes from the trunk of your car.
The idea is to create a safe trick-or-treat environment.



We will have refreshments following Trunk or Treat.
We will have hotdogs, chips, hot cocoa, and marshmallows.
You are welcome to bring something to share.



This is so much fun for the kids and the adults. You won't want to miss it !

And don't forget to decorate the trunk of your car, or the bed of your pickup !!!