

Circuit Rider

Saybrook United Methodist Church

“People trying to live like Jesus”

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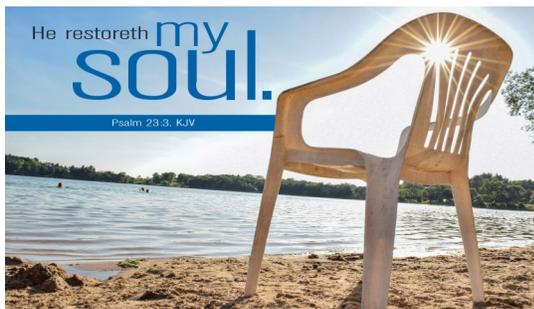


Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.” Mark 9:37

⁴² “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. Mark 9:42

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:13-14

It is hard to believe that it is September.... Month 7 of our COVID experience. It is September, and to some the end of Summer.... but to many this year the response is “What Summer?” It is true, this year.... and this summer has been a little different. Here at the church we have moved from the parking lot on Sunday morning to our Gazebo.... but as more comfortable as that may be, it is still not the Lake. Now as I write this, we are preparing to spend two weeks on the shore of Lake Erie, but even that will not be the same. We will be using one computer, a fm transmitter, a microphone headset, and a wireless PA system, along with a couple of fm radios (plus all the ones that our people will bring). As of this moment I am not sure how many people will be in attendance, but for this year we don’t want to make too much of a noise about it.... but, for the 56th year, we will be there, if only for just 2 Sundays... as well as still doing our 9:30 service at the Gazebo along with our live online feed.



But with all that being said, my real concern is for our kids. This is now the second year that I haven't had any kids going to school locally.... But I still have a love and concern for those kids that are. Let's face it, none of us above the age of 20 ever experienced anything like what our kids are going through right now. Will we be going to the school or will be online..... even that seems to change weekly. Will we have sports or not? What about dances, or dates???? What about dress up Halloween parties, or... you name it and things will be different, and so maybe now, more than ever we need to be praying for our kids. They are living through some stuff that we probably never could have imagined. And so pray for them, as they return to school, in one way or another. Pray for them as they attempt to have as normal of a life as possible, as they try to play or attend a football game. As they try to figure out how to ask that special girl to the weekend "virtual" dance. As they try to get through these teen and childhood years as "normally" as possible.

Pray for them, do what you can to help them invite Jesus into their lives, and assure them that with him all things will work for good... for those who know and love the Lord.

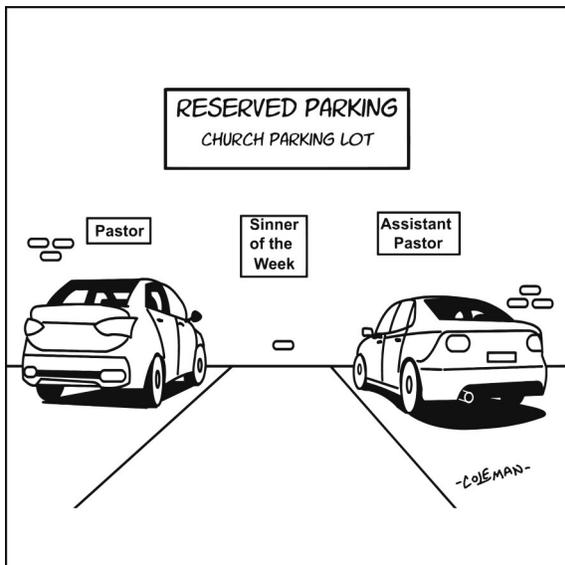
Peace,
Jeff



Our Saybrook UMC family is a blessing from God. It doesn't matter what the world throws at you, compassion and encouragement are always present. Thank you all so much for the love you have shown to the students at Ashtabula schools. Without your love, many of the children would not have the supplies needed to continue with their classes. The administrators are amazed that when they have mentioned specific needs, whether it was for in school or at home classes, you have provided. Perhaps school supplies were the last things on your minds considering our very strange times, however you heard a request and it was overwhelmingly met. I thank God every day for all of you and am asking one more thing. Please continue to keep the children from Pre K through college age in prayer. Also keep praying for the teachers who are dealing with more than they ever learned in college. *God bless you all.*



Movie Night is back. Come to our Drive-in Movie Night on Saturday September 12th at 8:30 PM. We will meet in the parking lot and watch a great movie, enjoy popcorn and fellowship with our church family. Hope to see you there!!



- 1 Lou Buck
- 2 Tim Root
- 2 Ron Shelestak
- 2 Jim & Trish Stanford**
- 3 Carol Karpowicz
- 3 Billi Williams
- 4 Nicholas Leavitt
- 4 Rob & Amy Kleps**
- 5 Max & Sandy Cobb**
- 8 Teri Mead
- 10 Ken Osten
- 11 Sue Nelson
- 11 Jill Serpico
- 15 Alex DeCamillo
- 19 Shelby DeCamillo
- 19 Diana Peterson
- 19 Scott & Jennifer Stumbo**
- 21 Kristene Maxwell
- 22 Randy & Jill Serpico**
- 24 Shannon Anderson
- 24 Shelby Gynn
- 26 Joyce Shelestak
- 27 Alexis Williams
- 28 Michele Verdi
- 29 Josiah Stoll
- 29 Larry Beals
- 30 Jeff & Katie Stoll**
- 30 Becky Schaade



As a local United Methodist Congregation we promise to honor God with:

Our Prayers

Our Churches, Our Shut Ins, Our Military, Our College Students,
Our Pastor & Family, Missionaries, Dee Ann Rich, Ethan & Ashley Batschelet,
Ed & Linda Gray, Richard Clugh, Don & Mary Clugh Family,
MaryLee Verdi & Family, River, Betty Hansen, Carol Loudermilk,
Richard & Grace Arnold, Jim & Phyllis Wright, Mary Simmons,
Dean & Patty Moore, Lloyd Richards, Carolyn Wayand, Roy & Earline Stiltner,
Howard Hewitt, Erik Pimentel, Jim & Bobbi Brindley, Kurt Brindley,
Eva DeCamillo, Rev. Scott Walsh, Roy Stiltner II, Donna Juras,
Larry & Dixie Liggett, Bruce & Sue DeRidder, Art & Debbie Scott,
Chuck & Janette Davis, Caroline, Lori Leibbrandt, Betty Harting,
Eddie & Linda Dana, Heather Long, Sherry & Ken Livingston, Marilyn Lundquist,
Rona, Rev. Doug Lewis, Sandy Connley, Sarrah Brown, Ben, Mary Hamilton,
Mark & Family, Juli, Rita, Mary Lewis, Stoneman Family, Jim Wright, Judy,
John & Laura Morgan, Edie Warren, Harold & Lou Buck, Janet Renard, Corey
Stoneman, Larry Pontinen, Cathy Morgan, Mat Sobolewski, Sandy Mead,
Rick Arnold, Erik & Heather Peterson, Keith Davidson, Linda, Brenda MacNaughton,
Diane, Betty, Bob Brizo, Jackie McKee, Mark DiBell, Vikie, Edgar Bradley, Alex
Gonzalez, Joel, Nellie, Brent, Aiden, Alex & Family, Glen, Heather, Noah, Shelly,
Chuck, Ralph, Brett Bunnell, Mary Ann Gage, Jud Palmer, Dave, Mel & Family,
The Fifer Family, Jerri Shultz, Patrick Zoblefin, Jim McKee,
Julie Hanneman & Family, Betty Cochran, Shawn & Gerry, Jill & Family,
David & Family, Maryilyn, Keith Youngberg, Landon, Scott & Colleen, Howard,
Alex, Denny Densmore

Our Gifts

Stewardship Update

Year to Date (August 23, 2020)

Offerings (Budget)	\$102,444.06
Expenses	<u>-\$101,512.55</u>
	\$931.51

Last Year at this time

Offerings (Budget)	\$88,391.51
Expenses	<u>-\$112,895.26</u>
Deficit	<u>-\$24,503.75</u>

This congregation is amazing!

Our Service

9:30am Every Sunday Morning
in the Church Parking Lot
6:00pm Worship on Wednesday
night.

Sept 19th. at 1:30pm There will be a
SPRC Zoom Meeting at the church.
If you want to join the Zoom meeting from
home, please let Roy Stiltner know and he
will send you the invitation.

We WELCOME all of the church members and others who are interested in spending time to be lifted up by our Missionary Dee Ann Rich who will be visiting next week:

The 2nd week in September, We are going to be having a special guest speaker, DeeAnn Rich ... She will be here for **3 different special events**. Hopefully all of the different members of our church & the public will find a good time that they will be able to come and join in with us to welcome, DeeAnn Rich and listen to her message. **"PEACE WITH GOD"**

DeeAnn has lived in Honduras for over 30 years. She has been supporting and working with **"World Gospel Mission."** They are an international missionary organization reaching all over the World, helping those in need medically, spiritually, and financially with many different humanitarian efforts.

Please Join us!

We look forward to seeing you at any of these **upcoming 3 events**:

September 8th Tuesday evening at 4:30pm ... for a light dinner while listening to DeeAnn Rich share her **journey in missionary**.

September 9th Wednesday at 6:00 pm ... Worship On Wednesday **"WOW"** Church Service. DeeAnn's message is **"Peace With God"** Christian Music will be provided by Jimmy Fuller. The **"WOW"** service is an outside service on our Church Grounds ... Please bring your lawn chairs if you would like to sit outside instead of in your vehicle.

September 10th Thursday morning at 9:00 am ... for a light breakfast while DeeAnn shares her message in **Ministry & Mission**.

We are respectful of social distancing. Please plan on wearing a mask. Please call the church at 440 -969-1562 or Earline Stiltner 449-346-0031 to reserve....
if you are coming **Tuesday at 4:30pm or Thursday at 9:00 am**.
So we will have enough food for all that attend.

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P.S.

We are moving into a very special time of our year for the Saybrook United Methodist Church. Hopefully, we will be back in the church building for worship when the weather turns colder.

and Our Witness
Betty Cochran



ECOSYSTEM- a complex network or interconnected system.
**EVERYTHING THAT IS ALIVE
IN THE WORLD IS HERE FOR A REASON
AND IS CONNECTED FOR SURVIVAL
WITHOUT IT THE EARTH WOULD NOT BE HERE.
DO YOU THINK IT WAS GODS PLAN?
OF COURSE IT WAS!!!!**

Mother Earth hanging together in the universe is not a coincidence! God had it all planned out from the very beginning. It truly is amazing! Everything is connected. The Earth stays in balance because of it's connection with the Universe. Without trees we would not have oxygen. Plants live because of the earth sun and rain. Plants produce vegetables and fruit and we eat the veggies and fruit. Insects have a purpose, they normally don't over populate because certain insects eat other insects. Reptiles such as frogs and even some plants eat insects for their own survival.

I could go on and on but I think you get the picture!

What does God say about the subject.?

Romans 1:20

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.

So they are without excuse.

This part of Paul's letter explains that it's just obvious that God created the earth and all that's in it. Who else could have done such a thing?

Of course in Genesis it begins..... God created the heavens and the earth.....

Genesis 2:15 "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it."

God gave man the job of keeping the earth clean and up to snuff.

We have so many animals, insects and plants that have become extinct because of our own wants and needs. Not only is it a sin but we cannot survive much longer on this earth if we keep destroying our own home!

We ask ourselves what we can do? There are many things we can do to relieve our earth from our carbon foot print. From recycling to planting trees, finding alternative energy and yes, even planting Milk Weed to keep the Monarch butterflies from becoming extinct.

We found this to be true here at the church.

Milk weed was planted a few years back and the reason we planted it was because the Monarch Butterfly is an obligate feeder on milkweed. Monarchs always lay their eggs on the milkweed plant, and the larvae only develop on various species of this particular plant. The Milkweed is becoming extinct and in turn the Monarch Butterflies are in danger of becoming extinct.

I was fortunate to pick the pods off the Milk Weed and take them to the Jefferson Extension where the Pods are collected, then they are taken to the woods and planted.

It did my heart good this year to see all the Monarch Butterflies on the Milk Weed that we planted. I haven't seen that many Monarchs since I was a kid. I pray that we all keep trying a little harder to take care of the wonderful planet that we call home.

Besides, God means business, this is what the Bible tells us.

In Rev. 11:18 it says...

**¹⁸ The nations were angry,
and your wrath has come.**

**The time has come for judging the dead,
and for rewarding your servants the prophets and
your people who revere your name,
both great and small—
and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”**



**...preserve my life
according to your word.**

Psalm 119:37, NIV



What's happening in our Community



“Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime”

This is one of many reasons why we started the Garden Project at the Good Shepard Lutheran Church 876 Grove St, Conneaut, OH 44030. The garden is located in the Court Yard that is between the Fellowship Hall and the New Education building. It's a great way to encourage our young adults to garden, and it gives them a sense of accomplishment and enables them to interact with others that are interested in learning a lifelong skill.

Not only can we teach others how to garden, but we can also help feed the community.

There is a basket of vegetables to share on Sundays and whatever isn't taken will be given to our food pantry to serve the community.

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1, NRSV



We are looking for those who will come and share their knowledge to make this an ongoing community project. So please give us a call at (440) 599-8908 or stop by.

New crops will be planted soon for a late fall harvest and we could really use a few more helpers.

We are working on a Website to enable us to communicate with each other with news, ideas, gardening information and more. You will be kept informed on our progress.

Again, we are continually looking for expert advice, even thinking about different ways of planting, such as planting in straw and hydroponics.

Please join us! **There is always room for you!**



Volunteer Guardianship Program

*Patrick Sorohan Volunteer
Guardianship Program*

The Guardianship Program at Catholic Charities trains and utilizes community volunteers who agree to serve as guardians of person to county residents who are 60 or older, indigent, and lack available, appropriate family.

You will learn about:

- What is Guardianship of Person?
- What is the responsibility of a Guardian?
- How you can help an elderly person in your community.
- How does an individual become a volunteer guardian through Catholic Charities?



Next Informational Meeting: Tues. September 22, 2020

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

**Where: Virtual Gathering
Zoom Platform**

Link will be sent via email



**For more information or to register
contact:**

**Jeanne Myers, Barb Brotzman,
or Bill Daywalt
440-992-2121**

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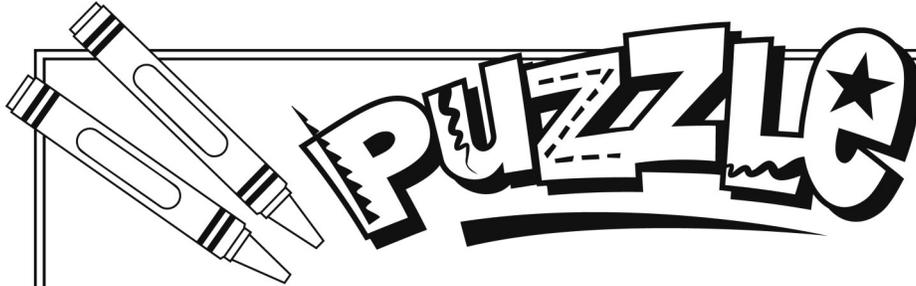
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Ashtabula County
Providing Help, Creating Hope
4200 Park Avenue, 3rd Floor
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004**

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A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water _____
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant _____
3. To plant _____
4. Sharp part of a plant _____
5. What is harvested. _____
6. To dry up and shrivel _____
7. Person who plants _____
8. The earth a plant grows in. _____

“But the 2 falling on good 8 refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a 5, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was 3 n.”

M A T T H E W 1 3 : 2 3 , N I V

Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow

September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:00pm Trustee Meeting	2 6:00pm WOW	3	4	5 8:30am Men's Group
6 9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE	7 	8 4:30pm Prayer Dinner Dee Ann Rich 6:00pm Education 7:15pm Membership	9 6:00pm WOW (Special Speaker Dee Ann Rich)	10 10:00am Prayer Breakfast & Bible Study With Dee Ann Rich	11	12 8:30pm Movie Night
13 9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE	14 10:00am Mission 11:30am Bible Study	15 6:00pm Finance Meeting	16 6:00pm WOW	17	18	19 8:30am Men's Group 1:30pm SPRC Zoom At the church
20 9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE	21 11:30am Bible Study	22 6:00pm AD Council Meeting	23 6:00pm WOW	24	25	26
27 LAITY SUNDAY 9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE	28 11:30am Bible Study	29	30 6:00pm WOW			



Jesus promised us in John 16: 33 that:
These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.
God is with us in every **season** of our life.

**DON'T BE A PRODUCT OF
STINKIN THINKIN
READ THE WORD
PRAISE THE LORD DAILY!**

