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Saybrook United Methodist Church

“People trying to live like Jesus”

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¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

1 Corinthians 13:12

As I finish up my first month as pastor of the Saybrook / Plymouth charge, and my 361st month of appointed ministry (or about 430 months since I started Seminary), I remember the words of wisdom spoken by the Dean of my seminary at a graduation service a few years before mine.... And mind you, this is a paraphrase.....

You come here filled with questions..... And now you leave with more questions than what you came with.....

Again, a paraphrase— but close to the meaning.... and what great words of wisdom.

And so it is with life.... And, our life with God.... Trust me, if you have not figured it out by now, your Pastor does not have all of the answers, but then neither does your spouse, your best friend, your child. But God does. Unfortunately God’s answers also are not cookie cutter answers, and so the same answer that fits for one will not necessarily fit for everyone. Yes, the ultimate answer is Jesus, but the situational answer may be different for me than it is for you.

In my first church, and I believe it was probably about my second or third wedding (long before I was married), at the end of our pre marital counseling sessions I asked the couple how the counseling was and if they got anything out of it. They both had very positive comments to say, but then the groom said..... “but I wish you had more answers....”

I responded by saying, “I do, I have the one perfect answer for every situation, *but* that one perfect answer is for me, not for you.” Each one of us have questions, and the more about life that we understand, the more about life we will realize that we don’t really understand all that much. *You come here filled with questions..... And now you leave with more questions than what you came with.....*

That is why at Plymouth I will be learning daily about the ministry and the people of Plymouth for a very long time..... and that is why I am still learning about the ministry and the people of Saybrook, even after 12 years. And that is why daily... DAILY, I turn to God.

And that is why daily I ask for forgiveness, from God, and from you. And that is why I constantly try to remember that these ministries are not my ministries... nor are they yours, but they are all God's, entrusted to us, to make a difference in the world, to encourage the Saints, to bring those who need to hear about God, closer to God, and most of all, to glorify Him. Do I fail? Daily! Will you? Absolutely. Will God use us anyway? If we let Him. Why?..... I came into ministry with a lot of questions. 35 years later I have had a lot of them answered..... but it does seem that I do have more today than when I started..... So I guess with all of that said, the best I can do is continue to be faithful, and continue to keep on trusting in Him.

Peace,
Jeff

Thank You to all for the Birthday wishes!!

Jeff



MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday August 28th we will have a drive in movie at the church parking lot. Snacks will be served at 7:30 PM and the movie will start at 8:00 PM. We cannot publish the movie name so please call the church office to find out what the movie is.



The Mission Committee is so humbled & grateful for all the support for the Christmas in July Bake Sale that goes toward the Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Mission.

Thank you, to all that baked, donated, purchased, prayed or helped in any way.



The proceeds of \$266.00 was raised from the Bake Sale and this helps cover the cost of postage and other purchases of Shoeboxes and \$60.00 was dedicated specifically for Shoeboxes. Plus last Sunday we had enough gifts given to fill 3 shoe boxes.

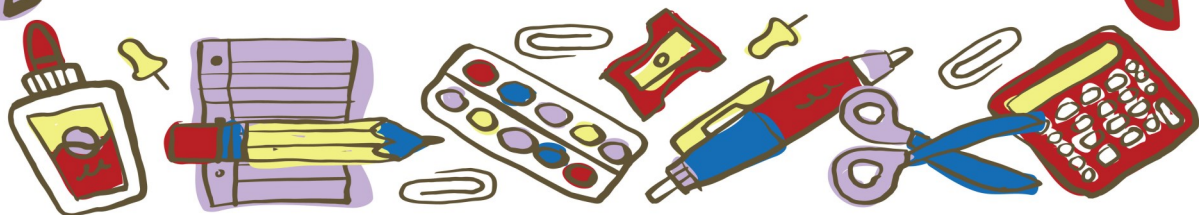
We are so blessed...

Lord "We are people trying to live like Jesus. Please keep us in your mercy.

The Mission Committee ❤️

SCHOOL SUPPLIES!!!

Yes the kids are going back to school and supplies are needed. We have a box for the supplies in the hallway of the church or you can bring them with you to the park and we will make sure they get where they belong. Every year you have been very generous so I thank you in advance for your generosity and love for our children and the community.



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, River,
Betty Hansen, Richard & Grace Arnold, Jim & Phyllis Wright, Mary Simmons,
Dean Moore, Howard Hewitt, Erik Pimentel, Kurt Brindley, Eva DeCamillo,
Roy Stiltner II, Linda Johnson, Betty Harting, Sherry & Ken Livingston,
Marilyn Lundquist, Sarrah Brown, Mary Lewis, Stoneman Family,
Harold & Lou Buck, Janet Renard, Jackie McKee, Jim McKee, Keith Youngberg,
Louise Ebetino, Ruth Falcione, Becky Reese, Karen Klimek, Nancy Garbo,
Barb Swiger, Karen May, Kelly Forren, Tom & Donna Orr, Sandra Wolff,
Michele Verdi, Debby Hood, Monna O'Connor, Lexi Leavitt, Justin Nelson,
Rick Arnold, Bonnie Pillars, Bob Josson, Randy Lambert, Lisa Buck,
Virgil Hammonds, Lisa (Davis), Pete Teston, Rick Hopkins, Debbie Eckart,
Gary Munson, Jeff Nelson, Trish Stanford, Bill, Tricia, Tom & Donna Orr,
Becky & Bill

Our Presence

Church Service Attendance
July 4 - 61
July 11 - 68
July 18 - 72
July 25 - 64

Our Gifts

Offerings & Income
Expenses
Deficit

Stewardship Update Year to Date (June 30th)

\$ 66,608.79
\$-87,351.37
\$ -20,742.58

You are Cordially invited to attend the Saybrook UMC Worship Service at 8:30am on Sunday Mornings at the Saybrook Township Park.

God created a beautiful place to meet and worship.

We provide the Coffee and Donuts.

The Taize service is held at the church every Wed. morning from 9:00am-5:30pm with Communion at the rail.

On Wednesday nights at the church is our Worship on Wednesday Service that begins at 6:00pm-7:00pm

and Our Witness

Some Thoughts from Betty

I've been forwarding the Ashtabula County Community Action's Newsletter titled "411-211", to the Congregation via email, because it's full of important vital resources for the Community. Such as Summer Meals for Kids, Summer Food Giveaways, Mobile Food Pantries., Frozen Meat Distributions, Back to School Give-a-Ways, resources for Education, Where the Co-Vid Vaccines are given. Sources for those who would like to volunteer to help with upcoming events to help others that are in need.

This Newsletter has helped many people over the years. It even helped me. I found out about the Weatherization Program and I was eligible. You might not personally need help, but there are many people who do. Even Jesus told us to help the poor. A major message of Jesus Christ is that humanity should do all that it can to help the poor. Whether it be in this Country or another.

Luke 6:20-21 Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.'

Matthew 25:34-36 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Luke 14:12-14 He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Luke 11:39-42 Then the Lord said to him, 'Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You fools! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you. But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and herbs of all kinds, and neglect justice and the love of God.'

There are many, many more verses that stress the fact that we must help the poor Jesus Christ is perfect with the love and humanity that he showed and still shows. We say we're people that want to be like Jesus, if you're not, what are you waiting for?

The Plymouth UMC

As most of you know our Pastor Jeff is also leading the Plymouth church. The Plymouth church has a food give a way the First and 3rd Monday of the month. If you would like to help out please be there around 3:00pm. If you know anyone that could benefit and are 200 percent under the poverty level please spread the word and let them know that they can just drive up and the boxes will be placed in their car between 3:30-6:00pm. They are also in need of plastic bags for the give a way. We are collecting the bags at the church so if you have extra please send them our way.

2021 Federal Poverty Level for the 48 Contiguous States (Annual Income)

# of Persons	100%	133%	138%	150%	200%
1	\$12,880	\$17,130	\$17,774	\$19,320	\$25,760
2	\$17,240	\$23,169	\$24,040	\$26,130	\$34,840
3	\$21,960	\$29,207	\$30,305	\$32,940	\$43,920
4	\$26,500	\$35,245	\$36,570	\$39,750	\$53,000
5	\$31,040	\$41,283	\$42,835	\$46,560	\$62,080
6	\$35,580	\$47,321	\$49,100	\$53,370	\$71,160
7	\$40,120	\$53,360	\$55,366	\$60,180	\$80,240



We are looking for someone with a truck or comparable vehicle that is equipped with a 2" ball, that can Haul our church trailer to the Saybrook TWP by 7am and back after service on Sunday mornings. This is a shared responsibility so you wouldn't have to do this every Sunday. If you can help out, please call Tom Stern at 440-650-6162. *Thank you and God Bless*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The moral state of our culture has many challenges right now - insensitivity to the plight of others, disregard for life, and intolerance of differing viewpoints to name just a few. So many members of our society lack any solid spiritual connection with God or with Jesus Christ. A recent Gallop poll showed that less than half of all Americans consider themselves to be Christians or have any connection with a Christian church. More and more of our neighbors live their lives without any relationship with God or any consideration of what happens after death. Psalm 85:6 asks, "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?"

During the last year, the Holy Spirit has been nudging me to organize a Christian Revival here in Harpersfield. After further prayer and discernment, and after discussing the idea with others, we decided to proceed and scheduled the revival for Saturday, October 2, 2021. The revival will be held at Harpersfield United Methodist Church's outdoor pavilion.

You are invited to attend an organizational meeting about the revival on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Harpersfield United Methodist Church. The involvement and collaboration of local pastors and churches are critical for success. I am asking that your pastor and church join us in this effort by praying fervently that the Holy Spirit will move in our local churches and the community in order to lead us in a spiritual awakening and revival.

If you have any questions, please contact me. My contact information is set forth below. Thank you in advance for your prayers, involvement, and spiritual support of this revival.

In His Service,

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Church Office Phone: (440) 466 – 4778 (may leave message)



This
Month's
 Anniversaries
 & Birthdays

1	Hunter Loudermilk	18	Norma Lambert
1	Korey Stoneman	19	Mary Lee Verdi
2	Jeff & Sue Nelson	19	Carol Hammonds
2	Celeste Wagner	20	Audrey Loudermilk
3	Pat Sovine	21	Larry & Kimberly Stoneman
5	Paul Miklos	21	Trish Stanford
9	Delilah Butler	23	Mary Platt
10	Hunter Stiltner	23	Michael & Joanne Prickett
10	Emilee Williams	23	Beth Sasso
11	Ed Gray	23	Tabitha Garrod
11	Bill Swanson	24	Karen Keesler
12	Ken & Myrna Osten	25	Brian MacNaughton
16	Scott Solomon	26	Cheryl McLaren
17	Serenity Schaade	31	Kathy Ring



August 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Communion 8:30am Worship at the Saybrook TWP	2 10:00am Mission	3	4 4:00pm VBS 6pm WOW	5	6	7 8:30 Men's Group Saybrook TWP
8 8:30am Worship at the Saybrook TWP	9 6:30pm Trustee	10 6:30pm Education	11 6pm WOW	12	13	14
15 8:30am Worship at the Saybrook TWP	16	17 6pm Finance & Council	18 6pm WOW	19	20	21 8:30 Men's Group Saybrook TWP
22 8:30am Worship at the Saybrook TWP Membership Meeting After Service	23	24	25 6pm WOW	26	27	28 7:30 Movie Night
29 8:30am Worship at the Saybrook TWP	30	31				

Puzzle!

Search for words found in Romans 8.

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Abba	elect	Jesus	adoption
family	justifies	angels	firstborn
Lord	bondage	flesh	love
called	freedom	peace	Christ
fruits	powers	condemnation	glorified
predestined	conquerors	good	purpose
creation	hardship	redemption	decay
died	intercedes	Spirit	heart



No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.



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|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ bear | 9. ___ monkey | A. fry | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog | 10. ___ platypus | B. fawn | K. foal |
| 3. ___ owl | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet |
| 4. ___ horse | 12. ___ giraffe | D. cub | M. puggle |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose | E. kid | N. joey |
| 6. ___ deer | 14. ___ swan | F. cygnet | O. polliwog |
| 7. ___ goat | 15. ___ dog | G. infant | P. puppy |
| 8. ___ fish | | H. calf | |

“ ₁on’t let any ₂ne ₃oo ₄ down o ₅ you ₆eca ₇us
 you ₈re youn ₉, but set an exa ₁₀ple for the bel ₁₁evers
 in spec ₁₂, in ₁₃onduct, in love, in ₁₄aith and in ₁₅urity.”

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

Answer: D, O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, I, H, C, F, P

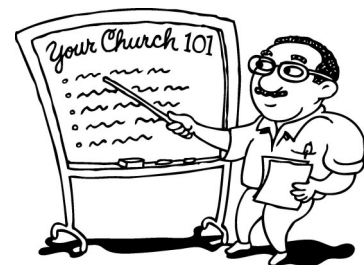


We are tentatively planning a Birthday party potluck for rally day September 12th.

We will be eating outside if weather permits.

Please contact Amy or Cheryl if you are interested in hosting a birthday month table.

Please contact the church office if you would be interested in being a member of Saybrook United Methodist Church and would like to take Membership classes in the fall.



Membership Class