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“People trying to live like Jesus”

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....In case your were wondering...

This morning we were on line for our, if my math is correct, 57th Sunday morning worship. We never missed a Sunday of worship during all of the pandemic. And then, if you add on to that Good Friday Cross Processionals, Maundy Thursday Services, Christmas Eve Services, Watch Night Services, Summer WOW Services and a few Zoom funeral services, we made a fairly good sized foot print for a not so huge of a congregation..... And in addition to that we are still sponsoring 2 AA groups which slowed down some, but still continued to meet, a Cub Scout Pack, a BSA Troop and Girl Scout Troop (all participating in their own Scout Sunday celebrations), and we adopted both Christmas and Easter families during those seasons of celebrations. We studied “The Will of God” in the fall, how “God Came Near” during Advent, the “Psalms” during Lent, and are about to embark on a study of “Heaven” in early May. Some of the studies were live, but most were by Zoom, and the Zoom ones were multi-state (welcome home Sharyn). This Spring we will also be holding a new members class featuring the teachings of “Chuck Knows Church”.

Our building has been open just about everyday Monday through Friday from about the second week of the beginning of the pandemic, with a meditative Taize service being offered all day long on Wednesday, and Open Communion being offered any time the building has been opened, again, Monday through Friday for anyone who just needed a moment to sit and pray. Bill is daily in the Sanctuary, and the pews are being sanitized. And although, due to restrictions by hospitals, nursing homes, and other powers that be, phone calls have been made to check in on folks, thanks especially to our new lay leader

Cheryl McLaren. Outside the church, the Pastor has been working with the County Prayer Breakfast Committee, while also enlisting Nick to help get us on line for the May 7th event. Pastor has also has been involved with Ashtabula Ministerial Association, helping to organize the Community Easter Morning Sunrise Service, and with the local United Methodist Compass Group.... With both these groups, touching base UM-wise and ecumenically to see how the other churches locally are dealing with the pandemic.

The bottom line, most churches are somewhat back to sort of gathering together, but not all..... We are blessed with our people and our technology. We have had some bumps in the road, but our God is good, and in the midst of all of this we have learned, and we have grown. Where there was a brick wall, we have learned to climb, and we have learned to depend upon the gifts and graces of one another.

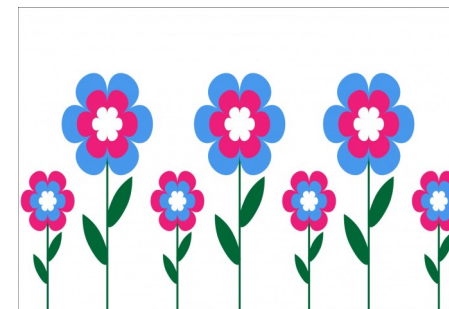
When will things get completely back to “normal”? My prediction..... NEVER! I think we will forever be online. We will minister to folks in California, Massachusetts, North Carolina.... And when our folks go south or west for the winter, they can stay in touch with us through worship and our studies.

And among our own, we are finding people with new gifts, that God can use in new and exciting ways. And we are finding new ways to help us worship. And we are finding, our faith is stronger than the obstacles that Satan places in front of us, if only we choose to trust in God, and we choose not to be defeated.

*¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.
I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.
John 10:10*

Peace!

Jeff



FLOWERS.....

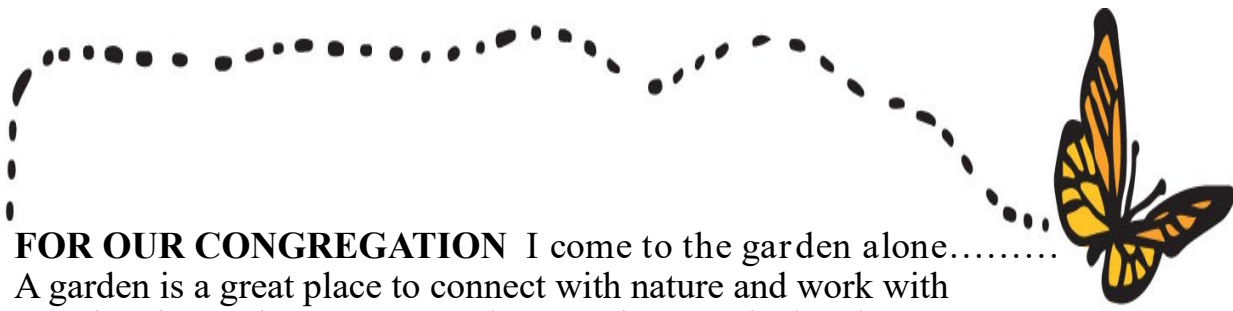
PLEASE BE ON THE LOOK OUT (EMAIL OR CALL EM ALL) TO JOIN US IN PURCHASING AND **PLANTING FLOWERS FOR MEMORIAL DAY.**



**THANK YOU FOR BRINGING IN YOUR USED PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES TO THE CHURCH FOR RECYCLING!
NOT ONLY IS IT BETTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, BUT WE RECEIVED \$22.30 FOR WHAT I JUST SENT IN.
THE BOX FOR THE USED CARTRIDGES IS LOCATED IN THE HALLWAY ON THE TABLE.
*TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!***



***Memorial Day Observance will be at
8:30 am May 31st.
At the Saybrook Cemetery.
There will be no parade this year.***



FOR OUR CONGREGATION I come to the garden alone.....

A garden is a great place to connect with nature and work with your hands. It's been proven to be very therapeutic and even more important it's a great opportunity to talk and reconnect with God. Not just individuals, but Family groups are welcome to come and work side by side safely. However, we are looking for at least 7 core people to cover all 7 days of the week to take turns helping and coordinating our garden needs throughout the year. Our goal is to provide fresh vegetables for everyone involved or in need. The shut Ins and for our Community Food Give-a-Ways. We can't do it alone. Volunteers are needed to pitch in and get started around May 1st. The soil needs mulched then tilled up. Jeff Nelson tills it up the garden area every year and cleans it in the fall so we are very fortunate to have him. Now we have to lay some compost down then till it up before we begin.

Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering so we know what we can do, because we can't do it without you!

(If you want to start seedlings at home and bring them in to plant that would be awesome!)



..from the back of the discussion guide.....

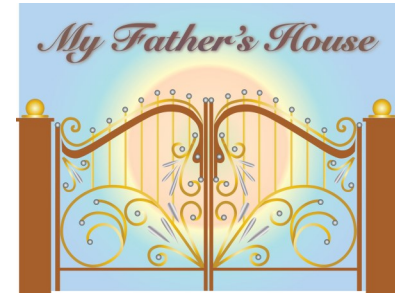
Have you ever wondered. . .

What is Heaven really going to be like?

What will we look like?

What will we do?

Won't Heaven get boring after a while?



We all have questions about what Heaven will be like. This Small Group Discussion Guide encourages groups to picture Heaven the way Scripture describes it — a bright, vibrant, and physical New Earth, free from sin, suffering, and death, and brimming with Christ's presence, wondrous natural beauty, and the richness of human culture as God intended it.

DISCUSSION GUIDE: Based on Randy Alcorn's books about Heaven, this Small Group Discussion Guide is designed to highlight five purposes for successful small groups: fellowship, discipleship, ministry, evangelism, and worship. It includes 7 sessions, FAQs, reflection pages, leader notes, and personal assessments to chart and track spiritual growth.

DVD COMPANION: The DVD includes 7 video sessions taught by Randy Alcorn, small group leader tips, worship songs, and bonus footage featuring Bishop George McKinney and Raul Ries.

"God has put eternity in our hearts. This group discussion guide will help bring eternity to light in a way that will surprise you, spark your imagination, and change how you live today." —Randy Alcorn

The discussion guide is available from Amazon for \$9.99. Rev. Jeff can order it for you if you do not have "Amazon Prime". Make your checks out to SUMC. We will be meeting on Zoom on Mondays for 7 sessions, beginning May 10, taking Memorial Monday off, at 11:30 a.m.

If you would like the link call the office or contact Rev. Jeff at sumc4prayers@gmail.com.

Also, if you like to meet at a different time (some evening?) use the same method of communication.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Dear Supporter of the Concerts of Prayer,

The 2021 Concerts of Prayer "Breakfast" is scheduled!

The ACCP board is pleased to announce that we will be able to meet "virtually" this year. We will utilize Facebook live and YouTube to bring you this year's event! In addition, there is a list of Partner worship sites in this letter. These sites will welcome attendees in person. We are hoping that through these methods we will be spiritually and literally breaking bread together.

MEETING DATE: May 7th, 2021

TIME: 7am

Log In: on our Webpage www.prayersforashtabulacounty.com

The featured speaker for 2021 will be Robert Brooks, Athletes in Action Regional Director and Chaplain for the Cleveland Browns. Robert has spent most of his life bringing young men and women to Christ through athletics. Please copy this link into your browser for more information on Robert Brooks—

<https://give.cru.org/0578755>

ON SITE WORSHIP PARTNERS:

- Eagleville Bible Church, 1981 OH-45, Rock Creek, OH 44084
- New Leaf United Methodist Church, no Gateway Ave, Conneaut, OH 44030
- Saybrook United Methodist Church, 7900 Depot Rd, Ashtabula, OH 44004
- First United Methodist, 181 S Main St, Andover, OH 44003

If you would like to contribute to the event costs, please mail any donations to: ACCP, P.O. Box 925 Ashtabula, OH 44004.

We are excited and look forward to joining you all in corporate and community prayer on May 7th, 2021.

Yours in Christ,
Bruce M. Schlosser
ACCP Board President



COMMUNITY DINNER

I am pleased to announce that Donald Clugh has volunteered to cook the Community Dinner for May 20th. At 5:00pm. The main course will be Pulled Pork Sandwiches and the rest to be announced.



Because of the virus we will have to take safety precautions.

This will be a drive up in the parking lot behind the church, we will bring your dinner to your car, and you must R.S.V.P. so we know how much to make.

Just call the church office and let me know your name, phone number and how many dinners you would like to pick up. If I'm not there to answer the phone, please leave a message and I'll make sure you are on the list. There will be a box on the right side of the parking lot when you enter if you would like to make a contribution toward your dinner.

Praise God and Kudos to Chef Donald for volunteering!

If you would like to visit Betty Hansen at the Maplewood in Chardon call the facility at 440-332-4640. Maplewood is allowing visitors at 1/2 hour intervals but you will have to call to make an appointment. I'm sure she would love to see her friends.

Monna O'Connor is at the Jefferson Healthcare Center at 222 East Beech St. Jefferson Oh. Room 412. She is doing well, in quarantine for 14 days, but a few cards would really cheer her up!

Debby Hood is at the Saybrook Lantern 3720 N Ridge Rd W, Ashtabula, OH 44004. I'm sure she would love to hear from you.

Harold Buck is at the Country Club Rehabilitation Campus at 925 E 26th St, Ashtabula, OH 44004. Hopefully not for long, but again cards to put a smile on his face and prayers for fast recovery.



ACMC is taking walkins for the Co-Vid Vaccine on Thursdays and Saturdays, or you can sign up on MYCHART. Please call ACMC for further information.



and Our Witness

WORD FOR TODAY!

“HUMILITY”

Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.

Rick Warren

hu·mil·i·ty
freedom from pride or arrogance :
the quality or state of being **humble** accepted
the honor with **humility**
The ordeal taught her **humility**.

There are times in our lives we need not be a leader but a follower. We might think we know everything at times, but in reality we don't. Have you ever known a Mr. Know It All? Not fun to be around is he?

God has taught me many lessons in my life and one of them is to be humble. I still struggle with it at times and it's not easy eating crow, but it happens to all of us sooner than later.

God started this lesson with me years ago. When I was a very young girl my mother always told me not to ride my bike on the sidewalk. We lived on Rt.20 and we had a dirt driveway and all I wanted was to be able to ride on the cement, free and easy. Well, little Betty thought she knew everything and the temptation was very great and she took off on her bicycle figuring she knew more than her mother, **I mean what was the harm in it? I can ride like the wind!!!!**

Boy, I was flying down that sidewalk with no fear or humility, but suddenly I hit a rock with my front tire and the bike flipped right in the road. I will never forget how scared I was. I looked up and a car was headed right toward me. I never moved so fast in my life and I was able to get to the side of the road before the car hit me. You can probably figure out what happened after that. Yes, I **walked** my bike home. As soon as I got back to the house I ran crying and told my Mom what I had done and I promised not to ever do it again. I prayed and thanked God that I wasn't killed and yes, I ate crow that day, but I learned a valuable lesson. We don't know everything and we never will. If I had only humbled myself and realized someone else knew better than I did, this would have never happened. I had gained wisdom just like Gods word said in

Proverbs 11:2

*When pride comes then comes disgrace,
but with humility comes wisdom.*



Always be Humble and Kind



On May 30th we will welcome new members into our church family. We will be holding membership classes virtually using CHUCK KNOWS CHURCH. The classes will start soon. These classes are open to anyone who wants to learn more about The United Methodist Church and fellowship with our new members. Any questions contact Pastor Jeff or church office for starting date and times for classes.



*Anniversaries
and Birthdays*

1	Angelique Schaade
1	Everett Craft
2	Hannah Stiltner
2	Jennifer Stumbo
5	Gary Munson
3	Jim Stanford
7	Julie Hanneman
8	Edward & Linda Gray
9	Myrna Osten
13	Dean Moore
14	Cyndi Lemke
17	Brad Schaade
18	Karen Ensell
20	Larry Stoneman
20	Judy Richards
22	Sheri Leavitt
22	Lloyd & Judy Richards
23	Pam Whelan
24	Ruth Ann Falcione
24	Jorja Schaade
26	Rita Wilkinson
26	Keith Youngberg
27	Pauline Loveland
29	Marilynn Wenner
30	Barry Palmer
30	Ethan Fox



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

Our Prayers

On Going Prayer Concerns

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, Carol Loudermilk, Richard & Grace Arnold, Jim & Phyllis Wright,
Mary Simmons, Dean Moore, Howard Hewitt, Erik Pimentel, Kurt Brindley,
Eva DeCamillo, Rev. Scott Walsh, Roy Stiltner II, Donna Juras, Linda Johnson,
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, Mark & Family, Juli, Rita, Mary Lewis,
Stoneman Family, Jim Wright, Judy, John & Laura Morgan, Edie Warren,
Harold & Lou Buck, Janet Renard, Korey Stoneman, Cathy Morgan, Mat Sobolewski,
Sandy Mead, Rick Arnold, Erik & Heather Peterson, Keith Davidson, Jackie McKee,
Mark DiBell, Bradley, Alex Gonzalez, Joel, Nellie, Brent, Aiden, Alex & Family,
Mary Ann Gage, Jud Palmer, Dave, Mel & Family, Jerri Shultz, Patrick Zoblefin,
Jim McKee, Shawn & Gerry, David & Family, Maryilyn,
Keith Youngberg, Landon, Scott & Colleen, Howard, Alex, Louise Ebetino, Michelle,
Sue, Sheila, Ron & Joyce Shelestak & Family, Ruth Falcione, Larry & Laura,
Becky Reese, John, John Dean, Karen Klimek, Virginia Harris
Barb Swiger, Karen May, Ron & Charmaine Smith & Family,
Ken Elliott, Kris, Kelly Forren, Debbie Johnson, Tom & Donna Orr, Sheila,
The Family of Jim Coach, Tim Berg, Sandra Wolff, Michele Verdi,
Bill & Debbie Forren, Bill, and unspoken Debby Hood, Monna O'Connor,
Dillon Glick, Josie & Family, Christa, Lexi Leavitt, Liz, Christa,
The Family of Virginia Harris

Our Gifts

Stewardship Update

Year to Date as of 03/31/2021

General Budget	\$29,875.88
Expenses	-\$43,563.56
Deficit	-\$13,686.88



Our Service

Now that the weather is nice again, we will be holding Sunday Morning Services in the Parking Lot at 9:30am. As well as live on utube. You can go to our facebook for the link or receive an email with the link attached.

Of course the Sanctuary is open to those who would like to come in.

You are also invited to stop by on Wednesday's from 9-5 for Taize and Communion on the Rail & at 6:00 is the WOW Service



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES

WORSHIP ON WEDNESDAY IS BACK!

Every Wednesday at 6:00pm.

Please join us for some Contemporary music with our own Jimmy Fuller and Pastor Jeff preaching the good word. Keep your lawn chair with you, because if weather permits we could be outside for service.

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