

Women's Fellowship



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
FALL GATHERING AT THE
MENTOR UMC**

**OCTOBER 16TH. FROM
10:00PM—1:00PM
LUNCH \$7.00/PERSON**

Subject will be Transforming Lives Renewing hope for our Children.
Money donated will go to the West Side Community House

The Deadline for this event is October 8th. If you would like to attend please see Karen Keesler for more information.



Circuit Rider

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"People trying to live like Jesus"
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*From the
Pastor*

²⁷ Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he

asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸ And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

If you have been in my office you will notice a lot of "stuff". There are Puppets, and Minions, candle making equipment, books.... Lots of books (I am my Mother, the English teacher's son), and lots of Sermon and Story illustration items. Things like a gumball machine and a jar filled with rice and walnuts. There is a vase filled with drying palm leaves and a "crystal ball". And, there is the little traffic cone that you see pictured above. When people see it... it is small and tends to blend in, but when they



see it, and read it, they usually laugh..... because they can usually relate.... as I can, which is why I bought it years ago.

How often have we in exasperation shouted out..... Oh No... Not Another Learning Experience!!!! Especially in this past year and a half..... There have been too many learning experiences. In our lives there seems to be just one learning experience after another. Just when it seems that we have a life event mastered (or at least under control) another one pops up.... And so it is in the Bible, one lesson after another. And we read through the entire 66 books and you think you have it all down, and then begin reading again, and you get a new understanding, because in your life, you're now at a different place, with a new understanding.

The above scripture is one of my favorites, where Jesus asks the disciple who they thought He was, and Peter jumped up and said the Messiah.... And patted himself on the back thinking he answered well..... and he did..... but he didn't quite understand exactly what was meant by the word "Messiah". He was thinking the old, what he learned in Hebrew School definition of Messiah, but not the Jesus understanding of who Jesus was called to be. Peter, in time learned.

I have been preaching from the same Bible for 31 years.... And it, the Bible, has not changed. I have used different translations from time to time, but the Bible itself has not changed.... but I have, and the world has. And I have learned, in order to reach new generations and neighbors that in many areas that I need to love more, forgive more, and be filled with grace more. And sometimes, when I read a passage, I think, well, that's not what it said the last time I read it.... But God in these past 31 years.....

Or maybe these last 64 years God has encouraged me to grow... in grace and in wisdom. A funny concept wisdom. It's not a constant. You don't reach a point and you're done. Most professionals I believe, are required to take some type of continuing education classes. I know teachers do. Katie as a nurse does. And each year in my annual report I have to report to the District Superintendent what I have been doing for my continuing education. Hopefully not just to gain knowledge, but to gain some wisdom.... But again, here with wisdom... I looked it up: *The word wisdom is mentioned 222 times in the Hebrew Bible. It was regarded as one of the highest virtues among the Israelites along with kindness and justice. Both the books of Proverbs and Psalms urge readers to obtain and to increase in wisdom.*

I read something the other day.... This is a paraphrase... but close..... Why does God allow trouble to happen everyday? So everyday we have a reason to turn to Him. And I suppose, so He has just one more way in presenting a lesson in order to help us to grow..... Wiser.... And closer to Him.

OH NO, NOT ANOTHER LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Peace,
Jeff

October 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 8:30AM Men's Group
3 World Communion Bread for the World Sunday 9:30 Worship Service	4 10:00- 11:00am Cleaning the Kitchen	5 Zoom 12:30 Bible Study 6:00pm Trustee Meeting	6 9:00-5:30pm Taize & Communion 5pm SPRC Conference 6:00pm WOW	7	8	9 4-5pm Swiss Steak Dinner
10 9:30 Worship Service	11	12 7:15pm Member- ship	13 9:00-5:30pm Taize & Communion 6:00pm WOW	14	15	16 8:30AM Men's Group
17 9:30 Worship Service	18	19	20 9:00-5:30pm Taize & Communion 6:00pm WOW	21	22	23
24 9:30 Worship Service	25	26 Zoom 12:30 Bible Study 6:00pm Education Meeting	27 9:00-5:30pm Taize & Communion 6:00pm WOW	28	29	30 10:15am Music & Worship
31 9:30 Worship Service			Girl Scouts Troop #80232 Meet on Designated Tues. 	Troop #52 Boy Scouts Meet on Mondays BSA Troop #52 Meet at 7pm on Wed.	AA Meet Sundays & Tuesdays at 7:00pm	

The Very Best Pastor Appreciation

by Paul Berchtold, August, 2010

This poem, Pastor, is just for you,
We want to give our best,
But wait 'til heaven, wait 'til heaven,
The place of happy rest.

Today it's time to decorate
To thank you is our duty,
But wait 'til heaven, where you'll see,
Most brilliant stunning beauty.

Today we're here to say our thanks,
With voices loud and fervent,
But wait 'til heaven, when you hear,
Well done, good faithful servant.

Today we're pleased to honor you,
Recite some poetry with charm.
But wait 'til heaven when you feel,
God's gentle loving arm.

Today we'll even try to sing,
A hymn, a song, a melody,
But wait 'til heaven, you'll float away,
When angels sing in harmony.

Today we'd like to hug and kiss you,
Give you big embraces,
But wait 'til heaven when God showers,
The biggest of His graces.

Today we celebrate with food and drink,
A feast for you, our Pastor,
But wait till heaven when you join,
The banquet of the Master.

Today we bring a gift or two,
The best we can afford,
But wait 'til heaven to receive,
An eternal reward.

Today we take a little break,
You work with zeal and zest.
But wait 'til Heaven to enjoy,
Forever Peace and rest.

Today is passing, we're growing old,
This life grows wearisome,
Let's all remember time will end,
The best is yet to come.

Today it's best we stop and pray,
Our prayers to God we send,
That He a special place reserve,
A place for you, dear friend.



OCTOBER Birthdays

- 2 JoAnn Dennis
- 2 Hannah McKee
- 3 Madison Schaade
- 4 Judy Hakundy
- 5 Mike Parks
- 7 Brent Osten
- 8 Mary Clugh
- 10 Bobbi Heil
- 10 Violet Bogush
- 12 Abbie Shaffer
- 13 Richard Arnold
- 13 Bobbi Brindley
- 13 Bridgett Stiltner
- 13 Lily Rapp
- 16 Jace Parks
- 17 Dennis Heil
- 17 Ron Smith
- 19 Cameron Leavitt
- 21 Monna O'Connor
- 22 Joyce Thompson
- 24 Cheryl Jossen
- 24 Donna Shiflet
- 27 Richard Clugh
- 29 Max Cobb
- 31 Mary Ann Gage



- 2 Dennis & Bobbi Heil
- 2 Gregory & Christine Lipscomb
- 6 Lenny & Diana Peterson
- 12 Paul & Sue Miklos
- 13 Rick & Sheri Leavitt

*Beyond all these things put on love,
which is the perfect bond of unity
Colossians 3:14*



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, Dean Moore, Howard Hewitt, Erik Pimentel, Kurt Brindley, Eva DeCamillo, Roy Stiltner II, Linda Johnson, Betty Harting, 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, Lisa Buck, Virgil & Carol Hammonds, Pete Teston, Rick Hopkins, Debbie Eckart, Bill, Tricia, Becky & Bill, Christopher, Gary Munson, Jeff Nelson, Melanie & Kim (Jo Dennis' Granddaughters), Diane, Stacey, Don Smith, Walt, Denise, Ron Melivaine, Griffin & Jacob Feiler, Charlene Hopkins, Donna Marushaks Family, Vicky, Vickie
Mike Greenwood

Our Gifts

Year to Date as of August 31, 2021

Offerings & Income	\$100,322.32
Expenses	<u>-\$118,814.95</u>
Total Deficit	<u>-\$18,492.63</u>



As of today, we have made giving donations easier!

You can now make donations through your Bank if you prefer.

We have set up an account for deposits **ONLY** through the **Andover Bank**.

The Routing Number is 041208719

Account Number is 1007037465

Our Service

Sunday Worship at 9:30
& Virtually on You Tube
9-5pm Open Taize & Communion on
Wednesdays and our WOW Service
Wednesdays at 6:00pm



Bible Study

THE ARMOR OF GOD via ZOOM

Call the office and let us know if you are interested in joining in.

The Bible Study will be on Tuesdays Beginning October 5th. At 12:30pm.

For more information please call the office or speak with Rev. Jeff.



We received a letter from the Saybrook Township Park Board thanking the Saybrook UMC for the planting and donating shrubbery and flowering plants in memory of Mel Dennis

The Board appreciates the efforts to beautify the park and also honor the memory of a prior Park manager.

A Special Thank You to Lloyd Richards, Chuck Davis and the Men's Group

12th Annual Bridge to Bridge Races
5K October 23, 2021
Half Marathon October 24th, 2021

Both races start and end in the Ashtabula Harbor, with the Half Marathon traveling 13.1 miles around the city and surrounding townships to the Smolen-Gulf Covered Bridge and back to finish at the Lift Bridge. Proceeds from this race helps provide scholarships to Ashtabula County student athletes and help with our Recovery program, Run for Your Life. Any Questions call Dawn Cragon at 440-812-8677 or ashtabuladistancerunners@gmail.com

Come out and cheer us on!!!



October 3rd. Is World Communion Sunday and Bread for the World



What is World Communion Sunday?

United Methodist congregations join many Christian churches across the globe for this celebration of unity.

On the first Sunday in October, United Methodist congregations join many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday.

World Communion Sunday began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1933. The Rev. Hugh Thompson Kerr and his congregation sought to demonstrate the interconnectedness of Christian churches, regardless of denomination. Rev. Kerr appropriately chose the sacrament of Holy Communion to symbolize this unity.

In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, which included all of the denominations of The United Methodist Church, adopted World-Wide Communion Sunday.

United Methodists believe in an open table, anyone may receive communion.

More information can be found at <https://www.umc.org/en/content/what-is-world-communion-Sunday>



Bread for the World—To End Hunger!

If you can...Bring a bread to donate and purchase someone else's. The Bread table will be set up by the parking lot on Sunday. All proceeds will go to Bread for the World! Thank you in advance for your donations.

breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.



October 24th. Is the kick off for the Samaritan Purse **Operation Christmas Child.**

Information on how to pack a shoe box, age group, and a list of items that you can pack are located just inside the church on the table. For more information please see Earline Stiltner or call us at 440-969-1562

FILL A SHOEBOX

and Our Witness



Some Thoughts
from Betty Cochran

Do you believe in coincidences? I used to before my faith grew. Oh I'm sure there are coincidences once in awhile, but I am a firm believer that God's Angels are all around us and that blessing do flow. The other day it rained really hard, I looked out my front door to see if I had any mail. Just then my cat ran on the porch and knocked my potted plant over onto the floor and broke the container it was in. Ugh.... what next? So I had to sweep off the front porch and try to save my plant. I came back into the house and stepped into a puddle of water. Now, I'm not in my living room much because my house work is normally everywhere but in the living room. The water went from one side of the room to the other. It was so bad that I used every towel I could find to clean it up because my mop just wasn't fast enough. Finally after the rain eased up I was able to open the old window and shut the storm window, which did the trick. What a mess I had going on! After it was all over and I was exhausted. Well on this particular day if it wasn't for the cat knocking down my potted plant and I being home from work, I would have not known for hours that the rain water was just dumping through my old window onto my living room floor. I paused and thanked God for watching out for me.

Coincidence, no, I don't believe so, I see it as blessing from above.

In Matthew 6:25-27 scripture tells me that God will take care of us and not to worry, he loves us!

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

The following prayer is from the MensGroup.org. I am sharing it with you because it hits the nail on the head. We are all here and we go through so much everyday, praise the Lord always!!!! Look to him for the strength and courage we need to handle our lives and he will.

Lord, our prayer is that you will guide us to realize your blessings of feeling peace and contentment. Help us to trust you in the crush of everyday life, to trust you to handle the challenges we face, and to let go of our own worries and fears. Amen.



For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
PSALM 91:11, ESV

SWISS STEAK DINNER

Carry - Out

Please call and pre-order

**Please Pick up @ Church between
4 /5pm**

Come Hungry --- Leave Full



Carry - outs (pick up)

1-440-969-1562

Saturday October 9th 2021

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Thank you from * Saybrook United
Methodist Church * 7900 South Depot
St. Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

Please pre- Order
Call the church 440-969-1562 or 440-346-0031

If there is no answer please
leave your name and number to
call back to place your order

Adults \$12.00

Children ages 12 -5 - \$8.00

Under 5 free

Swiss steak , Mashed potatoes,
Gravy, Applesauce, Veggies, & Pie



We need help in the kitchen preparing, cooking, slicing pies, placing food in containers, cleaning up and many more miscellaneous duties for the Swiss Steak Dinner. Please call Earline Stiltner if you are able to help.

Also, we are in need of Apple or Pumpkin Pies, There is a sign up sheet for those that can contribute or again, give Earline a call.

We will be practicing the Covid guidelines for safety in the kitchen and distribution.

Thank you and God Bless



Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County is having a **Blanket drive** and they invite you to collect new or lightly used & cleaned bed linens for our neighbors in need.

Items to collect:

*Twin, double and queen blankets

*Twin, double and queen sheets

*Crib blankets and sheets

Items can be dropped off at the Catholic Charities office Monday-Friday from 9-4pm. If you have any questions or

concerns, please call Angalica Gladney 440-992-2121- Ext. 7036
4200 Park Ave. 3rd. Floor Ashtabula

If you can't get to Catholic Charities, just drop them off at the church and I will be more than happy to take them for you. Thank you Betty

Christian Revival at the Harpersfield UMC Outdoor Pavilion Saturday October 2nd from 2-6pm Please keep the revival in prayer to lead others to Christ.

East Side Presbyterian Church 3440 Edgewood Drive, Ashtabula OH 440-993-7546 Annual Rummage & Bake Sale Friday, October 1st. From 8-4pm & Saturday, October 2nd at 9-1pm

Geneva Farmers' Market, Geneva UMC 89 South Broadway 9-1pm Every Saturday Rain or Shine till mid October