

Circuit Rider

Saybrook United Methodist Church

“People trying to live like Jesus”

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For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. [John 3:16](#) Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. [John 14:6](#) Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [Romans 10:9](#) Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” [John 3:3](#) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)

I must admit, technology at time still baffles and amazes me. There are two pictures above, two simple items.... That baffle and amaze me. The first one, on the left is my Kalahari wristband. This past week my family took a vacation, just a few short trips. The first one was an overnight stay to the Kalahari Water Park near Sandusky, and also near Milan, our Church appointment just before moving to Saybrook. Actually we were there when they first broke ground and we visited there at least once before moving back to the Ashtabula area. At that time Kalahari was in its infancy, but it has grown into a huge multi building complex. That’s not the part that fascinates me. The part that fascinates me is the wrist band. In my family each of us had a wristband, and it seems as though that wristband had some magical power. It got us into places.... Or at least the little elephant on the wrist band did. You waved it in front of our hotel room door, and the door opened. You waved it in front the

pool area, and you got in, or in front of the locker room area. It let you into places that others without the wristband could not get into. It even allowed us to charge things... up to \$50.... And we did. Just because we had that little wristband.

Saybrook Church has something like that now, but not as extensive. On my keychain I have a FOB. It only works on the parking lot door, but it sure is nice, especially on Sunday morning when I get to church early and my hands are full as I enter the building (with breakfast and other stuff), and, at that time of morning, I'm not yet ready to fully unlock the doors, so all I have to do is wave my FOB, and viola, I'm in. The unfortunate thing is, I have gotten a little spoiled and have begun to think.... Now wouldn't it be nice if my FOB opened my office door, or even all the other church doors with just a wave of my hand.

And then it got thinking theologically— *of course it did*. Easy access, we love it. But what about heaven. Some people love to make it so complicated, but Jesus made it the most simplest thing ever. One of my favorite verses, also referred to as the Bible in miniature is John 3:16: *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.* That's it in a nutshell. Believe in Him. In the love of the Father and the sacrifice of the Son, and receive it. There are so many that will try to convince you that it is so much more complicated than that, that there are so many other hoops that you have to jump through.... but from the mouth of Jesus Himself, Believe... and if you believe, truly believe, everything else will follow. You see, you can't work your way into heaven. You can't even try to be good enough. *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.* [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)

It's like when you receive Jesus, when you fully believe in him, it's like getting a new wristband that let's you not into some water park, with all those perks, but instead, into the most wonderful place imaginable, and better.

I am still amazed by the technology of my Kalahari wristband.... But even more so by the love God, The Father, and the Son, who provided a FOB to heaven, and the Holy Spirit who daily shows me the way.

Peace,
Jeff

P.S. An afterthought.... After we left Kalahari, my wrist band expired, and not longer worked... but my belief in Jesus, well that will take me through eternity.....

June 22 WOW Service, The Gospel According to Paradox.....

It is hoped that Paradox will make one final appearance at Saybrook United Methodist on Wednesday, June 22 during the WOW service. He will need a small choir for one song, so if you are interested be here for a short practice on Wednesday June 15, following WOW.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

1 **Kent & Norma Lambert**
1 Jim Smith
2 Gerald Klimek
2 William Nagle
2 Alex Richmond
2 Joleen Sundquist
3 Amy (Loudermilk) Powell
3 **Jim & Phyllis Wright**
3 Rob & RoseMary Wright
5 Brad Loudermilk
7 Tristen Gilbert
7 Julia Martello
7 Donna Orr
11 Joanne Prickett
13 Andrew McKee
14 **Deborah Munson**
16 Milan Conrad
17 Earline Stiltner
19 **Ron & Charmaine (Smith**
22 Thomas Loveland
23 Anna Maxwell
25 Dale Mihocko
25 Jill Mihocko
25 **Dale & Jill Mihocko**
25 Sharon Youngberg
26 Jeff Nelson
26 Rob Kleps
27 Janette Davis
28 **Gerald & Karen Klimek**

28 Daniel Verdi
29 Virgil Hammonds
30 Shelley DiDonato
30 Kathleen Osten



If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.” 1 Cor. 13:1-3



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, River, Betty Hansen, Richard & Grace Arnold, Jim & Phyllis Wright, Dean Moore, Howard Hewitt, Erik Pimentel, Kurt Brindley, Eva DeCamillo, Roy Stiltner II, Linda Johnson, Sarrah Brown, Mary Lewis, Stoneman Family, Jackie McKee, Jim McKee, Keith Youngberg, Louise Ebetino, Chuck Ebetino, Ruth Falcione, Becky Reese, Karen Klimek, Barbara Swiger, Karen May, Kelly Forren, Tom & Donna Orr, Monna O'Connor, Justin Nelson, Rick Arnold, Lisa Buck, Virgil & Carol Hammonds, Debbie Eckart, Gary & Debbie Munson, Ron Mclivaine, Charlene Hopkins, Mike Greenwood, Marilyn Wenner, Kathy Feiler, Ken Elliot, Dixie & Larry Leggett, Christy, Cheryl McLaren, Billy Hudson, Janice, Bob M, Jim, Joyce, Rich, Vicky, Sue Hogan, Robin Nagle, Lou Buck, Christa, Mike & Jennifer, Fred, Bill, Bill Swanson, Autumn Wright, Rose Wright, Edie Ann, Denny & Bobbi Heil, Diane (Swiger), Chuck & Janette Davis, Lloyd & Judy Richards, Jeff & Sue Nelson, Don & Mary Clugh, Betty Cochran



Our Gifts

Stewardship Update

Year to Date as of 04/30/2022

General Budget	\$56,807.46
Expenses	<u>-\$70,359.22</u>
Deficit	-\$13,551.76

GROWTH FUND

This fund isn't talked about much, but it is very important for the upkeep of the Church. Rev Joe Platt started the fund many years ago. He figured if you gave \$5.00 extra every Sunday to the Growth Fund we would have money on hand to make necessary purchases, like the Chair Lift, or much needed repairs without going into debt. Just like home, the church is in need of necessities. So if you find it in your hearts to give, please keep the growth fund in mind.

God Bless

Our Service at the
Saybrook

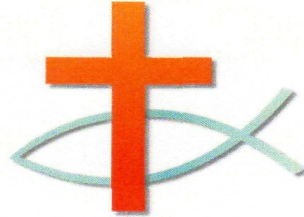
Township
Park

The Saybrook UMC will be holding Church Services on Sunday's at the Saybrook Township Park!
For those of you who aren't familiar:
The address is 5941 Lake Rd W,
Ashtabula, OH 44004

Come early and enjoy each others company over Coffee & Doughnuts
Elton's Bell rings at 8:20am & Service Begins at 8:30am
Bring your lawn chair or you can sit at the pavilion



The Plymouth UMC will have
Worship Service at 9:45
Beginning in June until Labor Day



LIVESTREAM

WE WILL STILL BE LIVE ON
U-TUBE SUNDAY
MORNINGS. YOU CAN LINK IN
THRU OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR
OUR WEBSITE

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



Come Worship together and enjoy the Beauty of the park and the Lake that God has made.

Our Witness

From the Desk of *Betty Cochran*

I prayed like I always do before I started to write this and this in itself is a God Sighting, a God Happening, A God's Wink. Whatever you want to call it, I have learned to find evidence of God Sightings, just like the children will learn to do in Vacation Bible School this year.

I have learned to spot them easier and easier as the years go by.

For instance; Again, I went on Vacation to see my Grandson in Texas. On the way home, I spotted a lady on the shuttle you had to take at the Dallas Airport to the Gate to catch the plane. She looked lost just standing there. She asked me if she was on the right shuttle for the C gate and I told her she was in the right spot and to hang on because she would get jerked backwards as soon as the shuttle took off. After we got off, I told her good bye and went my separate way.

I sat down and right in back of me she was there again and we started talking. She asked me if I was a Christian and I told her yes and she said she became a Christian 40 years ago and she going to visit her sister in Cleveland. Then she asked me what line I was in when we had to line up to go into the plane. I was 7 and she was 4. Then she asked me what seat I

was in and guess what!!!! Yes, my seat was right next to hers. That my friend was a God Happening!!! We were so happy to have found each other, talked for about an hour and it felt like I've known her forever. Her name is Peri! And the other God happening, is me typing up this newsletter and reading about what the children will learn in VBS. Through God this gave me the idea of what to write in this article.

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME

If this wasn't a God Happening then I don't know what is. Can you see them all around you? Take a good look! I bet you can!



*"Love does
no wrong to
a neighbor; therefore,
love is the fulfilling
of the law."* Romans 13:10, NRSV



2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Saybrook United Methodist Church is inviting children to Rocky Railway VBS where kids will discover that Jesus' power pulls us through!

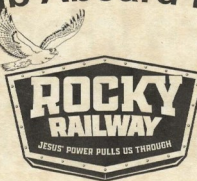
Kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, engage in fun snack-eating experiences, and take part in one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures.

Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

Rocky Railway is for kids from preschool to 6th grade and will run from 5:30pm to 8pm each day of the week of June 13th through the 17th.



For more information, visit saybrookumc.com/vbs
or call the church at (440) 969-1562

Climb Aboard for...



- New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games
- Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

June 13-17
5:30 - 8 pm



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Scan the QR code to use
our online registration
form or visit us at
saybrookumc.com/vbs

MISSION NEWS FROM EL SEMBRADOR

Greetings Earline, Cheryl & Saybrook UMC

I hope this finds you well and the promise of Spring has finally blossomed in your area. We have been following the late departure of winter in much of the U.S.

El Sembrador is so happy to have students back in the physical classrooms and living on campus this year. We are thanking God for being Covid-illness free during the first two months of classes. Students and staff are working hard to follow security guidelines and also teach and learn in a productive way. Everyone I talk to says how glad they are to be back to in person learning. We opened our 5th grade classroom this year and all of our primary grades – Preschool through 5th grade – are learning in the new classrooms built for them through your generosity over the past two years. Between the primary school and the high school, we have over 250 students enrolled at El Sembrador this year.

The residential students keep busy in the afternoons with school work and helping out on some specialized projects around campus. Their evenings are a mix of studies, housekeeping (some personal laundry and room cleaning) and free time. Most evenings include soccer games, table games and hanging out on the porches around their rooms. Their evenings always end with all 37 boys meeting together for devotions and prayer. Many of the devotional times are student-led with each group of roommates working together to share prayer, bible passages and their personal take away from the passage.

In part because of Covid restrictions, we have had to limit the number of students living on campus. We are so thankful for your faithful support of all our students during these past few years. I have been busy getting to know our residential students so that I can share more about them with you. They recently wrote a letter for you which you will be receiving shortly in the mail.

Your previous student chose not to return this year. We continue to pray for what the future has in store for him. I would love to connect you with a new student this year. I am attaching an information card for a student we think would be a great fit for you - I believe you may have spoken with Ethan Batschelet about this student.

I would love to hear from you! Let me know how we can be praying for you. Feel free to share a quick note or letter with your student. They ask me all the time about their sponsors. They love to pray for you and so appreciate all you do for them.

Blessings
Lori

Lori Braatz Sponsorship Program

Enoch Ulloa Director El Sembrador

Twitter: @ElSembrador1954

Facebook: www.facebook.com/elsembradorhonduras

KEEP THE MISSIONARIES & STUDENTS IN PRAYER

Daniel

9th Grade; 14 yrs old; BD: April 10th

Hi, my full name is Daniel Arturo Sanchez Vasquez. I am from the village of Santa Elena in La Paz where I live with my parents and 3 siblings. I have four brothers and 3 sisters. My dad works in Agriculture and my mom works in the home. I learned about El Sembrador from my pastor.

My favorite class is Social Studies. In my free time, I like to play soccer. My future plans include graduating and going to university to study Agronomy.

Papas are my favorite Honduran food and I also like Pizza. My favorite story in the bible is the life of King David. One thing that makes me happy is playing soccer. I wish to say Thank you, Thank you for everything you do for us.

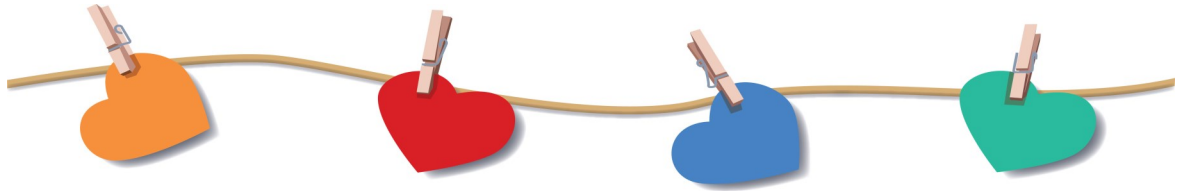


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WORLD
GOSPEL
MISSION





I love my church family!

Welcome to the 2022 New Church Members

James Wright, Alessondra Berendt, Ethan Wright, Emily Yelyn,
Brayden Wright, Ashley Kurt, Carol Floyd, Michelle Grim

Psalm 133:1

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"



We love our church!

The last Sunday of June is Pastor Jeff's last Sunday with the Saybrook UMC. He is not fully retiring, he will be the part time Pastor of the Gageville United Methodist Church in Kingsville.

Of course Pastor's never really retire, God always has work to do.
We were blessed to have Pastor Jeff and his family here for 13 years.
And they surely will be missed!

There will be a Potluck luncheon here at the Church after service on the 26th.
At 11:00am.

Let's celebrate the time we had together and his future endeavors.

*Thank you Reverend Jeff Stoll for all the
Love, Ministry and Support
you have given us through the years!*

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9-5 Taize 6:00pm WOW	2	3	4 8:30am Men's Group
5 8:30am Worship at the Lake	6. 10:00am Missions 3-5 Plymouth Produce Distribution	7 6:00pm Trustees	8 9-5 Taize 6:00pm WOW	9	10	11
12 8:30am Worship at the Lake	13 VBS 5:30 to 8:00pm	14 VBS 5:30 to 8:00pm	15 9-5 Taize 6:00pm WOW VBS 5:30 to 8:00pm	16 VBS 5:30 to 8:00pm	17 VBS 5:30 to 8:00pm 8:00pm Picnic	18 8:30am Men's Group
19 Fathers Day! 8:30am Worship at the Lake	20 3-5 Plymouth Produce Distribution	21 6:00pm AD Council	22 9-5 Taize 6:00pm WOW	23	24	25 5-7pm Plymouth Spaghetti Dinner
26 8:30am Worship at the Lake 11:00am Potluck at the church	27 3-5pm Coat of Many Colors Clothing/Food Pantry	28	29 9-5 Taize 6:00pm WOW	30	Sun & Tues 7:00pm AA Meetings	



Introducing Rev. Vernon and Karen Palo



Married in Monroe Township at the Stateline UMC on July 2, 1983. Celebrating 39 years this year.

Children: Son Evan (Assistant Principal at Superior Elementary in Ashtabula) his wife Brita, their daughter Alyssa, 2 , home in Painesville Daughter Amber, teacher at Building Bridges in Ashtabula, her daughters, Hadley 4, and Evelyn 3, home in Monroe Township Daughter Erin and Husband Eddie, their children, Trinity 13, Bethany 12, Adalynn 9, Eddie IV, home in Cortland



Extended family includes Vernon's mother Norma, living in Conneaut, his sister Rachael Merlene and brothers Roger and Victor from Conneaut, and John, living in Maine. Karen's sister Becky Huston and Paul Webb both live in Ashtabula and brother Mark Webb is in Bristolville. Karen's parents, Rev. Jim and Beverly Webb (both in Heaven) served in ministry in the East Ohio Conference for many years, including the State-line UM Church where Vernon and Karen met.

Education History: Vernon and Karen are both graduates of South Ridge Christian Academy in Conneaut. Vernon graduated from Hiram College in 1996 with his degree in Religious Studies. He graduated from Ashland Theological Seminary in 2000, with a Master's of Divinity Degree. Karen earned her degree in education at Malone College and her Master's Degree in Education through Ashland University. Karen is retired from teaching Special Education. Her final years were spent working at Lakeside High School in Ashtabula.

Ministry History: 1992 Began ministry with North Bloomfield-Colebrook Charge and continued ministry 2002 Plymouth Charge, 2008 Andover Charge, 2015 Damascus Charge, 2019 Mt. Pleasant Charge

Mission Experiences: Austria- Vernon, United Methodist Youth Musical- Karen, Red Bird Mission- Both, Steubenville Mission- Both, Cleveland Urban Mission-Vernon, Covered Bridge Mission- Vernon, Operation Christmas Child Processing Center Baltimore- Both, Flat Rock Mission- Vernon,

Russia-Karen, Ukraine- Both, Liberia -Vernon, Wesley England/Wales- Both



Biblical travel: Holy Land- Both, Greece- Both, Turkey- Vernon

Interests and Hobbies: Vernon: Bicycling, Swimming, Reading, Gardening and landscaping, Genealogy and history, Travel Karen: Reading, Sewing and handicrafts, Connecting with friends and family, Cooking, Music, singing, Storytelling, Working with children, live theater and drama



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WARM

Welcome

**JUNE 19TH
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**



“Honour thy
father...
as the **LORD**
thy **God** hath
commanded „
thee....

Deuteronomy 5:16