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**WE'VE BROKEN GROUND ON OUR NEW
EDUCATIONAL WING!!!!
SEE MORE DETAILS IN SIDE!!**



Easter Sunday, April 26, 2011

LOVE GOD LOVE OTHERS SERVE THE WORLD

WE ARE A TEAM !!!

Did you know that we have a JUMC softball team this year? Early in the spring (when it was still raining most every day) we were invited to be a part of a summer church league in our county and we said “YES”! We have players on our team that are male and female, younger and older, short and tall, very athletic and not so much, like me actually! But we ARE a team! How do I know this? I know, because we have a common purpose and we have committed ourselves to practice together and play softball games to the best of our ability. I don’t know whether we will win all our games, or some of our games, but what really matters is this: we are united in this adventure together as Christians!

It would be helpful if each player developed some physical muscle, so that we could hit the ball hard when we are up to bat, and we could run fast from base to base in order to make runs. But there is more to it than that! We also need to develop spiritual muscle as a team. It would be terrific if we rallied around each other with encouragement and helpful tips in order to play the game better, but how about if we prayed for one another, and were sincerely unified – all for one and one for all!

This “team strategy” sounds like the best way to BE THE CHURCH! Experiencing life together includes unselfish loving, honest sharing, forgiveness, practical serving, sacrificial giving, comforting one another, and celebrating when someone hits a home run in some area of their life! Being a healthy church means having the faith-filled belief that Jesus is the Son of God, our Savior and we serve as His family on earth. We are committed to each other through our relationship first with God.

James 3:18 says, “You can develop a healthy community that stays right with God and enjoy its results ONLY if you do the hard work of getting along with each other and treat others with dignity and honor and love.”

During our exciting summer ahead with the construction of our new addition, the Washington DC mission trip & Home mission, Vacation Bible School, Christian Cafe, car washes, worship times, & more – we have the great opportunity to be A TEAM for the Lord! Lets go church! I am your greatest cheerleader!

Pastor Meredith

LOVE GOD

LOVE OTHERS

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ENCOUNTER

EMBRACING ✦ ENCOURAGING ✦ EQUIPPING

and

SPARK!

Are Beautiful New Worship Experiences for EVERYONE!!

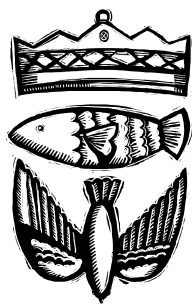
That's right – even though they've only been in place for only a few weeks, our new 11:00 a.m. services are BLESSING PEOPLE!! Come experience ENCOUNTER and *SPARK!* (*Spark!* is our children's worship time where the kids break out for their own kid-gear'd worship following the praise music in our ENCOUNTER service.) **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO THIS CASUAL WORSHIP EXPERIENCE!!!** (*SPARK!* will be taking the place of Summer Sunday School for our children this year.)

**Summertime groups for adults of all ages!
Men and Women welcome!**

1. Sunday mornings in between services (9:45-10:45). Join us for one or both studies as your summer allows!
 - The first begins June 26th for 6 Sundays
 - The second begins August 7th for 4 Sundays
 - LUDI, the men's class, will continue meeting into the summer every Sunday. We will finish our study of Christ's parables, and then, on Fathers' Day, June 19, we will start looking at Man in the Mirror: Solving the 24 Problems Men Face by Patrick Morley. Meeting time will be 9:40 - 10:40 a.m. We'd like you to join us as we continue to look at our faith walk as men of God.
2. Watch for info on the one session discussion groups in June, July, and August!
3. Watch for ads on the upcoming 6 session study, called Have the Funeral that explores the process of forgiveness, common rationalizations of unforgiveness, and the fallout of failing or refusing to forgive. Learn how to make forgiveness final and how to live a God-honoring life of integrity in the spirit of forgiveness.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY June 12 at 11:00 a.m.

HOORAY! for our young people who have chosen to follow Jesus! They are completing their Confirmation training and will be confirmed in their faith at 11:00 a.m. worship. There will be a reception to honor both our graduates and Confirmands after the 8:30 worship service in Wesley Hall (the gym).



**ONE LORD
ONE FAITH
ONE BAPTISM**

Confirmand

Arden Bishop
Jeremy Brooks
Emory Buchan
Cody Daly
Hannah Gage
Benjamin Gruber
Ian Parkomaki
Cody Ulrich

Parents

Paul & Jodi Bishop
Candace Brooks & Clifford Brooks
Jim & Lisa Buchan
Heather Burlingame & Jason Daly
Tom & Miki Gage
Shawn & Angie Gruber
Will & Shara Parkomaki
Mindy Kerzic, Melanie Sanders, Rodney Ulrich

A Season of Celebrations! Here's the list of our 2011 high school graduates!

Megan Allega
Richelle Baker
Gregory Hamper
Brittany Hurst
Molly Lehnert
Samantha Morford
Stephanie Nizen
Kayleigh Sidley
Jesse Spangler
Terra Writz
Katelyn Stevenson



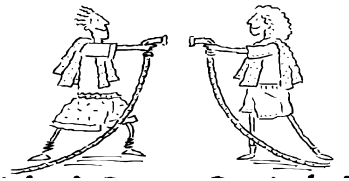
Our graduates will be honored at the 8:30 service June 5, and then at a cake & punch reception on the front lawn after the service. Come congratulate them!!

You're Invited to a Going Away Party
Sunday, June 12 1-4 p.m. at the home of Jerry & Virginia March
376 E. Beech Street, Jefferson
For Amanda Bates, who will be leaving in July to serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines

Come to a Graduation Open House for Katie Stevenson
Sat., June 18 3-6 p.m.
At her home, 326 E. Jefferson St.

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CHRISTO TEAM CAR WASHES



**Every Saturday starting this week
9 a.m. to noon
Make a donation to help us on our
annual weeklong mission trip.**

PLEASE, GIVE US YOUR STUFF!!!

If you're cleaning out your attic, garage or closets, please remember to save your "good" stuff for our annual **Christo Team Treasures Sale June 23, 24, 25. We're now ready to take any and all donations!!!!**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY COLLECTION

We take a loose change collection on the fourth Sunday of each month to help people from our church family who are serving God at home and around the world. Right now, they are Kelly Cooke and her husband, Chris, who are serving men and women the University of Pittsburgh through Coalition for Christian Outreach, and Matthew Cramer, serving in Liberia, Africa with Orphan Relief and Rescue. Save up your change and bring it on June 26!!

***Peace with Justice Sunday – June 19**

Established by the 1988 General Conference, Peace with Justice Sunday supports programs at home and around the world that advocate peace and justice. One half of the offering collected on June 19 is retained by our conference for local "Peace with Justice" programs with the remaining half submitted to the General Board of Church & Society to help fund U.S. and global work in social actions, education and advocacy.

Peace with Justice Sunday gives the opportunity for UMC to witness God's hope for a FAITHFUL, PEACEFUL, EQUAL AND LOVING WORLD. Please prayerfully consider a donation to this important work of the United Methodist Church.

Our Policy On Borrowing Tables and Chairs

With open house season about to begin, many folks in our church family are inquiring about borrowing tables and chairs. Here are the guidelines developed by the Trustees: We are willing to loan out the 8 ft. laminate top tables and the wooden chairs that are used in Wesley Hall and classrooms to those in our church family.

To do this, please call the church office to reserve what you need. That way, you'll be assured of having them available when you want them. You are responsible for returning them in good condition, and replacing them in the event of an accident. None of the aluminum tables, white plastic tables or tables and chairs from the Angel's Wing are to be removed from the church. Please do not just come in and take tables and chairs without arranging for it – someone may have reserved them and is counting on them being there. Call ahead first. Thanks!

Flood Buckets

Pastor Meredith, John King, Pastor Quincy and Vicki Wright will be attending our denomination's Annual Conference in June as our delegates. It is also a time for us to make up flood bucket kits for them to take with them. The kits will then be on hand to help people in emergency situations, such as floods, hurricanes, etc.. Please bring in your donations – there's a box outside the church office and in the front entry.

5 gallon bucket with lid – do you have any laying around your garage??!!

1 bottle household cleaner (that can be mixed with water – no spray) 12-16 oz.

5 scouring pads

1 scrub brush

50 clothes pins

Clothes line (two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)

1 pair work gloves

1 insect repellent spray can 6-14 oz.

Heavy duty trash bags – 24 bag roll

7 sponges

1 bottle dish soap 16-28 oz.

5 dust masks

2 pairs latex gloves

18 cleaning towels (like Handi Wipes)

liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)

GOT ALUMINUM?? CALL US!!!

Not just your pop cans - do you have aluminum siding, doors, gutters, wheel covers - anything!!!

Just put your cans in the lattice bin in the church parking lot, and we'll recycle them!

If you have aluminum siding, gutters, etc., call the church office to arrange for pickup.

HELP SUPPORT OUR CHRISTIAN CAFÉ MINISTRY

Delicious home-cooked meals are served the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 4-6 p.m.

We welcome people to help in the kitchen - either in the morning (we start at 9 a.m.), the afternoon, or to serve and clean up. Stop in - we're friendly and fun!

We also ask for monetary & food donations to support this ministry. Check out the Church Life Volunteer Sheet to see how you can help.



BLESSED WOMEN MEET

Sunday, June 12 at 6 p.m.

Moms of ALL ages are invited to get together once a month to talk about being a mom and supporting each other in this most important calling!!!

This month we're going to talk about the book we've been reading, "Capitaving" by Stasi Eldridge. Come talk, share dessert and laugh!!

REMEMBER THE MANNA PANTRY

All churches in the Jefferson area support our community food pantry which is housed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. People in need from the Jefferson Area Schools District can go there and receive a three-day emergency supply of food. We support them not only with donations of food and money, but also with manpower.

You can leave your donations in the Link Room (by the steps that lead from the Sanctuary to the gym, where the elevator is.) For May, we are suggesting cereals, kleenex, paper towels, toilet tissue, and cake mixes or Jiffy mixes.

LET THE PENNIES ROLL!!!

We have a jug sitting in the back of the sanctuary to receive donations of pennies for our Bishop, John Hopkins', 3 C's Initiative. This initiative is to assist with Church, Clinics and Classrooms, particularly in Africa and Russia.

Why? The answer is simply because the need is so great. We hope to raise \$300 in pennies by mid-June, when our Annual Conference in Lakeside is held.. Even the lowly penny can make a big difference!!!

IS GOD CALLING YOU??

Volunteer to be our Sunday School Secretary!!!

We have an opening on our Sunday School Staff - Sunday School Secretary. After 14 years our present Secretary, Julie Smith, is stepping down. Basic duties include distributing attendance books for classes each week, turning in the Sunday School collections, making occasional supplies purchases (you'll be reimbursed!), helping with the Christmas pageant, our annual Bible Bowl in the spring, and attending 2-3 Sunday School staff meetings throughout the year.

If you'd like to learn more, sign up on today's Church Life Volunteer Sheet and Joy Ebersole, our Sunday School Superintendent.

PENTECOST GERANIUMS

Please order _____ red Pentecost Geraniums (\$2.50 for a 4-1/2" pot) for me to place in the sanctuary **Sunday, June 12** then planted outside to beautify our church grounds. Please list in the bulletin as follows:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

_____ In praise of God's Holy Spirit.

Given by _____

Deadline for ordering is **Tuesday, May 26**. Payment should accompany your order; please make checks payable to the church. Send this order form to the church or place it in the offering plate. If you have questions, contact the church office.

REMEMBER TO WEAR RED

ON PENTECOST SUNDAY!!!!

MEMORIAL SUNDAY May 29 8:30 a.m.

Let us thank the Lord for our parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, husbands, wives, sisters and brothers -- all of those wonderful people who have blessed us.

To give thanks to the Lord for our loved ones who have died since last Memorial Sunday, we will remember them by name, give thanks for their love and praise the Lord in a beautiful service of Memory and Thanksgiving.

EAT MEAT, SHOOT STUFF

Hey, guys, we're getting together for an afternoon of target practice and grilling on **June 18 – 3p.m. – 7 p.m.** @ the Gage home in Rome (2770 Callender Road, Rome OH – Just off Rt. 45 S). If you'd like to join us, let Ron Cramer know by Sunday, June 12 (Call 858-2256 or call the church office). It promises to be a fun time for all.

WHERE WE STAND FINANCIALLY

Here's a comparison of our offerings for the first four months of 2010 with other years

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
		<u>2009</u>		
28,219.69	\$26,365.01	\$29,356.27	\$31,279.54	\$115,220.51
		<u>2010</u>		
\$23,758.63	\$28,526.65	\$30,627.79	\$27,269.47	\$110,182.54
		<u>2011</u>		
\$27,208.79	\$26,486.60	\$31,331.64	\$25,442.32	\$110,469.35

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**TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!!
Come See Our Softball Team in Action!!**

Here's our Schedule

May 31	6:15 p.m.	at Columbus Field	vs. Geneva First UMC
June 7	6:15 p.m.	at Massucci Field	vs. First Comm. Church of Church
June 14	7:25 p.m.	at Massucci Field	vs. Catholics
June 21	6:15 p.m.	at Columbus Field	vs. Ash Church of God
June 28	6:15 p.m.	at Columbus Field	vs. New Life
July 5	7:25 p.m.	at Columbus Field	vs. Council for Dynamic Rural Miistries (small UMC's)
July 12	BYE WEEK		
July 19	7:25 p.m.	at Massucci Field	vs. First Baptist Church
July 26	7:25 p.m.	at Massucci Field	vs. St. Peter's Episcopal Church

2009 CHEVY 4 DOOR HHR FOR SALE
31,000 miles & lots of special features. Please contact Durward Newhard 576-8205 or 576-9132 (work – 1-5 p.m. M, Tu, Th, Fri.)
ALSO – SMALL SHORT LEGGED 5 YR. OLD BEAGLE (NON HUNTER)

Can You Help Someone Set Up Housekeeping??
A young man who has been coming to church lately, Keith, now has an apartment and is looking for a bed (any size), some kitchen necessities, linens, etc. if you can help, call the church office. THANKS!!

The Prayer Closet

**“Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up,
Just as in fact you are doing.” From Paul I Thessalonians 5:11**

Those in our church family:

Terry Smith	Hal Furman	Caron Crow
Doris Taft	Dona Phelps	Tom Smith
John Hoprich	Wilma Herndon	Lois Adkins
Darlene Ford	Emily Ford	Lori Ford
Herb Housel	Mark Sowry	Della Smith
Ruby Hruska-Williams		Melanie Sanders
Nancy Patterson	Mary Daubenspeck	

Family members and Friends:

Jennifer Richards, Julie Crossley's sister
Pam Bratcher and family following the complete loss of their home to fire & Pam's husband being placed on Hospice (lifted by Carol Christ)
Baby Gwen Bagley, Larry & Wanda Bagley's granddaughter
David Crowther (lifted by Fran Crowther)
Tim & Austin Smith, Diane Curtis's grandsons
Jim Weddle Billy Martin, Jr.
Pat McCollugh, Dennis Hoffman's cousin
Evonne Agnew (lifted by Jeff & Jan Agnew)
Eric Warner (lifted by Brittney Roden)
Kim Buskirk (lifted by Jennifer Schaefer)
George Metcalf (lifted by Jim & Marge nordquest)
Sue Dobmeier (lifted by Kristen Ashba)
Beverly Kirschner, Joan Brown's sister
Katie Powers (lifted by Barb Heath)
Kristine Erickson (lifted by Jack & Mary Howe)
Dick Ramga, Mary Howe's brother
Seth Darrow (lifted by Candace Brooks)
Terri Tisch (John & Dee Ringer's daughter)
Tim Pishner, Pauline Pishner's son

Those who are celebrating special times:

Rosalie & David Shadle, on their 48th anniversary
Jon & Brittney Roden, on the birth of their daughter,
Maliya Abigail
Glenn Jackson, on his retirement

A New Daughter of the King!

Jon and Brittney Roden are proud parents of Maliya Abigail Roden, born May 6, weighing 6 lbs., 5 oz. She was 18 ½ inches long. Born a month early, little Maliya is thriving and gaining weight every day now.

THE NURSERY COULD USE SOME NEW TOYS!!

If you have some gently used or would like to donate new toys for our littlest ones to enjoy on Sunday mornings, please drop them off there. The Nursery is geared for newborns through 3 year-olds, so age appropriate toys that don't have lots of little pieces would be best. We can always use new dollies and cars!

Those who are mourning:

The family of Bob Blevins, following his death
The family of Irma Morris, following her death (Dale Christ's sister)
The family of Robert Bradbury following his death (lifted by Mindy Kerzic)
The family of John Wrona, following his death (Sophia Shelko's brother)
The family of Amy Nizen, following her death
The family of Eugene (Gene) Swezey following his death (LouAnn Chapman and Mary Pontoni's brother)
The family of Eileen Reynolds following her death (Rebecca Cramer's grandma)
The family of Howard Kampf following his death (John Kampf's dad)
The family of David Beals, following his death (lifted by Duane & Hannah Jo Woodruff)

REMEMBER OUR SHUTINS

Please remember our shut-ins by visiting, phoning or sending a card. If you know of anyone who is not on this list, please contact Barb Heath, our Senior Coordinator.

Vera Brenneman, Mildred Pettit, Cliff Taft, Hilda Springer, Edie Conway, Frances Prochko and Lola Metzler reside at Jefferson Healthcare Center, 222 E. Beech St., Jefferson, OH 44047 Ph: 576-0060.

Robert Janson and Dorothy Krieg reside at the Ashtabula County Nursing Home. Kingsville, OH 44048. Ph: 1-224-2161.

Eleanor Ferguson resides at Country Club Estates, 925 E. 26th Street, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Evelyn Kenyon resides at Austinburg Nursing & Rehab Center 2026 State Route 45 N., Austinburg, OH 44010 Ph: 275-3019

Mary Russell resides at Silver Sands Shared Residence 3418 Lake Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004 Ph 992-9773

R&R'S GET TOGETHER FOR LUNCH

Thursday, May 26 at noon

At Mar-G's Family Resturant

Located on the corner of Route 85 & 534 in Geneva

The Retirement & Recreation Fellowship Group will get together for lunch. You'll be able to order from the menu and the daily luncheon specials. Reservations must be made by Monday, May 25 either by signing up on Sunday's Church Life Volunteer Sheet or calling the church office (576-4561) or Barb Heath, Senior Coordinator (576-5716).

Thank You

I want to thank all of you that sent me cards this past weekend when I was home. It meant so much, and all the little personal notes were so nice. I will read and re-read them all. I hope to be back home by the first of June. I want all of you to know I have the greatest church family. Thanks again for all the cards and prayers. Love always and God bless you all.

Marlene Ward

Dearest Meredith and my JUMC Family,

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for allowing me to share my story with you. It was probably the hardest, yet easiest thing, I've ever done. Does that make sense??? I guess it's true, when you are quiet enough to hear God's voice and follow His direction, He does help you through it.

I have received so much positive feedback from so many of you, that I am simply humbled by it all. I never thought I had anything worth sharing (of a spiritual nature), but obviously God thought I did and obviously, His message got through. God continues to place angels along my path, usually in unexpected ways and places, so I know He's still there holding me up.

Dear Friends,

The family of Bob Blevins thanks you for your many kind expressions of sympathy – the cards, visits, communion service, Rev. Meredith's assistance, the use of the church for the funeral. Our thanks also for the women who provided the meal for the family, as well as very special thanks to the Mary Martha Group for the delightfully warm prayer shawl that kept me warm during my hours of sitting and watching. How grateful I am for the love and caring that came from this church.

Esther

Dear friends,

God shows his love through the warmth and kindness of special people like you. Thank you for your prayers and cards. God bless, Mary Daubenspeck

Thank You

To my church family,

Thank you all so much for the cards, hugs, expressions of sympathy and offers of help following the death of my mom, Catherine Steinkraus. Thanks to those who helped fill in on short notice to cover my Sunday School responsibilities (Laura!). And thanks to the Sunday school teachers who were understanding when attendance books and snacks didn't show up. Our church family is awesome! Love you all!

In Christ's love,
Julie & Terry Smith

Dear Church family,

Thank you very much for the college goodie box I received. It is always greatly appreciated!

God bless,
Rainey Fleming

Thank you to all who sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" on Easter Sunday. I appreciate your efforts to attend extra rehearsals and practice your parts on your own. It was a privilege to direct you. Thanks for making this Easter extra special in Jefferson!

Ruth Rea

A big thank you to everyone who helped make Spiderweb's first Applebee's fundraiser a success. We made a little over \$300 on gift basket items that were raffled off, baked goods sold and a 50/50 raffle, as well as the check we received from Applebees for all those who dined there last Tuesday. Special thank you to those church angels that provided baked goods to help us. We sold out of nearly everything!!

Sherry Cullers, Director

As the anniversary of the accident approaches, I am struggling, so I ask that you please keep me in prayer. Also, continue to be the person that God calls you to be and don't ever hesitate to say a kind word, offer a hug, a prayer or any other random act of kindness. You never know, you just might be that other person's angel! Humbly,

Brenda Sochia

CONFIRMANDS & WHOLE CHURCH INVITED TO REAFFIRM BAPTISMAL VOWS

Saturday, June 4 at 11 a.m. at Lakeshore Park

Pastor Meredith will be standing in the surf in Lake Erie, waiting to offer you the chance to reaffirm your baptismal vows!! Come support our Confirmands as they are either baptized or renew their vows, too! There will be a picnic afterwards if you'd like to stay. Just bring a dish to pass – tableware & drinks will be provided.

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's time to start thinking about **Vacation Bible School!** We are getting very excited about this year's theme: **"Shake It Up – Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe"**. VBS this year will be **Monday, July 25-Friday, July 29 from 9 a.m. to noon.**

We have some of our staff on board, and are looking for others who will want to put their hearts into this week for your children. There will be a preschool class (age 3-4), but the child **MUST** be potty trained. We will continue to have K-6 as well.

Staff openings include: Co-Director (with Jon Roden)
 Nursery Helper Pre-K Leader & Helper
 Grade 2 Leader & Helper Grade 3 Leader & Helper
 Grade 4 Leader & Helper Grade 5 & 6 Leader & Helper
 Snack Helper Recreation Coordinator

Call the church office OR sign up on this Sunday's Church Life Volunteer Sheet.

We'll be meeting Sunday, June 12 at 10 a.m. in Disciple's Room to get rolling!!!

SOME BASIC FACTS ABOUT OUR EDUCATION WING CONSTRUCTION

Question: **When will construction start?**

Answer: The Village of Jefferson has approved the overall plans, and we are in the process of developing drawings and getting permits for electrical, plumbing and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning). Once these permits are granted, we are ready to begin. Hopefully, construction can begin by late May – early June.

Question: **When will construction be complete?**

Answer: Assuming construction gets started by early June, we project completion by late October.

Question: **Who is doing the construction?**

Answer: Housel Construction is the overall general contractor on this project. However, it is Greg Housel's intent and the intent of your Construction Committee to involve other local contractors in the area of their expertise. Other contractors will be involved in the following areas:

- Site Preparation Gage Excavating
- Electrical APLElectric (Bill Applebee)
- Plumbing Anchor Plumbing
- HVAC HAVE, Inc.

Question: **What impact will construction have on normal church activities?**

Answer: Once construction begins traffic flow around the church will be disrupted. All traffic will be stopped between the rear of Angels' Wing and the sidewalk leading to Pastor Meredith's office. It is imperative that all traffic enter in the usual manner on our western driveway (adjacent to the village green) and then EXIT NORTH ONTO WALNUT STREET. Limited parking spaces will be available on the east side of Spiderweb, but access to the rear of the church will be prohibited.

Question: **Who is on the Construction Committee?**

Answer: Your Construction Committee is as follows:

Don Locy Construction Project Manager
Bruce Chapman Chairman, Board of Trustees
Jerry March Church Treasurer
Rev. Meredith Coleman Pastor

Greg Housel will also attend each Committee meeting, as general contractor.

CHECK OUT OUR SITE PLAN IN THE OFFICE LOBBY!!!

MULTI MARKET for MISSIONS

Jefferson United Methodist Church Supporting a Uganda Mission Trip 2012
125 East Jefferson St., Jefferson, OH 44047

Crafters/Vendors/Flea Market 3 Dates - Come for 1 or Come for All!

Saturdays - 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

July 2nd, 2011 August 13, 2011 September 24, 2011

WHO SHOULD RESERVE A SPACE?

Anyone who has something to sell!!!! (Sorry, no food vendors.)

TABLES ARE \$15 EACH

We are trying something new! A Multi Market for Missions

**JUMC is sending a group of missionaries to Uganda in January/February 2012 to work with
Active Blessing in helping abandoned children.**

To learn more about this ministry go to www.activeblessing.com

**PICK UP AN APPLICATION FORM AT OUR HOSPITALITY CENTER IN FRIENDSHIP HALL (front
entry) or THE OFFICE LOBBY AREA**

LOOKING FORWARD TO WONDERFUL SPECIAL MUSIC THIS SUMMER

While our regular choirs take a break for the summer, we get to enjoy special music from folks in and outside our church family. If you know someone who would like to share their musical talents, please call Deanna Blough, Music Staff Director (858-2163).

You're Invited

Please join us to celebrate Nathan Howe's ordination in the United Methodist Church at Annual Conference. It will take place at 7:30 PM in Hoover Auditorium at Lakeside, OH on Tuesday, June 14. There will be a reception afterwards at 325 Peach St., Lakeside. It is expected that Nathan will be appointed to continue to serve in Tiffin, OH for the next year. Whether you can attend or not, we ask for your prayers for Nathan and Megan as they continue to serve God in the United Methodist Church.

Mary and Jack Howe

It's Time for Our Handbells to Be Cared For

We've enjoyed our new 3-octave handbell set for seven years now!! We want to be good stewards of this valuable set of musical instruments, so it's time to send them to the bell company to be refurbished. This regular maintenance will take care of minor repairs, preparing them strong and true in the future!! Getting them done over the summer will ensure that we can be ready to go this fall.

The cost of this process will be approximately \$1500. If you'd like to make a donation towards having them refurbished, please check out this week's Church Life Volunteer Sheet or just mark your donation "Handbells" The Joy Ringers and Harmony Ringers thank you!!!

H2O MISSION TEAM ANNOUNCES 3-DAY LOCAL MISSIONS WORK CAMP EXPERIENCE!!

Thursday, Sept. 15 through Saturday, Sept. 17

The groundwork is now being laid to put together a team of people from all over the County who would make necessary repairs for folks here in our county. If you'd like to get in the ground floor of the ambitious, Jesus-filled endeavor, come to their first meeting **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE ANGEL'S WING!!** For more information, call Lee DeyErmand (813-1321)

From Pastor Quincy

Philippians 1:15-18, "It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. 16 The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. 18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice"

I'm asking you this month to join me in reconsidering a passage earlier in Philippians that I had the chance to work through a year or so ago. Paul is in prison as he writes the letter of Philippians, and he is thoroughly excited about the work of Jesus being accomplished in the lives of the Philippians.

Now, as Paul looks out at how the void he has left in the preaching of the Gospel is being filled, he sees a group of people who are preaching for personal profit rather than love for Paul and for the Message. Paul uses a word, translated "selfish ambition," which was used in his day to describe politicians. Of course, we don't have to worry about politics in the church today, so we can probably skip over this passage, right? (Note: this article may include sarcasm). Well, just in case it might have some application, let's look at Paul's response to those who are looking to gain power, fame, and possibly financial gain from Paul's time in prison.

Paul's basic response is, "Who cares?" He absolutely does not care how he looks, or who's getting a leg up on him in the Gospel promotion market, or how well his letters are selling versus the letters written by these other preachers. Paul's one and only concern is that "Christ is being preached." That the Person and Message of Jesus is being proclaimed to the world.

A couple of interesting applications of this passage to my life: (1) What is my main concern? Am I interested in competing with other pastors to preach the best message, start the best programs, and have the most highly attended Bible Study? Or is my main concern that Jesus, His Life and Love, would be clearly displayed in me? (2) This passage shows that it is possible to proclaim the good news of Jesus and believe in Him... and still not "get it." My self-centered nature runs deep, and I can be loving, kind and helpful for all the wrong reasons. I don't want that to be me. I want to be the "genuinely caring" man that Paul describes Timothy as being in Phil. 2:20. I want to see life the way Jesus sees it, feel toward people the way He does, and speak and act through the power of His Spirit!

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