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Pastor's Corner

“Make Us Bold”

“Why do the nations rage and the people plot in vain?” Acts 4:25

When I was young, a church in Columbus ran this verse under a vaguely apocalyptic battle scene in the newspaper once a week. I never went to the church. While I admire their persistence, I was pretty sure that they answered the question, “Why?” with the answer “Because the end times are at hand.”

There is a comfort in being able to read the soggy messes that are the tea leaves of daily news as simply as the clouds gathering for His glorious coming. It is also wise to not place all your comfort there, since 40 years later the enemies have changed and doomsday has not come.

It is refreshing to see that Acts 4 takes a “Victory Today” attitude. Peter & John were released from prison, Jesus had defeated death, and the church prayed (vs.29) “enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.”

They knew that opposition, demonic powers, worldly wealth, political muscle is as nothing before the gospel preached and the gospel lived.

May we pray for such boldness.
Pastor Harley

Focus on Ephesians

Pastor Harley will bring 4 messages based on the Book of Ephesians in August. The texts will be Ephesians 5:1-14, 5:15-20, 6:1-9, 6:10-18. Take some time and get familiar with verses and listen with open ears.

Community Bible Study will continue to meet at Grace Lutheran Church, 8097 Plank Road on Wednesdays at 7PM in August. Pastor Harley and Rev. Coulter will be finishing leading a study in I Corinthians this month.

August Sermon Schedule

08/01 Ephesians 5:1-14 “The Awakened”
Holy Communion
Worship at Austinburg Rehabilitation Center 3pm
08/08 Ephesians 5:15-20 “Sent to Worship”
08/15 John Tsironis preaching
08/22 Ephesians 6:1-9 “Sent to Serve”
08/29 Ephesians 6:10-18 “The Armor of God”

Workcamp in beautiful Kentucky at Henderson Settlement, leaving Sunday September 19, and returning Friday September 24. Come and make a solid difference in the lives in one of the poorest counties in the United States. We will work and study together and enjoy some of the most beautiful surroundings that God has made. Our Group Leader is Larry Schwed and the cost to participate will be \$100.00. Contact Larry (440-298-3548) or Pastor Harley and tell them you want to come.

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Please address and question or concerns about church and pastoral affairs directly to any of the SPRC members;

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Church Planning Event

All are invited to a church Planning Event Monday, August 2 from 7-8:30pm. We will have discussion around our Church, what are the needs of the people God has called us to reach, and what ideas we have for reaching them. A general call for new ideas is also being given. God often graces a church with the next idea and the needed resources within the congregation itself. Plan to come!

Study and Respond

Pastor Harley will be studying in II Samuel chapters 14-19. This is a complicated and somewhat mysterious story of how David's son Absalom, drove his father from the throne, David's tearful journey into the wilderness, and finally Absalom's death and David's restoration. If you want to study this with the pastor, begin by reading the chapter and email to him your initial thoughts and think of a few questions that will need answered.

The Women of Faith Cleveland Conference

The Women of Faith Cleveland Conference is coming on September 17 & 18 at the Quicken Loans Arena in Downtown Cleveland. Women of Faith has been in existence for 15 years.

Below are plans available to you;

Plan A	Plan B	Plan C
Event Ticket Only	2 to a room	4 to a room
\$89.00	\$154.00 per person	\$121.50perperson

**ATTENTION: Full Payments (check/cash) payable to Laura Diemer by AUGUST 11! Questions? Call 440-285-2160
Mail to: 10360 Sawmill Drive Chardon OH 44024**

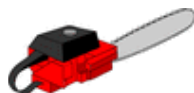
THIS is the LAST year that Women of Faith will be in Cleveland!

Community Bible Club

All persons interested in Community Bible Club, our Afterschool Ministry at Burrows Road Elementary School need to come Thursday August 26th at 7pm. Pastor Harley and Rev. Coulter will lead the group in organizing for the next school year of rewarding ministry.

Missions

The TUMC Mission offering for August will go to the purchase of a chain saw to be included with various other items of need to support the United Methodist Church Camphor Mission—Shipping Container to be sent to Liberia scheduled for early 2011.



Free fresh produce will be available Tues, August 16th, 3-5 PM or until the produce is gone.



The Gospel Echoes Quartet
Sunday August 15th: 4:00 p.m.
Thompson Town Square

Come listen to some great music in the park then just cross the street to the Church to catch the Play.

The UMW ladies are going to do a cookbook again, as people have been asking for it. So I would like to have at least two recipes from the women and MEN of our church so I can start on them ASAP. These would make good Christmas gifts for your loved ones. The price of the books will be established after I get all the recipes. Please get them to me as soon as possible. Sharon
298-3047 or (cell) 440-813-1824)

For all of you who helped out at the 5th of July UMW bake sale:
THANK YOU for baking
And
THANK YOU for buying.



4th of July, 2010 Parade Float
by Hap Howle

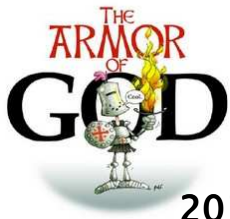
Every year the 4th of July celebration in Thompson brings out big crowds and enthusiastic celebration. A large part of the event is the parade. Our church often has a float in the parade and this year we won 1st place in our category! This is a fun way to bring many church members together to work on a common project and make a positive impression on the community. We had a planning meeting to brainstorm float ideas, assembly sessions, a picnic while we worked, and then the final assembly and parade participation.

I would like to thank the following for their contributions: Bill Simmons and his dad for the use of his wagon; Steve and Sheryl Roessner for sign design and production; Eric and Nadine Toth, Emily Aleshire, David and Bethany Toth, Leah Nash, Harley, Nadia, Elizabeth, Sonora, and Eden Wheeler for float assembly and decoration; Machia and Liz Wheeler for sound electronics and Cow and farmer costumes; Quincy and Elizabeth Wheeler and Ryley Baker for guitar music; John Tsironis and Colin Simpson for wearing the Armor of God and carrying the sign advertising for the church vacation Bible school; Nadia Wheeler for wearing the sandwich board advertising the Rummage sale and Sherlock Holmes plays; Don and Margaret Byers for handing out candy; and our "Small Town America" representatives riding on the float, Chris, Tiffanie, Megan and Austin MacCartney, Maxine Gibson, Ivan Garrabrant, Vic Collen, Gino Salim and his dog Spliff.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The children learned what the armor of God was during vacation Bible School. We had a great time with them. Their crafts were parts of the armor and then Sunday, they looked great with their armor on, and I was so proud of them singing their songs. I want to thank all of them for their hard work in trying to learn them. Thank you, children, I was real PROUD of you.

Sharon



2010 VBS skits

by Hap Howle

The daily VBS programs opened with skits put on by members of the youth group. They set the mood and introduced the themes that all the kids would learn about that day. To keep the kids interest, there were surprises everyday. One day there was a fencing duel, and everyday there was a gift opened, which turned out to be a piece of armor. The younger kids identified with the players, which made it more personal. We were fortunate that all the people who were in the skits were experienced actors, which made the skits easy to understand and meaningful to the audience and the players themselves. Thanks and good job to Machia Wheeler, Ryley Baker, Leah Nash, Elizabeth Wheeler, John Tsironis, Colin Simpson, Angelina Huber, Gino Salim and Austin Gelhausen.

We enjoyed working with the 5 and under crowd. They have a great deal of enthusiasm. They were quick to learn their verse of scripture each day. It is cute to see how they try to internalize what they are memorizing. They try to understand even when they have never heard a word before. As always our goal is to teach God's Word to the kids, but in many cases the only thing that they can really learn is that they are loved. With children this age our most important goals are to let them know that they are loved by us, by God, and that they are important enough to be listened to, even though we may not understand all that they are saying. It all goes to helping them grow into feeling secure in God. Kirk & Tonia Fowler

What I liked best about VBS was:

Vicki: Saying Prayers

Karlee: Seeing our teacher

Hannah: Singing songs and saying prayers

Sharon: Having fun with the children

Quincy: Hanging out with the teens

Amy: I had an awesome class (adult)

I felt like such a proud mama seeing all those young soldiers of the cross in their Armor of God. They were doing their best all week to learn the verses and what it means to "put your armor on!" One advantage that the director has is not being tied to any one group or room. I was able to walk around and see what was going on all over. And what I saw that encouraged me most were the smiles—on the children, the teachers, the helpers—it was a joyful week. There were many, many people who made this experience for the children a memorable one. There isn't room on the page to thank everyone and to say how grateful I am that you all participated. One person that I must acknowledge is Hap. He did all that I asked of him (and I asked a lot!) and as always, he did it very well.

Thanks again for investing your time and your prayers in our children.

-glynn-

August Birthdays

- 2 Charles Lausin
 4 Breanna Toth (2006)
 5 Joanne Paul
 7 Winona Webber
 12 Janelle Markgraf
 Dallas Roessner
 13 Lydia Self
 Micah Self
 Heidy Campbell
 18 Paul Childress
 19 Dennis Simpson
 20 Alivia Sidley
 21 Ruth Klasen
 Dennis Battles
 23 Sheryll Gowing
 24 Pat Artim
 Mark Miller
 25 Carolyn Markgraf
 26 Niki Childress Carlo
 Nancy Cantrell
 John Robinson
 27 Arlene Kane
 Bruce Rohrbaugh
 28 Kimberly Szymczak
 Angelina Huber
 29 Tom Mihalik
 Brian Szymczak
 Isabel Myben
 31 Betty Smith

September Birthdays

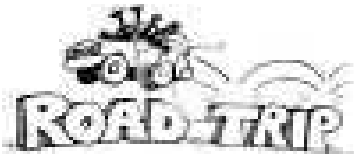
- 1 Terry Byers
 3 Sheryl Roessner
 5 Garrett Myden
 6 Dwayne Radabaugh
 9 Joe Coffman
 10 Larry Markgraf
 12 Rodney Ice
 13 LaVanche Huset(1922)
 14 Abby Reed
 Beth Ann Smith
 15 Mary Wheeler
 Tom Gabor
 Carly Webber (1994)
 16 Maxine Gibson
 17 Debi Paul
 Jim Rudesill
 Alaynah Carney(1996)
 18 Liz Mihalik
 Bruce Remely
 Jamie Gaul (1991)
 20 Connie Nyman
 21 Rachel Gaul
 22 Margaret Byers
 Neil Simpson
 23 Shirley Burns
 Frances Rauth (1918)
 Rob Herrmann
 Jessica Medvec
 28 Becky Barton
 Bill Milliff
 Devon Vojacek(Smith)(2004)
 30 Eden Wheeler (2003)

*AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES*

- 5 Harley & Mary Wheeler
 Pat & Leanne Sidley (1989)
 7 Larry & Brenda Schwed (1976)
 Bill & Terese Simmons (2004)
 11 George & Bev Nash (1985)
 12 Tim & Jennifer Beck (2000)
 13 Charles & Linnie Lausin (1960)
 Brian & Tina Keller (2005)
 16 Doug & Trudy Schwartz (1980)
 18 Daniel & Shari Toth (2007)
 23 Chris & Tiffanie MacCartney
 27 Carl & Mary Doerr (1960)
 Bob & Connie Nyman (1957)
 28 Dale & Gigi Umbel (1982)

Sept Anniversaries

- 2 Jerry & Bev Umbel 1958
 4 George & Jeniffer Baker 1993
 5 Phil & Barb Shemkunas 1980
 8 Kermit & Gilda Spencer 1969
 11 Terry & Shirley Lehman
 12 Dave & Abby LaRue 1959
 13 Eric & Nadine Toth 1980
 16 Ron & Joanne Paul 1956
 25 Frank & Mona Radabaugh 1954
 26 Keith & Clare Barstow 1981
 29 Richard & Karen Kne

**Tidbit from Sharon:**

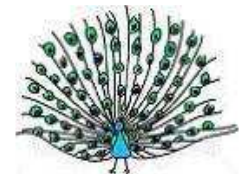
Monday, Maxine Gibson, Gilda Spencer, Peg Savage, and I headed to the hills of Southern Ohio. We had a great trip. What should have taken approx. 2½ -3 hrs took us about 4 or 4 ½ hrs. We laughed, got lost, got found and laughed some more.

We finally reached our goal, which was to see Rev. Rupert and Mary Lou. We found our friends on a beautiful 5-acre setting with almost every kind of flower possible and many many different kinds of Hostas. They live next to a lake where Rev. Rupert does what he loves---Fish!

Nothing is better than to spend a day with such good Christian friends as I did. Mary Lou had a layout of food you could have fed an army with and it was delicious. They've been gone 17 years and they look younger now than when they left. I see why it is so peaceful and quiet where they are. The only thing I heard were the birds next door. The sounds of peacocks, guinea hens, and all the other kinds of birds were beautiful sounds to me.

Thanks to Rev. Rupert and Mary Lou for everything and such a relaxing time we spent there. And thanks to the girls for a great time traveling. P.S. It took about 3 hrs coming home.

Sharon

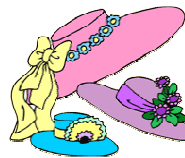


TUMC Drama Group Presents:

An Evening with
Sherlock Holmes
Two of the classic tales of Mystery and Good Vs. Evil



Saturday August 14th: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner and a show
Adult: \$7.00 Children: \$5.00
Family: \$25.00



LUNCH LADIES WILL MEET FRI,
AUG 6TH 11:30 AM AT BAKERS
SQUARE IN MENTOR.



Sunday August 15th: 7:00 p.m.

Free performance of the plays

Attendees are encouraged but not required to bring a can of food or other item to donate to the TUMC food room.

The members of the TUMC Drama Group who were able to be involved in our summer production are counting down the days until we perform! This year we chose to do two Sherlock Holmes mysteries, and we will be performing them twice. There are many interesting stories from rehearsals, and you'll have to ask the actors for some of them. Some of the most memorable were when Angelina Huber and Hap Howle played the other's characters for an evening of practice (For the record, Angelina made a pretty great villain and Hap brought me to tears... of laughter). Some of the moments are bittersweet as this will probably be Kyle Markgraf's last play with our drama group before he heads off to college in the fall. Kyle has been a very dedicated and talented member of our group and he's always fun to be around. We'll definitely miss him, and I'm very excited to see him in the part of Watson. I would encourage everyone to consider coming to the play, and this year we've made even more opportunities for people to attend by performing two days. There will be a delicious meal before the August 14th production at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will help support future productions. The last performance is at 7:00 on August 15th, after the Gospel Echoes quartet performs in the square, making it a very special evening in Thompson. I'm excited for all of you to experience these dramas with us and help support this group in our church. See you on opening night!

P.S. If you're interested in being a part of the group but not performing in front of people you can come to the drama group meetings Just for Fun on the 19th and 29th of August. We'll be playing improv games and reading from fun scripts that will help people become comfortable with acting and will allow us to fellowship with each other. Hope to see you there.



Hey! I want to send a belated thank you to everyone who contributed to the "thank you" gift the church gave me at the beginning of this year. I was waiting until I had something specific that I could tell you I was doing, or where I was going... but, other plans took precedence. So, for those of you who still wonder, "Why exactly is he still here?" I experienced unforeseen complications with my moving plans.

And, so I remain up in the air. If the right time, place, and position came along, I'd go for it, but for now, I have a great job at Cottage Gardens and plan to work on my teaching certificate, having been re-admitted to B-W (which is not a short-name for a nuthouse... it's a college). Either way, your gift will really help as I plan my next steps!

Once again, I so much appreciate all of you and how you have supported me as a teen and as a youth pastor and now as a member of your church family. You are the best!

Quincy)<>

(This was mistakenly omitted from last month's newsletter. Ed.)

Youth Group August Calendar

		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
August	2010	July 31st YG & Church Cleveland Gladiators Game 7pm						1 YG Leadership Mtg. after 2 nd Service
		2	3 YG Theme Night 7-9pm	4	5	6	7	8 Free Concert Fest Wickliffe
		9	10 YG Cook-out 7-9pm	11	12	13	14 Dinner & Drama Play 6pm	15 Drama Play 7pm
		16	17 YG Theme Night 7-pm	18	19 Drama Mtg 7pm	20	21 Geauga Lake Water Kingdom	22
		23	24 YG 7-9pm	25	26	27	28	29 Drama Mtg after 2 nd Service
		30	31 YG Laser Tag					

At Home

Wes Burn
 Eleanor Dillworth
 Jim Furr (Florida)
 Eva Gibson
 LaVanche Huset
 Bud May (Kentucky)
 Pauline Moseley
 Bruce Remley
 Dennis Spicer
 Wilma Whipple

And Away

Blossom Hill, Huntsburg
 Donna Tinta
Cardinal Wood, Madison
 Mamie Spicer
 Sally Coe
Geneva Pointe
 Patricia Price
Mentor Way
 Richard Perine
Geauga Assisted Living
 Mary Ann Olds
The Lantern
 Dorothy Peterson
Jefferson Geriatric and Rehab
 Shirley Burn

Please call & remember to send cards & visit our Friends!
 To share the information about shut-ins, sick or hospitalized please call Sue Townsend 968-3696



Sally Broadwater
Prayers for Family and Friends



To start a Prayer Chain at Thompson United Methodist Church
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 & Shirley Childress 298-3483

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Treasurer

Ivan Garrabrant

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Church Services
 8:30am & 11:00am
Sunday School
 For all Ages
 10:00am
Jr. Church
 Will resume in
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**"If you saw a heat wave,
would you wave back?"**
- Steven Wright

