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FROM THE PASTOR:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ . . .

Journey 2010: Consumed
Starting September 26th!

We are consumed.

Bombarded with the alluring promises of savvy marketers and easy credit, we're offered beauty, significance, security and happiness in just six easy installments and low, low monthly payments. Unsatisfied, we strive to accumulate more and more to fill the void that's left when the buzz wears off. In the wealthiest nation in the history of the world, we feel like we never have enough.

But there's another way. There's freedom to be had in a more open-handed approach to our time, money and possessions. In that freedom, we can enjoy nice things without being obsessed with them; we can view money as a tool to be used and not hoarded; we can discover what it means to be consumed with the One who designed us to be so much more than a cog in a consumer economy.

*We can be **consumed**. And that will change everything.*

The Journey will consist of three components: Sunday Services, individual study/reflection, and Small Group experiences:

Sunday Services: this is our broadest platform for teaching, and although not all groups will go through this process in the same way, we should generally consider this the first step of the weekly 'cycle'.

Individual Experiment: the journey guide will provide a means by which people can reflect on assigned readings and 'experiment' with doing things/journaling on their own during their week. Any individual experiment will correlate with the reading for the week and support the learning objective for this time.

Small Group Discussion: this is the opportunity to share learning in community. The small group time will provide an opportunity to debrief on the individual 'work' people have done and will also provide challenges, or 'experiments,' for the groups to tackle in their time together. The small group experience will be facilitated to a large extent via a group box containing time-sensitive 'mystery' items.

**Forward in Faithfulness:
Celebrating 200
years of witness
for the Lord
Jesus Christ**

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witness, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Sundays: Sr. High Fellowship 6-8 pm Thursdays: Jr. High Fellowship 6-8 pm

Sept. 26th Begin Raising for 30 Hour Famine

Oct. 2nd Sonfest Concert at the Naz 1-10:00 pm

Contact Kyle by 9/16 if you are interested in going as a group (Group cost = \$12, individual cost at the gate = \$20)

Oct. 3rd Consumed Begins (During Fellowship time)

Oct. 6-8 Rummage Sale 4-6:00 pm

For every evening a teen works for the Rummage sale, they can earn \$30 towards world hunger as a part of our 30 Hour Famine fundraising. Sign up by contacting Kyle.

Oct. 30th Harvest Hoe-Down 4:30 pm

Come play games and pass out candy to kids of the neighborhood. The top 3 costumed teens will get a prize

What is "Youth Group" all about?

I know, it's a silly question, right? Of course youth group is about getting a bunch of teens to do ridiculous things such as trying to get cheerios to stick to their faces by covering them with shaving cream...well not exactly. I won't argue that such activities are a meaningful part of what we do (you can see pictures of this on the youth's Facebook page: "First Presbyterian Church Youth Group of Mount Vernon"). Yet the mission of our youth ministry program goes at least slightly deeper.

As Moses talked with God on a mountain, he asked to see God. God after some negotiating, God allowed Moses to see God's back. As a result of seeing the glory of God, Moses came down from the mountain with a face that was glowing with the glory of God! In 2 Corinthians 3, Paul compares Moses' experience with ours. He explains that Moses experienced the glory of God in part, but if we have encountered Jesus Christ, then we have experienced the fullness of the glory of God.

And so as followers of Jesus Christ, we have a glow about us as well. And while Moses' glow faded in time, our glow is actually increasing -because we are reflecting more and more of the glory of God as we continue to be transformed into His image in Jesus!

This, my friend is what youth group is all about.

That you, the teens, would be challenged, stretched, encouraged, equipped, supported, guided and affirmed for the sake of becoming more like Jesus Christ, who is the only example of life to the fullest.

"And I am confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it into completion until the day of Jesus Christ." -Philippians 1:6

With utmost Sincerity,

Kyle Peters



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

SEPTEMBER 2010

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SUNDAY SCHOOL - GRADES K-5 - SUNDAY 9:55 A.M.-10:55 A.M.

I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing summer! Children's Sunday School is well underway! The Sunday was a great success and everyone had lots of fun. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible - Amanda Gebhardt, Carly Haas, Alexa McDonald, and Kyle Peters. It is exciting to spend time with the children again each Sunday morning. This month we will be talking about the following:

Week 1 : John The Baptist and through baptism God reminds us and assures us of his love (*Mark 1:1-11*)

Week 2 : How Jesus passed his first big test by resisting the devil's temptation (*Matthew 4:1-11*)

Week 3 : How Jesus invites us to follow him and help him do his work (*Luke 5:1-11*)

Week 4 : Jesus' power to heal and forgive shows he is God's Son (*Luke 5:17-26*)

Just a reminder that the **new times for Children's Sunday School are 9:55 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.** Thanks for having your children in the classroom and ready to start at 9:55. If your child is new to this program, please be sure to see me or one of the teachers for an emergency/information sheet. We need to have phone numbers on hand in case of an emergency, and to know about any allergies.

Thank you to the following volunteers that are dedicating their time and love to our children this month: Marsha Bibart, Ellen Chadwick, Amanda Gebhardt, Carly Haas, Alexa McDonald, Kyle Peters, Bonnie Stone.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

OCTOBER 2010

We are off to a great start with children's Sunday School. The children have enjoyed playing John the Baptists games, learning about the devils three temptations to Jesus while he was fasting in the desert and Jesus challenging Simon Peter the fishermen to go and catch fish and followers. The last week of September the children tried to do some amazing things like making a circle with their hands then putting their heads through it, touching their nose with their tongues, and picking up a rope and tying a knot in it without letting go of it or losing their grip. God did some even more AMAZING things. He performed true miracles that changed people's lives forever! He forgave the paralyzed man's sins and completely healed him, while the crowd watched in AMAZEMENT!

During the month of October we will be studying the following lessons:

Week 1 - So What? (*Matthew 13:1-9,18-23*) The kingdom grows when God's word takes root in people's lives

Week 2 - Counting Sheep (*Luke 15:1-7*) Jesus loves to seek out people who are lost

Week 3 - A Pigsty and a Party (*Luke 15:11-32*) God loves us and welcomes us back even when we've done wrong or wandered away

Week 4 - Full House (*Luke 14:12-21*) God welcomes people others look down on

We are still in need of volunteers to be storytellers and substitutes for Children's Sunday School. It only takes 15 minutes each Sunday morning to share God's word with our young people. The only preparation involved is to read the story ahead of time. Thank you to the following volunteers who have dedicated their time to our children in September: Marsha Bibart, Amanda Gebhardt, Carly Haas, and Missy Kaufman. Please contact Michelle Shillito at 393-3160 or shillitomichelle@gmail.com. You may also contact Kyle Peters or Jonathan if you are willing to help.

Michelle Shillito

Join us for the Harvest Hoedown!

When: Oct. 30th, 5:30-7:30pm (Same night and time as Mt Vernon's Trick or Treat)

Where: Parking lot behind the church

What: A special night for the kids at our church and the surrounding area.

Why: To follow through, as a church family, with our mission statement.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event e-mail Carly Haas at Chaas@mvnu.edu and she will give you more information.

All donations of candy, cider, cocoa, etc, can be brought to the Nursery in the children's ministry wing of the church. Please leave a note indicating "harvest hoedown" or "Carly Haas" on it



Thanks a ton! -Carly



BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a baby shower for Melissa Peters that will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 2-4 at the church. They are having a boy and are registered at Target and also cottonbabies.com. Any questions call Deb Paxton at 392-9648.



Three New Adult Sunday School Classes

Fundamentals of the Christian Faith

w/ Eric Vanderhoof in the Parlor

Fulfillment in Christ—Colossians
and Philemon

w/ Bill Shriver in the Knox Room



Evangelism 101-An introduction to Evangelism

w/ George Stone in the upstairs music room-class description below

Do you like the idea of reaching people for Christ, but fear the process? Evangelism 101 is a four week introduction to practical ideas each one of us can use in this post-modern age "...to make Him known in our community..."

This adult Sunday school class will meet in Music Office on the second floor above the Fellowship Hall from 10-10:45 AM on September 5, 12, 19 and 26. It is important that participants attend all four sessions. If you miss the first session on September 5, please wait until the class is offered again. Evangelism 101 will be offered several times during the coming year.

Women's Association: Come join us on Wednesday, September 8th, for first monthly meeting of the fall to be held in the Church Parlor. All women of the church are invited to attend for refreshment and fellowship at 9:45 A.M. followed by a Bible Study. This year we will be studying Horizons Bible Study--Journey through Revelation Apocalyptic Hope for Today. Also, in September we will have a speaker, Jane Stewart from Hope Now. This is an organization ran by volunteers to provide durable goods for people (burn-out victims, homeless, and New Direction clientele) who need help in setting up a household when they return to independent living.

We are a small group of women who support various local and Presbyterian U.S.A. missions from the proceeds we raise via 2 fund-raisers a year--the Fall (October) and Spring (April) Rummage sales. We are grateful to all church members who assist with these fund-raisers. Some of the local missions we supported this past year were Interchurch, Hot meals, Youth program, New Directions, and Hope Now. We, also, supported the following Presbyterian Missions: Thank and Birthday offerings, Presbyterian Mission pledge, Least Coin, Church Women United, and Mothers Day Project.

We are a committed group of ladies and would love to have you join us in our association. Any questions call Brenda Schultze at 392-7833.

The Sounds of Summer

VBS-Vacation Bible School and the singing, laughter, and learning of God's Love fill the air.

YMT- Youth Mission Trip and the thoughtful sharing of these young people as they learn how to show God's Love.

ALPHA-What a wonderful way to inspire and connect with each other as the needed "boosters" for our faith is given in "God's Love"

CFP-Church Family Picnic gives to all opportunities of laughter, fun sharing and extending the hand of God's Love.

All of these activities continue to show the support and ministry of our church family deacons. Without the love of deacons, we would find ourselves less able to make Jesus Christ known in our community and the world. We sometimes become overwhelmed by all the needs and concern we see, but each one can help by showing God's love, one at a time.

Peace and Blessings, Ellen

. Got Mail?

Are you a snowbird? A college student? Bought a new home? Started a new job out of town? If so, please notify the church office of your new postal address, phone number, email address and other contact information so you can continue to receive "The Communicator", emails and other communications. If your postal address is temporary, please indicate a start and end date. The church data base will automatically change your address if the dates are entered (this needs to be done each calendar year). Parents are encouraged to provide current information for kids in college or are grown, have moved away and wish to stay in touch until they find a new church home. You can put the information in the Sunday offering plate, phone the church office or send an email.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST: will meet Saturday, September 25th at 9 a.m. All men and their guests are welcome and encouraged to attend this time of fellowship and enjoy a hearty breakfast! Please call the office with any questions.



Congregation Elects Leaders

A congregational meeting was held Sunday, June 27, 2010 at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to elect elders to serve on Session for a term ending in 2013 and to elect congregational representatives for the 2011 Nominating Committee.

After determining a quorum was present, the meeting was opened in prayer by Moderator Jonathan Fettig.

Elder George Stone presented the recommendations of the 2010 nominating Committee for Elders to be elected to serve on Session for the class of 2013. The following names were placed in nomination: Amy Camillo, David Paxton, George Stone and Eric Vanderhoof.

There being no nominations from the floor, the nominees were elected by voice vote.

George Stone is an Elder serving a second consecutive 3 year term. Amy Camillo and David Paxton need to be ordained as Elders before to make their election to Session effective. Eric Vanderhoof completed his period of study and preparation and was ordained an Elder at the early worship service August 8, 2010.

On behalf of the 2010 nominating committee, Stone placed the following names in nomination to be elected as congregational representatives on the 2011 Nominating Committee: John Bibart, Melanie Bolender, and Ralph Haffenden. There being no nominations from the floor, the nominees were elected by voice vote.

The meeting was closed in prayer.

RUMMAGE SALE WORK OPPORTUNITY

First Presbyterian Church has had several really successful rummage sales in the recent past. We have sold everything from baby clothes and furniture to yard tools to overstuffed chairs and beds to household items and kitchen ware to computers and many, many knick-knacks and clothes. We need your "cast-offs" as well as your help with set-up, sales and clean-up on October 6 (evening), and October 7 & 8th (9:00 – 8:00) If you can help (even just a couple hours) or need "big item pick-up" please call Jan Watson 397-1821. We do not have a good storage area so items can not be brought in before that week. The church will be open and we need volunteers to be there throughout the week to help unload items. P.S. Jan needs to know what big items you are bringing for advertising purposes. 397-1821.



DivorceCare began Sept. 14th.. This is a 13-week, biblically based group seminar. Each session shows a 35-minute DVD video followed by small group discussion about the video. **The format is set up so anyone can join at any time during the thirteen weeks.** The DivorceCare videos present experts, ministers and Christian counselors discussing divorce and recovery subjects from a biblical perspective. Real people share their stories of how they have faced the pain of separation and divorce with Christ's strength and comfort. Fall sessions are from September 14 and end December 14. They take place at the church at 7:00 P.M. and child care is available. There is no fee. For more information and to register for child care, please contact the church office at 393-1326.

First Presbyterian Church

106 North Gay Street, Mount Vernon

October 7th & 8th

Thursday 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Bag Sale @ 2 pm on Friday

Gently-Worn Clothing Tools Household Items
Books Baby Items Furniture

"One man's trash is another man's treasure"

All proceeds benefit missions - Thank you!



A new *Alpha* series is about to begin!



Alpha 'Celebration Dinner' will be **September 9th, 2010**, 6:00 PM
in the parlor at First Presbyterian Church

This is an opportunity for a meal and fellowship for members of previous Alpha classes and the new Alpha participants. Come with questions or just check it out!

Alpha is a 10 week series on **Thursday evenings**
Which began September 16th, 2010

Location: First Presbyterian Church Parlor

6:00 – 8:30 PM (includes dinner, video, and discussion)
Call the church office 393-1326, if interested.

What is *Alpha* question?

It is a practical introduction to the Christian faith. It addresses foundational questions while providing guests with an opportunity to explore the meaning of life. The course is based on *Alpha—Questions of Life* by Nicky Gumbel.

*It is open to anyone with meaning of life questions ----
church attenders, friends, neighbors, all adult ages.*

Typical topics covered include:

Who is Jesus?

Why did Jesus die?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Why and how should I read the bible?

How does God guide us?

Does God heal today?



What: **Moms2Moms**

When: **2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month
starting Tuesday, Sept. 14th at 9 am in Fellowship Hall**



This fall our church will launch an exciting **new ministry for mothers of babies and pre-schoolers** called **Moms2Moms**. The group is a ministry of support, encouragement, and friendship for both Christian and nonChristian mothers in Mount Vernon and surrounding areas. Early motherhood is a time of trials as well as joys, both of which cause women to reconsider and redefine themselves in many ways. Moms2Moms will give these women the opportunity to develop relationships and receive advice that will strengthen them for the task of caring for small children. Each meeting will include an ice breaker; a talk, lesson, or activity of some kind; and a snacknchat time of fellowship. Childcare will be provided, allowing women to enjoy much needed interaction with their peers. Moms2Moms will also schedule play dates, Moms Nights Out, and weekend retreats so that mothers' who cannot attend regular meetings can benefit from this group. Even though this ministry is geared towards mothers of young children, there are many ways you can participate::

*Pray that our Lord would use this ministry to strengthen and encourage women in our community.

*Use the flier included in this month's communicator to invite a mother of young children that you ' know from your neighborhood, workplace, or other involvements.

*Be present at meetings to greet attending mothers and help them find their way to the fellowship hall, nursery rooms, and other places in our church.

*Help provide childcare by working in the nursery on an occasional or regular basis.

*Share your gifts and talents with these young mothers in the form of a lesson or activity. Topics

suggested so far include parenting, cooking, crafts, exercise, etc. We would love to hear your ideas for curriculum! *Prepare a snack for a meeting.

If you yourself are a mother of a baby or young children, we would love to have you attend!

Please contact Amber Vanderhoof (7405011340 or ambervander@yahoo.com) if you are willing to participate or have any questions.

Fellowship Breakfasts for 2010/2011

“They devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” *Acts 2:42*

We hope that you have all had a wonderful summer, enjoying fellowship with family, friends and new acquaintances. Perhaps you had an opportunity for travel, exploring new places and things, seeing a play, watching a favorite team or being part of something you’ve never tried before. And now the summer is drawing to a close, when programs will once again resume and new programs will start.

Egg casseroles, quiches, French toast, pancakes, fresh fruit, home-baked breads and muffins.....’ anything else?

We are looking forward to serving you once again with our Fellowship Breakfasts, the first to take place Sunday, October 17th. Other breakfasts are tentatively scheduled for January 23rd and April 17th. As always, we encourage your attendance and company..... and welcome your help. Areas where your assistance is appreciated would be food prep (either Saturdays or Sunday mornings), baking, beverage and buffet table setup and cleanup. It would be a tremendous help if one volunteer from each service could act as coordinators, to make the phone calls necessary for the help needed. You would be called with the number of people needed (usually around 6) and types of tasks required. This only takes minutes of your time.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or suggestions; we welcome your input and thank you for it.

Penny Sajkowsky

penny.sajkowsky@gmail.com

397-2251

And Cindy Bevington

Deb Curran does not like to talk about herself. If you're not careful, you might ask her a question only to discover that you're still the one talking a minute later. She is much more comfortable listening, and she does it very well. It's a gift. Through this rare gift of quiet attentiveness, Deb has observed her world, she has provided comfort for those longing to be heard, she has witnessed her children's revelations, and she has come to recognize God's presence in the circumstances and people around her.

Deb grew up on a farm in Bladensburg, Ohio, a small, rural town just south of Mount Vernon. As a young girl she was involved in 4-H and fondly remembers going to the fair to sell her pigs and cattle. She remembers enjoying all sorts of sports, especially volleyball, basketball, and softball. She also remembers riding her bike everywhere, sometimes all the way to Utica to go swimming.

And she remembers the Bladensburg Presbyterian Church where her mother would drop her off with her siblings every Sunday morning. The church was small, but she spent a significant amount of time there in her childhood and teenage years. Through her involvement with the children's ministry and the youth group, she participated in events like Vacation Bible School, Christmas caroling, and visitation at the local nursing home. She was also exposed to prayer, the Bible, sermons, and she was able to witness people ministering and caring for each other. But while she cites her time at this church as an important stepping stone in her spiritual walk, it was not a time in her life when she felt particularly connected to God.

A few years after high school, Deb moved to Mount Vernon where she worked at Rax Restaurant. She also began attending Knox County Career Center for Practical Nursing. When she finished nursing school, Deb worked at an Alzheimer's facility in Centerburg and found that she thoroughly enjoyed her time with the patients. She acknowledges that people with Alzheimer's have to deal with a lot of frustration, "but as a nurse, I am with them in the 'now.' They don't have to remember for me. I'm able to enjoy listening to their stories and learning from them."

After seventeen years at the Centerburg facility, Deb worked in assisted living where her love and appreciation for people and their stories grew. She now serves as the director of Mount Vernon's Autumn Health Care facility. "These are such wonderful people who have lived wonderful lives, and their stories are just, well, wonderful. It's so important to just let them talk while you listen." As she learns who they are, Deb can then help the residents create their personal space and then also help them get out of their rooms and connect with other residents who share similar interests.

In both her work at Autumn Health and her role as an elder for our church, Deb has had a unique opportunity to witness the church's ministry to those who cannot attend worship. Through the efforts of the deacons, the women's association, and other faithful members, Deb has seen the effectiveness of this particular form of ministry: "So much of this is happening behind the scenes by faithful members who seek no recognition, so no one realizes it is happening. I don't think most people in our church understand the number of hours that are spent by other members in visitation, taking people to doctor appointments, providing communion, delivering sermon tapes, sitting and listening, going to the hospital, making phone calls. It is all happening. God's love is being shared in these ways." And through her job, Deb is able to observe the effect it has on those who are served. She remembers one particular day when the church's women's association came to sing for her residents. While they were singing, Deb noted one resident leaning over to another and saying, "Doesn't this just make God feel so much closer?" Even when sharing these stories, Deb is quick to add the importance of communicating a need. She urges us within the congregation to let her or someone else at the church know if someone needs help. As she points out, the need can't be met if no one knows about it.

Deb's own involvement at First Presbyterian began through her children. Soon after Megan turned four, Deb began to consider how she could encourage Megan's spiritual development. She determined to get involved in a church, and having grown up in a Presbyterian church, Deb decided to visit First Presbyterian. Upon first entering, she remembers being greeted by Bill Shriver who helped her find the right class for Megan and then led her to the adult Sunday School class. After that first visit, she soon began attending regularly, getting involved through Megan and Tyler's activities. This started with volunteering in the toddler room and then led to helping with Sunday School, Logos, and eventually going along on the church mission trips, though not always willingly.

When the opportunity came for Megan to go on a mission trip to Honduras, Deb was determined to not let her go. "I remembered youth from a previous trip talking about the terrible conditions, how they had to rip mold off bread before serving it, and I just wasn't prepared to put Megan in that kind of situation." But then one day, on her way to work, while thinking about other things, Deb felt she heard a distinct word from God, and the word was, to her dismay, "Honduras." But, as she put it, "When God speaks, you listen," so Deb signed Megan and herself up for the trip. Deb felt blessed to be along to witness the changes that occurred in the youth throughout the week. This was particularly evident to her in their visit to the city dump. The group had gone to the dump to pass out supplies to the homeless. While there, they watched as families tried to literally build homes from trash found in the dump. The group started passing out supplies through the bus windows, but the needs of the people became so evident to the group that some of the youth started giving away everything they had, including the socks and shoes they were wearing.



Similar stories stick with her as she reflects on other mission trips she or her children went on. She remembers Tyler's account of helping a couple sift through the remains of their home after Hurricane Katrina. Everything was destroyed, but they found the couple's wedding picture still intact. Tyler shared with his mom how happy the couple was when they discovered it. Even though she wasn't there, she explains how that event still affects her: "Dave Paxton uses a picture of that moment in a PowerPoint with one of the praise songs. I always cry when that image comes up on the screen."

Deb admits that for a long time she was more focused on her children's spiritual growth than her own. "I remember a sermon about putting God first in your life, and I thought to myself, 'No, no. He's second. My children come first.'" But as Megan and Tyler have grown up, she has become more aware of and purposeful in her own growth, much of which has occurred through her involvement in small groups and the prayer partners ministry. "It really wasn't until the prayer partners ministry that I think I began to grasp prayer as honest communication with God. I'd just thought of it as something we were to do. Once I figured that out, I found myself praying more regularly, which led to my wanting to know more about God, which then led to my getting into the Word and learning more about Him." She also notes the significance her life group has played in her personal growth. "They're a great group of friends for me. We can share personal concerns, praises, everything! And I love to hear everyone's stories. I would encourage everyone to get involved in a life group."

Deb is quick to point out all the ways God has used First Presbyterian to reveal Himself to her. "God has been very patient with me, and very gentle. I think of when Philip asked Jesus, 'Show us the Father.'" And Jesus replied, 'Don't you get it? You've been with me all this time and you still don't see?' That's me. I'm still getting it." And Deb does get it. She recognizes His faithfulness to her, even in the most difficult of moments. Just after finding out her brother had passed away, she was driving to her parents' house to tell them. She was on the phone with Val Donnelly. "The last thing Val said to me was, 'God is good.' Then she hung up. It seemed like such a strange thing to say, but even in that moment, I had to acknowledge it was true. God is good."

Taking a lesson from Jesus' response to Philip, Deb seeks to further her awareness of God's presence and Christ's lordship in all circumstances. She also brings this mindfulness to her role as an elder. Before serving as an elder, she served on the nominating committee, and through the nominating process, she took note of the responsibilities that come with the position. When Deb stepped into the role of an elder, she took her position of service very seriously. "The thought that we as elders are the ones making the decisions that drive our church is, at times, overwhelming. I'm just thankful that God is truly in control of our session. Meetings start with prayer for guidance from God. We seek His will for going forward in faithfulness." And as the session does go forward in leading our church, it's affirming to know that Deb is there, exercising her gifts of listening, observing, taking note, and ultimately discerning God's will for the part our church plays in His Kingdom.

Standing calendar events

Please remember to fill out a building use event form for all events and return to the office.

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Worship Team Practice **8:30 a.m.** Early Worship Service with Communion

9:45 a.m. Adult Church School

11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Communion served on the first Sunday of the month.

6-8 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship-Youth Room

Monday:

5:30 p.m. Hot Meals **7 pm** Cub Scouts

Tuesday:

2nd & 4th Tues. 9 am– Moms2Moms

Noon Men's Prayer Lunch-Kitchen **6 pm** Prayer Meeting **6:45**-Girl Scouts

7 PM-Boy Scouts **7PM**-Divorce Care

1st Tuesday of Month 7 p.m. Finance Meeting-Chuck Waugh

2nd Tuesday of Month 7 pm Session Meeting

3rd Tuesday of Month 6 PM Leap Service

4th Tuesday at 7 pm Committee Meetings– Building & Grounds-M. Weil & Missions Committee –B. Malek

Wednesday:

9:45 am Women's Bible Study **6 pm** Hand Bells **7 pm** Worship Team Practice **7 PM** Chancel Choir

Thursday:

9:30am Women's Bible Study –Parlor **11 am** Bridge Club-Knox Meeting Room

Noon-AA meeting –CE bldg. **6-8 pm** Jr. High Fellowship-Youth Room **6 pm** Alpha –Parlor

Saturday: Last Saturday of the month 9 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast-Parlor

SPECIAL EVENTS

RUMMAGE SALE –see advertisement.

DEACONS CARE & COMPASSION

"...pray for each other so that you may be healed..." James 5:16

At the Ohio Eastern Star Home

Linda Fox Katherine Garzieri
Maxine Peters Martha Warden
Edith Whitney (*Sally Martin's grandmother*)

Autumn Health Care

Helen and Everett Chrisman

The Living Center

Jean Fribley Myra Philpott

At Home

Rebecca Grove Ruth Grove
Treva Haltermon
Ellen Proper
Dorothy White

Grieving:

The following families have lost loved ones:

Ron Fox –His father, Charles Fox.

Jeanne Poland –Her brother.

Toby Lord-Her Brother, Richard Sells

We extend our sympathies to them.

Special Prayer Concerns

Jerry and Mary Ellen Baugher (*Jerry-cancer, Karen Bell's parents*)

Madeline Blamer (*kidney-Weil's granddaughter*)

Darla Brown (*Niece of Sally Conway*)

Glenn DeBoard (*Liver cancer*)

John Ewalt

Hannah Gross (*car accident-friend of Betty Phillippi*)

Tom Hall (*cancer-friend of the Stone Family*)

Jennifer Hatton (*Tyson's granddaughter*)

Reverend and Mrs. Markle (*friends of Toby Lord*)

Matt Palmer (*Lung cancer-friend of Sally Martin*)

Barbara Reitsma

Robert Kidder (*Polly Patterson's father*)

Harriet Sells (*Toby Lord's sister.in law*)

Red Shaw (*cancer*)

Lindsay Smith (*Crones disease*)

Jason Southern (*malig. Tumor-V. Donnelly cousin*)

Tom Spaulding (*leukemia*) former member

Kirk Swartz (*cancer-Ketner's nephew*)

Misty Whitmann (*Lupus-family of Shillito's*)

In the Military

Jacob and Curtis Hahn-USMC-Afghanistan (*Moreland's nephews*)

Brian Short - *USMC-Afghanistan (son of John Short)*

Matt Patterson-USN (*son of Polly Patterson*)

**COMMUNION**

If you have an update to the Deacons Care & Compassion list please let the Church Office know as we would like to stay as up to date as possible. Also, If you are a shut in or know of a shut in who would enjoy having communion, please contact the office with your name, date, time and location as there are friends who are willing and anxious to come to you and share the sacraments. Thanks!



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September 4
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September 5
Laura Abell
Ava Camfield
Hunter Kahrl
Ryan Lehberger
Laura Szenas

September 7
Lauren Shriver

September 8
Molly Gebhardt

September 9
Daniel Chadwick
Bill Curran

September 10
Pat John

September 12
Eloise Hagan
Kevin Hawthorne

September 13
Marilee Harrison
Jennifer Merrilees
Jeanne Poland

September 15
Rachel Gregg
Gary Moreland

September 16
Ethan Abell

September 17
Russ Donnelly

September 21
Mary Stansell

September 22
Ellen Eastman

September 23
Valerie Donnelly
Cassidy Gebhardt
Dolores Haffenden

September 24
Dwight Gibler
Scott Patterson

September 25
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Chris Patterson

September 26
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Edith Woolson

September 30
Richard Hall

October 2
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October 7
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Erica Noll
Mollie West

October 8
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Pete Lawhon

October 20
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Gordon Riehl
Michelle Shillito

October 23
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Sandra Lehberger
Daniel Nagy

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