

Christ United Methodist Church

Summer Newsletter 2014

Dear Friends,

I have been a practitioner of reflection for a long time, since at least my days in high school. I think a good reflection can both help you see how far you've come and also give some guidance as to where you may head in the future. So I hope you will stay with me for a few paragraphs and indulge me as I reflect on my time here at Portage Christ UMC.

First, beginning in July, I will be starting my 15th year as your pastor. To some that may come as a time of rejoicing to others it will come as a time of, well let's just say, not rejoicing! I am not that naïve to think that "everybody" is glad I have been here that long, nor am I cynical enough to believe that "everybody" wishes I was gone. I have to say that overall I have enjoyed being your pastor. To say I have enjoyed every single moment would not be true. There have been times of great frustration and sadness; there have been times where I have had to live with not well thought out actions I have taken. There are times when I have not lived up to either your expectations of what a pastor should be or do, and honestly there are times I have not lived up to the covenant I took when I was ordained concerning the pastoral ministries to which I am called and appointed to live out. There are times when I have struggled over whether I could remain here as your pastor and I know there are times when some of you have struggled over whether you wanted me to remain here. Believe me I am aware enough to know that some of these things still are on some of your minds and hearts.

Having said all of that, I also know how much I have enjoyed, over these years, being with many of your children, walking them through Confirmation, journeying with them in Youth Fellowship and struggling with them as we encountered the challenges of mission trips. I have also been privileged and honored to be a part of your lives during the challenges of the death of your loved ones and the celebrations that have come with the accomplishment of completing Confirmation and the absolute joy that I have seen as I have presided over many marriages.

Struggles and challenges in ministry have been and continue to be where I focus much of my energy. I want you all to know that my purpose has been and always will be to help us see the unique gifts God has blessed us with and the ways in which God may be directing us to employ them. Remembering always that we are here as the church to "give ourselves away", to serve those around us.

So as your pastor for yet another year, I come challenged and led by God to be in ministry with you. May you have a restful, creative, enjoyable summer! I will talk with you all again in September.

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Sermon Shaping Scripture

SERMON SHAPING SCRIPTURES

JUNE 15TH THROUGH AUGUST 31ST

JUNE 15	GENESIS 1:1-2:4a	MATTHEW 28:16-20
JUNE 22	DR. RICHARD YEASTING	
JUNE 29	GENESIS 22:1-14	MATTHEW 10:40-42
JULY 6	GENESIS 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67	MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30
JULY 13	GENESIS 25:19-34	MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23
JULY 20	GENESIS 28:1-19a	MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43
JULY 27	GENESIS 29:15-28	MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52
AUGUST 3	GENESIS 32:22-31	MATTHEW 14:13-21
AUGUST 10	GENESIS 37:1-4, 12-28	MATTHEW 14:22-33
AUGUST 17	GENESIS 45:1-15	MATTHEW 15:(10-20) 21-28
AUGUST 24	EXODUS 1:8-2:10	MATTHEW 16:13-20
AUGUST 31	EXODUS 3:1-15	MATTHEW 16:21-28



The **Glory Way Quartet** will perform live in Elliston Zion Methodist Church. Join us for an evening of "Southern Gospel" as the Glory Quartet performs live at Elliston Zion United Methodist Church (18045 W William Street, between SR 579 and SR 163, Elliston, Ohio). The church potluck begins at 5PM and the concert begins at 6PM, on Saturday, June 22, 2014.

Get ready for the Annual 4th of July Parade in Portage, Ohio!

Our annual parade begins at the north end of town at 11AM and ends at Enright Park. Activities are as follows: Food, Bike Decorating Contest, Rescue Squad, Duck Race, Bake Sale, Fire Engines. Bring the entire family and some friends to enjoy the fun!

If you wish to participate in the parade or assist with this event, please contact one of the Portage Lion Club members: Lion Rose Richardson, at 419-601-2985, or Lion Jay Deutschman, at 419-354-3014. You may also access their website address for further information at <http://home.dacor.net/PortageLions> or send them an e-mail at PortageLions@dacor.net.



Birthdays, Anniversaries for members of CUMC, June 2014

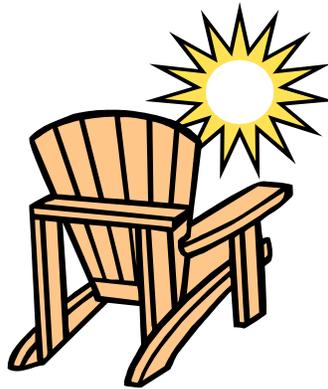


BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

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| 1 Kelsey Allen | 14 Joe Amend |
| 2 Linda Matheny | 16 Terry Amos |
| 4 Jennifer Hunter
Judson McDaniel | Jim Avery, Jr. |
| 5 Kale Frank | 21 Jeff Beaverson |
| 7 Fran Amos
Charloyn Kelly | Katie Boltz |
| 8 Andrea Loera | 27 Mike Curtis |
| 10 Elaine Bankey
Lois Sheline | JoLynn Gerken |
| 11 Vera Magsig | 8 Brian Amos |
| 12 Chris Frank | Laura Sheets |
| | 30 Mike Daniels |
| | Jon Saddler |

ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE

- 3 Louise and Tom Beckett
- 5 Fran and Don Amos
- 6 Betsy and Gary Saddler
- 18 Carrie and Bruce McDaniel
Cindy and Richard Yeasting
- 23 Julie and Brian Amos
Elaine and Jim Bankey
- 24 Kathy and Randy Coe
Marilyn and Ray Keys



BRIDGE HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE OFFERS VOLUNTEER TRAINING COURSES

Beginning Tuesday, June 10, 2014 and for 6 consecutive Tuesdays from 9AM—11:30AM, training will be held at the Bridge Hospice Office, 1037 Conneaut St, Suite 204 in BG. No previous experience is required, and volunteers must be 18 years old. Courses on basic principles of hospice, understanding the special needs of patients & families, effective communication, patient care, pain and symptom management, spiritual care giving, and understanding grief and loss.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact Julie Tiell, volunteer coordinator, at 419-352-9808 or by e-mail at jtiell@bvhealthsystem.org, for further information.

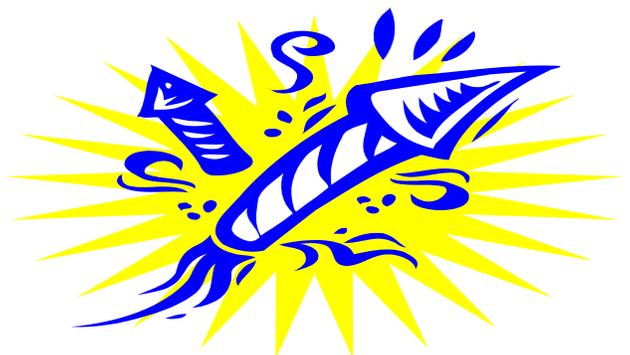
Birthdays, Anniversaries for members of CUMC, July 2014

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

- 10 Heather Amos, Kathy Coe, Christy Deutschman
- 11 Karen Glassford
- 14 David Boltz
- 16 Laurella Keys
- 18 Jim Bankey
- 19 Pam Allen, Andrew Cramer, Nancy Dickens
- 20 Tyler McDaniel
- 24 Jane Wulff
- 25 Adam Frank
- 26 Jonathon Arasoto
- 29 Allan McDaniel
- 30 Jill Bowen, Barbara Brandeberry, Lisa Fitzwater Jacobs
- 31 Ron Amos

ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

- 17 Abe & Jack Diehl
- 19 Deb & Bruce Smith
- 21 Connie & Don Mears
- 27 Pam & Mike Allen, Eileen & Jim Avery



Birthdays, Anniversaries for members of CUMC, August 2014

BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

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| 2 Paul Herringshaw
Carrie McDaniel | 17 Richard Yeasting |
| 3 Herb Sommersett | 19 Jim Canterbury |
| 4 Michael Roberts | 21 Mabel McMaster |
| 5 Jim Avery
Kay Lincoln | 23 Steve Smith |
| 6 Allen Amos | 24 Anne Glassford |
| 10 Don Mears | 25 Natalio Loera, Jr. |
| 12 Thayer Daniels,
Holly Troxell Gilsdorf | 29 Vicki Cramer |
| 14 Vicky Allen | 30 Bruce Smith |
| 16 Beth Ann Rife | |

ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

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| 3 Karen and Skip Glassford |
| 22 Doris and Paul Herringshaw |
| 25 Judy and Jerry Bateson |
| 26 Shirley and Herb Summersett |



The Christ United Methodist Church newsletter is published quarterly. Comments and suggestions for articles may be submitted to Gloria Enriquez Pizana or deposited in the Newsletter mailbox in the Narthex. Anyone wishing to write articles for the newsletter is welcome to do so. Please check with Gloria regarding the deadline date for the Spring newsletter. Thank you!