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Dear Friends,  
Below is an article from the United Methodist News Service that I think is well worth reading.

Peace,  
*Pastor Ruth Solo*

## A UMNS Commentary

*By David Briggs*

Parents matter in the religious lives of America's youth. This finding was clear to sociologist Christian Smith. "What the best empirical evidence shows is that even as the formation of faith and life play out in the lives of 18 to 23 year-olds, when it comes to religion, parents are in fact hugely important." Of the many influences on emerging adults, "One of the most powerful factors was the religious lives of their parents—how often they attended religious services, how important religious faith was in their own lives, and so on."

We live in a culture where mothers and fathers hover over their children in school, on athletic fields and even on social media sites such as Facebook. Yet why do so many parents take a hands-off approach to religion and spirituality, setting youth adrift in crucial areas of moral reasoning and finding meaning in life?

Not only does research show religious teens have in general more positive outcomes in areas from mental health to compassion for others, but there also are larger implications for the nation of raising a generation lacking a moral framework for addressing issues of right and wrong, good and evil. All of us on life's road must have a code that we can live by.

Ubiquitous commercials on television encourage parents to monitor their children for signs of drug and alcohol abuse or other potential dangers. But many institutions today, including no small number of houses of worship, have given up on reaching teens and young adults with discussions of universal moral truths. Parents, in turn, are responding to the growing cultural movement that tends to be more open and respectful of different belief systems, but wary of lifting one way of approaching truth and meaning over another.

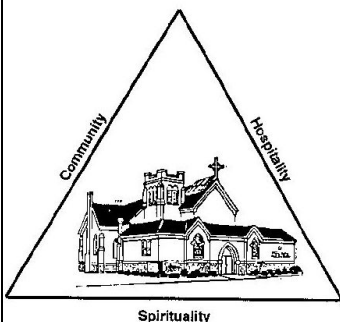
In the name of individual autonomy, "the usually most crucial players in teenagers' lives disengage from them precisely when they most need conversation partners to help sort through these weighty matters." Yet the assumption that parents are irrelevant in the religious lives of teenagers—replaced instead by peers—is a myth, research shows.

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## Thought for the Month:

A friend is someone who is there for you when they'd rather be somewhere else.

*-Unknown*



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Several studies have shown that the religious behaviors and attitudes of parents are related to those of their children. In research using data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, sociologists found that children of parents who believe that religion is very important and display their commitment by attending services are most likely to transmit religiosity to their children.

Autonomy had the opposite effect, as reported in the journal *Sociology of Religion*. Children subjected to fewer rules attended church less often and attached less importance to religion. In the National Study of Youth and Religion, having highly religious parents was one of the strongest variables associated with youth being highly religious as emerging adults. In addition, other important factors such as frequency of prayer and Scripture reading and having religious experiences are normally influenced by parents' belief and examples, study researchers said.

"In the long run, who and what parents were and are for their children when it comes to religious faith are more likely to 'stick' with them even into emerging adulthood, than who and what their teenage friends were." The research is significant for individuals and the larger society.

On a personal level, religious young adults had consistently more positive outcomes than the least religious emerging adults in nearly every area, including relationships with parents, physical and mental health, educational achievement and avoidance of drug and alcohol abuse and potentially problematic sexual activity.

Religious young adults also did better in areas measuring giving and volunteering, moral compassion, having a purpose in life, feeling gratitude and resistance to consumerism. All of these areas also have consequences for the collective well-being of the nation. "The question is never whether adults are engaged in religious socialization, but only how and with what effect they are doing so."

The uncomfortable truth, as the nation takes a day each month in May and June to celebrate the roles of mothers and fathers, is that many parents are abdicating their responsibility to teach their children well.

*David Briggs is news editor of United Methodist News Service*

## Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Newsletter  
deadline:  
the **20th**  
of each month

**On August 29, the fifth Sunday of the month, we will collect \$5 on the 5th for the UMCH. This donation goes for the operating expenses of the children's home in Worthington, OH.**



### FAMILY PROMISE AT IMMANUEL

St. Paul's UMC partnership with Immanuel UMC to help with Family Promise continued in June. From June 20th to the 27th Immanuel hosted two families, one mom with a 12-year old son and one man and wife with an 11-year old daughter. The housing of these families is temporary until they may find housing. The single mom told me that she expected to be approved for subsidized housing the following week after their stay at Immanuel UMC. Praise God! Four persons from St. Paul's visited and ate with these families on Thursday and Friday evenings and additionally some food was prepared by our volunteers. Thank you to Tony and Shirley Shoup, Lavonne Segovia and Tim Piper for volunteering their time to be the "hands and feet" of Jesus for these families. And thank you to Pike Mennonite church for also volunteering their time as well. And finally, thank you to Immanuel UMC for being the host church for families as they strive to get back on their feet and find permanent housing. Praise God for all who helped.

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The 2010 West Ohio Annual Conference **Love First Miracle Offering** receipts to-date total \$160,187.71 plus 19,000 pounds of potatoes. The cash offering will be used to support impoverished children being treated at Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti and at our own United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington. Seventy per cent (70%) of the cash offering will support Grace Children's Hospital; the other thirty percent (30%) will go to the United Methodist Children's Home. The potatoes will be distributed through the Society of St. Andrew to feed hungry people in the West Ohio Conference.

Thank you for your faithfulness in these days when so many of God's children, in Haiti and at home, are in need of hope and help.

Check out the website for the North West Plains District: [www.NWPUMC.org](http://www.NWPUMC.org)

## *Upcoming Events for St. Paul's*

**FOOD PANTRY GIVING REMAINS STRONG**

As I talk to people about our food pantry partnership with The Church at Allentown, I am thankful for our parishioners' steadfastness. The people that bring food to put in our bins are faithful in providing food every month for those that are in need. Some persons have told me where they shop to get the best deals so they can buy more food for less. Praise God for their faithfulness of providing food for those people that are struggling to feed their families in today's economy. And **'thank you' to Steve and Tracy Sdao**, who will be delivering the food this month after our **Food Pantry Sunday on July 18th**. Our members are following Jesus in his command to 'feed my sheep'. Praise God!

*Tim Piper*

**The Brad Joseph Memorial Fund  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Outing  
 July 31st  
 Bluffton Golf Club**

St. Paul's Mission Committee is sponsoring a hole. If you wish to have a St. Paul's Foursome, get together with the golfers of the church. You may also donate to the Brad Joseph Memorial Fund by writing a check to St. Paul's UMC. Please mark Brad Joseph Memorial Fund on the memo line.

St. Paul's trip to see the **Cincinnati Reds** play is set for **Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**. **Worship will begin at 9:00AM.**

It is **Faith Day** at the stadium, and the game will be followed by a "Mercy Me" concert. We will charter a bus, and are limited to the first 55 people. The bus will depart at **10:00 AM**, so you can attend church services that Sunday. Please contact **Brian Nartker** in church or at 419-222-8976 if interested in attending.

**VBS/KID'S CRUSADE  
 July 21-July 23, 2010  
 Immanuel UMC  
 6:00 PM—8:30 PM  
 Kids 5 yrs.—6th Grade  
 All are invited!**

# The Heart of Church

## Greeters

July 4, 2010	Lynda Evans
July 11, 2010	Marty & Kathy White
July 18, 2010	Gary & Janet Grigg
July 25, 2010	Ruth Burgoon & Susan Nartker
August 1, 2010	Dwain & Myrna Metzger
August 8, 2010	Jamie & Jan Wyant
August 15, 2010	Dan & Margie Best
August 22, 2010	Steve & Tracy Sdao
August 29, 2010	Ruth Burgoon & Susan Nartker

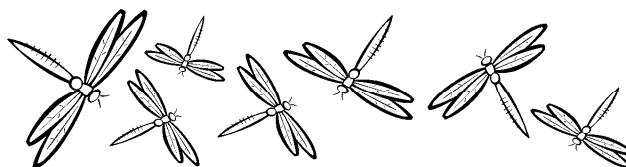
## Nursery Volunteers

July 4	Volunteer Needed
July 11	Brian & Angie Nartker
July 18	Volunteer Needed
July 25	Margie Best & Jone Lane
August 1	Volunteer Needed
August 8	Corinne Piper
August 15	Slone Whetstone
August 22	Volunteer Needed
August 29	Brian & Angie Nartker

### Prayer List Updates

Please Contact

Lavonne Segovia



### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REACHES OUT TO OUR MEMBERS

If you get a 'We Miss You' postcard in the mail from St. Paul's Church, don't be offended. The Stewardship Committee has decided to reach out to our members that miss three consecutive Sundays by sending a postcard to let them know that we truly miss their presence at our services and to let them know of upcoming events at church. Of course, if we find out that you have been ill or in the hospital, we will not be sending you a postcard but will be praying for your recovery and return to St. Paul's. Let Pastor Ruth or the office know if you have an extended illness or an operation that keeps you from attending church. We want to lift you up in prayer for your recovery and to contact you to see if there is anything Pastor Ruth and our members can do during the time you are not with us. We hope to see you in church to praise and worship our God!

## Children's Worship (Conducted During the Worship Hour)

1st Sunday of Each Month	Pastor Ruth— Story No Children's Church
2nd Sunday of Each Month	Steve Moser—Story Slone Whetstone—Children's Church
3rd Sunday of Each Month	Pastor Ruth—Story Shirley Moser— Children's Church
4th Sunday of Each Month	Corinne Piper—Story & Children's Church
5th Sunday of the Month	Pastor Ruth—Story Steve Moser—Children's Church

# The People of St. Paul's

*St. Paul's UMC,  
Thank you so much for the  
breakfast before church, the  
recognition along with the  
book,  
Graduate to Greatness.  
I am looking forward to  
reading it. I also want to thank  
you for the cookie and the  
balloons. The cookie was  
great!  
Thank you again,  
**Molly Fessler***

*To St. Paul's,  
Thank you for all the cards,  
thoughts and prayers I have  
received. They are all greatly  
appreciated.  
**Hazel Dunn***

*To St. Paul's UMC,  
Thanks so much for the flowers  
and all the thoughts and  
prayers.  
**Paul Scholfield***

Our condolences to **Carl and Lois Rabley and family.** Carl's nephew, **Bill Rabley**, passed away Tuesday, June 29th in North Carolina. Memorial service was held July 2nd in North Carolina. Cards will reach Carl and Lois at 4055 Brookshore Dr., Lima, Ohio 45801



We extend our sympathy to **Ruth Hardy and family.** Ruth's son, **Rick Hardy**, passed away Saturday, June 26, 2010, in Dayton, Ohio. Rev. James Kuhn officiated at his funeral on Thursday, July 1, at Chiles-Laman Funeral Home, Shawnee Chapel. Cards will reach Ruth at 112 Weger Avenue, Elida, OH 45807

Our condolences to **John and Jone Lane.** John's sister, **Jan Muter**, passed away June 29, in New Albany, Ohio. Her funeral service was held on Friday, July 2, in Gahanna, Ohio. Cards will reach John at 2540 Irvin Rd., Elida, OH 45807.

**Lesley Parker**, Peace Corp Volunteer, has been living in Ecuador for a year now. Lesley keeps a blog of her experiences while there. Ecuador is on the western coast of South America and straddles the equator. Lesley lives in El Retiro, in the El Oro Province. It has a tropical climate. Lesley's parents visited her in May and they each wrote an entry on her blog to tell their views of Ecuador. It is very interesting, entertaining, and can be found at [www.lesleyinecuador.blogspot.com](http://www.lesleyinecuador.blogspot.com).

## Committee Chairs

<b>PPR Chair</b>	Linda Craft
<b>Trustees Chair</b>	Larry Moser
<b>Finance Chair</b>	Art Holman
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gene Craft
<b>Education Chair</b>	Steve Moser
<b>Administrative Council Chair</b>	Scott Fessler
<b>Worship Setting</b>	Ruth Solo
<b>Nurture</b>	Martha Vazquez
<b>Stewardship</b>	Tim Piper
<b>Missions</b>	Maedene Holmes & Marty White

# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

May 30, 2010	75
June 6, 2010	66
June 13, 2010	71
June 20, 2010	56
June 27, 2010	77
July 4, 2010	71
July 11, 2010	70

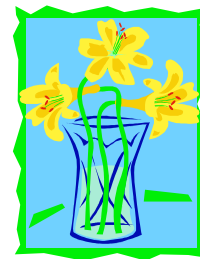
## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$3,466.00

	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
May 30, 2010	\$2,548.30	\$952.95
June 6, 2010	\$3,693.00	\$834.92
June 13, 2010	\$3,810.00	\$231.00
June 20, 2010	\$1,657.64	\$410.00
June 27, 2010	\$2,895.00	\$371.62
July 4, 2010	\$3,169.00	\$530.25
July 11, 2010	\$4,149.00	\$980.00

## Flowers:

July 4, 2010	Dorothy Banks
July 11, 2010	Tony & Shirley Shoup
July 18, 2010	Tim & Corinne Piper
July 25, 2010	Lois Cook Family
August 1, 2010	Steve & Tracy Sdao
August 8, 2010	Jamie & Jan Wyant
August 15, 2010	David & Susan Nartker
August 22, 2010	Open
August 29, 2010	Brooks & Jean May



## **Sunday School Attendance** **No Sunday School** **In the Summer**

Sunday School Begins

September 12

Visit The United  
Methodist Website at:  
[www.umw.org](http://www.umw.org)



# Consulting the Manual

## **Bible Readings for July** Revised Common Lectionary Year C

### **Week of July 4**

Color: Green All Month

*Old Testament:*

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

*New Testament:*

Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### **Week of July 11**

*Old Testament:*

Amos 7:7-17

Psalm 92

*New Testament:*

Colossians 1:1-14

Luke 10:25-37

### **Week of July 18**

#### **Parents' Day**

*Old Testament:*

Amos 8:1-12

Psalm 52 or 82

*New Testament:*

Colossians 1:15-29

Luke 10:38-42

### **Week of July 25**

*Old Testament:*

Hosea 1:2-10

Psalm 85

*New Testament:*

Colossians 2:6-15

Luke 11:1-13

For more detailed information on the  
Revised Common Lectionary,  
please visit:  
[www.gbod.org](http://www.gbod.org)



## **Bible Readings for August** Revised Common Lectionary Year C

### **Week of August 1**

Color: Green All Month

*Old Testament:*

Hosea 11:1-11

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

*New Testament:*

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

### **Week of August 8**

*Old Testament:*

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

*New Testament:*

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

### **Week of August 15**

*Old Testament:*

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

*New Testament:*

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

### **Week of August 22**

*Old Testament:*

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

*New Testament:*

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

### **Week of August 29**

*Old Testament:*

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

*New Testament:*

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

## West Ohio Conference Report



The **Annual Conference Planning Team**, chaired by Rev. Terry Heck, oversaw the preparations. So many people worked to make the June West Ohio Annual UMC Conference a great week. The Sunday evening events began with a concert by the **Shiloh Mountain Trio**, followed by the Laity Session. Led by Conference Co-Lay Leaders, Valarie Willis and Jim Jasinski, the **Laity Session** included reports by the United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, introduction of the 36 new Certified Lay Ministers, introduction of the Next Generations Interns, and a very personal and moving testimonial from Amy Matzenbach, conference staff, about her recent mission experiences. Monday: Greeted by sunny skies and a cool, waterfront breeze, nearly 2000 lay and clergy members of the West Ohio Conference converged upon Lakeside for the 2010 Annual Conference. I started the day with a breakfast honoring churches who have supported UMCH. I received a certificate in appreciation of Elida St. Paul's UMC as a Leadership Church for our support.



Morning worship kicked off as **Rev. Jorge Acevedo**, senior pastor at Grace United Methodist Church in southwest Florida, shared the story of that congregation's growth in the past decade. One of his statements stood out to me-[a great statement of evangelism is "Can I pray for you?"] Another was "I am forgiven thus I no longer have to carry the burden of who I've been. His church has been in a reaching out ministry, to the poor, and recovery ministries. There was a Congregational prayer Monday morning that moved me; "O holy God, you have taught us that if we do not love our neighbor, whom we have seen, we can not love God, whom we have not seen. Forbid that we would come to you with dishonest worship. May what we pray be what we practice: We ask for your forgiveness; Help us to be forgiving. We seek your mercy; Help us to be merciful. We say we love you; Let us see in others all that may be loveable. For we can not find you in worship unless we find you in those for whom your Son lived and died. Amen."

Conference business began as the body regarded the nomination of Bill Brownson as Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services. There were many heartfelt speeches given, those for Mr. Brownson's election, 5 for and 5 against. The overall discussions were enlightening and each side spoke their views well. All involved made clear that these were not easy issues to deal with here at conference or in our individual church communities. There was much hope among those gathered that we would be able to set aside our differing opinions and continue to hold on to our sense of Christian community. The vote came back with the results of 948 for and 920 against, confirming Mr. Brownson as Treasurer/Director of Administrative Services for the next four years. The conversations and reactions to the debate and results were prayerful and respectful by all, with each side affirming the importance of unity after the election.

The Council on Finance & Administration then offered its report and the votes continued, including the support of the Conference to push for the abolition of human trafficking. Rev. Stan Sutton, retiring conference treasurer, was recognized by the conference for his year's of service.

Recommendation #1 Resolution to support abolishing human trafficking –passed.

Recommendation #2 –Budget –passed.

Recommendation #3- Commission on Equitable compensation - passed

Monday evening brought the Laity Address by Valarie Willis, West Ohio Conference Co-Lay Leader, during which the new Certified Lay Ministers were recognized and presented with their certificates. Retiring Director Greg Traucht gave the Council on Development report and was recognized for his years of service to the conference.

Tuesday welcoming everyone into Hoover Auditorium was the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church Praise Team. The **Love First Miracle Offering**, pounds of potatoes along with the monetary offering were taken to the stage. The potatoes being collected were donated to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank, West Ohio Foodbank, and C.A.R.E United Methodist Outreach. The monetary offering is to go for support of the Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti and our United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington.

Following a prayer over the offering by Bishop Ough, he introduced the morning's speaker, **Rev. Janet Wolf** from Nashville, Tenn. Wolf engaged the audience through her passionate tone and her personal stories shared in the morning's message.

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Most powerful was a reading shared by Rev. Wolf and Rev. Karen Cook of West Ohio in which each took the role of one of two women living contrasting lives and circumstances. Wolf said that we must focus on proximity stressing that we cannot wait for people but instead, go to them. She said that we must be in ministry with the poor but not just to and for the poor, that this is, "who we are as Methodists." Wolf stressed that we must move into the world of those who are "impoverished and marginalized," and that we must take the invitation of Jesus to the dislocated and relocated. Wolf reminded the audience that

John Wesley thought it more important to be in partnership with the poor than to show up on Sunday morning for communion. She reminded the room of the gospel's call to challenge, confront, and change us, that we must move from complacency to commitment.

Tuesday morning and afternoon, those at Annual Conference had the choice of **nine different workshops** focused on social justice and ministry with the poor. One workshop, "**A Bridge Out of Poverty**," was led by Cathy Hamilton. Hamilton, who came from poverty, told her story of overcoming poverty because of a hope for the future instilled in her by people at key times in her life. She spoke of the different human responses to life situations because of a need for survival and emotional memories.

"**Reality Check: Is Your Congregation Really Ready for a Ministry WITH the Poor?**" was led by Lou Seipel who spoke on the criticalness of relationships in being in ministry with the poor. Seipel compared the values of different class systems. Those in poverty rely on relationships and those in the middle class value base everything on achievement. "No significant learning occurs without a significant relationship."

John Edgar and Donita Harris led a workshop titled, "**Engaging Urban Neighborhoods in Community Development**." Harris said that worship pulls it all together, that passionate worship transforms relationships. She said that we must think about the sacrifices being made and as a living body of Christ, must be intentional. Tolerance (of differences) leads to appreciation, which leads to inspiration, according to Harris. Before turning the microphone over to John Edgar, Harris gave two foundational statements of their church, "God loves us just the way we are," and "God is not finished with us yet." Edgar said that once relationships are developed, we become something different in worship, the body of Christ. He stressed that everyone has something to share and that we all must understand the power we have when we work together and share with one another.

Jorge Acevedo spoke to a group on the importance of Recovery Ministry in a session titled, "**Recovery Ministry: Connection Recovery to Christ**." He said that we are all in recovery and that we all need the grace that God provides. He focused on the recovery ministry that he works with and shared stories from real life situations. According to Acevedo, we must create a culture of understanding. "Recovery ministry is messy but the joy of getting a front row seat at life change is worth the hassle."

Another workshop offered was "**Transforming Lives Through Prison Ministry**," led by Jeff Hunsaker, executive director of the Horizon Faith and Character Transformation Initiative at Marion Correctional Institution. That important ministry provides personal connections with prisoners in a dormitory like setting and has greatly reduced the rate of recidivism after release from prison.

"**Immigration: Human Rights and Family Values**," focused on issues between immigrants and the United States. At the session, those in attendance were asked not to generalize immigrants' stories. Our conflicts are related to a lack of information. We must recognize the injustice that is a part of this issue today. Because we are scared, we find someone to blame.

Two other workshops, "**Innocence Lost: Human Trafficking**" and "**Healthcare Systems Based in Faith**" challenged the people to look at issues with the goal of causing change.

Seth Heckaman, the young man who founded Hope's Voice, was "broken" by a mission trip to Tijuana, Mexico and seeing **Human Trafficking** take place in the Red Light District. Heckaman, just a sophomore in high school at the time, knew that he had to do something. He said that although we hear about the issue and ways to stop it now more than ever, we must know what the issue really is about in order to make a change.

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Dr. Scott Morris spoke on **health care** and how we must do better than what we have done in the past. He said that we must switch our focus from preventing death to finding causes of life, that we must change our behavior. "God gave us a body for a reason. We have an obligation to take care of it," said Morris. He said that we need to make health care extremely important in our lives in order to live out our faith and lead the way to a better life.

Bishop Raul Garcia led a workshop titled "**Building Global Bridges**," at the Fountain Inn in which he engaged the audience in discussions about poverty across the world and ways to connect.



Tuesday afternoon after a welcoming song, by the Reynoldsburg Praise Team, a group of **Vacation Bible School children** sang a song with words, "In my Father's house, everything is fine." A responsive reading, a song by the praise team, and a story shared from the book of Luke 10: 25-37 {the good Samaritan} came before the message, "Reports from the ditch," given by Rev. Janet Wolf. Bishop Ough introduced Rev. Wolf saying that her morning message had three things. It had style, enthusiasm and truth. Rev. Wolf began with a story of a young child, a disruptive child, who had been transformed by a feeling of importance. She said that it is important to include those who are on the "edges." According to Wolf, it is important to invite not only those who have a means, but more importantly those who have a need. She told a story of the Good Samaritan saying that this title would not be a "Jesus title." She said that today we could never have a story about an ordinary Samaritan. If we are to know how we are doing on issues, Wolf said that we should not look to those leading the way but those among the suffering. For example, if we want to build bridges out of poverty, we must not ask state officials about the issue but instead those living on the streets and under bridges. Wolf said that we must change the church's social location in order to go to the ditch and build partnerships by being a connectional church. "The way of love is not a way of domination and division," said Wolf.

She said that as United Methodists, we must recognize that, "Homogenous is not Wesleyan. Everyone has gifts to bring. We are a church when open hearts, open minds, and open doors is not just a slogan," said Wolf. To conclude, Wolf had the people repeating "a change is gonna come." She said that we must "disturb apathy and challenge complacency," to make that change.

Everyone at Lakeside got a chance Tuesday evening to gather by the water and unwind from a long day at Annual Conference. Around 5 pm, the **Big Event began** and included games for all ages. By making a donation to the miracle offering, children could play games and win various prizes. The carnival-like event had everything from a dunk tank, to balloon hats and a bounce house for the younger children. A **ministry fair** focusing on poverty took place between the shops of Lakeside and just down from Hoover Auditorium. Various organizations had booths set up with informational materials to distribute related to working with the poor. The bishop and cabinet defeated the youth with a 4-0 win in The **Bishop's Challenge** that included four different events. Events included the construction of a giant block tower and a bridge building competition. **Rock the Dock** began at 8pm with a DJ playing songs and a large crowd gathered around enjoying time spent together and dancing to the songs being played. Young and old, all seemed to be enjoying themselves.



Wednesday morning's **Praise and Worship Service** offered an inspiring message "Macedonian Call; Macedonian Response" by **Bishop Raul Garcia DeOchoa**. The call he said was the call of the Holy Spirit to be his people; the response is to submit our will to God's will as a generous response. He asked the question, "are we ready to give of ourselves and our ability not because of what we have, but of what and who we are?"

Following were the Connectional Ministries Report, Archives & History Report, and Black College Fund Report. There was recognition of the *Upper Room* 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary during Wednesday morning's session. Those at the session received special editions of the *Upper Room* that contained eight daily devotionals from eight decades.

During the **Connectional Ministries Report**, George Howard, director, was recognized for his years of service to the conference. George presented a report focusing on the leadership development efforts of Connectional Ministries.

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## West Ohio Conference Report

Also in the Wednesday morning session.

Recommendation #4 Board of Pension and Health Benefits – passed as Amended.

Recommendation #5 Resolution to support fair trade – passed.

A presentation was given on the Ohio Council of Churches and the work being done through the covenant built between the 16 church bodies across the state.



George Howard, Director of Connectional Ministries for the conference, led the presentation of the **Harry Denman Evangelism Awards**. The Foundation of Evangelism has a vision to raise up generations of leaders who are passionate about evangelism. There were three different awards presented for a commitment to the world by evangelism. Youth award: Tabitha McCloud; Clergy award: Rev Aaron Brown; Laity award: Esther Brown; Bishop Ough reminded everyone that, “The Foundation for Evangelism is not just out there. It is us.”

The Board of Ordained Ministry was recognized and those being ordained joined Bishop Ough on stage to respond to questions asked by the bishop. The conference internship program provides college students an opportunity to explore a calling in their lives. Those interns in attendance also took the stage to be recognized.



Friends, family, and members of the West Ohio Conference met for the **Celebration of Life & Ministry Service** in the afternoon to celebrate commitments of leadership in ministry for the church and to honor those who have given much of their lives to leadership in the United Methodist Church. Those being ordained filed in with their families in a triumphant procession. While it was a time to receive and celebrate new leadership and affirm answers to calls into lives of ministry, it was also a time for remembrance of leaders no longer with us physically. Bishop Ough presented the candidates for commissioning, ordination, and affirmation leading them in the General Examination. The bishops commissioned 2 provisional deacon candidates and 13 provisional elder candidates. Twenty candidates were ordained as elders and one as a deacon.

Thursday began with the West Ohio Conference **Leadership Team** report. Dean of the Cabinet, Rev. Dr. Randy Stearns, gave the report focusing on the team's key **goal of supporting local churches in the development of partnerships**. Each District Superintendent spoke via video of the important partnerships already developed in their respective districts. Rev. Stearns highlighted the value of partnerships to strengthen struggling local churches and to successfully move to an outward bound missional focus. He stressed how important it was for local churches to remember that they are not alone and should move from a silo mentality to one of cooperative mission with other churches.

Following the Leadership Team report was the **Fixing of the Appointments and Nominations Report**.

Members discussed and acted on two recommendations as follows:

Recommendation #6 Ministerial sexual ethics policy – passed.

Recommendation #7 Encouragement to respond to convictions related to modern times was referred back to originator for clarification.



A review of giving showed value of 19,260 pounds of potatoes plus monetary giving in the **MIRACLE OFFERING** [which you as our church generously contributed to] added up to \$113,438. As a part of fund raising, to add to the miracle offering, a spirited auction of 3 Bishop Ough bobble heads were auctioned off. The first went for \$1000. The second for \$1950 and the third one went for \$6600 through shared ownership brokerage. A special presentation of a Bruce Ough Bobble Head was made to Char Ough by Rev. Joyce Fry, in **recognition of Mrs. Ough's** important role and leadership in the West Ohio Conference.

Bishop Ough thanked everyone involved with the 41st Annual Conference this year, and it was concluded with **closing worship**. Next year's Annual Conference dates of **June 5-9, 2011** were announced.

Thank you for supporting me as your Lay Delegate to the West Ohio Annual UMC Conference.

*Lavonne Segovia*

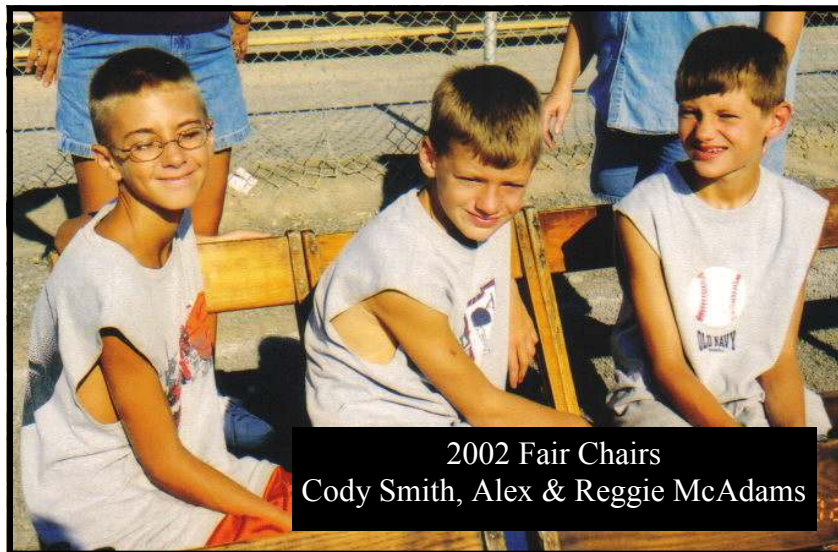
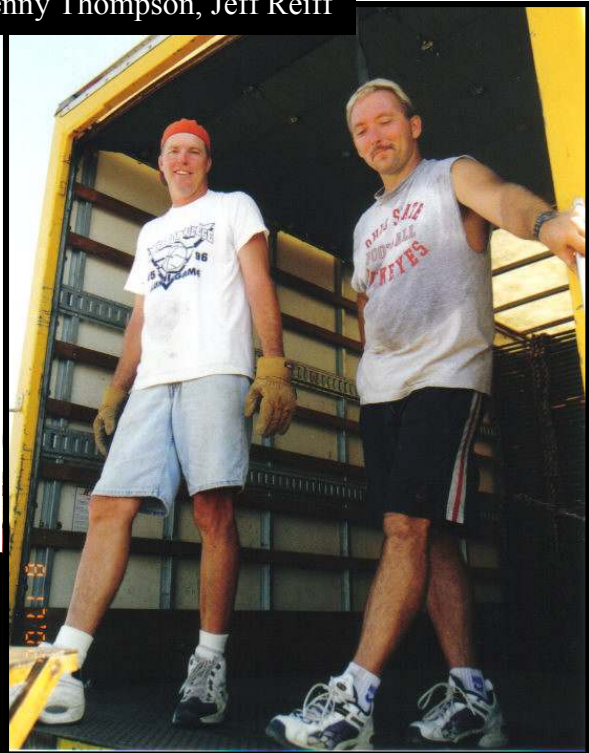


# Remember When...



1997 Fair Chairs

2002 Fair Chairs  
Denny Thompson, Jeff Reiff



2002 Fair Chairs  
Cody Smith, Alex & Reggie McAdams



You can have this much fun, too. Join us for set-up on Friday, August 27th at 8:00 AM and for take-down on Saturday, August 28th.

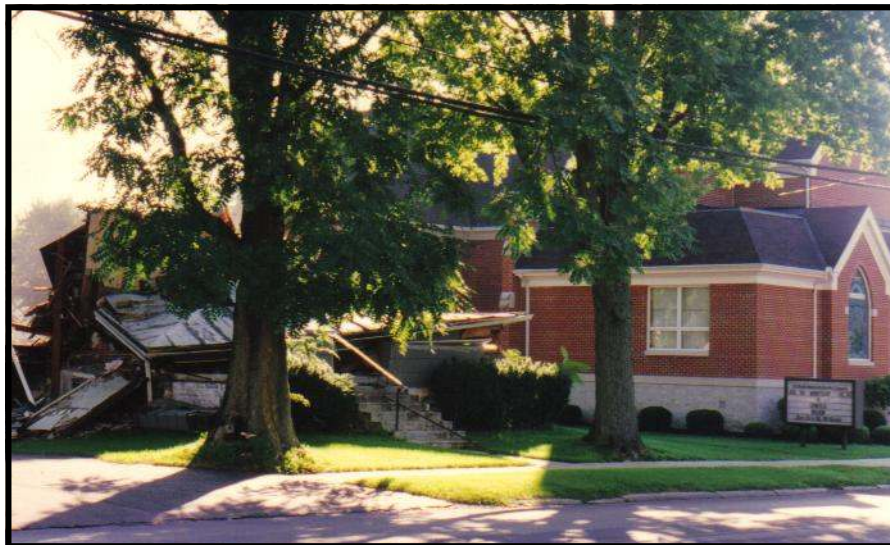
We need everyone's help with the fair chairs this year!



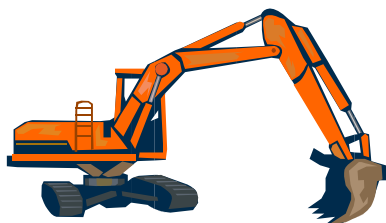
2006 Fair Chairs  
Get those numbers on!



# Connecting With ...



Demolishing Old Fellowship House  
July, 1996



Vacation Bible School  
"Sonward Ho"  
1990



**Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital**

Becky Bean  
Don Chaffins  
Hazel Dunn  
Jean May  
Tim Piper  
Paul Scholfield  
Marie Steiner

**Homebound Members**

Hazel Dunn  
Ruth Hurley  
Marie Lee  
Hope Mathwig  
Edna Osman  
Jean Redd  
Gladys Sherrick  
Helen Waldron

**Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement**

Sara House  
June Metzger  
Rick Scholfield

**In the Military or Missions**

Lesley Parker  
Jason Stanley

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This website offers book reviews, music reviews, and web ministry information among other relevant and interesting links.

**Meetings**

# July 2010

July 5, 2010  
**No PPR meeting**

July 6, 2010  
**Trustees...7:00 PM**

July 12, 2010  
**No Finance meeting**

July 12, 2010  
**Ad Council...8:00 PM**

July 20, 2010  
**Missions...7:00 PM**

**No Christian Ed Meeting in July**

**Sundays Prayer...9:00 AM**

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

				<b>1</b> Jenni Theodore Anika Bok	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> James Matlock	<b>5</b> Brian Kinney	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Jean Redd 93 years	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Hope Mathwig 91 years Don Holmes Tony Matlock
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Trustees	<b>14</b> Gloria Brunk Jackson Lane	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Kim Crates	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Madeline Kuenzli Zachary Loose	<b>19</b> Macy Chambers	<b>20</b> Frank Vanhorn	<b>21</b> Joshua Grapner	<b>22</b> Travis Bok Carole Grapner	<b>23</b> Bryan Craft	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Ian House	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Gretchen Woeller	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Jeff Holmes John Lane	<b>30</b> Ethan Thomas	<b>31</b> Ruth Hurley 92 years Jan Wyant

*Anniversaries*


  
*Doug & Ginger Fox*  
 July 6

*Tim & Corinne*  
 Piper  
 July 17

*Bill & Marlene*  
 Weaver  
 July 18

*Tim & Sue Theodore*  
 July 20

*Denny & Carole*  
 Grapner  
 July 26

*Bill & Joyce Nichols*  
 July 27



# Meetings

# August 2010

**No PPR meeting**

August 3  
Trustees...7:00 PM

August 9  
Finance ...7:00 PM

**No Ad Council**

August 17  
Missions...7:00 PM

August 2  
Christian Ed...7:00 PM

**Sundays**  
Prayer...9:00 AM

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

<b>1</b> Mary Grigsby  Tim White	<b>2</b>   Christian Ed	<b>3</b> Ron Bible  Trustees	<b>4</b> Joy Fletcher	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Myrna Metzger	<b>9</b> Ruth Hardy  Finance	<b>10</b> Brian Steiner	<b>11</b> Michele Theodore	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Rhett Rabley	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Ella Tweddle	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Tracy Sdao	<b>19</b> Jacquie Bice	<b>20</b> Austin Lewis  Dennis Metzger	<b>21</b> Aaron Kimmet
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Aric Thompson	<b>24</b> Gail Fessler  Missions	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 8:00 AM Set-up Fair Chairs	<b>28</b> Take-down Fair Chairs after concert
<b>29</b> Brad Selover	<b>30</b> Kris Crates  Cole Lewis  Esther McKinney 84 years	<b>31</b>				

# Anniversaries

- Martin & Maureen Rentz August 1*
- Scott & Beth Warris August 1*
- AJ & Tara Strauch August 2*
- Ron & Mary Steiner August 3 41 Yrs.*
- Steve & Tracy Sdao August 4*
- Brandon & Jaime Chambers August 4*
- Jamie & Jan Wyant August 6*
- David & Susan Nartker August 16*
- Tony & Linda Matlock August 18*
- Ron & Kay McAdams August 19 49 Yrs.*

# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

## Strawberry Sparkle Cake

*by Susan Nartker*

Ingredients		Instructions
1	angel food cake	Dissolve jello in 1 cup boiling water. Stir in frozen strawberries.
1 (3 oz.) box	strawberry jello	
1 pound	frozen strawberries	Cut 1" layer off top of cake. Set aside. Cut around 1" from outer edge of cake and 1" from bottom.
1	Cool Whip	
few drops	red food coloring	Remove sections between cuts and tearing into small pieces, fold pieces into mixture and put in shell of cake.
		Ice cake with Cool Whip to which a few drops of red food coloring have been added.
		Refrigerate.



## Banana Punch

*by Corinne Piper*

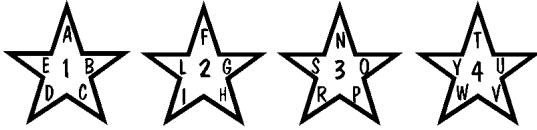
Ingredients		Instructions
5	bananas, mashed	Stir bananas with juices.
1 (46 oz.)	can pineapple juice	
2 (12 oz.)	cans frozen orange juice, thawed	Dissolve sugar in water. Add to juice mixture. Stir well. Freeze.
1 (12 oz.)	can frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed	
4 cups	sugar	Thaw in refrigerator four hours before serving.
6 cups	water	
7 (28 oz.)	bottles 7-Up	Add 7-Up. Mix well and serve.
		Part Ginger Ale may be used.



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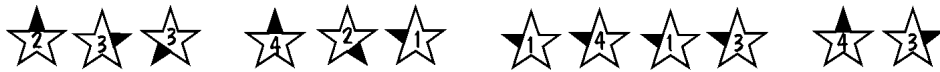
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\_\_\_\_\_ . Ecclesiastes 11:7

Answer: Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.

## Unscramble

Read Psalm 104:1, 19a and unscramble the words below. Then connect the dots to reveal the mystery picture.

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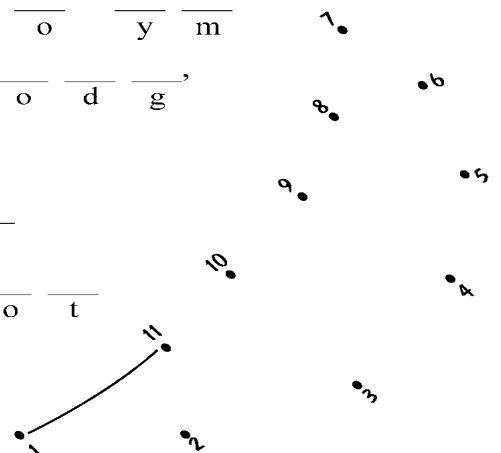
o y u r e a r v y e

t g a r e u o y h v e a

d e a m h e t o m n o o t

m r a k t e h

s s o e n a s . Psalm 104:1, 19a



Answer: Bless the Lord O my soul. O Lord God, you are very great. You have made the moon to mark the seasons.

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## Living Our Faith

### Telling the Story

Many Hawaiian songs end with one of these two phrases: *ha'ina 'la mai ka puana*—"the story is told" or *ha'ina 'la mai ana ka puana*—"let the refrain be told."

It is intriguing that the addition of one word (*ana*) changes the sense from past to a wish for something to happen.

Maybe these words would fit well with prophesy. When the prophet Amos was challenged he said, "I can't help it. I had no intentions of being a prophet, but God called me."

Other prophets carry the sense of "this is the word of God; tell it for the world."

Either way, the message seems to be clear: God's word is to be told. Whether we have done it or are being challenged to do it, the word of God *will* be told throughout the earth.



### Age Is No Barrier

Harriet Richardson Ames recently got her bachelor's degree in education. That wouldn't be very significant except for the fact that she was 100 years old. Her daughter

Marjorie said, "She had what I call a 'bucket list,' and that was on it."

In 1931 Ames earned a two-year teaching certificate and taught for several years in a one-room schoolhouse. She continued studying, taking classes at several different colleges. The schools researched her studies, and found she had enough credits for a degree, and so awarded her with one in January, 2010.

"If I die tomorrow, I'll know I'll die happy," Ames said about earning her degree. Quite coincidentally, she died the next day.

"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us," reads Hebrews 12:1b. And let us never give up.