



Lamplighter

Ohio U.P. Church

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From the Pastor

What would we talk about if we didn't have weather. "Hot enough for you?" "Think it'll rain?" "Looks like a cold winter ahead." And yet for most of us this kind of talk is just a holdover from the days before central heat and whole house air conditioning. My mother talks about coming home from school and finding snakes in her room. There was a time when we weren't so good at keeping the outside, out.

These days it takes a disaster or a break-down to remind us that life is a wild and unpredictable ride. It's really all right to smooth out the bumps as much as we can, as long as we don't get out of the habit of reminding ourselves that we belong to God. We are here to enjoy God and all that he has given us and to bless others with the good things God has provided. Its not always easy to remember that I am not the center of the universe, but that God is the center and everything revolves around God. In so far as our lives are good and we have what we need it is due to God's generosity and God's love of giving gifts to human-kind.

The Bible is clear in the teaching that every good gift comes from God and that evil is the misuse of the good gifts that God has provided. Sometimes those gifts are misused by the devil; sometimes they are misused by people. There is nothing wrong with wealth, or talent or ability, when used according to God's purposes.

The beginning of understanding God's purposes is knowing and understanding the words of Psalm 100. "It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture."

God bless you. Amen.

Annual Turkey Dinner



The annual Women's Association Turkey Dinner will be on Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at 6:00 PM. A traditional turkey dinner will be served. This year's entertainment will be an instrumental trip through the decades by Jim and Dave, who will be playing the sax and guitar. Reservation slips (found in your Sunday bulletins) must be turned in by October 18.

October Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

3. Ed Hillard
4. Susan Young
6. Mary Radonovich
7. Joyce Kutzavitch
8. Eleanor Pike
Gary Cronin
Patrick Gregory
9. Max Somerville
Lois Dancer
Pamela Laird
Karen Bauder
10. Lois Kearns
11. Courtney Laird
Kristi Lucas
Michael Hornung
12. Vicki Mellott
Christa Harmotto
William Arzberger
13. Janis Lewis
Chad Alviani
14. Brian Leheny
15. Ben Laird
16. Brittany Smith
17. Dianne Kanitra
18. Patti Strominger
Christian Robertson
19. Amy Martin
20. Evelyn Moss
Beth Gibboney
22. Craig Gregory
23. Meredith Thomas
Janice Gennaro
24. Keith Murdoch
Joyce Novacek
Rebecca Novacek
26. Benjamin Augspurger
28. Phillip Laird
Betsy Pedicone
29. Matthew Smith
Nicholas Leheny
Trent Nan
Edward Cunningham
31. Judie Essey

ANNIVERSARIES

2. John & Janet Smith
5. Ken & Lorraine Jones
6. Mark & Pam Alviani
8. Sharp & Vicki Davidson
11. Kevin & Nancy Hribar
Robert & Sandy Nan
14. Bernard & Bert Davis
16. Scott & Sharon Neville
Jeff & Jennifer Davis
20. Richard & Barbara Tackac
Rick & Kathy Cropper
21. Ed & Catherine Leheny
23. Larry & Susan Palochak
Jeff & Karen Barth
24. Jim & Vi Young
30. Adam & Beth Gibboney

Addresses for College Students Needed!

We need college addresses of all of our college students so we can send care packages after Thanksgiving to let them know we are thinking about them. Email or call the church office with the information.

Ohio U.P. Fellowship

October 4th— Fellowship Kick-Off for all ages at the Pike's-1130 Parrish Dr. We will have dinner, games and a Bonfire. Please bring a covered dish to share, meat, beverage and table service will be provided. Sign up with the bulletin insert or by calling the church office at 724-378-3690 or emailing the church at oupc@choiceonemail.com. You can call the Pike's if you need directions at (724) 378-9788.

October 8th-Fellowship Dinner 5:45—6:30 PM-Menu: Pasta Bar, Salad, Bread, Beverage and Homemade Dessert-Cost \$4.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Children-there is a \$12.00 Family Limit-Reservations can be made with the bulletin insert or by phoning the church at 724-378-3690 or emailing the church at oupc@choiceonemail.com.

Fall/Winter Thursday Evening Groups

Beginning October 8th at 6:30 PM there will be two groups meeting each week until 7:15 PM. One group will be meeting to plan and prepare for the second annual **“Night In Bethlehem”**. “Night In Bethlehem” is a community outreach night where we will reenact the town of Bethlehem at the time of Christ's birth. There will be opportunities for families to come and make crafts, prepare and eat food, visit with a Jewish family, and of course see Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus. Any one interested in participating is welcome. Help is needed in many areas!

The second Thursday Night group will be working on a Christmas Drama to be presented to the congregation in December. The drama **“Open Hearts in Bethlehem”** was written by Kenneth Bailey, a renowned biblical scholar and is his perception of the birth of Jesus based on 40 years of living in the Middle East. All ages are invited to participate in this drama. Not only

Macy's Shop For a Cause - We will be selling Macy's Shop for a Cause shopping passes again this year. This \$5.00 pass entitles the purchaser to a 25% discount coupon at Macy's Department store on October 17th, 2009 and an all day pass of 10 to 20% off savings throughout the store. There is also a chance to win a \$500 Macy's gift card. Passes will be sold after worship on Sunday and at the church office during the week. See Eleanor Pike for more details.

Session News:

- Session moved to transfer funds out of the General Fund to the Deacons.
- Elder representatives for the Nominating Committee were elected.

Trustees Update:

- Still looking for potential bus drivers. Discussed existing and future expected transportation needs and how best to meet those needs, either with owned vehicles or short-term rentals or a mix.
- Roof shingles will be replaced where they were damaged by windstorms. Side door lock is still a problem. Will contract a locksmith to correct the problem.
- Church sign was cleaned and repaired. Also looking into adding exterior electrical outlets at sign.

Youth Schedule

Jr. and Sr. High

October 4th - All church dinner and Bonfire at the Pike's 4-7:00 PM

October 8th- Youth Group 5-6:30 PM. Includes dinner from 5:45-6:30 PM

October 11th - Youth Group trip to Kennywood Fright Nights from 6-11 PM.

Cost: \$23.00

October 15th - Youth Group 5-6:30 PM-come and watch other Youth Group Members March in the Homecoming Parade

October 22nd - Youth Group 5-6:30 PM

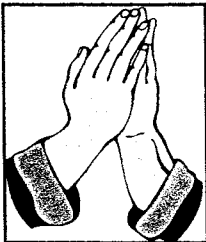
October 24th - Dodgeball Tournament - Time to Be Announced

October 29th - Youth Group 5-6:30 PM Halloween special!!

Kindergarten to 6th Grade Youth Group

The kindergarten thru 6th grade youth group will meet on the second Thursday of each month beginning in October from 6:30-7:15 PM. In October there will be a Bible-based scavenger hunt. Through clues from the Bible they will travel around the church where they will eventually discover a hidden treasure.

The Deborah Circle is continuing their study on Managing Your Moods this year. If you are a woman in this church and haven't joined a Circle yet, you are encouraged to do so. There is one to fit every schedule!



"Each of us as good managers of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gifts we have received from God." - 1st Peter 4:10 (TEV)

Upcoming Events

- October 4th** - World Wide Communion
Praying Partners Get Together - Noon
All church dinner and Bonfire at the Pike's 4-7:00 PM
- October 8th** - Fellowship Dinner and Activities- begins at 5:45 PM
- October 15th**- Homecoming Parade
- October 18th** - Fellowship/Pastor Appreciation after 2nd service
Deadline for Turkey dinner reservations
- October 20th** - Beaver Elder Care 1:15 PM
- October 21st** - Turkey Dinner 6:00 PM
- October 25th** - Friendship Ridge 2:00 PM
- October 28th** - Cub Scout Pack Meeting
- October 31st** - **TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS!**

Beaver Elder Care Visit

The Women's Association is once again organizing a visit to Beaver Elder Care on Tuesday, October 20th, where we will visit with the residents while playing games, singing songs, etc. Donations of small figurines, and edible treats to give as prizes (packages of crackers, candy) would be greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder! Be on the lookout in the bulletins and Lamplighter next month for information about the Presents for Shut-Ins Program that we will be collecting again for this year.