

THE AMBASSADOR

June 2007

Dear Christian Friends,

We're on our way! The action planning stage of our journey into God's direction for Waterville United Methodist Church is complete. We'll begin to see changes all around us as the carefully crafted plans are put into action. Each one of us will be invited and included in the excitement. And, each of us is vitally needed to successfully follow God's leading.

I've heard two comments with increasing frequency in our congregation. The first is that folks just don't know where they're gifted to serve. We'll address this very real and vital question as we all participate in the Spiritual Gifts Inventory on June 10th during worship. The second frequent comment is that folks just don't see how God can use them. To respond to this comment I want to thank John Nicholson who forwarded this email to us:

The next time you feel like God can't use you, just remember... Noah was a drunk; Abraham was too old; Isaac was a daydreamer; Jacob was a liar; Leah was ugly; Joseph was abused; Moses had a stuttering problem; Gideon was afraid; Samson had long hair and was a womanizer; Rahab was a prostitute; Jeremiah and Timothy were too young; David had an affair and was a murderer; Elijah was suicidal; Isaiah preached naked; Jonah ran from God; Naomi was a widow; Job went bankrupt; Peter denied Christ; the Disciples fell asleep while praying; Martha worried about everything; the Samaritan woman was divorced; more than once Zaccheus was too small; Paul was too religious; Timothy had an ulcer; AND Lazarus was dead! Now, no more excuses! God can use you to your full potential. Besides, you aren't the message, you are just the messenger.

Our Annual Conference will begin June 10th in the afternoon. Please pray that Karen Longnecker and I will represent our congregation well during this time of change and challenge in our denomination. Like Waterville, the Conference is prayerfully discerning God's direction for the future.

And, thank you for your generosity in supporting the Miracle Offering which will be presented to the Conference. With the other nearly 1,100 congregations in our Annual Conference we will impact the scourge of AIDS both here and abroad through our combined efforts.

May this summer be a time of both renewal and action for you and yours. And, may God's blessings continue to shower you day by day.

Your Pastor,

Jim

Habitat for Humanity is coming to Waterville UMC

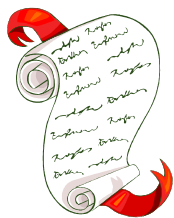


The Administrative Council has approved our participation in the Maumee Valley Habitat for Humanity's United Methodist build. This promises to be a great outreach project. We will be one of eleven United Methodist Churches from the Toledo area participating in this project.



The UMC build will begin August 25th, when the deck is laid for the structure. The construction site will be on Oak Shadow Court in Spencer Township. The project will be an 1100 sq. ft., 3-bedroom home and will take place in September. The house will be owned by a wonderful Christian woman named Angela Williams who has two daughters, ages 17 and 13.

Details of how many volunteers and exactly when they will be needed are still in the planning stage. Please hold this project in your prayers and consider participating in it. Rob Greenlese will be coordinating with Habitat for Humanity and will represent our church at regular meetings. Please call him at (419) 878-9335 if you have questions or would like to sign up for participation in the project.



A Spiritual Gifts Inventory, a tool used to discern the gifts with which you have been endowed by God, will be completed during our worship service on **June 10**. Our spiritual gifts are different from our talents. Spiritual gifts are given by God to fulfill the ministries of the church. It's not a test, just a personal inventory in booklet form that you will want to participate in. If you can not attend on the 10th of June, contact the church office to receive a booklet. We want every adult and youth in seventh grade or above to complete the inventory.

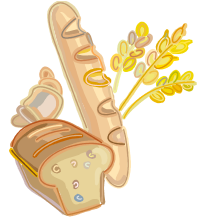
MIRACLE OFFERING 2007

Every minute nearly 5 people die of AIDS. 23 million persons have died from AIDS already and by 2010, as many as 100 million people may be infected. This year the Miracle Offering taken during the West Ohio Annual Conference will go to the Global AIDS Fund for AIDS related ministries. Each church is being challenged to raise \$1.00 for each member, which for us would be \$335. For each dollar you contribute, our Mission Committee will match equally from their funds. Please make your checks out to Waterville UMC with *Miracle Offering* on the memo line. Thanks for your support, Karen Longnecker, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference.



C & C Outreach Report

A special thanks to all who have helped deliver **Welcome A Neighbor** bags. And also to the women who so faithfully bake bread each month. This ministry is one of the easiest ways to get the name of our church out into our community and we have been very successful in doing so. It is to your credit and dedication that this activity has been such a success. Because of you, we have introduced our church to at least seven new families who are now members of our church. We encourage everyone to participate in this ministry.



Have you been thinking about trying to get more exercise?? We may have the answer to that question. Outreach is creating a **LOVE** Club: **Leave Our Vehicle Elsewhere**. We want to create 10 parking spaces each Sunday for new comers. As you know, parking is one of the areas in our church that is in need of help. Each month we will ask 10 people to park their car further away, down the block or possibly Baer Park. This will open up some spaces around the church. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those who would want to participate each month. Please consider becoming a member of the LOVE Club. And remember an added bonus: a way to get more exercise.



For almost two years, Family Life and Outreach has wanted to offer **Trunk Or Treat** to our church and to our community. This would take place the Sunday before Halloween. What exactly is Trunk or Treat? What it entails is people decorating the trunks of their cars to illustrate a Bible Story. Example: Noah's Ark, Daniel and the Lions, Sarah and Abraham, and so on. We would do this in the church parking lot and children could go from trunk to trunk and get candy. Each month I will share a little more about how we are going to organize this event and how you can help. Please think about this and pray that maybe this year we will be able to make this ministry possible.



Kickball, sneakers and a picnic lunch!

Sunday, May 20th was our second annual Sneaker Sunday and picnic at Baer Park. We were blessed with a beautiful afternoon. It was perfect weather for the competitive kickball game that took place after lunch. The teams were decided and the players were anxious to begin. Adults versus kids. In the end, the kids' won. We won't mention any scores! Thank you to the many participants. The fellowship was much enjoyed as well as the delicious side dishes that were brought to share.



It seems like each month I am telling you about something and asking for your help. I know you are proud of your church, and we just want to share this with everyone. We on Family Life and Outreach want to thank each of you for all your help and support. None of this would be possible without you. The best way to thank Christ for saving us is to tell others about Him.



June 2007 Birthdays

Day ADULTS
 2 David Nightingale
 3 Bronson Lipinski
 6 Sara Broske
 7 Rob Greenlese
 12 Mike Greenlese
 13 Lisa Galton
 14 Jean Warner
 15 Tonya Sheridan
 15 Dick Stafford
 16 Ron Hart
 16 Olga Mae Perkins



18 Yvonne Lammon
 19 Katie Allison
 19 Sara Kirby
 22 Paul Croy
 22 John Nicholson
 24 Karen Longnecker
 27 Sue Gregory
 27 John Michael
 29 Addie Breymaier
 30 Judy Overmyer

Day YOUTH



8 Caleb Gregory
 12 Stefanie Banks
 12 Olivia Cox
 14 Elizabeth Cox
 14 Abigail Cox
 14 Michael Cox
 17 Simon Born
 25 Kelly Smith
 28 Charlie Jakubowski

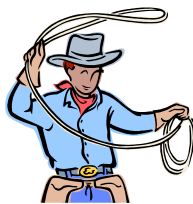


Don't forget Father's Day – Sunday, June 17th!

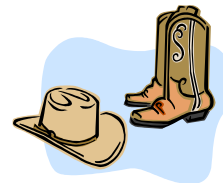


Summer Sunday School

We are in need of volunteers to teach or just help with Summer Sunday School for the children. In the summer, the classes are combined into one class with two adults, one teacher and one helper. The teacher would be responsible for teaching the lesson and the helper is there to align with the Safe Sanctuary Policy at our church – having 2 adults present with children. The lesson and all the materials would be provided for you. You would just be responsible to teach or help for one Sunday. Please contact Stephanie Shelton if you are interested: 441-2096 or ashelton26@accesstoledo.com.



Vacation Bible School
July 29-August 2, 6:30-8:30
Zion Lutheran Church



The theme for this year is country western, Avalanche Ranch. There will be many more details to come. Look for the registration form in the next Ambassador!



Youth Alive!



The youth will not be taking a break this summer...we have many exciting activities planned for the summer, along with a weekly Bible Study to help energize our faith. Be looking for a calendar of events coming in the mail soon.

Graduation Sunday



We will honor our graduates on Sunday, June 3, during the worship service. All high school, college, business school and graduate students who are graduating this year, plan to attend and be recognized for your achievements. If you know of someone graduating, please contact the church office so we can be sure to recognize them.



Tea Time



You are cordially invited to Tea Time at the Toledo Campus Ministry on **Saturday, June 23** at the **Ark, 2080 Brookdale Rd., Toledo**. Two seatings are offered at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12, with all proceeds going to the Toledo Campus Ministry. For more information and tickets call 419-536-4865.

Thank You

Sunday School Teachers Recognition

On Sunday, May 20th, we recognized and thanked all of our wonderfully committed Sunday School teachers. We are so blessed to have so many individuals willing to volunteer to fill these roles. We appreciate all that they do and can't think of enough ways to express our gratitude. Thank you!

Obrigado!

Nursery Staff

Elaine Reecer
Katie Allison



Fourth - Sixth Grade Teachers

Bobbie Westfall
Pam Plassmann
Barb Crandall
Julie Croy



PreK and Kindergarten Teachers

Charlotte Pritchett
Dawn Buskey
Anne Stevens
Stephanie Shelton



Jr./Sr. High Teacher

Adam Shelton

First - Third Grade Teachers

Amy Anderson
Becky Brown
April Born
Lisa Galton



Adult Sunday School Teachers

Jerry and Melva Robinson
Brian Schultz



Thank You!

Dear Friends, Many thanks for all of your prayers, kind words, cards, flowers, visits and great food. (Ron says "Thank you", too.) I am feeling fine and happy to be back to church. Love, Lou Peyton



"...I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:36

A very sincere and heartfelt "Thank you!" to all who baked cookies and prayed over them, all who signed up on the prayer vigil and prayed, all who donated money, and all the kids who decorated place mats in Sunday School. All of these acts put you right there with us in Toledo Correctional Institution on Kairos Weekend #8 from May 3rd thru 6th. We ministered to 42 men who are locked up but looking for a relationship with Jesus Christ. It was a great weekend and you all helped. Thank you again for visiting these men with us through your giving.

Rob Greenlese and Eric Ramlow

Fabulous Drive-In Diner

Yes!! It will be back once more this year in July! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, July 28th and get ready for a fun-filled evening. Come and enjoy delicious grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, fresh french fries, cool and refreshing root beer floats and homemade pies for dessert. We also need lots and lots of volunteers. Look for sign-up sheets at church or call the church office to help out.

STATISTICS

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	
			CHILDREN	ADULT
May 6	152	\$3,455.00	35	n/a
May 13	177	6,121.74	27	19
May 20	145	2,378.00	29	n/a

HOSPITALIZED IN MAY

Becky Agee	Pastor Jim Caldwell
Twig King	Ralph Marshall
Marilyn Mayer	Lou Peyton



Christian Hope And Sympathy To:

Elden Mayer and family upon the death of *Marilyn Mayer*, who passed away on May 16. Elden and Marilyn have been members at Waterville UMC for many years.

Bill and Michelle Martin and family upon the death of Bill's father, *Mack Martin*, who passed away May 7th.

Save the Date! **Sunday, September 23, and time, 4:00 p.m.**

You are invited to celebrate Pastor David Hogg's retirement. The date is all planned, but the location has not been determined yet. If you would like to attend, please respond via email to MasterRSVP@columbus.rr.com or call Amy & Tim Crandall at 614-895-8399, no later than **June 10th**. Please include your full name, number attending, and your street or e-mail address. A letter of confirmation, which will include completed details, will be sent to you. However, you must respond by **June 10th**.



Women's Ministry

Scrapbooking and more... will meet every other Monday afternoon during the summer months. Please join us at 1:00 p.m. on June 11 and June 25 for scrapbooking, crafting, sewing, talking, snacking or whatever you want to do. We meet in the Fellowship Hall and there is plenty of room to spread out and do your thing! Come join the fun.



Lunch Bunch



Join us for lunch at the Ground Round Grill on Wednesday, June 20th at 12:45 p.m. The Ground Round Grill is located on Dussell Drive in Maumee. In July, we will meet at Tehya Collinsworth's home for a potluck. All women are invited for good food and great fellowship. If you need a ride, call Tehya at 419-878-8616.

IT'S TIME TO GO SHOPPING

The Women's Ministry has joined the Great Lakes Scrip Center for our fund raiser. By joining this program, we can offer you a wide variety of gift cards to purchase. You can use them yourself for shopping and dining out, or give them for gifts. The Women's Ministry receives a return of 4% to 15% of the money used to purchase a card.

Since you are probably going to shop or eat at some of these places, why not purchase a gift card, redeem at face value, and help the Women's Ministry at the same time. Please see the reverse side for a list of cards offered and an order form for you to fill out. Most cards cost \$25.00 but some can be purchased for \$10.00. Call the church office if you have any questions or for additional order forms.

We also have Kroger cards to purchase. The cost of a Kroger card is \$5.00 and you may add more money for your shopping needs at any of the Kroger stores. They are also available at the church office.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY GIFT CARD ORDER SHEET

Please mark the number of cards you would like, sign your name and phone number at the bottom, make your check out to Waterville UMW, and send to the church office. If you do not see something listed that you would like to purchase a gift card for, call the church office and we can check to see if it is available. Thank you for helping the Women's Ministry in this fund raiser. This will be an on-going project, remember to order new cards whenever you need them.

I would like to purchase the following gift cards:

SHOPPING

<input type="checkbox"/> Anderson's	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Babies-R-Us	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Barnes & Noble	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Bath & Body	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Best Buy	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Claire's	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Dillard's	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Dress Barn	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Elder Beerman	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Christian	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Foot Locker	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Home Depot	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> J C Penney	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Kids-R-Us	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Kohl's	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Lowe's	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Macy's	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Menards	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Old Navy	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Rite Aid	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sears	\$25.00

DINING

<input type="checkbox"/> Arby's	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Evans	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Burger King	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Carrabba's	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Chili's	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipotle	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Cold Stone	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Cracker Barrel	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Fazoli's	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Longhorn	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Max & Erma's	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Olive Garden	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Panera Bread	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Red Lobster	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Starbucks	\$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Texas	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Wendy's	\$10.00

ENTERTAINMENT

<input type="checkbox"/> AMC Theater	\$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Bockbuster	\$10.00

Name _____

Phone _____



Scripture and Prayer Calendar

SCRIPTURE	JUN	PRAYER
I Kings 15 & 16	II Corinthians 3 1	The Dan Baylor Family
I Kings 17 & 18	II Corinthians 4 2	Addie Breymaier
I Kings 19 & 20	II Corinthians 5 3	The Gary Breymaier Family
I Kings 21 & 22	II Corinthians 6 4	Randy Breymaier
II Kings 1 & 2	II Corinthians 7 5	Mr. & Mrs. Steve Broseke
II Kings 3 & 4	II Corinthians 8 6	The Joel Brown Family
II Kings 5 & 6	II Corinthians 9 7	Mrs. Joyce Bruce
II Kings 7 & 8	II Corinthians 10 8	Mrs. Dorothy Bunde
II Kings 9 & 10	II Corinthians 11 9	The Paul Buskey Family
II Kings 11 & 12	II Corinthians 12 10	Rev. & Mrs. James Caldwell
II Kings 13 & 14	II Corinthians 13 11	The Ken Carter Family
II Kings 15 & 16	Galatians 1 12	Mrs. Tehya Collinsworth
II Kings 17 & 18	Galatians 2 13	The Keith Colyer Family
II Kings 19 & 20	Galatians 3 14	The Robin Condon Family
II Kings 21 & 22	Galatians 4 15	Mrs. Lucile Conrad
II Kings 23, 24, 25	Galatians 5 16	Mrs. Zella Corbin
I Chronicles 1 & 2	Galatians 6 17	The Allen Cox Family
I Chronicles 3 & 4	Ephesians 1 18	Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Cox
I Chronicles 5 & 6	Ephesians 2 19	The Steve Crandall Family
I Chronicles 7 & 8	Ephesians 3 20	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Croy
I Chronicles 9 & 10	Ephesians 4 21	The Paul Croy Family
I Chronicles 11 & 12	Ephesians 5 22	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Crum
I Chronicles 13 & 14	Ephesians 6 23	Mrs. Ardis Cullen
I Chronicles 15 & 16	Philippians 1 24	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Dalton
I Chronicles 17 & 18	Philippians 2 25	Mrs. Alta Damron
I Chronicles 19 & 20	Philippians 3 26	Mrs. Nancy Davidson
I Chronicles 21 & 22	Philippians 4 27	The Bob Deardurff Family
I Chronicles 23 & 24	Colossians 1 28	Mrs. Lenora Dieter
I Chronicles 25 & 26	Colossians 2 29	The John Doyle Family
I Chronicles 27, 28, 29	Colossians 3 30	The Thomas Emahiser Family



Following each daily Scripture Reading are the names of the families and individuals for our daily prayer list. Please read your Bible and pray for these persons for the month of June. If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the Prayer Chain: Mary Williams 419-878-5554 or e-mail gwilliams@tbbs.com; Pam Plassmann 419-878-9432 or e-mail plassmb@accesstoledo.com