

THE AMBASSADOR

February 2008

Dear Friends,

I'm thrilled and excited! It is a wonderful event when we add twelve young disciples to our congregation. We congratulate the young people who joined Christ's Church through the confession of their Christian Faith on January 27th. For the last thirteen weeks these wonderful young Christians have shared with mentors as they explored their faith, and learned from those adult friends the vibrant experience of living as Christians. There is little which can compare to the joy felt by the congregation as we welcomed these wonderful new members. I congratulate them, and give thanks to their mentors. May all be blessed!

Freddy Anderson
Kyle Breymaier
Anna Brown
Taylor Buskey
Alaina Hem
Joe Henry
Brooklyn Lipinski
Sarah Plassmann
Alexis Reihing
Anna Smith
Kelly Smith
Steven Smith

Brian Schultz, Mentor
Tom Wiggins, Mentor
Karen Wiggins, Mentor
Sue George, Mentor
Nancy O. Stafford, Mentor
Eric Ramlow, Mentor
Mary Williams, Mentor
Rob Greenlese and Delores Young, Mentors
Keith Colyer, Mentor
Cathy Landis, Mentor
Becky Allison, Mentor
Jason Born, Mentor

February promises to be another month of great joy and challenge as we continue to evaluate new facilities of such a wonderful scope that we will have to rely on faith for their fulfillment. We will begin our capital funds campaign this month. A brand new brochure explaining our Mission Statement and inviting unchurched folks to journey with us will be 'rolled out.' Work will continue in areas of our church as diverse as spiritual development and family bowling. Sometime in the near future Waterville United Methodist will learn who will be the new pastor to love and guide this vibrant group of Christians into God's preferred future. And the worship of God, which is the center of our gathering, will be as deep and meaningful as it ever has been. This will be an exciting month, indeed!

I constantly give thanks for the privilege of being a part of this wonderful church. I hope you do, as well. God has uniquely gifted and shaped this congregation like a master chef bakes the perfect confection, and then God has heaped blessings on top, like a great mound of whipped cream. If you haven't been here in a while come fill up at the Table. As the psalmist said, "O taste and see that the Lord is GOOD!" (Psalm 34:8)

May God bless and keep you always, in all ways,

Pastor Jim



Please join us on Wednesday, **February 6th at 7:00 p.m.** for our Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season as we take time to reflect, repent and feel the forgiveness God gives us.

New District Superintendent



The **Rev. Marla Elifritz Brown** has been appointed as the new District Superintendent of the Maumee Watershed District. She will begin her duties on July 1, 2008. Rev. Brown currently serves the Grace UMC in Dayton, Ohio. She comes to the District with much experience in pastoral and district ministry. Rev. Brown is married with six children and seven grandchildren. While she has spent her ministry in and around the Dayton area, her husband, Len, is a native of Toledo. Len's family was one of the founding families of Church of the Cross UMC on Cass Road. Rev. Brown has held many positions with large and small churches during her ministry and brings with her many gifts in team building and understanding a variety of cultural contexts. We at Waterville UMC welcome her and hope to continue a very close relationship with the District Superintendent and her staff.

FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT



The Children's Sunday School Program is in need of a 4th - 6th grade teacher. The teaching manual and the materials needed for the lesson are all provided. There are 4 teachers in each grade level which means you typically only have to teach once a month. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie Shelton.



Kids you won't want to miss all the fun on **February 3rd**. It's Super Sunday once again. All children will meet in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School time where we will be making Valentines to be taken to our older members who can't attend church and get out like they used to.



SCOUT SUNDAY

We will observe Scout Sunday on **February 24th** during the worship service. All Scouts (Girl Scouts, Brownies, Daisies, Eagles, Boy Scouts, Cubs, Tiger Cubs, Webelos and leaders) are encouraged to **attend in uniform**.





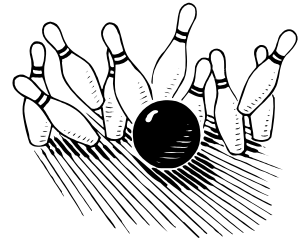
Newlywed Game

How well do you think you know your spouse? We will all find out the answer to that question when you join the **Young Couples group on February 16 at 5:30-8:00pm** to play the Newlywed Game with hosts Eric and Jenny Kahl.

Please bring an appetizer to share. Desserts and drinks will be provided. Babysitting will once again be provided in the church nursery as a youth fundraiser (\$5 per child). Be sure to sign-up, especially if you are planning to have your child/children in the nursery.

Remember...there is no quizzing your spouse before you come...you'll never know what questions you may be asked!

Family Life is looking for bowlers!



Join us at **Timbers, Saturday, February 23rd** for an afternoon of fun. We will have lanes reserved from 3:00 until 5:30. Families can pay at the door. The cost is \$2.00 for shoe rental and \$2.75 per person per game.

Please sign up on the bulletin board so we will know how many lanes to reserve.

C & C OUTREACH UPCOMING EVENTS



On **Tuesday, March 4th**, we will offer a spring **Free Election Day Lunch** in Fellowship Hall from 11:00-1:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for salads and desserts and for those who can help serve lunch.



On **Saturday, April 5th** from 4:30-7:00 p.m., we will host **Parents' Night Out** for children 18 months to 10 years old. We will have all kinds of things to entertain them!

Please consider saving this date. We will be asking for volunteers to help that evening. We thank you for all your help and support.



After a brief business meeting, set construction for **Theater For The World's** production of *"You Can't Take It With You"* began. Here was the scene. It resembled organized chaos or maybe a better description would be just a wonderful group of men working together to get a job done. Some were building walls, moving furniture, hanging pictures, sweeping the floor, etc. The sounds of power screw drivers, sawing, grunting & groaning were everywhere. And....dare I say it.....the talking never ended. I'll just leave it at that.

Well Done **UMM!** Thank you, thank you, thank you from the cast & crew of *"You Can't Take It With You"*.

Looking Ahead

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, February 9, 2008, 8:30am**, in Fellowship Hall.

The **Road Kill Café** will be serving a full breakfast. Our agenda will be to discuss & plan our 2008 projects, calendar, etc. Please bring your thoughts & ideas. See ya' there. Bring a friend..... **Tom**



Womens Groups

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch enjoyed a very special treat in January. We were special guests at the new Neighbors Restaurant on Dutch Road. Thanks to Tehya's persuasive charm, they served us lunch the day before they opened for business. The food was great along with wonderful conversation and lots of laughter. We hope you will join us this month at 12:45 p.m. on the 20th of February at The Coffee Gallery in the middle of historic downtown Waterville. What a great way to break up the long cold winter with lunch out with the girls! If you need a ride, call Tehya Collinsworth at 419-878-8616.

SCRAPBOOKING AND MORE...

It's time to get all those photographs you took at Christmas time organized and into a scrapbook. Or maybe you need to get those crafts you started a few months ago finished up. Can't seem to find the time at home to get to them? Then join us at the church in the Fellowship Hall and get motivated. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month, February 6th at 1:00 p.m. and Sundays, February 10th and 24th at 6:30 p.m. Come and join the fun of fellowship, food (there's always food), and a break in your daily routine. If you have any questions, call Penny at 419-878-3645.





In January

Margaret Hayes
Priscilla Schlingman



With Deepest Sympathy

Christian Hope and Sympathy are extended to the families of Karen & Tom Wiggins, Robin & Frank Lipinski, and Doug LaRue upon the death of **Bill LaRue**, who passed away January 9th. Bill had been a very active member here since 1960. He and Jean, who passed away March 8th, will be missed greatly.

Card Ministry Requesting Addresses

The **Card Ministry** would like to ask all individuals requesting prayer for family, friends, etc. to please include an address for the person. We try to send cards to them so they will know this congregation is keeping them in prayer.



SNOW REMOVAL - The Trustees are looking for someone to help with sidewalk shoveling after a snowfall. The more people we have, the easier and quicker the job can be done. Please contact Penn Pritchett or the church office if you can help.



Toy Fund



Many of the toys in the nursery have been enjoyed by numerous kids over the years. Although the kids still enjoy playing with all the toys in the nursery, some are ready to be replaced with new toys. A toy fund has been created by the Administrative Council in order to provide some new toys for the nursery. If you would like to make a monetary donation to this fund to be used to purchase new toys, please send to the church office by April 1.





February

2008 Birthdays

Day YOUTH

- 2 Rebekah Deardurff
- 4 Betsy Martin
- 16 Jennifer Doyle
- 17 Ty Henry
- 27 Katie Martin
- 29 Eryn Doyle

What did the valentine card say to the stamp?

Stick with me and we'll go places!

What did the letter say to the stamp?

You send me.

What did the stamp say to the envelope?

I'm stuck on you.

What did the boy octopus say to the girl octopus?

Can I hold your hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand?



Day ADULTS

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|----|-----------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1 | Jeff Monroe | 19 | Robert Stearns |
| 1 | Bill Parker | 20 | Sue George |
| 3 | Loraine Welker | 20 | Ron Hood |
| 8 | John Henry | 21 | Sue Deardurff |
| 8 | John Rose | 23 | Jessica (Deardurff) Loebig |
| 9 | Amy Plassmann | 24 | Lucile Young |
| 13 | Pastor Jim Caldwell | 26 | Frank Lipinski |
| 13 | Geoff Stafford | 26 | Joyce Neumann |
| 14 | Bill Martin | 27 | Katie Monroe |
| 18 | Pastor Roland Perkins | | |

What is a ram's favorite song?

I only have eyes for ewe, Dear



Congratulations to Kim and Chris Marshall on the birth of their new baby girl, Victoria Marie, born on December 27th. She joins her big sisters, Isabella and Teya.

STATISTICS

| DATE | WORSHIP ATTENDANCE | GENERAL FUND | CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| December 30 | 185 | \$8,367.25 | 24 |
| January 6, 2008 | 183 | 4,486.00 | 24 |
| January 13 | 175 | 6,255.00 | 31 |
| January 20 | 107 | 2,833.10 | 15 |
| January 27 | 223 | 3,269.10 | 22 |

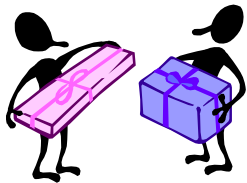


Our weekly need in 2008 to meet our Budget needs is \$4,846.77. If you have not made your pledge commitment for 2008 it is not too late. Contact the church office for a pledge form.

We are very please to announce that our 2007 finances ended with a cash surplus and slightly under budget. Thank you for all your support and generous giving. All apportionments to the Conference and District were 100% paid.



Recent donations to the New Building Fund total \$9,000.00. Our Thanksgiving Offering totaled \$201.00 and was donated to the Toledo Northwest Ohio Food Bank. Our Christmas Offering of \$1,301.00 has been donated to the Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center. If you want to make a donation to any of these funds, send your check to the church with the fund on the memo line.



A few months ago you may remember that WUMC received a check for \$2,073.22 from the Waterville Community Church. Their congregation had been challenged to model generosity, believing that a generous spirit will receive freedom from the generous Spirit of God. Their board, believing that they had to model generosity as a church as well as individuals, voted to give 10% of their income for the first quarter of 2007 to the "bigger purpose of God...The Church of which they are one partner in this community.

Each church in Waterville received a check for the same amount. We, therefore, felt we were challenged to perpetuate the spirit in which it was offered and find a way to share with others in the community. After much praying, searching and discussion, our Administrative Council, with the recommendation of our Finance Committee, has chosen to donate one half of the money to the Anthony Wayne Food Pantry and one half to John Knollman. John and his wife, Marsha, have organized the community wide "The Bible in 90 days" Bible Study and used personal funds to put this program together.

We think this is a great way to show our appreciation to both the A.W. Food Pantry and the Knollmans.



Another Theatre for the World Friday night opening and Saturday performances have come and gone once again. Special thanks to Brian Schultz for all his hard work and great direction along with being so talented. Why does he always get to play the normal one? For those of you who could not make it, you missed some great moments. It will be hard to forget John Nicholson in his Roman outfit along with Ted Myers in his boxer shorts. And who knew Rob Greenlese and Jennifer Reihing could speak Russian! Melanie Reihing, of course, is a much better dancer when given the right opportunity. Was Tom Wiggins type-casted as Grandpa? Kim Jakubowski was adorably sweet, Karen Wiggins was slightly wacky (in a good way), and Anna Emahiser was simply proper. Chris Stafford was, well, what can we say, even a little more wackier than everyone. Keith Colyer was explosive. Kevin Jakubowski is so talented he can play two different parts. Chris May was arresting. And Geoff Stafford might have enjoyed roughing up his brother a little too much. Those from outside our church, Diana Waugh, Gary Waugh and Annette Blair were also wonderful in their parts. We are blessed with so many talented and dedicated people in our mist. Thank you to all the many people who helped with lighting, ushering, publicity, food stackers, and anything else you did to help with the show.

We want to thank everyone who braved the cold and snow to come and see the show. Over \$3,000 has been donated to the Otsego and Anthony Wayne Food Pantries along with lots and lots of canned goods. That is the true reason for all this. So thank you, thank you, thank you! It's not too late to make a donation. Write your check out to the Waterville UMC and put food pantry in the memo line.

A reminder from the Sycamore family, relax and have fun because **You Can't Take It With You!**



Movie Night and Youth Bake Sale
Sunday, March 9
6-8pm

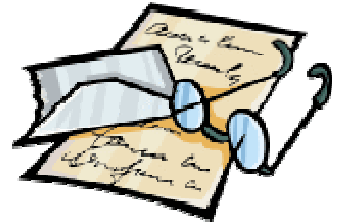


The movie has yet to be decided, so watch for future bulletin announcements. The youth will be selling baked goods as a fundraiser. Babysitting will also be provided in the church nursery. Watch for the sign-up sheet to come.



To all those who have prayed for my brother, Tim Osborn, we thank you so much. We give praise that his latest test results showed all kidney and liver enzymes back to the normal range. We know your prayers have had a great affect on him. Thank you so much.

Nancy & David Stafford.



We give thanks & praise for our wonderful Church Family. We so much appreciated your many prayers, cards, food & kind words, etc. which have supported us following Dad's death. We know he is with Mom again, in a heavenly place. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving, caring, sharing congregation.

Karen, Robin, Doug & Family



Dear Church Family,
Adam and I would like to thank everyone for the generous Christmas gift! We are both very pleased to be able to serve the youth of the church and look forward to the coming year. Please continue to pray for the youth of our church and pray that they may continue to stand for Jesus. We also would appreciate prayers for guidance and direction, and the ability to lead and teach the youth. May God bless you in the New Year!

Thank you, Adam & Stephanie



Thank You

Dear All,
I feel like I should be gifting you all for allowing me the joy of putting together your newsletter. It is always a time I look forward to each month—kind of “my time” when I get to do my thing. You are always so generous in so many ways and each of you shows it to my family in more ways than I can count.

Love and appreciation for all that you do all year, Diana

To the Church Family,
It was so nice of you to think of me this holiday season. I enjoy working with Barb Page and all of the children in the Kinder Choir. My thanks goes to you.

Sincerely and in Christian Love, Bobbie Westfall



Scripture and Prayer Calendar



| <i>Scripture</i> | | <i>FEB</i> | <i>Prayer</i> |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Exodus 13 & 14 | Mark 4 | 1 | The Kevin Jakubowski Family |
| Exodus 15 & 16 | Mark 5 | 2 | Mr. & Mrs. Thad Jones |
| Exodus 17 & 18 | Mark 6 | 3 | The Eric Kahl Family |
| Exodus 19 & 20 | Mark 7 | 4 | Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kahl |
| Exodus 21 & 22 | Mark 8 | 5 | The Jeff Kaminski Family |
| Exodus 23 & 24 | Mark 9 | 6 | Mrs. Twig King |
| Exodus 25 & 26 | Mark 10 | 7 | The Chris Kirby Family |
| Exodus 27 & 28 | Mark 11 | 8 | Mr. & Mrs. Karl Kirkman |
| Exodus 29 & 30 | Mark 12 | 9 | The Glen Lammon Family |
| Exodus 31 & 32 | Mark 13 | 10 | The David Landis Family |
| Exodus 33 & 34 | Mark 14 | 11 | Mrs. Elaine Larimer |
| Exodus 35 & 36 | Mark 15 | 12 | The Jan Launder Family |
| Exodus 37 & 38 | Mark 16 | 13 | Mrs. Eva Leathers |
| Exodus 39 & 40 | Luke 1 | 14 | Mrs. Linda Linn |
| Leviticus 1 & 2 | Luke 2 | 15 | The Frank Lipinski Family |
| Leviticus 3 & 4 | Luke 3 | 16 | Ms. Karen Longnecker |
| Leviticus 5 & 6 | Luke 4 | 17 | Mr. & Mrs. Harold Lumley |
| Leviticus 7 & 8 | Luke 5 | 18 | The Chris Marshall Family |
| Leviticus 9 & 10 | Luke 6 | 19 | Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Marshall |
| Leviticus 11 & 12 | Luke 7 | 20 | The Bill Martin Family |
| Leviticus 13 & 14 | Luke 8 | 21 | The Murray Martin Family |
| Leviticus 15 & 16 | Luke 9 | 22 | The Donna Martin Family |
| Leviticus 17 & 18 | Luke 10 | 23 | Mr. & Mrs. John Mather |
| Leviticus 19 & 20 | Luke 11 | 24 | Mrs. Elnora Mathewson |
| Leviticus 21 & 22 | Luke 12 | 25 | The Chris May Family |
| Leviticus 23 & 24 | Luke 13 | 26 | Mr. Elden Mayer |
| Leviticus 25, 26 & 27 | Luke 14 | 27 | Mrs. Karen Mayer |
| Numbers 1 & 2 | Luke 15 | 28 | Mr. & Mrs. Tom McCausland |
| Read your favorite Bible verses | | 29 | Mr. James McGee |



For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies...--

Psalm 57:10

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 February. If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the Prayer Chain: Pam Plassmann 419-878-9432 or e-mail plassmb@accesstoledo.com: Mary Williams 419-878-5554 or e-mail margewill@toast.net.



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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | February 1 | 2 |
| | | | | | Youth to Survive | |
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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 9:00am S.S. for Adults 10:30am Worship Service w/ Children's SS 6:30pm Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Alive - Super Bowl Party | 6:00pm Boy Scout Troop #101 7:00pm Building Committee 7:00pm The Bible in 90 Days 7:00pm Women's Bible | 7:00pm Prayer Team Ministry | 9:30am M&Ms 1:00pm Scrapbooking and more... 5:15pm Kinder Choir Practice 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service | 7:00am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice | | 8:30am United Methodist Men's Meeting |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
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| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | |
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