

THE AMBASSADOR

August 2008

“We’re Off to a Great Start!”

More than a few years ago now, I recall being on our junior high school track team. My good friend Aaron and I were the team statisticians and logged results of each meet. Though I can claim absolutely no prowess as a distance runner, I can recall the importance of seeing a runner get out of the starting blocks well. It seems rather insignificant, but any runner can tell you it can make all the difference between winning and losing a race.

I think about that image as I reflect on our early days of ministry together here at Waterville UMC. In many ways, we’re off to a great start in taking steps toward fulfilling God’s mission and ministry through our congregation and community. Your genuine warm welcome coupled with a tremendous team spirit and contagious enthusiasm have brought me many wonderful moments of joy and celebration I will not soon forget!

In order for us to keep this good momentum going, I want to personally extend an invitation to each of you as a part of our church family. Throughout the month of August, our Church and Community Outreach Team will be sponsoring a number of neighborhood gatherings for me to get more acquainted with you and your family.

I am requesting that each family sign up to attend **one** of these events at a date convenient for your schedule. Both day and evening options will be available for your consideration, and some gatherings will offer childcare as well for those who need it. Each gathering will host 10-12 individuals and be approximately 90 minutes in length. For those who are unable to attend one of these opportunities (e.g. shut-in members), I will contact you individually to meet you.

Come prepared for a relaxed time of sharing some of your thoughts on the exciting mission and ministry that God has in store for our congregation here at Waterville UMC. Our time together will focus on gathering responses to three key questions:

- **What does Waterville UMC do really well?**
- **What is the biggest challenge or opportunity we face in the next 12-24 months?**
- **If you had a magic wand and could perform a midsized miracle here, what would it be?**

I believe these questions, and your thoughtful responses to them, can provide me great feedback as I seek to be the best shepherd and pastor I can be with our congregation.

Beginning July 27, we will have large board of sign up choices available for your to selection. Again, you only need to attend one gathering. If you have questions or need more information contact Charlotte Pritchett (878-2696), Terry Myers (877-0263, or phone the church office (878-3645).

Glad to be on God’s team with you,

Pastor Steve

Join us for “Kid’s Club”

beginning

September 7 at 9:00am

Memory Verses
for the week



Music and
Singing



Movies



Celebrate
Birthdays



Games



Crafts



Stories

Praying for
and Helping
Others



Kid’s Club is for children ages 4 – sixth grade. The children will meet every Sunday, beginning September 7, at 9:00 am in the Kid’s Club room which is down with the children’s Sunday School Rooms. While kids are having a great time at Kid’s Club, the parents can attend the Adult Bible Fellowship classes which also will be going on at 9:00 this fall!

Hope to see you all there!

Worship In God's Sanctuary Under The Trees

Please come join us for a Carry-In Breakfast Potluck and worship in the Court Yard (weather permitting) on Sunday, August 10th. Breakfast will be about 9:15 (we always love a good pot luck) followed by our worship service in the Court Yard at the normal worship time of 10:25. We have such a beautiful facility, if the weather cooperates this year to be in God's Sanctuary under the trees. Please come and fellowship with us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall before worship if the weather does not cooperate.



WOMEN'S LATE SUMMER FUN EVENT - CAR WASH

Ladies, it's payback time for the Women's Ministry Group! We will need lots of women volunteers to properly thank our Men's Ministry Group for serving and entertaining us at our last two Christmas dinners. We are going to wash their cars **FOR FREE** on **August 23 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** We will have to be on our good behavior as we will be washing their very valuable toy...I mean car. So we will hope for a not too hot day, otherwise more than the cars might get wet (no bikinis, please). So men bring us your dirty cars and we will make them shine. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



Lunch Bunch will meet on Wednesday, August 20th at 12:45 for lunch and fellowship at Max & Erma's Restaurant next to Levis Commons in Perrysburg. If you need a ride or have any questions, contact Tehya Collinsworth at 419-878-8616.

Eleven of our church women enjoyed each other's company at our Summer Outing at the 577 Foundation. After a delayed start due to someone locking their keys in their car, they took a tour of the grounds then had a relaxing lunch at the Petit-Fours Patisserie & Cafe

Bears! Bears everywhere with no clothes?!!!!

One of the M&M Bible Study's service projects is to dress stuffed teddy bears for the Salvation Army. They in turn distribute them to police and firemen to give to children in a stressful situation. They are also distributed at Christmas time to needy children. If you would like to dress a bear, call Penny at the church office. The bears are 16" and you can make or purchase the clothing.



Spiritual Health

Your Spiritual Health Team has been busy this summer planning for our fall study life. Beginning Sunday, Sept. 7th there will be three Adult Bible Fellowship studies offered at our Sunday School hour at 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Our Education Coordinator, Stephanie Shelton, has been working with us and made arrangements for the youth Sunday School Program to be at the same time.

There will be sign up sheets on the bulletin board outside the church office with the title and a description of each study offered. Please take time to read the study description. Guide books will have to be ordered for one of them.

1. NOOMA series is a study on contemporary parables: DVD with study guide in 5 sessions.
2. Stumbling Blocks to Faith: DVD with study guide in 5 sessions.
3. WISDOM: Making Life Work, by Bill Hybels. 6 lessons. Study guides need to be ordered.

Please pray about being involved in one of these ABF studies. They will be offered at another time so don't worry about not being able to make up your mind which one you would like to be involved with first.

Next **Spiritual Health Team Meeting** is Friday, August 8, at 7:00 p.m.

Mark your Calendars

The following is the schedule for Prayer Team meetings. Everyone is welcome. Prayer is a powerful gift God has given us, but we have to use it to make it work. Please join us at **7:00 p.m.** on the dates listed below.

August 8, Friday
August 20, Wednesday

September 9, Tuesday
September 17, Wednesday

October 10, Friday
October 15, Wednesday

November 11, Tuesday
November 19, Wednesday

December 12, Friday
December 17, Wednesday



I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer—1 Timothy 2:8

Following breakfast and our business meeting on July 12th, we were blessed for the fourth month in a row with a beautiful day for working outside. Under the guidance of the Trustees, we trimmed bushes, raked and cleaned up flowers beds around the parsonage, along with a little scraping and painting. Thanks to all for your help.

Looking Ahead

- The Church-wide Mud Hens Game will be Thursday, August 14, 2008. The evening will include Ronald McDonald, a thunder stick giveaway and fireworks after the game.
- The **UMM** will be sponsoring the after worship Fellowship Time on August 24, 2008.
- The Annual Golf Outing (open to all) will at Fallen Timbers Fairways on Sunday, September 14, 2008 @ 1:00 PM. Cost will be \$16.00 / person for 18 holes and cart.
- The **UMM** will be sponsoring an all Church breakfast during Sunday School with a guest speaker on Sunday, November 9, 2008.
- The 2nd annual Women's Christmas Dinner will be the evening of Saturday, December 6, 2008. Every attempt will be made to top last year's successful meal and entertainment extravaganza.



Our next meeting will be Saturday, August 9, 2008, 8:30am, in Fellowship Hall. The **Road Kill Café** will be serving a light breakfast. Following the meeting, we will be taking our 2nd stroll of the year along US24 enhancing the beauty of the environs by picking up unwanted and discarded items. And, as usual we will be on the lookout for **Road Kill Café** menu supplies.

Check out our **Events Calendar** in the bookcase on the wall in Fellowship Hall. Also, watch for information and announcements about events as their scheduled dates approach.

Thank you for your continuing support, participation and help with all of our activities. Our goal is to be more involved in the life of our Church through a variety of ways. Please join us.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our August meeting. Bring a friend.....

Fabulous 50's Diner

This years 50's Drive-In Diner is history and even though the attendance was down due to the weather, it was a SUCCESS. Everyone worked hard and we had a good time with good fellowship. I want to thank everyone that donated Pies, Pop, Ice Cream, etc. Thanks to all for their attendance and hard work.

Special thanks to Wendell Welker and the Boy Scouts for erecting their tarps and for the use of their propane fryer to cook the French Fries. Also special thanks to Chris Marshall for being our DJ with the greatest music era ever, the 50's.... Elvis Lives!!! Thanks Again Everyone.

See You in Church and God Bless,
 Jerry Robinson
 WUMC Mens Group





AUGUST 2008 Birthdays



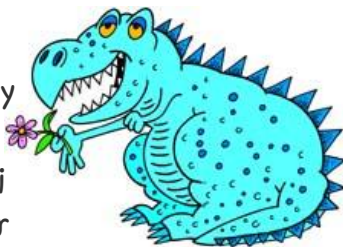
Day Adults

2	Mary Williams	14	David Boost
3	Rachel (Deardurff) Joseph	15	Dawne Pennington
4	Don Harter	17	Joel Brown
6	Lenora Dieter	18	Sally Croy
6	Jenny Kahl	19	Nancy (Mrs. David) Stafford
6	Andrew Landis	19	Vonnie Utz
6	Mim Perry	20	Geoff Box
7	Tyler Lipinski	22	Jerry Robinson
8	Pam Plassmann	23	Barbara Jones
9	Betty Hood	24	Mike Allison
9	Doug Smith	27	Squire Young
10	Jack Ellison	30	Penn Pritchette
11	Robin Lipinski	31	Barb Pease



Day YOUTH

2	Jared Ellison	12	Anna Smith
3	Camryn Buskey	18	Jenni Breymaier
4	Jason Brown	18	Connor Gregory
7	Logan Lipinski	26	Brooklyn Lipinski
9	Kyle Breymaier	27	Sarah Cox
12	Sawyer Gribble		



Births

Congratulations to Phillip and Jamie Gribble upon the birth of their daughter, *Caroline Alice*, on July 14th. Big borthter Sawyer, is excited to welcome his new sister into the family.

STATISTICS

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	MISSIONS	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
June 29	164	\$2,323.50	\$2,325.00	\$30.00	22
July 6	130	5,909.00	735.00	120.00	12
July 13	127	4,519.00	1,780.00	5.00	13
July 20	157	4,590.00	675.00	55.00	18
July 27	126	1,937.24	380.00	75.00	12



SUMMER PARABLE

Now it came to pass that, as the time of vacation drew near, a certain member of the church bethought him of cool streams where fish were found, and his children thought of sandy beaches by the sea, and his wife thought of the mountains. And this parishioner spoke and said: "Lo the hot days come and my work lieth heavy upon me. Come, let us depart and go where fishes do bite, and where the cool winds bring refreshment and the land is beautiful about us."

"Thou speakest words of wisdom," said his wife. "Yet three, nay, even four, things must we do ere we go."

"Three things I think of, but not a fourth," said her husband; "that we ask our neighbors to minister unto our flowers, that we arrange for our grass to be mowed and watered, that we have our mail forwarded; but no other thing cometh to my mind."

"The fourth is like unto the other three, but greater than all," said his spouse, "even this: that thou dig into thy purse and pay the church pledge, in order that the good name of the church may be preserved, that the heart of the treasurer be made glad, and that it may be well with thee. For verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou wilt have when thou dost return."

And the husband replied, "Verily, thou art noble and wise among women." And he did pay his pledge for the summer, and the treasurer rejoiced greatly, saying, "Of a truth, there are those who care for the good of the church."

And it was so.

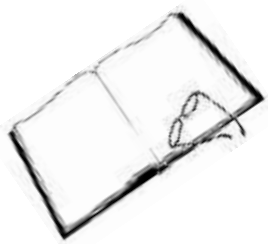


Hospital
List



for July

Karen Blackmon
Jamie Gribble and Caroline
Ron Hart
Phyllis Henry



Another New Opportunity from Spiritual Health

Can You Handle The Truth?

With the vast selection of spiritual options in today's world how do we determine what is Truth?

Focus on the Family has embarked on one of the most strategic projects in their over thirty year history. This is a small group study project which combines biblical truths with world history and the realities of today's world views. The study clearly outlines the Christian foundations and framework and explains why it is so important to stand up for our Christian beliefs. Dr. Del Tackett leads 12 thought provoking lessons on how philosophy & ethics, theology, anthropology, history, science, sociology and ties them in an integrated package much like the work of C.S. Lewis in that his approach is very logical and methodical, perfect for us Methodists. This study is deep, but Dr. Tackett relays the messages so that it is understandable and interesting. Prepare yourself for this amazing study coming in January 2009. Check it out on the web at thetruthproject.org. Watch for future updates and how you can become involved.

"I wholeheartedly recommend The Truth Project. It is worthy of its name and its intent. I hope and pray that many will get behind it and take advantage of it. The content of a project like this is the best gift you can give your children and yourself."—

Ravi Zacharias, president of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries.

THANK YOU



The church of the warm heart has surely lived up to that reputation again. This truly is a caring church. Your prayers, calls, cards and visits made my long recuperation so much easier. I even heard from Pastor Steve twice before he came to Waterville. Thank you sincerely. God is good.
Jim Simpson

Thank you to Alexis Reihing, the church band, Brian Schultz, Russ Schifferly, Tedd Munn, and Pastor Steve for the beautiful music they have provided during the worship services this summer.

Have you noticed the beautiful flowers around the church? Make sure you thank Charlotte Pritchett and Mary Williams for all their time planting and watering.



GOD'S GARDEN

As many of you already know, John Nicholson grows and sells sweet corn, tomatoes, slicing onions, watermelons, pumpkins, peppers and anything else from his gardens in surplus. John has pledged all his proceeds from his vegetable garden for the next three years to our Capital Campaign Fund.

As in years past, he has an "honor system" in his front yard at 6 Karis St. He will also be bringing fresh veggies to sell at our Fellowship time on Sunday mornings. When John has products he can't sell at his house, he takes them to the Waterville Farmer's Market. (However, John has Maumee Community Band rehearsal on Tuesday nights at 7-9 P.M., and would appreciate having someone take care of the stand after he needs to leave for Band rehearsal.)



The youth group and others have been helping John to control weeds and harvest vegetables. He welcomes anyone who has time to help. At the end of August, John will be out of town and would really appreciate help harvesting at that time. Just give him a call.

John has also graciously offered to donate vegetables to anyone who is in need.

AVALON HOMES BY OTTERBEIN

Otterbein, sponsored by the United Methodist Association of Health & Welfare Ministries, has embarked upon a revolutionary journey to change the way people envision nursing care with the small house concept. Avalon Small House neighborhoods are placed in residential locations and have five small houses for 10 people each. One of these communities has now opened in Monclova, located at 5069 Otterbein Way off Black Road adjacent to the Waterside Housing complex.

The houses are designed to be a home for the people who live there. There are private rooms and baths, family style dining at a large table along with committed highly skilled staff.

Volunteers are needed for various programs from providing friendly visits to one of the elders, sharing a particular talent, helping with outings, watering the flowers and many more opportunities...they have a place for you!

If you would like to visit and look around at the homes or to volunteer your time, please contact Janet Russ, 419-367-9652 at Avalon Homes by Otterbein.

C & C OUTREACH COMING ATTRACTIONS!!!

Just want to give you a quick update as to what is happening with Outreach. First, we want to thank all who signed up to help with summer Fellowship. The courtyard offers a wonderful setting and a place we all should enjoy while the weather is so nice. A big thanks to each of you.

We are already planning for the fall and hope you will be a part of some or all of our ministries. The **Roche de Boeuf Parade is set for Saturday, September 27th**, we will again be marching in the parade. When the time gets closer, we will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have a t-shirt, plan to wear it, however, we still have four large youth t-shirts from last year that are available to anyone who want to walk with us this year.

We have set our **Trunk or Treat for Sunday, October 26th**. We hope to make it bigger and better this year, so watch for updates on that.



Then on **November 4th**, we will again have our **Free Election Day Lunch**, this is always a fun time with lots of good food and great fellowship.

On **Saturday, November 8th**, Family Life is hosting a 'Barn Dance' at **April and Jason Born's**. This could be very interesting. Plan to come, we guarantee you will have a great time.



We are changing our **Parents' Night Out to January 24th**. Again this is always a great ministry to young families allowing them a night out without the kids. So mark that date down and plan to be there. As you can see, we will be busy but it is an exciting time in sharing our blessings with others.



On another note, in the spring I dug up the daffodils in front of the church. I will be planting some around the church, but there will be plenty to share with you. Let me know if you would like some. I am also going to divide some of the day lilies, again you are welcome to them. Just let me know if you are interested.

Enjoy the rest of your summer,
Charlotte Pritchett, C & C Outreach Chair

HELP WANTED – Bell Choir Director

We are seeking multi-octave Bell Choir Director of our Church. Practice is once a week with participation in Sunday Worship approximately once per month. All interest parties should send resume to: watervilleumc@embarqmail.com with Bell Choir in subject line or mail to WUMC attn: Bell Choir Director Position, 102 N. Fifth St., Waterville, OH 43566 or fax to 419-878-4222 no later than August 26th, 2008. Compensation negotiable based upon experience and qualifications.



175th ANNIVERSARY

Can you believe that we will celebrate 175 years for the Waterville United Methodist Church in 2009? We need to celebrate! We are looking for volunteers to serve on an Anniversary Committee. Please contact the church office if you would like to help.



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Ester 5, 6, 7	Hebrews 9	1	Mr. Ron Hart
Ester 8, 9, 10	Hebrews 10	2	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Harter
Job 1 & 2	Hebrews 11	3	Mr. & Mrs. George Hayes
Job 3 & 4	Hebrews 12	4	The Shirley Heimrich Family
Job 5 & 6	Hebrews 13	5	The John Henry Family
Job 7 & 8	James 1	6	Mrs. Phyllis Henry
Job 9 & 10	James 2	7	Mrs. Shirley Hiles
Job 11 & 12	James 3	8	Mrs. Sharon Hill
Job 13 & 14	James 4	9	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hires
Job 15 & 16	James 5	10	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Holland
Job 17 & 18	I Peter 1	11	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Hood
Job 19 & 20	I Peter 2	12	The Kevin Jakubowski Family
Job 21 & 22	I Peter 3	13	Mr. & Mrs. Thad Jones
Job 23 & 24	I Peter 4	14	The Eric Kahl Family
Job 25 & 26	I Peter 5	15	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kahl
Job 27 & 28	II Peter 1	16	Mrs. Twig King
Job 29 & 30	II Peter 2	17	The Chris Kirby Family
Job 31 & 32	II Peter 3	18	Mr. & Mrs. Karl Kirkman
Job 33 & 34	I John 1	19	The Glen Lammon Family
Job 35 & 36	I John 2	20	The David Landis Family
Job 37 & 38	I John 3	21	Mrs. Elaine Larimer
Job 39 & 40	I John 4	22	The Jan Launder Family
Job 41 & 42	I John 5	23	Mrs. Eva Leathers
Proverbs 1 & 2	II John 1	24	Ms. Linda Linn
Proverbs 3 & 4	III John 1	25	The Frank Lipinski Family
Proverbs 5 & 6	Jude 1	26	Ms. Karen Longnecker
Proverbs 7 & 8	Revelation 1	27	Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Lucas
Proverbs 9 & 10	Revelation 2	28	Mr. & Mrs. Harold Lumley
Proverbs 11 & 12	Revelation 3	29	The Chris Marshall Family
Proverbs 13 & 14	Revelation 4	30	Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Marshall
Proverbs 15 & 16	Revelation 5	31	The Bill Martin Family



God Hears and Answers Prayers



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

AUGUST

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					August 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:30am Worship Service w/ Children's SS	6:00pm Boy Scout Troop #101 7:00pm Neighborhood Gathering	7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting	7:00pm Neighborhood Gathering	7:00am Men's Bible Study	6:00pm Building Input Meeting 7:00pm Prayer Team Meeting 7:00pm Spiritual Health Meeting	8:30am United Methodist Men's Meeting
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:15am Breakfast 10:30am Worship Service in the Courtyard	6:00pm Boy Scout Troop #101 7:00pm Neighborhood Gathering	6:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting	2:00pm Neighborhood Gathering 7:00pm Administrative Council Meeting	7:00am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm Mudhens Game		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:30am Worship Service w/ Children's SS	6:00pm Boy Scout Troop #101 7:00pm Neighborhood Gathering		12:45pm Lunch Bunch 7:00pm Neighborhood Gathering 7:00pm Prayer Team Meeting	7:00am Men's Bible Study		10:00am Car Wash
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:30am Worship Service w/ Children's SS 	6:00pm Boy Scout Troop #101 7:00pm Neighborhood Gathering	10:00am Heartland Care Service 7:00pm Neighborhood Gathering	2:00pm Neighborhood Gathering 7:00pm Staff/Parish Relations Committee Meeting	7:00am Men's Bible Study		
31					ALTAR FLOWERS	
10:30am Worship Service w/ Children's SS						



August 3 - Phillip & Jamie Gribble
 10 - Phillip & Jamie Gribble
 17 - open
 24 - open
 31 - open