

THE AMBASSADOR

From the Pastor's Pen....

June 2009

Happy New Year...!

I know.... You're probably scratching your head at the title of this month's article. After all, it is June... Perhaps you might think I am a bit confused, but let me explain a bit further.... Is it *really* possible that an entire year has past since we first began our life and work together? Yes! And what a year God has blessed us with! Forgive me for being a bit nostalgic, but I'd like to reflect on some of God's blessings we've shared together....

I give thanks for the first anniversary in our three-year Capital Campaign to "Carry the Flame into the Future..." In the midst of challenging economic times, your generosity has allowed us to get off to a fabulous start toward fulfilling our pledge goal in excess of \$650,000... (Read more inside from Tom Wiggins, our Financial Secretary, to see just how far God has brought us!)

I give thanks for prayers of faithful saints here at Waterville who lift me in their thoughts and prayers each week. To know that someone is praying daily has brought me strength in fulfilling the tasks that come with the privilege of being God's shepherd among you.

I give thanks for the dedication and servant-hearted leaders who joyfully and willingly use their gifts to glorify God in the work of being the light of Christ in our community and around the world. You make my work lighter and spirit brighter with each passing day!

I give thanks for new faces that grace our presence in worship. Many are coming for a visit and finding this to be a place warmed by the Spirit. Some have even called this their home. Souls are stirred, lives are changed, and God's harvest is growing....

With each day, I offer thanks to God. For all the places I could be in the work of the Kingdom, I cannot think of one better than being here right now with you. Watching God work through the faces, hands, and hearts of God's people called Methodists here at Waterville is truly a remarkable thing!

Yours for another exciting year together,

Pastor Steve

Sermon Schedule: June 2009

Series: Life Songs (4 weeks)

Scripture Lessons: selected Psalms

Theme: Prayers of faith and the reality of life

June 7: Trinity Sunday

Communion

Sermon Title: Time in a Bottle

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 90

With all the innovations and improvements that take place over the course of our lives, none can replace the value of what some believe is the most precious commodity we have – time. Sometimes we have too much of it. And at other times we wish there were more to be had. What does God have to teach us about the time of our lives?

June 14: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title: You Never Walk Alone

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23

It is arguably the most recognized passage of Scripture in the Bible. Its images of a solitary shepherd, still waters, and green pastures have been a comfort to many of us throughout our lives. What lessons of life with God bring hope to your heart and strength to your spirit when you're experiencing your own peaks and valleys in life?

June 21: Third Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Sermon Title: Truth or Consequences

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 1

The idea of life as a journey is an often used metaphor by many writers over time. Some have encouraged us to "take the high road" or "the road less traveled." Using the words of this song, which path is your character on today based upon the choices you've made?

June 28: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

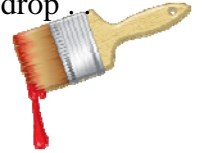
Sermon Title: Blues in the Night

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 46

Can you remember the last time you went to bed but couldn't sleep? Your body was looking for sweet dreams, but your mind was still singing the blues. You might be surprised to know how often God's people of faith were up all night themselves!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

After the May men's group monkey-business meeting, we helped paint ceilings and walls in the bathrooms in the hall and near the nursery. It took lots of help. We would especially like to thank some brave ladies who came to help. Christie Wielgopolski led one group of painters, while Cindy Box, Charlotte Pritchett, and Jan Sheridan came to offer help in general clean-up around the church. Penn Pritchett is a great painting supervisor – he did not spill a single drop of coffee. ☺



Primary Goal Reminder:

Action Oriented – serve Christ, our Church and local families and provide the men in our church multiple opportunities to volunteer in situations that suit their own skill sets and schedules. We understand that not everyone can attend every meeting. But by performing multiple service-oriented projects we give all our men a chance to give the time they can.

Upcoming Projects to Achieve Primary Goal:

1. The June 13th meeting will be used for planning for the Fabulous 50's Diner in July.

We have projects and events planned for the entire year. God willing – we can achieve them. Watch the Ambassador and bulletins for ongoing updates.

Respectfully

Jason Born

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch welcomes any women who would like to join us at LaRoe's Restaurant in Grand Rapids on Wednesday, June 17th at 12:45 p.m. We always have lots of fun, fellowship and great food. If you need a ride, please call Tehya Collinsworth at 419-878-8616.



STATISTICS

DATE	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	MISSIONS	SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
May 3	142	\$3,180.80	\$5,530.00	\$ 10.00	24
May 10	183	4,518.00	4,320.00	125.00	39
May 17	190	4,536.00	5,570.00	30.00	--
May 24	148	5,281.61	805.00	70.00	23



Hospitalized in May:

Marilyn Simpson
Lenora Dieter – Wood Haven Care Center
Millie Hires – Avalon Care Center
John Michael



Dear Fellow Christians,

With all my heart I thank you for including my birthday in The Ambassador issue this month. Yes, the passing of each year reminds us of the fact that I shall soon behold the face of our blessed Lord, Jesus!! Also, I am so grateful to the precious ones in Waterville U.M.C. who, with the help of the Holy Spirit, brought to fruition the experience of “perfect love” which John Wesley lived and taught. Now, as you go forward to new and exciting joys of building a new house of worship, go in the joy and peace of the Lord! And, maybe some day we will be privileged to sit with you in that ecstasy of honor!

Ruth & Warren Wilson

P.S. “Fear not, only be strong in the Lord and the power of His might.”

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so much for supporting my family and me with your love and caring. The meals have been wonderful. Also, thanks to the men for mowing my lawn because I can no longer do it. I pray God blesses all of you for supporting my family and I through these rough times.

Bless you,

Love,

Christopher E. May

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the wonderful quilt you sent to me. I have felt truly strengthened by all the thoughts and prayers of you and others. I have visited your church several times with Denise and Russ and have always felt welcomed there. Thanks again for the lovely gift and especially for your prayers.

Diane Epke



Hopefully, by the time you receive this month’s Ambassador, the flowers will be planted and settling in for the summer. I want to thank Vonnie and Bernie Utz for their generous donation to beautify our church. We planted a holly bush near the office entrance. This has been a problem area, hopefully, we can keep this bush alive. Along with the holly bush, we planted flowers around the front of the church. Thank you Vonnie and Bernie for sharing God’s love through flowers.

JUNE 2009 BIRTHDAYS

Day Adults

1 Mary Birsen
 2 David Nightingale
 3 Bronson Lipinski
 6 Sarah Broseke
 7 Rob Greenlese
 12 Larry Noward
 13 Lisa Galton
 14 Jean Warner
 15 Tonya Sheridan
 15 Dick Stafford
 16 Ron Hart
 16 Olga Mae Perkins



18 Glen Lammon
 18 Yvonne Lammon
 19 Katie Allison
 19 Sarah Kirby
 22 Paul Cory
 22 John Nicholson
 24 Karen Longnecker
 25 Chuck Lucas
 25 Russ Schifferly
 27 Sue Gregory
 27 John Michael
 28 Addie Breymaier
 30 Judy Overmyer



Day Youth

3 Marissa Galton
 4 Kayla Galton
 8 Caleb Gregory
 12 Stefanie Banks
 12 Olivia Cox
 13 Abigail Sheridan
 14 Abigail Cox
 14 Elizabeth Cox
 14 Michael Cox
 17 Simon Born
 19 Kaylee Selders
 25 Kelly Smith
 28 Charlie Jakubowski



Ashley Nichole Selders, daughter of Jeremy & Ellie Selders, received the sacrament of Holy Baptism on May 17th.

Financial News

Offering Direct Deposit Program: The Finance Committee is pleased to announce the introduction of an optional Offering Direct Deposit Program that enables you to make regular Sunday envelope contributions automatically. Your bank is authorized to withdraw a specific amount of money from your checking or savings account on a regular basis and automatically deposit it into the WUMC bank account. You can specify how the total funds are to be distributed whether they are for General Fund, Capital Fund, Missions or any other regular giving. If you are interested, Information Packets, containing a program description, authorization form and return envelope are located on the Hallway Shelf. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Church Office.

Capital Campaign: On May 31, 2009, we will have completed the first year of our 3-year Capital Campaign. You will be receiving a letter showing the total of your 1st year contributions along with financial commitments you have made. At this point, it appears that our receipts are going to be ahead of what has been committed. God continues to bless His Church and this congregation. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and prayers as we seek to do God's will.



CALLING THOSE 50 AND OVER WITH EXTRA YEARS OF ZEST!

Join us on Saturday, June 20th , at Melva and Jerry Robinson's home at 520 Pauly Dr., Perrysburg. The fun starts at 5:30 p.m. with outside games (nothing too strenuous) for as long as we have light or the mosquitoes start biting. Bring a snack to share, if you would like.

WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE, June 7 through June 11

Please keep Pastor Steve and Rob Greenlese, our Lay Delegate, in prayer as they attend this year's conference at Lakeside. To learn more about Annual Conference in general or get details of recommendations and amendments go to www.2009annualconference.org. Let Pastor or Rob know your thoughts and how you would like to see the voting go.

Among the activities we will participate in, will be the "Love First" Miracle Offering to support missions and leadership initiatives across our conference and around the world. If you would like to financially support this offering with a special gift, please send a check to the church with "miracle" marked on the memo line.



NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members who joined our congregation on April 26.

Chuck and JoAnn Lucas transferred from Greene Street UMC, Piqua, OH. Chuck and JoAnn reside at 9092 Browning Drive, Waterville.

Jeremy and Ellie Selders. Ellie transferred from Wesley UMC, Fostoria, OH. Jeremy joined on Profession of Faith. They reside at 404 Wilkshire, Waterville, with their 2 daughters, **Ashley and Kaylee.**

SALE OF PARSONAGE

In case you haven't notice, the For Sale signs at the parsonage have been removed. A bid was accepted by our Board of Trustees and the sale was made. A portion of the proceeds will go into an escrow account for parsonage fund and the remainder will be put into our building fund.

From the Trustees

Remember to turn out the lights and make sure all the doors are locked at the church if you are the last to leave the building. Recently, the Waterville Police have found doors open late in the night.



It's time to go camping. There are United Methodist Camps for all ages with many exciting events for new campers and for the experienced ones. The camps range from sports, music, water activities, and even caving. For a brochure, please see Karen Longnecker. Scholarships are available.

PARTNERS IN PRAYER

Pastor Steve would like to be lifted up in your prayers. If you would like to commit to pray for Rev. Rath for a specific week during the coming year, please sign up on the sheets located in the Prayer Corner at the front of the sanctuary.





Scripture and Prayer Calendar

SCRIPTURE		JUN	PRAYER
I Kings 15 & 16	II Corinthians 3	1	The Wendell Welker Family
I Kings 17 & 18	II Corinthians 4	2	Mrs. Helen Welsh
I Kings 19 & 20	II Corinthians 5	3	The Neil Westfall Family
I Kings 21 & 22	II Corinthians 6	4	The Tom Wielgopolski Family
II Kings 1 & 2	II Corinthians 7	5	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Wiggins
II Kings 3 & 4	II Corinthians 8	6	Mr. & Mrs. Gene Williams
II Kings 5 & 6	II Corinthians 9	7	Ms. Delores Young
II Kings 7 & 8	II Corinthians 10	8	Ms. Lindsay Young
II Kings 9 & 10	II Corinthians 11	9	Mr. Squire Young
II Kings 11 & 12	II Corinthians 12	10	Rev. & Mrs. James Caldwell
II Kings 13 & 14	II Corinthians 13	11	Rev. & Mrs. Dave Hogg
II Kings 15 & 16	Galatians 1	12	Rev. & Mrs. Robert Linter
II Kings 17 & 18	Galatians 2	13	Rev. & Mrs. Roland Perkins
II Kings 19 & 20	Galatians 3	14	Rev. & Mrs. Robert Quick
II Kings 21 & 22	Galatians 4	15	Rev. & Mrs. Jim Stewart
II Kings 23, 24, 25	Galatians 5	16	Rev. & Mrs. Robert Versteeg
I Chronicles 1 & 2	Galatians 6	17	Dr. Austin Whitmore
I Chronicles 3 & 4	Ephesians 1	18	Rev. & Mrs. Warren Wilson
I Chronicles 5 & 6	Ephesians 2	19	Becky Agee
I Chronicles 7 & 8	Ephesians 3	20	The Mike Allison Family
I Chronicles 9 & 10	Ephesians 4	21	The Amy Anderson Family
I Chronicles 11 & 12	Ephesians 5	22	The James Anthony Family
I Chronicles 13 & 14	Ephesians 6	23	Mrs. Eileen Baer
I Chronicles 15 & 16	Philippians 1	24	Mrs. Shelly Bankey
I Chronicles 17 & 18	Philippians 2	25	The David Banks Family
I Chronicles 19 & 20	Philippians 3	26	Mrs. Janice Battin
I Chronicles 21 & 22	Philippians 4	27	The Dan Baylor Family
I Chronicles 23 & 24	Colossians 1	28	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Becker
I Chronicles 25 & 26	Colossians 2	29	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bersee
I Chronicles 27, 28, 29	Colossians 3	30	The Jim Bersee 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: Pam Plassmann 419-878-9432 or e-mail plassmb@accesstoledo.com; Mary Williams 419-878-5554 or e-mail margewill@toast.net.

