



THE AMBASSADOR

November 2010

From the Pastor's Pen

One Extraordinary Day

Sometimes when we take a moment to notice what takes place in our world, we can amaze ourselves. I am writing this message one day after seeing the incredible witness of the Body of Christ that is Waterville United Methodist Church.

One after another, people dropped off dozens of cookies requested for a Kairos prison ministry weekend event. A bit later, a lady in our community heard we were collecting shoeboxes of gifts as part of our Operation Christmas Child. She had ten to contribute, and we were more than ready to receive her gifts to share.

Still later, I stopped home for a bit and checked my mailbox. In that same day's mail – amongst the sales flyers and political ads – was a card addressed to me. Inside was a lovely card and words of gratitude carefully and thoughtfully written for this season called "Pastor Appreciation Month."

Later that evening, walking up the sidewalk, a mother of two young children welcome greet me at the back door. Her son and daughter have a special surprise waiting in my office. Before I could get to the door, excitement got the better of them and a dozen chocolate chip cookies with a child's artwork appeared. It was priceless moment that brought tears to my eyes.

In the midst of our routine, sometimes the love of God shows up in the most amazing of ways. The generosity of God's people astounds me, and you, Waterville United Methodist Church, are among the finest of treasures. I am grateful beyond words, for what God did through you on one extraordinary day!

I am reminded of the feelings that the Apostle Paul had for his congregation at Philippi. Among his words are these thoughts:

CHURCH CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

All members and friends of Waterville UMC are invited to our **Annual Church Conference on Tuesday, November 16th at 8:00 p.m.** This year the conference will be held at our church. Please plan to attend as we approve our slate of officers for 2011, approve compensation for Pastor Steve and celebrate our continued mission and ministry together.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS CHANGING

New office hours will be **Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** The office will be closed on Mondays. As always, if you have an emergency and can not reach anyone at the church, you can call Pastor Steve at 419-419-8396 or Penny at 419-206-1602.

(Cathy Landis will be taking a leave of absence during the month of November to be with her daughter, Alissa, and her brand new grandbaby.)



The Hispanic-Latino Ministry Training will once again be held at Waterville UMC on November 5 and 6. We are being asked to supply their meals and snacks. Please contact the church office or see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to help.

Commitment Campaign

Our **2011 Commitment Campaign** started October 31 with Commitment Sunday being November 14th. If you did not receive your letter and information, please call the church office.

NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERINGS

To help accomplish our Building Committee, Finance and Stewardship Team, SPARC Committee and other ministry teams fulfill God's vision for our church, we invite you to participate in one of many neighborhood gatherings. It's not too late to sign up for one. Please call the church office or see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the church hallway.

Youth Alive

Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! John 14:6 We are Alive in Jesus!

Leaf Raking Fundraiser will continue throughout November. Please contact Adam Shelton if you would like to support the youth mission trip and have the youth rake your leaves.

- November 7 - Youth Alive - Gospel Journey #2, 6:30-8:30 pm
Music Challenge Drawing!!!!
- November 14 - Youth Alive - Gospel Journey #3, 6:30-8:30 pm
- November 21 - Melva, Jerry, and Delores' Diner, 6:00 pm
Game Night
- November 28 - No Youth Alive - Happy Thanksgiving!
- December 5 - Youth Alive - Gospel Journey #4, 6:30-8:30 pm
- December 12 - Melva, Jerry, and Delores' Diner, 6:00 pm
White Elephant Gift Exchange, 6:30-8:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

- February 4 & 5 - Dare2Share Columbus Conference - "UN" Tour
- June 19-24, 2011 - Mission Trip to Pittsburg, PA

Events and Dates may change. Please check weekly postcards for the most updated information.



THE **LUNCH BUNCH** will meet on Wednesday, November 17 at the Olive Garden on Reynolds Road. We hope all you ladies will come and join us for good food and fellowship.

Women's Christmas Dinner

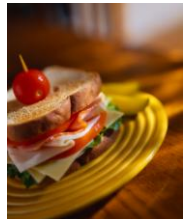
The Women's Christmas Dinner will be held on Sat., December 4th at 6:00 p.m. The men are busy getting their culinary skills in order along with serving manners. Will there be entertainment again this year? We do have some very talented men around here! Ticket prices are \$15.00 this year and will go on sale on Sunday, November 7th. We hope all the women of the church will be able to join us and have a wonderful start to the Christmas season.

We still have 3 tables that need decorators. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway at the church just waiting for you. Don't wait too long and miss out on the fun!

Babysitting will be provided once again.

AFTER CHURCH LUNCH

The Women will be sponsoring **lunch after the worship service on November 14th**. We will be serving soup and sandwiches. If you would like to help out and supply a pot of soup, see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at church or contact Penny Greenlese. We might just be celebrating a certain minister's birthday also.



SAMARITAN'S PURSE

If you didn't get your shoeboxes filled and brought to church for our mission project for the month of October, you still have another week to bring them in. We will deliver them on November 14. Check out last month's newsletter for age groups and a list of items to put in your boxes. Or, pamphlets outlining the project remain on the table at the bottom of the stairs leading into the sanctuary.



Bird Houses to New Church Building...

Kyle and his grandpa wish to thank everyone for purchasing our WUMC wren birdhouses. Every birdhouse sold has produced \$10.00 for our new building capital fund. To date we have built 42 birdhouses, sold 36, gave 2 away as gifts, and have 4 finished (or about finished).

We have loved working together on this ministry to support our new church capital campaign.

If you haven't purchased your WUMC wren birdhouse yet and want to order a birdhouse (or two) as Christmas or birthday gifts please let us know. We can customize them to your favorite school colors.

Again – thanks, Kyle Wielgopolski and grandpa Jim Page



GOD'S GARDEN A RESOUNDING SUCCESS AGAIN!!

Thanks to the support and loyalty of my customers, my gardens and veggie stand have generated over **\$12,100 this year for the new Church Building fund**. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!!! The sweet corn suffered most from the hot, dry summer as did the zucchini and most the onions.

I will be closing up the veggie stand here at 6 Karis St. after the Halloween season "rush" is over, but still have over 60 pumpkins, 6 bushels of Winter Squash (Butternut, Acorn, and Sweet Delicata type striped squash), plus tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers, popcorn and Indian Corn. All except the Indian corn make a good addition to the diet and for decorations at this time of the year. So, visit my veggie stand one more time!! O.K.? God willing we will try again next year. Praise the Lord.
John Nicholson



Hospital List for October

Maury Green
Chuck Lucas
Chris May
Penn Pritchett



Christian Hope and Sympathy to Bonne Spychalski and family upon the death of her cousin *Bob Laudig* on September 27th.



STATISTICS



DATE	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	MISSIONS	SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
October 3	151	\$3,948.00	\$ 1,501.00	\$205.00	41
October 10	153	2,609.00	610.00	40.00	42
October 17	171	6,251.00	3,379.00	52.00	38
October 24	188	5,488.00	12,939.00	40.00	44



Our **Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings** this year are designated to go to the **AW Food Pantry**. Along with monetary donations, we will continue to collect food items for them. The pantry is located at Zion UMC in Whitehouse. They provide help to those in the Anthony Wayne area, not only at holiday time but throughout the year. Boxes for you to place your nonperishable items are provided by the entrances to the Sanctuary.

DECEMBER AMBASSADOR DEADLINE

The deadline for all articles for the December Ambassador has been moved to Tuesday, November 16, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please send your articles to the church at watervilleumc@embarqmail.com or to the editor, Diana Cox at diana_editor@yahoo.com by the 16th.



Church Band looking for additional members



Have a musical instrument around the house gathering dust? Dust it off and come join the **Church Band rehearsal on Thursday nights at 6 P.M.** in the Choir room. You can “make a joyful noise to the Lord”!! We try to appear at Worship Services at least once per month. Contact the church



office or John Nicholson (419-878-4866). Oh, by the way, Abel Stewart is offering free guitar lessons to any and all on Monday nights. So, take your pick and come join us!!



MURDER AT THE FOUR DEUCES
 SAT. NOV 6 7:00 PM
 STAFFORD'S 306 Ridgepoint Circle
 We are traveling back to the 1920's to investigate a murder, and have some fun along the way.

Come join us for an evening of food, fun and "figgerin out who dun it." Call Nancy or David if you haven't got your character assignment yet. Remember to bring your booklet with you.

Dates to Remember



Tuesday, November 2nd, our Free Election Day Lunch from 11:00 to 1:00 in fellowship hall. We are still in need of soup, please check the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

On Sunday, November 21st, we will have the Hanging of the Greens immediately after church. Please plan to stay and help in decorating the sanctuary for Christmas. We will have pizza afterwards for all who help.



On Sunday, December 12th, we will go Christmas Caroling beginning at 6:00. This is a wonderful family activity, a great way to share the joys of Christmas with others. Plan on staying afterwards for pizza and pop.

Going Caroling

COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

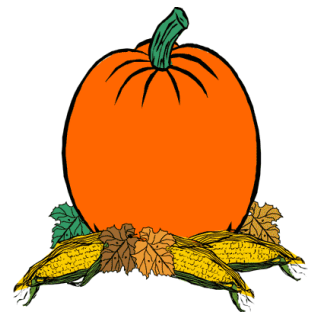
Zion Lutheran Men's Club in Waterville will hold their monthly pancake breakfast on November 6th from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 am. The cost is \$5.00 per person, \$4.00 for 12 year old and younger. Zion is located at 22 N. Second Street in Waterville. All proceeds from the breakfast will go to the Otsego Food Pantry.



Waterville Playshop will present a Christmas Music Program on Thursday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Waterville. Admission is a donation to the Anthony Wayne Food Pantry.



November Birthdays 2010



DAY ADULTS

1	Melva Robinson	20	Tim Myers
5	Stephanie Shelton	20	Karen Wiggins
8	David Landis	21	Mary Ann Parker
10	Wendell Welker	22	Jeremy Selders
10	Ginnie Whitten	23	Robin Condon
11	Lindsey Laurie	23	Tom Kahl
13	Twig King	25	Stephanie Allison
14	Bill Plassmann	25	Elaine Colyer
14	Pastor Steve Rath	27	Michael Page
18	Heather Rose	28	Donna Martin
18	Jan Sheridan	28	Terry Myers
19	Delores Young	30	Ted Myer
20	Linda Bohaczenko		

DAY YOUTH

8	Maddox Hires
9	Nicholas Sheridan
14	Hailey Kahl
14	Lauren May
14	Caitlin May
17	Zoe Rose
20	Shamar Lipinski
20	Steven Smith
21	Chase Kirby
26	Jamel Lipinski
27	Tommy Laurie
28	Jacob Kahl



New address for **Twig King** –
 Swan Creek Retirement Center
 5916 Creshaven Lane #113
 Toledo, OH 43614
 419-720-2405

Twig would love to hear from all her friends
 at Waterville UMC.



This holiday season, you are invited to make a difference. International Services of Hope invites you to attend their Annual International Tea and Gingerbread Party!

Join in all the fun at 25182 W. River Road, Perrysburg on Saturday, December 4 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. \$25.00 includes one adult and one child for tea and gingerbread house package. \$15.00 for individual tea or gingerbread house.

Children will delight in decorating a gingerbread house to take home while adults enjoy the delectable International Tea Buffet filled with a delicious assortment of breads, tea sandwiches, tarts and pastries from around the world, all served with savory soup and steaming cups of fragrant teas.

For registration and more information go to www.isohimpact.org/tea or call 419-878-8548. All proceeds will help support *Footprints*, serving those in need around the world and right here at home.

OHIO VETERANS

Did you know that last November, Ohio voters overwhelmingly approved Issue One, providing a modest payment to those who served our country during the Iraq, Afghanistan, and Persian Gulf wars. We have received word from the Ohio Attorney General that many veterans have not applied for their benefits. To see if you qualify, go to www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/VeteransBonus. This website will give you information about how to apply and other information needed.

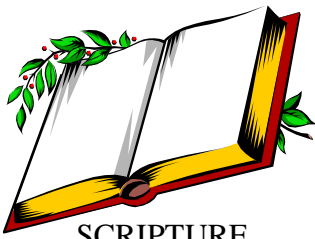


Veterans Day November 11th. Remember to thank a veteran for his or her service to our country!



Set your clocks back!

It's time to fall back. Daylight saving time ends Sunday, November 7th. Remember to set your clocks back on Saturday night. You won't want to be late for Sunday School and Worship on Sunday morning.



Scripture and Prayer Calendar



SCRIPTURE		NOV	PRAYER
Jeremiah 23 & 24	Psalm 89 & 90	1	Mr. Tedd Munn
Jeremiah 25 & 26	Psalm 91	2	Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Myerholtz
Jeremiah 27 & 28	Psalm 92	3	Mr. & Mrs. Ted Myers
Jeremiah 29 & 30	Psalm 93	4	The Clifford Nelson Family
Jeremiah 31 & 32	Psalm 94	5	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Neumann
Jeremiah 33 & 34	Psalm 95	6	The Tim Neumann Family
Jeremiah 35 & 36	Psalm 96	7	Mr. John Nicholson
Jeremiah 37 & 38	Psalm 97	8	Mr. & Mrs. David Nightingale
Jeremiah 39 & 40	Psalm 98	9	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Nowak
Jeremiah 41 & 42	Psalm 99	10	Mr. & Mrs. Larry Noward
Jeremiah 43 & 44	Psalm 100	11	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Overmyer
Jeremiah 45 & 46	Psalm 101	12	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Page
Jeremiah 47 & 48	Psalm 102	13	The Michael Page Family
Jeremiah 49 & 50	Psalm 103	14	Mrs. Mary Ann Parker
Jeremiah 51 & 52	Psalm 104	15	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Pease
Lamentations 1 & 2	Psalm 105	16	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Peyton
Lamentations 3 & 4	Psalm 106	17	Mrs. Betty Pingle
Ezekiel 1 & 2	Psalm 107	18	Mr. Matthew Pittman
Ezekiel 3 & 4	Psalm 108	19	The Bill Plassmann Family
Ezekiel 5 & 6	Psalm 109	20	Mr. & Mrs. Matt Plassmann
Ezekiel 7, 8, 9	Psalm 110	21	Mr. & Mrs. Penn Pritchett
Ezekiel 10, 11, 12	Psalm 111	22	The Tom Quinn Family
Ezekiel 13, 14, 15	Psalm 112	23	The Eric Ramlow Family
Ezekiel 16, 17, 18	Psalm 113	24	The Patty Ramlow Family
Ezekiel 19, 20, 21	Psalm 114	25	Rev. Steve Rath
Ezekiel 22, 23, 24	Psalm 115	26	Mrs. Barbara Reecer
Ezekiel 25, 26, 27	Psalm 116	27	Mrs. Grace Reid
Ezekiel 28, 29, 30	Psalm 117	28	The Randy Reihing Family
Ezekiel 31, 32, 33	Psalm 118	29	The Lois Reuscher Family
Ezekiel 34, 35, 36	Psalm 119	30	Mr. & Mrs. Dan Rigal



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 Noember. 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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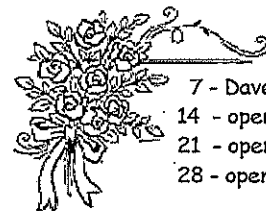
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Nov 1	2	3	4	5	6
	6:00pm Open Guitar Class 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #101 7:00pm Neighborhood Gathering at church	11:00am Free Election Day Lunch 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	9:30am M&Ms to Seagate Food Pantry 5:15pm Kinder Choir Practice 6:30pm Handbell Practice 7:00pm Neighborhood Gathering at Tom & Karen Wiggins' home	7:30am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice 7:00pm Neighborhood Gathering at Doug & Cindy Box's home	8:00am – 8:30pm Hispanic Ministry Module II	8:00am – 3:30pm Hispanic Ministry Module II
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00am Adult Bible Fellowship 9:00am Kid's Club 10:30am Worship Service w/ Children's S. S. 6:30pm Youth Alive! 6:30pm Truth Project	6:00pm Open Guitar Class 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #101 7:00pm Neighborhood Gathering at Ted & Terry Myers' home	2:00pm Bible Study at Browning Complex 6:00pm Trustee Meeting 7:00pm Building Committee Meeting 7:00pm Women's B.S. 7:00pm Neighborhood Gatherings at Dick & Sue George's home	9:30am M&Ms 5:15pm Kinder Choir Practice 6:00pm SPARC Outreach Meeting 6:30pm Handbell Practice	7:30am Men's Bible Study 10:00am Clergy Cluster Meeting 6:00pm Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice VETERANS DAY		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00am Adult Bible Fellowship 9:00am Kid's Club 10:30am Worship Service w/ Children's S. S. 11:30am Soup and Salad Luncheon 6:30pm Youth Alive! 6:30pm Truth Project	6:00pm Open Guitar Class 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #101	Deadline for The Dec. Ambassador 7:00pm Women's Bible Study 8:00pm Church Conference	9:30am M&Ms 12:45pm Lunch Bunch 5:15pm Kinder Choir Practice 6:30pm Handbell Practice	7:30am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30				
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ALTAR FLOWERS FOR NOVEMBER

- 7 - Dave & Cathy Landis
- 14 - open
- 21 - open
- 28 - open