

THE AMBASSADOR

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN...

“DO NOT BE AFRAID...”

The images of devastation saturate our TV screens. News updates fill our e-mail boxes and webpage searches. No doubt the unexpected and unforeseen earthquake that rocked the people of Port-au-Prince, Haiti will change their lives forever. Left with massive rubble and piles of debris, search teams, medical personnel, and families try to put their lives in order. Still a glimmer of hope remains as a new life is found. Such is the reality of life when a tragedy of global proportions touches an innocent world.

Within our borders airline safety has once again captured the minds of travelers with increased security screening measures. Someone may be lurking out there wanting to do us harm. Closer to home violence rings out in gunfire through a quiet neighborhood. Human life is snuffed out. Innocence is gone.

In the ever-changing roller-coaster of the economy, experts wonder if we've reached the bottom of the big dip. Gains are slow. For awhile the track may flatten out before we pick up more speed again. You know the pressure. Companies face layoffs, job cuts and relocations. Even still the bills mount. Last month's paycheck is this month's "pink slip."

Have you noticed just how much insecurity there is in our world today? It seems to have permeated every aspect of our society. No one is safe. Nothing is immune. What can you and I do when such sentiments seep into our souls, and sag our otherwise sailing spirits?

In the turbulence a voice wants to speak: Almighty God has a message for us. This is not the first time we humans have found ourselves in such straits. Each time, those who spoke for God in the Scriptures have a remarkably consistent message. Take the prophet Isaiah for example. Called to speak to the hearts and lives of God's people, Isaiah offers these words from God:

¹ But now, O Jacob, listen to the Lord who created you. O Israel, the one who formed you says, “Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.” ² When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. ³ For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. *(Isaiah 43:1-3a – NLT)*

Do you hear the calm voice of the prophet here? Do you see the presence of God among the chaos? Do you feel the personal touch of God longing to touch your heart? Over 200 times in Scripture God says “Fear not...” or “Do not be afraid.” Isn’t that something! He knows how fearful we can be sometimes.

As you read this message, maybe one of those “Fear nots...” is for you. Receive it in prayer as God’s gift especially for you right now. Maybe you know someone who is going through a difficult time right now, offer these words to God in prayer to Him right now.

I am praying these verses for you, our church family, and trust that you will offer them to God for me and one another as well.

Trusting in Him,



Pastor Steve





Coming in worship this February

On February 7 and 14, Pastor Steve will be teaching from the Old Testament story of David and Bathsheba found in 2 Samuel 10-11. First, we'll look at a great King turned ordinary human: David, starring in *The Case of the Open Window Shade*. Then, the following week, we'll look at who God used to help restore a leader's shattered public image in *Handling the Hurts You Cannot Change*.

The Season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17. We will not have a formal evening service this year. Instead, Pastor Steve will be available from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. to pray with you and offer a blessing as we begin the journey toward Easter. Come at your convenience as an individual, couple, family, or share together as a small group.

Each Sunday during Lent, Pastor Steve will share from a new series called "Great You-Turns of the Bible." All throughout the Scriptures there are great comebacks, turnarounds, and moments that shape important events and give life new direction.

On Sunday, February 21, we'll recall what happened to Noah and his family after the great flood. Do you remember the promise God made and what happens next when this family's feet could touch dry land once again? Find out more in *Where to Turn... After You've Wiped Out*.

Finally, on February 28 we will remember the people of the Exodus and their leader Moses. After the great triumph of the Red Sea, life in the wilderness is far from wonderful. Both the Israelites and Moses have less than stellar moments together. How does God get them pointed in the right direction to start over? Learn more in *Where to Turn... After You've Lost Control*.



Family Life is hosting a game night on Sunday, February 14th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We're hoping to have a variety of games so feel free to bring some from home

to share. Appetizers and snacks are welcome but not necessary. The nursery will be open for the little ones. Please RSVP to kgalton39@embarqmail.com if your children will be using the nursery.



We all know how lovely the weather is in Northwest Ohio this time of year and how easily the "Winter Blues" can set in! So, to combat the gray skies and the cold temperatures, let's go see a movie together. We'll be gathering at the movie theatre at the Shops of Fallen Timbers on Wednesday, February 10th for their first afternoon (that is, after 1:00 p.m.) showing of the movie "Blindside." Wednesday's are Senior Day, so admission will be \$5.00. If you have any questions, please contact Tehya Collinsworth at 419-878-8616.

Change of Prayer Team meeting

We will be meet on February 2 at 3:15 p.m. (instead of February 10.) Watch the bulletin and newsletter for monthly dates.

LUNCH BUNCH



Join us for lunch on Wednesday, February 17th at 12:45 p.m. at Applebee's Neighborhood Grill located at 531 Dussel Drive in Maumee. Call Tehya Collinsworth at 419-878-8616 if you need a ride. Hope to see lots of ladies there! We always have a good time along with great food.

XYZers -

The XYZ group will be getting together on Saturday, February 27 for Dinner and a Movie. Watch for more information in Sunday bulletins.





UMM will not have a formal meeting in February. However, we are inviting **ALL** men of **ALL** ages to a breakfast on **Saturday, March 13, 2010 @ 9:00AM**. Following the meal, we will have a general meeting to discuss how UMM can reorganize itself to better serve the needs of the men of our Church and how the men can better serve the needs of WUMC.

One of recurring questions from the few regular members of UMM, is how do we get more men of all ages involved? We understand that people are busy with many things, especially for those with young families. But, in order to answer that question, we need your presence and your input.

As we all seek to do His will, please keep this question and UMM in your thoughts and prayers. Hope to see you in March.

STATISTICS

DATE	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	MISSIONS	SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
January 3	167	\$3,339.35	\$ 326.00	\$105.02	44 – Children
January 10	156	3,410.00	675.00	0.00	39 – Children
January 17	189	6,060.50	1,307.50	10.00	31 – Children
January 24	148	4,731.50	1,130.00	75.00	31 – Children

Our 2010 weekly need is \$5,205.4

United Methodist Response Begins...

Tragedy struck the already-beleaguered nation of Haiti on January 12. The magnitude-7 earthquake effectively flattened the capital city of Port-au-Prince, affecting an estimated 3 million people and killing untold tens of thousands. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is already responding. One of the ways you can help is to give generously. We have already received \$110 in support at Waterville UMC. If you would like to donate, send your check to the church office with Haiti or UMCOR in the memo line. 100% of your gift to the Haiti Emergency will go to help the people of Haiti.



Zella Corbin – Zella is now at: Heartland of Waterville Room 507 B



Trevor Matthew Letzring, son of Steven and Stephani Letzring was baptized on January 10th.

Trevor was adopted from China on September 15, 2009. Hanna is his proud big sister.



We express our Christian Hope and Sympathy to Zella Corbin upon the death of her sister,
Evelyn Grimes, on January 2.



*Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the very generous Christmas gift of money. It is a privilege and joy to be serving the church. We certainly do not expect anything extra, but appreciate your generosity. God has blessed us with such a wonderful church family!*

Sincerely, Adam and Stephanie

You may have heard caroling and jingle bells ringing among the streets of Waterville and even the fields of Whitehouse on December 13th. It may not have been the harmonious sounds we're used to hearing at WUMC from the choir, or even the kinder choir. But it was coming from yours truly, the parishioners from the pews. Though John Nicholson and Kim, Bella, and Teya Marshall and even Jacob and Hailey Kahl represented the choirs, they unfortunately were drowned out by the majority of eager voices of those gifted in other areas. It was however an enthusiastic group of 30, anxious to spread Christmas cheer. (Or were they in it for the food at the Galton after-party like one unnamed grandpa openly admitted?) Our youngest carolers, Marissa, Hailey and Teya, rang bells while singing "Jingle Bells." They took their "jingling" positions very seriously and their efforts paid off. We did manage to bring smiles, (or maybe smirks?) to the faces of the loved ones we visited. Thank you to Katerine Smith, JoeAnn Lumley, Zella Corbin and Addie Breymaier for accepting our gift of Christmas songs so graciously. We'll do it again next year!

Family Life thanks all of you that helped with the hanging and taking down of the greens at church.



February

2010 Birthdays

DAY	ADULTS		
1	Jeff Monroe	13	Geoffrey Stafford
1	Bill Parker	14	Bill Martin
2	Kyle Galton	18	Rod Rose
3	Loraine Welker	19	Jason Born
5	Arthur Meade	19	Robert Stearns
8	John Henry	20	Sue George
8	John Rose	20	Ron Hood
9	Amy Plassmann	21	Sue Deardurff
11	Cathy Landis	24	Lucile Young
11	Olga Meade	26	Frank Lipinsk
13	Rev. James Caldwell	27	Brian McMillan
13	Bob Hires, Jr.	27	Katie Monroe
13	Bonne Psychalski		



DAY	YOUTH
2	Rebekah Deardurff
4	Betsy Martin
16	Jennifer Doyle
19	Ty Henry
27	Katie Martin
29	Eryn Doyle



Scripture



FEB

Prayer

Exodus 13 & 14	Mark 4	1	Ms. Jean Carpenter
Exodus 15 & 16	Mark 5	2	Mrs. Tehya Collinsworth
Exodus 17 & 18	Mark 6	3	The Keith Colyer Family
Exodus 19 & 20	Mark 7	4	The Robin Condon Family
Exodus 21 & 22	Mark 8	5	Mrs. Zella Corbin
Exodus 23 & 24	Mark 9	6	The Allen Cox Family
Exodus 25 & 26	Mark 10	7	Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Cox
Exodus 27 & 28	Mark 11	8	The Steve Crandall Family
Exodus 29 & 30	Mark 12	9	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Croy
Exodus 31 & 32	Mark 13	10	The Paul Croy Family
Exodus 33 & 34	Mark 14	11	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Crum
Exodus 35 & 36	Mark 15	12	Mrs. Ardis Cullen
Exodus 37 & 38	Mark 16	13	Mrs. Ann Dalton
Exodus 39 & 40	Luke 1	14	Mrs. Alta Damron
Leviticus 1 & 2	Luke 2	15	Mrs. Nancy Davidson
Leviticus 3 & 4	Luke 3	16	The Bob Deardurff Family
Leviticus 5 & 6	Luke 4	17	Mrs. Lenora Dieter
Leviticus 7 & 8	Luke 5	18	The John Doyle Family
Leviticus 9 & 10	Luke 6	19	The Jason Eisel Family
Leviticus 11 & 12	Luke 7	20	The Thomas Emahiser Family
Leviticus 13 & 14	Luke 8	21	Mr. & Mrs. Carl Fox
Leviticus 15 & 16	Luke 9	22	The Kyle Galton Family
Leviticus 17 & 18	Luke 10	23	Mr. & Mrs. Dick George
Leviticus 19 & 20	Luke 11	24	Mr. & Mrs. Rob Greenlese
Leviticus 21 & 22	Luke 12	25	Mr. & Mrs. Bill Gregory
Leviticus 23 & 24	Luke 13	26	The Bill Gregory, Jr. Family
Leviticus 25, 26 & 27	Luke 14	27	The Phillip Gribble Family
Numbers 1 & 2	Luke 15	28	Mr. Henry Hanzl



*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.