

THE AMBASSADOR

February 2011

FANNING THE FLAMES OF THE SPIRIT

Her trademark smile and silvery white hair are the two things I will always remember about Ann Powell. I grew up in the church – literally. When I wasn't at school or at home, I was at church. It seemed that for most of my formative years, Ann was there to watch it all take place. Her picture rests on my office shelves and I am eternally grateful that she has been one of many people whom God has used to shape my life journey.

I recall sitting with her and her husband, Wayne, after returning home from my first campus visit to Asbury Seminary in 1996. She had made one of her homemade butterscotch meringue pies to share and wanted to hear more about my time there and God's future plans for my life in ministry.

Ann went home to heaven some years ago before I finished my studies, and I often wish I could have shared her with you in our congregation. Believe me, when I say you would have loved her and she would say the same of you.

As I grow in my own faith, I've often been inspired by the Apostle Paul's letters to Timothy which we find in the New Testament. Among Paul's words of encouragement are these:

° I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. ° For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ʹ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

If I were to apply these verses to my own life experience, I would have to consider Ann to be one of my spiritual grandmothers in the faith. By her witness and her words, the Holy Spirit quietly and consistently used her life to impact and influence me in many ways. As Paul would say, she fanned the flames of the Holy Spirit by her deeds. Now, I pray that a part of her memory lives on in me as I live and work among you, his servants for the Kingdom.

Here is a question for you to reflect on in your own life: Who have been those people whom God has used to spiritually kindle the Holy Spirit in your life? Maybe it has been someone in your family – a parent, or grandparent, aunt or uncle, sister or brother. Maybe God has used someone in your church family to be that influence for you. The possibilities are many.

Stop for a moment and offer God a prayer of thanks for those whom God has allowed to be among those who've "fanned the flame of the Holy Spirit" in your life.

Not long ago these same verses from 2 Timothy came to mind as I envision where God's Spirit is leading us as a congregation. As I met with a group of leaders, I mentioned these verses as the heart of our next chapter in our newly begun second Capital Campaign. You'll be seeing and hearing much more about them in the days and weeks ahead. Until then, may God continue to bless you in all you do and are for his Kingdom's sake.

By His grace,

Pastor Steve



Theatre-for-the-World

How YOU can Help Feed Others and Build a Well!

Come one, come all to our 2011 production of "**Over the River and Through the Woods**", a comedy by Joe DiPietro Theatre-for-the-World is trying to fill the local food pantries once again and save enough money to dig a well in Africa. We are relying on your support. We'll be performing right here in our **Sanctuary at 7:30 on Friday and Saturday, February 25, 26. We'll also have a matinee at 1:30 on Sunday, February 27th.** If anyone is going to be out of town on the weekend please see Tom or Karen Wiggins about visiting on our final dress rehearsal Thursday night.

This year's show is a family-friendly comedy about an Italian family from Brooklyn, New York. Under Tom and Karen's guidance the cast has been working diligently to master dialects and memorize lines. The lighting and sound guys are marking their cues and Keith Colyer has been tirelessly searching for props. What else could we possibly need? Cookie Bakers, Refreshment Helpers, Food Collectors and Ushers all help make our shows a success. If you have an interest in any of these areas we could really use your volunteer help. We'll have a sign up sheet posted in early February for all areas of assistance. We also really need publicity help. It is hard to raise any money if we don't have an audience. This show has a smaller cast so that means fewer family members will feel obligated to watch their relatives make fools of themselves; consequently, we need you to invite your family and friends. You don't have to laugh with us...it's okay to laugh at us. It's all for a good cause. The show is appropriate for all ages. It is very clean, very funny and heartwarming. I could even say that this show will probably make you laugh and cry. I honestly feel that this is the most touching show we've ever attempted. Please, please, please...take it to heart and ask someone to join you for the evening. Spread the word. Take a poster out to a business or mention it at work. I really think people will be glad they came for the entertainment value and in turn will support our mission project. Who knows, when they see how crazy the people are in our church...they may decide they'd fit right in on Sunday as well.

God works in mysterious ways...and his blessings on Theatre-for-the-World the past five years are evidence that he has a sense of humor. Thanks to your support we've raised over \$11,000 towards digging that well in Africa, and collected approximately 400 bags of groceries. There are still so many people that rely on the A.W. and Otsego Food Pantries to survive. The latest statistics show that 1 in 5 children in the United States is forced to go without a meal during the week due to finances. That doesn't just happen in the inner-city. It is nationwide and occurring in the rural communities that our local pantries support.

Please consider volunteering to help us in our endeavor. It is virtually impossible without your help. Every job, no matter how insignificant you may feel it is, is part of a much greater whole. It is our desire that when you use your gifts to help with our group, God will in turn bless your life in ways that we can't even explain. God can use each one of us and if you ask any past participants I think they'd all agree that they've felt his power and grace working within their hearts. Finally, we ask that you pray for us and our success. May this sixth show be our most fruitful to date. In a world of God's abundance, no person on this planet should ever go without food and clean water!

God bless,
Brian Schultz



P.S. This is an Italian comedy and we want you to be able to enjoy an **Italian meal** offered by the youth group **on Saturday, February 26.** Look for more details on the youth page and in the Sunday bulletins. Reservations are required for the meal and all proceeds will help our youth group with their next mission trip.



Youth Alive

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

- February 4 & 5 - **Dare2Share "UN" Tour - Youth Conference in Columbus**
(Leaving Friday right after school and returning late Saturday night)
- February 6 - No Youth Alive
- February 13 - **Melva, Jerry, and Delores' Diner, 6:00 pm**
Paint Banners for Capital Campaign - We will be using acrylic/permanent paint so you may want to wear some paint clothes.
- February 20 - **Youth Alive, 6:30-8:30 pm**
Finish Banners
- February 26 - **Youth Fundraiser - Lasagna Dinner - Please be at church by 5:00 pm**
- February 27 - No Youth Alive
- March 6 - **Youth Alive, 6:30-8:30 pm**
- March 13 - **Melva, Jerry, and Delores' Diner, 6:00 pm**
- March 20 - **Youth Alive, 6:30-8:30**

Upcoming Events:

- April 8 - "Soul Surfer" Movie in Theaters
- April 16 or 17 - Possible Movie Night for church - Youth Fundraiser
- May - Spring Youth Fundraiser - Rent-a-Kid or Mulch Delivery
- June 19-24, 2011 - Mission Trip to Pittsburg, PA

Check your cell phone for the most up-to-date information. If you would like to receive the Youth Texts to your cell phone, please contact Adam Shelton.

[Lasagna Dinner – Saturday, February 26 at 6:30 pm](#)

The youth will again be hosting a Lasagna Dinner before the Saturday night production of the Theater for the World, "Over the River and Through the Woods." The proceeds from the dinner will be used to support the youth's summer mission trip to Pittsburg, PA.

Tickets can be reserved by calling the church office at 419-878-3645. Adults are \$7 and Children 12 and under are \$5 each. You must have a reservation to attend the dinner! The sooner you reserve your spot, the easier it is for the youth to plan how much food to prepare. Please make your reservation by no later than February 20. Space is limited!

Not only will you enjoy a delicious dinner and support a great cause, you also will have front row seats reserved for you in the sanctuary for the performance. You won't want to miss it!

UMM United Methodist Men 2011 Calendar



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity / Leader</u>
Feb 12	9:00am	Theater for the World: Set Construction (Tom Wiggins)
Apr 9	9:00am	US24 Clean Up (Rain Date 04/16) (Rob Greenlese)
May 14	8:30am	UMM Breakfast / Business Meeting (Tom Wiggins)
July 9	9:00am	US24 Clean Up (Rain Date 07/16) (Rob Greenlese)
Sep 10	8:30am	UMM Breakfast / Business Meeting (Tom Wiggins)
Oct 8	9:00am	US24 Clean Up (Rain Date 10/15) (Rob Greenlese)
TBD	TBD	Golf Outing @ Valleywood Golf Course (Ron Peyton / Eric Kahl)
TBD	TBD	Mud Hens Game (Ron Peyton)
TBD	TBD	Trustee Projects (Penn Pritchett)

(TBD = **To **Be **Determined**)****

Additional Projects and Activities: The following are being considered pending the gathering of information and discussion.

- Women's Dinner (Spring 2012) **(Jerry Robinson / Jim page)**
- Cherry Street Mission with Youth **(Adam Kahl / Tom Kahl)**
- Habitat For Humanity **(Rob Greenlese)**
- Men's Retreat @ Widewater **(Jim Page)**
- Music in the Park **(John Nicholson)**
- Assist John with his garden (Give back opportunity)

Additional information and announcements about events will be available as their scheduled dates approach.

WOMEN'S NEWS



LUNCH BUNCH – After having to cancel our January lunch due to icy weather, we will try another new place in February. We will meet on **Wednesday, February 16 at 12:45 p.m. at the Perrysburger on N. Main Street, Perrysburg.** Come on out and join us for a good lunch and great fellowship!

The Women's Ministry Council will meet on Tuesday, February 1st, at 4:00 p.m. to plan our activities for the year. If you have any ideas for activities or events, please contact Cindy Box or Terry Myers.



STATISTICS

DATE	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	MISSIONS	SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
January 2	148	\$2,567.00	\$ 370.00	\$105.00	27 - c
January 9	151	7,460.00	2,930.00	15.00	29 - c 16 - a
January 16	121	5,385.00	514.00	20.00	22 - c 13 - a
January 23	143	2,494.00	244.00	125.00	28 - c 17 - a

NEW MEMBERS

We will receive new members into the church when there is a 5th Sunday in the month. If you would like to join our membership on **May 29th**, please **contact Pastor Steve or the church office.**

Oops we made a mistake! – we listed JoAnn Lucas’ phone number incorrectly in our directory. Please change the number to (419)878-1727



E-MAIL ADDRESSES WANTED

As we move further into the electronic age, more and more information is being sent by e-mail. The church would like to have everyone’s e-mail address to help save on time when information and correspondence needs to be sent out. At this time, we will continue to send the monthly newsletter and other important information by U.S. Postal mail. However, we do send meeting information, reminders on upcoming events, etc. by e-mail. So, if you have not received any e-mails from the church recently, it means we do not have a current e-mail address for you. Please send your current information to watervilleumc@embarqmail.com.

BROWNING BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

If you would be interested in driving our friends at the Browning Masonic Community to and from church services on Sunday morning (weather permitting) please contact Pastor Steve. The passengers on the bus are all well behaved and very appreciative of your time! (Insurance coverage is provided by Browning.)



February

2011 Birthdays



Day Adults

1	Jeff Monroe	14	Bill Martin
2	Kyle Galton	15	Jacob Hires
3	Loraine Welker	18	Rod Rose
5	Arthur Meade	19	Jason Born
8	John Henry	19	Robert Stearns
8	John Rose	20	Sue George
9	Amy Plassmann	20	Ron Hood
11	Cathy Landis	21	Sue Deardurff
11	Olga Meade	24	Lucile Young
13	Rev. James Caldwell'	26	Frank Lipinski
13	Bob Hires, Jr.	27	Brian McMillan
13	Bonnie Spychalski	27	Katie Monroe
13	Geoffrey Stafford		

Day Youth



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



Congratulations and best wishes to John Nicholson and Ana Flores who were married on January 29th. May you enjoy many happy years together!



IN JANUARY

Members
in the
Hospital



Millie Hires
Twig King
Amy Peel
Priscilla Schlingman




Remember to let us know if you or a loved one is hospitalized.

Christian Hope and sympathy to:

Jo Ann Lucas and family upon the death of **Chuck Lucas** on January 2nd. Chuck had only been a member here for a few short years, but made a huge impact on our church;

John and Vera Rose upon the death of John's father, **Alfred A. Rose**, who passed away on January 10th;

Tom and Janet Quinn upon the death of Tom's mother, **Beatrice Quinn**, who passed away on January 14th;



Peace, be still.

--Mark 4:39

David and Ann Nightingale, Lisa Galton and family, and Sarah Kirby and family, upon the death of their Mother and Grandmother, **Helen Nightingale**, on January 20th.

ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Faith Lessons on Death and Resurrection of Jesus, by Ray Vander Loan, started on January 23 and will go through March 27. Tom Wiggins is leading this new study. It's not too late to join.

Life and Ministry of Jesus, by Ray Vander Loan, will begin on February 20 through April 10. This 8 week study will be led by Delores Young and Melva Robinson.

And one more study by Ray Vander Loan, Faith Lessons on the Promised Land, will begin on May 1st and go to May 29th. This 5 week study will be led by Tom Wiggins.



We recently received a call from Rev. Warren Wilson, a former Pastor here at Waterville UMC. He and his wife remember their time of serving here fondly and remember many of the members at that time. He wanted to thank us for sending him the monthly newsletter and other kindnesses he has received from his friends that remember him. He will be celebrating his 90th birthday in May.



*To our many friends,
Thank you so much for all the prayers and well wishes during my recent hospital stay. I am slowly gaining my strength back after the double pneumonia. Thank you to Anne Stevens for arranging meals to be brought over and to all the wonderful cooks who provided them. We have some great cooks at our church. They were all delicious and helped so much!*

Love, Amy Peel and family

To My Church Family,

Thank you for all the calls by Pastor Steve and members of our church. Also for the many cards, well wishes, and the beautiful quilt. I also want to thank all the anonymous blood donors.

Love, Priscilla Schlingman



MARRIAGE BUILT TO LAST

Life Pointe Church of Waterville invites you to a **Valentines Banquet and Marriage Seminar**. The banquet will be held on **Monday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m.** Cost is **\$10.00 per person**, tickets must be purchased in advance through our office. The Seminar, "Marriage Built to Last" will be held on 5 Sundays at 6:30 p.m. starting on February 20th. Cost of the seminar is \$8.00 for the workbook. You do not have to participate in both the banquet and seminar. Call Life Pointe Church at 419-878-4391 for more information.

Save February 18 to join us for the AWSG Annual Spaghetti Dinner. This event is the major fund raising event for the *Anthony Wayne Spirit of Giving*, a non-profit organization begun by teachers, students, and staff at Anthony Wayne High School. AWSG assists families when catastrophic illnesses touch their lives. Chris May and the girls are one of our adopted families this year. Please mark your calendar for February 18 at the AWHS Cafeteria! See Anne Stevens for tickets/info.

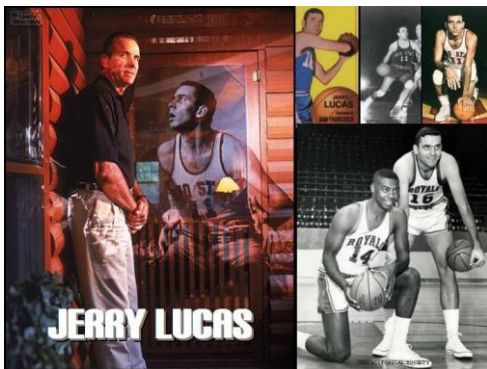


COMMUNITY LUNCH



Hope UMC in Whitehouse, is serving the community lunch. Every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., a delicious lunch is served in their Christian Life Center. All are welcome and a free will offering is taken. You can check out their weekly menu on their web-site at www.hopeunitedmethodist.com, look under activities.

A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER



Zion Lutheran Church is hosting a weekend with Jerry Lucas. Jerry is a former OSU and NBA Basketball star and now shares his Christ-lead ministry of memory training and learning systems. His ministry focuses on family relationships, family learning and remembering names and faces. Mark your calendars for February 27 - 28th. He will speak at both of Zion's Sunday morning worship services, again at 7:00 p.m. and on Monday evening. To learn more about Jerry Lucas and his Weekend to Remember, go to:

http://web.me.com/secondchanceatlove/Church_Info/Welcome.html



Scripture and Prayer Calendar



Scripture	FEB	Prayer
Exodus 13 & 14	Mark 4 1	Mrs. Shelly Banky
Exodus 15 & 16	Mark 5 2	Mrs. Janice Battin
Exodus 17 & 18	Mark 6 3	The Matthew Beakas Family
Exodus 19 & 20	Mark 7 4	Mr. & Mrs. Joe Becker
Exodus 21 & 22	Mark 8 5	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Bersee
Exodus 23 & 24	Mark 9 6	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Bersee
Exodus 25 & 26	Mark 10 7	The Carrie Black Family
Exodus 27 & 28	Mark 11 8	Mr. & Mrs. Harry Blackmon
Exodus 29 & 30	Mark 12 9	Mr. Tim Bock
Exodus 31 & 32	Mark 13 10	Mrs. Linda Bohaczenko
Exodus 33 & 34	Mark 14 11	Mr. & Mrs. David Boost
Exodus 35 & 36	Mark 15 12	The Jason Born Family
Exodus 37 & 38	Mark 16 13	Mr. & Mrs. Doug Box
Exodus 39 & 40	Luke 1 14	Mr. Geoffrey Box
Leviticus 1 & 2	Luke 2 15	Mr. Wes Box
Leviticus 3 & 4	Luke 3 16	Mr. Daniel Box
Leviticus 5 & 6	Luke 4 17	Mrs. Addie Breymaier
Leviticus 7 & 8	Luke 5 18	The Gary Breymaier Family
Leviticus 9 & 10	Luke 6 19	The Randy Breymaier Family
Leviticus 11 & 12	Luke 7 20	The Sarah Broseke Family
Leviticus 13 & 14	Luke 8 21	The Joel Brown Family
Leviticus 15 & 16	Luke 9 22	Mrs. Joyce Bruce
Leviticus 17 & 18	Luke 10 23	Mrs. Dorothy Bunde
Leviticus 19 & 20	Luke 11 24	The Paul Buskey Family
Leviticus 21 & 22	Luke 12 25	Ms. Jean Carpenter
Leviticus 23 & 24	Luke 13 26	Mrs. Tehya Collinsworth
Leviticus 25, 26 & 27	Luke 14 27	The Keith Colyer Family
Numbers 1 & 2	Luke 15 28	Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Combs

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.



FEBRUARY

WATERVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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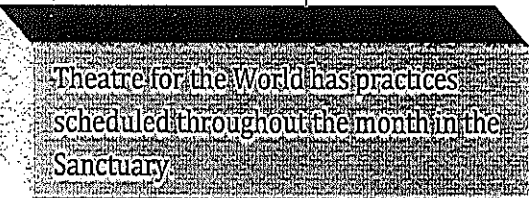




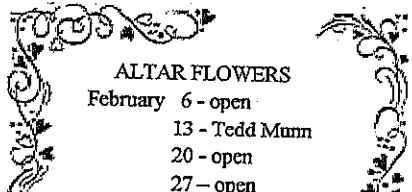
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		¹ 2:00pm Bible Study at Browning Complex 4:00pm Women's Ministry Council Meeting 7:00pm Worship Meeting 7:00pm Building Meeting 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	² 9:30am M&Ms prayer & share 10:00am M&Ms to Seagate Food Bank 5:15pm Kinder Choir Practice 6:15pm Handbell Practice 6:15pm Campaign Leadership Team Meeting	³ 7:00am Men's Bible Study 6:00pm Band Practice 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice	⁴	⁵ <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Youth to Columbus for Dare to Share </div>
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