

# THE AMBASSADOR

May 2011

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

## “LET'S CELEBRATE!”

My ears are still ringing! I write this message just a few days after Easter with the glorious sounds of the resurrection still playing my head as our choir, congregation, and musicians lifted us into the presence of the celebrating the Risen Christ! Add to that the sight of people tightly-packed into pews, the aroma of lilies in full bloom, the beautiful depiction of the empty tomb as our altar centerpiece, and you'll come to appreciate why I am so grateful to God and to you!

Easter is perhaps the grandest celebration in all of the Christian faith. What better gift to celebrate than the gift and promise of new life! So I ask you, why stop now that Easter day is over? Why not keep the party going!

If you like a good celebration, you will want to be a part of many of our activities in the coming weeks here at Waterville UMC. May brings us the chance to celebrate family – especially ladies who have played important roles in our lives. We'll also celebrate heroes as we remember those who've served to keep our land free on Memorial Day weekend.

As a church family, we will also welcome new members into relationship with us as they have come to know God's love for them at this time in their lives. We'll celebrate and honor teachers, who spend countless hours sharing truths of faith to God's kids both tall and small.

**But one celebration I really want to be sure you don't miss will happen on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. We are calling that “Jubilee Sunday.”** You may recall that the end of May marks the conclusion of our first Capital Campaign “Carrying the Flame into the Future.” On this particular Sunday, we'll rejoice in God's faithfulness through your gifts and stewardship. Mr. John Laster, consultant from Horizons Stewardship, will once again be with us as well. I'd tell you more, but I really like surprises! Following our worship celebration, you are invited to join in a celebration luncheon as we mark this tremendous milestone. Please join us. It is going to be a great day, I know you'll want to share in together.

*If you know you're planning to attend the luncheon event, please RSVP to the church office by calling 878-3645 or send an e-mail to [watervilleumc@embarqmail.com](mailto:watervilleumc@embarqmail.com).*

Celebrating the greatest story ever told,

Pastor Steve



## **More News from the Pastor's Desk**

# A BIG THANKS....

I am indebted to many hands and hearts that assisted in leading us through a variety of activities and experiences during this past Lenten Season. The work of God's Church involves much more than what we see as the finished product itself, and certainly goes well beyond what one person can accomplish by themselves. So my thanks to:

**Barb Page, Annette Swanson, and Melva Robinson,  
Jennifer Reihing, Olga Meade, and choir members,  
Maggie Long and our bell choir  
John Nicholson and those who played for Easter worship.  
Nancy Stafford and others who provided and served breakfast  
following our community Sunrise Service.  
Penny Greenlese and Cathy Landis.**

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Beginning **Sunday, June 5** following the evening service, I will be leading a six-week series entitled

## **When God's People Pray**

by Pastor Jim Cymbala of Brooklyn Tabernacle in New York City.  
Sessions will be 60 minutes long and cover the following themes each week:

***God's Heart for Us  
The Amazing Power of Prayer  
Obedience in Prayer  
The Word of God and Prayer  
Why Prayers Matters***

***Watch for more details and information in the coming weeks. Have a question or want to know more? Drop me an e-mail or give me a call.***

***Pastor Steve***

*steve.rath@earthlink.net or 878-3645*

## BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The committee has been very busy reviewing bids and having meetings with construction firms. We have found the bids to generally be higher than we expected. From the start, we've been focused on making sure the new church building would meet our worship and ministry needs. And, we knew from the start that we would make some modifications to manage costs in line with the most important priorities. We expected to get some advantage from the downturn in the economy. But, we hadn't anticipated the rise in building materials over the past 6 months eating up most of the potential savings in lower labor costs.

While the first capital campaign was a success, the higher bid costs keep us from being where we need to be financially. If we moved forward with groundbreaking this summer, it would require loans and mortgage payments higher than we can reasonably afford. We must build our new church in a way that reflects responsible stewardship and which doesn't make the mortgage overly expensive at the expense of our ministries.

So, we are looking at lots of design alternatives and material options, and continuing conversations with the construction firms. Our focus remains on providing a building that meets our future worship and ministry needs, in a budget our congregation can support. We envision breaking ground next year to avoid the higher costs involved with doing construction in the Winter. Please continue your prayers and support for our new building. We will get there! And when we've finished the review of bids and made appropriate changes, the Building Committee will review the project with the congregation to ensure we're moving forward together.

Your Building Committee

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## **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

**THURSDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**The National Day of Prayer service will be held at our church on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. This will be a community service with participation from other Waterville churches.**

# Youth Alive

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

With the addition of the second service on Sundays at 6:30, *we will now start Youth at 6:00 and end at 8:00 pm.* On Sundays when there is no youth, you are still welcome to attend the second service.

- May 1 - Youth Alive, 6:00-8:00 pm
- May 7 - "Praise Prom," 7:30 pm (at church)
- May 8 - No Youth Alive - Happy Mother's Day!
- May 15 - Youth Alive, 6:00-8:00 pm
- May 21 - **Spring Rent-a-Kid - Last Youth Fundraiser before trip**
- May 22 - **Melva, Jerry, and Delores' Diner, 5:30 pm**
- May 29 - No Youth Alive - Memorial Day weekend
- June 5 - **End of the School Year Cookout at Shelton's House, 6:00**
- June 12 - Graduation Sunday
- June 19-24 **Youth 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 (419-205-2516).*



## Graduation Sunday Sunday, June 12

If you are graduating from high school, college, or technical school or know someone who is, please be sure to contact the office with your name, where you are graduating from, and any future plans. Also, if you would like to be featured in the Graduation Slideshow, please get 5-8 photos of yourself (at different ages) to Adam or Stephanie Shelton by May 29. Thank you!

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It's that time of year...  
Time to do some Spring Cleaning!  
But why do it yourself when you can

## Rent-A-Kid!

### May 21 & 22

Help support the youth in raising money for their summer mission trip to Pittsburg! If you have some chores around the house or in your yard that you would like help with, please complete the form below and return to the church office or Youth Mailbox by May 15. You may make your donations to the youth by writing a check payable to Waterville UMC/Memo: Mission Trip. Please no cash.

Questions: Call Adam Shelton 419-441-2096

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### Rent-A-Kid!

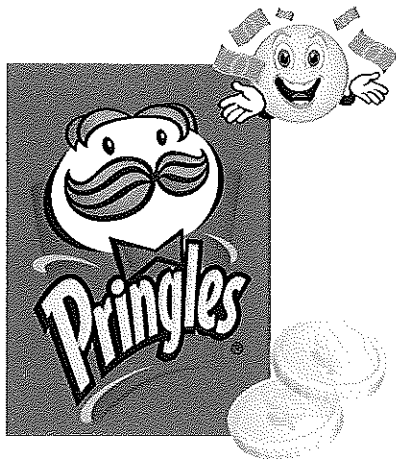
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Task(s) to be Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

List any Tools that will be Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer the youth to work at your house on Saturday, May 21 or Sunday, May 22? \_\_\_\_\_



## ***Pringle Can Challenge***

The Sunday School children have been busy filling up their Pringle Cans with change. They have been doing special jobs around their houses, making toy donations to the YWCA, and donating money from their own piggy banks to work towards their personal goals of filling up the Pringle cans. The children will also be involved in deciding how the money raised will be used towards the new church building.

**On May 15, the kids will be bringing their Pringle Cans forward during the Children's Moment.** Then on May 22, we will announce the grand total of how much money they raised for the Capital Campaign!

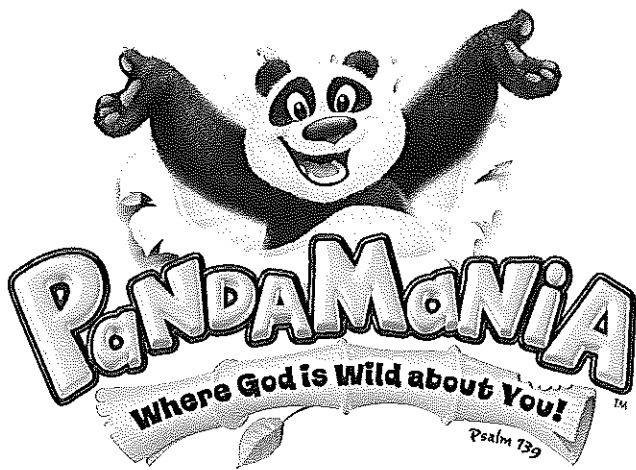
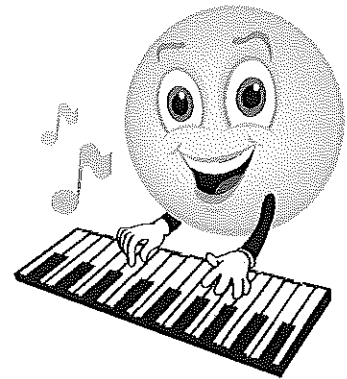
Thank you for each child's dedication to our church!

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## ***Praise Team and Kids Singing!***

**On Sunday, May 22, all the Sunday School children will be singing another song with the Praise Team.** They will be singing, "Mighty to Save." Please have your child to the youth room by 10:00 on Sunday, May 22 to practice before the church service.

Thank you!



## ***Vacation Bible School 2011***

Mark your calendars for July 17-21 for this summer's Vacation Bible School at Zion Lutheran Church. We will need volunteers to be crew leaders, help with the dinner on July 18, and also volunteers to make and frost cupcakes! Be sure to check out the June Ambassador and church bulletins for more information to come! If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, contact April Born or Stephanie Shelton.

## NEW ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CLASSES

**Faith Lessons on the Promised Land** by Ray Vander Laan starts on May 1<sup>st</sup>. This 5 week study is facilitated by Tom Wiggins and meets in the Fireside room at 9:00 a.m.

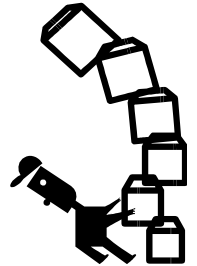
**God of Wonders** will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. This Adult Bible Fellowship meets in the Sonshine Room at 9:00 a.m.

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## AN OPPORTUNITY TO TOUCH THE WORLD

How many times have we heard someone say “I really love filling my shoeboxes, but I would really like to help at the place they inspect and get the boxes ready for shipment!” Well, your chance has come!

Join Great Lakes Mission for Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan’s Purse, in processing shoeboxes at the Charlotte, NC, processing center. The purpose during this time is to pre-sort, inspect or cartonize the shoeboxes in preparation of their shipment overseas. Most jobs are standing, but a few jobs are available for those who cannot stand. There is something for everyone.



You will travel by bus on November 28 to Charlotte and return on December 3. Cost is determined on room occupancy. If we get 5 – 6 people per room the price would be \$355 which includes motor coach transportation, lodging, full hot breakfast daily, 2 evening meals, snacks and prized in route, and a t-shirt.

Contact Penny Greenlese or Karen Longnecker for more information. Reservations fill up very quickly, so act now.

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**The Lunch Bunch** will be meeting on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at The Black Pearl Restaurant located at 4630 Heatherdowns Blvd. in Toledo. (It is across from the Stranahan.)

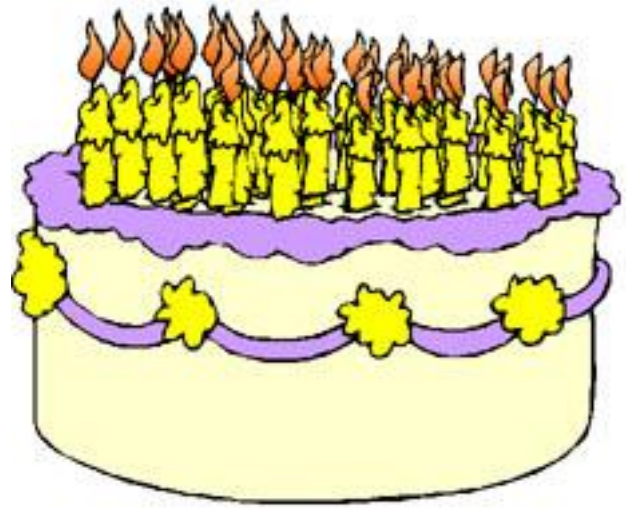


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## HOSPITALIZED IN APRIL

Zella Corbin

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



# May 2011 Birthdays

## DAY ADULTS

1	George Welker	21	Richard Schifferly
4	Nancy Davidson	22	Mark Smith
4	Jessica Quinn	22	Anthony Westfall
6	Justin Hires	23	Dorothy Bunde
7	Bill Gregory, Sr.	24	Paul Buskey
9	Dan Rigal	27	Melanie Reihing
14	Julie Croy	29	Adam Shelton
17	Lynn Harter	29	Rev. Warren Wilson
20	Wes Box	31	Linda Linn

## DAY YOUTH

2	Elizabeth Snyder
7	Jacob Varner
20	Marley Broseke
20	Annalise Schifferly
22	Alexa Galton
24	Caroline Varner
26	Kaitlin Warner
29	Evan Schultz

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## **NEW MEMBERS**

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





## TRUSTEES NOTES

Spring church workday was held Saturday, April 16. We had 19 members volunteer their Saturday morning to get your church ready for Holy Week and Easter.

Many thanks to those who :

- washed windows
- cleaned the elevator
- removed office storm windows
- repaired music room windows
- raked lawn, bushes, stair & window wells (5 trailer loads were takes to the village brush pile)
- trimmed all trees along 5th Street
- supplied truck and trailer and hauling debris and tree trimming
- supplied and prepared lunch



A special thanks to the Dick an Jean Warner who raked up and cleaned the street and curb at the completion of workday.

All of this took only 3 hours thanks to our 19 hard workers.



Our Sanctuary Choir is working to prepare a Cantata to be presented with The Church of the Cross Choir and a twenty-one piece orchestra. The dates for the Cantata will be Friday evening, May 13<sup>th</sup> at Waterville United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday evening, May 15<sup>th</sup> at The Church of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

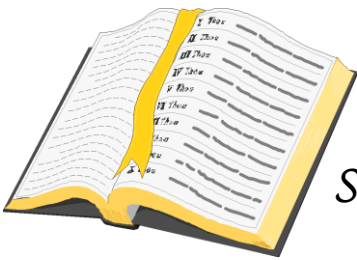


## STATISTICS



DATE	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	MISSIONS	SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
	MORNING	EVENING				
April 3	128	27	\$4,692.66	\$ 497.00	\$ 5.00	29
April 10	150	37	5,138.02	4,711.00	5.00	24
April 17	113	38	5,068.00	767.00	10.00	49
April 24	275	20	6,032.00	3,386.00	75.00	n/a

**Our Easter Offering will go to the Denise and Destiny Nicholson Fund. Easter offering envelopes are included with your regular offering envelope packet. It's not too late to make a donation.**



# Scripture and Prayer Calendar



SCRIPTURE	MAY			PRAYER
I Samuel 7 & 8	Romans 4	<b>1</b>		The Bill Martin Family
I Samuel 9 & 10	Romans 5	<b>2</b>		Ms. Marilyn Masola
I Samuel 11 & 12	Romans 6	<b>3</b>		Mrs. Charlene May
I Samuel 13 & 14	Romans 7	<b>4</b>		The Chris May Family
I Samuel 15 & 16	Romans 8	<b>5</b>		Mr. Elden Mayer
I Samuel 17 & 18	Romans 9	<b>6</b>		Mrs. Marny Mazzarella
I Samuel 19 & 20	Romans 10	<b>7</b>		Mr. & Mrs. Tom McCausland
I Samuel 21 & 22	Romans 11	<b>8</b>		Mr. James McGee
I Samuel 23 & 24	Romans 12	<b>9</b>		Mr. & Mrs. Brian McMillan
I Samuel 25 & 26	Romans 13	<b>10</b>		Mrs. Ann McVicker
I Samuel 27 & 28	Romans 14	<b>11</b>		The Arthur Meade Family
I Samuel 29, 30, 31	Romans 15	<b>12</b>		Mr. & Mrs. John Michael
II Samuel 1 & 2	Romans 16	<b>13</b>		The Jeffrey Monroe Family
II Samuel 3 & 4	I Corinthians 1	<b>14</b>		The David Morrison Family
II Samuel 5 & 6	I Corinthians 2	<b>15</b>		Mr. Tedd Munn
II Samuel 7 & 8	I Corinthians 3	<b>16</b>		Mr. & Mrs. Shawn Myerholtz
II Samuel 9 & 10	I Corinthians 4	<b>17</b>		Mr. & Mrs. Ted Myers
II Samuel 11 & 12	I Corinthians 5	<b>18</b>		The Clifford Nelson Family
II Samuel 13 & 14	I Corinthians 6	<b>19</b>		Mr. & Mrs. Harry Neumann
II Samuel 15 & 16	I Corinthians 7	<b>20</b>		The Tim Neumann Family
II Samuel 17 & 18	I Corinthians 8	<b>21</b>		Mr. & Mrs. John Nicholson
II Samuel 19 & 20	I Corinthians 9	<b>22</b>		Mr. & Mrs. David Nightingale
II Samuel 21 & 22	I Corinthians 10	<b>23</b>		Mr. & Mrs. Mark Nowak
II Samuel 23 & 24	I Corinthians 11	<b>24</b>		Mr. & Mrs. Larry Noward
I Kings 1 & 2	I Corinthians 12	<b>25</b>		Mr. & Mrs. Tom Overmyer
I Kings 3 & 4	I Corinthians 13	<b>26</b>		Mr. & Mrs. Jim Page
I Kings 5 & 6	I Corinthians 14	<b>27</b>		The Michael Page Family
I Kings 7 & 8	I Corinthians 15	<b>28</b>		Mrs. Mary Ann Parker
I Kings 9 & 10	I Corinthians 16	<b>29</b>		Mr. & Mrs. Jim Pease
I Kings 11 & 12	II Corinthians 1	<b>30</b>		The Johnny Peel Family
I Kings 13 & 14	II Corinthians 2	<b>31</b>		Mr. & Mrs. Ron Peyton

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 May. 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](mailto:plassmb@accesstoledo.com): Mary Williams 419-878-5554 or e-mail [margewill@toast.net](mailto:margewill@toast.net).





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><u>1</u></p> <p>9:00am Adult Bible Fellowship 9:00am Kid's Club 10:30am Worship Service with Children's Sunday School 6:00pm Youth Alive! 6:30pm Contemporary Worship Service</p>	<p><u>2</u></p> <p>6:00pm Open Guitar Class 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #101</p>	<p><u>3</u></p> <p>2:00pm Bible Study at Browning Complex 7:00pm Building Meeting 7:00pm Women's Bible Study 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Practice</p>	<p><u>4</u></p> <p>9:30am M&amp;Ms Pray &amp; Share 10:00am M&amp;Ms to Seagate Food Bank 5:15pm Kinder Choir Practice 6:15pm Handbell Practice</p>	<p><u>5</u></p> <p>National Day of Prayer 7:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm National Day of Prayer Service 7:30pm Singles Group</p>	<p><u>6</u></p>	<p><u>7</u></p> <p>7:30pm Youth Alive! Praise Prom</p>
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