

THE AMBASSADOR

July 2011

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

“START SPREADING THE NEWS”

I write you this month with a great deal of pride for the ways I see the work and witness of Jesus in your lives. Last week, I spent the day in Pittsburgh with some of your youth during their mission trip. After a day working in the inner city on a hot day, I was struck by hearing a bit about their work, the people they met, and most of all, the servant attitude they shared about their work that day. When it would have been tempting to complain, quit, or simply take it easy, their spirit to keep going was truly exemplary. I thank God for them and I believe that when you hear their God stories you will too. (They're coming.... Get ready! ☺)

Driving back home, I couldn't help but be reminded of one of the pivotal moments in the spread of Jesus' message about the Kingdom of God. Perhaps you remember it from Luke 10:

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. ² He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. ³ Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. ⁴ Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

⁵ “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ ⁶ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

⁸ “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. ⁹ Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

¹⁶ “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.” ¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

There's much to be said about the meaning Jesus had in mind here, but suffice it to say that sharing the love of God with others who were ready to hear it became a blessing to those who received it as well as those who told it. Like the cities and towns that

surrounded the base of Jesus' ministry, our world can seem hostile to God's love, but when we dare to go a move closer we discover that God's Spirit will direct us to those whom he has prepared for us to meet.

Living the words of Jesus can be indeed a most joyful life, and regardless of age or place, all of us can discover that we take the message of Jesus in many ways:

- Have you said a prayer and tied a knot on one of the prayer quilts in a worship service lately?
- Have you been one who's paid a visit to one of our homebound members or sent them a note or card reminding them of God's love?
- Have you been one who's gone to be near the bedside of a dying saint as they prepare to enter the gates of heaven?
- Have you collected a bag full of groceries or packed boxes for a local food pantry?
- Have you been blessed with skills that could help in the remodeling and construction of a new home through a Habitat for Humanity project?
- Have you been praying about signing up to serve as part of this month's Vacation Bible School adventure right here in Waterville?



Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58

The list and its possibilities are endless, but know that wherever you go, the opportunity to spread the glorious news of the Gospel goes with you! You have discovered the joy of giving a sharing the Kingdom of God. Thank you, thank you, thank you! (That's my way of cheering you on with words!)

With each new day, pray that God might lead you to those whom he wants you to meet, to go to the places he needs to t go, to do the work that he's called you to do. Start spreading the News and the world will never be the same again. God stories are everywhere!

Joyfully yours and His,

Pastor Steve

Due to vacations and schedule changes in the summer, some of our meeting dates and services have been changed.

Please make a note of the following on your calendars.

- **Sunday Evening Bible Study has been canceled for July 3 and 17th.**
- **There will be no Contemporary Worship Service on July 3.**
- **Tuesday afternoon Bible Study on the 5th of July has been canceled.**
- **The Finance Committee Meeting has been moved to Tuesday, July 26th.**
- **The Administrative Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27th.**

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME!

DON'T FORGET THAT SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE STARTS ONE HOUR EARLIER DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS. SO MAKE SURE YOU GET UP A LITTLE EARLIER AND BE HERE BY 9:30 A.M.



Bring a
Friend to
Church

Missions



Our Mission focus for July is the A. W. Food Pantry located at Zion UMC in Whitehouse. We will be collecting canned and boxed food along with monetary donations. Each month they have more and more people they serve in the Anthony Wayne area. They are in need of canned fruits and vegetables right now, although any non-perishable food is welcome. If you would like to

help at the pantry, contact Karen Longnecker for more information.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, July 31st

**You will not want to miss all the special events
going on that day!**

In Concert!
Kate Jordan & Soul Venture

Sunday July 31 @ 9:30 a.m.

*Ohio's
Favorite Trio!*



Waterville United Methodist Church

A PICNIC AND POOL PARTY TO FOLLOW WORSHIP!

When: Sunday July, 31st
What: Swim 3:00 till 5:00
Eat 5:00
Where: Widewater Retreat



Widewater Retreat is westbound on 24 in Liberty Center. Pass the Widewater driveway and turn right on CR 4. The driveway to the swimming pool is on the right. We'll be eating at the Shelter House by the pool.

Family Life will provide sandwiches, chips and drinks. If you would like to bring a dish to share it will be welcomed and eaten!

The pool at Widewater is very kid friendly. There is a 20x60 foot area that is just 2 to 3 feet. The maximum depth of the pool is 5 feet. Widewater will provide

floating toys, noodles and even lifeguards! Bring your sunscreen, your appetite and your friends. We'll see you there!

LUNCH BUNCH

We really enjoyed our June lunch outing at Nick and Jimmy's Black Swamp Pub in Whitehouse. The food and service was great and very accommodating to our group!

This month we are going Mexican! Join us on Wednesday, July 20th at 12:45 pm at Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy, 3415 Briarfield, Blvd., Maumee. It is located off the Dussell Road exit of the expressway. Hope to see lots of ladies this month.



Midsummer picnic/potluck for XYZ's



Friday July 15th
7pm-??pm

Stafford's home
306 Ridgepoint Circle
419-878-2491



Outside if it is nice, inside if it is not, or both if you choose!!
We will provide all the paper products and the beverages

Ladder ball provided, anyone have a corn hole we can borrow? Please let me know.



VBS Volunteers Needed!!!!

*There are many ways you can help with VBS.
You can....*

• **Volunteer to be a Crew Leader.** The crew leader is responsible for a small group of children and rotating them through the different stations.

• **Make a Donation of Socks.**

We are in need of 150 White Boys' Crew Socks, Size 9-11
Collection box by the Sunday School Rooms.

- **Bake and Frost Cupcakes.** We need 150 blue frosted cupcakes. Any amount you can bake is greatly appreciated!
- **Volunteer to help with the VBS Dinner.** Please see the sign-up sheet at church. We need volunteers to serve and cook. The dinner is on July 18th.

Please see the Volunteer Sign-Up sheet also in this issue of the Ambassador to sign-up for any of these opportunities.

Any Questions? Contact April Born or Stephanie Shelton



MENS NEWS

It's time to clean up the highway again. We will meet at the church on Saturday, July 9, at 9:00 a.m. and head out to our portion of Rt. 24 for clean-up. We need at least 8 men to do the clean-up, but more will make the job go faster and easier!

Raindate will be Saturday, July 16th.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

THE MEN'S GROUP IS SPONSORING THE MUSIC IN THE PARK ON SUNDAY JULY 17TH. THE GENOA AMERICAN LEGION BAND WILL PERFORM AT CONRAD PARK AT 6:30 P.M. OUR OWN MUSICAL TALENT JOHN NICHOLSON WILL PLAY WITH THE BAND. THIS IS A COMMUNITY EVENT, SO INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS. BRING A LAWN CHAIR OR BLANKET TO SIT ON.



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME



The Men's Group has tickets to the Mud Hens baseball game for Saturday, August 20th. The game time is 7:00 p.m. If you want to ride the Muddy Shuttle (Tarta bus), it leaves the

old Kroger parking lot at 6:00 p.m. For tickets, see Ron Peyton. They are \$9.00 each.

Attending Grandparent Camp this year were Jim Page with his grandsons Kyle Wielgopolski and Bruno Page along with David Nightingale and his grandson Chase Kirby. They went to the UMC Widewater Retreat on Rt. 24. Make sure you ask them about all the fun they had. There are still camping pamphlets available to check out what camp is best for you and your family.



***Please join us for a Pampered Chef
kitchen shower for Joe and Destiny Nicholson!***

As many of you know, Joe and Destiny lost a lot of their belongings during their house fire this winter. Come and help us restock Joe and Destiny's kitchen. There are two ways to help.

1. Place a personal order for yourself. Our hosts, John and Ana are giving Joe and Destiny all the host credit towards free product. All products purchased will help increase the free product total. Joe and Destiny will choose which products they need for their kitchen.
2. Joe and Destiny have registered with me. If you are interested in purchasing from the registry, you may do so and then give it to them as a gift.

Hosts: John and Ana Nicholson
Date: Thursday, July 14, 2011
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Address: Waterville United Methodist Church
102 North Fifth Street
Waterville, OH 43566
Contact John at 419-878-4866 or johnnicholson@bex.net



Please RSVP to John and Ana by July 11.

If you are unable to attend, but would like to place an order, go to www.pamperedchef.biz/cookingwithTammy. Click shop online and enter John Nicholson or Joe Nicholson as the host. You are now connected to their shower. If you would like to order from the registry or have any difficulties ordering, please call or email Tammy. See you soon.

Your Consultant: Tammy Sheridan

TammyPChef@juno.com

www.pamperedchef.biz/cookingwithTammy

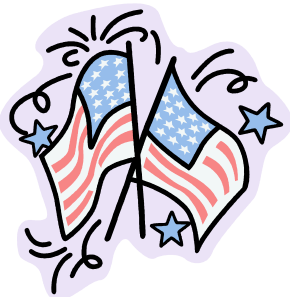
316-250-4791 or 419-878-0646 (from July 1 to 14)



July Birthdays 2011

Day Adults

1	Nichole Westfall	21	Chris May
4	Brian George	21	Todd Swanson
11	Keith Colyer	23	Aimee Allison
12	Lawrence Russell (90 th birthday)	23	Bill Gregory, Jr.
17	Laura Eisel	24	Carolyn Myerholtz
18	Thomas Emahiser	25	Joe Ann Lumley
19	Tiffany Stevens	25	Lou Peyton
20	Christie Wielgopolski	28	Amy Peel
		30	Joe Becker



Day Youth

6	Gabriel Sheridan
14	Caroline Gribble
25	Eden Sample

Brian Robert Bersee and **Christopher Michael Bersee** were baptized on June 19th. They are the sons of John and Laura Bersee of Cleveland, Ohio, and the grandsons of Jack and Karma Bersee.



It's
a
Boy!

Congratulations to Eric and Becky Varner upon the birth of their son, **Brody Eric**, born May 27th.

HOSPITALIZED IN JUNE

Twig King
Trevor Letzring
Ann McVicker
Marilyn Simpson
April Snyder



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

Christian Hope and Sympathy to David and Paula Corbin & family and the many friend's of **Zella Corbin** who passed away on May 29th. Zella had been a member of this church since January 1951.



STATISTICS

DATE	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE		GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	MISSIONS	SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
	MORNING	EVENING				
May 29	152	30	\$4,423.00	\$ 600.00	\$305.00	19
June 5	162	n/a	4,163.00	302.50	11.10	27
June 12	121	35	4,812.00	2,870.00	125.00	20
June 19	138	17	2,336.00	852.50	5.00	25
June 26	133	15	4,359.00	680.00	55.00	19



Congratulations to our 2011 Graduates!



Graduating from Anthony Wayne High School:

- Alec Heifferon -** He will be attending Owens Community College
- Katie Heifferon -** She will be attending the University of Toledo and will be majoring in Special Education
- Alaina Hem -** She will be attending the University of Toledo and will be majoring in Pre-Med.
- Taylor Smith -** He will be attending Embry-riddle Aeronautical University with a major in Aerospace Engineering and a Flight minor. Taylor was named an Embry-Riddle Scholar, admitted to the Honors Program and will be traveling to Ethiopia this summer for Habitat for Humanity.

College Graduates:

Stephanie Allison graduated from Bowling Green State University with a major in Biology and minor in Chemistry. She will be studying abroad for the month of August in Quito, Ecuador, working in women's clinics. She plans to work in the area of medical research.

Emily Heifferon graduated from Ohio State University with a major in Textiles and finance. She will be staying in Columbus and will be the Assistant Merchandiser for Limited Brands.

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.—Proverbs 23:7

Thank you to all of our very talented musical people for a beautiful worship service of “Lift Up the Cross” a celebration of worship and song on June 5th!

The Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of **Jennifer Reihing**, performed a beautiful anthem. The Handbells, directed by **Maggie Long**, provided a lovely call to worship. The Instrumental Band, led by **John Nicholson**, opened the service. The Kinder Choir, patiently directed by **Barb Page**, accompanied by Bobbie Westfall, not only sang but played instruments as well. The Praise Band, led by **Abel Stewart**, showed off some new talent in our church. And the organ/piano duet by **Pastor Steve and Olga Meade** was a very special treat!

MORE MUSIC IN THE PARK

On Sunday, July 31st, enjoy your evening listening to the “Napoleon Community Band”, at 6:30 P.M. at the Gazebo at Conrad Park. John Nicholson is a member of this band also.



Community Fun Festival

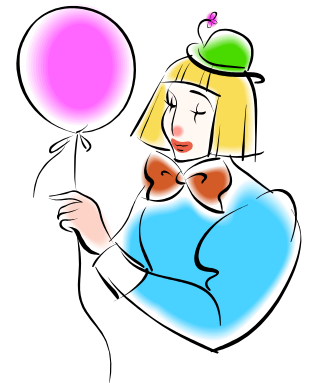
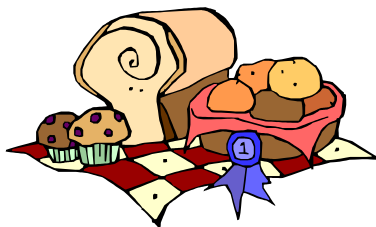
Saturday, August 13

4:00 to 8:00 PM

Conrad Part, Waterville

The Community Fun Festival, sponsored by the Waterville Area Churches, is a free family fun festival with inflatables, free food, live music, games, and more.

We are looking for volunteers to serve food, coordinate games, and set-up/clean-up. This is always a great time and we look forward to sharing the afternoon with you and your family.



Dear Friends,

I understand that my dear friend, Delores Young, told you about our plight with the tornados that tore through Alabama on April 27th. We are still amazed that 15 to 20 seconds of bad weather can have such a drastic impact on so many lives.

These past 7 to 8 weeks have been extremely difficult for us (and will continue to be for the foreseeable future), but it's been the extreme kindness and generosity of strangers like yourselves that has helped carry us forward. Thank you so very

much for the beautiful quilt and warm thoughts and prayers. We are so appreciative and grateful. With sincere thanks, Sharon & Tony Triolo



Thank you so much for the luncheon on teachers work day! The food was delicious and the company was wonderful. Thank you for all the thought and care that went into preparing it for us! Thanks again! Deb Thomas and the Waterville Primary Staff

Scripture and Prayer Calendar



SCRIPTURE		JUL	PRAYER
II Chronicles 1 & 2	Colossians 4	1	Nehemiah 1 & 2 Hebrews 1
II Chronicles 3 & 4	I Thessalonians 1	2	24
II Chronicles 5 & 6	I Thessalonians 2	3	Nehemiah 3 & 4 Hebrews 2
II Chronicles 7 & 8	I Thessalonians 3	4	25
II Chronicles 9 & 10	I Thessalonians 4	5	Nehemiah 5 & 6 Hebrews 3
II Chronicles 11 & 12	I Thessalonians 5	6	26
II Chronicles 13 & 14	II Thessalonians 1	7	Nehemiah 7 & 8 Hebrews 4
II Chronicles 15 & 16	II Thessalonians 2	8	27
II Chronicles 17 & 18	II Thessalonians 3	9	Nehemiah 9 & 10 Hebrews 5
II Chronicles 19 & 20	I Timothy 1	10	28
II Chronicles 21 & 22	I Timothy 2	11	Nehemiah 11, 12, 13 Hebrews 6
II Chronicles 23 & 24	I Timothy 3	12	29
II Chronicles 25 & 26	I Timothy 4	13	Ester 1 & 2 Hebrews 7
II Chronicles 27 & 28	I Timothy 5	14	30
II Chronicles 29 & 30	I Timothy 6	15	Ester 3 & 4 Hebrews 8
II Chronicles 31 & 32	II Timothy 1	16	31
II Chronicles 33 & 34	II Timothy 2	17	
II Chronicles 35 & 36	II Timothy 3	18	Mrs. Katherine Smith
Ezra 1 & 2	II Timothy 4	19	The Brian Snyder Family
Ezra 3 & 4	Titus 1	20	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Spychalski
Ezra 5 & 6	Titus 2	21	Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Stafford
Ezra 7 & 8	Titus 3	22	The David Stafford Family
Ezra 9 & 10	Philemon 1	23	Mrs. Nancy A. Stafford



Mr. Robert Stearns
Mr. Lowell Steusloff
The Dan Stevens Family
The Abel Stewart Family
Fred Stover & Barbara Korecki
Mr. & Mrs. Kip Studer
The Steven Suchocki Family
Mr. & Mrs. Todd Swanson
Mrs. Deb Thomas
Mrs. Joyce Thomas
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Utz
The Craig Varner Family

The Eric Varner Family
Mr. Harry Wagner
The Holly Warner Family
Mr. & Mrs. Dick Warner
Mrs. Loraine Welker
The Wendell Welker Family
Mrs. Helen Welsh
Mr. & Mrs. Neil Westfall
The Anthony Westfall Family
Mrs. Virginia Whitten
The Tom Wielgopolski Family
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Wiggins



*And what does the lord require of you? To act justly and
to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.--
(Micah 6:8)*

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 July. 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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>3</u> 9:30am Worship Service with Children's Sunday School	<u>4</u>  INDEPENDENCE <i>Day</i>	<u>5</u> 7:00pm Building Meeting	<u>6</u> 9:30am M&Ms Pray & Share 10:00am M&Ms to Seagate Food Bank	<u>7</u> 6:00pm Visitation Team Meeting	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u> 9:00am United Methodist Men Adopt A Highway Project
<u>10</u> 9:30am Worship Service with Children's Sunday School 6:30pm Contemporary Worship Service 7:30pm Bible Study	<u>11</u> 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #101	<u>12</u> 2:00pm Bible Study at Browning Complex 6:00pm Board of Trustees Meeting 7:00pm Building Meeting	<u>13</u> 12:30am Spiritual Health	<u>14</u> 7:00pm Pampered Chef Benefit for the Nicholson Family	<u>15</u> 7:00pm XYZ	<u>16</u>
<u>17</u> 9:30am Worship Service with Children's Sunday School 6:30pm Contemporary Worship Service 6:30pm Music In The Park ←	<u>18</u> 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #101	<u>19</u> 10:30am Card Ministry 2:00pm Bible Study at Browning Complex 7:00pm Building Meeting	<u>20</u> 12:45pm Lunch Bunch	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
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ALTAR FLOWERS

July 3 – open

10 – Tom & Karen Wiggins

17 – open

24 – Ted & Terry Myers

31 – Paul & Dawn Buskey

