

Clarion July 2009



Nuture and Care for our CUMC Family

Are you facing a crisis?
Is your loved one sick?
Has someone close to you died?
Do you need someone to listen?
Help is just minutes away at CUMC.

Who Should You Call?

First call Pastor Don at 365-8734. If Pastor Don is not available, call the office at 440-365-7391.

Specific Help Available

For Lay Counseling support call Ginnie Baillie, Lay Counseling Minister, at 365-7391.

For funeral dinners, meals brought to your home, or assistance for shut-ins, call Sue Short, Chairperson of the ICU Team, at 365-8184.

For help with moving, household repairs, or other odd jobs around the home the DOERS can help. Call Adam Baillie at 365-3200.

For information or questions about church activities or if you can't reach the other people listed above, call Sherry Dangremond in the church office at 365-7391. Office hours are 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. M-F.

How to pray

- Pray where you are. God is present everywhere and ready to listen.
- Pray, when possible, in a quiet place where you can be alone. It is good to fix your mind deliberately on God, apart from confusing distractions.
- Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers of others.
- Pray, remembering the good things God has done for you. Give thanks for all your blessings.
- Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things you may have done. He is near to a humble and contrite heart.
- Pray especially for those things that will make your life more Christlike.
- Pray for others, remembering the help they need for the situations they confront.
- Pray for the world in its need, and for God to guide you toward ways you can help.
- Pray that God's will be done in you. His purposes are deeper and wiser than our own.
- Pray, and then allow God to answer your prayer.



SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Justin Berry	Step-Grandson of June Miller
Jacob Brown	Nephew of Cora Campbell
Roy Cooper	Son of Chuck & Pat Burkey
Amanda Gray	Daughter of Becky Sklenar
Jen & Tom Murphy	Daughter & Son-in-law of S. Daggett
Daniel Quigle	Grandson of Mary Hendershot
Eddie R. Rivera	Son-in-law of Becky Sklenar
Ryan Schaffer	Neighbor of the Leidenheimer's
Matt Sharp	Nephew of Sharon Moehle
David Shonk	Son-in-law of Hugh & Linda Knapp
Ashley Sklenar	Niece of Becky Sklenar
Ben & Lynne Sklenar	Son & Daughter in law of Becky Sklenar
Ché Stedman	Nephew of Bill & MaryLou Doebele
Jesse Tubb	Nephew of Bill & MaryLou Doebele
Donald Wyatt	Friend of the Moehle Family

ONGOING ILLNESS

Donna Adams	Chris Marks
Keith Boggs	Juanita Matson
Gerry Brown	Joanne Meschke
Helen Buckwald	Todd Moehle
Andy Edgar	Jack Quinn
Nellie Ferrell	Louise Rogers
Wreatha Goforth	Barbara Shiltz
Sandy Golding	Gene Willoughby
Juanita Jones	

SHUT INS

Tillie Bonafield, Jessie Carrick, Ray Ferrell, Robert Krueger, Mae McGlumphy, Loren Meschke, Evelyn Miller, Rev. Ronald Ober, William & Louise Rogers, Donna Roseborough, Les Rubino, Evonne Searls, Doc & Dolores Turner

OTHER CONCERNS

Rollie Edgar's Dad, Liz Gibbs, Diane Harbst, Ted Hinkle, June Miller, Sharon Moehle's Mother & Father, Dick Sharrock, Ken Spiegelberg

C.U.M.C. Prayer Chain

Call Alberta Haas (365-5326). For the E-mail prayer chain contact Adam Baillie at adam39@windstream.net



Birthdays & Anniversaries This Month!

Happy July Birthday!

7/09 Jana Downey	7/19 Jo Poling
7/13 Bill Rogers	7/20 Chuck Shaffer
7/14 Roger Roseborough	7/27 Pam Taylor
7/16 Ruby Decker	7/28 Barb Shiltz
7/18 Ethel Eppley	7/30 Sue Downer Patty Senquiz

Happy July Anniversary!

7/03 Chuck & Bea Shaffer	7/23 Carl & Mary Harbert
7/04 Bob & Pat Woods	7/24 Ron & Chris Wagers
7/11 Greg & Barb Horace	7/26 Dick & Carol Sharrock
7/14 Larry & Shirley Beatty	7/27 Rollie & Deanna Edgar
7/19 Ron & Lee Forster	

Sunday Helpers for Children's Activities

Nursery through 3 years old Caregivers

S. S. Hour	Worship Hour
7/05 Becky Sklenar	Marylou Doebele, Holly Leidenheimer, Anna Daniels
7/12 Becky Sklenar	Carol Blaner, Becky Sklenar, Alex Craig
7/19 Becky Sklenar	Holly Leidenheimer, Maria Hartwig, Gabby Schramm
7/26 Becky Sklenar	Melody Dyer, Lily Jacklitch, Ashley Anderson

Growing Up Church (Children 4 years through 6th grade)

7/5	Linda Brunson, Sue Short
7/12	Linda Brunson, Mavis Brown
7/19	Linda Brunson
7/26	Bill & Mary Lou Doebele



Worship Helpers

Acolytes

7/05	Christine Gregory Gabby Schramm
7/12	Tyler Schramm Jacob Dyer
7/19	Omar Senquiz Christine Gregory
7/26	Gabby Schramm Kevin Brown

Lay Readers

7/05	Ken Rush
7/12	Marge Dunn
7/19	Keith Brown
7/26	Martin Dunkel

Ushers

Head Usher - Kathy Gibbs
Mary Brown
Sherry Dangremond
Linda Knapp
Nancy Snider

Greeters

Gordon & Linda Brunson
Ernestine Anderson
Ken Rush

Children's Moments

7/05	Linda Brunson
7/12	Sherry Dangremond
7/19	Rob Taylor
7/26	Pastor Lare
Sub	Mavis Brown



Mission Dollars At Work

The Mission Society

We are celebrating. In the midst of difficult times, that might seem odd to say. But as God's people, we always have much to celebrate. We celebrate that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. He has paved the way to our salvation. Through Jesus, God's new creation has begun. In communities in 32 nations you are announcing this good news.

Fifteen years ago our work in the Central Asian country of Kazakhstan began. Through your prayers and gifts, you have been investing in the lives of new Kazakhstani Christians, and the resulting new churches have been sending our missionaries to other parts of their country.

When the first Mission Society team entered this nation (the world's largest landlocked country), Kazakhstan had been independent from the USSR for only 5 years. Due to the spiritual vacuum left by decades of communism and imposed atheism, the need and open doors for the gospel message were overwhelming. Looking back, no one could have guessed the miracles that would take place.

- On Easter 1994 the first baptism was held at the Church of the Living Vine. Since that year, many people have experienced the love of Christ in this church. Many people who were once part of the church have immigrated to other countries and continue to serve God in their new homes.
- The Kazakhstan team has also worked in a number of practical ministry areas—teaching English, small business development, outreach to children at risk, operating a primary and secondary school, and ministry to families of alcoholics.
- The chaos and collapsing infrastructure that existed when the team arrived has changed. The economy made much progress during the time we have been there so the team and the church have had to adjust to a very rapidly changing environment.
- We believe the church has a very important role to play as the nation develops and that the church is uniquely equipped to reach out across borders.

I thank you for your long-time commitment to this ministry. Thank you for your prayers and your gifts.

Philip R. Granger

BUSES International

We are so grateful for every donation we receive. Your determination and commitment even during these difficult time humbles us, encourages us and emboldens us to continue with this wonderful work God has set before us.

From the Priest's

Thank you for all of your prayers.

We thank God that people are recovering from the devastation and injuries that occurred during the earthquake we had at the end of May.

We ask for prayers that the sale of our Ford Bronco will enable us to purchase the much needed mini van for our mission work.

We praise the Lord for the wonderful 7 years of life God has given to Jaden. He had a great birthday!

We ask for healing prayers for one of our 7th grade students, Bryan Vasquez. He has hemophilia. In early June he had an appendectomy and after the surgery he had complications with infection and bleeding which necessitated further surgical procedures.

We pray that Father's Day was a blessing for you and that you are looking forward to giving thanks for our liberties and independence in the beginning of July.

We are excited that we will be flying back to the states this Friday. We ask that you pray that our travel goes without incident.

Next Monday Jonathan will have some X-ray's and a doctor's appointment to see how his kidney is doing. Please pray for him.

We will be speaking at a church or two during our few short weeks back in the states.

Please pray that the Lord continues to bless His precious work in Honduras. May the Lord bless and keep you.

From the Salvation Army

Making ends meet is getting tougher and tougher for many of our neighbors in this troubled economy.

I'm seeing more struggling parents at the end of their rope. More single moms. More elderly. More families who've never needed help before. They're getting battered by rising unemployment, plant closings, home foreclosures, higher prices, and skyrocketing health care costs.

While many of us know the horrible feeling of not being able to make ends meet, for a number of our neighbors, it's what they're experiencing right now, more severely than ever, with no end in sight. They're wondering where their next meal will come from or what will happen if they lose their job or lose their home.

Your support helps us to help these people. We thank you for your continued support of our mission to people in need of help with rent, food, and utility bill assistance.

Captains Paul & Sherry Pelletier

“What If....?”

Have you seen the TV ads recently that begin “*What If....?*”? Have you found yourself drawn to them as an unseen voice goes on to ask questions like:

What if church was less about Sunday, and more about the other days of the week?

What if church wasn't just a place we go, but something we do?

What if church wasn't just a building, but thousands of doors, each opening up to a different concept or experience of church?

The ads are meant to invite the world – and challenge us, as United Methodists – to...

RETHINK CHURCH

Growing out of this media campaign for the United Methodist Church, every UM congregation is being challenged to “Rethink Church”. The vast majority of people today – especially those under age 35 – have a negative image of “the church”. They view “church” as a noun - as the name of a judgmental, irrelevant, closed club that meets in a building on Sunday mornings.

And frankly, most of us in the church foster that idea. The longer we are in the church, the less we interact with those outside the church. We talk a language that's foreign to the outside world. Our friendships, ministries, activities, and social interaction largely happen within the walls of a church building. Most of our time and money is spent on those already in the church. Our attitude toward those outside the church becomes, “Well, the church doors are open on Sunday. They can come in if they want.” But how many of us would choose to enter – or more importantly, how many of our children or grandchildren would choose to enter – if not already a part of the church family.

As United Methodists, we are being challenged to *rethink* what it means to *be* church and to *do* church in ways more relevant to our 21st century world. Rethink Church is also a personal wake-up call inviting many to change old ways of thinking, believing and expressing faith. Bishop Sally Dyck, president of the General Commission on Communication, calls Rethink Church:

“the self-study that the denomination has needed for a long time... Rethink Church will be an opportunity for people within the church to go deep into what is the meaning and purpose of church... It will help the church make a transition into a new way of being in a rapidly changing world. Unless we Rethink Church, we won't be able to make the needed changes.”

Rethink Church is a wake-up call to remind us of the many needs in our own backyards and around the world, and to call us to action in any one of the thousands of programs, missions and initiatives The United Methodist Church is already engaged in. It's a challenge to see “Open” in our church's slogan “Open hearts - Open minds - Open doors” not as an adjective, but as an action verb. It's a challenge to find ways to open the hearts and minds of those outside the church to the Good News of the Gospel – to BE that Good News to those in our community and world. It's a challenge for us to open the doors of our church – not so outsiders can come in, but so us “insiders” can be freed from the four walls of our church to BE the church in our community and world.

As your pastor, I want to challenge each and every one of you to “Rethink Church” with me, in the coming months – to rethink how we, at Community United Methodist Church, can *be* the church for our community in this new age in which we live!

Pastor Don

Thank You for your response!!!

On Sunday, June 14th, we took up a special offering for the Bishop's 3C's Mission Initiative – to raise funds to provide churches, clinics and classrooms for the people of Russia, Sierra Leone, and Liberia. Bishop Hopkins challenged each church to bring an offering of \$100 to Annual Conference for each delegate we send – in our case, \$400. But thanks to your generosity, our offering was \$503.00 - PTL! And when our offering was added to that of others in East Ohio, we raised a total of \$59,149! PTL!!!

On behalf of Bishop Hopkins, our Annual Conference members – Pat Gregory, Hugh Knapp, Don Lare, and George Shiltz – and, most of all, the people of Russia, Sierra Leone, and Liberia – thank you for your generous response to God's call!!!

Looking Ahead:

Church Conference – Thurs., Oct. 22nd, 7:30 p.m.

This year's Church Conference will meet here at CUMC. We will be hosting the folks from Lakeshore UMC for a combined Conference. So mark your calendars now and keep this date open. Since this will be a Church Conference, all full members are eligible to vote.

(Note - SPRC members: You will be meeting at another time with our new D.S. – time and place to be announced in the next few weeks.)

<u>Greatness</u>	But greater than that
It's great that we humans	Is the God you can trust
Have knowledge and skill	To keep outer space
To fly to the moon	In its place!
And through space;	Peggy Ferrell, Prayers and Poems

Let's Talk: Conversation with Your New District Superintendent, Rev. Orlando Chaffee

on

Sunday, July 12, 2009
3:00 – 4:30 pm at
Solon UMC
5540 SOM Center Rd
Solon, 44139
(440) 248-1573

or

Sunday, July 26, 2009
3:00 – 4:30 pm at
Elyria: Community UMC
680 Abbe Road North
Elyria, 44035
(440) 365-7391

Take the opportunity to get to know your new D.S. All (laity & clergy) are invited! This is a planned time to meet, greet, and have casual, informal conversation with Rev. Orlando Chaffee – and other members of the North Coast District.

Light refreshments will be served! Please indicate the date and location you will attend by responding to the district's special events line - (216) 441-4580 - by the following dates:

By Thursday, July 9th for the July 12th date at Solon;

By Thursday, July 23rd for the July 26th date at Elyria: Community.

Questions? Call the District Office – (216)441-4527.

A Birthday Celebration
Rev. Lyle & Luverne Hinkle will be having a birthday party (80 and 75 years respectively) hosted by family and you are invited to make this day special for them. The celebration will be held at Lexington Church of the Cross UMC, 236 Otterbein Dr. in Lexington on Sunday 8/2 from 2 - 4 p.m.
No personal gifts please. You can bring a canned food for the local food pantry.




Kim Bolton

"Girlville"
Saturday,
7/11/2009
11:30
Cost – \$18.00
Tickets will be available in the Church Office until July 3rd,
9:00am - 12:00pm, M-F.



Join us for VBS
Sunday, 7/12 - Thursday, 7/16.
Pre-registration is going on now!
Questions? Call Martin Dunkel
440-327- 6157
Please keep our VBS program and staff in your prayers.



Thanks to Our VBS Volunteers

From the Library



Happy Independence Day from your CUMC Library Staff! Yes, this is the month that all United States citizens celebrate their freedom! For Christians, of course, every day is like Independence Day, because we pray and thank the Lord Jesus for our freedom from sin, in addition to our the freedom to worship as we please, and all of the many other freedoms we enjoy by living in the United States.

By now, hopefully you're actively participating in this summer's library contest, which would mean you're reading, listening or watching some of your church library's many resources! During the month of July only, we thought it would be fun to focus on books that have the words "independence" or "freedom" or "free" in the title, OR the cover of the book you choose has the color red, white or blue. Adding a theme to your search for something interesting to read and enjoy during the month of July makes the contest more fun and, again, focuses on something that too many people take for granted the rest of the year.

Remember: For every book, DVD, video, music CD or any resource you borrow from the library over the summer, be sure to write your name on one of the small slips of paper provided in the Library office or on the Narthex display table, so that you have as many chances as you deserve in the prize drawing that will be held following the conclusion of the contest, which isn't until Labor Day, so you have lots of time!!

Now that summer has officially arrived (June 21), we hope that each of you will consider spending some lazy days in a lounge chair on your porch or on a blanket in the park enjoying a book that you borrowed from your CUMC library! Remember that we have lots of books, but for rainy days, we also have a good selection of music CDs that you can listen to and DVDs that you can watch.

For those who may be new to our church or have never visited the library, it's located downstairs in the basement at the end of the hallway by the nursery. We are open every Sunday before church services begin from approx. 9:00-10:30am. For everyone's convenience, we also have a display in the Narthex every Sunday before and after services. We hope that the summer contest will attract some new people to the library's offerings, as well as bring back many who know and love our church library!

Project Pantry



Sunday 7/5

Items requested for this month.

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| <u>Hot Meals</u> | <u>Food Pantry</u> |
| 10 oz. Styrofoam Coffee Cups | Boxed Scalloped or Au Gratin Potatoes |



Genesis Luncheon

Genesis Fellowship Luncheon will be on Sunday, 7/12 immediately following worship. Bring a dish and join in the fun.



United Methodist Men

There **will not** be a men's breakfast meeting on Sunday, 7/5.



The monthly Dorcas Luncheon is Tuesday 7/7 at 12:00 p.m.



Caring Crafters

Our June meeting is on Friday, 6/19 at 1:00 p.m. at Wreatha Goforth's home. Her address is 4596 Linda Lane in Sheffield. All are invited to come. Whether you are a beginner or experienced in card making, please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.



Hot Meals Handout Ministry

We are running low on many items to give to our friends that come to Hot Meals. We are in desperate need of toilet paper, women's deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, shampoo, and men's shaving cream. We appreciate how you have helped us in the past. If you can donate any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated. We will be doing our next ministry handout at the end of July. Thank

Notes from the Office

Please help prevent conflicts by remembering to mark all events and meetings on the large wall calendar in the outer office.

Committee chairpersons are responsible for ensuring that their monthly meetings are on the calendar. It is very helpful to all if these meetings are scheduled on the calendar ASAP.

The deadline for the August Clarion is Sunday 7/26. Please give articles and other information to the secretary by this date.



Kids Page

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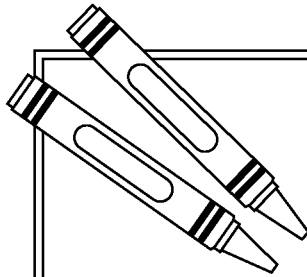
Summer travel is fun, but sometimes getting to the destination can take a long time. Try this homemade bingo game to entertain you and your family while you vacation this summer.

What you need:

- Sheets of 8½" x 11" paper (one for each player)
- Stickers (16 for each player)
- Pencil, pen, marker or crayon

What you do:

1. Before your trip, list different things you might see as you travel.
2. Take each 8½" x 11" sheet of paper and fold it in half, from top to bottom. Fold it in half again from top to bottom. Then fold it in half from side to side and then again. Unfold the paper and you should have 16 equal-sized squares, four across horizontally and four down vertically.
3. Family members write one thing from the list in each of the 16 squares. They can place them in any order. For non-readers, someone can draw pictures in each square.
4. Put the sheets and stickers in the car in an easy-to-reach place.
5. While traveling, when you see an object that's on your card, say it out loud. Put a sticker in that square.
6. The first person to get four in a row wins the first round. The first person to fill two rows wins the second round. The first person to fill the entire sheet wins the game.



Just for **KIDS**

TRAVEL BY DAY OR NIGHT

The way people travel has changed over time, but one thing has not changed — God was with people in biblical times just as He is with you and your family as you travel during your summer vacations.

Count the number of letters for each name, and then write the name in the spaces next to the verse that matches. (Hint: Besides counting the number of letters in the name, also pay attention to whether the person is from the Old Testament or New Testament.)

NAMES

Paul Moses Joseph The Israelites Abram crowds
Samaritan Jesus Naaman Angel of God

VERSES

“The _____ ... had been traveling in front of Israel’s army” Exodus 14:19

“And _____ went out from Pharaoh’s presence and traveled throughout Egypt.” Genesis 41:46

“Go in peace,” said Elisha. After _____ had traveled some distance” 2 Kings 5:19

“_____ traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem.” Genesis 12:6

“_____ traveled through that area, speaking many words of encouragement to the people, and finally arrived in Greece.” Acts 20:2

“_____ traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God.” Luke 8:1

“Large _____ were traveling with Jesus.” Luke 14:25

“_____ traveled to the plains of Moab and camped along the Jordan across from Jericho.” Numbers 22:1

“_____ led Israel from the Red Sea For three days they traveled in the desert” Exodus 15:22

“But a _____, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him.” Luke 10:33

Answers: Angel of God; Joseph; Naaman; Abram; Paul; Jesus; crowds; The Israelites; Moses; Samaritan

Jesus loves me! This I know,
As he loved so long ago,
Taking children on his knee,
Saying, 'Let them come to Me.'

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.

**Community United Methodist Church
July 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:00 a.m. Quilting 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale Set-up	2 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale 10:00 a.m. Food Panty Open	3 9:00 a.m. Rummage Sale 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals	4
5 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship	6 10:00 a.m. Food Panty Open	7 12:00 p.m. Dorcas Meeting 7:00 p.m. Trustees	8 8:00 a.m. Quilting 6:30 p.m. Contemporary Worship Meeting	9 10:00 a.m. Food Panty Open	10 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals	11 9:30 a.m. Kim Bolton Girlville Diner 5:00 p.m. Exodus Dinners
12 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Genesis Luncheon 6:00 p.m. VBS VBS WEEK	13 10:00 a.m. Food Panty Open 6:00 p.m. VBS	14 6:00 p.m. VBS	15 8:00 a.m. Quilting 6:00 p.m. VBS	16 10:00 a.m. Food Panty Open 6:00 p.m. VBS	17 1:00 p.m. Caring Crafters 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals	18
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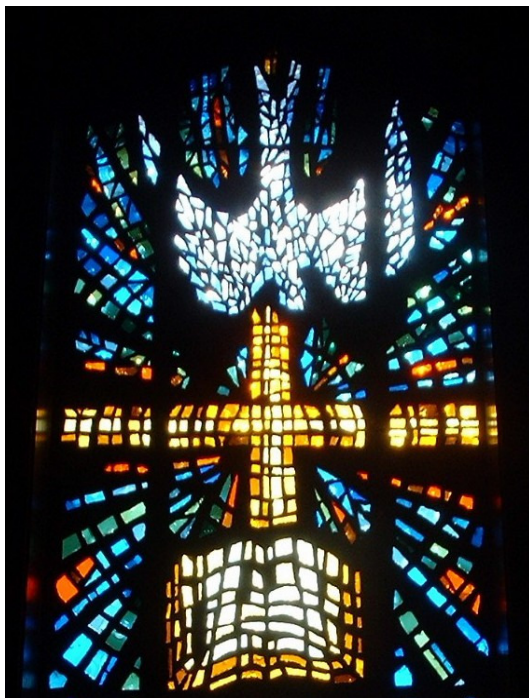
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Bible-Based, Christ-Centered Ministry

9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. –Morning Worship



Join Us This Sunday!

Sunday School (All Ages)
9:30 a.m.

Worship
10:45 a.m.

Hot Meals are served
for the community every
Friday at 5:00 p.m.

The Food Pantry is open
Monday & Thursday from
10:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.