



Community Clarion

Consulting the Faithful

A response to the voting on the Constitutional Amendments

In 1859, John Henry Newman wrote an article entitled "On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine." It was printed in a Roman Catholic periodical, *The Rambler*, of which Newman was the editor. It caused such a controversy and the bishops of the church were so upset that they asked Newman to resign, which he did.

Newman not only affirmed the critical role of laity in the church, he insisted that the consensus of the faithful may preserve important doctrines even when the bishops fail. This elevated view of the laity did not become important in the wider Roman Catholic Church until the Second Vatican Council...where it became a "big" issue and Newman's article played a significant role in the discussion.

Newman made the case that there is lodged in the Church...the Body of Christ which is comprised primarily of laity...a depository of profound practical theological wisdom.

If the Roman Catholics can positively entertain that notion, how much more should we be able to do so as Prot-

estants who champion the priesthood of all believers and the ministry of the whole people of God?

It's an expansive issue that needs the attention of our United Methodist Church. I hope the issue will become a concern of our theological seminaries, the ministry study task force and the General Committee on Faith and Order, established by our last General Conference, and certainly The Connectional Table.

I believe our recent dealing with the Constitutional Amendments is related in part to this issue. Our church is wise in requiring that our constitution can be changed upon the ratification by two thirds vote of annual conferences. Enough of the votes on these amendments have been reported by the annual conferences to make it possible to reasonably know the results. The sense of the faithful has been registered...not alone in terms of laity, but faithful lay and clergy across the connection.

Let me quickly register the fact that the doctrine of the church is not to be established by popular

vote. That's the reason our General Conference, though it is the final authority for the church's life and ministry, cannot change our Articles of Religion and Confession of Faith. However, how our doctrines are lived out in the concrete realities of life and ministry are determined in large part by the sense of the faithful.

In light of this issue of the "sense of the faithful," I have been reflecting on the dynamics of our recent involvement with the Constitutional Amendments. I believe that most members of the General Conference would agree that we gave far too little time to these amendments when they were debated in plenary. It was a travesty, really. How could the General Conference approve (even barely so) what the church has now overwhelmingly refused to ratify? Could it be that we simply did not take enough time for study, prayer, and holy conferencing to discern the sense of the faithful?

Could it be that ideological interest groups and small geographic areas of the church dominate the

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organizations and structures of influence? Or, could it be that the way the issues were brought to General Conference was prejudiced?

I'm thinking particularly of the amendments related to worldwide nature of the church. These amendments came out of a non-representative task force and were brought to the General Conference endorsed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the Connectional Table. Somewhere there is a disconnect...either in communication or in leadership. There was little "public" support of these amendments by bishops other than those who were on the task force. It was clear early on that the bishops were not "of one mind" on this matter, yet that was never "publicly" registered. I imagine the Council of Bishops might have a discussion as to why the church in its vote on this set of amendments did not follow their lead. Indeed, if it was their "lead," what does the vote say about the church's response to their leadership?

As I understand it, the vote of the Connectional Table was 75% in favor of the worldwide nature amendments. Early reports indicate that the vote of the church may be just the opposite...60 to 75% in opposition. Where is the disconnect here? How representative of the church is this body, and to whom do they pay most attention?

The same questions are applicable to how the "2009-2012 Worldwide Nature of the Church Study Committee" will function. This committee is composed primarily of persons who championed the amendments the church refused to ratify. Also, the vote not to ratify is a "universal" vote, reflecting the "whole" church, not a region of

it. While it is very important that the task force address the issues important in how we express ourselves as a "world church," it is hoped they will not hold tenaciously to what the church has said "no" to.

Another amendment of particular interest is the amendment that would change paragraph IV in the constitution. This amendment was "pitched" as an effort to open the doors of the church to everyone. The church is already open to everyone, but there are requirements for membership. It was clear from the beginning, though some proponents tried to disguise it, that this was another effort on the part of a passionate minority to undermine the church's position on the practice of homosexuality.

Back in July, the Episcopal Church of America voted decisively to allow the appointment to all orders of ministry persons in active same-sex relationships, and to prepare liturgies of blessing for same sex unions. In the wake of this deliberate schismatic action in relation to the worldwide Anglican family, the voting on the amendment that would have opened the door for the same schism within United Methodism, indicates that we will not go that way. At the last report, the amendment had not received 50% of the vote, when 66.7% is needed.

How long will bishops, pastors, seminaries, and general boards continue to force an issue which diverts focus, resources and energy from mission and ministry? Does the sense of the faithful matter? Sure, there is the craving on the part of human kind for a variety of sexual expression. We have all sorts of deep-rooted, passionate desires and inclinations; the question is what

do we do with them. The Jewish and Muslim faiths, along with Christianity, have always insisted that marriage between a man and a woman is the proper context of sexual intercourse. This is not a matter of a "private response to Scripture," as some would claim; it is not the witness of a few verses in St. Paul, but the uniform teaching of the Bible, Jesus himself, and the entire Christian tradition.

A few in our family try to make the ordination of practicing homosexuals a justice issue. N.T. Wright, world-known New Testament scholar, Anglican Bishop of Durham in England, rightly says the appeal to justice begs the question of justice altogether. "Justice never means treating everybody the same way, but treating people appropriately, which involves making distinctions between different people and different situations. Justice has never meant the right to give active expression to any and every sexual desire."

Isn't there a measure of arrogance in a small part of the body continuing to passionately push their convictions which they know threaten the vitality and unity of the church?

I believe the vote on the amendments is a positive vote for the church, reflecting the "sense of the faithful." If we are going to fulfill our mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world," then we must respect the integrity of the faithful in order to engage them in our kingdom ministry.

By Dr. Maxie Dunnam
August 26, 2009

From the Pastor's Desk

Recently I received an interesting email from Mark Tooley, President of the Institute of Religion and Democracy, regarding the United Methodist Church, pointing out some things that conservative UM's can thank God for and take encouragement from. In an article entitled **"United Methodists Avoid Schism but Lutherans Go Wobbly"**, Tooley writes:

The United Methodist Church, with 7.9 million members, has upheld scriptural teachings about marriage and sex, thanks to delegates from Africa, where one third of church members now live. Liberals, realizing that growing African churches were their obstacle, urged creating a new U.S. only regional conference for the declining U.S. church. Thankfully, this global segregation plan was rejected in votes by the local annual conferences... Subsequent unofficial reports from overseas indicate that African conferences are voting almost unanimously

against this segregation plan. Some U.S. church liberals had absurdly claimed the Africans wanted the segregation for their own empowerment! *Fortunately, United Methodism will remain an international church, which helps to protect it from the secular fads of any one nation.*

Sadly, the 4.7 million member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is on a different path. Its governing assembly has just overturned the church teaching that sex is for marriage. Instead, the new policy urges sexual associations, of whatever sexual preference, only to be "loving" and "nurturing." Secular psycho babble trumps the Bible!

Most ELCA lay people had opposed this change, and overseas Lutherans, though outside the ELCA, had warned against it. But liberal church elites, prizing

sexual liberation over the church's health, pushed it through. They have now followed the path of spiraling Episcopalians and United Church of Christ. *United Methodists and Presbyterians have retained biblical standards, thanks to international membership, for the Methodists, and the need for ratification by local presbyteries, for the Presbyterians. (italics, mine)*

With the defeat of the "world church" amendments to our constitution – and the increasing strength of the conservative African conferences in our world church, all indications are that the United Methodist Church will continue to become more conservative in the years to come! So we are winning in the continuing struggle to resist the liberal pressures of our society and hold to traditional, Biblical doctrine – unlike most other denominations. For that, we can thank God and be proud to be United Methodists!

Pastor Don

How Do We RETHINK Church?

Rethink, reexamine and remold how we see our church and how we live as the church. The call to make disciples challenges the church in the 21st century nowhere more profoundly than in our inability to attract and welcome young adults into the life and ministry of local congregations. Jesus was, by our present definition, a young adult; all of his ministry years he fit into the age range of 18-34 year

old target audience. His disciples, many scholars agree, may have been even younger. Jesus taught in stories, a popular medium of his day and culture, and his listeners heard the message and because the medium was accessible, they followed. RETHINK CHURCH calls us to explore new ways to reach seekers (especially young adult seekers) through media relevant to their day

and culture. As Christ found the right format for sharing the story of God's Kingdom, so we believe that our rethinking church for a new, younger audience living in a digital, on-demand world will help us make disciples of a new generation "Jesus Style!"

From the RETHINK Church Website

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

For funeral dinners, call Alberta Haas at 365-5326.

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 any of the other people listed above, call Sherry Dangremond in the church office at 365-7391. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. M-F.

PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR ALL LISTED BELOW

Justin Berry	Step-Grandson of June Miller	Ryan Schaffer	Friend of the Leidenheimer's
Jacob Brown	Nephew of Cora Campbell	Matt Sharp	Nephew of Sharon Moehle
Roy Cooper	Son of Chuck & Pat Burkey	Ashley Sklenar	Niece of Becky Sklenar
Amanda Gray	Daughter of Becky Sklenar	Ben Sklenar	Son of Becky Sklenar
Jen Murphy	Daughter of Sandee Daggett	Lynne Sklenar	Daughter-in-law of Becky Sklenar
Tom Murphy	Son-in-law of Sandee Daggett	Ché Stedman	Nephew of the Doebele's
Daniel Quigle	Grandson of Mary Hendershot	Jesse Tubb	Nephew of the Doebele's
Eddie R. Rivera	Son-in-law of Becky Sklenar	Donald Wyatt	Friend of the Moehle Family
<u>SHUT INS</u>			
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			Donna Adams Chris Marks
<u>OTHER CONCERNS</u>			Keith Boggs Juanita Matson
Arlie Gibbs, Diane Harbst, Sharon Moehle's Mother & Father, Dick Sharrock, Bob Shobe & Dorothy Shobe			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

C.U.M.C. Prayer Chain

Call Alberta Haas (365-5326). For the E-mail prayer chain contact Adam Baillie at adam39@windstream.net. As of 10/1/2009 the E-mail prayer chain contact will change to Candi Thompson at clthompson@eriecoast.com.

From Lowell & Claudia Wertz

Much of my life is spent dealing with walls - real and symbolic. Right now we are building a community center with thick, strong, walls made of burnt brick meant to last decades. Walls can provide shelter, protection, and opportunities.

Symbolically, walls can represent strong negatives in our lives; barriers that block our path, thwart our dreams, and leave our goals in shambles.

Right now I am dealing with a wall that seems to be blocking the development of a new hospital. I am trying to figure out how to react.

It is an emotional matter because of the devastating implication for the poor who are sick. It is an intellectual matter as I try to apply my abilities to overcome it. It is a faith matter as I wonder why God led me on a path that has a wall blocking it.

The Gospel speaks of never facing problems alone. It points us to the friend who sticks closer than a brother, and invites us to cast all our cares on the One who cares for us. It teaches that we have a God who is able to do far more than we can ask or imagine. When the wall is too difficult, when the storm cannot

be weathered, when the dream seems impossible, the god of the impossible is still whispering "take heart".

We want to thank you for your recent gift to our ministry. It is because of you that we are able to even think about the impossible walls and place them before God for guidance.

May God Continue to bless you!

Love,

Lowell & Claudia

Buses International

This bus, along with its twin, will minister to over 1500 children each week in some of the poorest neighborhoods of Cleveland, OH. A train whistle located on top of the bus blows and signals that the Heaven train has arrived. The children enter the front and sit in the seats that face the rear of the bus and participate in a 30 minute chil-

dren's church program that includes music, singing, games, videos, puppets and a Gospel lesson. Then they exit the rear side door; and the process starts all over again with another group of kids.



From Prison Fellowship Ministries

Thank you so much for your recent gift to Prison Fellowship. Your caring generosity helps us minister to prisoners and former prisoners like Aric Johnson of Georgia.

In 1998, Aric, a college senior on vacation, was arrested for transporting cocaine. Released on bond, he returned to finish college and

missed his court date. After evading police for three years, he was apprehended. Aric received a sentence of 42 months plus community supervision.

A few weeks later, Aric attended a Prison Fellowship training seminar for in-prison volunteers. He shared his story with the group and, admit-

ting his guilt, he accepted the consequences. Aric served his time and returned home to Atlanta in 2006. Aric went on to rebuild his life.

Aric is proof that our mission of transforming lives of prisoners through Jesus Christ works.

Your generous gift helps us change lives.

From the Priest's

Greetings! We are off to a great start for the 2010 school year! Thank you for your prayers! Tuesday the students began with one day retreats. The students have responded well. It is effective to begin the year with our focus Christ.

Friday will be open house. It will be a good time to meet parents. Pray for the building of relationships.

Elections for Honduras are scheduled for November 29th. Political unrest continues with demonstrations both for and against the government. Many days the school buses need to take alternate routes due to blocked roads from demonstrators. Outside governments (including the U.S.) continue to interfere with the decisions made by the Honduran government. This includes aid withdrawn and

recent action of visas being revoked by Obama for Hondurans in the U.S. Many of Pinare alumni who are studying in the U.S. are concerned about losing their education. It seems that the U.S. government continues to support former president Zelaya and his illegal actions. Zelaya continues to be supported by socialists like Chaves and Castro.

Regardless of circumstances, we trust and know that God is in control. Please pray for peace and this school year.

In His Service,
The Priest's

From the Overholt's

Thank you for praying. We have been greatly encouraged by the resulting changes. We understand that Briselda's results on the biopsy were negative. We do not know what she will have to go through yet, but we thank God that the problem was not caused by cancer.

Please continue to pray for Angie and me next month as we travel. Please pray for the political situation in Honduras. We have not seen much change and it is

causing considerable tension and uncertainty for the future.

Pray for Angie's family as they just lost her maternal uncle today.

May God continue to bless you as you seek how to serve Him best.

Larry & Angie Overholt

From Cornerstone Among Women

We are concerned about the health care reform proposal in Congress because it includes a provision that would force every American into a health plan that mandates abortion coverage.

We are extremely concerned about the implications of what mandated coverage for abortion would mean to our pregnancy center. If abortions are free, abortions will increase by as much as 33% according to Planned Parenthood's Guttmacher Institute. Secondly this bill provides no provision for the rights of conscience of pro-life healthcare professionals. The current bill also threatens to trump many state pro-life laws that protect women and the un-

born.

So, what can you do to help?

1. PRAY!
2. Email & call your state Representatives and Senators. We suggest you say the following: As a constituent, I urge you to ensure that language is included in ANY health care reform proposal or bill to specifically EXCLUDE ABORTION.

Sincerely,

Linda Luecke Potter, CEO

A Blessing for our Worship Service On 10/4!

On Sunday October 4th we will be blessed to having the Harrison's (Daniel & Kim) share their ministry with us. Kim is the daughter of Lowell & Claudia Wertz and she and Daniel are serving as missionaries in the Middle East.

They will share during the Sunday School hour and again during the Worship service. There will be a luncheon following our service where you will be able to fellowship with them. Please sign the sheet in the Narthex or RSVP by phone or E-mail (cumc10@windstream.net), no later than Wednesday 9/30, the number that will be attending the luncheon.

ONE MORE APPLEBUTTERIN' AT THE BRUNSONS!

Yes, we are gonna' do ONE more apple butterin' this year! On Saturday 10/31 we'll be stirring off a kettle at our house. We will put the kettle on at 9:00 a.m., so we will need some willing hands to help early! The Community soup kettle will be going, so bring something for veggie beef soup (no pasta please). You may bring a dish to share if you like. We roast weenies in the cooking fire, and just generally talk and eat all day long!- something most of us are good at!!

Please bring anyone who would enjoy the fellowship; all are welcome! Bring a lawn chair if you can. Dress for the weather; we will do this come rain, snow, sleet or hail - - wind also - - we've had it all!! But it is always a good time of fellowship and many hands make light work. Questions! Please call us at 647-2039. We'll

be lookin' for ya'all! Oh, almost forgot, we are at 21480 Indian Hollow Road, just about 1 mile south of the Foster Road split. We'll have a sign out.

God bless all; drive carefully!

Gordie & Linda Brunson



When:
Saturday, 10/31

Where:
Gordie & Linda's House
21480 Indian Hollow Rd.

Time:
The kettle goes on at 9:00am.

A Celebration and a Thank You.



The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures: He leads me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Loyal W. Cowan

Born

May 11, 1922

Died

July 23, 2009

*We will Celebrate Loyal's Life
Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.
Oakhurst Tea Room, Somerset, Pa.
2409 Glades Pike, Rt. 31
6 miles west of Exit 10*

Buffet following service.

Please bring your memories to share

Dear Church Members,

Your signatures on the card are so meaningful and so appreciated. Brought back memories from 60 years ago.

Lily, my "oldest" friend - 1948.

Ruby and Alberta, early 1950's.

As for Helen Belcher's signature - she was my mother's dear friend, transporting Mrs. Dee to a from church for years. Sue Downer, too.

All of you are from a long time ago.

I thank you for remembering Loyal. He was a good man.

Love to all,
Marion

Worship Helpers for October



- 10/4 Omar Senquiz
Christine Gregory
- 10/11 Gabby Schramm
Christine Gregory
- 10/18 Tyler Schramm
Omar Senquiz
- 10/25 Jacob Baker
Christine Gregory



- 10/4 The Harrison's
- 10/11 Becky Sklenar
- 10/18 Carol Blaner
- 10/25 George Shiltz



- Head User
Kathy Gibbs
- Ron Forster
- Gary Hendershot
- Art Ketchum
- Don Roth



- Helen Buckwald
- Pat Gregory
- Carlos & Patti Senquiz

Greeters

Children's Moments

- 10/4 Rob Taylor
- 10/11 Sherry Dangremond
- 10/18 Linda Brunson
- 10/25 Pastor Lare

Children's Activities Helpers

Nursery

- 9:30 Becky Sklenar
- 10:45 10/4 MaryLou Doebele, Holly Leidenheimer, Anna Daniels
- 10/11 Carol Blaner, Becky Sklenar, Alex Craig
- 10/18 Holly Leidenheimer, Maria Hartwig, Gabby Schramm
- 10/25 Holly Leidenheimer, Lily Jacklitch

Substitutes

Growing Up Church

- 10/4 Linda Brunson, Sue Short
- 10/11 Linda Brunson, Mavis Brown
- 10/18 Linda Brunson
- 10/25 Bill & MaryLou Doebele

October Sermon Schedule

- 10/4 Missions Sunday Dan & Kim Harrison
- Road to Recovery Series 3,4,5**
- 10/11 Letting Go
- 10/18 Coming Clean
- 10/25 Making Changes

A Christian Symbol



Wheat is used to represent the bread (the body of Christ) in Holy Communion. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48).

In the parable of the wheat and the weeds (Matthew 13:24-30), Jesus uses wheat to represent believers, while weeds, or tares, represent unbelievers.

World Communion Sunday is 10/4.

The Bulletin Board



C.U.M.C. Membership Class

Pastor Don is planning to hold a Membership Class this Fall, for those who would like to know more about becoming a member of our church, or as a refresher for current members. Contact Pastor Don by Sept. 20th so materials can be ordered.

We will tentatively start classes on Oct. 11th, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.



Hot Meals and Food Pantry Needs

Food Pantry
Canned Corn

Hot Meals
Ranch Dressing

Happy Birthday!

- 10/2 Ken Hicks
- 10/3 Steve Leidenheimer
- 10/5 Lowell Poling
- 10/6 Holly Leidenheimer
- 10/7 Joe Moss
- 10/8 Mikayla Knapp
- 10/10 Don Roth
- 10/12 Jim Kistler
- 10/17 Betty Burnworth
- 10/19 Lois Craig
- 10/23 Wreatha Goforth
- 10/24 Julie Knight

Happy Anniversary!

- 10/1 Keith & Mary Brown
- 10/3 Walter & Azeal Ferrebee
- 10/20 Gary & Melody Dyer

Reaching Every Man

On 11/7 Vision4men and the East Ohio UMM in partnership with The Leadership Training Center at Man in the Mirror presents, "Reaching Every Man," from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Church of the Savior UMC in Canton.

Cost is \$39.00 per person and includes training and snacks. For more information contact randy@vision4men or (810) 625-0291.

Dorcas Luncheon

This monthly event will be Tuesday 10/6 at 12:00 p.m.

UMM Breakfast

The UMM meeting will be Sunday 10/11 at 8:00 a.m.

Caring Crafters

The September meeting will be Friday 10/16 at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to come. Whether you are a beginner or experienced in card making, please join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and the crafting of cards for all occasions.

October is



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Notes from the Office

If you are a chairperson for one of our church teams, please help avoid scheduling conflicts by posting your meeting dates and location on the calendar for Fall so that we can ensure a room is available for your meeting.

Please note that I have changed the due date for Clarion contributions to ensure the newsletter gets to your homes by the first of the month. Since the post office is requiring 10 day mailing time and I need 4 days to get the work done to publish it, the due date for contributions to the October newsletter will be Sunday 9/13.

Please note that I will be taking 2 days off in October (10/29 & 10/30) to attend my daughter Taryn's wedding in Philadelphia. The office will be closed those days. I will return all calls left during that time on Monday 11/2.

Called to....

INSPIRE

INFLUENCE

ENCOURAGE



“Kim Bolton is one of the best kept secrets in the world of Christian music.”

**- Roger Breland of TRUTH
Kim has appeared on Christian TV—CBN, CTN, and INSP. She has worked with Luci Swindoll, Kathy Peel, Mary Welchel, Anne Graham Lotz, Babbie Mason, and Twila Paris, just to name a few.**

Kim Bolton

“A POWERFUL VOICE WITH AN EQUALLY POWERFUL MESSAGE.”

Saturday, October 10, 2009

9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

Continental breakfast provided

Tickets are \$15 and available in the church office

9:00am—12:00pm, M-F through Oct. 5

Community United Methodist Church, 680 N. Abbe Road, Elyria, OH 44035

(440) 365-7391 Website: www.elyriacumc.org

Information Needed for Military Bulletin Board

For several years we have been sending cards to all the soldiers that appear on the Military Prayer List. We also include all the names in the list in our weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter. This summer we added a Military Bulletin Board to the wall near the Pastor's office. We hoped to be able to display a picture and some biographical information about the soldiers on this bulletin board. It would be nice if we could see the people we are praying for and also know something about them.

If you are a family member or friend of any of the soldiers on our list, could you please help us out? Please submit a picture and a short article about your loved one/friend. Please put these items in the mailbox for the library and Rosemary will see that they are displayed on the Board.

If you have any questions, contact Rosemary Lare at 365-8734. Thank you for helping us to give your loved one or friend the honor they deserve by allowing us to place their picture and information on our special board.

What's Happening in the Library?

As we write this article in early September, our Summer Reading Contest has just ended but we have not drawn the names of the winners yet. We would like to thank everyone who has taken out any of our resources during this time. Check out our articles in the weekly bulletin for the latest information on the winners of the Contest.

Just because Summer is over and we are no longer having a Contest, we hope that you will still look for our latest resources in the Library (which is in the Church basement near the Nursery) or in the narthex outside the sanctuary doors. If you are looking for a particular book or author, please let us know and we will check to see if we have it or possibly buy it.

New Resources

Books

"The Penny" - Joyce Meyer & Deborah Bedford - This book is the story of what happens when a young girl finds a penny on the street one day and picks it up. It shows how a penny changes her life and everyone she comes in contact for the rest of her life.

"Sisterchicks go Brit!" - Robin Jones Gunn - This is the latest book in the Sisterchicks series that many have enjoyed over the past few years.

If you haven't read any of this series, you can start at any time as each book is independent of each other. Also we have several other books in the series plus several of the books on CD's.

"Then Sings my Soul" - Robert J. Morgan - If you have ever wondered about the history of a particular song or the composer, then this is the book for you.

"Where is God when bad things happen? Finding solace in times of Trouble" - Luis Palau

"Cooking with hot flashes and other ways to make Middle Age profitable" - Martha Bolton

DVD's

The Retrievers - GT Media For the whole family

Finding God's peace in perilous times - Tammy Fixel (Editor)

Have a great Fall! Hope to see you soon in the Library or at the Library table in the Narthex. If we can be of any help in your adventures with Books, CD's, Videos or DVD's, please let us know and we would be glad to help you.

Rosemary, Jane and Chris

Message from the SPRC

We have a new custodian at C.U.M.C! His name is Mike Hillman. His first day with us was Tuesday 9/1. He works Monday - Friday so please introduce yourself to him if you are in the building.

Mike and his wife Mary live in the Grafton area and have two small children, whose names are Charlie and

Applebee's Community Connection

Do you enjoy eating out?

There's event around the corner that will give you the opportunity to enjoy eating out as well as help support the Windsor School - our local outreach mission!

Mark the date of 10/13 on your calendar. From 4:00-9:00 p.m. that day Applebee's will run a special promotion. Present a promotional flyer to your server when you eat there that evening, and 15% of your total bill will come back to us for the Windsor School. The flyers will be available from Mavis Brown or Carol Radabaugh on 9/27 - 10/4.

More information will be provided to you starting 9/20.

Cookies for Friends

Autumn is the perfect time of the year to sow kindness and reap a "harvest" full of friendships. Make this special treat to share with someone.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2½ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1½ cups diced, roasted almonds
- 1 cup chocolate pieces
- Raffia or fall-colored ribbon (optional)

What you do:

1. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
2. Beat in egg, pumpkin and vanilla.
3. In separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon.
4. Add dry mix to creamed mixture.
5. Add almonds and chocolate pieces; mix thoroughly.
6. Drop by teaspoons onto well-greased cookie sheets.
7. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.
8. Cool on racks. Makes about six dozen.
9. Stack two cookies on top of each other. Then tie them like a present with the raffia or ribbon. Give the cookies to friends and family to thank them for their friendship.



Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the WISDOM that comes from HEAVEN is first of all PURE; then PEACELOVING, CONSIDERATE, SUBMISSIVE, full of MERCY and GOOD FRUIT, IMPARTIAL and SINCERE. PEACEMAKERS who SOW in PEACE raise a HARVEST of RIGHTEOUSNESS."

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A Special Event for the Whole Congregation on Sunday 10/25!

Bring a dish to share and join us for lunch on Sunday October 25th. Enjoy the fellowship and then join in a Chrismon Workshop. What is a Chrismon you might ask?...AND... Why do you want me to join in a Chrismon Workshop? Well, a Chrismon is one of a number of Christian symbols intended to represent aspects of the Person, life or ministry of Jesus Christ and the life, ministry or history of the Christian church. We would like to decorate our Sanctuary trees for Christmas with Chrismon symbols and we would like to have at least one from each family.

We thought it would be fun and easier on each family to offer this workshop where you can make an ornament for our trees. Then during our Worship service on the 11/29, first Sunday of Advent (Hanging of the Greens Service), we would all hang our Chrismon(s) on one of the trees. Our trees would then truly be "Community" trees and a beautiful way to start the season of Advent.

Please mark your calendar and plan to come to the luncheon on 10/25 and help us get ready for Advent.

Community United Methodist Church

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 a.m. ('til 7pm) Rummage Sale 10:00 a.m. Food Panty Open	2 9:00 a.m. ('til 12pm) Rummage Sale 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals	3
4 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship	5 10:00 a.m. Food Panty Open 12:30 p.m. Women's Study	6 9:30 a.m. Women's Study 12:00 p.m. Dorcas Meeting 7:00 p.m. Trustees	7 8:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	8 10:00 a.m. Food Panty Open 6:30 p.m. Women's Study	9 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals	10 9:00 a.m. ('til 12pm) Kim Bolton
11 8:00 a.m. UMM Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Genesis Luncheon	12 10:00 a.m. Food Panty Open 12:30 p.m. Women's Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Study at Kistler's	13 9:30 a.m. Women's Study 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee	14 8:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	15 10:00 a.m. Food Panty Open 6:30 p.m. Women's Study	16 1:00 p.m. Caring Crafters 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals	17
18 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship	19 10:00 a.m. Food Panty Open 12:30 p.m. Women's Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Study at Kistler's	20 9:30 a.m. Women's Study 7:00 p.m. Education Comm.	21 8:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	22 10:00 a.m. Food Panty Open 7:00 p.m. Charge Conference	23 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals	24
25 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. All Church Potluck & Advent Christmas Workshop	26 10:00 a.m. Food Panty Open 12:30 p.m. Women's Study 7:00 p.m. Men's Study at Kistler's	27 9:30 a.m. Women's Study 7:00 p.m. Evangelism Comm	28 8:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice	29 6:30 p.m. Women's Study	30	31 9:00 a.m. Applebutterin' at the Brunsons

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Equip the saints
Seek the Lord
Glorify God***



Hot Meals are served for the
community every Friday at 5:00 p.m.
Food Pantry is open Monday &
Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Missionaries Daniel & Kim Harrison having
just returned from the Middle East, will be
here on 10/4 for 9:30 Sunday School and
10:45 Worship.

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Kim Bolton will be at C.U.M.C. on
10/10 from 9:00 - 12:00.
Call the church at 365-7391 for tickets.