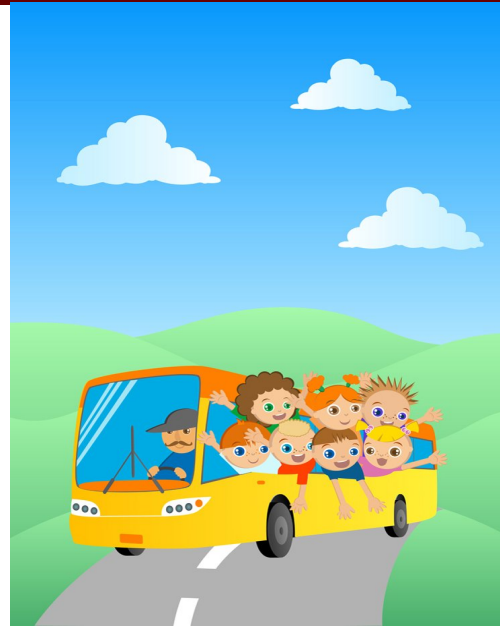




PPUCC Youth plan Mission Trip

The Sr. High Youth are planning on a youth mission trip this summer to Mingo County Appalachian Mountains of WV. This opportunity will be to help in a small rural community with their youth and in specific service projects. The youth will also have the



chance to experience the area culture with a Bluegrass concert one evening, a community cookout, a local church service, and visit the Matewan Depot Museum. They have a lot of work and preparation to do. The youth will be doing quite a few fundraisers to try to raise the money needed in hopes of making this trip possible. The kids would like to thank you in advance for all of your prayers and support.

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Weekly Schedule:

- Sun, 9:00am —Church School
- Sun, 10:30am —Worship Service
- Sun, 11:30am—Coffee Hour
- Wed, 12:00N—Bible Study
- Wed, 6:00—Simple Supper
- Wed, 6:30 pm—RECESS Worship
- Thurs, 8pm—AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Pastor's NOTES

“Installation.” On January 23, we celebrated an *installation* service. In considering that term, I got to thinking that over the past year, I’ve witnessed many *installations*: hardwood floors, a microwave, light fixtures, and windows to name a few. Is that the kind of *installation* we celebrated here? Unfortunately, in many congregations, there is very little difference. The pastor is like a machine designed to meet my needs and desires. Sometimes pastors can look at congregations the same mechanical way: cogs we need to arrange to bring about our agendas and feed our sense of accomplishment.



The difference, I hope, is what I see here at PPUCC: relationship. So many of you have made great efforts to treat me (and Lauren) like people, not parts. I hope that I have and will continue to treat you as the co-journeymen in faith you are, nothing less. In this relationship, we share our needs, our ideas, our hopes for PPUCC and allow God to mold them into a unified vision of how we are called to reflect Jesus to each other and our community.

Relationship is also important as we think about outreach. When we view the church mechanically, we often talk about “getting more people in the pews” or “attracting young families” (generally using corporate marketing techniques) as if outreach were a matter of installing parts for our machine instead of offering God’s promises of hope, love, and grace to others. Again, relationship is key. It begins with a heart that longs to see someone we know experience all the wonder and peace of a relationship with God. And it recognizes relationship as the way God has designed his Church to accomplish this invitation.

The Church thrives when we make relationships central. Throughout the year (and beyond), we are going to explore how to relate the Gospel to people in our lives. I hope you’ll start to consider how God might have a greater purpose for the relationships in

Pastor's notes.....

your life. And ask yourself, "Who do I know who needs to experience God's grace? How might God have put me in just the right place (relationship) to show them God's love and invite them into a life in relationship with God?"

Paternity Leave: Most of you know that Lauren is due to have our baby on Feb. 28th. Part of my Call Agreement is 2 weeks of paternity leave. Whenever our daughter is born, I will be out of the office for the following 2 weeks so that I can take care of Lauren and get to know our baby. I will continue to prepare worship services from home and will be here to lead them on Sunday morning (Lord willing), but those will be the only responsibilities I plan to take on during that time. If you have "pastoral needs" that can't wait until I return, please call the church office and Director of Discipleship Susan Korecki will fill in where possible. Susan will also be leading the Sunday service in the event that our child is born in the Saturday-Sunday range. I appreciate your understanding and support during this exciting time!



TREASURER'S REPORT

Thanks to all who helped decrease the amount of our 2010 loss!!

Scarlett Krumm

General Fund		
	December	Year-to-Date (2010)
Expenses		146,500.53
Giving		127,853.36
Difference		(18,647.17)
2nd Mile Giving	12,743	19,988

MOMENT With the MODERATOR

Yesterday, January 23rd, 2011, was the installation of Rev. Jon Komperda as our pastor. It was an afternoon of joy as we completed the final step in the process of calling our new pastor. This process has taken over three years, so I, for one, felt a sense of relief, as well as joy, in knowing that the task is done. The Search Committee needs to be commended for the time, prayer, and serious commitment they gave to reading applications, watching videos, interviewing candidates, and corresponding with applicants. Again, I want to acknowledge and extend my gratitude to the Search Committee for a superb job: Donna Serviss, chairperson, Chuck Geletzke, recording secretary, Ericka Winne, corresponding secretary, Maynard Johnson, and Bill McCord.

But we can't sit back now and assume all will continue well on its own, or by Pastor Jon alone. The service, as Rev. Dan Busch of the Northwest Ohio Association pointed out to us, was a declaration of commitment to our future together as a community of faith. That means we work together to learn more about God and His word, to build stronger relationships with each other, and to reach out in service to the community.

In service to the community, I want to mention the success of the Feed My Sheep program. Tina Mockbee and I began the program last April after attending the annual Lenten Retreat. We originally committed ourselves to six months of monthly dinners and this month we will serve our 10th dinner to a total of 600+ people. Our guests are becoming increasingly more comfortable, stay longer to chat after their meal, and even helping to serve others, clear tables, and sweep floors. We have only to ask and our members provide food, help set up tables on Monday evening, deliver meals to shut-ins, cook, clean, put out and take down signs. Curtis and Alison Osmun have purchased and cooked a monthly meal, the Jamie Farr Park has donated hams and turkeys, T-Shirts and More has made us a permanent building sign, Norma Meiers-Socks brought us a roaster, and Jim Armstrong brings us bread and sweets. In addition ALL of you who have brought in food items have made it possible for us to continue the program.

Thanks be to God. Truly, He is good and worthy of our praise.

Lori Winne



This month, I'll be previewing three more of our library's new additions:

Redeeming Love, by Francine Rivers. This may not be a literary masterpiece, but if you are willing to give it a chance (men and women), you will end up with a deeper understanding of God's "redeeming love" for us.

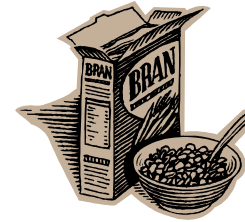
This novel is based on the prophetic book of Hosea, but set in the California Gold Rush. It offers great insight into the ways we struggle to receive and understand God's desire for a relationship with us, and how God pursues us through those struggles.

How to Read the Bible Book by Book, by Gordon Fee and Doug Stuart. Fee and Stuart have compiled a fantastic companion for anyone seeking to read the Bible on their own. They go through each biblical book, give background (author, date, circumstances), tips for reading the book, major themes to notice, and an outline to help you get your bearings. Check it out and consider purchasing it for yourself. It's like having a Bible teacher by your side as you read and study.

The Screwtape Letters, by C.S. Lewis. If your image of the devil is a harmless guy with a red cape, pitchfork, and handlebar moustache, then you might want to pick up this short book. In this series of letters from a high-ranking officer in Satan's army (Screwtape) to his novice demon nephew (Wormwood), C.S. Lewis brilliantly (and with tasteful humor) communicates insight into the oft-subtle ways the forces of evil try to draw us away from God's grace or at least make us unproductive for God's mission. I guarantee in reading this that you will be able to recognize some (if not many) of these schemes at work in your life at a given time.

Mission Board

During the month of February, we would like to focus on collecting donations of cereal for the Feed Your Neighbor program. Bring in any box (or bag) of cereal you like! You may place your donations on the Feed Your Neighbor table at the front of the sanctuary on Sundays and the food items will be delivered to Mustard Seed each week.



This month we will also be sending “Love Notes” to our members and friends who are home-bound. Be sure to stop by the Giving Tree table in Paterson Hall to write someone a message of encouragement, love, or simply a ‘hello’! Cards will be mailed out at the end of the month.

The Christmas Tree in the church lounge was covered with cards this season! Thank you to those who donated to the Christmas Fund (formerly known as the Veterans of the Cross), and sent holiday greetings. We received cards from the following:



Bonnie Nelson and Miranda

Bonnie Beebe and Brent

Jim and Mickey Debth

Jackie and Larry Shaw

Doris Towers

Clark Evelyn and Dick Berkhoudt

Chuck and Leslie Geletzke

The Trudeau Family

Betty Miller

Kathi Barbine

Rich and Becky Chesko

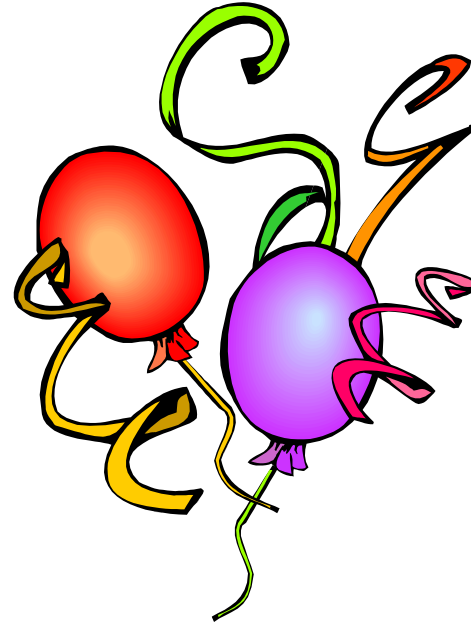
Pat Clark, Vickie Naylor, Russell

Jim and Donna Armstrong

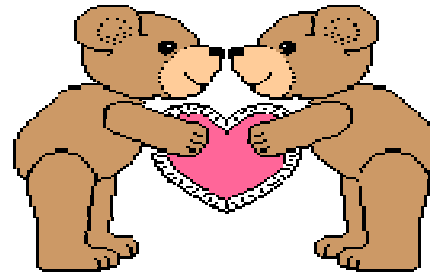
Birthdays

FEBRUARY

1 Frances Allen
2 Jacob Crane
3 Brad Beebe
3 Devan O'Connor
4 Courtney Fleck
4 Jamie Swick
4 Janae Swick
5 Ruth Woodbury
6 Thomas Beebe
6 Jon Krumn
7 Dan Carter
8 Weston Swick
9 Dan Boldt
10 Emma Scroggie
10 Christina Boldt
10 Richard Boldt
15 Jason Disher, Jr.
16 Tyler Sowell
16 Jim Cosgrove, Jr.
17 Bonnie Meiers
19 Melissa Fox
20 Brent Hathaway
24 Anthony Compora
25 Grant Hedges
27 John Murphy
27 Melanie Crane
28 Joyce Goodall



ANNIVERSARIES



2 William and Luanne Langlois
13 Rex and Ruby Usher
19 Ray and Rae Jean Curtis
19 Bernie and Gail Church

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

According to the constitution of PPUCC, it is required to make an announcement of a congregational meeting be made two weeks in advance. On **Sunday, February 13th**, our 2011 Annual Meeting will be held shortly after the worship service. At the meeting, we will: 1) Present and discuss the 2010 Annual Report, and 2) vote on Council's recommendations concerning the Endowment Fund.

Below is the specific change proposed (this is the same as those proposed in November of last year):

#7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this document, all or any part of the principal of said Endowment Fund may be expended for said church purpose in the nature of an emergency, ~~other than for ordinary operating expenses of said church~~. Such expenditures shall be approved by the voting members of said church in the following fashion: In such case, the principal may be used if, at a Special Meeting of the congregation called in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of Point Place United Church of Christ, Toledo, Ohio to consider the matter, twenty-five percent (25%) of the members of the congregation as reported in the most recent official denominational statistics shall be present and two-thirds (2/3) of those members present and voting shall vote to use the principal for said emergency



BABY SHOWER

All Ladies of the Church are invited. Sunday, Feb 6 at 2pm in Paterson Hall. Lauren Komperda is registered at Baby's R Us.

DIRECTOR OF DISCIPLESHIP notes

Recess Schedule

Each Wednesday Evening

6:00 pm Simple Supper

*6:30 pm Discussion and Thoughts
with Pastor Jon*

Come join us.



Recess is a great opportunity to share, worship, and grow in our faith together. "Recess" means to relax, renew, take a break, hiatus, rest period, and revitalize. We enjoy a simple supper together followed by a time of reflection of scripture.

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20

Mustard Seed is proud to announce
the opening of their new ministry

-Community Closet

It is located at the Mustard Seed facility

- 5420 302nd Street.

Hours are Monday 10-2pm; Tuesday 4-7pm
and Thursday 10-2pm.



The Community Closet is available for anyone in the community in need of clothing. Donations of clean, gently used clothing are welcome during our open hours. Contact. Mustard Seed at 419-727-1800



WINTERTIME

Oh baaaaaby it's cold outside!

Despite snowy conditions attendance and use of the program remains steady – on a cold and blustery evening in December we served 76 meals including meals delivered to our homebound church members and friends, bringing our 2010 meal count to 661 meals served over 9 months! We've experienced an increase in "to go" meals as some individuals take food to those who cannot get out during the inclement winter months. Recently we've been fortunate to have some volunteer helpers from outside our church family including energetic youth and others who have attended other programs offered at PPUCC. Your support and encouragement is contagious!

For February we've planned a meal of beef and noodles, peas, rolls & butter, fruit ambrosia and brownies. Mark February 22nd from 5 -7 pm on your calendar and come on down and help or just stop by for a meal.

Food donations should be left at the church by Sunday, February 20th.

FEED MY SHEEP talk.....

You can be a part of this program by –Volunteering -
to help set up for the dinner
to help cook the food
to serve during dinner
to help with clean up
to help with publicity or yard sign placement
to deliver a meal to a church member's home
or donating–
food and supplies
Cash for purchase of meat and perishables.

We are in need of donations of

- canned peas
- canned fruit – any type (peaches, pears, pineapple, etc)
- baked brownies
- boxes of instant vanilla pudding

Sign-up sheets are available in Paterson Hall if you are interested in volunteering or donating, or you may call Tina Mockbee 419 276 0637 or Lori Winne 734 848 4120 for more information.



PPUCC WEBSITE

Want to know what's happening at the church? Miss Sunday worship or want to hear the sermon again? Want to check our Parish Paragraphs? Want to double check the calendar and when things are happening? Well we have just the place to answer all of these questions. Go to the Point Place United Church of Christ website at pointplaceucc.org. you will find out what is going on and when, the calendar, Pastor Jon's sermons, the Parish Paragraphs, and other information. Check it out and if you have any questions or other information you would like to include on the calendar or website please contact Pastor Jon Komperda or Susan Korecki at the church, home 419-726-0940, or sdkorecki@ameritech.net.



Elizabethan News



The Elizabethans had an impromptu meeting after Sunday service January 9th to vote on an approval of using Penny Fund money to pay for the cost of new LED Christmas lights for the Christmas tree in the church sanctuary. This was approved and refund will be given to Jim Armstrong who made the purchase. Many thanks to Jim for keeping his eyes open for the best deals in town!

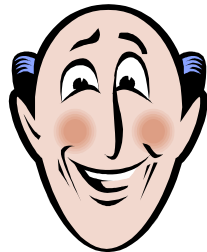
Our next official meeting will be March 7, 2011 at 7 PM . All are welcome

SPECIAL NOTES.....



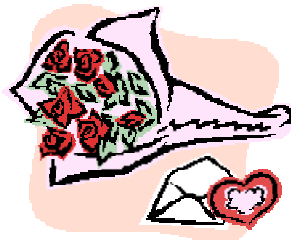
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE (UN) HANGING OF THE GREENS!

The Board of Diaconate thanks those who scrambled about during Recess on January 5th to un-decorate our church. There was much bustling about and scrambling up and down ladders but at last all was accomplished! Thank you to all who participated.



RECRUITING SMILING FACES

Thank you to all who have stepped up and signed up for serving a coffee hour in 2011 – however, many open dates remain on the coffee hour schedule in Paterson Hall – So – please consider signing up to “host” coffee hour and sponsor the coffee, tea and optional cookies/baked goods. Smiles are important too as you greet our church family and friends over the counter. Make it a family event or join with friends and sponsor together. Many hands make light the work – why not sign up for a date today and fill the calendar in Paterson Hall. Questions – see Tina Mockbee or call 419 276 0637.



ALTAR FLOWERS In celebration of the installation of Rev. Jon Komperda at PPUCC and to Thank the Point Place Congregation for their welcoming of Jon and Lauren to Point Place.

John and Patti Komperda

Bruce and Andrea Badenhop

"I would like to thank all of those who have shown my Mom the friendship and love that she has felt since the passing of my Dad, Dell. We know that Dad was in your prayers and now that he has left us, you will continue to keep Mom in your prayers as well. Rev. Jon, it was our first meeting and I must say that as a new, young minister in the church, my family was impressed with how well you listened to us during our talk at the house and how comfortable you made the service. I hope the church family makes you feel that comfortable as well."

Laurie (Moharter) Dyer

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