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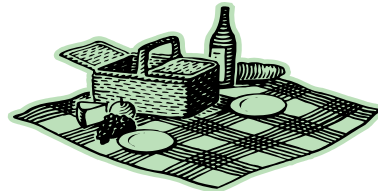
POINT PLACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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WORSHIP, GAMES & POTLUCK- AUGUST 28TH!

The Board of Diaconate will "wind down" summer.



After worship we'll hold a potluck in Paterson hall and games on the lawn and across the street at the park. Bring a dish to share, a lawn chair to watch the fun and your fun-loving spirit as we worship, eat and play together. Games will be organized for the young and young at heart. We'll see you all at *9:30 a.m. on August 28th!*

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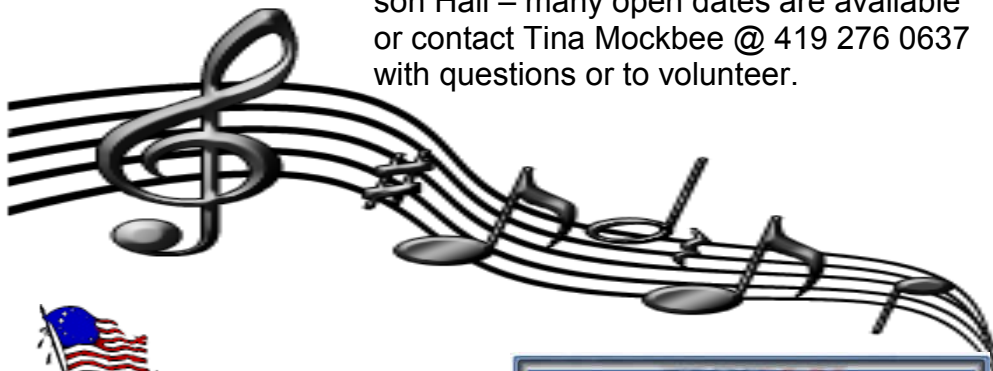
(SUMMER)

- Sun, 9:30am —Worship Service
- Sun, 10:30am—Coffee Hour
- Wed, 12:00N—Bible Study
- Thurs, 8pm—AA & Al-Anon Meeting

DIACONATE NEWS

Special Music during the Summer months –

Can you sing or play an instrument? The Board of Diaconate is looking for you! We need individuals or groups to provide at least one musical selection per service during the summer while the choir is on “break”. Kevin Korecki is available to provide piano accompaniment should you so desire. Please sign up on the form in Paterson Hall – many open dates are available or contact Tina Mockbee @ 419 276 0637 with questions or to volunteer.



LET US HONOR THEM!

The Board of Diaconate is seeking to add to the pictures of veterans we collected last year for future honorary services. Response was great last year – so If you have a veteran or current service member in the family including brothers, uncles, fathers, grandfathers, sons, daughters, etc. please send a picture to the church office and we will scan the picture and return it to you. Electronic pictures are great too! Please include the individual’s name, approximate year of the photo, branch of the service and relationship to the sender. Photos of all veterans, either living or deceased, peacetime or wartime are encouraged. Electronic files can be sent to tmockbee@mcanwo.org Thank you for your service and your pictures!





Vacation Bible School

Welcome all Kindergarten thru Sixth Grade children to “ReNew, the Green VBS”, where we will explore “The Parable of the Sower”. Registration begins at 9:00am on July 18th thru July 22nd, at Messiah Lutheran Church.

The Giving Tree for July will be for items that are needed for our crafts. See page 5 (Mission Board) for a list of needed items..

We have volunteers from PPUCC taking part in bible storytelling, crafts, games, snacks and music this year. We still need people to help as a Shepherd Guide.

Please contact Kathy P at 419-726-5509, if you are willing to help.



GENERAL FUND		
2011	MAY/JUNE	Year-to-Date
INCOME	\$19,984.66	\$58,142.54
EXPENSES	\$24,520.69	\$69,382.68
NET LOSS	(\$ 4,536.03)	(\$11,240.14)

MISSION BOARD



Nu-Vizion CHEEP Store – Calling all hands!

On Saturday, August 6th, our church has volunteered to work the CHEEP (Clothing Helping Everyone Exchange Program) Store at Nu-Vizion. Volunteer work will include greeting customers, sorting clothes, and serving lunch. Times are 9am-1pm (the CHEEP store is open from 10am-noon). Anyone interested in helping on this day please contact Ericka Winne (419.349.8167). We can meet at the church around 8:45am and drive together. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Feed Your Neighbor donations in July will focus on summertime snacks for children since they are out of school. Great snack ideas are granola bars, raisins, fruit snacks, cheese and crackers, etc.

Since August is the 8th month of the year, how about bringing in 8 of any one non-perishable item? 8 packets of kool-aid...8 cans of soup...8 boxes of cereal...8 cans of vegetables...you get the idea! Please place your Feed Your Neighbor items in the cart at the back of the sanctuary. Donations are delivered to Mustard Seed weekly.



Updates:

- Lenten Self-Denial donations totaled \$293.00, which was given to The Lewis House.
- Relay for Life team total donations so far \$220.00. Donations support the American Cancer Society.

THANK YOU!

MISSION BOARD

Throughout the months of June and July, **the Giving Tree** focus will be on collecting the craft items needed for the week of Vacation Bible School this year. Please bring your donations to the Giving Tree table by Sunday, July 17th.

Empty Pringles cans (with lids)
Wrapping paper
Wax paper (4 rolls)
Twigs (about 12" long and relatively straight)
News paper
Old crayons
Card stock (off-white)
Peanut butter (creamy)
Small Post-Its
Craft twine (natural colors)
Small yogurt containers
Pudding/jello containers
Pop tabs

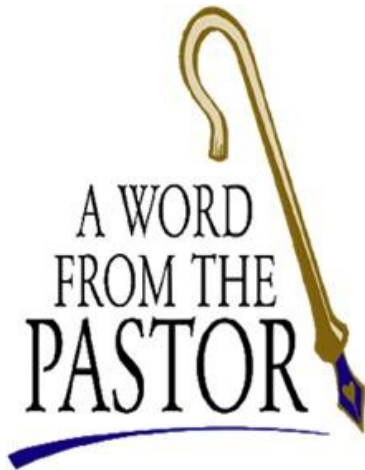


In August, we will be collecting "back to school supplies" for Mustard Seed. Mustard Seed will then distribute to area families in need of these items. Examples are pencils, notebook paper, glue, crayons, rulers, etc. Place your items on the Giving Tree table in Paterson Hall.



The Mission Board could use a few more members! We need your help, your hearts, and your ideas! If you are interested, please speak with Leslie Geletzke, Pastor Jon, or anyone on the Mission Board.

Erica Winne



“Make disciples of all nations.” This month, we celebrate(d) our Independence Day on July 4th. Of course, you know that. But did you also know that “Canada Day” is July 1st? Or that Bastille Day (France) is July 14th? Or that the Bahamas, Belarus, Colombia, Egypt, Liberia, Mongolia, and Rwanda are just a few of the nations that celebrate an “independence day” in July? And in all of these nations, God and the Church are at work in the mission of disciple-making.

We’ve just finished a series during the Easter Season on Jesus’ “Great Commission” to his disciples in Matthew 28:18-20. We’ve talked about the mission Jesus is calling us to, why we would want to take up that call, and what becoming and making disciples involves. Well, we’re not straying too far from that theme throughout the summer (and hopefully, we never get too far from it). Jesus doesn’t just *tell* us to be disciple-makers; he *shows* us how to do it. There were times when it didn’t look like he was being very effective as his disciples got caught up in old ways of thinking and doing, but after the Resurrection and Pentecost, we see that he had prepared some very fruitful leaders.

How did he do it? Surely there are lots of teachings and experiences we could pick out of Jesus’ disciple-making strategy. One thing that often gets overlooked, however, is the very environment Jesus fashioned to transform the first disciples from ordinary people into extraordinary disciples: a small group committed to Jesus and his mission. Throughout the Gospels, there are a number of scenes that focus on time Jesus spent with his core group of followers. We are going to check out some of these formative, personal, away-from-the-limelight moments of Jesus’ ministry. I hope we will see how we can learn not just from Jesus’ words, but also from his practice of small group community. And I hope that together, we catch a vision for how small groups can become fertile soil for our growth as individual disciples and as a disciple-making community.



Note: This will not be a series that requires you to be here every week to know what’s going on. But if you are away or would just like to catch up, don’t forget that each week’s sermons are posted on our website “Sermons” page. You can either stream them online or download them in an mp3 format.



You can find Pastor Jon's blog at www.pointplaceucc.com/blog. The purpose of the blog is to wrestle with current events and trends as part of the biblical Story. My hope is that the blog will be interactive, so please post comments or questions! If you don't have internet, hard copies of the blog can be picked up at the church building. Here are some highlights from June:

June 3, *Vest-ed Interest: what Christians can learn from the Buckeyes' scandal* "This...was not the result of one big evil scheme on the part of Jim Tressel or his players (rarely does sin start big), but a path of increasingly calculated missteps, cover-ups, and deceptions (of self and others), combined with the pressures of fanatical expectations (of Buckeye fans and Christians), and enabled by a multi-billion dollar broken system."

June 10, *See No Evil: stories that don't make news* "I will continue to address current events and what makes news...But I will also address issues like sex trafficking, educational inequality, the global Church and religious persecution, and other ongoing, but neglected stories about reality."

June 24, *Philosophy from Fiat* "This ad wouldn't have made it to the internet if it didn't scratch our 'itching ears' and our desire...to abandon this Creation fact: while we are creatures (not the Creator), we are different, created in the image of God, endowed with reason and called to love. This ad wouldn't work if we weren't still trying to fill the God-shaped hole in ourselves with other lusts, impulses, and fantasies that just won't fit."



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

BE DIFFERENT:

ACT DIFFERENT, BELIEVE DIFFERENT,

REACT DIFFERENT, LOVE DIFFERENT

This was the theme of our AMAZING Mission Trip to Mingo County West Virginia.

"To those who are listening: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who mistreat you. Luke 6: 28-29

First I would like to thank you, our congregation and church family for helping make this trip a reality for Courtney Johnson, Morgan Korecki, Emma Bisbee-Agosti, Brandon and Eric Winters, Terry Serviss, and myself. We drove to WV to join several other groups from Maryland, Minnesota, Ohio, and Georgia to be Jesus' hands and feet while hopefully opening our hearts to others and growing in our faith.

It is hard to express exactly all I felt, saw, and experienced this past week but I must share that I saw amazing caring, love, and growth in each of us. We were all truly blessed by this experience. If you haven't noticed, our group is a bit on the shy side so I was curious to what would happen and how each of us would be moved. I say to you that what I saw was everyone stepping out of the comfort zone and stepping out in love to share their gifts, love, and time even when they thought they couldn't go on. Our group worked with community kids in "kids club" where they were in charge of putting together the programs for the week and running everything. Along with planning was the chance to give complete and unconditional love to children who may not see it very often and let them know that they are awesome and loved by Jesus always. That is so much more than just spending time with these children and each one of our kids reached out and made a difference in a child's life.

We also spent two mornings at a nursing home where the youth and leaders as well visited, played games, and painted nails for several ladies. They were very nervous about this but reached beyond themselves and made a difference. I myself was taken with one young man there, Josh, who was 17 years old and had been there over a year since he had a large brain tumor removed. Just a typical boy who rode skateboards and played video games but now couldn't walk, had difficulty talking, and had no one to take him home. He had a beautiful heart and didn't complain at all, just loved having company and trying to feel normal. He was a lesson to me of God's grace and love that I hope I never forget. Please keep him in your prayers along with all those in the nursing home, the kids we spent the week with, and all those who touched our lives as well during this trip.

We also had fun with the other youth and adult leaders, everyone got along with no drama all week. We participated in a scavenger hunt, community cookout, and a local church service where all the youth joined to make the choir, and classic rock music (which was supposed to be bluegrass) with line dancing. There were also devotions every morning, worship "Club" each night, and a beautiful foot washing experience on our last evening there.

Thank you all so much for your support and prayers. If you would like to hear more please just ask any of the youth that went, Terry, or myself. Just ask Kevin, I can go on and on about my experience. It was an incredible, moving, filled with the Spirit and love of Christ week that I pray will continue in my life and in the life of us all.

Bless you.

Susan Korecki



FEED MY SHEEP PROGRAM UPDATE

In the lazy days of summer our flock continues to grow! May's casserole dinner fed 94 and in June we served our popular oven-fried chicken. The program continues to be blessed by donations – we received an upright freezer in June thanks to a generous donor!

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 deliver a meal to a church member's home

or donating–

food and supplies

Cash for purchase of perishables



Tuesday **July 26th** will be a picnic theme. Donations needed are.....



cans of baked beans (any variety)

bottled Italian dressing

bags of potato chips (any variety)

Please drop donations off at the Church by Sunday 7/24.

Tuesday, **August 30th** will be Porcupine meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls & butter. Donations needed are....

-canned green beans

- pre-sweetened drink mix

- napkins

Please drop donations off at the Church by Sunday 8/28



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. Check the Bulletin Board in the Paterson hall Annex for updates and news about this exciting program.

Moment with the Moderator

Since I have had pneumonia I have learned a lot about my self. I don't like being sick, I am not a good patient, and I seriously lack in patience. Apparently, the words rest and recuperate were not in my vocabulary. So now that I am not working this summer I have decided to tackle these flaws in my personality – much easier said than done.



I have been praying and reflecting on my shortage of patience. When did I get so impatient? Have I always been this way? And why, does everything take so long?? A friend once told me not to pray for patience because God's way of teaching me patience was to make me wait for it. I'm still waiting!

Now that I have been given the opportunity to slow my life down a bit, I'm trying to learn from the experience. I've decided that during this summer I can enjoy God's world in my backyard, be reassured in God's ability to return me to good health and rest in the knowledge that in God's time (not mine) I will be the person God wants me to be.

As things slow down in our Church with fewer meetings and fewer commitments maybe we can all take this opportunity to rest and recuperate so that in the fall we can start with renewed spirits and more patience to do the work that God has in store for us.

I wish you all a peaceful, restful and relaxing summer.

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,
Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,
Gentleness and patience." Col 3: 12

Leslie Geletzke

ELIZABETHANS



Preceding the usual business meeting and our annual installation of officers, Doris Towers read a prayer of thanks. This had special meaning to us because the prayer was one she remembered learning from her grandfather. We then enjoyed a wonderful pot-luck dinner with delicious dishes and treats too numerous to mention other than to say we surpassed ourselves from previous years by variety and great taste!

Ruby Usher opened the meeting asking Lois Fallon to read devotions in place of Boots Kunckle who was not well that evening. Lois told the story of John Newton (1725-1807). Starting at an early age, Mr. Newton worked on merchant ships for several years before deserting ship because of intolerable living conditions. He was soon caught and became a servant on a ship captained by a slave trader. During a violent storm he prayed for mercy and later referred to his salvation and God's grace as the "great deliverance". In remembrance of this happening, John Newton penned the famous words to Amazing Grace, published in 1779.

Our treasurer Bonny Beebe reported \$125.17 in the Elizabethan General Fund and \$290.09 in the Penny Fund. We will use money from the Penny Fund for three monogrammed pen and pencil sets for our graduates this year. Many thanks to our congregation for their generous contributions. Bonny further reported that we will send \$50.00 to Grace Community "Send-A-Kid to Camp Fund using Elizabethan General Fund money.

We received a check from the Kroger's Community Rewards Program for \$237.34 which is given directly to the church's General Fund.

Doris Towers installed the following officers: President, Ruby Usher, Vice-President, Boots Kunckle, Treasurer, Bonny Beebe and Secretary, Evelyn Berkhoudt. She then presented all officers with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, some of which were snatched from a neighbors yard. It's OK, the plants were originally hers!

The Birthday club met at the River Diner June 16th to celebrate June birthdays, including Betty Bellair who is, once again, 39!

We will next meet July 11th instead of the first Monday, which is the 4th of July Holiday. We also will meet August 1st continuing our summer schedule. Our meetings are 7 PM unless otherwise noted. In July, Ruby will read devotions and Doris and Wanda will host. In August, Evelyn has devotions and Betty Depth and Lois will host.





Dear members and friends,

Our thanks go out to you for your generous donations to our past rummage sales. With your support, we have been able to help our church financially. We are having a summer rummage sale Fri & Sat, Aug. 26th & 27th (see attached flyer). We will be accepting donations starting Sunday August 21st; they can be dropped off any time Sunday after church or during office hours Mon-Thurs. 9:30am-1:00pm. Deadline for donations will be Thursday August 25th. We really need help with setting up and pricing Monday - Thurs. 9:00am-?. Help is also needed on the sale days and clean-up. Any time you can come will help greatly. There will be a sign-up sheet in Patterson Hall during coffee hour.





FRIDAY - AUGUST 26TH, 9:00A - 5:00P

SATURDAY - AUGUST 27TH, 9:00A - 1:00P

SATURDAY BAG DAY:

1ST BAG = \$2.00

2ND BAG = \$1.00

3RD BAG = FREE

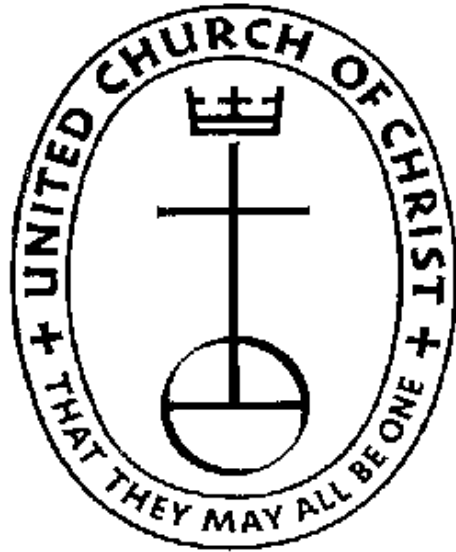


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HEALTHY SUMMER***

