



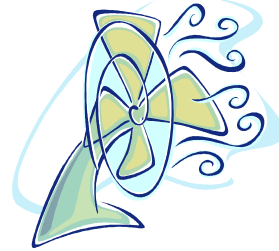
Summer WORSHIP



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Beginning Sunday June 5 worship will begin at 9:30 a.m. in an effort to “beat the heat” and to accommodate the busy schedules for summertime activities. So please join us for worship just a bit earlier while the cool morning breezes are blowing in the windows and the birds are chirping on a lovely Sunday morning .



POINT PLACE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Parish Paragraphs



We are pleased to welcome Pastor Emeritus John Rainey to the pulpit on Sunday June 19th at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Rainey will conduct a traditional service on this Sunday while Pastor Jon, Lauren and Leah vacation.

Join us at 9:30 a.m. June 26th for the Contemporary Blended Worship. Praise and worship songs and an upbeat, less formal service will take place this Sunday. The service was moved from June 19th to June 26th to accommodate Rev. Rainey as our guest pulpit



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Weekly Schedule: (SUMMER)

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

*Pastor Jon 's Vacation is JUN 16-23.
For emergency information, call the
church office.*

More *Summer* Worship



Hymn Sing and Ice Cream on Wednesday June 8th at 6:30pm.



This will be our last Recess for the season so come enjoy singing some hymns, eating ice cream, and spending time together.



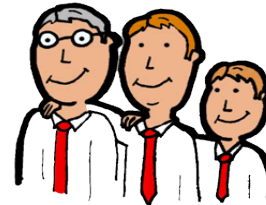
HONOR GRADUATES on Sunday, June 12, 2011

Your church family would like to share in your pride of accomplishment. We are planning to celebrate during worship. Forms Available



June 19th is FATHERS DAY

Once again, Point Place United Church of Christ is offering an opportunity to honor the special man in your life on Father's Day. Forms Available.



SHARE YOUR MUSICAL TALENT



Are you musically inclined? Play an instrument or sing? The Board of Diaconate invites you to share your talents with the congregation this summer. Please sign up to share your talent during worship by choosing a Sunday on the sign-up sheet in Paterson Hall. Individuals and groups are encouraged to choose their date early – before they're gone!!!

General Fund		
	APRIL	Year-to-Date
Expenses	\$ 8, 434.15	\$44,861.99
Income	\$10,194.25	\$38,157.88
Difference	\$ 1, 760.10	(\$6,704.11)

From the **PASTOR**

“Make disciples of all nations.” Hopefully, by now you recognize this statement as the mission Jesus has given his disciples (Matthew 28:19). In a recent sermon, I proposed that disciple-making is our #1 priority as Christians and a church. This may be surprising or concerning to some of you. You might have a different idea of what the Church is all about.

If your idea of the Church is that it should prioritize worship, evangelism, justice-seeking, service, or community, then I would respond that discipleship is inclusive of all of these. These are all “sub-missions” to discipleship. Disciples worship vibrantly, proclaim the Story of Jesus boldly, seek justice courageously, serve humbly, and form deep communities. To do all of these things, however, our lives must be transformed. That is the process of discipleship. When we are with Jesus and his community, we take on his character, his priorities, his means, and his passions. We begin to resonate with the Kingdom of God and understand how our gifts, experiences, and passions can be directed to the transformation process.

This is not an easy process. Jesus takes care to warn us about the “cost of discipleship.” If you think living as a Christian is easy, I hope you will be willing to rethink your definition of Christianity. God wants to transform you. And change isn’t easy. So why be a Christian? Because God is transforming you into someone who knows who they were created to be, who is free from the sins and distractions that dim our lives, and who can lovingly impact others. He is not making you into some joyless cookie-cutter religionist. He is making you into a beautiful masterpiece who tells a beautiful Story and does beautiful work in the world thanks to the Holy Spirit. Doesn’t this sound like what the Church should be about? Doesn’t inviting other people into this kind of life and community sound like the best way to love others?

It is not easy to become these kind of people. The Good News, however, is that this life is available to all, regardless of your past or your abilities. What God asks of you is simply a faith that is willing to embrace this New Life, however Jesus directs you. I want to present you with a few ideas that take commitment, but are part of God’s way into this life of discipleship:

1. In the fall, you are invited to become a part of a small group. These groups are little communities rooted in Bible Study, discussion, growth, and prayer. Jesus made disciples through a small group of 12, and this discipleship principle applies to us! More information to come, but begin thinking about clearing an evening every other week to grow with brothers and sisters in Christ.

2. Think of someone in your life whom God might be giving you a chance to impact. Disciple-making begins with loving service. Go out of your way to serve that person, ask them questions about what’s going on in their life, and pray for them (or with them, depending on the person).

3. Read through one of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John). Be open to letting Jesus surprise you, and ask yourself, “What does it mean to imitate/follow this man?” If you have questions that arise, don’t hesitate to call, send an email, or talk to me personally.



You can find *Pastor Jon's new blog* at www.pointplaceucc.com/blog. The purpose of the blog is to wrestle with current events as part of the biblical Story. My goal is to post articles weekly (plus updates as stories develop) concerning world events, politics, religion in the news, cultural trends, books, and tv/movies. 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's a summary and some highlights of what we've covered so far:

May 3, *Welcome!* "The purpose of this blog is based on a very simple assumption: Christians are called to think differently about life."

May 6, *The Demise of Osama bin Laden* "It is that desire to determine good and evil for ourselves, that pursuit of happiness on our own terms that blossoms into things like planes being flown into buildings...and the ensuing thirst for revenge."

May 13, *Senate Bill 5* "In trying to think biblically, we need to diagnose the human yearnings that make a given position/policy viable and attractive to people and to allow ourselves to share in those yearnings as fellow humans."

May 18, *Judgment Day*. "[Harold] Camping is merely doing what many of us do: interpreting the Bible based on his own system and assumptions instead of the terms the biblical writers themselves present."

RETIRED MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Group had it's final meeting of the Spring season on May 5th. After an opening prayer by Jim Deboth, the usual lively discussions ensued; i.e., sports teams, the rotten weather, cars, health issues, WWII and more about the rotten weather.



After we had exhausted all those subjects it was decided that we'd take the Summer off and resume our meetings in September. It was also decided that we would give \$60.00 to the Church's General Fund from our group's collected funds.

Dick Berkhoudt

Moment with the Moderator



The other day, I was in my car sitting at a stoplight. I noticed that the car in front of me had a bumper sticker which read "One Nation Indivisible." At first glance I realized that something was missing, but of course I had to recite the entire Pledge of Allegiance before I knew that "Under God" was not in its proper place. By this time, the light changed and the other car was long gone but I was left with so many emotions that I'm still trying to sort out. Initially, I was deeply offended. After all, how could someone just change MY Pledge? But now I'm just bewildered. Has it really become so easy to take God out of our everyday lives?

Pastor Jon has been talking to us about being intentional Christians which leaves me questioning what I can do to purposely put God in my life and the lives of those surrounding me.

As the mother of a United States Marine I know that I want God to be a constant part of his life and those who make decisions that will affect him, this country and all of us.

As we finally get to enjoy a snow free summer and the patriotic holidays that go along with it, I will do my best to remember that we are here by the Grace of God.

God Bless America!

Leslie Geletzke





FEED MY SHEEP

Happily frolic into second year!

As we enter our second year of meals served we anticipate reaching 1000 dinners served at our May meal – thank you to everyone who makes this mission a possibility! We have been so blessed by donations from Mustard Seed/Seagate food bank – six CASES of canned corn — and Jamie Farr Park Shelter – more turkeys! We will always utilize whatever is donated!

In May hearty homemade casseroles will be served utilizing some hams and turkeys donated by our friends at Mustard Seed. A big thank you to Michael's Café for preparing our pot pie pastry! June's meal is a return of a favorite from last season - oven baked chicken, hot buttered noodles, corn, rolls & butter, and assorted desserts on June 28th from 5 – 7 pm. Mark your calendars and come on down and help or just stop by for a meal. Food donations should be left at the church by Sunday, June 26th.

You can be a part of this program by –Volunteering

- to help set up for the dinner (Monday 6pm)
- to help cook the food
- to serve during dinner (Tuesday 5-7pm)
- to help with clean up
- to help with publicity
- to deliver a meal to a church member's home

We need donations of

- pre-sweetened drink mix
- tea bags
- butter or margarine
- Cash for the purchase of perishable items

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.

MISSION BOARD



In June, we encourage you to bring in ANY non-perishable food item for Mustard Seed. So clean your cupboards...buy an extra box of cereal...no restrictions...just non-perishable! Donations are taken to **Mustard Seed** weekly.

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. Visit the Giving Tree table in Paterson Hall for the specific craft materials needed.



American Cancer Society RELAY RECAP:

A HUGE “Thank You” to everyone who participated in Relay for Life May 14-15! For our church’s first year as a “team” we were well represented! Over the course of the 18-hour relay period, 15 members walked the track at St. Francis through sunshine and rain. Pastor Jon opened the ceremony on that Saturday with a prayer. Survivors and those currently battling cancer also shared their stories. And of course, many people walked that weekend in remembrance of a family member, friend, co-worker, or loved one that they have lost to cancer. Thank you to those who participated in the walk, donated to Relay for Life, and prayed throughout the weekend. The event was a great way to show our support and raise money for cancer research.

Save the date...

Saturday, August 6th 9am-1pm - Work the **CHEEP** Store (Clothing Helping Everyone Exchange Program) at Nu-Vizion and serve lunch. Volunteers needed!

Ericka Winne



Vacation Bible School



Yes plans are getting underway for THE GREEN VBS which will be held at Messiah Lutheran, July 18th-July 22nd. We are using the ReNew Basics and going GREEN. Wait a minute, "What is ReNew?" I thought you would never ask. Across the church, the call to care for creation has been growing, but where do you begin? ReNew is an environmentally-focused VBS program that inspires kids and adults to grow in faith, have fun, and change the world as they practice stewardship of creation! Now you ask, "Where Does the Bible Fit In?" God's creation is a gift we all share. We all live in it together and depend on it together. Caring for it-together-is both a good work and collective act of faith. The Bible is filled with stories and teachings that reveal our dependence on God through the bounty of the earth. With ReNew VBS we will be focusing on one story. Jesus' Parable of the Sower. Each day, kids hear the entire Bible story but then focus on one section to explore this parable-in-depth. Kids learn, create, and do things that change their world. Their faith is put into action and impacts the wider community.

Where Do You Fit In? Our church is responsible for the activities/crafts and games this year. We graciously already have some volunteers to help with these, we will also need people to help be shepherds. We will be in need of items for our activities, thanks to the Mission Board, the Giving Tree for June will be for these items. This is one way your faith is put into action.

Please contact Kathy P at 419-726-5509 or anyone on the Board of Christian Ed if you are willing to help.





Elizabethans

While Carol Faylor and Evelyn Berkhoudt prepared the table for our meeting, those gathered that evening were delighted to see Gerry Ellis bring in luscious pecan pies for our snacking pleasure. Gerry is truly the queen of pie baking and we were fortunate to have such a royal treat for our get together.

We don't know how Gerry did it, but she not only brought those delicious pies, she selected a devotional reading from a book titled "Hugs for Women" by Mary Hollingwood telling a very touching story of true Christian charity. She then went on to tell a humorous story given her by a friend called "Even God Deserves a Good Laugh" which brought a lot of laughs around the table. Gerry ended the devotions with her own loving prayer that included a remembrance of our founder, Elizabeth Paterson.

Ruby Usher then asked our Treasurer Bonny Beebe for our financial standing. She reported \$392.50 in the Penny Fund and \$52.15 in the Elizabethan General Fund. Monies were used from the Penny Fund for much needed shelving in Paterson Hall kitchen, which Jim Armstrong so kindly installed. This eliminated a lot of clutter and opened more counter space. More is always better!

The Birthday Club met in May at Gracies Kitchen (formerly King's Taste) on Summit Street for a wonderful luncheon celebrating all the May birthdays including Bonny Beebe and Joyce Goodall. Judging by the crowd and noise level, a good time was had by all.

Our next meeting will be our Installation of Officers Pot Luck dinner in Paterson Hall with officers as follows: President - Ruby Usher, Vice-President - Boots Kunckle, Treasurer, - Bonny Beebe, Secretary, Evelyn Berkhoudt. All will meet June 6th at 6:30 PM

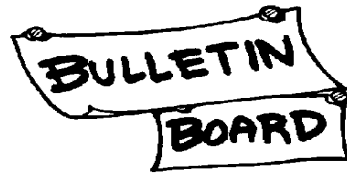
Since Elizabethans didn't meet in January and February, we will now meet during the summer months of July and August. As always, all the ladies are welcome.



1	Frank Reiger	16	Katie Langlois
2	Don MacDermid	16	Christina Aricchi
5	Jim Armstrong	16	Rich Yocum
8	Jillian Usher	18	Betty Bellair
8	Miranda Withrow	21	Candy Bisbee-Grindle
11	David Browning	24	Trevor Dickson
12	Jan Rolsten	27	Christopher Mayfield
13	Rick Swick	27	Vickie Naylor
14	Lori Jarrell	29	Mike Wioland
15	Laurie Dyer	30	Kathi Barbine
16	Mary Berry		



3	Candy & Charlie Grindle
10	David and Bonnie Meiers
12	Skip and Paula Berry
13	Rich and Carol Faylor
13	William and Sharon McCord
14	Clif and Cindy Trudeau
15	Glen and Linda Woodall
20	Michael and Laurie Dyer
22	Jim and Donna Armstrong



THIS IS A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR EVERYONE
AT OUR CHURCH

"Spring Cleaning Party"

sponsored by the Board of Trustees

When: Saturday June 4th

Time: 9:00a to 12:00p

Be sure to bring your favorite cleaning supplies and some rags.

We have lots of fun chores to do!

Mark you calendars now and plan to attend.

Refreshments will be served.



A big thank you goes to *Donna Serviss and Cindy Trudeau* who have used their collective creativity to enhance our worship services. They have created the most beautiful and thought provoking Altar arrangements and backdrops. Each week their handiwork sets the tone for the Service and beautifies our Sanctuary.



Jim Armstrong always deserves to be thanked for everything he does around our Church; however, he recently built a useful and beautiful holder for our pew candleholders. They used to be clamped on saw-horses that took up a lot of storage space. Now they're tucked away on a lovely rack. Thank you, Jim



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
AUGUST 26 & 27

FATHER'S DAY TRIBUTE

Once again, Point Place United Church of Christ is offering an opportunity to honor your fathers on Father's Day, June 19, 2011.

Perhaps you would like to honor your own father or a father-like figure in your life. Husbands, brothers and friends who are dads can be honored, too! For a donation of at least \$1, your tribute will be printed in a special folder on Father's Day. Proceeds will be donated to the Helping Hands Project for Temples Hills. Please fill out the form below and, with your gift, give to Jim or Donna Armstrong. Please make checks payable to Point Place UCC.



If you have questions please call:

Donna Armstrong 734-848-4895

Deadline for tributes: June 15

Tribute to Fathers

(please print names legibly)

In honor of _____

In memory of: _____

Honorary Father: _____

My gift of \$ _____ is enclosed.

From: _____

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!



Have you or someone from your family graduated from High School or college since last June or will be graduating this June? Well, your church family would like to share in your pride of accomplishment. Please forward names and information on the graduate to the Board of Diaconate through Tina Mockbee – email tmockbee@mcanwo.org or call 419 276 0637 with information or simply fill out the form below and drop it in the offertory plate.

We are planning to celebrate your success during worship on Sunday, June 12, 2011 and would love to include you and your information. A brief synopsis of your achievement and a recent photo would be appreciated. Give Tina a call or drop her an email today – **deadline for submission is June 6th!**

Graduate's Name: _____

Date Graduated: _____

School: _____

Degree earned: _____

Field of Study: _____

Contact info _____

Extra Curricular Activities:
