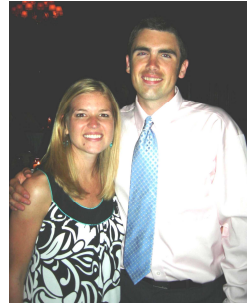




From the Pastor's Desk

Hello! This is my first note "from the pastor's desk" here at PPUCC. And I would like to start by saying how welcomed Lauren and I have felt over the past few weeks. So many of you have expressed your support, offered your time if we have needs, and even opened up your houses. As Christians, we have been welcomed into God's family by Jesus, and so it has been a blessing to be welcomed into your church family.

Family relationships are interesting, don't you think? Ideally, those relationships offer a bond and an assurance of continual support. On the other hand, we are privy to each other's quirks and shortcomings, struggles and even sins. That's how relationships work. That's also why relationships can be very uncomfortable, and why so many people avoid real relationships altogether.



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Weekly Schedule:

- Sun, 9:00 am—Holy Grounds and Adult SSchool
- Sun, 9:15 am—Sr. Highs and Confirmation Class
- Sun, 10:30am—Worship Service and Children's Church
- Sun, 11:30am—Coffee Hour
- Wed, 12:00pm—Bible Study
- Wed, 6:00 pm—RECESS
- Thurs, 7:30pm Board Mtgs. 8pm—AA Meeting

Friends, you will see sides of me that aren't always the most appealing, and I will see sides of you that you would rather remain hidden. God's family, though, is a family based on grace and faithful, committed love. That's how we enter into God's family and that's how God calls us to live once we're here. We know each other, faults and all, and "bear each other's burdens"

In my short time,

Pastor Jon

Moment with the Moderator

Sometimes in the face of difficulties and hard times we tend to forget all the good things God has given us. These last few months have been trying for us financially and we still have issues to discuss, budgets to determine, and decisions to make regarding our future, BUT I want to take a few moments to reflect on our blessings.

It gives me a great sense of relief and security to have our new minister! It has taken two years to get to this point and a lot of work by the Search Committee and the TMT (Transitional Ministry Team). The patience of the congregation has finally been rewarded with the calling of Jon Komperda. We may now officially call him Pastor Jon, as he was ordained on September 26th! Already I appreciate his sense of humor and his well prepared sermons. I thank God for guiding us to Jon.

Isn't it refreshing to hear the laughter and, yes, even the cries, of the little ones during worship? Amanda is thrilled to have more kids in nursery on Sunday mornings. Soon there will be a new pack 'n play (play pen) in the recently carpeted nursery, which will help keep the babies safe. And Jon will baptize his first baby this week! Praise God for the children!

The laughter in Paterson Hall was contagious last Saturday as teens and adults competed in the Minute to Win It games. It was such a fun Gt2 (Group Therapy 2) event. It's a great way to spend time with our Christian friends and get to know them a little better. Thanks to Ericka Winne and Amanda Hartley to leading this event. I look forward to more.

The Feed My Sheep program is growing. This cannot be a "one man" job. It takes a lot of coordinating to feed so many. We had over 80 diners in August. Tina and I have had so many step forward and volunteer to serve, clean up, prepare meals, put out signs, donate food, and deliver meals to our shut-ins. We are even receiving offers to help from those we feed. Isn't that wonderful? Responding joyfully to the opportunity to help others is truly a gift. It feels good to know we can brighten someone's day in this way.

Most of all, I am personally grateful to all the members and friends of PPUCC who are caring, concerned and consciously making an effort to help our church solve its current financial dilemma. I, for one, would be lost without the church I love, where I can worship God and work for Him.

In Christian love,

Lori Winne



\$\$\$ From Church Council \$\$\$

The congregational meeting to be held on October 3rd after worship will be a crucial time to update members on our financial status. We hope to provide information on our current deficit and lead a serious discussion on the future of our church. Please plan to attend. Your church leaders need to know how to proceed.

We Get Mail!



Dear P.P.U.C.C.,

Thank you so much for allowing me to come back to camp. I get to see all of my old friends and a few new ones. I love camp and I thank you again!

Love,

Courtney Fleck



Sept. 7, 2010

“Point” Church,

Enclosed is my donation for the “Feed My Sheep” program. Thank you for taking care of this feeding of the needy—”Point” Church continues thru the years to watch over the needy in so many different ways.

Sincerely,

Harriet H. Redfield

Thanks to all who shared their musical talent this summer to praise God during our summer services: Tina Mockbee, Nancy Bright, Gabby Aricchi, Ben Jones, Scott Berry, Curtis Osmon, Rich Chesko, and Mike Wisland. It's always a joy to hear music as we worship!

Alicia Winne,

SCRAPBOOKING EVENT



OCTOBER 23rd
PPUCC's ALL DAY CROP
9 am—8 pm

Join us for a full day of fun, fellowship, and food while working on your scrapbooking projects. There will be Early Bird drawings, door prizes, bingo games with prizes, vendors with scrapbooking supplies to sell, and make -and -takes to learn new techniques.

Beverages and snacks will be provided along with lunch and dinner. Lunch will be ham/turkey sandwiches with macaroni or potato salad and chips. Dinner will be lasagna, salad and garlic bread.

A massage therapist will be on hand for mini-massages at \$1 per minute.

The cost for the entire day is \$40 per person. Hurry! Space is limited. Register with Scarlet Krumn at 419-726-9768. Proceeds go to the PPUCC general fund.

Feed My Sheep Program Update

BAAAAA, BAAAA – word is getting around!!! To date the Feed My Sheep program has provided over 330 meals through August! Thanks to a great bunch of volunteers! This program is only successful because of your support!

We are blessed in October to have Curtis and Allison Osmun provide and prepare our main course for the October 26th meal. So we are currently seeking donations of side and dessert supplies for the October 26th meal to be held from 5 – 7 pm in Paterson Hall. The menu consists of red beans and rice, fresh garden salad, corn bread and butter, apple cobbler and beverages. Food donations should be left at church by Sunday Oct. 24th

Also in preparation for meals, the volunteer staff has noticed despite repairs, the roasters at church are not always reliable – so we will be purchasing several new roasters for the church as they go on sale.

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
- donating food and supplies
- cash for purchase of perishables and **roasters**



We are in need of donations of

-boxes of corn muffin mix

-cans of apple pie filling

-boxes of Bisquick



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.

Don't be shy. We can ALWAYS use help!

Lakeshore Regional Fall Meeting

Sunday October 24th

1st United Church of Christ

1500 Tiffin Rd.

Fremont, OH

2-6 pm

“Mission in Motion”

Join us for a day focusing on the topic of Mission with representatives of local and national Mission Partners. There will be opportunities for worship, study and conversation. Come for all or part of the day!.

Registration required for Dinner or All Day . \$10 attendance. Check schedule and details in The Vine or speak with Pastor Jon if you want to attend. Especially useful for those of us interested in missions and in youth mission trips.

Fall Rummage Sale



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. Now our Fall rummage sale is nearing, on Friday and Saturday, October 15th & 16th. We will be accepting donations starting Sunday, October 10th, or during office hours, Tuesday through Thursday, 9 am to 1 pm. Deadline for donations will be Thursday, October 14th. Anyone who is able to help with setting up and pricing can come to the church Monday through Thursday, 9 am to ??? Help is also needed on the sale days. Any amount of time you are able to help during that week is greatly appreciated. For additional information see Donna or Jim Armstrong or Kathy Placzkiewicz. THANKS, AGAIN.



Sadly, some of our heated their last our kitchen equip-

ment we find the need to replace some of the roasters. Please consider a donation marked "roasters" to help us keep the kitchen equipment in good repair for all those who use the church kitchen. We intend to purchase new roasters during the holiday "sale" season. Thank you!

church roasters have meal.... As we use



I would like to acknowledge those who have stepped forward to help in the office while we are interviewing and hiring a new secretary. Thanks to Jenny Montague for Sunday bulletins, Ericka Winne for Parish Paragraphs, Susan Korecki and Pastor Jon for manning the phone, and the Armstrongs for a multitude of duties. Whew! Thanks so much! Lori Winne

Elizabethan News

The Elizabethan's met September 13th after a long summer break. We had a lot of catching up to do of our summer activities before we indulged in some delicious pineapple upside down cake graciously made by Lois Fallon and Betty Debth. With our table set with a fall theme, we nibbled on cashews and chocolate candy treats before the meeting began.

Jackie Shaw led the devotional reading with a few stories from a book titled "God Uses Cracked Pots" dealing with some comical and touching memory losses. Jackie then ended with a beautiful prayer that she wrote asking for God's blessing for those present, our service men and women, our congregation and our new Pastor Jon and wife Lauren.

Bonny Beebe reported \$234.55 in the Elizabethan General Fund and \$315.80 in the Penny Fund for a total of \$550.35. She announced that we received a check from Kroger's Rewards Program for \$349.52 which we give directly to the Church's General Fund. Also, Betty Debth will now receive money from the Penny Fund instead of using church funds for the get-well and caring greeting cards and stamps that she kindly sends as needed.

Our October 4th meeting, which is open to the entire congregation, will start at 7pm in Paterson Hall with special visitors Rev. John Rainey and Gene Finnegan. They will be presenting a slide show and talk of their recent visit to Germany. This will be a fun and informative evening that you won't want to miss so please come. Refreshments will be served.



September Church Council Minutes

A significant portion of the September meeting concerned our financial situation and use of the endowment fund. If you remember from the August issue of Parish Paragraphs, we were bringing a vote to the congregation to make a change in the bylaws regarding spending of the endowment fund for day-to-day expenses. Instead of a vote, we will be bringing to the congregation on October 3, 2010 an explanation of how some things are probably more appropriately paid for by the endowment fund and how we might need to engage the use of an attorney to investigate appropriate and legal use of the endowment fund. It is important for everyone to attend the congregational meeting on that day. If you continue to have questions after the meeting, please ask any council member to help you understand this complex issue.

We can all help resolve the budget concerns by participating in the many fundraising events that are coming up and bring your friends. Tricia Crane has graciously agreed to facilitate our participating in the Elder Beerman coupon sale. She will have coupons that we can sell for \$5.00. The individual purchasing the coupon will be able to use it at Elder Beerman to save a significant amount on purchases on the day of the sale. The best thing is the church will be able to keep the \$5.00 from each coupon sold. This will help our general fund. Don't forget the other activities coming up like the Polish Dinner and Scrapbooking event.

Linda Woodall shared with us that we will have a get acquainted tea to get to know Lauren Komperda. It will be on October 17, 2010 at 4 pm. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. Come and share tea with Lauren and your friends. This is a ladies only event.

Board meetings are going to be meeting a little differently. All boards will meet on the third Wednesday of the month beginning in November.

Church Council will then normally meet on the fourth Thursday of the month except for November when it will meet on the third Thursday because of the Thanksgiving Holiday being on the fourth Thursday. It will be important to plan your agenda carefully if you need Pastor Jon to be at the meeting as he will circulate among the different board meetings that evening.

Pastor Jon has also asked that announcements be given by one person at the end of the service, before the benediction. He is willing to make announcements but needs to have them before the service. If you can email the announcement to him before Sunday, it would be helpful. If that does not work, you may phone in the announcement or use the cards in the coat room and be certain he gets them before the service begins. The yellow cards are for announcements. The blue cards are for prayer requests.

The days are getting cooler and the nights are just right for sleeping. Enjoy the colors nature provides when the leaves change. The colors can present a beautiful palette that only a loving God could provide.

Bonnie Nelson

Church Council Secretary

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS NEEDED

As we return to our fall schedules please volunteer to host a coffee hour. Simply provide regular and decaf coffee, tea and punch, (baked goods are optional) after worship. Sign up on the poster in Paterson Hall to talk to Tina Mockbee 419 276 0637 or Andrea Ar-
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Mission Board News:



October 29-31, 2010 Downtown, Toledo, OH

Tent City is aimed at helping some of the area's homeless population get back on their feet.

During this weekend, several agencies in Toledo will come together so people can access a variety of resources in one place, including medical care.

Tent city is about letting people know that everyone matters.

"When you become unhoused, sometimes you get to the point where your dignity has gotten so low that there's no belief that you matter, that you exist," said [Ken Leslie of 1Matters.Org](#). "Tent city is a celebration telling people you really do matter." (taken from an article from Fox Toledo News, Sept. 18, 2010.)

This year the Mission Board would like to both encourage and challenge you to get involved. Pastor Candy shared her experience with us last year when she participated. She was able to guide someone around for the day to help them get the things they needed like social security card, clothing, food, etc. The website 1Matters.org contains information on how you can get involved. While there are many needs, we would like to focus on collecting donations of winter clothes to bring to the Tent City event on October 29th. The Giving Tree focus for

October will be collecting clothing such as long underwear, gloves, boots, socks, and winter coats. Both new and gently used clothes are appreciated.

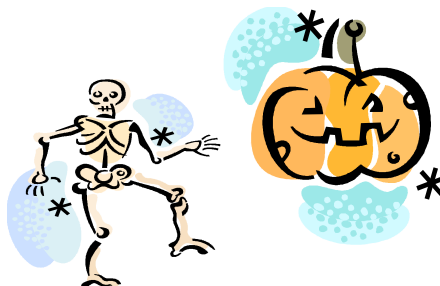
Aside from clothing donations, if you would like to volunteer to work (volunteers needed for registration, collecting and distributing the donations that come in, guide a person around for the day, serve a meal, or be part of a set-up or tear-down crew) you can check out the website for more details on how to register.

This year Tent City will also have their first annual 1Mile Matters walk on Saturday, October 30th @ 10:00am!

The Mission Board is looking to update the Servicemen Board in Patterson Hall. If you have an update on a family member or friend who is currently serving our country please contact Chuck Geletzke (dtslman@frontier.com).

In the spirit of Halloween, the Feed Your Neighbor focus for October will be pumpkins and skeletons! How you ask? You can either “Plump up the Pumpkin” (bring in items that are orange – i.e. cheese-its, crackers, carrots, etc.) or put “Meat on the Bones” (bring in canned meats and protein items). Please bring in your non-perishable items on Sunday and place them on the Feed Your Neighbor table at the front of the sanctuary. Each week the food items will be taken to Mustard Seed, our local Feed Your Neighbor site.

Ericka Winne

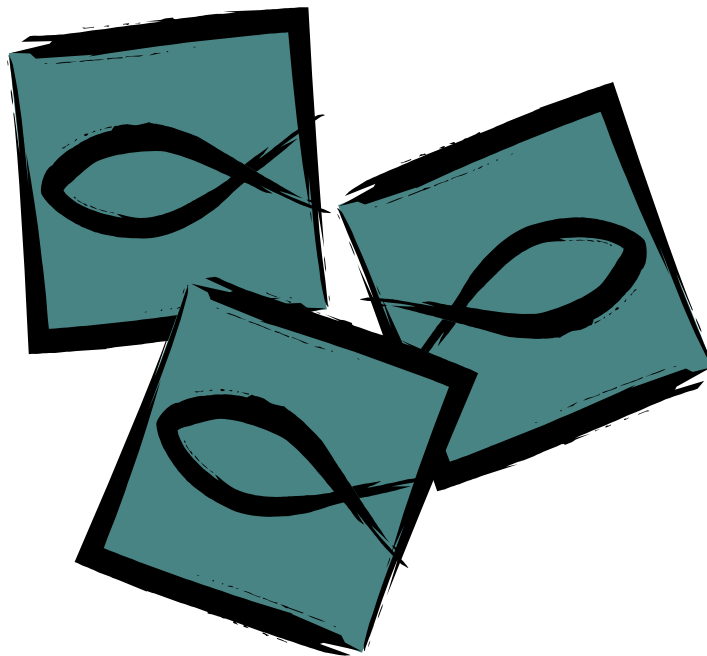


PPUCC Youth Ministry “SLAM”

(Students Living A Mission)

1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example of believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity.

With the beginning of the fall season and new school year our Jr. and Sr. High youth are working toward new adventures and growth in our faith journey. Along this new path we have a new name and focus along with a covenant the youth created themselves for our “team” of God. We will be starting an “Adopt a student, Adopt an aunt/uncle, Adopt a grandparent” opportunity soon please pray on how you can be apart of this wonderful time of building relationships together.



“SLAM” (students living a mission)
Youth Ministry Covenant of
Point Place United Church of Christ

We promise to treat each other with kindness, respect,
and love as we grow together as a “team” for God.

We will strive to grow in our faith by:
attending church every Sunday, growing in wisdom,
and in our relationship with God.

We promise as team members to take care
of our responsibilities, work toward our similar goals,
and care for others as ourselves.

As a member of this team of God I will be myself and be
proud of who God has made me to be and become, also
to trust in myself, other teammates and God for sup-
port and guidance.

Major Retailers Offer Money to Church

Dear Congregation and Friends,

We're pleased to share some exciting news about a new fundraising program for our church. It's called "**SCRIP**" and it's the fundraising program that works while you shop. **SCRIP** is simply a word that means "substitute money" – in other words, **SCRIP** is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They're the **same** gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our **SCRIP** program including Kohl's, Walmart, JC Penney, The Gap, Speedway, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster and many, many others.

You're probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. It's simple -- **SCRIP** participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our church at a discount. Member families like yours buy the certificates for **full face value**, they redeem them for **full face value**, and our church **keeps the difference as revenue**. And **SCRIP** is exciting, because everybody wins:

- The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business...
- You get a powerful fundraising alternative that involves *no selling*...
- Our church gets a regular source of revenue.

The beauty of **SCRIP** is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for our church without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with **SCRIP** at the stores that participate in the **SCRIP** program! And **SCRIP** can be used for just about any

Retailers, cont.

household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and even dining out.

For us, **SCRIP** will work as follows:

- Look at the order form which will be printed on our website www.pointplaceucc.org or in Parish Paragraphs. You'll also find order forms on the shelf in the narthex of the church.
- E-mail Donna Armstrong your order form at darmstrong@buckeye-access.com or mail it to her at 1361 Clairmont Street, Erie, MI 48133 or give it to her at church.
- Give Donna a check, money order, or cash for the gift cards you buy. Donna will order the gift cards at the beginning of every month.
- Pick up your gift cards (or arrange to have them mailed to you) from Donna the following Sunday at church.

You could continue to buy your gift cards at your local grocery store, but why not buy them from us? It doesn't cost you a thing extra, because if you buy a \$25 gift card, you spend only \$25 and the retailer gives our church a refund! If you have questions, talk to Donna Armstrong or Lori Winne.

Look for the order form in this issue of Parish Paragraphs.



WEB NEWS!!!

Did you know we have a new website? Come on, check it out! Just type in pointplaceucc.com or pointplaceucc.org and you will be there. Look around, click on anything a little hand pops up on. If there is something you might like to see on there call me at church or at home 419-726-0940. If I misspelled something you can let me know that also. If there is something that needs to be on the church calendar let me know. I hope you will visit the new website.

Peace to you,
Director of Discipleship
Susan Korecki



Elder Beerman Community Day is coming November 13th!

Buy a coupon book let for \$5 and use the coupons inside on Saturday, November 13th. It is Community Day at Elder Beerman, a day set aside for schools and non-profit organizations to raise money.

See Tricia Crane or Lori Winne for coupons. Sell some coupons to your friends. It's a WIN WIN situation.! You pay \$5 to get a \$10 coupon! You also receive additional 20% off coupons in the booklet. All proceeds will benefit the PPUCC general fund. So shop, save, and help decrease our general fund deficit! We will receive every \$5 for every coupon we sell!

Rummage Sale

Fri - Oct. 15th, 9-5

Sat - Oct. 16th, 9-1



Sat. Bag Day

1st Bag - \$2

2nd Bag - \$1

3rd Bag - FREE



Point Place United Church of Christ

4920 - 297th & 117th

Across from the library

Enter from side door on 117th St.



GT2 (Group Therapy 2) Event was fun!

Thirty-six people came out Saturday, September 25th for the Minute To Win It party. The event raised \$175 for the general fund. Everyone was encouraged to practice simple feats for the first hour and then the competition began. About ten brave souls tried for the prize and several won a GT2 T-shirt! Everyone left Paterson Hall having enjoyed themselves whether they won or not as was evidenced by the laughter. It was the first GT2 event for the season and we thank the Winne girls for hosting. We hope there will be more opportunities to relax and have some fun soon!

O yes. For those who didn't win a T-Shirt, you may still buy one for \$10 and wear it at the next GT2 event! See Ericka Winne to get your soon!



I'd like to thank Leslie Geletzke, and Jim and Donna Armstrong for helping me undertake the huge task of updating our membership rolls this summer. It is important to keep accurate records, especially when calling a new pastor or reporting to the Association. And it ultimately affects our budget.. The membership was reported as 310 in 2009, but after responses from those who have moved or no longer wish to attend PPUCC, our membership is now 242..



Sincerely,,

Lori Winne, moderator



A note from your Director of Discipleship

As we head into a new season of the year, we also enter a new season of the church. Together, let us take time to share, learn, grow, and enjoy this season together.

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.

In September we enjoyed an old-fashioned hymn singing and the “drum circle” led by Dave Gierke.

Recess Schedule –Each Wednesday Evening

6:00 pm Simple Supper

6:30 pm Worship

7:15 pm Activities (as planned)



Pastor Jon has been leading worship with a series on God’s creation, beginning with Genesis. I am always looking for volunteers with supper and would be happy to arrange an whatever activity session you would like! Talk to me!

Susan Korecki

Worship in the Park a Success!

It was a beautiful August day on the 29th when we gathered at Shoreland Park for the annual Worship in the Park. A service of farewell commenced with Rev. Dan Busch during which Rev. Candy bid us farewell and was honored with a quilt and other gifts. A potluck and games rounded out the morning for young and not as young alike. Thank you to all who made this event possible!

GERMANY – THROUGH THE BACK DOOR

Includes 'The Passion Play' of Oberammergau

Mark your calendar today so as not to miss the exciting pictures and commentary of Gene Finnegan and John Rainey as they travel nearly 2000 miles on the back roads of Germany – once a divided nation but now showing the way for the new, embracing Europe of today.

Also, we'll dip into "The Passion Play" – an experience only possible every decade.

The Elizabethan sponsored evening is for all –

Monday, October 4th
Patterson Hall
7:30 p.m.

Ladies Tea

Sunday, October 17

4:00 pm

We will be having a tea party to welcome and get to know our new pastor's wife, Lauren.

Tickets are on sale now—\$10.00. Please see Linda Woodall or Cindy Trudeau.



A rose was placed on the altar in September in memory of the birthday of Susan Mowlam, daughter of Isabell Rohweder. And a donation was made to the camp scholarship fund. Thank you, Isabell.

REMEMBER A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE ON ALL SAINTS DAY

On Sunday, October 31st during worship we will celebrate All Saints Day by remembering those friends and relatives who have passed away during the last year. A candle will be lit in their memory as names are read and a pictorial tribute is planned. If you would like to include a friend or relative who has passed away in the last year please contact Tina Mockbee at 419 276 0637 or the church office with the information. Pictures for the tribute may be dropped off with the church secretary for scanning and return.



VETERANS TO BE HONORED

The Board of Diaconate is seeking pictures of veterans for a Veterans Day honorary service. If you have a veteran or current service member in the family 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!

IT'S THE NAME GAME...

Let's help our new Pastor Jon and his wife Lauren learn our names a bit quicker by picking up our name tag in the vestibule before worship and return it after worship to the basket downstairs during coffee hour or the name tag holder. Help the new Pastor feel more welcome by making this a place where everyone's name is known to not just the Lord but the Pastor also! Stop and get that name tag this Sunday!



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as God cares for us.*