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## Fall BACK INTO WORSHIP

### SEPT. 11<sup>TH</sup> WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10:30 A.M.

As summer winds down we return to our fall schedule of Worship at 10:30 a.m.. Sunday school will be back in session with children's Sunday school held during worship, Adult and Sr. High Sunday School at 9:15a.m. Join us as things cool down in the sanctuary and "cozy up" to the Good Book with us on Sundays at 10:30! Coffee Hour follows at 11:30.



*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.*  
Ecclesiastes 3:1



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## Parish Paragraphs

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### **Weekly Schedule:**

**SUNDAY**  
**9:15am Church School**  
**10:30am Worship Service**  
**11:30am Coffee Hour**  
**Wednesday**  
**12:00N Bible Study**  
**Thursday**  
**8:00PM AA & Al-Anon**

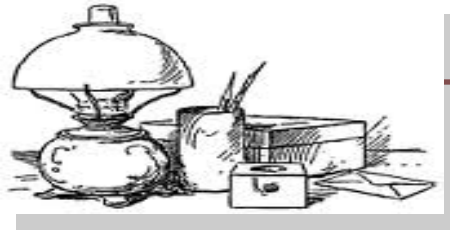


A few weeks ago, Lauren, Leah, and I packed up and headed down to Hocking Hills State Park with Lauren's family. It was a great trip. Leah spent much of the time riding around, taking in the beautiful scenery in a neat little hiking backpack. Lauren and I spent much of the time carefully navigating the gorges and trails with a little extra weight on our backs. Surprisingly, we came back fairly rested and refreshed with some good family time.

I got to thinking, naturally, about the other time I was in the Hocking Hills. It was my sophomore year of college and this particular day was a bit dark and rainy. In spite of that, six of us thoroughly enjoyed hours of hiking, climbing, and laughing at one another when we slipped and fell into mud puddles. The six of us were an odd group. We ranged from 5'6" to 6'8" in height; our majors covered the arts, sciences, business, and religion; we included freshmen, sophomores, and a junior. After a couple hours of hiking, we found a spot just off one of the trails and in view of a waterfall, took a seat, pulled out our pocket Bibles, and shared with each other some of our favorite passages and talked about how being out in Creation gave us a different perspective on God. For supper, we went to one of the guys' parents—who lived nearby—gathered around the dinner table, and shared a homemade feast.

What brought the six of us together that day? We were part of the same small group through one of our campus' ministries. We gathered every week in a dorm lounge to open up the

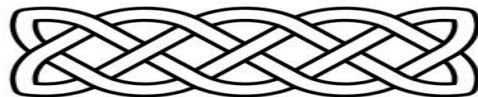




Scriptures, talk about how they impacted our lives, and pray for each other. Most of us were pretty early in our Christian journeys. I happened to be a co-leader for the group. Looking back, I really had very little idea what I was doing. We were just a group of guys who had encountered Jesus and his love for us at some point and wanted to learn what it meant to follow him.

Being part of that small community was one of the most important experiences of my life. The more I've learned about Jesus, the Bible, ministry, and the Church, I am convinced that this group had the impact it did because it was formed in harmony with some of the basic principles of God's design for the world and his Church: God is community and calls us to community, community happens when we deeply know others and are known by them, and real growth and healing happen when imperfect people form community around the perfect love of God.

So this fall (think October), you will have a chance to practice these principles. We're calling these communities FOCUS groups because their purpose is to Focus on Jesus, Obey God, Connect to others, Use our gifts, and Share our faith. I invite you and challenge you to take a step of faith and clear out time in your schedule to see what God can do for you, for others, for our congregation, and for his Kingdom as we seek to live out Gospel community together.



## SUMMER



## REVIEW

You can find Pastor Jon's blog at [www.pointplaceucc.com/blog](http://www.pointplaceucc.com/blog). Here are some of the summer's highlights. Please take a moment to share your own thoughts either online or with Pastor Jon in person:

July 3, *A Christian Nation?* "Should we let our faith influence our politics and our dreams for this nation? Absolutely. But trying to battle for some official association between the U.S. and Christianity is a waste of our valuable time and resources."

July 8, *Court of Appeal: why America watched the Casey Anthony trial* "Television channels air what gets ratings. So, I would suggest that the air time the trial received is less a commentary on the media and more a commentary on ourselves."

July 15, *Harry Potter: Anti-Christ or Christ Figure?* "So is Harry Potter more antichrist or Christ-figure? I would suggest we see him as a classic Christ-figure. Every Christ-figure comes up short of the real thing, but helps us to see the beauty and love of Jesus from a new perspective"

July 22, *Book Review: Heaven Is for Real* "*Heaven Is for Real* frankly left *me* wondering, 'What do I do with this?' In many ways, I want to believe it. In others, I find myself drawn away in skepticism."

July 29, *You Think It's Hot Here...* "Just like family, food, and sex, humor can be a wonderful blessing, but has the potential to be extremely harmful if it is taken out of the context for which it was designed."

Aug. 5, *What Just Happened Here? The debt ceiling debates* "Leadership is not just about making the right decisions or having the right ideas. It is about engendering trust in others, illustrating why one would want to follow, and being willing to hold oneself to the same standards to which one holds others."

# DIACONATE

## 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 or talk to Tina Mockbee 419 276 0637 or Andrea Arrichi.



## THANKS TO ALL WHO SHARED MUSICAL TALENTS THIS SUMMER

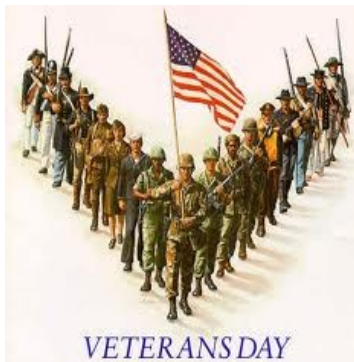
Our summer worship was enhanced by those who graciously shared their musical talents! Thanks go out to Emma Agosti-Bisbee and Jared Berger, Gabriella Arrichi, Ericka Winne, Tina Mockbee and Susan Korecki. If anyone would like to share during the fall season – Special Music time is always available! See Tina Mockbee for more info.

## REMEMBER A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE ON ALL SAINTS DAY

On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



## VETERAN'S 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](mailto:tmockbee@mcanwo.org) Thank you for your service and your pictures!



## *Feed my Sheep*

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### *Experiences a Setback and adds a new program*

It's been a busy summer for Feed My Sheep – in June we served a record number of clients – 109 (editors note: soon to be surpassed by our August meal with 114!)—so many, we actually ran out of the primary meal and had to switch to a back up entrée of spaghetti. In July, 71 guests enjoyed a hamburger and hot dog cook out grilled on the church lawn.

Since we received our donated freezer we stocked up on donated and sale meat items and had enough meat to cover at least 3 or 4 monthly meals. Sadly, in August we found the freezer left opened and all the meat had spoiled, consequently we lost over \$300 in meat products. A big thank-you to Jim Armstrong for hauling away the “stinky” meat!

Some meat had been stored offsite so we move into August serving a Mexican Casserole and have plans for September; donations of canned goods continue to come in from Mustard Seed – our pantry is filled with lots of good, wholesome non-perishable foods.

September's meal will be hearty casseroles – Turkey & noodles and ham and scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, rolls & butter and assorted desserts. We will serve on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 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, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

In a partnership with the Mission Board Feed My Sheep began a “take away bag” program in August. Season specific items will be available to guests on first come first served basis, one per family. August's “take away” bag featured school supply items. In September we will make up Paper Product take away bags to include a four pack roll of toilet paper, a roll of paper towels, a box of tissues, and hand soap. Please consider leaving a pre-made bag or items for a bag on the table in Paterson Hall.

**You can be a part of this program by –**

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***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

***DONATING***

- In September we are in need of donations of
  - cans of cream of mushroom soup
  - cans of French fried onions
  - Cash for the purchase of perishable items
- Sept. Take Away bag items
  - 4 rolls toilet paper
  - Rolls of paper towels
  - Boxed tissues
  - Hand soap

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

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**Feed Your Neighbor** collection for the month of September will be a focus on cereal and breakfast bars - hot cereal or cold. Please place your Feed Your Neighbor items in the cart at the back of the sanctuary. Donations are delivered to Mustard Seed weekly.

**The Giving Tree** will be a partnership with Feed My Sheep this month. Feed My Sheep would like to start giving away “take away” bags to families that come to the dinner. These bags will be different each month depending on what has been collected (toiletries, paper products, school supplies, etc.). For the September meal, we will be collecting “take away” bags of paper products. We would ask that a donation bag consist of the following:

4 pack roll of toilet paper

A roll of paper towels

Box of tissues

Hand soap

Please leave your donations on the Giving Tree table in Paterson Hall. This is a great way serve the needs of our community members that join us for a meal each month!

### SAVE THE DATE

**October 28-30, 2011**

**Downtown, Toledo, OH**



**Tent City**  
**Because 1Matters**

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.

Last year we noticed there is a great need for long underwear (specifically size XL), and men's clothing sizes XL and up. We will be collecting these items for the Giving Tree in October, but start thinking now of what you are able to donate. Long underwear is greatly needed!

Stay tuned for more information on how you can get involved this year!



## MISSION BOARD updates

A group of 6 volunteers helped with Nu-Vizion's CHEEP store on August 6. It was a blessing to be a part of their ministry for a day! Nu-Vizion meets the many needs of an individual by offering free clothing, a meal and providing a "take away bag" of shampoo, conditioner, soap etc.

- Relay for Life team total donations \$424.00. Donations support the American Cancer Society. We also received the "Last Tent Standing Award"!

A speaker from Mustard Seed will share the Mission Moment with us on September 25 during Sunday worship. Please join us!

THANK YOU!

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.

*Ericka WinnE*



## TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund		
2011	JULY	Year-to-Date
Expenses	\$8,251.75	\$77,634.43
Income	\$11,669.92	\$69,812.46
Difference	+\$3,418.17	- \$7821.97

## ELIZABETHAN NEWS



The recent summer meetings were special for the Elizabethans since we usually didn't meet during July and August. This was in place of the January and February meetings. We were glad of the nice weather allowing us to attend. As always, our readings and devotional prayers were the hi-light of our gatherings. The tasty treats were also enjoyed by all and a big thank you to Doris, Wanda, Betty and Lois for all the effort that went into the their making.

The most recent financial report is as follows: \$123.21 in the Elizabethan General Fund and \$364.40 in the Penny Fund. Recent checks were sent to cover cost for graduation pen and pencil sets and Grace Community Center for the Send-a-Kid-to-Camp Fund.

Sandy Cast kindly offered to give a talk on her and her husband Rick's recent trip to Alabama after the devastating storms that demolished the town where Rick's brother lived. Through friends and our church congregation, many needed items were given and shared among the other families there. All are slowly recovering and hope to soon have more livable quarters than the make-shift tents, trailers etc Sandy ended asking us to continue to pray for them.

Bonny Beebe told the group that Rev. Rainey and Gene Finnegan will give a slide presentation of their recent trip to Russia. Their talks are always interesting and the whole congregation is invited to attend the Oct. 3rd meeting with time to be announced.

**Next meeting scheduled is September 12th at 7 PM**

*"CRUSING DOWN THE RIVER"*  
*(Russia's Neva and Volga Rivers, that is)*

Mark your calendar today to travel with Gene Finnegan and John Rainey, when they present an hour of slides and commentary featuring their recent Russian voyage on the Neva and Volga Rivers. Visit the monumental St. Petersburg, Moscow, Yaroslavl, Uglich, Kuzino, Kizhi Island and more, featuring opulent palaces, fortified monasteries, and stunning cathedrals. Experience the history and culture of this unique and mysterious country.

**The Elizabethans sponsored evening is for all –  
Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Paterson Hall  
7:00 p.m.**



Thanks to all of our workers this year for the rummage sale, we had a great turnout (20 plus) people to help for setting up, selling and cleaning up. We put in a lot of hours, had a good variety of items that were donated (thanks to our members and friends) and a nice stream of customers. We had a profit of \$1300.00 to be used toward church expenses. Thanks again, Co-Chairs, Donna & Jim Armstrong, Kathy Placzkiewicz.



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Polish Dinner/Silent Auction to benefit the General Fund. Friday Oct 7th, 5p –7p. Tickets will be \$12 in advance, \$14 at the door. Kielbasa, Stuffed Cabbage, Pierogi, Vegetable, Coffee Cake, Dessert & Beverage. Children age 8-10, menu includes Mac & Cheese, Hot Dog, Dessert & Beverage for \$8. Also taking orders for Fresh Kielbasa, \$3.50 per pound. See insert for more information



Baby Shower to benefit Heartbeat of Toledo. Sponsored by Messiah Lutheran 4703 N. Summit Street, Gathering Room. Sept. 25th at noon. Enjoy a light lunch, play games and win prizes. See Insert for more information.

# Bulletin Board

