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# Rhonda's Reflections



#### **Jubilation to Share**

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A

pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in God means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Springtime is a great time to grow in our faith and love for God. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to God, the more we will want to share about God. We might not have the impact of the Apostle Paul in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

Spread the Great News....Christ is Risen. Invite someone to join you in worship this Sunday.

See you in Church, Rev. Rhonda



# A Word about Stewardship

One of the characteristics of Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee in Mark 1: 19-20. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I imagine most parents wouldn't be too happy if their kids left them on a hot summer day to finish the lawn or on a cold winters day to finish shoveling the snow by themselves.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

#### ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Don't forget that we now have online giving! It is available now by downloading Vanco Payment Solutions onto your mobile device by going to the app store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" the download is free. We also have a button on our website that will also take you to the Vanco site. This service is available for your convenience!

#### WAYS TO KEEP INFORMED DURING THIS PANDEMIC

Updates will be through **Call-Em-All**, and also posted on our webpage: <a href="https://www.stpaulsuccsm.com">www.stpaulsuccsm.com</a> and our Facebook page at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-United-Church-of-Christ-St-Marys-Ohio-244329649061259/">https://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-United-Church-of-Christ-St-Marys-Ohio-244329649061259/</a>

AGAPE MISSION: Our *goal again this year is 2000.* Let's get rolling early this year and put the rolls in the Elevette Room. Currently, our totals are 945 rolls of toilet paper and 374 bars of soap. If you would like for me to purchase rolls for you, I can do this. Just give your donation to me or the office. I will be glad to help out. So, let's just keep the paper rolling. Thank you for your past and present support of Agape projects. Jane Nuss.



**Deadline** for articles, announcements, etc. for the **June issue** of The Communicator will be **May 19**<sup>th</sup>.

# CONGRATS to two of our church members!

Congratulations to Katie Lucas who is Memorial High School's Franklin B. Walter Award recipient! Katie is a tremendous student, athlete, drum line leader and volunteer in our community. Katie will be attending Ohio Wesleyan where she will continue her soccer career. Her teacher of honor is Mrs. Frankenhauser who is our Assistant Director of Bands, Mrs. Frankenhauser is an amazing teacher who always brings a positive attitude and a commitment to improvement. We're so proud of these two Roughriders!!!



# Thank You for helping decorate the altar for Easter

Andrea Spencer
Marsha Landers and Family
Margaret Hunter
Schroer Family
Grace Young
Fred and Pam Scheer
Greg and Joan Leffel
Rhonda and David Hainer

Caywood Family Bill and Jane Nuss

#### Donated in memory of

Nanny and Papa Deitsch Mom and Dad Deitsch Kristine Hubble Robert Deitsch

# Jim's Musical Notes



"The Value of Hums"

by David Roper

Do you know why bees hum? It's because they can't remember the words!

Ironically, that old joke reminds me of a serious story that I read about a man awaiting heart bypass surgery. He was aware that people die during surgery. As he thought about all the things that could go wrong, he felt very much alone.

Then an orderly walked into his room to take him to surgery. As the young man began to push the patient's gurney along the corridor, the patient heard the orderly humming the ancient Irish hymn "Be Thou My Vision." It prompted his memories of lush green fields and the ancient stone ruins of Ireland, the land of his birth. The hymn flooded his soul like a fresh breath of home. When the orderly finished with that song, he hummed Horation Spafford's hymn, "It Is Well With My Soul."

When they stopped outside the surgical suite, the patient thanked the orderly for the hymns. "God has used you this day," he said, "to remove my fears and restore my soul." "How so?" the orderly asked in surprise. "Your hums' brought God to me," the man replied.

"The Lord has done great things for us" (Psalm 126:3). He has filled our heart with song. He may even use our "hums" to restore someone's soul.

Backstory: "Be Thou My Vision" originated more than 1000 years ago in Ireland. It was translated into English by Mary Byrne and popularized in the mid twentieth century.

From: Our Daily Bread "Tune My Heart to Sing"

**Jim's reaction:** So even if you don't know the words, keep humming. There may be someone listening. And if nothing else, it will help keep your focus on God.

# **Help Wanted -- NEEDED**

# Person(s) to fill in when Rich and/or Jim are gone on vacation

Video and sound are an important part of our weekly service.

Please prayerfully consider helping with multi media.

Contact Rich or Jim if interested.



# BREAKING BREAD COMMUNITY MEAL

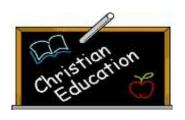
Breaking Bread will be serving from **4:30 to 5:15pm** (unless food is all gone before this). **Grab and Go from your car only.** Looking forward to providing delicious free meals to our community. Every Thursday except the first Thursday of the month.

May 13

May 27

May 20

BREAKING BREAD' COMMUNITY DINNER - If you would like to make a financial contribution to help with costs for the weekly community dinner, these will be gratefully accepted. Donations can be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to the church office. Please be sure to indicate your name on the envelope if you would like to receive credit on your giving statement. Contributions of #10 canned food are also accepted



# MAY BIRTHDAYS!

8 - Ella McCord

9 - Lucy Klosterman

31 - Sophie James



# **March Perfect Attendance**

#### Nursery

Jillian Frankenhouser

#### Pre K

Lucy Klosterman

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

**Toby Turner** 

Amelia Klosterman

#### 2nd Grade

Ethan Frankhouser

#### 3rd Grade

Henry Klosterman

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Nolan Frankenhouser

**Emily Turner** 

**Audrey Birt** 

# 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

N\A

# 6th Grade

N\A

## 7th Grade

Riley Anderson

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Caleb Turner

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

Cody Birt

# 10th Grade

**Brooke Turner** 

## Tyler Birt

# 12th Grade

Emma Birt

Leah Walter



# **MESSAGE FROM MARY**

May will be a busy month for all ages. We will be potting flowers/plants for Mother's Day, planting flowers around the church, and celebrating the High School Seniors and College students with their scholarships. Vacation Bible School is

scheduled for May 24, 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30p-7:30p. Please see the inserts (Registration form and Volunteer form). Forms **NEED TO BE RETURNED to church by May 10<sup>th</sup>.** 

We are planning a craft from the children to give their fathers for Father's Day to be handed out *before* the last day of Sunday School on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A special thank you to the parents/grandparents/guardians who bring their child to Sunday school each week. It is those of you who are helping teach the importance of church to our children. You have taught your child(ren) to give back to the church when they open their plastic baggie and drop their loose change into the Sunday school offering plate or Mission bucket. Children learn by observing, but more importantly, they learn by participating. So, keep coming, keep trying...we're glad you are here.

I also want to say thank you to the Sunday school teachers for the time and energy they have put in this year teaching the children at Sunday School. Thank you ALL for your hard work, time, and commitment that you have put into this Sunday school year. A special thank you goes out to Mark and Amy Dieringer for the wonderful job they have done with our church youth these last nine years. You two have been quite a blessing and will be missed.

Blessings, Mary Holtzapple



**Youth Director Opening:** St. Paul's United Church of Christ, St. Marys is seeking an energetic, organized and creative youth leader. Candidate must have excellent communication skills and be able to work with all age ranges of our congregation, with a focus on Senior High youth and school age children.

The person should be a lay member of the United Church of Christ or a person with like beliefs of the United Church of Christ. Position is part-time.

Send resumes to: St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Attn: Pastor Rhonda Hainer, 201 N. Perry Street, St. Marys OH 45885. Applications can also be picked up at this address.

# CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 2, at the 10:30 a.m. service, one of our young people will become confirmed and the newest member of our congregation, that young person is Caleb Turner.

Through confirmation we are confirming the fact that the candidates' parents have kept their vows to, "...teach...(their children)...that...(they)...may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior...," a covenant signed and sealed through the confirmand's baptism. Upon his confirmation and profession of Jesus as their Savior, he will be received into full membership and take part in communion with the rest of our members for the first time as a member of the church.

# Graduation/College/Scholarship Sunday

On Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 a.m. service we will be honoring those graduating from high school; those home from college; and those who'll be receiving scholarships this year from our congregation. It will be great to hear from each one about her or his plans for the future and news about their progress in their studies.

Come to worship in support of all these young ones of whom we all are so proud.



<u>Aluminum Can Recycling for the Youth Group</u> - Thank you to everyone who is saving aluminum cans for the **YOUTH GROUP**. We will continue to save, collect, and recycle cans. Cans need to be <u>rinsed out</u> and brought to St. Paul's - <u>just leave them behind the curtain under the stairs of the Creation Station door</u>. If you have a

lot of cans and would like to just take them on to recycling and donate the money, it may be just as easy once they are in your vehicle. Thank you for your support.

# **WOMEN'S NEWS**

# ARE YOU CRAFTY? DO YOU KEEP YOURSELF BUSY WITH CRAFTS OR HOBBIES?

The Women's Guild would like to have another Craft Show to coincide with their Fall Harvest Meal/Bake Sale. If you have the extra time this summer, maybe you could make and donate a craft?

### **QUILTERS**

Our quilting ladies meet on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to ??? in the sewing room. Questions? Call Margaret Hunter at 419-733-4332. (Note: We don't meet in the summer months)

#### MESSAGE OF THANKS TO THE WOMEN'S GUILD

Dear Samaritan Sisters,

Thank you for the get well and thinking of you cards as well as the gift cards I have received over the last couple of weeks. It was a nice surprise! I truly appreciate your prayers and thoughtfulness during this difficult time. I will start 33 radiation treatments in Columbus on April 20<sup>th</sup>. One more step in the path to a cure.

Thanks again,
Diane and Gary Steinbrunner



Dear Members of St. Paul's,

On behalf of the JTD Hospital Foundation, I wish to express our appreciation for your recent LIFESAVER notes of encouragement asnd support for the staff of JTDMH. Your kindness and support to our employees during this critical time is very much appreciated.

No matter what the emergency, history has proven that our communities come together. We help each other get through difficult times. Social Distancing will not prevent us from taking care of our patients when they are sick. We will be here for you.

Again, please accept our appreciation for your kindness. You are ALL so special! Thank you for caring about our healthcare workers and staff of Grand Lake Health System.

Sincerely, Linda Haines, RN, CFRM Executive Director

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Dear St. Paul's UCC of St. Marys,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Back Bay Mission. As a board member (from Ohio!), I can assure you it is valued and will be invested to see that those on the Gulf Coast get the help they need and we work to further justice.

Blessings, Crystal Ward Allen Back Bay Mission Board Member First Community Church of Columbus Member Dear Rev. Hainer and Members of St. Paul's,

Thank you for your continued support of Agape Ministries, Inc. Your continued support is always such a blessing and we want you to know that we don't take it for granted. We are sincerely grateful for all of your faithful contributions of basic hygiene items (toilet paper and bars of soap) which came to a combined total of 3024 in 2020.

Your generous donations, including monetary, continue to help our neighbors in need and we are truly thankful.

Patti Hamilton, Executive Director Agape Ministries, Inc.

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Dear Jeanette and her Back Bay Mission Team:

What a week that was! It was so exciting to love each and everyone of you down here in Biloxi, doing God's work. Coming down in faith that you would be able to work, love, have fun, and, again, do God's work.

Thank you for all of the hard work on the house in Gulfport. The siding, painting, door hanging and we can't forget the Micah Center, food pantry and, of course, all of the extras that you brought along the way to give to those less fortunate than ourselves.

We do hope it was a pleasant experience, and that you will come back.

Thanks everyone for your had work and just being you.

John, Chance, Paul and Craig Back Bay Mission



Dear church family,

Thank you for all of the Easter blessings received, as well as the visits, cards, calls, cookies and candy. Everything is very much appreciated.

#### Bea Lehman



# Baptism

On April 25, 2021, the church through baptism welcomed Ruby Kay Laman, daughter of Chad and Leslie Laman.



Our sympathy to the family and friends of the following member(s) who have passed away since the last newsletter:

- Michael Meyer (non-member) March 23, 2021\*
- Dorothy McMullen March 28, 2021\*

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates Pastor Rhonda conducted services.



- To the Endowment Fund in memory of Dorothy McMullen: Ron and Margaret Hunter
- To the Elevator Fund in memory of Dorothy McMullen: Adele Fast, Carol Waesch
- To the Technology Fund in memory of Dorothy McMullen: Steve and Leslie Hullinger
- To the Memorial Fund in memory of Dorothy McMullen: Dorothy Quellhorst, Ralph and Marsha Heckler, Karen and Deverre Knickel, Madelyn Wurster, and Jeanette Tangeman.
- To the Building Fund in memory of Dorothy McMullen: Lynn and Carol Schmidt
- To the Memorial Fund in memory of Paul L. and Virginia L.
   Steva: Tom and Joan Steva



- If you will be going to the hospital or if someone you know is hospitalized, please call the church office and let us know.
- Please call the church office with address corrections or if you do not see your **Birthday** or **Anniversary** listed during the correct month. Call 419-394-3811. Thank you!!
- <u>CALL-EM-ALL</u> Please let the church office know if you are experiencing any problems with the Call-Em-All phone messages. <u>Also, if you would like to be removed from the calling list, listen to the broadcast and at the end follow their</u>

# <u>directions to 'opt out' of any future broadcasts - this will</u> <u>remove your number from the calling list.</u> Thank you!

- "hainer@bright.net Rev. Hainer's e-mail address.
- smucc@bright.net church e-mail address. Use this to e-mail articles for the newsletter/messages for the Sunday bulletin.
- christianed@bright.net Christian Education and Youth Director email address.
- cschmidt@stpaulsuccsm.com to contact Carol Schmidt for the Email Prayer Team Requests.
- spmedia@bright.net to contact Jim Huckemeyer or Rich Spencer email address.
- www.stpaulsuccsm.com church web site address and most current worship service videos can be seen here.
- Televised worship service- our worship service here at St.

  Paul's is shown on TSC cable Digital channel 1 OR nondigital channel 2, every Sunday at 10:30 am and also on

  Monday evenings at 7:00 pm. There is a one week delay of the service shown.

# STAFF OF ST. PAUL'S UCC:

- ... Rev. Rhonda Hainer, Pastor
- ... Carolyn Garrison, Administrative Assistant
- ... Amy & Mark Dieringer, Youth Directors
- ... Jim Huckemeyer, Director of Music
- ... Maddy Frankenhauser, Director of Children's Music
- ... Andrea Spencer, Organist
- ... Ann Vogel, Organist
- ... Cynthia Hanover, Pianist
- ... Becky Anderson, Pianist
- ... Bob Schumacher, Custodian
- ... Rich Spencer, Audio and Video
- ... Carol Schmidt, Email Prayer Team Contact
- ... Mary Holtzapple, Christian Ed Coordinator
- ... Kim Opperman, Church School Superintendent
- ... Amy Keller, Confirmation Teacher
- ... Kim Opperman, Nursery Supervisor

<u>EYEGLASSES FOR THE NEEDY</u> - collected by the church school classes. Donated glasses should be placed in the basket at the North entrance to the sanctuary.

<u>Kroger Fund Raiser for the Women's Guild</u> – If you would like to support Women's Guild with the Kroger fundraiser, log on to: <u>www.krogercommunityrewards.com</u> to sign up & register your Kroger Plus card. <u>NPO# is **SK5720**</u>. If you do not use the internet, but would like to sign up, please contact Jane Nuss or Kris Vanderhorst.

<u>LIFT CHAIR</u> is available for 'loan' to anyone in the church who might have a need for it. Please call the church office for more information.

<u>ATLAS 600 VISION MACHINE – QUANTITY OF 2</u> - to assist those who have vision problems with reading books, newspapers, prescription labels, writing personal checks or viewing family photographs - making this possible with video magnifiers.

<u>WALKERS</u> - If you have need of a walker for assistance in getting around, please call the church office. One of our church members has several different type walkers, which are available for loan.

**RESTROOM ITEMS:** If you have a need for shower chairs, toilet seat elevators and hand-held shower adapters, please call the church office. One of our church members has graciously donated a few of these items.

<u>LAMINATOR</u> - available in the church office. This is used by the Sunday School teachers for classroom projects and activities and by the office staff. We will also laminate items for church members for a fee of \$1.00 per item (<u>NOTE: maximum size we can laminate is 8 ½ x 11 inches</u>).

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** - are distributed by quarterly mailing. Please notify the church office if you are not receiving envelopes and would like to be added to this mailing list. Also.....PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

**COPIES** - if you need copies made of any personal items, you may stop by the church office and we will be glad to make them for you. If it is a large project, it is best to call ahead. Cost for making copies for church members is 15 cents per copy if you use the office paper or 10 cents per copy if you bring your own paper.

THE DVD/CD DUPLICATOR in the church office enables us to make multiple copies of the morning worship service. Please call the church office to request a copy. The charge for duplicating a DVD will be \$2.00 each. Monthly sets of worship DVD's can also be mailed at a cost of \$10.00 per month. Call the church office for more information.

#### **2021 CHURCH OFFICIALS**

**President of Congregation** Jeff Dieringer **Vice-president of Congregation** Darren Cavwood **President of Consistory 2021** Marsha Landers Vice-president of Consistory 2021

Lynda Hadley

2021 Members of Consistory

**Elders:** Jane Nuss Marsha Landers Joan Leffel Mary Holtzapple

> Kevin Gehres Lori Now

Lynn Schmidt Melinda Silber Deacons:

> Lynda Hadley Kelly Kill

Susan Braun Linda McDonald Jennifer Ginter Susan Spencer Becky Anderson Jill Dickman Carol Schmidt Jen Lucas

Kyle Opperman, Larry Kill and DeWayne Marsee Trustees:

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### March 2021:

#### **Current Fund:**

- Budgeted through March 31, 2021 = \$ 65,856.51
- Received through March 31, 2021 = \$ 54,011.04
- Expenses through March 31, 2021 = \$ 59,166.28
- Received through March 31, 2020 = \$ 56,627.53

#### **Mission Fund:**

- Budgeted through March 31, 2021 = \$ 3,750.00
- Received through March 31, 2021 = \$ 2,313.00
- Received through March 31, 2020 = \$ 3,425.00

#### Status of 2021 Budget:

#### **Current Fund:**

- Budgeted through April 30, 2021 = \$ 87,808.68
- Budgeted through April 18, 2021 = \$ 76,832.59
- Received through April 18, 2021 = \$ 68,854.81

## **Mission Fund:**

- Budgeted through April 30, 2021 = \$ 5,000.00
- Budgeted through April 18, 2021 = \$ 4,375.00
- Received through April 18, 2021 = \$ 4,640.00

#### **MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2021 CONSISTORY MEETING**

The regular meeting of St. Paul's UCC Consistory was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Marsha Landers. President Marsha opened the meeting with a daily reflection and prayer.

**Present:** Elders: Jane Nuss, Mary Holtzapple, Kevin Gehres, Lori Now, Joan Leffel and Marsha Landers; *Trustees:* Larry Kill, DeWayne Marsee and Kyle Opperman; *Deacons:* Lynda Hadley, Kelly Kill, Jennifer Ginter, Carol and Lynn Schmidt, Linda McDonald, Susan Braun, Becky Anderson, Jill Dickman and Jen Lucas. Also

present were, Treasurer, David Dickman, Administrative Assistant Carolyn Garrison, Custodian Bob Schumacher and guest Jim Huckemeyer.

# **<u>Christian Education and Nurture:</u>** Mary Holtzapple

 Christian Ed held a meeting on Maundy Thursday prior to services to discuss Vacation Bible School. VBS is scheduled for May 24-26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Mary said that they will be using the "i wonder..." VBS curriculum.

#### Minutes:

Minutes from the March 10, 2021, meeting were reviewed.
 Kelly Kill made a motion to approve the minutes. Linda
 McDonald seconded. Motion carried.

# Financial Report: David Dickman

 David reviewed the Financial Report for the month of March 2021. There being no other questions, President Marsha asked to file the financial report for review by the church Administrative Assistant.

## **President's Report:** No report

<u>Pastor's Report:</u> Marsha Landers for Rev. Rhonda Hainer who is on vacation this week

 Pastor Rhonda is inquiring as to when we can return the hymnals to the pews. After a brief discussion, Lynda Hadley made a motion to return the hymnals, Bibles and pew cards to the pews. Jane Nuss seconded. Motion carried.

# **Loose Offering:** Marsha Landers

After some discussion of choices, Jill Dickman made a
motion for the May loose offering to go to the Robert
Hirschfeld Foundation and the June loose offering to go to
The ROC. Jennifer Ginter seconded the motion. Motion
carried.

#### Budget and Finance: David Dickman

 David reported that we are still receiving some money in for the elevator fund. With the elevator already being paid for and the balance of the money that was due for the elevator coming out of the Building Fund, those donations will go into the Building Fund as discussed in a prior Consistory meeting.

## **Trustees:** Kyle Opperman

- The new valve for the boiler has been replaced
- Remind everyone that doors throughout the inside of the building cannot be blocked/locked due to being a fire hazard.
- Carolyn asked when the asphalt contractors were going to be doing the parking lot. Kyle stated that it will happen sometime once the temperature is above 75°.
- Lynda Hadley asked permission to have a "mulching party" as it has been since 2019 that we have mulched. The trustees approved Lynda's request.

#### **Elders:** Jane Nuss

 Communion went well on Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday. Next communion is Confirmation on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and then Pentecost Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Deacons:** No report

Christian Mission and Outreach: No report

Personnel: Jen Lucas

• We have received one application for Youth Director. We have a group interview scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>. Members of the group will be myself, Lori Now, Pastor Rhonda, Jeff Dieringer as a representative of the congregation, we have also asked Lyndsey Clausing and Brad Speckman as youth representatives. This should be a nice diverse group to be able to develop some questions to ask this individual to really try and get an idea of their knowledge and experience of what they would bring to the role and what they anticipate for some activities/ideas to engage the youth.

## Stewardship Committee: Kevin Gehres

 The committee met toward the end of March and finished up the postcards for the hospital along with lifesavers with

- them. Joni Leffel explained that there was a saying on each postcard about being a lifesaver and attached a lifesaver to each postcard. The postcards were dropped off to Linda Haines at the hospital and she distributed them to the various offices. Carolyn Garrison spoke up and said that the church has received a nice Thank You Note from Linda and it will be in the next newsletter.
- Kevin passed out some brochures and explained that dating back to the search committee, a tri-fold brochure had been put together for the search committee packets and he also handed them out at the Mom-2-Mom Sale last year as well. The Stewardship Committee spoke with the Chamber of Commerce and our initial hope was that the Chamber gave out Welcome Bags. What we discovered was that they don't really give out Welcome Bags, but they had brochures available for people. The committee made some adjustments and updated some things. Lori Now graciously did that for us and what we see now is the updated product. Joni printed off 300 and those will go to the Chamber. Kevin went on to say that one of the ideas that he has had, but has not brought up to the committee, was to rubber band a brochure to each candy bar that is handed out to visitors, unless the Evangelism Committee would like to take that on. Kevin stated that Stewardship and Evangelism tends to cross over and overlap.

## **Old Business:**

 Marsha Landers asked if anyone was interested in becoming the chairperson of the Long-Range Committee or the Evangelism Committee. Jen Lucas stated that she doesn't have the time to chair the Long-Range Committee due to the commitment of chairing the Personnel Committee. There was some discussion about the Evangelism Committee and Christian Mission and Outreach Committee could possibly be a combined committee. It was decided to table the discussion until another time.

#### **New Business:**

- Jane Nuss asked if anyone knew what happened to doing the Mom-2-Mom Sale at our church. It was discussed that Amy Dieringer was always in charge of it and that there is one currently scheduled at Wayne Street. It was explained that anyone can hold one of these sales as it is not just a specific outside group.
- Marsha Landers asked Consistory if the church should rename the "Elevette Room." Two suggested names were Narthex and The Maurer Room. Other suggestions were "Reception Room/Area" "Elevator Room." Discussion was tabled until another time.
- Marsha Landers brought a request from Jeanette
  Tangeman to Consistory. Terry Tangeman's daughter would
  like to borrow the church popcorn popper for her
  daughter's wedding in August. The daughter has experience
  running a popper as she has run the Wapakoneta
  concession stands in the past. After some discussion, it was
  approved as long as the popper was returned completely
  cleaned.
- Lynn Schmidt asked about what time we would have our summer worship. After much discussion, the matter was tabled until next month when Pastor Rhonda would be in attendance.
- Jim Huckemeyer asked if he could have the choir robes cleaned. There was some discussion about cost. Lynda Hadley offered to take a robe in to the drop off service at Wagner IGA and get a quote from their service as LACO (run by Sunset Cleaners) has become quite pricey.

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm and went into executive session which then adjourned at 7:20 pm. Jill Dickman made the motion to adjourn and Kyle Opperman seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

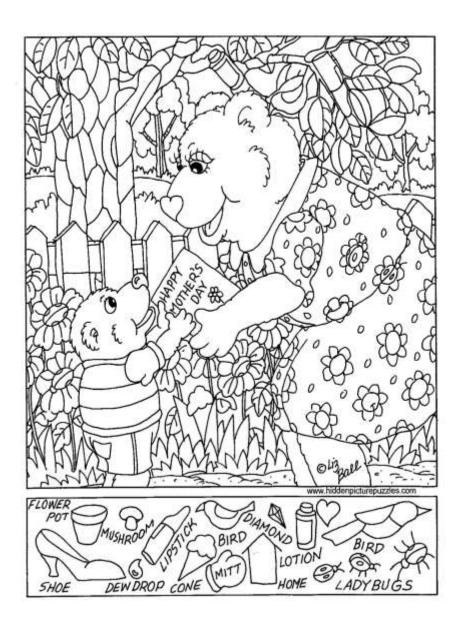
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I hope your dreams take you...
to the corners of your smiles,
to the highest of your hopes,
to the windows of your opportunities,
and to the most special places
your heart has ever known."



# **Memorial Day**

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