

The Parish Portrait

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From the Pastor's Desk

Christ Arose!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Ian Lawton shared a story that took place in Japan in 1993 in a University: A dormant seed blossomed into a beautiful Magnolia. That does not seem out of the ordinary, except that the seed was 2300 years old. 11 years before that, the seed had been found in a tomb. A professor took the seed, watered and nurtured it, and it blossomed into a 7 ft. tree. For hundreds of years this seed had held onto its genetic code, while civilizations rose and fell all around it, and it finally blossomed. The seed held onto its promise of life, waiting for resurrection, while nature ebbed and flowed, and generations came and went.

As amazing as this story is, it pales in comparison to the Easter gospel. Christ arose and promises us that as his disciples we shall live also. That promise continues to strengthen Laura and me as we keep the vigil for her dying mother. Trusting in Christ, Ruth Ellen will not be destroyed by death. As a daughter of God she will blossom to new life on heaven's shore.

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Indeed, we shall all one day be at the feet of Jesus.

“When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!”

In Christ,

Greg and Laura Leigh

Roof Project Update

Wortman Brothers contacted me yesterday and is planning on starting the roof next week weather permitting. It appears the weather is to improve after Monday and will be doing it in sections as windows of opportunity allows. I discussed pre-school and insurance concerns with them as well as notifying us and pre-school about where they intend to be and working safely. Entry to pre-school may need to be altered from time to time depending on the side of the roof they are working on. They thought the North side would be a good place to start. Weather also needed to be a priority to insure leaks and potential damage to exposed areas would be avoided.

Also Charlie and I have discussed the sink drain in the old kitchen and tentatively scheduled it for Saturday morning for those who are available. Not sure what all we will find once we tackle this.

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United Methodist Women

The Program and Membership book for the United Methodist Women for 2010 is now available. Please see Cindy Mollenkopf or Lynn Johnson for details.

Meeting to be held April, 7:00pm

Program: Fashion Fantasy

Persons: Vicki Saylor

Greeter: Linda Holden

Hostesses: Jean Wittung, Judy Farmer

Administrative Board

Beginning in January, meetings are held the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M. Administrative Board Chairman, Rick Mollenkopf. The last Administrative board meeting till fall will be 4th Thursday in May.

The administrative board would like to invite all administrative board members to attend. We are deciding on the direction of many important issues that face our church family. We would love to have input from everyone.

Christian Education

The Christian Education committee is still collecting old Sunday school or Bible School materials to donate them to Church missions in Appalachia. The box is for collecting them is labeled in the social room.

Food Pantry

The pantry is supported by area churches and organizations with donations of money and food items. If you know of a family that might be hungry, please offer them help at the food pantry. Jesus says, "Feed my Sheep". Donations of non perishable items may be placed in the old kitchen downstairs or call Vicki to pick up your items. Thank you to Robert & Tim Wertemberger for helping to serve. Contact coordinator Vicki Saylor for more information.

Items that are needed are laundry soap, paper products, shampoo, deodorant, soap. Canned soups are low. Thanks for all your donations this past year.

A Blast from Portraits Past

5 years ago, March 2005

Our Palm Sunday service totaled 312, with 42 attendees at the contemporary service. Easter Sunday showed 280 people attended one of our services. Thanks to Susie Baska, editor.

20 years ago, March 1990

There are numerous hymns in our hymnal. Some might be favored more by certain groups of people. The following list appeared in the April 1990 Parish Portrait compliments of Louise Wertemberger, editor.

21 years ago, April 1989

Please enjoy the Find the Right Thousand Quiz compliments of the April 1989 Parish Portrait and the story of the Lenten Commitment. Thanks to Janet Dawson, editor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you have any upcoming events you would like to have included in the next Parish Portrait please e-mail klpp1985@gmail.com or write it down and put it in the box marked Parish Portrait in the vestibule.

Maundy Thursday	April 1 st	7pm
Communion Service (Next Communion May 1 st)		
Good Friday	April 2 nd	1pm
Youth Sunday Sunrise Service	April 4 th	7am
Easter Sunday	April 4 th	
UMW Program	April 7 th	7pm
Conformation Begins	April 18th	
Administrative Board	Thursday March 25 th	7:00pm
Trustees	Thursday March 18 st	7:00pm
Lions Club Meetings	1 st & 3 rd Monday	October thru May

Why Did Jesus Fold the Napkin?

- > Why did Jesus fold the linen burial cloth after His resurrection?
- > I never noticed this....
- > The Gospel of John (20:7) tells us that the napkin, which was placed
- > over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave
- > clothes.
- > The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was
- > neatly folded, and was placed at the head of that stony coffin.
- > Early Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came
- > to the tomb and found that the stone had been rolled away from the
- > entrance.
- > She ran and found Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom
- > Jesus loved. She said, 'they have taken the Lord's body out of the
- > tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!'

- > Peter and the other disciple ran to the tomb to see. The other
- > disciple out ran Peter and got there first. He stopped and looked in
- > and saw the linen cloth lying there, but he didn't go in.
- > Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen
- > wrappings lying there, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head
- > was folded up and lying to the side.
- > Was that important? Absolutely!
- > Is it really significant? Yes!
- > In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you
- > have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day.
- > The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every
- > Jewish boy knew this tradition.
- > When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure
- > that it was exactly the way the master wanted it.
- > The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait,
- > just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the
- > servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was
- > finished.
- > Now if the master were done eating, he would rise from the table,
- > wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up
- > that napkin and toss it onto the table.
- > The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days,
- > the wadded napkin meant, "I'm finished."
- > But if the master got up from the table, and folded his napkin, and
- > laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table,
- > because.....
- > The folded napkin meant,

"I'M COMING BACK!"

Thanks to Susie Baska for this submission!

CHURCH NOTES TO KNOW

FLOWER CALENDAR

The new flower calendar for 2010 is on the bulletin board. The price is \$27. Please sign up for the Sunday you are that interests you.

NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING

If you would like to have an article published in any of the local newspapers. Please let Margaret Miller know at: 419-749-2513

Church Nursery

It will be available during the worship service. If you would be able to help out a Sunday, please contact Tina Pawlick, Nursery Coordinator or there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board

Easter Cantata

Adult Choir will begin practice for the Easter Cantata, "Amazing Grace" If you would like to sing in an Easter presentation, this is your opportunity.

Convoy UM Coffee House

A big thank you to Judy Farmer for the refreshments of coffee and sweet treats before the 9:30am service available in the vestibule. It's Great!!

Fort Wayne Rescue Mission Outreach

Thank you for all the generous donations of Pie filling and pie crusts for the Easter Sunday Dinner for those who need it most.

Parish Portrait going on Summer Break

The Parish Portrait will put out a one more issue in May before the summer break. If you have any news you would like published prior to the summer recess, please sent it to klpp1985@gmail.com or put it in the Parish Portrait basket in the vestibule.

See you again in September!!

Prayer Concerns

Troy Hammond, Dick Burdon, Madison Ringwald, Sondra Shepherd, John Kiehl, Alice Gehres, Janice Taylor, Mary Evans, Mark Dingus, Karen Kreischer, Robin Egler, Deb Winnenger, Paula Koenemann, Vickie Gleckler Troyer, Genia McOmber, and the families of Ruth Hensel, Carrie Dawson, Mary Cherry and Ron Rase. Unspoken Requests

(Van Crest), Donna Hoblet; (Hearth & Home) Bryan Stewart, Jean McClure, Jim Ryan.

Please place additions or corrections in the green basket in the vestibule or downstairs on the typewriter.

My dear friends do not be surprised at the painful test you are suffering, as though something unusual were happening to you. Rather be glad that you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may be full of joy when His glory is revealed.

I Peter 4:12, 13 TEV



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Enter to Worship..., Depart to Serve*

Contemporary Service

A Contemporary Service is offered every Sunday morning at 11:11 a.m. This is held at the former Hall Lumber office downtown, located along the railroad tracks east of Main Street. It's a service filled with songs and praise. It is a casual and more relaxed Service than 9:30 service. We still offer all the same sacraments.

The Service is hosted by our praise band called "Crossroads". Members include:

Guitarist Pastor Leigh
Lead Vocal Jeff Gleckler, Keyboard Laura Leigh,
Drums Fred Fegley, Bass Guitar Matt Leigh or Jon
Leigh, Female Vocalist Rita Miller

Casual dress such as jeans, T-Shirts, and ball caps are acceptable at this service. Refreshments are offered to be enjoyed throughout the service. Not on time for the beginning, not a problem. You're welcome to come in and join us whenever you get there. It's very informal, and air conditioned. You're always welcome to come join us.

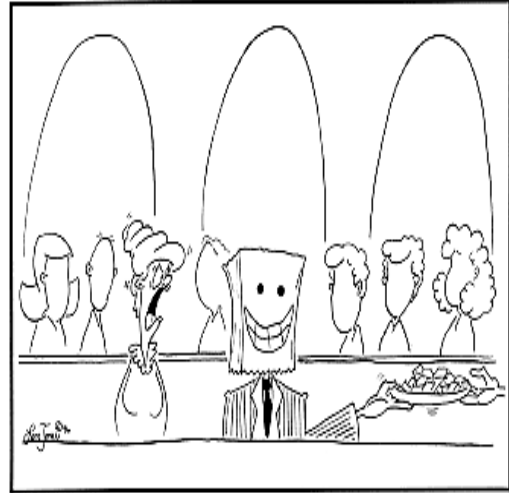
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ALTAR EGO by Len Jones



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Don't forget to check us out on the web at www.convoyumc.org for service streaming and more content about what's going on at Convoy United Methodist.

