

The Parish Portrait

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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Harmon D. Moore told a story recently about a man who had admonished his son for repeatedly disobeying him. Finally he said to him, "Son, if you do that once more you are going up in the attic without your dinner and spend the night." The son, naturally, did it again to test his father and threat was carried out. The father gave his son a glass of water and a piece of bread and sent him to the attic.

Later, however, the father joined his son in the attic, and the boy spent the most memorable night of his life with his head upon his father's shoulder.

This story reminds me of the season of lent during which we acknowledge our sins and our human weaknesses. Often times we are deeply grieved by the consequences of our actions. Yet in the season of lent we also cast our focus upon a lonely hill outside Jerusalem where our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ revealed just how much we are loved by God. From that old rugged cross the Savior cries out to all humanity: "See how much I love You!"

Today, embrace that forgiving and reconciling love of God. For the love of God is a love that will never let go!

Grace and Peace,

Greg Leigh, pastor



Mission Committee

The Valentines dinner was a tremendous success and the donations will provide \$1230.00 to help with materials and expenses experienced by our mission team as they travel to Biloxi Mississippi on Feb 27, 2010. The winter mission trip will be leaving February 27 and proceeding to Ocean Springs Mississippi to help on the ongoing rebuilding from hurricane Katrina. They will return on Sunday March 7.

Mission Giving Report 2009

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| Chad & Andy Irwin | \$210.00 |
| Crestview Enrichment (grades 7-12) | \$215.00 |
| Crestview Bible Center (grades K-6) | \$445.00 |
| Ft. Wayne Rescue Mission | \$125.00 |
| Grace Children's Hospital | \$100.00 |
| Rick & Monica Haberkamp | \$200.00 |
| Local Needs | \$2214.06 |
| Mission Trip | \$1199.75 |
| OMS International | \$100.00 |
| Projector Screen | \$1300.00 |
| Salvation Army | \$557.75 |
| United Methodist Children's Home | \$35.00 |

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Easter Calendar of Events

The youth group will be officiating at the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday beginning at 7:00am.

Breakfast will be served between the Sunrise and Main 9:30am Service.

There will be children's activities including and Easter egg hunt. Contact Kathy McClure for more information or to volunteer to help.

The 11:11am service will be combined with the 9:30am on Easter Sunday and there will be no Sunday School following the Easter Service.

There are going to be about 10 people from our church going to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission to serve Easter Dinner. We have asked for the Church to furnish fruit pies to take to the mission. Larry Dealey will once again furnish 100 pie crusts. For more information please contact Jon Hall.

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 March 3, 7:00pm

Program: Prayer & Self Denial

Persons: Marie Sanfilippo

Greeters: Karen Bullinger, Sue Baumgartner

Hostesses: Linda Holden

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men will have a breakfast meeting on March 7, 2010 at 7:30 A.M. in the fellowship hall. Please join us on this morning for the fellowship and fantastic food prepared by Iron Chef Jim Hammonds.

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 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 will be having a Spring Cleaning day March 21st. We would any one who has old Sunday school materials around their house to bring them to the church we will be donating them to Church missions in Appalachia.

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 Wertenberger 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

6 years ago, March 2004

The Church Astronomy Club met on Sunday March 28 at the former Hall Lumber office. They used 3-D viewing glasses donated by Family Video in Van Wert to look at 3-D images of Mars. WOW! The event was open to the public. Thanks to Susie Baska, editor.

20 years ago, March 1990

The more things change, the more they stay the same. See below a submission from the March 1990 Parish Portrait from Wm K. Cunningham, Treasurer of International Child Care – UMCOR. Thanks Louise Wertenberger, editor.

21 years ago, March 1989

Please enjoy this Easter Cross from the March 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.

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| UMM Breakfast | March 7 th | 7:30am |
| Hoop it up for Life | March 14 th | |
| Daylight Savings Begins | March 14 th | |
| Spring Begins | March 20 th | |
| Spring Cleaning Day | March 21 st | |
| Palm Sunday | March 28 st | |
| Confirmation Classes Begin | March 14 th | |
| Passover | March 30 th | |
| 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 | |

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| 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 |

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| Van Wert Co. Special Olympics | \$105.00 |
| Convoy Preschool | \$145.00 |
| Convoy Fire & EMS | \$210.00 |
| Channel 44 TV | \$100.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$115.00 |
| Gideons | \$358.00 |
| Habitat Van Wert | \$200.00 |
| McCurty School | \$100.00 |
| Nothing But Nets | \$100.00 |
| Pregnancy Life Center | \$450.00 |
| Red Cross | \$25.00 |
| Unicef | \$51.46 |
| Youth for Christ | \$210.00 |
| Undesignated | \$1215.00 |
| Total | \$10,086.02 |

A BIG THANK YOU!!

The Miller Family would like to thank anyone who helped make the Valentines Day dinner a success, especially Bright Eyes Catering for the meat. We had a great Turn out and appreciate all the help. Can't wait till next year! Thanks!

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.

Pregnancy Life Center

The Pregnancy Life Center will be having a "Hoop it Up For Life" day to be held on Saturday March 13th from 9am to noon at Trinity Friends Church Family Life Center, 605 N. Franklin Street, Van Wert. 419-238-2788 or 888-504-8149. There will be a Free Throw Shooting Contest, Trophies and Pictures will be available. Register the day of the event for \$5.00 or a BFWO (Best Free Will Offering).

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!!

Easter Sunday Morning Treat

We are thrilled to have Crossroads perform as part of the combined Easter Sunday Services.

Fort Wayne Rescue Mission Outreach

Donations of canned fruit pie filling will be gladly accepted from now until Palm Sunday, 3/28/10. They can be dropped off downstairs in the main Sunday school room next to the preschool. For more information please contact Jon Hall.

Prayer Concerns

Troy Hammond, Ruth Hensel, Dick Burdon, Madison Ringwald, Sondra Shepherd, John Kiehl, Alice Gehres, Janice Taylor, Mary Evans, Steve Reno, Mark Dingus, Karen Kreischer, Robin Egler, Deb Winnenger, Unspoken Requests

(Van Crest), Donna Hoblet; (Hearth & Home), Mary Cherry; (Convoy Care), Bryan Stewart, Carrie Dawson, Irene Adams, Jean McClure.

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

Speak the Word only, and My servant shall be healed.

Matthew 8:8 KJV



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Enter to Worship..., Depart to Serve

Relay for Life Cookie Buffet

Taylor and Katie Hughes will be holding their annual Relay for Life Cookie Buffet on Sunday, March 21. There will be a huge variety of cookies and treats. You can buy our delicious snacks before or after the 9:30 service. They will be displayed in the vestibule by the coat rack. So come buy your cookies and remember it's for a good cause.

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

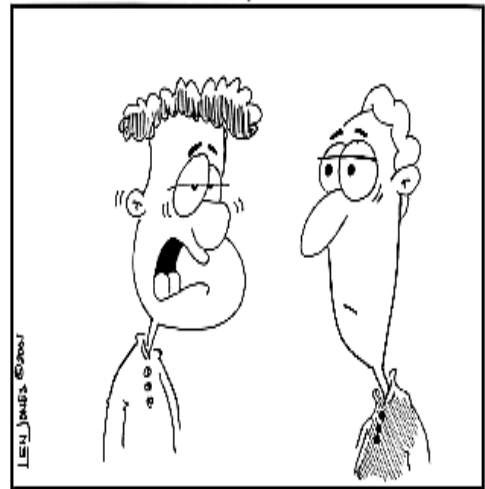
Casual dress such as jeans, T-Shirts, and ball caps are acceptable at this service. Refreshments are offered to be enjoyed throughout the service. Not on time for the beginning, not a problem. You're welcome to come in and join us whenever you get there. It's very informal, and air conditioned. You're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

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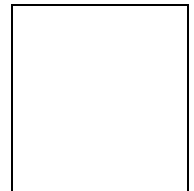
Comic Relief

ALTAR EGO. by Len Jones



"I was just fine with the concept of sharing my faith until Pastor said we actually had to talk to people."

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.



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Below is reprinted from the March 1990 Parish Portrait, Louise Wertenberger, editor

Missions Continued...

International Child Care (USA) - UMCOR

Dear Friends,

During the past 12 years I have made 11 trips to Haiti and each time I have walked into a ward room at Grace Children's Hospital I have renewed my commitment to do something to reverse this imbalance among God's children. We have so much; they have so little. We sometimes forget we are among the worlds' most fortunate, but they can never forget they are at the other end, in one of the world's poorest countries. You have chosen to do something about this as well and we are thankful you chose International Child Care for your recent gift thought UMCOR.

Sincerely,

Wm. K. Cunningham,

Treasurer, ICC/USA