

The Parish Portrait

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From the Pastor's Desk

Christ Arose!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Rev. King Duncan recently shared a children's message that speaks to all ages. He was lifting up these beautiful words of comfort from Revelation 7:17 "...and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." He then introduced the following story:

How many of you have a box of Kleenex at home? These are really handy around the house. Did you know, Kleenex was first invented during World War I? That was more than ninety years ago. A company made thick sheets of cotton that they used as a special bandage for soldiers who were wounded in the war. Also, this thick, cotton sheeting was use as a filter in gas masks, so that soldiers on the battlefield wouldn't breathe in all the harmful gases and chemicals. But after the war was over, the company didn't have any use for their thick, cotton sheets. So they made the sheets thinner and softer and began selling them as Kleenex. Now we use them to blow our nose when we have a cold. Also, we use Kleenex today our tears when we cry.



King Duncan then asked the children if they ever cried when they got really mad, or when someone hurt their feelings, or when they fell down. He assured the children that God wants to dry up our tears and make us happy again. God doesn't send down a gigantic Kleenex from Heaven to wipe away our tears. But if we pray about our problems, and tell them to God, the He will help us to deal with them!

Surely this is a message to comfort children of all ages! May the Lord of all eternity be your comfort now an forevermore.

In Christ,

Greg Leigh, pastor

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Mission Report

A group of 6 men made up the mission team this year and traveled to Ocean Springs, Mississippi to spend the week of March 5-9. Our main goal was to replace a large roof on a one-story home at Moss Point, Mississippi. On Monday and Tuesday they were calling for and it did rain so we were sent to another home in Gautier, Mississippi where we laid some ceramic floors and installed the trim through out the house. Then on Wednesday morning we were off to do that roof. Five people from Pennsylvania accompanied us, which consisted of 4 women and 1 guy. So you gals our there don't need to feel you can't go. By the time came on Friday for us to leave we had completely removed the old shingles, resheeted the entire roof, and had about 75% of the new shingles installed. The group we worked with was the Lutheran Episcopal Services of Mississippi. They did have another group coming in the following week that would be able to finish the roof. On the trip home the group visited Ft. Gaines in Mobil, Alabama, the unclaimed baggage facility in Alabama, the Hermitage and Acropolis in Nashville, Tenn., and the Corvette Museum in Kentucky. The Mission committee appreciates all those who attended the Valentine Dinner or make donations to help with the materials and expenses of the trip.

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 May 5th 7:00pm

Program: Van Wert Hospice

Persons: Lynn Johnson

Greeter: Lynn Johnson

Hostesses: Van Wert Hospice

The next meeting will be held on September 8th at 7:00pm, see you then!!

Administrative Board

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 would like to invite everyone to Movie Day on June 6th during the Sunday school and Lunch hour featuring the film...2012. A make your own taco bar will also be available.

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.

Blasts from Portraits Past

21 years ago, May 1989

See below why Mom is so special from the mouths of our youth in a 1989 Sunday School Interview. Thanks to Editor Janet Dawson.

20 years ago, May 1990

Can you believe it? A hearty congratulation was given to Matt Stewart in May 1990 for a hole in one at The Woods (now Hickory Sticks). It was said that his grandpas clubs made it all possible! Thanks to Editor Louise Wertenberger for the story.

5 years ago, May 2005

Wow, see below the photo of the May 2005 Conformation Class. They sure due grow up fast.

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.

UMW Program	May 5th	7pm
Mothers Day Breakfast	May 9 th	7:30am
Research Club	May 10 th	7pm
Graduation Sunday	May 23 rd	
Preschool Graduation	May 25 th	7pm
Conformation Sunday	May 30 rd	
Administrative Board	Thursday May 27 th	7:00pm
Trustees	Wednesday May 19 st	7:00pm
Movie Day	June 6 th	10:45am
Vacation Bible School	Aug 8 th – 12 th	
Lions Club Meetings	1 st & 3 rd Monday	October thru May

Why is Mom Special to Me?

Our “youth” was asked why Mom was special to them during Sunday school class in 1989. Below is what they reported. I’m sure things have not changed.

Christina Klinger – “She holds me and love me. And gives me gum.”

Michelle Mollenkopf – “She takes good care of me.”

Amy Baumgartner – “She helps me do the dishes because she loves me, takes me places, protects me listens to me and lets me keep a dog or cat.”

Brett Hammons – She buys me special things, plays games with me, teaches me, and busy me nice clothes.”

Lindsay Miller – She takes me places, prays with me, takes me to church, gives me money, helps me make my bed and lets my friends come over.”

Danny Baska – She gives me money to buy candy and she makes me dinner.”

Kyle Hammons – “She plays with me, helps me with my chores and helps me with my homework.”

Congratulations to all the Graduates and Conformants. Come help them celebrate there achievements on Graduation Sunday May 23rd and Conformation Sunday May 30th. Watch the Weekly bulletins for more news on the events.

Congratulations Conformation Class 2010

Mallory Bowen

Kristen Cramer

Cora Frinfrock

Hali Frinfrock

Riley Guest

Taylor Hughes

Hannah Leary

Olivia Leary

Jordan Miller

Gabriel (Goby) Placious

Congratulations high school Graduates 2010

Nicole Agler

Derrick Baksa

Kyle Balliet

Austin Heffner

Britney Kever

Congratulations College Graduates 2010

Nathan Davis

Butch Feasby

Tyler Gibson

Megan Hall

Derrick Holden

Ashley Holden

Kayla McClure

Carrie Reynolds

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

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!!

Sunday school Hiatus

Sunday school classes will go on summer break beginning in July through the first week of September.

Happy Birthday!!

Congratulations to Hall Lumber on serving our community for 100 years!

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, Maggie Bixler, Robin Agler, Deb Winnenger, Vickie (Gleckler) Troyer, Genia McOmer, Pam (Fortney) Herminghuysen, Dale Glecker, Shelly (Dealey) Klinker, Marlin Thompson, Bruce Basil, Jean McClure, Deb Haney and The family of Ladonna Poling. Unspoken Requests

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

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

*God strengthens those who are weak and tired.
Even those who are young grow weak; young men can fall exhausted. But those who trust in the Lord for help will find their strength renewed. They will rise on wings like eagles; they will run and not get weary; they will walk and not grow weak.*

Isaiah 40:29-31 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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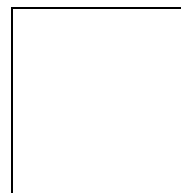
Comic Relief

ALTAR EGO. by Len Jones



"I was just fine until you stood up in service and testified that golf was one of your spiritual gifts."

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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