

Hi-Lites

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Volunteers Needed For Fair Week Parking

Volunteers for Sandusky County Fair Week Parking are needed for Tuesday, August 25 thru Sunday, August 30. Volunteers bring a lawn chair. Friday and Saturday night helpers bring a flashlight. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the education wing foyer or see one of the men with a clipboard before or after worship on August 9, 16 and 23.

Thanks to all women and men who help. Any questions, ask Kirby Ehemann, Jim Cain, Roger Stout or John Singer.

Pumpkin Roll Time is Rolling Around

The U.M.W. Pumpkin Roll project has three baking dates this fall: Tuesdays, September 29, October 6 and November 10.

This fall, plans are made to sell pumpkin rolls on the afternoon of the baking dates. Anyone who can volunteer (women or men) to do one step on any of these dates, please contact Sue Franks, 332-0869 or Karen Sabiers, 332-1815.

Volunteer Workers are Needed for Share & Care

August is one of Hayes Memorial's months to provide workers for Share & Care. Our time is 1-3 p.m. every Thursday. This consists of sorting clothes, keeping display racks full and other tasks. See Jim or Sharon Cain, 332-2798 if you can help.

Church Historians Looking For Photos

The Church Historians are looking for pictures from the following church activities:

- Rummage Sales
- Mother/Child Banquet
- Fish Fry & Silent Auction
- Church Clean-Up Days
- Kalahari Swim Outing
- Youth Putt-Putt
- Youth Camp-Out
- Annual Conference
- Mud Hen's Outing
- Others

Forms to complete and include with the photos are located in the church office or in the historians mailbox (marked folder).

Please explain the activity and name the persons in each photo.

The photographs will be returned after copies are made unless otherwise indicated.

Please place photographs with the write-ups in the church historians mailbox clearly marked with your name and phone number.

Any help others can provide to make this year's book as complete as possible is appreciated.

This Historian Committee:

- Betty Bostic
- Carolyn Johnson
- Juanita Robinett
- Donna Shively
- Diane Thomson

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Volunteers needed for Fair Week Parking, August 25-30*
- *Backpacks will be blessed on August 30*
- *Pumpkin Roll baking dates are Sept. 29, Oct. 6 and Nov. 10*
- *Church Historians need photos of church activities*
- *Chancel Choir practice starts August 27*
- *Choir Annual Potluck is August 27*
- *Handbell practice starts September 3*
- *Volunteers are needed for Share & Care*

FROM PASTOR DENISE.....

Is God Calling You?

Prayer Opportunities

WANTED: ONE WHO WILL STAND IN THE GAP AND PRAY FOR OTHERS.

WANTED: INTERCESSORY PRAYER WARRIORS!

Daily prayer and affirmations are what I wish for you all to share with each other and with your neighbors and friends. Perhaps, after several months, you will be bold enough to share the good news of Christ with someone new.

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:6

Join in prayer for Hayes Memorial in the next six weeks. Suggested guidelines for daily prayer include:

- for HMUMC’s mission;
- for HMUMC’s many ministries;
- for HMUMC’s clergy and staff, and Care Ministry and lay leadership;
- for all teachers and leaders in any service or activity;

for our youth, its leadership, our families and our worship time together.

for our membership (pray a few pages of the directory daily);

for the HMUMC’s leadership team—Church Council, Finance and Trustees.

and for all of us, as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in making and keeping our commitment.

Prayer Concerns can be e-mailed or called in to Prayer Warrior Phyllis Growel, Church Office Lois Bradford, or the Pastor. The Prayer Ministry is one place everyone counts. It is the cornerstone for the various ministries and programs in our church. Prayer is an essential part of our walk with Christ.

There will be a weekly prayer time offer for those who would like to learn to pray the scriptures—as individuals or in a small group. The times and places available are below:

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary with Communion offered also.

Pastor Denise

If you worry, you didn’t pray.

If you pray, don’t worry.

How to Sign-Up for Kroger Community Rewards:

Our church is registered and will receive a cash donation from Kroger each time your registered Plus card is scanned for purchases.

- Register online at: krogercommunityrewards.com.
- Have Kroger Plus card handy.
- Cards are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register.
- Click on SIGN UP TODAY in the ‘New Customer?’ box.
- Enter zip code, click on favorite store, enter email address, create password, agree to the terms and conditions.
- Check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm information.
- Enter NPO number (84414) or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- Organization’s name will appear on the right side of your information page if you enrolled correctly.
- REMEMBER, cards must be registered for purchases to count.
- Call 1-877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number if you use your telephone number at the register.
- Registered Plus card must be swiped or phone number used when shopping for purchases to count.
- If interested in alternate SCAN-BAR method of registration, call 1-800-837-4483.

FINANCIAL REPORT

| | <u>June</u> <u>2009</u> | <u>June YTD</u> <u>2009</u> | <u>Projected for</u> <u>July, 2009</u> | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| Income | 17,613.81 | 109,602.06 | 7,044.00 | |
| | | | (thru 7/12) | |
| Expenses | 17,944.27 | 118,533.28 | 24,300.00 | (Includes current month’s apportionment) |
| | | | <u>12,722.24</u> | Previous months’ O/S Apportionment |
| July estimated expenses to pay everything | | | 37,022.24 | |

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1

Mr. Joseph Kiss, 447 Morrison St.

August 2

Mr. Michel Casdorff, 220 Sheraton Drive, Beech Island, SC 29842

Trenton Rhineberger, 726 Savannah Trail, Medina, OH 44256

Cassie Woleslagel, 1416 Hayes Ave

August 3

Dr. Greg DeRodes, 1015 Buckland Avenue

Mr. Warren Leemaster, 2379 State Route 12

Mrs. Edna Smith, 2029 Elm Dr.

August 4

Mrs. Peggy McQuiston, 511 N. Fifth Street

Katlyn Miarer, 1519 S. Co. Rd. 198

Mrs. Karen Sabiers, 1141 E. Cole Rd

August 6

Mrs. Sandra Phillips, 216 Co. Rd. 73

Mrs. Sally Wilson, 623 Bush Place

August 7

Mrs. Betty Frey, 1405 Chestnut St.

Allison Laurer, 1509 Port Clinton Rd.

August 8

Mr. Kirby Ehemann, 1628 Arrow-head Drive

Mr. Michael Geiger, 320 E. Cole Rd
Seth Zeiter, 2131 Baker Road

August 9

Mr. Fred Roynon, 255 Norbert Dr.

August 10

Mr. Robert Cooper, 1421 Napoleon Street

Mrs. Andy Hogan, 2258 Woodmont Drive

Mr. Al Shively, 1874 Co. Rd. 59

August 13

Mrs. Valerie Roynon, 255 Norbert Drive

August 14

Mrs. Deborah Cox, 1803 Tiffin Rd.

Troy Wildermuth, 2557 Cherry Ridge Drive

Mr. Thomas Woleslagel, 1416 Hayes Avenue

August 16

Gary John Pollock, 717 Nickel St.

August 17

Tyler Shilling, 314 Sparrow Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28306

Mrs. Mary Stull, 414 St. Joseph St.



August 18

Mrs. Arlene Druckenmiller, 2350 W. State St.

Ian Mueller, 3882 Co. Rd. 168

August 20

Mr. Jon Leemaster, 3345 Schwartz Drive

August 21

Mrs. Jodi Cummings, 745 CR 100

August 22

Mr. Jim Cain, 1820 Robert Ave.

Mrs. Juanita Robinett, 66 River Run Drive

August 24

Mr. Dean Leemaster, 1921 Finley Dr

August 25

Mr. Dennis Hasselbach, Jr., 3149 Co. Rd. 106, Lindsey, OH 43442

August 26

Mr. Ken Dieterich, 608 Memorial Parkway

August 27

Mr. Aaron Depew, 2298 Woodmont Drive

Mr. Russ McCormack, 1319 Cherry Street

August 28

Mrs. Linda Pearson, 624 Sixth St.

August 29

Mr. Dan Berger, 922 Birdseye Blvd.

Mrs. Paula Robb, 911 Alger Street

Mrs. Millie Singer, 4346 N. SR 53

August 30

Mr. Steven Barr, 3854 County Road 247, Vickery, OH 43464

Hemy Chism, 821 W. Maple St., Clyde, Ohio 43410

August 31

Mr. Jerry Kingsborough, 541 Fourth Street

CRADLE ROLL :

Three Years Old—Allison Laurer on the 7th.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

August 5 - Andrew & Elizabeth Spencer

August 7 - Ned & Juanita Robinett

August 9 - Eric & Tammy Draeger
Troy & Barbara Wildermuth

August 12 - Keith & Gloria Poynter

August 20 - Jason & Jenny Beal
Tom & Sandy Schemmer

August 22 - Russ & Patty McCormack

August 28 - Al & Mary Stull

August 31 - Craig & Rachel Wakefield



NEEDED: Jeanne Warren is in need of pint jars for some of her delicious offerings from her garden. The jars can be brought to the church office or the room next to the office. Pint jars only, please.

On Top of Heaven's Roof

by John C. Moor

Finish the Race

Philippians 1:6. We can trust God to complete the good work He has begun in us.

John Stephen Ahkwari. Unless you are into sports trivia of the most trivial sort, you've never heard his name, let alone know what he accomplished.

Ahkwari was an Olympic marathoner. He did not win a gold, a silver nor even a bronze medal. In the 1968 summer games in Mexico City, Ahkwari had the distinction of being the last runner to cross the finish line in the very last race. At the start, the young Tanzanian carried the hopes of only his small African country, but by the time he finished some four hours later, he was running for the rest of the world.

Dressed in green shorts and a shiny yellow singlet with the number 36 positioned over the small of his back, the sleek, reed-like African, stumbled and fell early in the race, severely injuring his right leg. Medics quickly bandaged it, and Ahkwari continued—on what amounted to—one leg. He limped, he hobbled and he walked, but he continued forward. He stopped often, bending at the waist, gripping both legs with his hands as exhaustion and pain eventually enveloped his entire body.

By the time he reached the outskirts of the stadium, wherein the race would finish, it was night and the headlights of the trailing car had transformed his

laboring figure into a solitary silhouette—a moving patch of night that determinedly pressed on. The white bandage around his leg, loosened by hours of strained movement, now flapped freely looking like, as Hemingway might have described it, the “flag of permanent defeat”.

As he entered beneath the bright stadium lights, those that remained rose as one and cheered him loudly as he made his way around the track and across the finish line. When questioned afterwards as to why he continued even though he was injured, and he knew he couldn't win, he replied, “You don't understand. My country did not send me 5000 miles to start the race. They sent me 5000 miles to finish the race.”

As a runner (though not a marathoner), I am inspired by John Stephen Ahkwari's effort. To run over 26 miles on two good legs is an incredible feat, but to do what this amazing athlete—this man—from Tanzania did is, well, heroic. To complete the race despite the pain and exhaustion and the empty sense of defeat, requires a will and a courage and a soul that see their rewards well beyond the finish line. It reminds us that despite all of our shortcomings, that is what people are capable of and one of the reasons why God so loves us and never loses faith in us.

There's no record that Jesus ever ran a marathon, but he did say that the first would be the last and the last would be first, so he certainly had some insight. By finishing last the way he did, Ahkwari became all of us or at least most of us. In our individual races that are our lives, the

course is rarely clear, the effort is rarely painless and the end result is rarely a gold medal. But still, we push on because God didn't put us here to see how we start the race. He put us here to see how we finish the race. Push on.



Thank You from the Hayes Memorial Music Department for everyone who helped with summer Sunday music. Your help and dedication in using your talents for praising our Lord is appreciated.

Choir—don't forget that our 1st practice will be Thursday, August 27 at 7 p.m. and Handbells start the following week, September 3 (6:15 p.m.)

However, all are invited at 6:00 p.m. on August 27 for our Third Annual Back to Music Night Potluck. Main course and beverages provided. Just bring a side or dessert. (Family members are welcome as well as new members.)



Thanks to Hayes Memorial for sending a lovely card to honor our 61st anniversary. We were in Texas when it arrived.

In Christian love,
Tom & Donna Wolfe

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Backpacks Will Be Blessed

During the Moments for Children time at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, August 30, we will be doing our "Blessing of the Backpacks". All students from pre-school to college, bring your backpacks for a blessing for a wonderful school year.

All school personnel are also invited to join us at this time for a blessing that you have a wonderful school year.

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Web Sites:

Church—www.hayesmemorialumc.org
District—www.maumeewatershed.org
Conference—www.westhioumc.org

*Centered in Christ, we will extend
God's Word of Love to all.*

*Preparing for Worship
August, 2009*

August 2 - "The Bread of Life"

John 6:24-35
A message for the deeper part
of us.

**August 9 - "The Bread from
Heaven"**

John 6:35, 41-51
Jesus, the bread of life.

August 16 - "Sing the Fullness"

Ephesians 5:15-20
Consider the power of singing.

August 23 - "Who Is Jesus?"

John 6:56-69
The important question of
one's life.

August 30 - "Listening Ears"

James 1:17-27
Be quick to listen and slow to
speak.

GREETERS

August 2 - Jane Stout
August 9 - Steve Root
August 16 - Marie Zimmerman
August 23 - Barb Batesole
August 30 - Eve Mason

USHERS

August 2 - Dennis Hasselbach,
John Singer, Marie Zimmerman,
Charles Eberhardt
August 9 - Marie Zimmerman,
Bill Krumnow, Dawn Root,
Kathleen Root
August 16 - Carl Hahn, Barb
Kennedy, Betty Burr, Kathy Beck
August 23 - Marie Zimmerman,
Jim Cain, Jim Humburg, Cody
Bowman
August 30 - Marie Zimmerman,
Cody Bowman, Deb & Geoff
Stults
Door Man - Roger Stout