

Hi-Lites

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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 (men, we need you, too) to do one step on any of these dates, please contact Sue Franks, 332-0869 or Karen Sabiers, 332-1815 by Sunday, September 13. Sue and Karen will give a report at the September 14, 7 p.m. UMW meeting.

From the Fund Raiser Committee.....

We are looking to start up an on-going fund raiser for the church. This fund raiser is called Scrip.com You order gift cards through the church and the church receives a percentage and you receive a gift to use for purchases.

We need a group of people to help organize the monthly ordering and distribution. If you are interested in joining this committee, please call Kelley Hasselbach at 419-665-2625.

We will have our first meeting in early September.



The United Methodist's Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, September 12 at 8 a.m. We invite and urge all Methodist men to attend.

Vacation Bible School Round-Up

The youth at Hayes Memorial United Methodist Church had an awesome week of Vacation Bible School! This year's theme was called Crocodile Dock, and the kids learned all about swamps and swamp animals. Each night the kids learned about God through a new story and then designed crafts, played games, and sang songs to go along with it. Our attendance for the week was outstanding; we had a total of 80 kids register!

Throughout the week we continued to encourage and work on our two mission projects. The first project was to collect items for the health and baby kits. The second project was a craft project that consisted of making stuffed turtles to give to children in need. Inside each turtle was a little message reminding them that God loves them, and even during the hardest of times. We wanted to keep our second mission local, so we presented the stuffed turtles to Sherriff Kyle Overmyer. Our picture of the event can be found in the News-Messenger!

As we do every year, the final day was a potluck dinner where all of the families and friends were invited. We had over 200 people show up to eat and to share in the wonderful week of fellowship and joy.

The entire week needed over 40 volunteers, and donations from members of the church to make it a

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *United Methodist Men's Breakfast is Sept. 12*
- *U.M.W. Unit Meeting is September 14*
- *East of Chicago Pizza Day for Missions is September 2*
- *Volunteers in Mission Trip is Sept. 27-Oct. 3*
- *Kit items for Festival of Sharing are due Oct. 1*
- *Volunteers are needed for funeral lunches*
- *Sign up for Kroger Community Rewards*
- *Workers needed for Pumpkin Roll Project*

FROM PASTOR DENISE.....

Lessons from a Rosebush

In July, the Trustees facilitated the clean up of the church and parsonage lawns. This has been an enlightening experience for me as I participate in helping to do what I only try to do ONCE per year: yard work! This year I attempted to prune a rosebush on the left side of the house.

As I began cutting the dead branches approximately the size of my fingers and thumbs, I began to notice something strange—the branches were embedded in one another. The more I cut, the more the dead branches appeared. In fact, I began to notice there were more dead branches than the new ones that draped themselves so beautifully over the top of this dead tumble weed of rose branches. I pulled, tugged, stabbed, and twisted these things until I was tired. I AAAHED in frustration as I did not see that I was winning the battle with this rosebush. Thank God for Kirby. He came to the rescue with what looked like giant shears and helped me defeat the dead in the bush.

I began to see lessons in this rosebush. One lesson could be, “Are we using the right equipment

to get the job done?” Part of my problem with getting the rosebush pruned was the choice and use or misuse of my equipment.

The other lesson could be, “The tragedy of true stagnation.” The rosebush had one time grown to be a beautiful, big vibrant bush, with flowers everywhere. However, now it only gives the illusion of being big and vibrant and healthy. The foundation of the rosebush had died out. It died partly due to lack of proper care, which included pruning the dead branches.

The rosebush had run its course and performed its season of beauty. It remained fixed, holding in place all the dead branches that should have been pruned, so the younger branches would have the opportunity to flourish. The young branches could not grow up through the old dead branches and bring forth the beautiful roses that once bloomed beside the parsonage.

Eventually, the rosebush lost its nourishment, dried up and remained there for me to find and battle. Could this also be the case with sin, with not moving forward and making a way for the new, or for your future children and church members? Could this be what we are doing when we let things continue to remain the same?

Could we be like these dead branches when we no longer look for the new things in us and in Christ? Do we have dead branches that need pulling out of our minds, our relationships and our worship?

John 15:5 NIV

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing.”

Preparing for Worship September, 2009

Sept. 6 - “His Love Knows No Limit”

Mark 7:24-37

Traditionalism is the dead faith of the living.

Sept. 13 - “The Best-kept Secret in the World”

Mark 8:27-38

“Who do people say that I am?”

Sept. 20 - “Ambition”

James 3:13-18

Building a Reputation for Wisdom

Sept. 27 - “Esther: Victory Over Enemies”

Esther 7:1-10

Christ will rule with righteousness

Volunteer Opportunity

The committee that provides food and works on funeral lunches is looking for additional people to provide this service.

If you have not done this and might be interested in either working on these lunches or providing food for them, please contact Martha Belch, 332-3621.

FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>July</u>	<u>July YTD</u>	<u>Projected for</u>
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>August 2009</u>
Income	14,818.00	124,420.06	13,011.00 (thru 8/16)
Expenses	17,232.00	135,765.28	21,119.91 (Includes current month’s apportionment)
Previous months’ O/S Apportionment			<u>16,004.07</u>
NET	(2,414.00)	(11,345.22)	37,123.98 Estimated Expenses to pay everything

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 1

Mr. Ned Robinett, 66 River Run Dr.

September 2

Mr. J. William Brown, 761 Barker Rd

September 3

Mrs. Christine Berger, 922 Birdseye Blvd.

Mr. James Draeger, 606 Elizabeth St.

September 4

Kenneth Robb, 911 Alger St.

September 5

Mr. David Sherer, 1279 Co. Rd. 41

Mrs. Patricia Sherer, 1279 Co. Rd. 41

Mrs. Emily Wacker, 1228 Tucker Rd.

September 6

Bradley Wolesslagel, 1416 Hayes Ave

September 7

Mr. Cloyce Druckenmiller, 2350 W. State Street

September 8

Mrs. Anne Irick, 27 Meadowbrook Lane

September 9

Mrs. Phyllis Chambers, 1727 Arrowhead Drive

Dominik Cruz, 1200 Franklin Ave.

September 10

Mrs. Mardell Carper, 4127 Cramer Drive, Valatie, NY 12184

September 11

Mrs. Dorothy Naylor, 1307 Highland Court

September 13

Briannah Jenkins, 815 Rambo Lane

Mrs. Alta Leemaster, 2379 St. Rt. 12

September 15

Kaytlin Berger, 922 Birdseye Blvd.

Mr. Asa Sabiers, 1141 E. Cole Rd.

September 16

Mrs. Clare Beeker, 904 N. C R 232

Barbara Kennedy, 910 Napoleon St.

September 17

Christy Wolesslagel, 1416 Hayes Ave

September 18

Mrs. Pamela Binau, 809 Barker Rd.

September 19

Mrs. Carol Balsizer, 1036 Rawson Pl

Peggy Eberhardt, 913 Carbon St.

September 21

Linda Havens, 137 Thomas Drive

September 23

Mrs. Juliann LeJeune, 1011 Christy Blvd.



September 24

Mr. Wilbur Isner, Bethany Place, 916 North Street, Apt. 37

Mr. Mark Zimmerman, 813 Linden Street

September 26

Alexa Stults, 611 Garden Street

September 28

Mr. William Leonard, 2023 Christina Drive.

September 30

Melissa Geiger, 320 E. Cole Road

CRADLE ROLL:

Four years old—Dominik Cruz on the 9th.



The family of Jim and Eve Mason invite friends to attend 60th wedding Anniversary and 80th birthdays at the Fremont Country Club, 2340 E. State Street, Sunday, September 6, 2009, 2-6 p.m. Just your presence for presents, please.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 2—Duncan & Molly Brown

Sept. 3—John & Millie Singer

Sept. 4—Gary John & Kira Pollock

Sept. 9—Dennis & Jodi Cummings
Jim & Sophia Draeger
Al & Diane Gorman

Sept. 12—Ken & Jeanne Dieterich



Dear Pastor Denise,

I want to thank you, Curtis, your family and all the church members who came to my graduation celebration, for being so supportive and generous during my entire time with you. I enjoyed playing with you very much and am extremely grateful for everything you and your family have done. I will miss the church, and I will miss everyone that I have met as a result of playing in the band.

If you need to contact me, my email is boxphones@gmail.com and my phone number is 419-680-5697. I would still like to keep in touch with the church while I am in college.

Sincerely,
Dominique Wilson

The Bible was a very nice gift for graduation.

Thanks,
Seth Zeiter

See Thank You, pg. 5

Festival of Sharing Kits

This year the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church will be celebrating their annual Festival of Sharing at Otterbein College in Westerville on October 10. In the past we have assembled more than 100 kits for this festival—many of them school kits.

This year each of the approximately 1200 churches in the West Ohio Conference was asked to donate 10 school kits at Annual Conference in Lakeside. As a result, more than 10,000 school kits were collected at Lakeside to be used by children in this country and all over the world. These kits go to poverty-stricken people or victims of natural disasters.

Because of the large number of school kits collected at Lakeside, our church's Missions Team has decided to place a greater emphasis on assembling hygiene and baby kits. We will still assemble some school kits, but not 70 or more as we had in the past. Following is the list of items in each kit. Church World Service asks that people donate these specific items and they all be new.

During Vacation Bible School the children generously collected items and donated \$90.14 toward hygiene and baby kits. If you wish to donate money, the Missions Team will purchase the items. We are assembling kits at this time and will continue to collect them through October 1.

To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards)
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six Band-Aids®

Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Toothpaste that has an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kit shipments just prior to shipment. Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

Hygiene Kit value: \$11

Processing/Shipping Cost: \$2 per kit

To assemble a Baby Kit you will need:

- Six cloth diapers
- Two T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- Two washcloths
- Two gowns or sleepers
- Two diaper pins
- One sweater or sweatshirt
- Two receiving blankets (one can be a hand-knitted or crocheted baby blanket)

All items should be new. Wrap items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with both diaper pins.

Baby Kit value: \$39

Processing/Shipping Cost: \$2 per Kit

To assemble a School Kit you will need:

- One pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- Three 70-count spiral or tape-bound pads of 8" x 10-1/2" ruled paper or pads with 200-210 sheets of ruled paper. (Please do not provide loose-leaf or filler paper.)
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser
- Six new pencils with erasers
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 16" finished size cotton cloth bag with cloth handles. (Bag will be provided)

Pack all items inside the cloth bag.

School Kit value: \$13

Processing/Shipping Cost: \$2 per Kit

East of Chicago Pizza Day for Missions is September 2

The Missions Team of our church is sponsoring a Pizza Day at East of Chicago Pizza all day Wednesday, September 2. You may call in your orders of pizza, sub sandwiches, salads, pasta, breads and desserts and the church will receive 20 percent of all orders placed using the password Hayes Memorial U.M.C. Fund Raiser. This money will be divided between the cost of the building materials

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Volunteers in Mission Trip

September 27- October 3

The Maumee Watershed District is planning a Volunteers in Mission trip to Henderson Settlement, Frakes, Kentucky, for September 27 thru October 3. The people living in this region have limited employment opportunities and live in poverty and isolation. Henderson Settlement offers social, economic, educational and agricultural ministries to them.

The V.I.M. teams work on building projects at individual homes such as adding a room, painting, applying siding, etc., and also on the grounds in the Opportunity Store (similar to our Share & Care), library, craft room, greenhouse, the after-school program, the room which provides clothing and items for infants at no cost, or the office, working on mailings or Campbell soup points.

Each V.I.M. team collects money from their churches for the building materials they use. The East of Chicago Pizza Day is one way our church is helping to raise funds for building materials. Specified monetary donations for Henderson Settlement may be placed in the church offering. Because our V.I.M. team comes near the end of the season, we often finish projects which earlier V.I.M. teams had started.

We appreciate any contributions anyone can make toward this very worthy mission. For questions, please talk to Mike or Carolyn Geiger at 419-332-8680.

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 SCANBAR method of registration, call 1-800-837-4483.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet on September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the church lounge. Nancy Wright will lead the program that will focus on Spiritual Growth. The Lucy Circle will provide refreshments. All women of the church are invited to attend and join in the fellowship,

The group meets four times a year as well as completing many church projects such as the two annual garage sales, the pumpkin roll baking project and sales, and usually two election day bake sales.

We hope to see lots of new faces at the September 14 meeting!

Thank You, cont'd. from pg. 3

Wanted to personally thank the committee and office staff at Hayes Memorial Church for letting the Scouts use the church for our district meetings.

Joel Moszkowicz,
Boy Scout District Executive



Our Sympathy goes out to the family of Donna Wolfe on her death August 18, 2009. Donna joined the former Memorial United Methodist Church in October, 1957. Her memorial service was held at our church Saturday, August 22, 2009.

On Top of Heaven's Roof

by John C. Moor

To Every Season

In early May, when the days were just starting to hint of summer, I watched through our living room window as one man with a front-end loader and a huge pile of dirt the color of coffee, buried a baseball field.

The irony didn't escape me.

You see, spring time is when baseball comes back to life. Then it is played out in the heart of summer and finally passes away in the chilly depths of fall with the final out of the World Series. But here in the school yard across from our house, baseball was over before it had begun.

To tell you the truth, it wasn't much of a field to begin with. It consisted of four spots of dirt in a corner of a grassy strip that ran the length of the playground. The spots, which roughly corresponded to the bases, looked as if they had been rubbed there by God's great thumb.

For as long as I can remember, that corner of the field was where kids came to play baseball and kickball. Thousands of feet must've beaten an endless path around those brown splotches from first to second to third to safe at home again over those many years. And now there was a man dumping fresh dirt on each of the spots and leveling it out and throwing on some seed so that in time there would be nothing left but an unbroken swath of grass and the wistful memories of some who played there and remember a

time when summer was just one long day and games were sacred.

I know we tend to take our games too seriously and to give them more importance than they deserve, but I've always felt that if there was one game that deserved to be called sacred, it is baseball. In fact, its origins have been traced to religious ceremonies, first in Egypt and then in Europe. In ancient Egypt, women who wished to have children used to toss a ball back and forth because it symbolized Osiris, the god of life and fertility. Later, in Europe, after Easter mass, celebrants would act out a mock battle with balls and bats and then break into two massive teams and play a game that little resembled but would eventually become baseball.

And in America, baseball—our game—has taken on a significance that transcends mere bats and balls. In Ray Kinsella's novel, *The Iowa Baseball Confederacy*, two Native American chiefs watching a baseball game from the heavens, remark that baseball is the one thing the white man got right. It is as close to perfection as he is allowed to get. They observe that the game is about circles: the ball and the barrel of the bat are circles and players run in a circle around the bases. And because in baseball there is no clock, the circle symbolizes the timelessness of the game—with no beginning and even more importantly, no end. In theory, as long as a batter keeps fouling off pitches, he can stay at bat forever.

Moreover, as alluded to earlier, the baseball season mimics our own life and religious cycles. It is born in the spring and

ends in the fall when the year is old and almost gone. And after the game disappears beneath the winter snow, there is always the promise that it will return again...and again.

In another baseball novel by Kinsella, an Iowa farmer obeys a mysterious voice (maybe God's) that tells him, "If you build it, they will come," and so he builds a baseball diamond in the middle of his cornfield. After he does, miracles happen, lives are resurrected and heaven finds a place on earth.

Today, as I look out my window, that little corner of Heaven is empty. God's thumbprints have been covered by long blades of pale green grass, and the circles are all gone. Every once in awhile, though, some kids show up with balls and bats, and they play. Instinctively, they go the places where the bases used to be, and the game continues as it always has.

They are drawn back by another voice: Even if you bury it, they will come.

Pizza Day, cont'd. from pg. 5

used by the Maumee Watershed District's Volunteers in Mission trip to Henderson Settlement and Katie Peterson's mission, God's Country Co-operative Parish, in Paradise, Michigan. To order, call East of Chicago Pizza at 419-332-8200. The restaurant is located at 917 W. State St. They do request that discount coupons not be used for this fund raiser.

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Evangelism Message

The United Methodist Church policy is open hearts, open minds, open doors. Although our doors are open, people still need to be invited to come in. In Matthew, chapter 20, verse 19, Jesus tells us to, “Go into the world, making disciples of all nations”.

Now a disciple is a follower of Christ. What Jesus wants us to do is tell the people that we know, who have no church home, that our church is here for them. I know that

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District—www.maumeewatershed.org
Conference—www.westohioumc.org

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

this is not easy. If you do not feel at ease asking them to come to church with you (some of our members are already doing this), then just ask them if someone from the church could come and talk with them. (If they say no, just thank them. You might have planted a seed that will grow later on.) If they say yes, let me or the pastor know and someone from the church will visit them.

When the pastor asks visitors to wave at her, I think the ones sitting near them should thank them for worshipping with us. After the service is over, if we are a friendly church, we need to do this.

In His Service,
Jim Humburg

VBS, cont’d. from pg. 1

smooth and successful VBS. The youth and I would like to thank everyone that had a hand in making it another great VBS!

GREETERS

- Sept. 6** - Jane Stout
- Sept. 13** - Nancy Wright
- Sept. 20** - Barb Kennedy
- Sept. 27** - Barb Batesole

USHERS

- Sept. 6** - Dennis Hasselbach, Jane Stout, Charles & Phyllis Eberhardt, Cody Bowman
- Sept. 13** - Steve & Dawn Root, Rob Root, George Weissinger, Nancy Wright
- Sept. 20** - Carl Hahn, Barb Kennedy, Betty Burr, Kathy Beck, Cody Bowman
- Sept. 27** - Barb Batesole, Nancy Wright, Jim & Katie Humburg, George Weissinger