

CROSSBEAMS

A Monthly Newsletter for Cheviot United Methodist Church

February 2011



PASTOR'S LETTER REV. CRAIG JONES

"A NEW YOU – IN A NEW YEAR!"

"This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him."
– 1 John 5:14-15

As we make our way into February, most of our New Year's resolutions may be fading from our memory. Oh, we made resolutions, but by now our motivation "takes a hike" – and we find ourselves right back in our old habits.

Let me encourage you this year to try something different. Take some time to be alone with God – and ask Him what He would like to do in your life. Since He promises us in 1 John 5:14-15 to give us whatever we ask that is in line with His will – we can depend upon His faithfulness to accomplish our resolution.

So, what *is* God's goal for you this year?

1) The Lord desires your commitment to Him.

- * Make the decision to follow Him wholeheartedly (Luke 9:23, 57-62).
- * Sacrificially consecrate yourself – body, mind, and lifestyle – to Him (Romans 12:1-2).

2) Jesus wants a deeper relationship with you.

- * Set the goal of knowing Christ intimately and following His call for your life (Philippians 3:7-14).
- * Seek to grow in your love for God (Luke 10:27)

and to understand and comprehend the fullness of His love for you (Ephesians 3:14-21).

3) The Lord delights in transforming you into Christ's likeness.

- * Let the Holy Spirit produce fruit that is currently lacking in your life (Galatians 5:16-26).
- * Pick a personal characteristic described in Paul's prayer, and ask the Lord to produce it in you (Colossians 1:9-12).
- * Seek to add to your one of the qualities described in 2 Peter 1:2-11.

4) He wants to empower you to live victoriously.

- * Learn to live in Christ's victory over your old sin nature (Romans 6:5-18).
- * Take your place as a spiritual warrior, and stop being Satan's victim (Ephesians 6:10-18).
- * Make the will of God your priority, not the things of the world (1 John 2:15-17).

May you allow God to shape and transform your life this year that it may be the best New Year yet!

See you at the "new you" place Sunday!

Craig



DEVOTIONAL ARTICLES

“All Our Anxiety” 1 Peter 5:6-7

Isn't it interesting that Satan prowling like a roaring lion is mentioned in a passage dealing with anxious thoughts? Worry can feel like an attack – we get torn up on the inside by fears, frustration, and helplessness. Anxiety is a tormenting emotion, and the Devil wields it very well.

We don't have to live with worry, because the Lord closes the mouths of lions that threaten His followers (Daniel 6:22). Peter described how to keep clear of anxiety's jaws. First, we humble ourselves before God. What causes worry is a sense of helplessness in a given situation, so the best response is yielding yourself to God – submitting to Him with the confidence that He has the power to control your life. Another thing that builds trust is the realization that God is always engineering circumstances for your good and His glory (Romans 8:28).

Remember, prayer is a declaration of *dependence*. When we humble ourselves, we're kneeling before an omnipotent God. Nothing is a challenge for His power, which brings us to the second step of casting cares upon Him: the simple exercise of telling the Lord your troubles and the trusting Him to deal with them. He assumes responsibility for meeting believers' needs (Matthew 6:31-32). Your part is to prioritize obeying Him and living a righteous life (Mt. 6:33).

There's one more step: Resist Satan by remaining firm in faith. In other words, don't snatch those concerns out of God's hands to worry over them anew. When the Devil's ways make you tremble with anxiety, reject His lie and affirm that the Lord is adequate to handle the situation.

Dr. Charles Stanley, *In Touch*, January 2011

“AN EXERCISE IN CASTING CARES” Psalm 55:16-22

God's shoulders are wide enough to carry your burdens. He is sovereign over the universe, so He is certainly capable of working out problems and meeting needs. Today I want to give you an exercise that will help make casting your cares a practical act.

First, write on a piece of paper the things that cause your anxiety. Once you start writing, you may discover a list of items that cheat you out of peace.

Next, pray each issue into God's care. Recall Psalm 18:35, which promises that He upholds believers in His loving grasp.

Finally, as you pray, visualize placing the situation into God's hands. For example, a woman may imagine handing over to the Lord what she owes, while saying, *“Father, I give You my financial anxiety. I know that You will show me how to get out of debt. You are more than sufficient to handle it, and trust You to guide me.”*

Some people may protest this suggestion, because humanistic and pseudo-spiritual movements also use a method they refer to as “visualizing.” Don't let anyone steal what is rightfully yours. God creates word pictures throughout the Bible. This exercise merely creates a mental snapshot of the Lord doing exactly what He says He will do (Psalm 55:22; Matthew 6:25-26).

When you have transferred all of your worries to God's hands, wad up that paper in your fist, and then destroy it. In this way, you symbolize the transaction that just took place. Your cares are no longer yours. Every one of them belongs to the Lord. Walk away in perfect peace.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS



Do you have yours?

2011 Westfed wallet cards are available at the Welcome Centers. Please keep one in your car or wallet as a reminder of CUMC's assigned items. One extra can or jar each shopping trip can make a world of difference in keeping pantry shelves stocked.

Your generous donations of \$505.92 cash and hundreds of individual items helped feed needy families in our community.

Westfed Needs For February: spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned carrots, mixed vegetables



CUMC's Library

If you have any request for book titles or movies please feel free to contact me, grosse5@fuse.net or 574-8760. If you have a recent book or video donation for the library, please place in the provided basket. The library is located in the hallway across from the Preschool Office.

MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING –

Our *Monthly Mission Offering* for the month of February is "World Hunger and Poverty." This Advance project "supports programs that address the root causes of hunger and poverty in the United States and world." This offering will be received on Sunday, February 27 in both services. God bless you as you give to this very important cause!

RUMMAGE SALE

WHEN: Saturday, March 26, 9-1 PM
You may start bringing in your "rummage" on **February 6th**. Please do not bring items to the church before that date. Storage is limited.



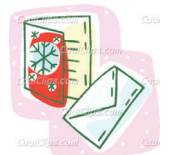
CHRISTMAS CARDS SECRETLY PLACED

Starting December 4, 2010 and each Sunday after that until the Sunday before Christmas, Christmas cards were placed in various places throughout Cheviot United Methodist Church. The Christmas cards were addressed to you (whoever found the card). The note at the top of the envelope read: "Thanks for picking me up" and the note at the bottom read: "please open now".

These Christmas cards were meant for everyone entering the doors of CUMC. It would be a blessing if those who found the cards and responded to the request written in the card would please write a brief note, or even a one-liner to express what the note inside meant to you and how you carried out that written request, how you were able to bring joy and light to someone that may have been lacking or even void of the joy of Christmas, that is: knowing that Jesus' life, which was around 33 years, was full of His abundant teachings!

The notes may be anonymous and we would like to put them in the Crossbeams.

Thank you and God Bless,
Anonymous



COMMUNION SCHEDULE FEBRUARY – JUNE, 2011

February 6
March 6
March 9 (Ash Wednesday)
April 3
April 21 (Maundy Thursday)
May 1
June 5

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THANK YOU

The Grosse Family would like to thank everyone for the cards, kind words, and prayers at the passing of Joes niece Debi Fay. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive Church Family.

Thank You

The staff of CUMC would like to thank everyone for their generous monetary gift at Christmas. We are truly blessed to be working at Cheviot United Methodist Church.

Pastor Craig
Lois Schalk-Hartley
Juanita Woodburn
Lynn Krebs
Carol Gangwer
Marcia Lucas
Amy Morand
Bill Craig
Anna Smith
Nathan Davis
Katie Grosse
Paula Long
Bob Gangwer



Our prayers and sympathies go to the family & friends of Paula Long whose mother, Gerry Jones, passed away January 4, 2011.

Our prayers and sympathies go to the family & friends of Del Meckstroth who passed away January 4, 2011.

Our prayers and sympathies go to the family & friends of Estelle Reisinger who passed away January 9, 2011.

PRAY FOR OUR



MILITARY

Charles New
Ryan Long
Jocelyn Padilla
Dustin Struckman

The following persons have been lifted in prayer. Please continue to pray for them.

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| † Dotty Meyer | † Paul Meiners |
| † Andy Mohr | † Shirley Chestnut |
| † Doug Caudill | † Dominic Francis |
| † Winnie Baldock | † Ellie Zimmer |
| † Charlie Edmisten | † Clairice Krieg |
| † Karen Colon | † Betty Kareth |
| † Julie Krebs' Mother | † Pam Moorehead's Mother |
| † Wilma Craig | (preschool teacher) |

☞ Please notify the church office when you know of someone is ill or in the hospital. The Pastors would like to minister to them. Thank you.

Card Ministry

Do you know someone who could benefit from a card or note? Please contact **Carolyn St. John at 451-0535 or email at cjstjohn5@hotmail.com** if you would like a card or note mailed on behalf of CUMC and our church family.

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Please be sure to state "Crossbeams"



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Dinner Theater Coming to CUMC

The Evangelism Committee is thrilled to announce a new event for CUMC – a dinner theater. Starting from the idea of supporting a member by sponsoring a dinner and then adding the great outreach of the *Friends of the Groom* original Christian drama a fun night for adults has been planned. Tom Green, a new member, will be providing the dinner. He is starting a catering business based on some very yummy barbecue and that will be our main course for the evening. The side dishes promise to be something special as well and homemade desserts and refreshing beverages will finish off the meal. The *Friends of the Groom* is an acclaimed Christian theater group that creates original contemporary dramas based on scripture. They performed 3 short skits at the Cheviot Christmas Celebration held at CUMC on December 4, 2010. The dinner theater performance will be an hour long drama titled “The Case of the Missing Bodies”.

At the great price of \$15 a ticket or 2 for \$25 you will enjoy a wonderful meal and be encouraged and uplifted by a thought provoking drama. Invite your friends to join you and buy your tickets today. **Seating is limited and all tickets must be purchased by February 27.** For tickets contact any member of the Evangelism committee or buy tickets between Sunday worship services beginning February 6th. All the details for the evening are given below:

Dinner with Friends Dinner Theater

**Cheviot United Methodist Church
Saturday, March 5th
6:00 PM**

**\$15 each \$25 for couple
Advance tickets required
purchase by February 27**

**Ticket sales between services
beginning February 6
Or**

From Evangelism Committee

Members: Gail Jones, Anita Beason,
Paula Long, Vicki Mazza, Amy Morand,
Bobbi Ostermeyer, Sandy Williamson

Join us for Dinner *with* Friends



**Saturday, March 5th
6:00 PM**

**Cheviot United Methodist Church
3820 Westwood Northern Blvd.
Cincinnati, OH 45211**

Delicious barbecue dinner catered by **Tom Green** followed by Friends of the Groom acclaimed Christian theater group performing an original drama, “The Case of the Missing Bodies”.



Your ticket includes:

Dinner w/dessert & beverage
Live, original theater

\$15 for single \$25 for couple

Advance tickets required ~purchase by
February 27

513-662-2048 ~ www.CheviotUMC.org





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

2/2 *Jrma Buede
Eleanor Zimmer
Tyler Wolf*

2/3 *Jessica Schummer
Cooper Halusek*

2/5 *Gary Black
Lisa Cox*

2/9 *Susie Hauser*

2/12 *Ruth Ellen Werner*

2/14 *T.J. Coey*

2/16 *Maria Barr*

2/18 *Wayne Smith III*

2/20 *Ernest Kolbe*

2/21 *Dotty Meyer
Fran Koch
Kay Beiderbeck*

2/22 *Diane Barth
Missey Simmons*

2/24 *Alex March*

2/25 *Evelyn Widner
Mary Ann Sparenberg
Janice March*

2/28 *Velma Vollat
Peach Moser
Jim Nose*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

2/5 *William & Bobbie Ostermeyer*


2/6 *Robert & Carol Gangwer*

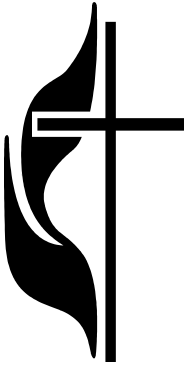
2/10 *Jeffery & Jackie Halusek*

2/15 *Charles & Lynda Galinari*

2/22 *Ken & Karen Meiners*

FEBRUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:20 AM Tradtional Wors. Svc. 10:20 AM - 11:15 AM Confirmation Class 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:10 AM Adult Bells 4:15 PM Youth Bells 4:45 PM Youth Choir 5:15 PM - 7:30 PM CUMYF Meeting	31 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mercy Meal 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mercy Group	1 7:00 PM Pre-school Board Mtg.	2 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class 7:00 PM Cherub Choir Practice 7:00 PM Choirs	3 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	4 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Lettuce Eat Well Farmer's Market	5 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
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Address Service Requested

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:20 A.M.

Traditional Worship

10:20 A.M.

Sunday School (All Ages)

11:20 A.M.

Contemporary Worship



Pray for Peace



Worship with us!

"The mission of Cheviot United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ."

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