

CROSSBEAMS

A Monthly Newsletter for Cheviot United Methodist Church

MAY 2011



PASTOR'S LETTER REV. CRAIG JONES

PLACE YOUR TRUST IN GOD!

These days there is so much negative news on the television and on the radio. I am sure that because of this phenomena there are more and more people suffering from depression. World events can get us down. The economy, though better, is still trying to make a comeback – with many people still out of work. In the April edition of *In Touch*, Dr. Charles Stanley shares a wonderful article that I want to share with you this month, entitled: “*YES, THERE IS A REASON TO TRUST.*”

“There is plenty of reason of confidence these days. That’s not the message we hear on the news every morning, but it’s true. Yes, the economy is in a slump, unemployment is up, and unrest in the Middle East continues. But these things are nothing new. The world has always experienced some kind of turmoil, and that hasn’t stopped God from blessing His people and giving us reason to trust Him.

Many Christians profess belief in God and in His promises yet focus more on the continuous barrage of negative information that confronts them each day through television and the Internet. Their lives are overshadowed by feelings of doubt, worry, and most of all, fear over what the future may hold.

If ever there was a time for believers to worry, it would have been when Christ was crucified. On several occasions, Jesus reassured His disciples that He was doing God’s perfect will – even when blessings seemed unbearably bleak. He promised them their grief would turn to joy. “*Truly, truly, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy.*” (John 16:20) But their faith faltered.

After Jesus’ death, the terrified disciples, certain they would meet the same fate as their Lord (John 20:19) went into hiding. Fear gripped their hearts, and their minds raced to make sense of all that had happened. They forgot Christ’s words: “*Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.*” (John 14:27-28)

Some events in life seem to cause more pain than we can bear. For the disciples, the crucifixion was such an occasion. Instead of believing that Jesus would never leave them, the disciples were convinced He was gone forever. And with Him went their hopes for the future. But they were wrong: three days later the risen Savior stepped into their presence and proclaimed, “*Peace be with you!*” (John 20:19)

He is always at work – engineering the circumstances of your life to bring good from even the deepest loss. Whatever your situation, God is aware of it. And He has a plan in mind especially for you, just as He had a plan for the resurrection. Yes, there is good reason to trust in Him!”

See you at the “*trusting*” place Sunday!

Craig



DEVOTIONAL ARTICLES

“THE VALUE OF SEEKING THE LORD”

Psalm 119:1-8

“We all have ambitions and desires. And while these are not necessarily wrong, we should analyze our priorities: *What do I invest my time and energy? What or who occupies my thoughts?* As important as our earthly pursuits, responsibilities, and relationships may be – they cannot compare to the value of a life spent seeking the Lord.

First of all, consider what it means to *seek* something. The word connotes a strong desire and an energetic quest to achieve it. Suppose you discovered a very productive vein of gold on your property. You wouldn’t just stroll out and look at it occasionally. No, you would gather some equipment and diligently go out each day to chip away at the rocks and collect the precious metal.

In the same way, seeking the Lord is not a quick and occasional encounter, but a wholehearted effort to know Him more intimately and follow Him more closely. Those who unreservedly pursue this kind of fellowship with God are determined to spend time with Him; they also want to forsake anything that could hinder growth in their relationship with the Lord. God’s committed followers boldly claim His promises and trust Him to fulfill His Word. Their experiences with the Lord bring amazing satisfaction yet cause them to hunger for more of Him.

The Christian life is meant to be a pursuit of God. To walk through the door of salvation and stand still, never drawing any closer to Him, is to miss the treasures that are available in Christ. Those who seek him soon discover that knowing Him is the greatest reward of all.”

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

“HOW TO SEEK THE LORD”

Psalm 105:1-8

“Although Scripture tells us to seek the Lord, many Christians struggle with this command. Some are so distracted by other interests and responsibilities that God is only a miniscule part of their goals and desires in life. When confronted with their responsibility to pursue him, they often feel guilty but don’t know how to begin.

When desire for God surpasses our eagerness for other pursuits, following through becomes much more likely. But hunger for the Lord is an acquired taste. The more we pursue Him, the greater our hunger will be. However, if we ignore Him, what little appetite we have will diminish even further. Do you find that the latter describes your experience? Then ask the Lord to whet your appetite for Him – and follow through by making the effort to seek Him.

Begin with the Scriptures and prayer. Set aside time each day for meditating on God’s Word – listen for His voice, slowly digest what you read, talk to the Lord, ask Him questions, and apply what you learn to your life. Begin studying the Bible. Some of you may say, *“I’ve never been into that.”* My advice: Get into it! The deep things of God don’t just drop into our brains; they are placed there through diligent study.

Seeking anything requires time and effort. Will you invest your life in the pursuit of the Eternal One – the source of contentment, joy, and hope? Or will you go after that which is fleeting? By neglecting the Lord, you cheat yourself of all the benefits He promises to those who diligently seek Him.”

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

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MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING – MAY 22, 2011

Our May Monthly Mission Offering will be going toward our West Ohio Conference “*Love First Miracle Offering*” which we will take to Annual Conference in June. The Conference’s goal is \$250,000. \$125,000 will be used to build a new church for each of our four mission partners. The other \$125,000 will go to help create three new places for new people in the West Ohio Conference. The list of these churches are as follows:

Global partners:

- Nyemba UMC in North Katanga Conference of the Democratic Republic of Congo
- Syzran UMC in the Volga District in Russia
- QuengRai UMC in Gia Lai province of Vietnam
- Jehova Rohi (The Lord is My Shepherd) UMC, Oriental Conference, Mexico

New Places for West Ohio:

- Church in the Mall UMC in Heath, Ohio, a new congregation which is a satellite of Centenary UMC, Granville, Ohio
- Liberty UMC , a new congregation north of Columbus in Delaware County
- New Life UMC, a new congregation in Findlay, Ohio, reaching the Korean-American population attending Findlay University

We will receive this offering on Sunday, May 22 in both services. God bless you as you give!



COMMUNION SCHEDULE MAY – SEPTEMBER, 2011

May 1
June 5
July 10
August 7
September 11



DID YOU KNOW THAT

. . . . a Centennial Committee has been organized and is working on preparations for the One Hundredth year celebration in 2012.

. . . . the committee members are Joe Grosse, Chairman, Linda Benken, Jan Cummings, Jen Daum, Carol Gangwer, Pastor Craig Jones, and Janice Marsh.

. . . . you may be able to help with memories of events and our heritage.

It's a fact that

. . . . the Second United Brethren Church of Torrence Road determined to create a mission Sunday School in the Village of Cheviot on June 6, 1909, at the Junior Order Hall.

. . . . the Miami Conference of the United Brethren Church assigned a pastor to organize a congregation along with the mission Sunday School. The Cheviot United Brethren Church welcomed ten founding members on June 2, 1912.

. . . . there are many more interesting historical pieces of information on the history section of the Cheviot UMC internet site.

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Last Supper Thanks

First of all, THANK YOU! Mark Woodward, Jim Maurmeier, Joe Grosse, Jason Miller, Dennis Morand, Jim Mazza, Dan Maret, Bill Hauser, Nate Black, Glen Lash, Zachariah Maurmeier, Arturo Arraya, Steve Fitzgerald, Craig Jones - to all the men who stepped forward and put all the hard work into making the Last Supper service such as success. It was a great experience for all those who worked in front of the congregation and behind the scenes. Many thanks go to Juanita Woodburn and her able assistant for makeup expertise. Kudos to Jayne Lash for prompting and costume preparation help. Thanks to Carol Gangwer and Jennifer Arraya for music the night of. Thanks to Julie Struckman and Amy Morand for ushering. And much gratitude to Westwood United Methodist for loaning their portable staging sections. We hope you were able to be there to experience what is quickly becoming a Maundy Thursday tradition at CUMC.



Westfed Update

Upcoming Westfed needs: Toilet Paper, Shampoo, Macaroni & Cheese Mix, Pork & Beans.



The Ohio River Valley United Methodist Men invite you to Sharon Woods Park on Saturday, May 14 for a Family Event & Celebration. There will be children's games, a catered meal, worship, and two fund raising opportunities. Golfers and walkers are asked to get sponsors for their events; the goal is to raise \$30,000. Funds will benefit Nast Trinity UMC and the Wesley Chapel Mission Center. Both serve families in the Over-the-Rhine area with meals, sports programs, summer camps, and after school programs. For more information, contact event chairman Jeff Ronningen at: jronningen@forsythe.com or 513-478-8654.

The Outreach Committee

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Letter from Mary and Gerald Gaddis

Dear Friends,

We are doing fine. We have been in Henderson (Kentucky) since May of 2009. We are thankful that God has answered many prayers. We now see our grandchildren regularly. Kendall, our youngest son and his wife, Tracy, had a little girl and named her Zoey. She is seven months old now and we enjoy when they come over to see us. Greg, our oldest, and his wife have a little girl who is now 4 years old. Her name is River and we enjoy the company when they come over and see us. Gerald and I are enjoying being retired. Tell everyone hello for us. – Mary Gaddis

THANK YOU

Thank you to our loving and supportive church family for all the cards and words of sympathy for the passing of our Dad (husband), Doug Caudill.

Love,
Becky Grosse & Family
Lorna & Lindsay Caudill



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 |
| † Don Francis | † Benjamin Engleman |
| † Peter & Porscha Schwartz | † Dominic Francis |
| † Winnie Baldock | † Carol & Elwood Black |
| † Peggy & Jeff Burchall | † Clairice Krieg |
| † Karen Colon | † Betty Kareth |
| † Stephanie George | † Jim Maurmeier |
| † Wilma Craig | † Rebecca |

☞ 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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

5/01 Sara, Grogan
 5/03 Abby Kremer
 5/06 Omer Barkalow
 Katherine Kobbe
 Becky Grosse
 Carrie McCoy
 Amy Buelterman
 5/07 Stephen Elliott
 5/09 Dustin Struckman
 511 Sharon Cooper
 Anita Beason
 5/12 Carolyn St. John
 Simeon Cox
 Nicholas Cox
 Hannah Cox
 5/14 Bobbi Ostermeyer
 5/15 Lily Chaffin
 5/16 Brandon Phillips

5/17 Gary Mohr
 5/19 Fran Loudin
 Emily Smith
 Anna Smith
 5/20 Dick Marsh
 5/22 Vicky Johnston
 Nick McGinnis
 Ellie Woodward
 5/25 Clairice Krieg
 Trudy Meyers
 Lynda Galinari
 5/26 Daina Outt
 5/27 Virginia Kellogg
 Amber Johannes
 5/28 Jenna Kremer
 5/29 Shawn Knecht
 5/31 Debbie Lueders
 Amanda Thomas
 Lindsay Caudill





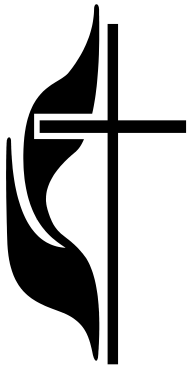
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

5/25 Arturo & Jennifer Araya
 5/10 Larry & Linda Benken
 05/16 Anne & Mark Schummer

5/27 Lynn & Gary Krebs
 05/28 Carolyn & Mike St. John

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:20 AM Traditional 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	2 6:30 PM N&MC Comm. Mtg. 7:00 PM Education Comm. Mtg. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mercy Group 7:00 PM Trustee Committee Mtg.	3 1:00 PM Recovery Group 7:00 PM Pre-school Board Mtg.	4 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	5 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM National Day of Prayer -In Sanctuary 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	6	7 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Committee's Clean-up Day
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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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