



CROSSBEAMS

A Monthly Newsletter for Cheviot United Methodist Church

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PASTOR'S LETTER REV. CRAIG JONES

"GIVE YOUR WHOLE HEART TO GOD"

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthian Christians, he asks them an interesting question: *"Don't you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives within you?"* (1 Corinthians 3:16)

Max Lucado, in his book, *Come Thirsty*, shares: *"All believers have God in their heart. But not all believers have given their whole heart to God. Remember the question is not, how can I have more of the Spirit? but rather, how can the Spirit have more of me?...As you look around your life, do you see any resistant pockets?...Your tongue. Do you tend to stretch the truth?...Your language? Is your language a sewer of...foul talk? And grudges? Do you keep resentments parked in your "garudge"?...Are you unproductive and lazy...assuming that others should take care of you?..."*

Do your actions interrupt the flow of the Spirit in your life?"

In this season of Pentecost, we are reminded that the Holy Spirit has been poured out into believers' lives when they profess and claim Jesus Christ as the Lord of their lives. How then can we *"keep in step"* with the Holy Spirit? Jesus says that if we are to *"walk in the Spirit"* we must abide in Him. To abide means to *"live – stay – reside – submit to – remain true to – rest in."*

Paul refers to us as *"God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in us."* Our part in this relationship is *"to abide in Christ."* It means that we must stay connected to Christ – day by day – 24/7. Jesus says: *"I am the true Vine...abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the Vine, you are the branches; he who abides*

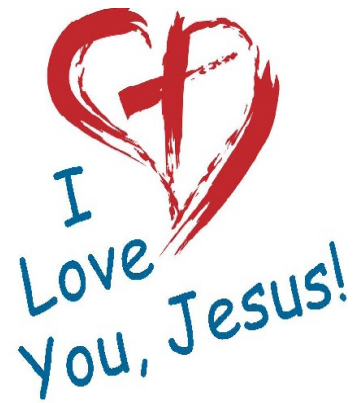
in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing." (John 15:1a, 4-5)

To give our whole hearts to God means a daily surrender of ourselves to Jesus – and then daily abiding in Him. We abide in Him through:

- Prayer
- Reading, studying, and applying the Bible to our lives
- Worship – personal and together
- Fellowship with other believers

May God bless you as you give your whole heart to Him and abide in Christ!

Pastor Craig



DEVOTIONAL ARTICLES

“A COMPASS FOR LIFE’S JOURNEY”

Proverbs 3:1-6

If you’ve ever been lost in the woods, you know the concerns, confusion, and panic this situation causes. Now think what a difference it would have made to know that a compass was in your pocket.

Spiritually speaking, we have such a compass – God’s Word. But it does no good unless we let it guide us. Yet at times, we may fail to follow its directions because of . . .

1. **Neglect.** Sometimes we are so busy walking through life that we forget to look at God’s compass to make sure we’re headed in the right direction.
2. **Pride.** Oftentimes we want to determine the destiny ourselves. Relying on our own strength, understanding, and abilities, we plan our own route.
3. **Distractions.** God’s path of obedience isn’t always easy. In fact, sometimes it can be extremely challenging. Satan offers other trails that promise pleasure and ease if we will just ignore the compass and follow him. Although these trails seem pleasant at first, they lead to heartbreak and discouragement.
4. **Difficulties.** Whenever obstacles appear on the trail, our natural tendency is to try and find a way around them. But by ignoring God’s compass and stepping off the path, we’ll miss the blessings He wants to give us through the rough patches – strong faith and godly character.

Why should we wander when the Lord’s compass is available? Let Scripture be your guide on life’s journey. God promises to give you productive days and fruitful years if you follow His path. He’ll direct each step of your way, and His peace will sustain you, even during the difficult times.

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

“GOD’S COMPASS FOR THE HEART AND MIND”

Proverbs 3:7-12

In the previous lesson we discussed the importance of depending on the Word of God as our compass throughout life. Following the Lord’s directions will change behavior and challenge our thinking, attitudes, and desires. He leads us to think differently about ourselves, our values, and even the difficulties facing us.

We naturally want to determine our own course in life. It seems like the only logical way to get where we want to go. But being wise in our own eyes is pride. To combat this tendency, the Lord instructs us to fear Him and turn away from evil. (Prov. 3:7) This “fear” is not a horrified dread of the Father, but an attitude of respect that motivates us to obey Him for both our good and His glory.

We naturally want to keep our money for ourselves. A desire for a better lifestyle or fear of not having enough leads us to hang onto everything we get. But our compass directs us to honor God by giving Him the first part of all we have, trusting Him to provide for our needs. (Proverbs 3:9-10)

We naturally hate God’s discipline. His painful reproofs seem to imply that He doesn’t care about us. But our heavenly Father says His discipline is the evidence that confirms His love and delight in us as His children. (Proverbs 3:11-12)

Sometimes in our desire to follow the Lord, we focus on obedient actions – doing what He says – but miss His directions concerning our attitudes and thought patterns. To stay on God’s path for our lives, we must make course corrections not only in our behavior but also in our hearts and mind.



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COMMUNION SCHEDULE JULY – SEPTEMBER, 2011

July 10
August 7
September 11

Westfed Needs

What do YOU know about hunger?



Take this true/false quiz from *Feeding America* (national hunger relief organization) to test your hunger knowledge.

1. One in six Americans does not have access to enough food.
2. Most individuals struggling with hunger are homeless or out of work.
3. Very few children struggle with hunger because programs are available to take care of them.
4. More than 2 million rural households experience *food insecurity* (no dependable access to enough food for a healthy life).
5. Urban counties have the highest poverty rates in the U.S.
6. More than 50 million Americans don't have access to enough food due to limited money and resources.

Statements 1, 4, and 6 are true. Only 10% of Feeding America food bank clients are homeless. 36% of their clients have at least one working adult in the household. USDA figures indicate more than 17 million children live in food insecure homes. Counties with high rural poverty rates are more difficult for food banks and emergency food assistance agencies to support them.



DID YOU KNOW

New to the CUMC Library: "A Parent's Guide to Helping Teenagers in Crisis" by Rich Van Pelt & Jim Hancock. Published by Youth Specialties



Have Pictures to Share?

I am looking for pictures to put on our web site of Easter & Spring events. It's very easy to send your pictures to me! Email me at: webmaster@cheviotumc.org, then I'll send you our username, password, & simple instructions for how to upload your pictures. Many thanks! Laurie

JULY MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING

Our July *Monthly Mission Offering* will be received on Sunday, July 24. This month our offering will be going to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. We have financially supported Red Bird Mission for years. It is a vital ministry serving the people in that remote part of Appalachia. God bless you as you give to this ongoing ministry in our neighboring state!

GOOD HEALTH FOR YOU AND OTHERS

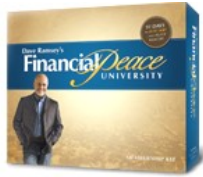


On Sunday, July 10, we will offer two opportunities for you to look after your health and the health of men, women and children in Mexico. After each service you can have your blood pressure checked and for both services you can donate a bottle (or two) of vitamins for the Mexico Medical Mission to be held in August. We will accept prenatal, children's chewable and multi vitamins in any quantity. A single dose of vitamins each day can almost instantly make an undernourished person feel better.

Martha Brice, Mexico Medical Team Leader,
513-505-2326.

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FINANCIAL PEACE CAN BE YOURS



People just like you began Financial Peace University at Cheviot United Methodist and here is what they discovered. . .

“The Best part of FPU: Getting on the same page with my spouse about money.”

“everyone can use help with this. It helps to see how many people have similar issues.”

“although we THOUGHT we had it all together financially, we learned that we didn’t. we soaked in Dave Ramsey’s info and became AWARE of how our money was slipping through our fingers. The lessons are universal and will help everyone!”

Financial Peace University will once again be in session at Cheviot United Methodist.

- **When:** Sunday evenings from 5 to 7 PM
Beginning on Sunday, August 21
- **Where:** In the Werner Lounge at CUMC
- **Who:** anyone who would like to have better control of their finances and learn how to make the money you have work for you
- **Cost:** \$100 for a couple or single for all the materials and to attend the 13 week session and return to any other session at any time in the future
- **Contact:** Amy or Dennis Morand at:
awmorand@zoomtown.com or mark the Count Me In sheet (in the bulletin) to find out how you can take part in this life changing program.

Don't delay in finding the peace that financial security can bring.

Senior Adult Ministries (S.A.M. ages 55+)



S.A.M. Luncheon to celebrate the music of Lawrence Welk. Friday, July 22.

PLEASE NOTE change of date. This month we will meet the FOURTH Friday of July. This is a **one time** change.

Ken and Mary from *Creative Aging and the Arts* will be our guests as we walk down memory lane. They will bring their instruments, one being the accordion they each play and don't be surprised if you hear a polka, Lawrence Welk style.

The meal is only \$8.00 and as always very delicious.

Plan now and mark the date on your calendar. Sign up on the Count me in sheet (in the church bulletin) or call the church office: 662-2048. See YOU there!



All Church Family Patriotic Dinner--

Wednesday, July 20---6:00-7:30 p.m.

Come, join us this evening for a great time of food, fellowship and fun.

We will celebrate our great country.

Wear red, white and blue, if you wish.

Nurture and Membership Care will be taking care of grilling the meat.

Check the alphabet below for what you should bring.

A--H--Salads

I--P--Vegetables

Q--Z--Dessert

Mark this on your calendar now.

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Our prayers and sympathies are with the Family of Pastor Craig and Gail, whose mother, Barbara Donley, passed away on May 21, 2011.



Congratulations to Patty and Reid Hartmann on the birth of their daughter, Mabel Klein Hartmann, born June 1, 2011. Proud grandparents are Linda & Bill Hartmann and Cathy & Jim Klein.

THANK YOU

Joe and I would like to say thank you for the gifts from the parents and all associated with the children's cantata. The children blessed all of us with a wonderful performance on Mother's Day, making it that much more special. We were delighted to be able to assist in such a special occasion.
Joe and Cathy Klein



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 | † Ruth Simmons |
| † Anna Cooley | † Benjamin Engleman |
| † Peter & Porscha Schwartz | † Paul Jones |
| † Peggy & Jeff Burchall | † Carol & Elwood Black |
| † Karen Colon | † Annette |
| † Stephanie George | † Betty Kareth |
| † Wilma Craig | † Jim Maurmeier |
| † CJ | † Rebecca |
| † Julie, Mark & Children | † Agnes & Sherry Spurlock |

☞ 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"
in the subject line of your email.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...


7/1	<i>Heather Lewis</i>	7/16	<i>Lois Schalk-Hartley Ella Green</i>
7/2	<i>Sue Kinderwater Katie Grosse</i>	7/17	<i>Rick Hinds</i>
7/3	<i>Stan Allen</i>	7/18	<i>Jeff Wittich</i>
7/4	<i>Bill Ostermeyer</i>	7/19	<i>Audrey Melish Jason Wessel</i>
7/5	<i>Avery Kraus</i>	7/21	<i>Fran Meyers</i>
7/6	<i>Andrew Smith Libbie Mazza</i>	7/25	<i>Catherine Atkinson</i>
7/7	<i>Linda Worrell</i>	7/26	<i>Mark Roush</i>
7/9	<i>Lynn Smith</i>	7/27	<i>Betty Griesmeyer</i>
7/9	<i>Christian Vanover</i>	7/28	<i>Ben Smith</i>
7/10	<i>Jan Morgan Aria Brice</i>	7/29	<i>Ryan Long</i>
7/11	<i>Peg Baldock Mitch Halusek</i>	7/30	<i>Bill Meyers</i>
7/14	<i>Erwin Francisco Stan Krieg Jessie Wolf</i>	7/31	<i>Jenna Muench</i>
		7/31	<i>Ryan March</i>

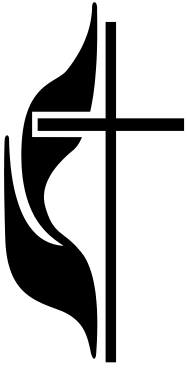


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

July 9	<i>Larry & Jan Morgan</i>	July 24	<i>Juanita & Don Woodburn</i>
July 10	<i>Bill & Linda Hartmann Jr.</i>	July 28	<i>Allan & Lisa Cox</i>
July 14	<i>Bill & Fran Meyers</i>	July 31	<i>Glen & Jayne Lash</i>
July 15	<i>Traci & Mike Chaffin</i>	July 31	<i>Wayne & Mary Smith III</i>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:20 AM Traditional Wors. Svc. 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:20 AM Contemporary Wors. SVC. 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	27 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mercy Group	28 1:00 PM Recovery Group 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	29 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	30 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	1	2
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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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