

CROSSBEAMS

A Monthly Newsletter for Cheviot United Methodist Church

September 2011



From
the Pastors' Desk

PASTOR'S LETTER REV. CRAIG JONES

“FORMING FRIENDSHIPS”

Bob Hayes, one of the greatest athletes in the 1960's, found himself on an April day in 1979 confessing to and being convicted for selling narcotics to an undercover agent. He received two five-year prison sentences.

He was considered the world's fastest human. He ran the 100-yard dash in 9.1 and the 100 meters in 10 seconds flat. In the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo, he won a gold medal in the 100 meter and anchored the 440 meter relay team. He was clocked at an incredible 8.5 seconds in the final 110 yards! He became an outstanding wide receiver for the Dallas Cowboys. He was one of the best known and most quoted athletes. His college coach, Jake Gaither, said that if there had ever been a kid he wanted to adopt, it was Bob Hayes.

Bob Hayes went from the pinnacle of glory to prison where in April of 1979 they took his fingerprints and sprayed him for lice. What happened? Nobody knows for sure, but former Dallas Cowboy President, Tex Schramm, testified that Hayes did not have the ability to select good friends. The people with whom he associated led him into trouble and gave him bad advice in his business dealings. Last Spring he formed a friendship with a man who led him into the drug traffic.

Our friends and associates are so important. We generally reflect the attitudes and lifestyles of those with whom we spend time. Many young people “*get mixed up with the wrong crowd,*” then their actions become mixed up. I have talked with so many couples whose marriages are broken up or on the rocks because “*went along with their friends and did what they did.*” There are so few places in Cheviot where single young adults can go to meet the kind of people

who make good friends.

It is important for all of us to make good friends through church channels. We need to be involved with people who are going the way God wants us to go. A Sunday School Class is so important. We need to take an objective look at the people with whom we associate because there is a good chance that's what we will be like in the future.

I has always admired Bob Hayes. I wish he had known a special Friend of mine, and through Him developed his friendships! It would have made all the difference in the world!

See you at the place Sunday where “*good friendships are formed!*”

Craig



Dr. Ashraf Felry

DEVOTIONAL ARTICLES

“THE TRAP OF DISCOURAGEMENT”

“How long, O Lord, will I call for help, and You will not hear? I cry out to You, “Violence!” Yet You do not save.” – Habakkuk 1:2

Do you feel stuck in discouragement? If so, you are not alone.

At some point everyone experiences dashed hopes. Disappointment – an emotional response to failed expectation – is the normal initial reaction. But allowed to linger, it can turn into discouragement, which hovers like a dense cloud. When that’s the cast, there is no sense of joy or contentment, no matter what you do.

The circumstances that trigger these emotions may be unavoidable, but the way we respond is a choice. We can either let sadness overwhelm our souls or face the situation with courage and bring it before the One who can help us.

Living in discouragement will divide the mind, making it hard to focus on anything besides our pain. Then as anger becomes habitual, we’ll look for someone to blame – whether God, people around us, or our self.

Frustration that isn’t handled well may develop into depression, which in turn can estrange us from others – people do not enjoy the company of someone who’s bitter and defeated. This isolation leads to a low self-esteem. Finally, in a fog of discouragement, we can make poor decisions based on crushed emotions instead of truth. Obviously, choosing this self-destructive path is not God’s best for our lives.

Though we all face disappointment from time to time, believers are not to wallow in it. Instead, God wants us to trust Him with everything – even our unmet expectations and deepest sadness. Remember, there is divine purpose for everything He allows to touch His children’s lives. ***“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”*** (Romans 8:28)

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

“DEFEATING DISCOURAGEMENT”

Nehemiah 2:1-8

Discouragement can rob peace, joy, and contentment. But I have great news if you feel disheartened: You’re not stuck!

I’ve known people who appeared to be in an impossible situation. A few years later, however, they were in a terrific place, either in terms of their circumstances or their emotions. The reason? They never gave up. Instead of sulking in self-pity, they chose to believe God, step out in faith, and climb out of the emotional pit.

Nehemiah is a good example. He had every reason to feel defeated, because his people were in trouble. After receiving news that the city wall had been destroyed, this man of God acknowledged profound disappointment and grieved. Though pain flooded his soul, he didn’t allow himself to stay in that low place. Instead, Nehemiah cried out to God, seeking direction.

Sadness in the presence of royalty was punishable by death. But the Lord answered Nehemiah’s prayer with amazing power, prompting the king to notice his servant’s sad countenance and then to ask what he could do to help. This miracle led to the rebuilding of the wall and the redemption of God’s people.

The Lord can take an impossible situation – no matter what it is – and move in ways mightier than you can imagine.

Do you live in eager expectation of what the Lord will do? Or have you chose to linger in the depths of despair? Like Nehemiah, turn your disappointment into a petition for God’s help. He can restore your hope and prevent negative emotions from gaining a stranglehold on your life.

Dr. Charles Stanely, *In Touch*, July 2011

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Dear directors & participants of CUMC VBS Bible School,

On behalf of Westfed Food Pantry, we wish to thank you for your VBS donation of \$630.81. We are blessed by your generosity. Gifts such as yours are necessary to purchase the non-perishable food & personal hygiene items that were not received through monthly collections from the participating churches. We again have seen a marked increase in the number of families being served in 2011 vs. the same time last year. Your donation helps us to be able to serve this larger number of our hungry neighbors in the 45211 & 45238 zip codes. Sincerely, Barb Nieman and Linda Wright

WESTFED FOOD PANTRY

Needed in September:
Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Canned Carrots



Many thanks to the congregation for your continued support of Westfed Pantry through grocery purchases and monetary donations.

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

Festival of Sharing is a program of Church World Service. Kits are being assembled by the Outreach Committee for distribution to those in need here and around the world. Collection boxes are located outside Werner Lounge and in the Education Wing.

School Kit: blunt metal scissors (rounded tip), 3 spiral notebooks (70 sheets each of 8 1/2 x 11 ruled paper), 12" ruler, hand-held pencil sharpener, large eraser, 6 new pencils with erasers, box of 24 crayons.



Health Kit: hand towel (approx. 16" x 28"), washcloth, wide-tooth comb, nail clipper, bath size bar of soap in wrapper, one toothbrush in original packaging, 6 Band-Aids.



* Please purchase items in specified sizes . Monetary donations, individual items, and partial kits are cheerfully accepted.



Dear Friends at Cheviot United Methodist,

We are so very appreciative of your prayers and support during the time leading up to and following the sudden passing of my dad, Robert Wilging. One never knows how this event will occur but we are all certain of its occurrence. The certain assurance that my dad is in heaven has offered comfort. Your love and support has provided comfort as well. Thank you.

Amy Morand, Dennis Morand, Kathleen Morand, and Grace Morand

Thanks to all my CUMC family for your support, prayers and good wishes on the death of my husband, Charlie. His "Celebration of Life" service was all I wished it to be. We found a wonderful church home the first time we came her ten years ago.

Sue Edmisten



COMMUNION SCHEDULE
September 11

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS



Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family and friends of Annette, Jim and Zach Nose, April, Nick and Jason Miller on the passing of their Dad/ Grandfather, Albert Scheyer on August 3, 2011.

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

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| † Dotty Meyer | † Agnes & Sherry Spurlock |
| † Gef | † Julie, Mark & Children |
| † Marc Phillips | † Linda Reuss |
| † Peggy & Jeff Burchall | † Chris Buelterman |
| † Karen Colon | † Joyce Herzog |
| † Stephanie George | † Betty Kareth |
| † Wilma Craig | † Jim Maurmeier |
| † Renee | † Kerri Davidson |
| | † Amy Mills |

Catherine Elizabeth Clark was born July 24, 2011 in New Jersey. Parents are Tari & Chuck Clark. Proud grandparents are Tom & Sue Kindervater.



☞ 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.



Colin Calvert McCoy was born August 4, 2011 to Carrie and Chris McCoy. Proud grandparents are Bill and Bobbie Ostermeyer.

Contact Information for Crossbeams:

Juanita Woodburn
cheviotumc3820@aol.com
 Please be sure to state "Crossbeams" in the subject line of your email.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

To help provide food (can be reimbursed) for the fellowship time between the 9:20 and 11:20 AM Services in the Werner Lounge.

This is a great chance to be a servant for your church.

For more information or to volunteer please e-mail or call Missy Wittich at: JMWittich@fuse.net or 574-2067.

CUMC STAFF CONTACT INFO

CheviotUmcJW@aol.com

(Church Office Email)

Correspondence with Juanita Woodburn, Secretary

CheviotUmc3820@aol.com

(Church Information & Prayer Requests)

CheviotUmcCJ@aol.com

(Pastor Craig Jones)

CheviotUmcLS@aol.com

(Lois Schalk-Hartley, Associate Pastor)

CheviotUmctrustees@fuse.net

(Trustee Committee)

PRAY FOR OUR



MILITARY

Charles New
 Jocelyn Padilla

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Dear Friends,

We are excited to invite you and your congregation, to participate in the 2011 "Crossing Bridges" CROP walk. This fundraising walk will be held October 2, 2011. All of us, including numerous churches from our area, will gather at St. John's UCC, 415 Park Ave. Newport, Kentucky. Registration is at 1:30 pm and the walk commences at 2 pm. The route will take us through Newport, across the Taylor/Southgate Bridge; wind through beautiful downtown Cincinnati, and back across the Purple People Bridge, returning to St. John's. The significance of this being a 3-mile trek is that this is the average length thousands of people in the world have to walk just to receive clean water. How impactful will it be for the diversity of our church members, "crossing bridges", to bring awareness to those in need, and to be a part of helping to rectify this atrocity.

Three local agencies, Manna Food Pantry in Price Hill, and Westfed Food Pantry and My Neighbor's Place, both in Westwood, will be recipients of 25% of the money raised by participating west side churches.

Thank you for helping to end hunger one step at a time.

Westside CROP coordinators:
Carol DeGreg
Jenny Partridge



*Looking for A
Preschool?*

CUMC Preschool NOW has (1) Monday-Wednesday-Friday spot and (2) Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday spots open. Call Paula Long, Preschool Director, for more info: 389-3060 or 574-9446 or check out the web page: cumcpreschool.com



**Progressive Dinner
Grades 7th-12th**

**September 11, 2011
4:30 - 8:00 PM**

Parent Meeting: 7:30 - 8:00 PM

MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING

We will receive our September "Monthly Mission Offering" for CROP. 50% of this offering stays in Cincinnati to be used for food pantries in the area. The other 50% goes to help those who are hungry around the world. This extremely important offering will be received on Sunday, September 25, in both Services.

God bless you as you give to this vital offering!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

9/2 Mary Ann Meyer
Tom Kindervater

9/3 Cathy Davis

9/5 Sandy Meyer

9/6 Lori Roush

9/8 Olivia Wessel
Marshal Buelterman

9/9 Janet Kozhler
Anne Schummer

9/10 Carol Gangwer

9/12 Kirsten Knecht
Zachary Nose
Callandra Weaver

9/13 Mike Augustine
Betty Weber
Dick Becker
Renae Heine

9/14 Lynn Krebs

9/15 Mark Schummer

9/16 Jackie Wolf

9/17 Katie Smith
Claude Zerby

9/18 Bill Craig
Emily Phillips

9/19 Lois Johanness
Doug Grossz
Amanda St. John

9/20 Ed Lunsford

9/22 Jim Koch

9/23 Chuck Cummings

9/24 Amy Heine

9/25 April Riegel

9/26 Betty Stern
Aron Cozy

9/28 Mike Callahan
Olivia Griffith

9/29 Dave Atkinson
Dave Muench

9/30 Carol Driesler



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

9/3 Ernest & Katherine Kobbe
Nathan & Joann Reber

9/7 Daina & Pam Outt

9/9 Michael & Mary Painter-Romanell
Rick & Linda Specker

9/11 Chris & Camille Weaver
Dennis & Arlene Meyer

9/12 Marc & Nancy Phillips

9/13 Chris & Amy Buelterman

9/19 Tom & Julie Struckman

9/21 Jim & Annette Nose

9/22 Tom & Sue Kindervater

9/24 Stan & Sallie Krieg

9/25 Pete & Debbie Wade

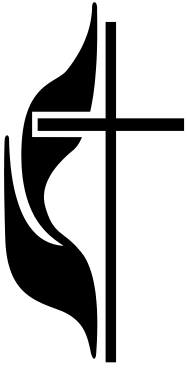
9/27 Dennis & Amy Morand

9/28 Steve & Sharon Cooper

9/29 Dave & Cathy Atkinson

SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:20 AM Traditional Wors. Svc. 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:20 AM Contemporary Wors. SVC. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Financial Peace University	29 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mercy Group	30	31 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class	1 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Pre-school Parents Mtg.	2	3
4 9:20 AM Traditional Wors. Svc. 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Adult Bells 11:20 AM Contemporary Wors. SVC. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Financial Peace University	5 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.	6	7 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Choristers	8 5:00 PM Harvest Home Parade 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	9	10 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
11 Promotion Sunday 9:20 AM Traditional Wors. Svc. 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Adult Bells 11:20 AM Contemporary Wors. SVC. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Financial Peace University	12 7:00 PM Evangelism Comm. Mtg. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mercy Group 7:00 PM VIM Comm Mtg.	13 6:15 PM - 7:45 PM Daisy Troup 7:00 PM Walk Through the Bible Sm. Group	14 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM CUMC Carry-in Dinner 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Choristers	15 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	16 12:30 PM S.A.M Luncheon 55+	17 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
18 9:20 AM Traditional Wors. Svc. 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Adult Bells 11:20 AM Contemporary Wors. SVC. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Financial Peace University	19 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mercy Group 7:00 PM Traditional Wors. Svc.	20 7:00 PM Mitford Small Group	21 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Choristers 7:00 PM Mitford Small Group	22 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	23	24 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
25 9:20 AM Traditional Wors. Svc. 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Adult Bells 11:20 AM Contemporary Wors. SVC. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Financial Peace University	26 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Victorian Green Condo Mtg. 7:00 PM AD Council Mtg. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mercy Group	27 7:00 PM Walk Through the Bible Sm. Group	28 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Choristers	29 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	30	1 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study



CROSSBEAMS

Cheviot United Methodist Church
3820 Westwood Northern Blvd.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45211-2597
(513) 662-2048
Craig Jones, Senior Pastor
Lois Schalk, Associate Pastor

Non-Profit Organization
U.S. POSTAGE

PAID

Cincinnati, Ohio
Permit. No. 2775

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."

September 2011

www.cheviotumc.org