



CROSSBEAMS

A Monthly Newsletter for Cheviot United Methodist Church

November 2011



From
the Pastors Desk

PASTOR'S LETTER REV. CRAIG JONES

“SPREAD THE WORD”

When is peanut butter not peanut butter? The Federal Government answered that question a while back when the Food and Drug Administration said peanut butter had to be at least 90% peanuts and must meet certain nutritional requirements. Products which don't meet that standard will have to have new names.

To that end, manufacturers can sell peanut products similar to peanut butter with any amount of peanuts, but they will have to be called “*peanut spread*” and the label will have to list the percentage of peanuts included. If they fail to meet the nutritional requirements for peanut butter, the name will have to be “*imitation peanut butter.*”

Now when kids (and parents) eat America's favorite sandwich, they can be assured of getting the real thing. All imitations must be designated as such.

It's tragic that there is a lot of living today that goes under the label of Christianity, but does not meet the minimum requirement and is really an imitation. There are too many people who “talk” but don't “walk” the faith. Too many people limit their Christianity to Sunday. This can be very confusing to new Christians and to outsiders because no one is wearing a label of “imitation Christian” or “Christian spread.”

While peanut butter can get along with 90% peanuts, Christianity requires 100% commitment. Jesus said that a man must love God with *all* his heart, *all* his mind, *all* his soul, and *all* his strength (Mark 12:30). Jesus talked about the rewards of full commitment when Peter said that they had forsaken *all* and followed Him (Matthew 19:27). Jesus invites us to “Come after Me” – no place for spread or imitation.

I feel it is far more important for people to get the real thing when they are looking for Christianity than when they are eating peanut butter. The only kind of spread we need is the kind that gets the Word to more people!

See you at the place Sunday that is “spreading the Word”!

Craig



DEVOTIONAL ARTICLES

“THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF GOD”

1 John 4:7-10

One of the biggest struggles many people face is a feeling that the Lord couldn't possibly love them. Yet the Bible clearly tells us He does. Far from just saying so with words, God has also given us ample proof. Creation itself is an expression of His awesome care for us. He designed this earth as the perfect habitation for humanity and provides us with the necessities of life. But the highest expression of His love is manifested in His provision for our eternal needs. He sent His Son to redeem us from sin so that we could be forgiven and reconciled to God – and then live with Him in heaven forever.

So why, with all this evidence, do so many of us still doubt His love? Perhaps the reason is that we are looking at it from our own limited perspective: since we cannot love others unconditionally, we doubt that the Lord can. After all, human logic considers it reasonable to be loving towards people who measure up to our standards – but to hold ourselves aloof from those who don't.

Or maybe we just feel unworthy of His love. Well, I have news for you: no one is worthy. God's love is not based on whether we're deserving or not. It's a demonstration of His commitment to our greatest good.

Divine love is conditioned not on our performance but on God's nature. It's like the ocean's tide. You can stand on the shore and say, “I don't believe in waves,” but that doesn't stop them from coming. Likewise, nothing you do or feel will stop the Father's love from washing over you.

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

“WORSHIP GOD ONLY”

James 4:4-8

In people, jealousy is a negative trait. But for the Almighty, it's a holy attribute. God wants to be our top priority – the love of our lives – and He is unhappy when we worship anyone besides Him. This is justified, as only the Lord deserves our praise.

When reading in the Old Testament, we might not understand why the people would bow down before idols they had made with their own hands. Surely, they did not think that these were living and powerful! But we make a similar mistake, placing too high a value on our own “idols,” like money, relationships, appearance, and power. Thought not bad in themselves, these can become objects of worship if we let them have too much importance. That's why God is jealous for our hearts.

There are two reasons that our Father doesn't let His children's devotion stay out of balance. *First*, He deserves the glory. And *second*, His love for us is so great that he wants what is best in our lives. Praising him above all else is actually in our own best interest. Therefore, when our hearts do not belong solely to Christ, He disciplines us. Often, this means allowing challenges in our lives to mature our faith and remind us who is the one and only God. Hardships are not pleasant, but we can be encouraged that God is making us complete in Him.

This week, notice where you spend your time and money and what dominates your thoughts. Even if your pursuits seem good on the surface, ask the Lord to reveal whatever has become an idol in your life. Confess any misplaced affection and ask for help in making God the object of your devotion.

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NEW

****SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY** NOVEMBER 5TH**

Have you ever wondered about what to put in a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child – what is age appropriate? Is that acceptable? Is the box packed “full”? what do others put in their boxes? A shoebox packing party may be FOR YOU. Join us anytime between 1 and 5 PM on Saturday, November 5th in the Werner Lounge and you can:

Get a box to pack

Pack your items and socialize while doing so

Finish off your box w/the filler items

we will have available

Enjoy seeing what others pack

Offer your extra items to help another finish their box

Enjoy the fellowship & say a prayer over the boxes we pack

When you are done just leave your finished box and donation for the transport to our church’s collection site. Boxes will be available to take home and pack as well.

Stop in before or after you enjoy your Italian Meal in the fellowship hall. This a great opportunity to see what OCC is all about if you are new to the program. We will have an informational DVD showing during the event. All are welcome. Members, friends, relatives.... Children must be accompanied by an adult.



hands - heart - hope
Supporting Jim

ITALIAN MEAL SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

**Noon to 2 PM
AND**

5 PM to 7 PM

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

Fundraiser for Jim Maurmeier, heart transplant recipient (2001) & 2x cancer survivor, facing cancer once again and a bone marrow transplant.

MENU:

Meat & Vegetarian Lasagna,
Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Rolls
and Homemade Trifle

***Donations accepted**

***All proceeds to support Jim & his
family.**

*Delicious food, Warm welcome,
Great cause.*

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HELP WANTED

In response to requests from last year we are encouraging ALL members to volunteer to help with the Cheviot Christmas Celebration in areas of interest to each individual, couple or family. Areas of the event have been given to committees within the church for overseeing and staffing. If you are on a committee and not interested in the area that group is leading please sign up for another area. We will need close to 100% member participation to reach our goal of 120 people serving and 300 guests attending. You need not be a member of CUMC to volunteer so please consider joining the “staff” in hosting this event. The Count Me In sheet, bulletin and a signup board will be available soon to mark your interest. Questions can be directed to the planning committee.



Cheviot Christmas Celebration to return on Saturday, DECEMBER 3rd

Picture the church building full of smiles, laughter and Christmas joy as the sights and sounds of Christmas spill out into the community we serve. This is the vision that we had for the first Cheviot Christmas Celebration hosted last year by Cheviot United Methodist and friends. And that vision came to life so once again we are hosting the successful event. Our mission as determined by the planning committee: is to bring our community and congregation together to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas with the sincere desire to bring to all who attend and serve, the eternal gift of Christmas - Jesus, the Light of the World.

Our participation goal is 300 guests and 120 members.

From 5 to 8 PM everyone of every age will be welcomed to enjoy the following activities:

- Christmas caroling while touring Cheviot to see the lights
- Live music and drama by CUMC artists
- Storytelling and Christmas crafts
- Photos with Santa- bring your camera
- Christmas ideas to share
- Live nativity
- Yummy Christmas treats

Sound like a busy 3 hours? Of that you can be certain. Once again we will welcome the 4H Hamilton Livestock group to run our hayride and will also be soliciting the support of our local businesses and the City of Cheviot.

Now all that is needed is your support in the following ways

- volunteer your time to staff the event and help with preparation needs
- make an offering of financial support to cover expenses for this event that is our FREE gift to the community
- spread the word to everyone you meet that CUMC is the place to be on 12/3 from 5 to 8 PM
- business card “invitations” now available on the welcome center – take as many as you need to spread the word*

Signup on the CMI to volunteer or contact the church office. Detailed supply donation information will be available soon. We have made a few changes in the staging and planning so that we are prepared to welcome all who come, handle the weather and provide a great service/outreach opportunity for our congregation. If you have any questions please contact anyone of the committee members – Cathy Davis, Debbie Hauser, Amy Morand, Mary Painter-Romanello and Cheryl Wilde. Don't miss out on being a part of the fun of providing this gift to our community. And please lift up our goal and mission in prayer.

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Our prayers and sympathies are with the family and friends of Elwood Black, father of Gary Black, father-in-law of Theresa Black. Elwood passed away Monday, October 10, 2011

THANKS

Thank You Julie Struckman

Thanks to Julie we were able to participate again this year in the Harvest Home Parade. Julie persevered to get us a truck and an attached trailer. She also was able to "borrow" bales of straw from the feed store in Miamitown.

Julie, we appreciate all you did for the church. Your persistence really paid off and we say a big thank you!!

PRAY FOR OUR



MILITARY

Charles New
Daniel Robinson

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

- ✚ Dotty Meyer
- ✚ Betty Kareth
- ✚ Jim Maurmeier
- ✚ Wilma Craig
- ✚ Karen Colon
- ✚ Dr. Courtney Roberts

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.

Contact Information for *Crossbeams*:

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Please be sure to state "Crossbeams"
in the subject line of your email.

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(Trustee Committee)

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX COLLECTION

Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child will be collected in November 12, so start your shopping today. As a reminder see the list below:

DON'T PACK - shampoo, body lotion, **ANY GEL OR LIQUID** - food of any kind - especially chocolate-breakable items - glass, hard plastic, ceramic-used items - even gently used

DO PACK - \$7 donation to OCC to cover shipping costs** *Place this in an envelope, lay in box, on top - cash or check payable to Samaritan's Purse* -hard candy, mints, gum-good assortment of fun and practical items **something that will make the child smile when they open the box.** See the shoebox flyer for many suggestions ****OR make your donation online and you can track your box to its destination - see EZ Pay on the OCC brochure**

PLEASE DO pack your box full enough that items don't slide around because of unused space. **PLEASE DO NOT** pack your box so full that all contents spring out when opened and no one else can figure out how to get everything back in. All the boxes are opened at the processing center. We want your box to go as you sent it because God has a very special plan for each and every box. By properly filling your box all that is needed at the processing center is to check it and then send it on its way.

Thank you for sharing the joy of Christ as you shop for and fill your box. See info about the shoebox packing party in this Crossbeams and in the bulletin.

www.samaritanspurse.org/occ

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON and NEW YEAR'S DAY

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services - Saturday -
December 24

- ◆ 4:30 PM - Contemporary (Fellowship Hall)
- ◆ 11:00 PM - Sanctuary (Music begins at 10:40 p.m.)

Christmas Day - Service of Scripture and Christmas
Carols 10:20 AM - Sanctuary

New Year's Day (Tentative) - Regular Worship Service
More information to follow! 10:20 AM - Sanctuary

MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING

The November *Monthly Mission Offering* is being received for a very worthy cause! Every November we give to Church World Service on what we like to call "blanket Sunday!" This special offering will be received in both worship services on November 27, the first Sunday of Advent. God bless you as you give so that others might be warm in God's love!

WESTFED FOOD PANTRY

Needed for November: 480 rolls of toilet paper, 60 cans of fruit.



This fall, Westfed has averaged 120 families per month seeking supplemental food supplies and basic toiletry items. This is a 20% increase over numbers last spring (which had increased since the previous fall). When the pantry closes on the last Thursday of the month, more shelves than ever before are bare and must be restocked for the next month's distribution days.

Thank you for sharing God's bounty with our neighbors in need.

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COMMUNION SCHEDULE

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2011

November 6
December 4

2012

January 8
February 5
February 22 (Ash Wednesday)
March 4
April 1
May 6
June 3

United Methodist Volunteers In Mission West Ohio Conference

Mexico Medical Mission Team Report August, 2011 Part 11

The new site at Iglesia El Buen Pastor proved to be an asset to us. Because we were closer together we were able to ,ore in touch with what was going on in each section of the clinic, and felt that this enabled us to be a more cohesive team and have a smooth operation.

We were provided by God with skilled people who were perfect for this mission. We had twenty three team members, two doctors, two nurses, nine student nurses, one pharmacist, three translators, two cooks, three helpers and one team leader. Each one of these persons paid their own expenses for housing, food and transportation. One person actually volunteered to organize the charts, which were in a huge mess. When they were moved from our former location they were not put back in order. We had two translators from the Rotary Club in Harlingen, Texas, one translator from Mercedes United Methodist Church, one translator from Iglesia El Buen Pastor. The Manos Juntas staff included the invaluable Gustavo, our main translator, Marisol, our wonderful doctor and Vanessa, the secretary. Neither of our spiritual guides were able to travel at the last minute because of health difficulties, but Denise, one of our cooks, stepped up to the plate and volunteered to lead the mantling service. What a blessing!

We saw 246 patients, most of whom we were able to help. The addition of the Mexican doctor makes it possible for us to refer patients on for services, most at no cost for the mission team.

Our most significant story to tell is of a baby who is 14 months old and was brought into the clinic by a remarkable woman, a saint in anyone's book. She found this young anencephalic child on the street and took her home. The child can't see, requires almost round-the-clock care and has a very short time to be on earth, but this woman has become her angel. We always think our story about fiving is the one to tell after our mission, nut this is the story that will be on everyone's lips.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

11/1 *Marc Phillips*

11/5 *Shirley Neff*
Katharina Reber

11/7 *Regan Chaille*

11/8 *Troy Daum*

11/9 *Heather Roush*

11/10 *Phyllis Bolia*
Jeanne Long
Macie Woodward

11/12 *Doug Johnston*
Zachary Halusek

11/13 *Art Lemmon*
Steve Fitzgerald

11/14 *Joe Grasse*

11/16 *Jenny Wessel*

11/18 *Wilma Craig*
Jim Maurmeier

11/19 *Nick Miller*

11/20 *Jen Maurmeier*

11/22 *Jackie Halusek*
Ashley St. John

11/23 *Martha Bruce*
Kim Weeden

11/24 *Bob Loudin*

11/27 *Kathy Reeme*

11/29 *Ellie Blackburn*

11/30 *Noah Maurmeier*



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

11/01 *Jeff & Danielle Wilde*

11/05 *Gary & Theresa Black*

11/06 *Omer & Norma Barkalow*
Joe & Linda Hoff

11/07 *Gary & Nancy Mohr*

11/8 *Trudy & Ken Meyers*

11/09 *Garry & Kelly Kremer*

11/10 *Chris & Carrie McCoy*

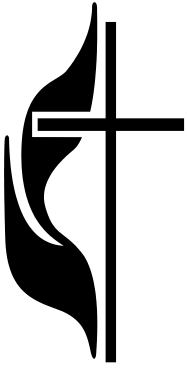
11/15 *Jim & Vicki Mazza*

11/27 *Mike & Tara Augustin*
Ed & Phyllis Bolia
Don & Annette McGinnis

11/30 *Henry & Diane Arnold*
Joe & Becky Grosse

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 PM Pre-school Board Mtg. 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study	2 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class 7:00 PM Choirs 7:00 PM Seven Gardens Condo Mtg. 7:00 PM Vital Christianity Sm Group	3 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	4	5 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Maurmeier Lunch 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Maurmeier Dinner
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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9:20 A.M.

Traditional Worship

Happy Thanksgiving

10:20 A.M.

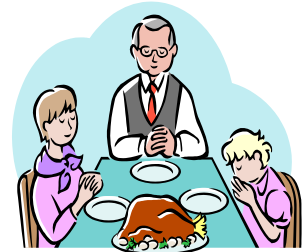
Sunday School (All Ages)

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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