



# CROSSBEAMS

*A Monthly Newsletter for Cheviot United Methodist Church*

February 2012



From  
the Pastors Desk

## PASTOR'S LETTER: REV. CRAIG JONES

### “GREAT HEART CARE”

A recent in *The Cincinnati Enquirer* caught my eye. Maybe you saw it. “*CHRIST COVETS NATIONAL STAGE.*” I thought, “I’ve got to read this!”

In this article it talks about Christ Hospital purchasing a building close to their main campus as part of a major expansion “*aimed at becoming a national destination for high-end cardiac and other medical care.*”

Jesus always “*covets the national stage*” and He is also in the business of giving “high-end cardiac care.”

In fact, the Bible has a lot to say about the human heart.

1 Samuel 16:7: **But the Lord said to Samuel** (in speaking of King Saul), “*Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as a man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.*” Before Samuel had even met David, the Lord chose him to lead Israel. At his young age, David already knew the importance of obeying God fully, which is why the Lord could work through him and develop him into the ruler Israel needed.

1 Chronicles 28:9: “**The Lord searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him.**” David lived in the wonderful presence of God because His attention was always focused on Him. He loved the Lord and wanted to please Him – and he knew that for Solomon to live the very best life possible, he would have to do the same. Do you have a deep desire for God? He knows your heart and whether he is the priority of your life. He promises that you will find Him when you seek Him – not because you want something but because you truly love Him with all of your heart.

Psalms 51:10: “**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**” To have a relationship with God requires that we confess our sin so that we might have a clean heart. Faithfulness to God requires a steadfast spirit.

Psalms 119:11: “**Your word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against You.**” Power and encouragement come to us when we memorize Scripture. When we “hide and store” God’s Word in our hearts and minds, it remains available to always help and strengthen us when we go through tough times.

Proverbs 17:22: “**A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones.**” The only way to have a joyful heart is to have and maintain a close relationship with Jesus.

Matthew 5:8: “**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**” To see God, we need to have a pure heart.

Matthew 6:21: “**...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**” What do you think about most throughout the day? What causes your heart to beat fast in wonder and anticipation? What do you think you couldn’t live without? Whatever has your attention is your treasure, but on God is truly worthy of your heart.

Matthew 11:28-29: “**Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.**” All of us need rest, and Jesus promises to give it to us when we find our rest in Him. He is our Burden-Bearer. When we surrender the circumstances of our lives to Him, He lifts us up and infuses our hearts with fresh hope and wisdom. Some situations are just too difficult for us to handle, but nothing is too great for Him. He promises to refresh our weary souls when we cry out to Him.

John 14:1: “**Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.**” Troubled hearts do not have to be afraid or anxious, but can turn to Jesus believing that He has the power to handle any situation through our faith in Him.

Ephesians 3:17: “**...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith...**” It is in knowing Jesus, having him in our hearts, that we experience the love, grace and forgiveness of God.

Philippians 4:7: “**And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**” How could Paul be so positive, secure, and unruffled in his relationship with the Lord after being beaten, shipwrecked, imprisoned, and persecuted? Paul could be positive, secure, and unruffled because peace with God is the fruit of oneness with Him. When we are firmly rooted in a deep, intimate relationship with Him, we enjoy a tranquility that transcends explanation. Though everything is in tumult around us, we are still confident and calm. This is because we know when the Lord is with us, we have absolutely nothing to fear.

As you can see, the heart is very important! Jesus is the great cardiologist who cares about your heart.

See you at the “*great heart care*” place this Sunday!

Craig

# DEVOTIONAL ARTICLES

## “GODLINESS”

Matthew 9:11-13

There is a common misconception that believers should be perfect. Pretending to have our lives in order, many of us wear happy faces and speak words that sound acceptable. At times we're ashamed to admit our shortcomings, as if they should not exist. Salvation through Jesus, however, doesn't change the fact that sin is present in our life.

When we're born again, God forgives us and sees us as righteous. Yet our battle with sin continues till we arrive in heaven.

In fact, striving for perfection actually can be a trap that pulls us away from living a godly life. Functioning in this way is a form of relying on our own capability. Jesus said that He came to heal the spiritually sick because they recognized their weakness. With an awareness of our inadequacy comes the realization of our need for Him.

The world sees successful individuals as powerful and self-sufficient, but Jesus didn't care about these qualities. Instead, He wants people to be aware of their own brokenness. This is the foundation for godliness.

We should accept our neediness and seek God passionately. Doing so allows the following attributes to develop: *a hunger for God's Word, faithful service, deepening trust, and decision-making based upon principle rather than preference.* Patiently and mercifully, God matures us.

Be careful not to cover up your sins in order to look like a “good Christian.” Without recognition and confession of our sinfulness, we are unable to rely fully on God. It is only with this awareness that we can passionately seek Him, obey in His strength, and confess with repentance when we miss the mark,

Dr. Charles Stanley, *In Touch*, January 2012

## “GODLY LIVING IN AN UNGODLY AGE”

Titus 1:1-16

Our Founding Fathers created a government framework based upon Biblical principles. Slowly, we have changed from “one nation under God” to a group of people who no longer want Him to be involved.

Tragically, we've become, in numerous ways, an ungodly nation: many are driven by materialism and power; immorality and rebellion are prevalent; empty philosophy and false doctrine are widely acceptable. Underlying it all is a vocal decision to take God out of the nation's “official business.”

Yet even in an unbelieving society, people can, as individuals, follow Jesus. But the world will continually disseminate faulty teachings, so believers must be discerning. Otherwise, erroneous messages can lead Christians to compromise their convictions. Then affections and priorities may change. Don't let the world's clamor make the Holy Spirit's voice less audible. Without His guidance, our minds become vulnerable to lies.

The Word of God is a compass that keeps us headed in the right direction – even in the midst of confusing messages all around. We need to be consistently filled with truth by reading, believing, meditating upon, and applying Scripture. God also tells us to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). If our minds are focused upon Him, unholy beliefs will not be able to take root.

The Word is our guidebook. We will still face difficulty as we live in this imperfect world – it is a confusing, dark place that entices us but never fulfills our true longings. Yet God's truth will bring confidence and boldness, and His Spirit will direct and strengthen, enabling us to live victoriously.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

## MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING

Our *Monthly Mission Offering* for February, will be going to World Hunger and Poverty. We are blessed to have food to eat, a roof over our heads, and many other God-given material blessings that so often we take for granted. Sunday, February 26, we will receive an offering to help alleviate hunger and poverty around the world. This offering will *“support programs that address the root causes of hunger and poverty in the United States and the world.”* God bless you as you give!



## “PRAYERS FOR HEALING”

We want to begin a new ministry in the life of CUMC – a time for prayers for healing. Sunday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. we want to have our first time for *“prayers for healing.”* During this time we will have a short devotional on healing, a time to share in Holy Communion, and then a time to pray for healing. Healing comes through faith in Jesus Christ. You are invited to come and have the group pray for you, or pray for a loved one or a friend. Come and share in this new ministry!

## *The Healing Stream*

There are times in our lives when each of us needs healing, a sense of wholeness in our lives. Healing can be physical, mental, emotional, relational, and even economic. Therefore, each month we want to include a devotional from Terry Teykl’s book, *My Healing Devotional: 40 Days to Pray for Wholeness*. Terry, a United Methodist pastor, is a leading teacher on prayer and healing. It is our hope that you will read these devotionals, seeking God’s healing in your life. (See article on new *“healing service.”*)

## “HIS WORD”

### “God’s Promise”

“He sent forth His word and healed them....” – Psalm 107:20

The Bible explains how God bound Himself to us: “Then the Lord said: *“I am making a covenant with you. Before all your people I will do wonders never before done in any nation in all the world. The people you live among will see how awesome is the work that I, the Lord, will do for you.”* (Exodus 34:10)

The origin of our case for healing is in this binding agreement, which was ratified by Jesus on the cross. In covenant, all that is ours became God’s, and all that is His became ours. That includes health, wholeness, abundance, joy, peace...everything that heaven holds! This is why Jesus would later say, *“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”* (John 15:7-8) God’s Word is good, and we can stand on it for healing.

### “My Prayer”

The psalmist says: *“Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. He sent out His word and healed them...”* (Psalm 109:19-20). So Lord, I am crying out to you now in the midst of my trouble. I feel anxious and distressed. Sometimes I lay awake at night thinking, “Why me?” Merciful God, save me from fear and worry over my illness. Send Your Spirit to guide me through the scriptures so that I can understand and walk in the truth of Your healing promises.

### “My Declaration”

I am strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit who resides in me. And Jesus Christ dwells in my heart through faith. I am rooted and established in His love. He fills me to overflowing with all the good things of God!  
*“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.* (Ephesians 3:14-21)

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## ***Youth Group Flower Sale***

\* **THINK SPRING!** Please support our youth group by placing a flower order

\* **Order Deadline:**  
February 15th

\* Order forms can be found in Werner Lounge  
-see basket on the table --OR--please see a youth group member

\* **Delivery May 4th and May5th**

All proceeds will help with the cost of the July 2012 Mission Trip to Appalachia

Thank you for YOUR continued support!

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## SAVE THESE DATES:

**APRIL 21-22, 2012**

To celebrate the centennial of the Cheviot United Methodist Church, we will have a dinner for the congregation, along with past members, on Saturday, April 21, 2012.

On Sunday, April 22 our District Superintendent, Brian Brown, will be here to celebrate special church services with us.

## Did you know . . .

Four different buildings have been the home of the Cheviot Church over the last 100 years.

The first structure was a chapel which was referred to as "the church built in a day," as the community erected the framework and had a roof on it in a single day. It was built on a lot at the corner of Lovell and Woodbine Avenues.

By 1916, a parsonage was built and the chapel was replaced with a temporarily covered basement that could serve as a church until a complete building could be afforded. This basement structure contained a swimming pool. Sunday School scholars could secure three tickets to use the pool for a dime;

all others who used the pool would pay five cents each. In the beginning of the week, the pool was partly filled and small children were invited to use it. More water was added later in the week for older children to use. By the end of the week, the water was deep and real swimmers had their turn.

The congregation looked forward to the new church over the basement structure. Building codes made it necessary to abandon their original plans and raze the foundation and basement. After selecting new plans, the new church building was dedicated on May 28, 1922. This building still stands at Woodbine & Lovell and is now the home of the Cincinnati Community Church.

Early in 1956 the Westwood-Northern Boulevard was extended, opening up some new land appropriate for building purposes and gave the opportunity to find an adequate church site which had been sought for several years. The decision was made and approved by the congregation to purchase eight acres with 330-foot frontage on the north side of the boulevard. The transaction was completed on June 22, 1956.

Ground Breaking Services were held September 29, 1963. Turning the first shovelful of earth were Rev. E. S. Comrey (pastor emeritus), William Morgan (charter member), Mrs. Grace McEntire (widow of Pastor Frank McEntire), and Mrs. Marcella Guthrie. The corner stone was laid on May 24, 1964. The last formal service in the old Woodbine and Lovell church was held November 8, 1964. The first service at the new Westwood-Northern location was November 15, 1964.



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## Our prayers and sympathies

- are with the family and friends of Ken Bergdolt who passed away December 23, 2011.
- and with Mike Skeen, and his family in the loss of Mike's grandmother, Patricia Skeen, who passed away Sunday, January 1, 2012.
- also with family and friends of Grayce Maxine (MacKenzie); mother of Wesley (Debbie) Steele who passed away on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

### Part Time Paid Position Available

CUMC Contemporary Worship Leader

Instrument: Keyboard or Guitar

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PRAY FOR OUR



MILITARY

Daniel Robinson  
Erin Robinson

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

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| † Dotty Meyer   | † Leigh Anne        |
| † Betty Kareth  | † Kathyrne Harkness |
| † Jim Maurmeier | † Allan Evans       |
| † Wilma Craig   | † Gary Black        |
| † Robert Kesser |                     |
| † Ruth Koehler  |                     |
| † Chip Fasion   |                     |
| † Sherri Allen  |                     |

☞ 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](mailto: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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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

2/2 *Juma Buede*  
*Eleanor Zimmer*  
*Tyler Wolf*

2/3 *Jessica Schummer*

2/5 *Gary Black*  
*Lisa Cox*

2/9 *Susie Hauser*

2/12 *Ruth Ellen Werner*

2/14 *J.J. Coey*

2/16 *Maria Barr*

2/18 *Wayne Smith III*

2/20 *Ernest Kobbé*

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*

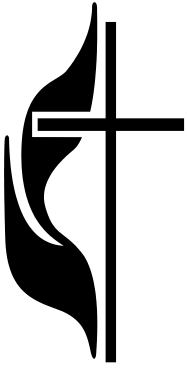
2/6 *Robert & Carol Gangwer*

2/10 *Jeffery & Jackie Halusek*

2/22 *Ken & Karen Meiners*

# FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class 7:00 PM Choirs	<b>2</b> 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	<b>3</b> 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Lettuce Eat Well Farmer's Market	<b>4</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
<b>5</b> 9:20 AM Traditional Wors. Svc. 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:15 AM Adult Bells 11:20 AM Contemporary Wors. SVC. 4:15 PM Youth Bells 4:45 PM Youth Choir 5:15 PM Adult Yoga Classes 5:15 PM - 7:30 PM CUMYF Meeting	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM N&MC Comm. Mtg. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mercy Group 7:00 PM Trustee Committee Mtg.	<b>7</b> 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM Education Comm. Mtg. 7:00 PM Pre-school Board Mtg.	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class 7:00 PM Choirs	<b>9</b> 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	<b>10</b> 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM Lettuce Eat Well Farmer's Market	<b>11</b> 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
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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."**

February 2012

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