

CROSSBEAMS

A Monthly Newsletter for Cheviot United Methodist Church

March 2012



**PASTOR'S LETTER:
REV. CRAIG JONES**

“THE MAGNETIC CHURCH”

I have been reading a new book, *The Irresistible Church*, by Wayne Cordeiro, the Senior Pastor of New Hope Christian Fellowship in Honolulu, Hawaii, one of the nation's fastest growing churches.

What is an irresistible church? An irresistible church is a church that people love to attend and a church that God uses to advance His kingdom.

Wayne shares, “An irresistible church is not a perfect church. Rather it is one that is constantly aligning itself to pleasing God. It is a people who position their hearts carefully and deliberately with the tenets of the kingdom so that God is pleased to work in unrestricted ways. God is irresistibly drawn to a church where every activity, every plan, and every leadership decision clearly displays His heart.”

According to Wayne, an irresistible church would look something like this:

You grow spiritually at this church. It is a fellowship that provides spiritual education grounded in Biblical principles that help you and your family grow in faith. It is a place where you can trust the church's teaching and can align yourself without reservation with the doctrinal stand of the church. It's also a place where you can worship God and meet other followers of Christ and make lasting friendships.

You witness a strong sense of mission. In an irresistible church people are coming to faith in Christ, lives are being transformed, and new leaders are being raised up.

You long to go to this church every week. You look forward to being part of the church's functions. If you miss a week, you're disap-

pointed rather than relieved. An irresistible church has a “magnetism” about it that you are drawn to each week.

You want to invest in this church for the long haul. There's a strong sense of satisfaction in being part of your church and you don't want to leave.

You tell others about this church. You have a healthy pride in your church and invite others to attend.

You can relax at this church, knowing it's a model of growth, not perfection. You don't expect or require flawlessness from an irresistible church. An irresistible church is a model of grace and acceptance. You bear with people, as people bear with you, and one of this church's unstated mottos is: “*We're all in this together.*”

You are delightfully challenged at this church. You leave differently than you arrived. An irresistible church educates, motivates, and empowers you each week with new tools for life. You are inspired to live differently because of what you have heard.

See you at the “magnetic” church this week!

Craig



DEVOTIONAL ARTICLES

“OUR HEAVENLY FATHER’S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE”

Romans 5:6-11

Scripture tells us that love is the very essence of who God is (1 John 4:7). So if you don’t believe that He loves you unconditionally, you’ll never really know Him or have genuine peace about your relationship with Him.

How do you define “love”? It is Jesus unselfishly reaching out to mankind, giving Himself to us and bringing good into our life regardless of whether or not we accept Him. Romans 5:8 tells us that His care and concern are so immeasurable that He laid down His life for us while we were still His enemies. In fact, the Bible says that he first began to express His love toward us before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:3-5). That means your actions had absolutely nothing to do with His love for you!

God’s commitment to us has absolutely no conditions or restrictions and isn’t based on whether we love Him back. Nor does he have more love for “good” people who may strike us as more worthy. He loves us even in our sin, even when we don’t repent. Does that give us license to disobey? No. It gives us power to live holy lives, walk obediently with Him, and learn to love Him the way He deserves. To follow him is to receive the love He has been offering all along.

Every single moment, whether awake or asleep, we all live under the canopy of the Lord’s wondrous, absolute love for us. But to fully experience that love, you must receive it. Say yes to this amazing gift that God wants to pour out on you. Bask in it, and let it overflow to those around you.

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

“ACCEPTING GOD’S GIFT OF LOVE”

1 John 4:7-12

Many people simply can’t believe that the Lord loves them. Others believe that He loves them, but only when they are pleasing Him in some way. Why is it so hard for us to accept His unconditional love?

One reason is that we have a hard time loving others without condition. We might say the words “I love you” to our spouse, children, friends, co-workers, or fellow believers but all too often are calculating in our mind whether or not they’ve lived up to our standard. We sometimes excuse ourselves from loving certain people because their behavior upsets or annoys us. The fact that we place restrictions on extending favor causes us to wrongly assume that the Lord does likewise.

Another reason is poor self-image. Considering ourselves unworthy, we refuse to accept God’s love. You know what? None of us are worthy of the heavenly Father’s goodness and mercy – so you can let go of that excuse once and for all. We’re not coming to Him based on our worth. Rather, we’re coming to Him based on His grace, and our position is secure in Christ. To put yourself down as “beneath His grace” is to trample on His loving, generous gift. God arranged an awesome divine way for us to be reconciled to Him, and His greatest desire is for relationship with each of us.

If you feel unloved or struggle to accept yourself, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth of our heavenly Father’s love for you – and to sink it deep into your heart. Receive the truth that He reveals. It will be a completely different story about your value as an individual.

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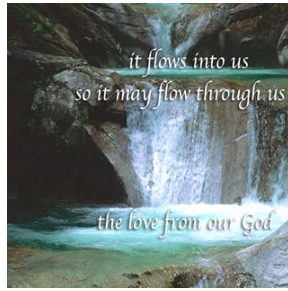
The Healing Stream

“HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER”

“God’s Promise”

“Honor your father and mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.”

Exodus 20:13



God’s healing is not just about the absence of disease; it is about living a life of health day after day, in every way. We tend to think of healing as a fix, but God wants us to live abundantly, healthy and whole in our body and spirit.

This is the first commandment with a promise, that if we honor our parents, we will live long. Honor is more than just lip service; it is an attitude of the heart that produces a lifestyle of humility and respect. The principle of honoring our father and mother applies not only to our biological parents; it extends to spiritual parents and others in positions of authority around our lives. Honor is a spiritual mindset that prepares us to receive the blessings of God.

God is honor. He has honored us in the highest way by sending His Son Jesus to pray our ransom with His life. In response, we can honor our parents, our pastor, our church and church leaders, our husbands and wives, teachers, government leaders and justices. We can honor those we work with, our children, and others that we may come in contact with every day.

So how do you show honor? Speak affirming; refrain from criticism. Cover flaws and extend grace. Protect; don’t expose. Declare God’s Word over people and situations. Honor the lost by praying for them and showing them Jesus.

When we live out of an attitude of honor, we are inviting God’s Presence and favor. Where He finds honor, He will pour out His blessings of love, healing grace, mercy and well being. God can establish a stronghold of health in a life that honors Him by honoring others.

“My Prayer”

Lord God, I thank You for my parents and all that they have given me, including my very life. I bless them. I will not focus on their flaws, but on the ways in which they reflect You. I humble myself before You as I remember many others who have covered and helped me spiritually, educationally and financially. Lord, You demonstrated honor in so many ways; may my life be pleasing to You as I honor someone today.

“My Declaration”

God is honor.

I will honor others so that I may live a long, good life.

God is honor.

I will honor the poor, the lost, and outcast so that I may receive His favor.

God is honor and I am made in His image.



“PRAYERS FOR HEALING”

Our next “*prayers for healing*” will be on Sunday, March 25 at 6:00 p.m.. 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. We must always remember that healing comes through faith in Jesus Christ. Study the gospels and see how often Jesus says to a person who has been healed, “*your faith has made you well.*” We invite to join us as we pray together.

Come and share in this new ministry!

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RUMMAGE SALE

WHEN: Saturday, March 24, 9-1 PM
WHERE: CUMC's Fellowship Hall
WHAT: Helpers needed for set-up on Thursday 3-22 and Friday, 3-23. Workers are also needed for the day of the sale. Contact Marcia Lucas at 385-9263 for more info or if you can help.



Monthly Mission Offering

Our *Monthly Mission Offering* in March will be going to the *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Your gifts to *One Great Hour of Sharing* underwrite UMCOR's (United Methodist Committee On Relief) "*costs of doing business*." That means that 100% of every

dollar you give to UMCOR helps some of the world's most vulnerable people.

UMCOR does not take anything from designated gifts to cover home office administrative costs of the broad support that United Methodists provides through this annual offering. UMCOR is a good steward of God's gifts. Offering gifts over and above those used to cover administrative costs are channeled where they are most needed – to assist the most vulnerable people. When catastrophes causes suffering – our church – and all the United Methodist Churches together – impelled by Jesus' love and compassion – will bring healing, hope and a place of refuge.

This offering will be received on Sunday, March 25. God bless you as you give to this very important offering!

CUMC PRESCHOOL LADIES' NIGHT OUT

LADIES NIGHT OUT: Friday, March 30, from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Bring your friends, neighbors, sisters and mothers and join us for snacks, beverages, grab bags, gift baskets, silent auctions and lots of shopping!



Vendors:

Designs by Lisa Smith, Cathy's Creative Outlet, Tupperware, Wildtree Herbs, Longaberger, Mary Kay, Usbourne Books, Tastefully Simple, Golden Promise Gold Exchange, just to name a few.

A \$2 entrance fee qualifies you for door prizes. Additional door prize tickets available (\$2 each or 3 for \$5). Door Prize Drawings throughout the evening. For advance tickets or for more information, please contact Paula Long at 389-3060.

COMMUNION SCHEDULE

2012

March 4
April 1
May 6
June 3

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Part Time Paid Position Available

CUMC Contemporary Worship Leader

Instrument: Keyboard or Guitar

Send resume via e-mail:

cheviotumc3820@aol.com or

Fax: 513-389-3061. ATTENTION: Pastor

Craig Jones

SUBSTITUTE SUNDAY SCHOOL

TEACHERS NEEDED

Be a blessing to our church family by serving as a substitute SS teacher.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ♦ *A love and commitment to Jesus, children and youth.*
- ♦ *A willingness to fill in for illness, emergency or a planned absence.*

Interest? E-mal or call:

**Missy Wittich: jmwittich@fuse.net/
295-3897**

Debbie Hauser:



2012 LENTEN DINNERS AND EASTER BREAKFAST

The VIM committee will again be coordinating the meals.

This year, all net proceeds go to the Maurmeier Fund.

Wed Mar 7th – Nurture Membership Care - Italian Night

Wed Mar 14th – VIM - Skyline / NYPD Pizza / Salad / Ice Cream

Wed Mar 21st – Choirs/Music Department - Soups, sandwich tray, salad, desserts

Wed Mar 28th – Education – Casseroles, salad, etc.

Wed Apr 4th – VIM - Cookout – Opening Day theme – brats, metts, sauerkraut, burgers, beans, coleslaw, chips.

~ DINNERS served 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Donations Taken at the Door ~

Hotdogs & apple sauce will be available each meal for children.

~We need help in desserts, set up, clean up, etc...please contact Jeff Becker, Emily Smith, or Becky Grosse.
Thanks for everyone's help and support!! ~

- Sun, April 8th – Easter Breakfast Buffet – 7:30 am – 9:00 am.

~ Menus are subject to change ~
Please invite your family and friends!

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Our prayers and sympathies

To the Family and Friends of Betty Weber who passed away January 27, 2012.

To the Family and Friends of John Wesley Jr., son of John Hartley. John passed away February 5, 2012.

To the Family and Friends of Peach Moser whose brother, Robert Kresser, passed away February 12, 2012.

THANK YOU:

The Evangelism Committee would like to express their appreciation to those who helped-either financially or in any other way.

A big thanks to the Mercy/AA group who meet here on Monday nights and the Memorial Committee for their donations that enabled us to purchase benches for the back patio area.

Seven years ago when the plans for a contemporary worship service were being developed the discussion about music leadership came around to who and how. For some unknown reason, perhaps the moving of the Spirit or perhaps just that I saw a need and stepped up to meet it, I offered to organize and rehearse whoever came forward to be the new "praise team". Though I took charge, it was always a team because I never had the delusion that I could do it on my own or the desire to do so. From the first meeting with a few people that joined up when they had no idea what they were joining to the last practice with the group that leads today my goal was always the same - to build and lead a team whose purpose is to lead worship at CUMC in a way that touches hearts and lives. Thank you for the privilege of serving in this way with a very special group of people. Their dedication and talents are surpassed only by their faith in the value of this "new" worship service at CUMC. I will treasure the experience of being a part of this team.

Amy Morand

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

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| † Dotty Meyer | † Leigh Anne |
| † Betty Kareth | † Gary Black |
| † Jim Maurmeier | † Allan Evans |
| † Wilma Craig | † Cindi Kent |
| † Bob Long | † Lauren Phair |
| † Ruth Koehler | † Doris Ernst |
| † Chip Fasion | † Charlie Bays |
| † Phyllis Bolia | |

☞ 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:
Juanita Woodburn
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Please be sure to state "Crossbeams"
in the subject line of your email.**

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(Lois Schalk-Hartley, Associate Pastor)

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(Trustee Committee)

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MANY THANKS to those who are using Kroger or biggs gift cards to benefit the Maurmeier family while purchasing their groceries. In just a few months over \$85 has been donated just because you took the time to reload the card and then pay for your groceries

Thank you to our Cheviot United Methodist Church Family.

We thank you for your love, prayers and cards during the loss of John's son on February 5. God has been faithful and has comforted John through you.

Thank you!
John Hartley and Lois (Schalk) Hartley

Senior Adult Luncheon (S.A.M. AGES 55+)

Friday, March 16 at 12:30 PM
Come, join us for an excellent program with "Four Hands and One Piano". Carol Gangwer and Marcia Lucas will share in a concert. They are super as their four hands move quickly over the keys making beautiful music. Carol also will share some Irish tunes for St. Patrick's day. Come wearing your green. The cost for lunch as always is only \$8. Call the church office if you are interested in attending. Bring a friend!

Want to walk through the New Testament?

Would you like to know more about the Books of the New Testament, their purpose and how it all fits together? Would you like to see what these scriptures say to us today? Join us the second and fourth Thursdays of each month beginning March 8th, from 7 - 8:30 PM. in the Chapel. You may purchase a study book which we use as a guide as we walk through these books. We will save a place for you. Call the church office to register.
Lois Schalk-Hartley

WESTFED FOOD PANTRY

Westfed Pantry Update



During the second half of 2011, Westfed served an average of 110 families per month. Food donations typically increase at holiday time (November and December), then fall off at the start of a new year. In response to this trend, the Outreach Committee schedules the first of two yearly food drives in February. Current bag return date: March 4.

Items always in short supply at Westfed include: peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, and toilet paper. Donations may be left ANY-TIME in the baskets outside Werner Lounge. Your response to the request for paper grocery bags is much appreciated. This, too, is an ongoing need.

We thank you for your support of the pantry through food, toiletry items, and monetary donations as we serve the needs of our less fortunate neighbors.

The Outreach Committee



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

03/01 *Ryan Davis*
Mary Daum

03/03 *Amy Morand*
Nick Hinds

03/04 *Donald Woodburn*

03/05 *Mike St. John*
Debbie Hauser
Tara Augustin

03/06 *Beth Muench*

03/07 *Nathan Davis*
Chelsea Hauser

03/08 *Jodi Imsicke*

03/09 *Eileen Annest*

03/10 *Jack Chaffin*

03/13 *Jim Klein*

03/14 *Ann Schmitt*

03/15 *Brent Wittich*

03/17 *Henry Arnold*
Kim Skeen

03/18 *Kathryne Harkness*

03/19 *Ken Meyers*

03/23 *Herman Heine*

03/24 *Peggy Paff*
Chelsea Hilliard

03/25 *Julie Krebs*

03/26 *Aaron Muench*

03/29 *Rick Specker*

03/30 *Roger Worrell*
Cathy Klein
Kevin Davis
Ben Grosse
Billie Wilde





HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...

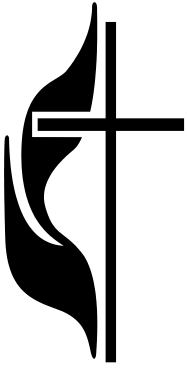
3/2 *Kevin & Cathy Davis*

3/18 *Jim & Fran Koch*

3/21 *Jeff & Missey Simmons*

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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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