



a Word from the Pastor

“Peace I leave you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives.” John 14:27

A few years ago, our family wanted to go somewhere for vacation that we had never been before. We spent a lot of time looking at pictures on a website and settled on a nice resort in the mountains of West Virginia. We chose it because of its serene lake, its mountain views, its golf course (of course) and most of all, because it looked like a peaceful place. And peace was what I wanted the most.

After checking into our room, we started exploring the grounds. I noticed that everywhere we went, there was a radio playing over the speakers with the latest country hits or a commercial about an auto parts store or a sports talk show. “Well,” I thought, “it’s not very peaceful right now, but maybe in the morning, I can find some peace.” So, I got up early the next day and went out for devotions. And what do you suppose that I heard? You guessed it! The same radio! It was blaring through every speaker in every corner of the place. Even at 6:30 in the morning! It seemed there was no peace to be found.

We try a lot of “things” to find peace in our lives, but, just like my vacation, peace often eludes us. Peace is not only the absence of noise around us. It is also the absence of “noise” inside of us. We think, “maybe if the people in my life would be nicer, I will find peace.” “Maybe if I have a better job, or a nicer house, or a better car, I will find peace”, or “maybe if I do yoga, get out in nature, burn candles or drink green tea, I’ll have peace.” But, have you ever noticed that it is possible to have all those things and do all those things and still not have peace? We may have it for a while. But what happens when we lose the job, wreck the car, or run out of tea? There goes our peace! Jesus has an answer for our peace problem. He says that the world does not give it to us. In other

Where do we Find Peace?

words, there is no “Thing” in the world that can bring us peace. Only He can bring true peace—even in the midst of un-peaceful situations. Jesus’ peace is different from the world’s peace in three ways. First, Jesus’ peace is a permanent peace. It does not come and go with our circumstances. It does not rise and fall with our bank account. It is available all the time no matter what is happening to us or around us. We can access the permanent peace of Christ through prayer any time of the day or night.

Second, Jesus’ peace is a positional peace. It is not based on our position in life. It is based on our position in God’s eternal family. When our peace leaves because of mistakes we’ve made, the rejection we feel, or the loneliness we experience, we can remind ourselves that we have a position in God’s family that no one can take away from us.

Finally, Jesus’ peace is a personal peace. It is not based on other people, it is based on His Personhood—and his desire to have a deep personal relationship with us. The song that says, “You didn’t want heaven without us, so you brought heaven down” is describing what Jesus did to insure the personal relationship that he desires to have with us.

When we know the peace of Christ, many things can change about our everyday life. We no longer need to be fearful or anxious about the future because we have His permanent peace. We no longer need to allow others’ expectations to define us because we have His positional peace. We no longer need to fear being alone because we have His personal peace. Jesus said,

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How do you connect with the Peace of Christ every day?

See you in church,
Pastor Carrie

Pastor Carrie

Missions & Ministries

MISSION CALENDAR

August

- 4 - Matthew 25 Ministries: 9 AM-11 AM; 11060 Kenwood Rd.
- 5 - Festival of Sharing bag distribution
- 12 - Prince of Peace breakfast – meet @ 5:40 AM CUMC parking lot
- 12 - Festival of Sharing bag distribution
- 26 - Festival of Sharing bags due
- 26 - Mission offering: UMCOR

September

- 9 - Prince of Peace breakfast – meet @ 5:40 AM CUMC parking lot
- 22 - Matthew 25 Ministries: 9 AM-11 AM; 11060

Westfed Food Pantry Needs

Peanut butter, jelly, bars of soap, large paper grocery bags.

Check the Sunday bulletin for additional needs that may occur throughout the month. Donation baskets are outside Werner Lounge. Donation envelopes are available on the Welcome Centers. Please make checks out to CUMC with memo: **Westfed**.

Thank you for supporting our neighborhood mission.



FESTIVAL OF SHARING (FOS)

The annual FOS project with Church World Service is this month. CWS, a faith-based organization, has been supplying disaster relief and refugee assistance worldwide since 1946. Last year, 243,952 health kits and school kits were distributed in 7 foreign countries, 20 U.S. States and Puerto Rico.

The Missions Committee will supply cloth bags for school kits and gallon ziplock bags for health kits after services on **August 5 and 12**. Items needed to fill these kits are listed below. To meet customs regulations for foreign shipments, items should be donated only in the specified sizes. Partial kits are welcome, the Missions Committee will fill in needed items. Kits are due at the end of August.

SCHOOL KIT:

- **blunt scissors** removed from package (rounded tip only)
- three **70 count bound notebooks** (8.5 x 11 ruled paper),
- **12" ruler**
- hand-held **pencil sharpener** removed from packaging
- large **eraser**
- 6 **unsharpened pencils** removed from packaging,
- box of **24 crayons**.



HEALTH KIT:

- **hand towel** 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no dish towels or micro-fiber)
- **washcloth**
- **wide-tooth comb*** removed from packaging
- **bath size bar of soap** in the wrapper
- **toothbrush** in the package
- 10 standard size **band aids**
- (extended expiration date toothpaste provided by CWS at time of shipment)



*wide tooth combs are available at discount suppliers such as Sally Beauty and some dollar stores.

Remember the Duck?

by Lois Schalk-Hartley

This e-mailed story came across my path some time ago. It was entitled, "The Duck and the Devil." It goes like this.

There was a little boy visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the yard. He practiced in the woods but never could hit his target.

Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner. As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the sling shot fly, hit the duck in the head and killed it. He was shocked and grieved. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the woodpile, only to see his sister watching! Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch the next day Grandma said, "Sally, wash the dishes." Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen." Then she whispered to him, "remember the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes. Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper." Sally smiled and said, "well, that's all right because Johnny told me he wanted to help make supper." She whispered to Johnny again, "remember the duck?" So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help Grandma.

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's too he couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave Johnny a hug and said, "Sweetheart, I know. You see, I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. But because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave out of you?"

What an awesome story! It struck home with me and I wonder if it also has with you. Things that we have done that we are not proud of and the sins we have committed can haunt us. And that is exactly what the devil wants. His greatest ammunition comes in the form of accusations that he puts into our minds. In essence he is saying to us, "Remember the Duck!" Remember those sins you have committed and remember those things you have done that you are not proud of!

One of the devil's biggest weapons for the Christian is that he wants to constantly "accuse" us of our past and our failures.

How do we deal with this and walk in freedom in Christ?

Recently a group of women did a study with Beth Moore entitled "The Quest."

At the beginning of the study she asked five questions that have significant meaning in our lives.

*Where are you? *Who told you that? *What are you seeking? *Why are you afraid? *How much more?

Where are you in your relationship with God?

Who told you the thoughts in your mind?

What are you seeking for in life?

Why are you afraid of so many things?

How much more will our Heavenly Father give good things to His children?

The question that stands out to me from this story about the duck is this one- - "Who told you that?"

And if it is not our God telling us this then we know where it comes from. The devil loves to fill Christians minds with his lies. And sometimes he does it through people we know like a parent, a teacher, a classmate, a friend or others. But it is God's truth that sets us free.

As a child I was never one to be chosen first or even close to the top of the list for games. When choosing sides I would be at the end of the line. What about you? Also during this time when my mother was in and out of the hospital I remember a homemade green jumper with a spot on the front that I wore often. I did not feel good about myself.

In later life I went to counseling and this dear Christian counselor led me back to that situation in my life. I pictured myself with a room full of children and of course there I was with that ugly green jumper with a spot on the front. But this time someone walked into the room and passed all of the other children and came straight to me. He lovingly came right up to me and said, "I choose you!" It was Jesus! Jesus showed me I was loved by Him and He chose me.

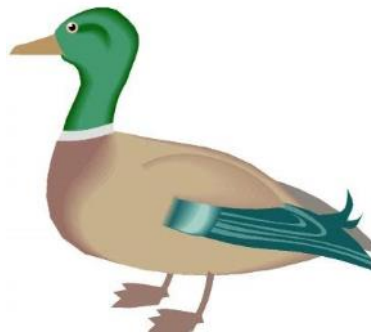
God's Word leads us to God's Truth.

So how do we deal with the "ducks" in our lives, the things we are not proud of, the outright sins we have committed, the experiences we have had that have left us feeling not accepted, unloved?

Johnny went directly to Grandma and confessed his sin. And he found out she had seen the whole thing. But she had forgiven him because of her love for him. This is a picture of our Lord Jesus, isn't it? He sees it all yet wants us to confess it all to Him. His Word tells us that when we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9.

He also has been there as we experienced all of the pain in our lives and wants to heal us too. The devil is a liar! God is truth! He buries our sins in the deepest sea, and puts up a sign saying, "NO FISHING!"

So, instead of "remembering the duck," we need to remember God's love, His Word and His amazing grace.



From the Trustees:

A BIG thank you to the Youth Group and all the volunteers who worked on the *Church Beautification Day* project. GREAT JOB!

Thank you!

August 12 – Worship, Music and Cookout Come early – stay late

My Brother's Keeper www.mybrotherskeeperband.com will be leading worship all morning then we'll be enjoying a cookout afterward. If you're a bluegrass and music lover you will really enjoy My Brother's Keeper. If you're interested in a "new" worship experience this is the one to try. Attend at 9:10am or 11:15am worship and hear their original gospel tunes as well as familiar old standards.

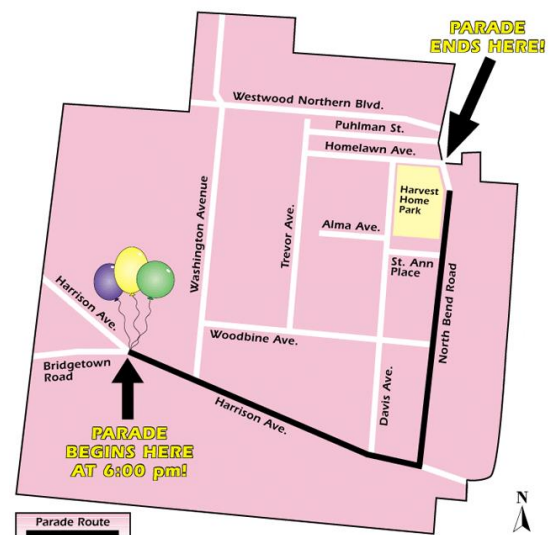
Following the **11:15am worship stay for a summer cook-out**. Meat will be provided. **Bring a picnic side dish** to share. Summer is a great time to break out of the routine and try something new. And, August 12 is a great time to invite friends, family and neighbors to a rare worship experience as well as a friendly meal. See you on the 12th!



Join the Parade

Thursday, September 6 Cheviot UMC will once again be a part of the annual Harvest Home Parade. This year we will be using the church bus to carry us thru and spread the word about all that's happening at CUMC. If you'd like to be part of the planning and the parading contact Amy Morand at awmorand@zoomtown.com or 513-826-0773.

Join Us For The Parade!



Looking to get involved? Please consider joining one of our administrative teams. Below is a list of the committees, please contact Becky Grosse or Pastor Carrie if you're interested in joining a team and check out the church website or the hallway bulletin board for detailed descriptions.

- ♦ Nominations and Leadership Development Committee
- ♦ Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee
- ♦ Trustees
- ♦ Finance Committee
- ♦ Lay Leadership
- ♦ Chair of Church Council/Administrative Board

7th-12th Grade Students— You're invited to be a part of the Youth Group of Cheviot UMC (also known as CUMYF-Cheviot United Methodist Youth Fellowship)! CUMYF is a small group ministry that meets weekly on Sunday evenings from September to May every school year. Our annual kick-off event will be September 16th from 4pm-6pm. We will be hanging out, playing games, eating pizza and having fun getting to know one another! The focus of CUMYF is to make disciples of Jesus Christ, and to have fun while doing so! For those of you who may be new to CUMYF, Katie Golek and Ashley St. John are the youth leaders. Both are members of the church as well as alumnae of CUMYF. Youth Group is open to ALL 7th - 12th graders from any school, church, or community, regardless of religious background. We encourage you to bring friends!

On September 16th, we will ask your parents or guardian to join us at 6pm for a quick parent & youth meeting. We will be handing out the calendar of scheduled activities for the year. A few highlights include: mini-golf, corn maze, Christmas party, tie-die shirts! We will also be passing out important forms for parents/guardians to fill out and return.

Below you will find contact information for Katie and Ashley. Please email with questions anytime throughout the year. You can also connect with us via social media. We hope to see you soon!

Katie Golek & Ashley St. John

Youth Leaders

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We will be selling World's Finest Chocolate bars September 10th-September 24th. Each chocolate bar sells for only \$1.00. There are 60 bars to a box (12 dark, 12 milk, 12 almond, 18 caramel, and 6 crisp). CUMC preschool will keep 50% of the profits. It was a huge success last year!



Also we have LaRosa's buddy cards available for purchase. Each card is only \$10 and good for 14 BOGO large cheese pizzas. These make excellent stocking stuffers, as well as gifts for college students and babysitters. Buddy cards will be available all year long.

Thank you for your support of CUMC Preschool!

Contact Preschool Director, Paula Long for questions luvkids75@aol.com or



Weekly Worship Attendance	1 st Service	2 nd Service	Total
2018 Breakthrough Goal (Avg.)			151.0
Last 3 Months			
April (Avg.)	121.8	29.2	151.0
May (Avg.)	124.3	32.0	156.3
June (Avg.)	108.8	27.8	136.5
2018 Year to Date (Avg.)	115.9	30.1	146.0



BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Vicki Groh
 8/2 Barb Boesherz
 David Beiderbeck
 8/5 Don Francis
 Tom Struckman
 8/6 Shirley Durbin
 8/7 Chip Cummings JR
 8/11 Sarah Brice
 8/12 Bud Hoffman
 Norma Barkalow
 8/13 Marge Kugele
 8/14 Steve Hoffman
 Ed Bolia
 8/16 Ruth Warner
 Charlotte Bruestle
 Alex Thomas
 8/18 Charlie Sparenberg
 Debbie Wade
 Annette McGinnis
 8/19 Jeff Becker
 8/20 Diane Arnold
 Janice Barr
 8/23 Kathy Byerly
 8/24 Jim Mazza
 8/26 Linda Hinds
 8/27 Dennis Morand
 8/28 Linda Benken
 Tom Green
 8/31 Vicki Mazza

Cheviot UMC	2018 Budget	1st Half Actual	% of Budget
Income	\$ 290,819	\$ 157,475	54%
Expenses	\$ 415,211	\$ 193,429	47%

For the first half of 2018, contributions are 2% higher than the first half of 2017.

Average weekly attendance is 147 for the first half of 2018 vs 146 for 2017.

If you would like more detail on the above financial information, please contact Anna Lawson, Stewardship and Finance Chair at alawson94@fuse.net or 513-304-7370.



ANNIVERSARIES

8/13 James & Janice Barr
 8/23 Claude and Brenda Zerby
 Doug & Kathleen Grosse
 8/25 John & Kathy Byerly
 8/28 Rick & Linda Hinds

August 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	3	4 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9 AM Matthew 25 Ministries
5 9:10 AM Traditional Worship 10:20 AM Sunday School and Fellowship Time 11:15 AM Contemporary Wor- ship 12:30 PM INVITE Team Mtg.	6 1:00 PM Craft Club 6:30 PM Mission Committee Mtg. 7:00 PM Contempo- rary Worship Mtg. 7:00 PM Mercy Group 7:00 PM Trustee Committee Mtg.	7 2:00 PM Lydia Circle	8	9 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	10	11 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Bible Study
12 9:10 AM Traditional Worship 10:20 AM Sunday School and Fellowship Time 11:15 AM Contemporary Wor- ship	13 1:00 PM Craft Club 7:00 PM Disciple- ship Mtg. 7:00 PM Mercy Group 7:30 PM Stamp Team Mtg.	14 7:00 PM SPRC Mtg.	15 6:30 PM Women's Book Club	16 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	17 12:30 PM S.A.M Luncheon	18 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
19 9:10 AM Traditional Worship 10:20 AM Sunday School and Fellowship Time 11:15 AM Contemporary Wor- ship	20 1:00 PM Craft Club 7:00 PM Mercy Group 7:00 PM SEND Team Mtg.	21	22 7 PM Choir 7:30 PM Stamp Club	23 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	24	25 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Bible Study 10 AM Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
26 9:10 AM Traditional Worship 10:20 AM Sunday School and Fellowship Time 11:15 AM Contemporary Wor- ship	27 1:00 PM Craft Club 7:00 PM Church Council 7:00 PM Mercy Group	28 7:00 PM Sarah Circle	29 7 PM Adult Choir	30 7:00 PM CUMC Preschool Parents Night 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	31	

Do you have information you'd like to add to the Crossbeams?
Please email your article to crossbeamseditor@cheviotumc.com by the 10th of the month.

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Worship Schedule

9:10 a.m.
Traditional Worship—Sanctuary

10:20 a.m.
Sunday School (All Ages)

11:15 a.m.
Contemporary Worship—Fellowship Hall

“Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.”