



a Word from the Pastor

HOW ARE YOU GROWING?

Last week, I was watching the nature channel on NatGeo. Using time-lapse photography, it showed a beautiful field of tulips blooming. As I watched, a field of green turned into a field of purple in less than 10 seconds as the sun raced across the sky and the clouds followed. I thought to myself: "It's a cool technique, but nothing ever blooms that fast!"

Our technology saturated world today has conditioned us to expect everything to happen fast. I was at Wendy's the other day and the person behind the counter said, "It will be about 23 seconds for your chicken nuggets to be ready. Is that ok?" What was I going to say? "Well, I really hoped you could do it in 15, but I'll let it go this time!" We live in a world where faster is always better and faster never seems to be fast enough.

How grateful I am that God's ways are not our ways. When I look at the world that he created, I learn that real growth happens slowly and steadily; sometimes so gradually that we barely see any change at all. In just a few weeks, we will be witnessing the slow unfolding of some of his best work. Cherry blossoms, larkspur, orchids, zinnias and many more blooms. And unlike the video, none of them will be blooming instantly.

Spiritual growth happens in the same way. God's desire is that you and I will "bloom" into the people that He created us to be. But, he knows that it is sometimes a slow process and rarely an instant event. And just like the different varieties of flowers, no person's growth will look exactly the same.

Last Sunday, we began a new series called "A Church on the Move." Over the next five weeks, we will be learning that a church that "Moves" together is a church that "Grows" together. In God's family, growth is not optional! But, in His grace and mercy,

he meets us where we are and promises to complete the process. I am so grateful that he doesn't get impatient with us when our growth is slower than we would like.

So, our question for May is, "How are you growing?" What are some of the ways that you sense that God is growing you? Maybe it is in learning to trust Him more. Maybe it is in learning to forgive more quickly. Maybe it is in desiring to be in his Word daily. Whatever it is, I want to hear your stories of growth. If you have sensed God growing you this year, send me a note and tell me about it. You can e-mail me at pastorcarrie123@gmail.com or give me a call at the church office. I'm looking forward to hearing your stories of God growing all of us in beautiful ways!

See you in church,

Pastor Carrie



What is UNITED METHODIST WOMEN?



Did you know that United Methodist Women, as a group, dates back almost 150 years to our predecessor organizations? It's a fascinating history. During those years, the focus has been on ministry to women, children and youth and has included medical and educational outreach as well as spiritual.

Today, United Methodist Women is an international organization with groups in many United Methodist churches. Together, we are able to reach and help people nearby and far away. But it all begins with local units.

CUMC is in the process of renewing our UMW unit. Any and all women are welcome to participate; you do not need to be a member of CUMC. Two circles, or subgroups, have been formed. If you have joined one of these groups, you are considered a member of the local unit. Circles meet regularly, usually monthly, and each has its own leadership, projects, and programs. The unit typically meets once or twice a year, usually for an event (luncheon, special program, etc.) to which all members and guests are invited. A leadership team exists to facilitate planning for such events, and input is solicited from circles.

All women are welcome to join the circles. You may join a circle based upon the meeting time that best fits your needs, or you may "try out" both circles or even attend both. Additionally, you may join UMW even if you are unable to attend either circle (contact Jeanne Long 763-9956).

Lydia Circle meets the first Tuesday of each month, in the Werner Lounge at 2:00pm. Co-leaders are Linda Schumacher (245-0898) and Bobbi Ostermeyer (607-2841), and treasurer is Sue Duebber.

Sarah Circle meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, also in the Werner Lounge. Vicki Groh (661-5852) is circle leader.

The leadership team at this point consists of Jeanne Long, president (763-9956) and Vicki Groh, treasurer. Additional members are needed for this team.

There are no dues or membership fees that members are required to pay. However, offerings may be taken to support missions and programs of the circles, and

members are requested to make a yearly pledge to mission that will go to support the missions and programs of the National Organization of United Methodist Women.

The stated purpose of UMW is:

United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Contact Jeanne Long 763-9956 if you have questions.

Thanks to everyone for all your prayers, letters, cards, and words of encouragement when I had my knee replaced.

Bill Jenkins



To My Cheviot Church Family,
Thank you for the love and prayers sent my way during a challenging time of illness. It is wonderful to be a part of a caring body of Christ. Your cards, beautiful prayer quilt, showers of blessings in a basket of carefully chosen gifts from the Women's Sunday Morning Bible Study Group, and flowers from the Chancel Choir have a special place in my heart.. I continue to count my blessings.

In Christ,
Jan Cummings

Is All Of Life Sacred? Even The Everyday Things?



by Lois Schalk-
Hartley

Recently I read this title from a book by Ken Gire, "Seeing What is Sacred." It caught my interest. It is because I long to see and experience all of life as sacred.

But too many times I am caught up in the moment with a million things on my mind it seems.

Ken Gire says, "Around us there are hints that there is a way of life vastly richer and deeper than all this hurried existence, a life unhurried of serenity and peace and power. A life where we see all that is sacred." He goes on to say, "It seems the more we pack into our lives, the less we experience of our lives (Maybe we need to think about that one). How do we make time for the things that ultimately matter?"

How can we become more spiritually sensitive to the moments of our lives?"

A definition of the word "sacred" is - To set apart for service and or worship worthy of reverence and respect, highly valued and important

So, what makes all of life sacred? How do we see the "sacred" in all things?

Maybe it will help to look at Colossians 3:17 which says, "What ever you do in thought, word, and deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Father Lawrence, the humble 17th century monk who wrote, "Practicing the Presence of God," knew how to meet God in the ordinary, daily events of his life. He was in the kitchen a lot and so met God among the pots and pans. He learned the secret of doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

I would like to change Ken Gire's words and instead of saying "Seeing what is sacred" I would like to say, "seeing all of life as sacred."

Saturday, I heard a new song from a bird I do not remember ever hearing before. I could not place the song. Sunday morning on my way to church I heard it again and looked up in the tree and saw a

woodpecker pecking and singing. It was his song I was hearing.

That moment was sacred for me. I believe God is the creator of all things in this world and I praise Him for so many things in nature.

Any moment spent in His world of nature can be a sacred moment.

It is a moment of worship and praise.

John and I have seen some beautiful moons and we have fun deciding if the moon is waxing or waning.

Times are sacred for us when we enjoy the dogs, when John shares his stories from the past, when we enjoy a meal talking about things that interest us. I enjoy simple things. I can praise and worship God in and for those simple things.

One morning John and I were talking about all of the natural resources in the ground and I began to make a list. All of those things are a gift from God. My list grows and I praise God.

I confess that not all of life seems sacred to me, but I want to see it that way. I want to invite Christ into my thoughts, the words I say and into the things I do. I am thankful for the times His spirit and mine are one and He witnesses to my spirit.

I appreciate what Ken Gire says, "The more we pack into our lives, the less we experience of our lives."

Maybe it's time to do less packing of things to take up our time and more "practicing the presence of God" in the simplicity and beauty of the life God has given us! Are you with me? Share some stories and ways you have found all of life to be sacred with family and friends.

Let's find many ways to practice the presence of our God!

Westfed Food Pantry Needs

Canned fruit, toilet paper, 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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD CELEBRATES 25 YEARS



From the humble beginnings of a last-minute phone call with Franklin Graham that resulted in over 1000 packed shoeboxes to the 2017 collection of over 11 million boxes, Operation Christmas Child has covered the globe with shoeboxes filled with hope. Each one is a gospel opportunity for the recipient and their family and friends to learn about the life changing hope of Jesus Christ. The small gifts and toys are just a concrete example of God's love for this child. ***In celebration of 25 years and to kick off a new time for collecting boxes at Cheviot UMC, we will be throwing a shoebox packing party in JULY. Yes, JULY will be shoebox month this year.*** The boxes will be available to take home to fill and there will be a party to fill and return the filled boxes. Check out the June Crossbeams for dates and times. Questions before then can be directed to Amy Morand (awmorand@zoomtown.com or 513-826-0773).

Praise Team is all about the praise and a bit about the singing and playing. If you're being nudged to offer your talents to worship leading in ways other than scripture reading and ushering, then consider trying out the praise team. We welcome singers and players of all ages and skill levels who have a desire to serve. Talk to Amy Morand or Pastor Carrie today.



What's all this talk about.....RUMMAGE. Yes, the rummage sale **will happen in 2018** during a different season. **Instead of a spring rummage sale we will hold a fall sale** and CUMC Preschool will be working alongside Cheviot UMC to mutually support the church and the preschool. Stay tuned for the sale date and the details about bringing in your contributions.

Missions Calendar May and June 2018

May

- 5 - Matthew 25 Ministries: 9 AM-11 AM; 11060 Kenwood Rd.
- 13 - Prince of Peace breakfast – meet @ 5:40 AM CUMC parking lot
- 27 - Mission offering during worship: West OH Conference offering
- 28 – Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk & 5K Run: 9 AM at The Banks, Downtown

June

- 4 - Missions meeting @ 6:30 PM in the chapel
- 10 - Prince of Peace breakfast – meet @ 5:40 AM CUMC parking lot
- 22 – Interfaith Hospitality Network dinner @ Grace Place
- 23 - Matthew 25 Ministries: 9 AM-11 AM; 11060 Kenwood Rd.
- 24 - Mission offering during worship: Parish Fund

The 2018 Freestore Foodbank Hunger Walk Monday, May 28 – 9am start

We are fast approaching Memorial Day which means the Hunger Walk is just around the corner. We are currently registering a team to walk for Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. The vision of Prince of Peace is to help build God's Kingdom in Over-the-Rhine by Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus' Salvation, Lifting up the Downtrodden, and Unite All God's People Together in Worship, Service and Love. This vision statement is brought to reality through Worship, Bible studies, the Bridge Ministry for the homeless, mentoring programs, tutoring for kids, kid's church, adult literacy class, cold shelter during the winter months, and providing seven (7) free meals for the homeless and poor on a weekly basis.

For those of you who have never participated in the Hunger Walk in the past, it is a great way to support the ministries at Prince of Peace. Please consider participating in the fun event that supports our ministries.

Each dollar raised through the hunger walk translates to credit at the Freestore Foodbank. These credits are used to purchase food items important to success of the programs and services of the church. I hope you can join us in walking this year. If you are unable to walk, perhaps you can help sponsor someone on the team or make a donation to the team in general.

To find out about walking or making a donation, go to the following website: CincinnatiHungerWalk.org. From the home page you will be able to click on links to register or to donate. The team name you are looking for is Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

For more information, please contact Vicki Groh at (513) 661-5852 or at vgroh@zoomtown.com.

Vacation Bible School at Cheviot UMC

This year VBS will be a little different. Dates are Wednesday, June 13th and Thursday, June 14th from 6:30-8:45pm and Friday, June 15th from 6:30-8:00 pm, which will be a "Family Night". Kona Ice truck will be here serving snow cones that evening.

You will need to sign your child up on the church website. Participants must be potty trained and ranging from Preschool to 5th grade. If you would be interested in volunteering all three days or just one day, there will be sign up sheets in the Warner lounge after the church services, or you can contact Amanda Thomas at wannabemandi@yahoo.com.



This month in Cheviot UMC history

The cornerstone of our current church building was laid on May 24, 1964 in a ceremony which included Pastor Wendell Freshley, Pastor Emeritus Rev. E.S. Comrey, and William Morgan who was the oldest living charter member of the church at the time.



Cheviot United Methodist Church		2018 Budget	1st Qtr		
Income					
	Offerings	\$ 287,374	\$ 77,269		
	Use of Facility	\$ 1,400	\$ 317		
	Misc Income	\$ 2,045	\$ 768		
	Total Income	\$ 290,819	\$ 78,354		
Operating Budget					
	Church Council	\$ 7,920	\$ 1,061		
	Communications	\$ 2,300	\$ 801		
	Discipleship	\$ 5,150	\$ 573		
	Church and Community	\$ 2,247	\$ 538		
	Missions	\$ 1,175	\$ -		
	Congregational Care	\$ 3,500	\$ 928		
	SPRC	\$ 208,727	\$ 49,726		
	Stewardship and Finance	\$ 2,750	\$ 1,057		
	Trustees	\$ 73,600	\$ 17,304		
	Worship	\$ 3,450	\$ 491		
	Music salaries paid by Music Endmt*	\$ (12,000)	\$ -		
	Addl Draw from Gen Endmt if needed*	\$ (8,000)	\$ -		
	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 290,819	\$ 72,479		
Endowment Theiring Music		\$ 16,350	\$ 304		
General Endowment					
	Apportionments	\$ 54,821	\$ 8,771		
	Endowment Account Fees	\$ 4,700	\$ 1,196		
	Additional Draw if Needed for Oper	\$ 8,000	\$ -		
	Trustees	\$ 40,521	\$ 10,948		
	Total General Endowment	\$ 108,042	\$ 20,915		
	Total Expenses	\$ 415,211	\$ 93,698		
Notes: * These endowment draws will only be made if cash flow requires					



BIRTHDAYS

5/03 Abby Kremer
 5/06 Becky Grosse
 5/09 Mark Phair
 Angela Flight
 Sharon Baechle
 5/11 Sharon Cooper
 Anita Beason
 5/12 Carolyn St. John
 Simeon Cox
 Nicholas Cox
 Hannah Cox
 5/14 Bobbi Ostermeyer
 5/16 Brandon Phillips
 5/17 Gary Mohr
 Phil Beason,
 5/19 Fran Loudin
 Emily Smith
 Anna Smith
 5/20 Dick Marsh
 5/22 Vicky Johnston
 Ellie Woodward
 Esther Hasselbeck
 5/24 Jean Newhouse
 5/26 Daina Outt
 5/28 Jenna Kremer
 5/31 Debbie Lueders
 Amanda Thomas

ANNIVERSARIES



5/10 Larry & Linda Benken
 5/16 Anne & Mark Schummer
 5/25 Tom & Kim Green
 5/27 Lynn & Gary Krebs
 5/28 Carolyn & Mike St. John

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 PM Preschool Board Mtg. 7:00 PM UMW Meeting	2 6:40 PM Cherub Choir 7:00 PM Adult Choir	3 7:30 AM Prayer Group 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice 7:00 PM Youth Sunday Practice	4	5 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Bible Study 9:00 AM Matthew 25 Ministries
6 Youth Sunday 9:10 AM Traditional Worship 10:20 AM Sunday School and Fellowship Time 11:15 AM Celebration Bell Practice 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship	7 1:00 PM Craft Club 7:00 PM Contemporary Worship Mtg. 7:00 PM Mercy Group 7:00 PM Trustee Committee Mtg.	8 7:00 PM SPRC Mtg.	9 7:00 PM Adult Choir	10 7:30 AM Prayer Group 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	11	12 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
13 9:10 AM Traditional Worship 10:20 AM Sunday School and Fellowship Time 11:15 AM Celebration Bell Practice 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship	14 1:00 PM Craft Club 7:00 PM Mercy Group 7:30 PM Stamp Club	15	16 6:30 PM Women's Book Club 7:00 PM Adult Choir	17 7:30 AM Prayer Group 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	18 12:30 PM S.A.M Luncheon	19 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM Women's Bible Study
20 Pentecost Sunday 9:10 AM Traditional Worship 10:20 AM Sunday School and Fellowship Time 11:15 AM Celebration Bell Practice 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship	21 1:00 PM Craft Club 7:00 PM Mercy Group	22 7:00 PM Sarah Circle	23 10:30 AM CUMC Preschool Graduation 7:00 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM Stamp Club	24 7:30 AM Prayer Group 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	25	26 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
27 9:10 AM Traditional Worship 10:20 AM Sunday School and Fellowship Time 11:15 AM Celebration Bell Practice 11:15 AM Contemporary Worship	28 1:00 PM Craft Club 7:00 PM Church Council 7:00 PM Mercy Group	29	30	31 7:30 AM Prayer Group 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice		

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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.”