



Tidings

August 2017

COMING EVENTS

Sat. Aug. 5 - Food Pantry Giveaway @
9 AM - Noon (food, clothing, etc.)

Sun. Aug. 13 - Summer Choir
-100 Year Party for Dorothy Allan

Sun. Aug. 27 - Food Sunday

Wed. Sept. 13 - Book Review Club @ 11 AM

Sun. Sept. 17 - Messy Church



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CAMEROON SUNDAY





Summer Choir

Do you love to sing? Come join the Summer Choir! There is no commitment, just show up on Sunday morning down in the choir room at 9:30 a.m. on August 13, to prepare a piece for worship. The song will be simple enough to learn that morning. If you have questions, contact Gwen Beyer (440) 886-4152. Come sing with us!



September 17

Messy Church is one of our community outreach programs that provides space for those who may not attend church on Sunday morning. It is a relaxed atmosphere where people of all generations gather to build relations, make crafts, worship and share a meal.

One of the changes to our Messy Church program this fall is that we will meet on the **THIRD SUNDAY** of the month (instead of the 2nd). Our first program will be on September 17, continuing through the third Sunday of May. Get us on your calendar now and come join in.



"Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; but Jesus said, Let the little children come to me and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of heaven belongs. And he laid his hands of them and went on his way."

- Matthew 19:13-14

Some of my earliest experiences of church were in the context of worship. My home congregation had Sunday School before worship, so we attended both hours. Now truth be told, did I understand everything about worship, No! Did I always sit still, No! Did I think it boring at times, Yes! But here's the most important question: Did I experience God in worship, YES, most certainly YES! I definitely couldn't explain it at the time, but even as a child I sensed there was something special about worship. While organ music was not my thing, I did enjoy the singing of hymns, and came to appreciate another genre of music. Our preacher was not the best orator, but he moved me to examine the scriptures further. The strange actions of the communion table, the breaking of bread and the sharing of cup drew me into the presence of Christ. There were moments in worship that God spoke to me, and my sense of call to the ministry was formed. I wonder how these things would have taken place had my church not included me, a child, in worship.

Why was Jesus so enamored with children, claiming they belonged to the kingdom? It certainly wasn't because they understood the things he was saying. My goodness, even the adults of his time, and I would dare say *our* time, didn't get Jesus. In truth, one of the biggest mistakes we make in our faith journey is believing that we must understand it before we can experience it. In reality, it is usually just the opposite. It is after we have experienced life and God that we are led to ask questions and wrestle with our belief as we attempt to make sense out of our encounter with mystery. I think Jesus liked children because of their vulnerability, their simple faith, their joyful spirits and their honesty.

There are a variety of opinions about children in worship: have them there part of the time, none of the time or all of the time. Jesus would probably lean towards the latter option, and certainly Jewish children were part of the synagogue. He taught those uppity disciples that children were just as important as they were, and were to be included in the church. I think the key passage in this scripture is, "And he laid hands on them..." Instead of giving the children a sermon, Jesus acted one out. He welcomed them and included them, and in doing so, elevated children to a place of importance by touching them with the love of God. Jesus let the children experience his presence. Isn't that what we all desire in worship? Why would we deny that because of one's age?

The actions and words of Jesus ought to give us pause in how we view children and their inclusion in the church. His words ought to make us think about how we help children, and perhaps how they help us experience God in worship. One of the most beautiful gifts of the church is that it is intergenerational. Each age group has something to bring to the table. Let us look for that something so that we too might see God. Amen.

By God's Wondrous Grace,
Rev. Mark Juengel



Vacation Bible
School
THANKS

Maker Fun Factory VBS was a huge success this year! When Gina and I went to the training back in March, we knew this was going to be a great year! We were blessed with being able to partner with Hope Christian Church, which enabled us to share the cost and props, as well as to meet some wonderful new people. Independence Presbyterian Church is also using the same VBS theme, so now they are able to use our materials as well.

We would like to thank everyone who had a part in making this year fantastic! Whether you helped build props and decorate, were a group leader, were in charge of one of the rotation areas, cooked and served food, donated some much needed supplies, or if you just came to VBS to experience it and lend a hand where needed...We appreciate all you did to help. We also would like to give a big shout out to our teen helpers who showed such maturity this year and were such a great help. We are already looking forward to making next year even bigger and better! **THANK YOU!!**

- Gina Diedrich and Pam Nash



MISSION THANKS

All of our youth were able to attend this year's New Wilmington Mission Conference because of funds available from Gifts to Mission and Parma-South's portion of the Pentecost Offering.



FOOD SUNDAY - Aug. 27

Don't forget to support the Parma Heights Food Pantry, as there are many families in need of donations at this time. Our Mission Team is collecting donations of school supplies, non-perishable juice boxes, and milk boxes. Children need these things to get off to a good start for school, but their parents may not be able to afford them. There are also babies who need diapers and formula just to get a start in life.

Donations may be placed in the clear tub outside the custodian's room. Our Mission Team will have these donations taken to the Parma Heights Food Pantry, where they will be distributed to those in need.

Thanks always for your continued support!

- Your Mission Team

Parma Heights
Food Pantry
GIVEAWAY



The next date for the distribution of fresh produce is Saturday, August 5th. You will need to bring your own bags/ boxes to the parking lot behind the Parma Heights City Hall between 9 – Noon. Remember, this is for personal use only, please no vendors.

In addition to the produce giveaway on August 5th, haircuts, school supplies, clothes and shoes will be given to school age children up to 12 years old.



For more information, contact Ann George of the Parma Heights Food Pantry at 440-842-6491.

**** Volunteers are ALWAYS appreciated!**

Household Donations Needed

Gina Hansen is collecting household supplies for Y-Haven, a program of the YMCA of Greater Cleveland which serves homeless people with addiction. Y-Haven is opening a new recovery housing program for 80 opioid addicts and is seeking help from area churches, asking congregation members to donate items to make up "Hospitality Kits". The kits consist of various household supplies in a laundry basket. These supplies will help make the new living space a home.



All items should be new or very gently worn.

Suggested "Hospitality Kits contents:

plates & silverware (2 sets)

Glasses, mugs (2 people)

Pots/pans/skillet

toaster

coffee maker

cleaning supplies (sponges, dish soap, cleanser, laundry detergent for a month)

dish towels, dish rack

area rugs (2, new or freshly laundered)

kitchen utensils: knives, can opener, peeler, etc.

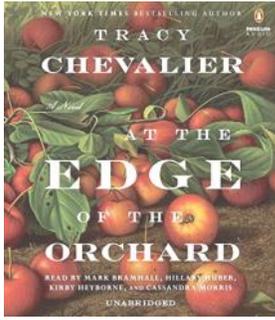
pillows, sheets, towels, bed spread (new or freshly laundered for 2 single beds, normal size)

shower curtain

laundry basket



If you can help, please **bring your items to the church workroom by August 15th** and Gina will see that they are delivered. If you have questions, call Gina at 238-3475.



BOOK REVIEW GROUP

Our Book Review Group will resume on Wednesday, September 13, at 11 AM, when Jackie Mayer will review Tracy Chevalier's novel, AT THE EDGE OF THE ORCHARD. Chevalier is best known for writing GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING.

In 1838, James and Sadie Goodenough have settled where their wagon stuck in the swamps of northeast Ohio. The apple orchard James planted sows the seeds of a long battle. He loves his apples, a reminder of an easier life. She has become addicted to applejack, an alcoholic beverage serving as a refuge from the harsh frontier life. Family tragedy is the result of their feud.

In 1853, their youngest child Robert wanders through Gold Rush California trying to escape the tragic memories of his family. He can run only so far when his past makes an unexpected appearance. Should he strike out again or stake his claim for a family of his own?

A gifted researcher, Chevalier has conjured an America from the Great Black Swamp and Perrysburg, Ohio, to the development of the sequoia and redwood forests and Gold Rush California.

How should we think of our own families? Love the good and let the sorrow be one of life's lessons.

100 Years Celebration

Congratulations to Dorothy Allan, who will be "100 years young" on August 5th!

On August 13, there will be an OPEN CHURCH reception in the Social Hall immediately following the morning worship service.



MEMORIAL CARILLON

Carillon music during the month of August will be played in loving memory of:

August 6

Marilyn Weiss
Lydia Boehmer Zurfleh
Mr. and Mrs. John Cantwell

August 13

Richard Kitchen
Phyllis Kitchen

August 20

Gilbert Calderwood
Ruth Calderwood
Merril Swan

August 27

Janice Kay Petruska
Al and Lena Weiss
Ed and Greta Taano
Marv and Peg Taano
Gene and Ruth Taano



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| 2 | Louisa | Hung |
| 3 | Amanda | Stapf |
| 3 | Trevor | Stapf |
| 3 | Paige | Schwartz |
| 4 | William | Loeb |
| 5 | Dorothy | Allan |
| 9 | Shirley | Vacha |
| 9 | Susan | Nagy |
| 11 | Kenneth | Diedrich |
| 11 | Jacob | Rominski |
| 12 | Sue | Mindek |
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| 15 | Kaitlin | Zietlow |
| 15 | Audrey | Adanitsch |
| 15 | Mary Lou | Wright |
| 16 | Robert D. | Miller |
| 17 | Elaine | Decker |
| 17 | Barbara | Karse |
| 17 | Linda | Fanous |
| 18 | Mary | Diedrich |
| 21 | Noah | Lane |
| 21 | Emily | Lane |
| 22 | Sharon | Gavala |
| 22 | Katherine | Schwab |
| 24 | Johanna | Glover |
| 24 | Jerilyn | Tahsler |
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| 26 | Amelia | Schwartz |
| 26 | Janice | Colbert |
| 26 | Diane | Kidd |
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