
JOHN STEWART UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FAMILY NEWSLETTER



March 2016

From the Pastor

Where have you seen Jesus in your life recently? This is the church wide question that we ask each time we get together in the groups we are associated with. For me, as one of your Pastors, I am excited about your actions and responses to this question. I have recognized a change in people in every activity that I take part in. You as a congregation are changing whether you are aware of it or not. You as Christians are growing in unity! You as a congregation are growing spiritually! I for one can't wait to see where God will lead us in the months to come at John Stewart. If the past year or so is any indication of our direction, look out Upper Sandusky! We are in for some real blessed God Moments in this upcoming year.

On a personal note, I want to share with you about one of my own personal experiences of where I saw Jesus at work in my life. As many of you know, we are in the midst of a 5 week small group study and sermon series of Wesley's Three Simple Rules. As I study and prepare for my part in facilitating a small group or two, I am experiencing real down to earth God moments. Let me explain; you see I am also taking part in some required reading for a class I am taking at MTSO this semester called "Early Church History"- Pentecost to 500 A.D. In this particular short book entitled "To Love as God Loves" I have come to experience several "God at work" moments during this study. At every turn of the page, especially in chapter three,

entitled "Humility", the author expresses to the Monks, the importance of doing no harm, working toward doing good and shunning evil and growing in Love for God. Wow! This books theme discusses the Monastic Theology (the belief of the Monastic society aka- Monks). What I find very interesting is this theology is nearly the same as we try to follow today, even though it was written about 200 AD. Another fascinating fact is that I am reading both these books at the same time for different purposes and finding virtually the same message. Wow! Again. Coincidence? I think not. I am confident that there is no one on this earth that could have orchestrated that I should study and read these two books at the same time other than Jesus Christ himself. Now my thoughts and questions are turning to him as to inquire: for what purpose do you have for me in doing this? What message from this am I supposed to have imbedded in my heart? Time will tell. I will keep you posted. I don't know about you, but I am excited about the path we all are on. Do no harm, Do good, and Love God my brothers and sisters.

May God Bless you all!

Pastor Bob



THANK-YOU!

~ Thank-you from the family of Bob Halm

~ Dear John Stewart Church Family,

Wow, I thought I'd received a wall full of cards at Christmas, but your outpouring of cards and prayers at the time my father died was really incredible. Once again I realize just how blessed I am to be a part of the family of Christ. Thank you for your inquiries, your expressions of sympathy, and your support offered for me and my family. The hand of God has surely been felt upon our shoulders through you.

Pastor Brian, JoAnne and Family



John Stewart UMC Leadership Council

Minutes of the Meeting

February 25, 2016

Convener called the meeting to order for the 9 members present: Sara Lou Binau, Scott Cisar, Andrea Culley, Sue Culver, Anne Denman, Betsy Bowen, Pastor Brian, Bob Green and Doug Pummell. Members shared where they had experienced God in their lives recently. Prayer was offered by Andrea.

Minutes of the last meeting: None available from the previous Ad Council.

Committee Reports:

- In the future all committee chairpersons are requested to send their committee reports to Andrea the week prior to the Council Meeting so they can be:
 - 1.) Used for the newsletter.
 - 2.) Resent to the Council for their review prior to the meeting.
- Reports by committees will be as needed or for questions concerning their written reports.
- Finance: Report from Sherri Goodman that she will be establishing an audit committee to review the 2015 financials. Council reviewed the 2015 report and January 2016. Some line items amounts were questioned as to what monies were included on that line. Additional information on those line items will be needed.
- Old Mission: Betsy reported that celebration of the 200th arrival of John Stewart will be celebrated October 21-22-23-24 this year with the Wyandot Chiefs in attendance and a variety of activities being planned. The roof on the Mission is being replaced with a durable Vermont black slate. Picture of how the wording on the roof will look was shared.

Business:

- 2016 Proposed Budget was reviewed. Anne brought it to the attention of the Council that line item for Insurance was missing. It will be added. With the addition of that line item, a vote was called for. Each member responded 'yes' for acceptance of the 2016 Budget as amended.
- Nominations needed: **1.) Trustees** need a committee of 3 (Matt Bowen, Chuck Ulrich, Eileen Kuenzli). Matt is chairperson, need a vice chair. As needed other members of the Council will be called to help with the decisions of the Trustees. **2.) SPRC** needs 5 members. Sue is chairperson, Anne is Vice-Chairman. Need 3 council Members to step up and complete the makeup of the committee.
- Children's Department: Sherri had requested tables and white boards for the Children's Department. This was discussed. As long as there is money available in the savings account supporting the activities of any group, an authorized staff person, chairperson or programmer is authorized to make an expenditure not to exceed \$500 without prior approval. Motion to approve this blanket permission policy (Anne/Sue). Motion approved. We expect all persons or groups to be responsible when money from these accounts is used.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 28 6:30 pm

Committee Reports Due : April 19 to the church office.

Adjournment (Scott)

PRAYER CALENDAR

March 2016						
◀ February 2016						April 2016 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pray for the courage to tell someone about Jesus.	2 Ask God to comfort those who are depressed.	3 Help us to pray for the political issues instead of bashing the candidates.	4 Thank God for our doctors.	5 Thank God for your job, even if you aren't satisfied with it.
6 Be grateful for Sundays that give you a time to worship God with your Christian friends.	7 Ask God to bless someone who irritates you.	8 Pray for preemie babies to be healthy.	9 Pray for couples who are considering divorce.	10 Men's Emmaus Walk begins this evening. Pray for the Team and the Pilgrims that all will go well.	11 Safe travel for those traveling during Easter break.	12 Thank God for Andrea Culley's ideas for our mission projects.
13 Change your clocks. Clocks - SPRING FORWARD Thank God for more daylight hours.	14 Thank God for your children.	15 Pray that the best leader for our country will be the victor on election day.	16 Pray for a cure for cancer.	17 Thank God for His healing power.	18 Pray for World peace.	19 Thank God for our Sound system techs at John Stewart UMC.
20 Thank God for our changing seasons. PALM SUNDAY	21 Give peace to those grieving the loss of a loved one,	22 Pray for those families in conflict.	23 Thank God for our church kitchen staff for our Wed. night dinners.	24 Pray for care givers to get some rest.	25 Jesus died for our sins. Thank Him. GOOD FRIDAY	26 Thank God for his unconditional love for you..
27 Praise God. Jesus is alive! EASTER	28 Pray for safety for children who are estranged from their families.	29 Pray for our Pastors ; Brian, Doug, and Bob..	30 Thank God for music that draws us closer to Him during our Worship services.	31 Pray for a cure for Alzheimer's Disease.	<i>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.</i> Romans 8:28 (NIV)	





"Okay, and now for the church directory... flash those reconciliation peace signs."

Our church directory photos will be taken in two parts: Tuesday, April 26th & Wednesday, April 27th 2- 9 pm and on Friday, May 13th 2-9 & Saturday, May 14th 10 - 5. We will not produce the directory until after the 200th year Anniversary in October. Please share your photos taken of the church activities on a cd or scan disk and give to Stephanie/Kevin Pever, coordinators of the directory or to the church office labeled. More info to follow, see your

weekly bulletin for more information. Thank you! - Sue ☺



Cheerful Givers

Please put your offering envelope in another envelope when mailing. There have been multiple envelopes torn, destroyed and lost in the mail, per the Finance Secretaries.

We appreciate your offering!! - Sue



Don't forget to "Spring" Forward on March 13th

CHURCH CALENDER

March 2016

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2015 YEARLY REPORT FOR THE WYANDOT MISSION

This year as in the past, church services conducted mostly by area ministers were held at 8:00 am every Sunday during June, July, and August. The highest attendance for one service was 88 with an average attendance of 48. Early morning services were also held on Easter and Thanksgiving. A special treat was the Wyandotte Chefs of Oklahoma, Kansas and Michigan each speaking at a service. In addition to those services, members of the Presbyterian Church met at 9:30 the first three Sundays in August.

The mission was also open for visitors Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm during the months of June, July, and August and at special times for arranged visits. Plan are to continue these times for visitors in 2016.

This year the location of the grave of J.C. Guyamme, a nephew of Mother Solomon was discovered. A monument donated by Bringman-Clark Funeral Home, was erected. The Wyandotte Honor Guard from Oklahoma, as well as their Chief, and the Chief of the Michigan Tribe held a special service to dedicate the grave marker and to also bless the grounds and graves of all the Wyandotte Indians buried there.

A metal bench has been donated to the Mission by the family of Paul and Phyllis Strub in their memory. Both were long time members of the Mission Committee and the Mission was very special to them.

During this past year, the committee received a grant, which helped with the costs of repairing the stove and chimney of the Mission. Plans have been approved to replace the 126 year-old slate roof with slate of the same color and with the same words that were placed on the roof in the 1889 restoration. It is hoped that enough slate from the old roof can be saved, imprinted with a design, and be sold to help defray the cost of the new roof.

The Mission Committee is making plans for the 200th anniversary of John Stewart's 1816 arrival and the beginning of his ministry to the Wyandotte Indians. If you are interested in helping, contact the Church at 419-294-2867

WAY @ JSUMC

Wyandot Afternoon Youth (WAY) will be at John Stewart Church on Wednesday afternoons. The Family Life Center will be open from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for Junior High youth to come play games or hang with friends. Church members are asked to come help fill in on the dodge ball teams, or take on one of the youth in pool or just be a friendly face in the room. Talk to the pastor about this being YOUR opportunity to be the face of Jesus to the youth of our community. The main door of the church will be closed at 3:00 p.m. so that everyone comes in through the Family Life Center door. This way we know everyone who is in the church. This is for the safety of the youth.



****FOR YOUR INFORMATION****

*Bridge Home Health and Hospice is pleased to offer another hospice volunteer training class. Class will be on Thursdays, beginning on March 17th, and ending April 21. Sessions will be held from 9:00 – 11:30 am in the Hub Conference room at Birchaven Retirement Village. Contact Julie Tiell FOR MORE INFORMATION AT (419) 423-5351

* Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive in the FLC on April 28 from 11:30 am - 6:30 pm

*Upcoming events~ We will be celebrating the 200th anniversary of John Stewarts ministry mission to the Wyandotte Indians. The celebration will be held in the fall. Many exciting details to follow

*A kick off celebrating the 200th year anniversary will be May 6th in the FLC. Cohosted by the Wyandot County Historical Society and our own Records and History Committee. The speakers will be the chiefs of the four Wyandot tribes. A presentation of mission pictures is being prepared for this dinner. If you have any old pictures of the mission, please share! The pictures will be scanned and returned to you in the same condition as they were received.

*John Stewart is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening will be here on March 8th. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential

health problems related to: blocked arteries, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries, atria fibrillation and a bone density scan. To register for a wellness package call 1-888-653-6441 or visit

www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. Packages start at \$149.00

*Prom season is approaching fast, don't forget to take advantage of Becca's Closet for any of your formal dress needs.



Youth Mission Trip Upcoming Fundraisers

*Colored Easter Eggs and Bake Sale after church on March 20th
(will color the eggs on March 16th. Youth please bring 2 dozen hard boiled eggs)

*Sunrise Service Breakfast Easter Sunday, March 27th

*April 17, after church salad and sandwich bar

*There are more fundraising events that need to have dates ironed out. Please help send our youth on their mission trips with your generosity with these fundraisers. Thank-you



LENTEN LUNCHEONS SCHEDULES

- **MEN LENTEN LUNCHONS, HELD AT FIRST EVANGELICAL AT NOON.**
- **MARCH 2ND ~ REV. RICHARD WEAVER- FIRST EVANGELICAL INTERM PASTOR**
- **MARCH 9TH ~ ANDREA DUNN - UNION ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR**
- **MARCH 16TH ~ MIKE MCKEE - SALVATION ARMY**

WOMANS LENTEN SCHEDULE NOON -1:00 P.M. A \$4.00 DONATION IS SUGGESTED. A NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED, MOTHERS ARE ASKED TO FEED THEIR CHILDREN BEFORE THEY COME.

- **MARCH 2ND HOSTESS: TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD~SPEAKER MANDY BALDWIN/HELEN RALL**
- **MENU: BAKED SPAGHETTI**
- **MARCH 9TH HOSTESS: JOHN STEWART UMC~ SPEAKER REV. CATHERINE HINER**
- **MENU: SHREDDED CHICKEN SANDWICH**
- **MARCH 16TH HOSTESS: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN~SPEAKER REV. STANLEY WALTERS**
- **MENU: EGG SALAD CROISSANT**



✝ Wednesday Community Meals @ 5:30 pm

Help is needed for our Wednesday Community Meals. Needed are people to set up tables and chairs, and clean up after the meal. The meal does not have to be anything special, just something you like to prepare.

If you have questions contact Scott Goodman.

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Family Newsletter

Upcoming Sermons:

March 6 "Three Simple Rules: Stay in Love with God"

March 13 "Three Simple Rules: The Vision"

March 20 ""