

The Pastor's Corner

In John 13:7, is recorded: "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

In this life, we have an incomplete view of God's dealings, seeing His plan only half finished and underdeveloped. Yet once we stand in the magnificent temple of eternity, we will have the proper perspective and will see everything fitting gracefully together!

Imagine going to the mountains of Lebanon during the reign of Israel's great king Solomon. Can you see the majestic cedar? It is the pride of all other trees and has wrestled many years with the cold north winds! The summer sun has loved to smile upon it, while the night has caused its soft leaves to glisten with drops of dew. Birds have built their nests in its branches, and weary travelers and wandering shepherds have rested in its shade from the midday heat or taken shelter from raging storms. And suddenly we realize that this old inhabitant of the forest has been doomed to fall victim to the woodsman's ax?

We watch as the ax makes its first gash on the cedar's gnarled trunk. Then we see its noble limbs stripped of their branches as the tree crashes to the ground. We cry out against the wanton destruction of this "Tree of God," as it is distinctively known, and express our anger over the demolition of this

proud pillar in the forest temple of nature. We are tempted to exclaim with the prophet Zechariah, "Wail, O pine tree, for the cedar has fallen!" (Zechariah 11:2), as if inviting sympathy of every less-majestic plant and invoking inanimate things to also resent the offense.

We should not complain as we follow the gigantic tree as the workmen of "Hiram king of Tyre" (2Chronicles 2:3) take it down the mountainside. From there we should watch it being sailed on rafts along the blue waters of the Mediterranean. And finally we behold it being placed as a glorious and polished beam in the temple of God. As you contemplate its final destination, seeing it in the Holy of Holies as a jewel in the diadem of the Almighty King, can you honestly complain that this "crown jewel of Lebanon" was cut down, removed from the forest, and placed in such a noble setting? The cedar once stood majestically in nature's sanctuary, but "the glory of the present house will be greater than the glory of the former house," (Haggai 2:9).

So many people are like these cedars of old! God's axes of trials have stripped them bare, and yet we can see no reason for such harsh and difficult circumstances. But God has a noble goal and purpose in mind: to place them as everlasting pillars and rafters in His heavenly Zion. And He says to them, "You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God." (Isaiah 62:3)



I do not ask my cross to understand,
My way to see -
Better in darkness just to feel Your
hand,
And follow Thee.
J.R. MacDuff

God bless you my friends. Cheryl and I will be looking for you in church next Sunday.

Rev. Ed

Celebrations & Concerns

Happy Birthday to:

- 8/01 Carolyn Claggett
- 8/01 Kevin Campbell
- 8/03 Mary Jo Branstool
- 8/03 Jeff Preston
- 8/03 Becky Campbell
- 8/04 Alicia Preston
- 8/05 Debbie Smetts
- 8/07 David Shipley
- 8/10 Beth Hatch
- 8/12 Dorothy Bruce
- 8/13 Connie Baughman
- 8/16 Brenda Cox
- 8/16 Adam Shipley
- 8/16 Danny Steele
- 8/20 Mary Jo Layman
- 8/20 Marge Perkins
- 8/20 Ned Campbell
- 8/21 Bertie Dell
- 8/22 Mark McKimmins
- 8/24 Cathy Bero
- 8/26 Gail Baughman
- 8/26 Tessa Radabaugh
- 8/31 Galen Gault
- 8/31 Karen Holt



Prayers for those in need of healing:

Mary Dodsworth, Betty Nash, Kay Davis, Elise Stone, Tom Siegel, Gayle Gibson, Ginny Freas, Betty Sillik, Carol Hoar, Fred Grace, Paul Harris, Leland Hubbell, Rita Cooperider, Jill Blum, Debbie Smith, Conrad & Peg Soliz, Dara, Marsha King, Rick Ralston, Michael Betts, Jason and Amanda Hover, Verna Ramondelli

Continued prayers: for those who serve in our armed forces and all of their families, as well as those who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

Happy Anniversary

- 8/01 Merl & Kay Davis
- 8/01 Larry & Jenifer Bruce
- 8/02 Tom & Barbara Bruce
- 8/05 Larry & Linda Wright
- 8/12 Larry & Sue Baughman
- 8/14 George & Ginny Freas
- 8/18 Dennis & Brenda Cox
- 8/31 Neil & Phyllis Buxton

Emergency Bible Numbers

When you are in need, call on
Philippians 4:19
Seeking peace? John 14:27

Mississippi Ministry

Thanks for your continued support of our Missions Projects

The Salvation Army lunch packing project was a success. Thanks to all who volunteered for this effort.

We are now collecting school supplies to be disbursed locally, and remember our little red wagon pick up the last Sunday of the month for the Utica Food Pantry.

The Center for New Beginnings loved the blankets the little ones made, and were very excited about the vacuum cleaner we were able to purchase with monies from our "change" jar!

50th

*The Freas family invites you
To join them in celebrating the*

50th Wedding Anniversary Of George and Ginny Freas

Sunday, August 15 2010
2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.
At Highwater Church
1213 Dutch Lane Rd N.W.
Newark, Ohio 43055

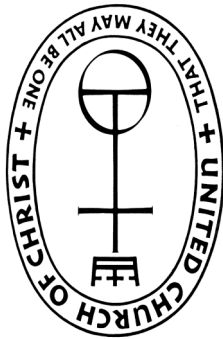
No gifts please,
Your presence will be gift.



Mark Your Calendar
 Outdoor Worship
 August 22
 8:30 & 10:30a.m.
 September 12...
 Rally Day

Weather permitting, we will worship in the Shelter House on the dates listed. We recommend bringing your favorite lawn chairs, sunglasses, and a water bottle if it gets hot.

Sunday Schedule
 Worship - 8:30 & 10:30a.m.
 Faith Formation - 9:30a.m.
 (On summer recess until Sept 12th)
 Children's Church - 10:30a.m.



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Did You Know?

- Flowers for the month of **August** are donated by **George Myers** In honor of his wife, Freda,
 Mr & Mrs Lawrence Myers,
 and Mr & Mrs Frank Ashcraft
- Acolytes for **August: Grant & Avery Ellis, Allison Burgess & Megan Payne, Marisa & Alex Lake, Rebekah Kalas, and Ashley & Stephen Green**

Office Hours : Tuesday 8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.
 Thursday 2:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.

Planning an Event? Use the LEGG Center

Call Peggy Green at 740-892-3235 for rates, information and to reserve your date. And, if you want to use Highwater's tables, chairs, or other assets, please be sure to check first, and sign them out with both a departure date and a due-back date.

It's time to get your yard sale items together!!!
 Save the date: Saturday, September 4th



The "Little Red Wagon"
 Pick-up for Utica Food Pantry
 Sunday, August 29th.
 Please have your non-perishables ready!!



Giving & Attendance

6/20	\$1,725.00	77
6/27	1,640.00	83
7/04	2,107.00	108
7/11	4,041.00	73
7/18	1,785.00	105

Need Weekly for Budget \$2,255.00
 YTD \$ 2113.66