



Where To Be and When

Missions Ministry

Sunday, May 4, 11:45a.m.

Membership & Outreach Ministry

May 8, 4:30p.m.

Trustees

Wednesday, May 14, 7:00p.m.

Christian Education Ministry

To Be Announced

Sanctuary Remodel Meeting

TBA

Music and Worship Ministry

Sunday, May 18, 11:45a.m.

Council Meeting

Thursday, May 22, 7:30p.m.

Care Ministry

Sunday, May 25, 11:45a.m.

Lost and Found

Did you leave any dishes after the Hog Roast? Perhaps a hat, coat or sweater? Ladies are you missing anything from the retreat? Please check our pile of "treasures in the narthex."

Choir Practices in May:

Wednesdays, 7:30pm

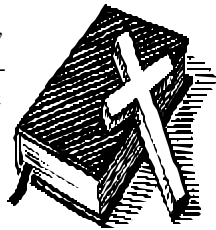
May 7, 14, 21, 28



Bible Studies

"Monday" noon on **Monday's** beginning May 5th

Thanks to this wonderful group of Bible scholars who were flexible enough to change their meeting date to Thursday while I finished my Clinical Pastoral Education requirement at Riverside. We will continue to study the lectionary texts until a new topic, theme, or book of the Bible is identified. All who are able to get to the church on Mondays at noon are welcome to attend.



Monday Evenings at 6:45p.m.

5/5 Shipley's - 8696 Marion Rd

5/12 No Bible Study

5/19 Bob Rowe's - 4270 Marion Rd

5/26 Memorial Day, No Bible Study

May Lectionary Texts

First Week Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

Second Week - Acts 2:1-21, Numbers 11:24-30, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23; 7:37-39

Third Week - Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

Fourth Week - Isaiah 49:8-16, Psalm 131, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5, Matthew 6:24-34

May Worship Schedule

May 4 - Sermon presented by the High School Youth Group who attended the "Passion" conference in Atlanta. Both services in the LEGG center. (No communion)

May 11 - "Fan Into Flame the Gift of the Holy Spirit" (a message for graduates and all who profess belief in Jesus Christ) Communion to be offered.

May 18 - Guest preacher, Rev. Jeff Gill (Pastor Torie will be present, but not preaching this day)

May 25 - "It Is Finished: Doing Battle for God"

May Confirmation Class Lesson Schedule

- 4 Baptism
- 11 (Pentecost) Discussion on Holy Spirit
- 18 Communion
- 25 History / Polity of UCC

Monday evening Bible Study To Start a New Study

In May, due to holidays and WISH meetings, we will only meet twice - May 5th and May 19th. This Bible study will start a new book entitled "Fruit of the Spirit" on June 9th. All who find that meeting in the evening for Bible study is easier for them are welcome to attend. As one member said at a recent Bible study, "Most people think that Christians are boring people who have no fun. They should come to one of our Bible studies. We're serious about the study, but we laugh, we have fun, and we stay out late enjoying the fellowship of other believers!" Join us if you can - we meet at a different house each Monday evening.

Congratulations Graduates

High School Graduates:

Kennan Belau - Graduating from Utica High School, attending college at the Miami University, Ohio to study Political Science on a pre-law track. Kennan has lent his musical talent to Highwater several times by offering to play trumpet during special services, and he even sang with the choir for a while! He was involved in the Marching, Concert, Jazz, and Pep bands at school and a member of the Quiz Bowl team. He was also a member of the National Honor Society and the Drama Club.

Marcus Williams - Graduating from Northridge High School, attending college at Mount Union, studying Business / Finance . Marcus has enjoyed being a member of the high school youth group and attended the recent trip to Atlanta to participate in the "Passion" conference.

College Graduates:

Melanie Shipley - Received her BS in Nursing from Capital University, and works as a nurse at Grant and Riverside Hospitals.

Jason Ratai (information not available at time of printing)

Post-Secondary Graduate:

Torie Front - Receives her Masters Degree from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio with a Masters of Divinity degree. Pastor Torie is now looking forward to Ordination on June 14th and becoming Reverend Victoria!



Ordination Countdown

April 28 - Last day to work at Riverside Methodist Hospital

May 6 - Last day to attend classes at MTSO

May 13 - Final paper due at MTSO

May 14 - Defense of Ordination Paper with the Department of Church and Ministry of the Central Southeast Ohio Association of the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ

May 16 - Preaching the Baccalaureate Service at MTSO, 7:30p

May 17 - Graduation from MTSO, 11:00a

June 14 - Ordination, 11:00a, Legg Center!



High School Youth Happenings

The retreat was "Awesome!" Get ready to hear all about it on Sunday, May 4th. The young people will be sharing their experience of growing closer to God during our worship services in the Legg center.

Communion will be offered the following Sunday, May 11th.

In June our youth plan to attend "Alive" . And mark your calendar for Picnic in the Parking Lot on Saturday, June 21.

Vacation Bible School is Coming!



June 16-20, 2008, are the dates for this year's VBS program! This year, we will be using "God's BIG Backyard: Where Kids have a blast serving Jesus!" as our curriculum. Each day, kids aged 3 through 5th grade will learn how to serve: Family, Friends, Neighbors, Community, and Jesus. The Bible Memory Verse

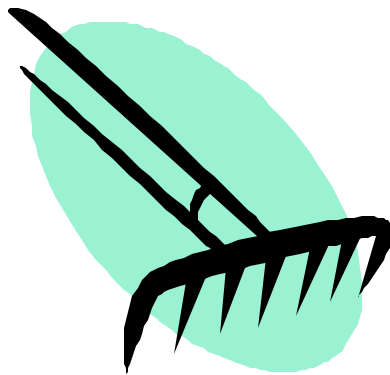
for this year's VBS is Mark 12:29-31 - go ahead, look it up, and see if you can get it memorized before the start of VBS!

Like a Hog Roast, VBS is one of those outreach programs where a lot of help is needed - can you spare one morning that week or more to help out? Please call Julie VanWey at 967-2790 if you can help. Teachers, guides, nursery volunteers, skit performers needed! And, don't forget your nieces, nephews, and grandchildren to join us



May 10th Spring Clean Up Day!

Starting at 8:00am, please join us at the church for a spring clean up. Bring rakes, trimmers and other outdoor 'tools' that might be necessary. Or, if you prefer to work inside, bring some cleaning supplies and let's get the church spruced up. Do you like pitching things out - let's take a walk-through the church - inside and out! There's lots to be done, and the best part is, you'll get to enjoy some great food and fellowship while we work together. All ages are welcome - coffee and donuts provided!



Happy

Mother's Day

A Mother's Prayer

Seated at the kitchen table,
Alone and late at night,
Her head is bowed in reverence,
Her hands are folded tight.
The prayers she whispers softly
Are filled with words of love,
Requesting for her children
God's help from up above.
"Dear Jesus watch and keep them
And guide their steps each day,
Set angels all around each one,
And help them on their way.
Dear Lord, I know it's in Your will,
And I am much obliged
That you will shape and carefully tend
Each aspect of their lives."
God's loving eyes gaze down at her;
He hears, He knows, He cares.
For she has touched the heart of God
With her tender mother's prayer.

The Power of PRAYER

May 1

National Day of Prayer

Highwater will be open all day for prayer. Suggested prayers will be available and Pastor Torie will be available as well if you'd like to pray with someone. We will also be taking prayer requests the Sunday before and have those available for use. Let's not underestimate the power of prayer! And, if you are not currently part of the Prayer Chain and would like to be, please see or call Carolyn Claggett (967-5056) to get your name added.