

Spring 2008 Newsletter



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Did You Know?

That the UCC works for social justice (racial and economic) and has a strong commitment to be a multi-racial and multi-cultural church.

That the UCC recognizes 2 Sacraments, Baptism and The Lord's Supper. It also honors several special ceremonies including confirmation, ordination, marriage and burial.

That the UCC believes in the Creatorship of God is still active in the modern world, the Authority of Scripture, Doctrinal freedom, The Trinity, The Holy Spirit, Jesus as the only Head of the Church, Salvation through Grace, Service to others, Christian Unity and bearing our testimony to others.

That the UCC sprang from 4 major church systems, German Reformed (Calvinist), Evangelical Synod (Lutheran), Congregational (Puritan) and The Christian Churches.

That the above 4 merged in the early 1900's to become 2, Evangelical and Reformed Church and Congregational Christian Church. That in 1957, the above 2 merged to become The United Church of Christ.

That the UCC has over 1.4 million members in this Country and 6000 congregations.

That the goal of the UCC is to be joined together in one church with all who share allegiance to Christ.

The Worship, Music and Memorials Committee hopes to plan two special worship services in the near future, the first likely in June, "Wedding Month". This service would highlight the some (or all) the marriages in our circle of church family and friends and give them an opportunity to renew wedding vows. If you would like to participate, or know someone that you believe would like to participate, please let Terry, Bev or Karen know. The second service will be at a later date and will feature "sermon material" and personal sharing regarding what Baptism means to us, and a chance to renew those vows as well.

The "Perfect" Church Member!?

Rate yourself, how many ways do you practice your church membership.

1. Attend regularly.
2. Provide "coffee hour" occasionally.
3. Attend "coffee hour" and spend time fellowshiping.
4. Pray for other members by name.
5. Volunteer to usher.
6. Pray for the growth, health, mission of the church.
7. Donate regularly to the church and its programs.
8. Pray for or support the persons who work with our kids.
9. Attend and/or support special church functions.
10. Tell the choir you appreciate their ministry.
11. Pray for our church youth.
12. Praise, affirm or otherwise encourage our kids.
13. Act in love, concern and be a good listener to other attendees.
14. Refuse to gossip.
15. Send cards, call or visit our shut-ins.
16. Take a gift to the pet of a shut-in.
17. Invite someone to attend with you.
18. Be social, warm and inviting to another attendee.
19. Pray and work to discover a gift that you can offer the church or youth programs.
20. Volunteer to help with a need, such as grounds, communion, fellowship lunch, etc.
21. Volunteer to help create a new church directory.
22. Participate in the prayer chain.
23. Attend, pray for or otherwise support adult Bible study.
24. Join the choir, bell or voice.
25. Offer to be liturgist.
26. Read the bible regularly.
27. Offer to read the Bible to someone else.
28. Actively look for ways to improve the appearance or condition of the sanctuary, etc.
29. Write an article for the newsletter.
30. Thank God for your church.

How Did You rate?

In the past few weeks two of our members have lost their mothers. Cheryl Brun's mother died in New York and Scott Swope's mother died while at Hillspring. Our thoughts and prayers go out to each of these church families as they grieve the loss of their loved ones.

From Missions and Social Service Commission...

Over the next few months there are a number of volunteer opportunities for us at Interfaith Hospitality Network of Warren County. The Missions Commission strongly supports these projects and hopes members of our church family will participate with their usual warm hearts and willing hands.

1. Our next IHN host night is Tuesday, May 20th. As always, we will need volunteers to host and serve the evening meal, provide an activity time, spend the night, or help with preparation of the evening meal. Please see Carol Warner (or call her at 748-6298) if you would like to help on May 20th.
2. The IHN Walk/Run 5K Benefit is July 4th. Volunteers are needed that day to help with registration, serve as intersection assistants, or hand out water and food. There will be more information on this later but mark your calendars NOW!
3. Last July we wrapped all the gifts for the IHN Christmas in July party. We are being counted on to do that again this July. The date of the party is not set yet. Last year we got all the gifts wrapped in just a few hours and had fun doing it. More on this later.
4. IHN will be participating in a new fund raising opportunity this summer. Volunteers are needed to "work" at both the men's and women's ATP tennis tournaments this year. Each volunteer will do a 5 hour shift for \$5.00 per hour. The "wages" will then be donated directly to IHN of Warren County. Each volunteer receives a t-shirt along with a meal during their shift. The men's tournament runs from July 26th to August 3rd. The women play from August 9th to August 17th. Volunteer training will be held in June, so if you would like to participate, please let Carol Warner know SOON!

Our church has a reputation as a caring church. This summer will provide chances for us to build on that reputation. Check out your summer calendar and see if any of these opportunities to be of service might fit in with your schedule. Questions? See Carol Warner.

Just an update, the UCC sponsored Vitality Training is scheduled for Saturday May 31.

There are now sign-up sheets on each bulletin board at church. Please pencil you name in if you are planning to attend, we need to get a head count to Donna Hanby for the purpose of meals and seating. We want as many SUCC folks to attend as possible!

Also, we are soon to produce an updated church directory. If you have new info (phone, cell, e-mail) please get the info to me or the church office as soon as you can.

Waxing Eloquent is starting up again. If you want/need a good car/truck detailing, call 371-1803 to make an appointment. As last year, we ask for a donation of \$60.00, and will clean, wax, detail and otherwise try to make your ride look as new as is possible. The funds will go toward completion of a projection system. Thanks to the generosity of our donors last year, we have already purchased and put in use a hearing enhancement system for the hard of hearing. Thanks!

Domestic Violence

Do you ever wonder if you are being abused? Do you have a friend or relative that hints at being abused and you want to help them? If so, a new support and information group may be for you. It is co-led by professional mental health therapist, Terry Carlisle, and a survivor of family abuse.

The group will meet for one hour on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be April 16th at 6:30 pm at Springboro United Church of Christ located at 5 W. Mill St. Springboro, Ohio. If daytime works better for you, the daytime group will meet at the same place on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be May 6th at 12 noon.

Those who might benefit from these sessions are adults or teens who want help in leaving an abusive situation, people who have a friend they want to help guide through and escape from abuse, people who need resource numbers, informational material or a shelter.

There is no charge to attend and you can bring a friend for support. For more information, call Terry Carlisle at 937-748-1969 or 937-371-1803.

Please be looking for our young people to be more "visible" in the next few weeks as Julie Vest and Pastor Terry begin to work them into our Sunday worship services on a more regular basis. They will be serving not only in the traditional ways as acolytes and "very active participants" in the Children's Moments, but will also be leading in some of our liturgy, such as Call To Worship, Passing of the Peace, Offertory Prayer and responsive readings of other kinds. As we involve some of the older kids, we will also have them lead out in telling an occasional children's moments story themselves.

Teacher Appreciation

We will honor our teachers a little later this year. Please join us during worship on Sunday, August ?, 2008 to help thank all of our Sunday School Teachers for their time and dedication to our youth and adults.

Confirmation

We are planning to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with our youth this coming year. All 7th and 8th grades are invited to begin class, as well as any other teen or adult who would like to participate. Confirmation class will begin in September and the sacrament will be celebrated sometime in May of 2009. For more information, please contact Pastor Terry, Debbie Grodecki or Julie Vest.



Please join us...

We are presented with an opportunity to learn about and discuss some very "localized" methods of helping our Springboro United Church of Christ become stronger by participating in a special training on Saturday May 31. Several of us attended a similar conference in Cleveland late last year and now the same information will be made available at Shiloh Church here in the Dayton area. It is the hope that many Council members, church leaders and anyone who is interested in making our church more vital, relevant and welcoming will set aside the hours of 10-4 (approximate) on Saturday May 31 to attend. While the visiting UCC Conference representatives will be presenting some excellent concepts regarding making churches more vibrant, the best energy will be "released" when we as a group from SUCC group together to brainstorm and plan specific ways to apply what we learn to our situation here at home. Ideas will range anywhere from creative use of nametags, more vital use of music, how to be welcoming, appropriate advertising for churches and more. Please try to set aside time to attend.

Want to do something both rewarding and meaningful?

Then we urge you to consider being a Sunday School teacher. This is one of the most important ministries that this or any other church offers. We have many opportunities for you to work with our youth, teaching them about our Christian Faith.

Not sure?

Don't worry. We will give you all the help you need; from finding a teacher to team up with so you can alternate weeks or months, providing you with curriculum and supplies, to obtaining any other resources you may need.

Thinking that you may not know enough to be able to teach?

You do! One of the best parts of teaching is learning right there along side the students. What a wonderful way for us all to grow in our faith!

How can I help?

We have openings in the fall for the Elementary class (grades 2—5) and the Junior high Class (grades 6—8). If you don't want to wait that long, consider signing up to teach for a Sunday or two during the summer. The sign up sheet is posted in the office hallway.

We also need volunteers to be in the Littlest Angels room with our youngest youth (birth thru 1st grade). Please consider signing up for one Sunday a month to help out.

Questions? Please see Mike Berlo, Julie Vest, or Debbie Grodecki.

Who Am I?

I like to travel (no camping). I am the oldest of two children, I have a dog and a bird. I enjoy entertainment. I enjoy cooking, especially desserts. I would like to tour Europe. Plastic Surgery and pharmacology interest me. I would like to talk to King Henry VIII & Oprah. I would like to be Ashley Tisdale's boyfriend for a day. I like all the great people that go to our church and the sermons. Who am I?

Kyle Berry

PENTECOST IS COMING !

WILL YOU WEAR RED ?

When I came to Springboro UCC, I was impressed with the way the congregation observed Pentecost by wearing red. I had heard the word but I wasn't familiar with the meaning to the Christian Church.

Pastor Terry discussed the Holy Spirit during worship on Sunday, April 20th. We turned our thoughts to the blowing wind, tongues of fire, and speaking in other languages discussed in the second chapter of Acts. How would we react if we saw this today? We were challenged to be more open to the Holy Spirit in our lives and look for ways our talents can be extended to help others know God.

Pentecost is the commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples via flames and tongues. It occurs the seventh Sunday after Easter. This year Pentecost falls on May 11th which is also Mother's Day.

Let's continue the red for Pentecost tradition in our congregation ! Let's celebrate the nurturing, mother-like love that the Holy Spirit brings to each of us !!

Linda Muelmann

Who am I?

I was born in my grandparents farm house just outside Jamestown, OH during a blizzard. I'm from a family of 4. My brother lives in Kettering, my parents are both dead. I have a son and a daughter.

Things I've done that most people don't know: I graduated from Fairview High in 1952. I attended Miami Jacobs and Sinclair but managed to escape from both without a degree. I was executive secretary to the President of Dayton Press, then went into management. I became the 1st woman Customer Service rep to Forbes Magazine, then the first female production planner, then the first female plant superintendent at Dayton Press. I later moved to Texas where I owned and operated my own small art supply business. I also taught lettering arts classes and a "how to start your own mail order business" seminar at North Lake College in Irving, Texas for several years. From Texas I moved to Colorado where I was a business manager for a small engine repair business in Pagosa Springs. In 2002 I left Colorado and moved back to take care of my son.

For fun I enjoy art exhibits, concerts at the Frazee, going out to eat with friends, antiques and knitting. I'm currently designing knitwear for a spinning mill in Colorado. If I could talk to anyone, I would talk to the next President of the U.S., just to make sure that person will protect and preserve Social Security, see to it that our wounded vets are cared for and fix our educational system.

If I could be anyone, I'd like to be the next president of the United States.

What I like most about are church—there are so many good things—I especially appreciate the friendliness of the congregation, the gentle beauty of the sanctuary, children's moments, the Yarn Ministry and Pastor Terry.



J.J. Nayone Lawlis

The Jr./Sr. High have been busy with activities. At the beginning of April we helped paint the inside of the IHN offices. We were so surprised because we finished all the painting in just a couple of hours. We weren't expecting to get it all done in one day. This was a rewarding experience for all that helped. And thanks to Dane Hanby for all the great photos he took.

We also went to Waynesville High School to see Godspell. The kids said they liked this version better than the one we saw last year. Since we talked about Godspell in Sunday school we were able to point out the different parables and understand it better.

On April 26th we are going to go see "Dead Serious...about Life". This is a musical performed by a Christian organization called Mishpachah.

In May, we will be planning local mission projects for the summer.

In June, we will be going to the Ichthus festival on the 14th & 15th. Not only does this festival have great music from Christian rock bands but it has time for the youth to get together for worship services.

It is truly amazing to watch our youth grow together as a group and grow in faith!

Who am I?

I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. I grew up in Deer Park. I lived there when I got married. I am the oldest of 3 girls. I moved to Springboro in 1962. My spouse, and high school sweetheart, worked at NCR. I have 7 grandchildren & 3 children. We went to Europe 4 times and have been all over the country. My spouse passed in 2003. I worked at JC Penney's in accounting for 18 years.

If I could talk to anyone, it would be my husband and sister-in-law and my parents. If I could be anyone for a day, it would be Laura Bush. I really like the closeness of the people and the music of our church. I've been going to this church since 1963. I really like the minister we have now. Who am I?????

Shirley Fahrenbruck

Prayer Chain

We would like to have the name, number and e-mail of all persons who want to be included in the prayer chain. Even if you have been on it in the past, please let us know if you want to continue to be notified. Please call the church at 937-748-1969 or email at springboroucc@sbcglobal.net to let us know. If you are in need of someone to pray with you, or you have a name you would like on our prayer chain, please get in contact with either Rev. Terry Carlisle at H(937)435-7297 or C(937)371-1803. You can also call Mina Miller at (937) 748-0751 or Evalyn Harris at (937)748-2148.



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Special Music

God's Love

May 11th

The Bell Choir will present the music of the Second Suite for Hand bells as the sermon.

Miami Valley Coral

May 17th

Come and enjoy the Miami Valley Coral in concert at 1st Baptist Church, Franklin Ohio at 7:30 pm.

Music Appreciation Day

June 8th

The chancel and bell choir will present our favorite anthems from the past year in our special music sermon.

Christ's Caring Crew News

Mission Youth Group

(Grades K - 6)

SAVE, SAVE, SAVE, SAVE THOSE ALUMINUM CANS!!!!!!

Please keep on saving those aluminum cans for us. The money will help our youth group with mission projects and fun activities.

Age wise our mission youth group may be small, but with your help of saving those aluminum cans and the guidance of God, we can do big things.

Thank you for your continuing support.