



To all the Church Family!

I sit at my desk I am filled with mixed emotions. As many of you know I have been looking forward to the day when I can retire from my secular job at the Timken Company. It doesn't take long in a conversation with me to find out exactly how many days, hours, minutes and seconds I have left till I can finish that part of my life. It has always been my intention when that day arrives I would enter into full-time ministry as a pastor. Becky and I have begun to prepare for when that day happens. Even though we do all we can, we were still left with many unanswered questions about how things would take place. For those questions we have resolved to let the Lord handle it and we have committed them to prayer.

About a month ago I engaged in a phone conversation with our district superintendent, Barry Burns, about Mission opportunities in Alaska. I was inquiring about what opportunities were available in that region and how a person would go about finding out more information. Alaska had been a place Becky and I were interested in serving God. Somewhere in that conversation the topic of my upcoming retirement was brought up. (He knows my countdown process) He was telling me of the many opportunities that would probably be coming available within the next couple years for a full-time pastor. As an example, he began to tell me about the latest opportunity he had been presented with close to Upper Sandusky. In July, Vanlue Christ United Methodist and Findlay East Zion United Methodist pastor would be retiring. He was explaining that he thought this charge could be made a little less than full-time to begin with and grow to a full-time position. He inquired about my interest in this appointment and asked Becky and I, to pray

and ask God for discernment about the future of our calling and if this charge was of interest to us. After some time of praying Becky and I with much peace in our hearts, decided to have a conference call with Barry and express to him our desire to move ahead and initiate a request to seek out Bishop Palmer and the cabinet's blessing for this appointment.

As a result on Monday night May 8, 2017 we had our official introduction to the SPRC of the Vanlue Christ United Methodist and Findlay East Zion United Methodist churches. I have accepted this new appointment to serve as pastor in this charge.

My First Sunday to preach at my new charge will be June 25th as of then I will no longer be a pastor for the Wyandot/Hardin County charge of the United Methodist Church. It is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to our friends and loved ones here at John Stewart, Forest, and Wharton churches. I am so very grateful for the opportunity to serve and minister to each and every one of you. I cannot begin to express the amount of knowledge and experience I have gained through working with you. This certainly was not an easy decision to make. The wonderful people of our churches made it difficult. Take heart though my friends, I am sure our paths will cross again, as we will remain living in Upper Sandusky.

While it is true that we are leaving to serve in another community, please don't forget all the awesome activities that are going on here in our local communities. We have the Sunday morning services at the Old Mission beginning June 4th with various pastors from around the area and The Chiefs of the Wyandot Nation in July, these services start at 8 AM.

There will also be representation from our churches and activities at the Wharton festival and also at the Forest Tree Town Festival. Becky and I plan to be there to help with the festivities. You also won't want to forget to attend the service at Ellis Lake led by Pastor Doug this year.

With all these exciting activities coming up no one should say there is nothing to do around here! Enjoy your summer and give God the Glory in all that you do!

In Christ's love!
Pastor Bob and Becky Greene

UPCOMING EVENTS

John Stewart

Sunday, June 4 – Wear **RED**

Sundays, June 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 8 a.m.
Mission Church Services

Sunday – Wednesday, June 4 – 7 – Annual
Conference (Office Closed)

New Office Hours June 12:

Monday – Thursday, 9 – 3 p.m.
Fridays, 9 – noon

Mondays, June 5, 12, 19, 26 - Prayers &
Squares, 9:30 a.m. (Sit-n-Sew, Friday, June
9th @ 9:30 a.m.)

Tuesday, June 6, 20, 27 – Card Ministry,
9:30 a.m. – 13th @ 1 p.m.

Tuesday, June 13 – Susannah’s Hope, 10
a.m.

Thursday, June 15 – 4K for Cancer,
Compassionate Friends, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 18th – Reception following
10:10 worship for Pastor Bob & Becky

Wednesday, June 28 – Red Cross Blood
Drive - FLC, 12:30 – 5:30 p.m.



**“Thanks for the visit. Don’t forget to change
your Facebook status to ‘Enlightened.’”**

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Forest

Saturday, June 3 – Chicken BBQ

Sunday, June 4- Wear **RED**

Sunday – Wednesday, June 4 – 7 – Annual
Conference

Wednesday, June 14 – United Methodist
Women: 1:30 pm, in Fellowship Hall.
Subject: New Hope Homeless Center

Wednesday, June 21 – USDA delivery,
10:30 am

Monday, June 26 – Food Pantry:
preparation, 9 am; servicing 1-3 pm

For All

Saturday, June 10 – Voice of Hope
Pregnancy Center RUN/Walk for HOPE 5K,
check-in 8 a.m., Race 9 a.m. Register online
www.betheldonors.org

Sunday, June 18 – Father’s Day

Saturday, June 24 - Upper Walk for Life
(Voice of Hope) @ Harrison Smith Park, 10
a.m., check in starts at 9 a.m. \$25 register
early for a t-shirt

Saturday, Sunday, July 8, 9 – Tree Town
Festival – Forest

Saturday, July 15 – Wharton Festival

Sunday, July 16 - Ellis Lake Service, 10:10
a.m., bring your favorite yard game, lawn
chair and side dish. There will also be
swimming and fellowship!

Need a chuckle??...

A woman, concerned about her husband's lack of spiritual life, went to a pastor and asked if he could help her get her husband to church. "Does your husband believe in life after death?" the pastor asked.

"Hah! My husband doesn't believe in life after supper," the wife replied

While on vacation, a friend and her husband visited a church one Sunday. They settled into a pew near the front of the church. An usher came up to them, tapped on the pew and said, "This pew is saved." Her husband looked up, smiled and replied, "That's OK. So are we!"—via Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft Dover, DE

After preaching a funeral while not feeling well, Rev. Dave Swinton, pastor of Grace United Methodist

Church in Des Moines, IA, made the following post on Facebook:

"I'm sick. I look so bad the pallbearers tried to carry me out at the end of the funeral this morning."

—via Rev. Dale Schoening, Woodward, IA

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life," her mother replied. The child thought about this for a moment, then asked, "So why is the groom wearing black?" — via Joan Pfister Portage, MI

In his sermon, a pastor told his summertime congregation: "Nature is a gift from God and every blade of grass is a sermon." The next day, the pastor was mowing his lawn when a church member came along. The parishioner stood watching his pastor mow. Then, nodding his head in approval, he said, "Way to go, pastor! Cut it short." —via Rev. Harry Mahoney Dedham, MA

Bloopers

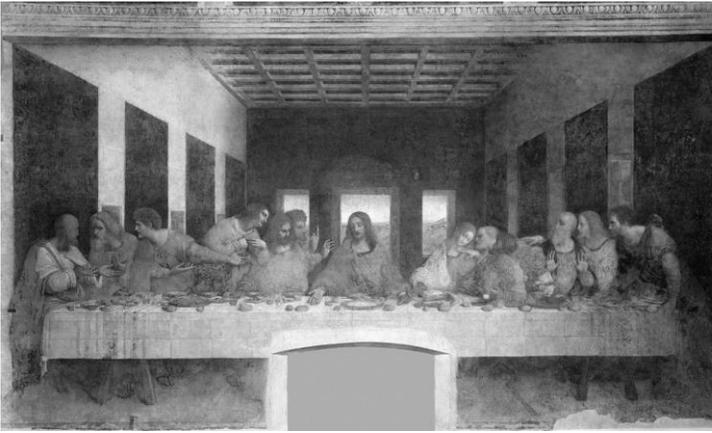
In the monthly newsletter of a Dedham, MA church: "Ushering is an important part of our worship. If you are infested in 'ushering' please contact the church office." (Should have been *interested*.)— via Rev. Harry Mahoney Dedham, MA

In a church bulletin: "Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days." —via George Goldtrap Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL

"The light at the end of the tunnel turned out to be from a train."

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Leonardo da Vinci's painting, "The Last Supper."

What did Jesus' disciples eat at the Last Supper?

We know that they had bread and wine, but Brad Lemley, a Washington newspaper reporter and writer on nutrition and health, is convinced that fish was the main course at the Last Supper. Lemley notes that electronic imaging of Leonardo da Vinci's 15th-century mural painting "The Last Supper" reveals a fish on the table. That makes sense because many of Jesus' disciples were fishermen, and fish has always been a staple of the Mediterranean diet. Said Lemley: "The early Christians and Buddhists understood the healing power of the nutrient Omega 3 fatty acid contained in fish. It was known to deter inflammation and resist aging." Many modern medical studies have extolled the health benefits of the Mediterranean diet. (With permission @JoyfulNoiseletter.com)

Facts about the month of June: Birthstone-Pearl, Flower-Rose

Holidays

Flag Day
Father's Day
Juneteenth (or Emancipation Day and Freedom Day-June 19th)
Paul Bunyan Day
National Rose Month
National Dairy Month
African-American Music Month
National Ice tea Month
National Candy Month

Facts

- *June is the 6th month of the year and has 30 days.
- *It is the first month of the summer season
- *June in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to the month of December in the Southern Hemisphere.
- *June is known as a great month to get married.
- *The famous English tennis tournament, Wimbledon is played during the month of June.
- *The longest day of the year occurs on either June 21st or 22nd.
- *Several countries celebrate their flag days during this month including the USA, Sweden, Denmark, Romania and Argentina
- *June 21st is "Go Skateboarding Day"

FOREST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

May 8, 2017

6:00 p . m.

Fellowship Hall

Attendance: Clergy: Brian Arnold, Doug Pummell; Staff: Brenda Derringer, Terri Exline; Laity: Elois Cramer, Martha Cramer, Alice Fay, Joe Hochstettler, Kathy Kin, Mike Kin, Shirley Musgrave, Stanley Seabert, Other attendees: Tom Derringer, Henry Scott

Joe Hochstettler opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of the meetings from March 6, 2017, April 2, 2017, April 9, 2017 and April 30, 2017, were approved.

A \$1,055.00 proposal from Basol to strip and refinish the Pre-School and Fellowship Hall floors was considered. It was decided to get an estimate from Kenton Carpet Care as well.

There was a discussion about hall use. It was felt that it should be by donation and that a responsible person should sign a form listing the way the hall is expected to be left.

It was noted that the Memorial Plaque needs to be updated and that there is not enough space for all the names that need to be added.

The financial statements were presented and discussed.

The group was informed that Head Start is now paid through February. They are planning to go to an eleven month program. August 7 is the "return to work date" for staff. The annual contract needs to be in place by mid-July. Utility reimbursement needs to be brought up to date and reflect eleven month usage.

MOTION: After much discussion and several amendments, the following motion was presented by Kathy Kin: I move that the District apportionments be paid in full to date and that \$4000.00 be paid on Conference apportionments. Stanley Seabert seconded. Motion carried.

A team of Mike Kin, Terri Exline, Shirley Musgrave and Brian Arnold was appointed to recommend a buffer amount to be kept in the General Fund.

The SPPRC Committee presented a sample job description. They will present the full list of job descriptions for consideration at the next meeting.

MOTION: Alice Fay on behalf of the SPPRC Committee presented the following motion: I move that Temporary Compensation for church musicians be set at \$50.00 per week because of financial reasons. Motion carried.

There was discussion about membership rolls.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:35.

Martha Creamer
Secretary

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