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# John Stewart UMC

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## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR.....

***Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.***

Finally after a long five years, Sue and I were blessed to go on a vacation out of the state of Ohio. Our destination...Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

We received an invitation from Sue's sister and husband to spend a week with them at a resort they had rented. The excitement of the trip was very high for both of us. However, the excitement started to fizzle when we learned that our destination spot was being hit by Hurricane Matthew. Once the hurricane had cleared we received the green light to go, but the beach had sustained some damage. It is true that parts of South Carolina were still flooded and many trees were damaged, but we still received a blessing I didn't count on. While driving through West Virginia we could see God's handy work in the mountains with the many colors of fall. We do have some color in Ohio but it took a car drive for me to really notice. Once we got to South Carolina we saw many people coming together to clean up the devastation and put everything back to working order. It is amazing how God gives people the will to work together and clean up after a disaster. The most amazing part of our vacation for me was looking at the ocean. To me the true power of God can always be seen in His creation, the ocean. While looking at the ocean and hearing the crashing of the waves rushing in, it hit all four of us...how can anyone doubt our God exists?! Just look at His creation! God created beauty all around us all we have to do is open our eyes and see. Take a walk this fall and see the beauty of His creation, the colors of the season and ask yourself,

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## Upcoming Events

**November 6**  
TIME CHANGE

All Saints Day

**November 8**  
Election Day

**November 13**  
Consecration Sunday

**November 19**  
Youth Spaghetti Dinner  
4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**November 20**  
Community Thanksgiving Meal  
5:30 p.m.

Church Charge Conference  
7:00 p.m.

**November 24**  
Thanksgiving service @ Old Mission 8:30 a.m.

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“How can anyone doubt there is a God of all creation when they see all He has done”. While taking a moment to enjoy Gods beautiful creation, you just may have a “Jesus moment”.

We also both gave praise to God for our health to travel and enjoy this time we had together. One year ago Sue was recovering from back surgery and she would not have been physically able to handle the car ride let alone the crashing of the waves hitting her legs. A year ago she could not have walked down the beach and now there she stood letting the waves crash into her with strong legs and balance. I had a massive heart attack just three months ago. God allowed me to heal and give me this opportunity to feel the power of His creation as well as see His beauty.

Thank you to Our Lord and Savior for loving us and creating such beautiful scenery! May God be with you and yours!

Pastor Doug Pummell

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**Dear Members and Friends of John Stewart United Methodist Church:**

**Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> is our congregation’s Consecration Sunday. I urge you to plan now to attend the two important events: Sunday morning worship and the Celebration Luncheon immediately following worship that same day (a catered meal, not a potluck dinner).**

**This spiritual-growth-oriented process is designed to enrich our biblical understanding of Christian stewardship. Rather than focusing on the need of the church to receive, the experience concentrates on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development.**

**We believe that you are concerned enough to attend on Consecration Sunday and make your financial commitment as an act of worship in the church sanctuary.**

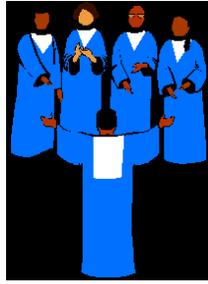
**No one will call on you at your home for a pledge. But we will contact you personally to secure your commitment to attend morning worship on Consecration Sunday and the Celebration Luncheon immediately after worship.**

**Cordially,**

**Sara Lou Binau**

**Leadership Council Chairperson**

# WORSHIP CHOIR



It is such a great experience being Senior Choir Director of the John Stewart UMC, which is now known as the Worship Choir. The current choir members extend a challenge to anyone high school age and older to participate and have fun singing and sharing life. The choir currently meets on Wednesdays 7:00-8:00pm in the church choir room. Some choir members sing all choir season (August-June) or come and go according to the individual's schedule. The Worship Choir sings during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday worship of each month during the choir season singing upbeat, contemporary and songs of the Christian faith.

Singing in the Worship Choir is a great way to express your belief in Jesus Christ in our worship on Sunday mornings and the special services during Christmas and Easter. And, it has been medically proven that singing in choirs has healthy benefits!

If you should be interested, please do not hesitate to contact me Esther Walker at email [jestherw7@gmail.com](mailto:jestherw7@gmail.com) or cell phone 419-294-7040.

*"Magnify the Lord and Worship Him"*

Esther Walker

Worship Choir Director



## Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued support. The Food Pantry can always use your help. **They are very low on food.** Anything you are able to give will be greatly appreciated.

Not only do they need paper products (paper towels, toilet paper), toiletries they also need breakfast items (cereal, pop tarts, breakfast bars, muffin mix), canned fruit, beans and vegetables, canned meat, pasta and sauce, and laundry soap.

God Bless the giver as well as those who receive!

# John Stewart UMC Leadership Council

Minutes of the Meeting

September 29, 2016

Sara Lou Binau opened with the question, "Where have you seen Jesus"

12 members present: Sara Lou Binau, Scott Cisar, Sue Culver, Anne Denman, Rylee Goodman, Sherry Goodman, Todd Goodman, Carol Minehart, Sue Pummell, Pastors: Brian Arnold, Bob Greene and Doug Pummell. Prayer was offered Pastor Doug.

Minutes from the last meeting were available. Anne Denman motioned to approve the August 2016 minutes Sherry Goodman 2nd. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports

### Finance

- The Kitchen served 60 last Wednesday and sent 20 take outs home \$60 came in.
- Discussion to tithe 10% of all fundraising money to outside organizations – see new business.
- We are in the process of reviewing the insurance for the church, contents and parsonage as well as checking on the Mission church insurance.

### SPRC

- Charlene will be retiring at Christmas from the organ. Esther Walker has agreed to play organ 2 Sundays a month – the Sundays the Choir sings.
- SPRC met in Wharton - next meeting is @ Forest 10/11/16, followed by JS 11/01/16.
- There is a "Common Ministry Fund" (all 3 churches) – SPRC needs to take to their leadership councils to authorize them to expend those funds. Sue Culver motioned for SPRC to have permission to spend the common ministry funds as needed. Todd G 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion carried.

### Consecration Sunday

- Dinner is covered by Sherry Goodman
- 1<sup>st</sup> meal is for the leadership council on November 6, 2016
- 2<sup>nd</sup> meal is the celebration meal on November 13, 2016
- There will be a letter in the next newsletter regarding the events

## John Stewart Events

- Slate sales are good – over 200 slates sold
- The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary planning and organization are coming together for the 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> of October and the 24<sup>th</sup> for the Upper Sandusky 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- We have a running tally of RSVPs for the October 23<sup>rd</sup> learning stations
- The Cruise in was successful. The kitchen and youth missions split the profits.

## Radical Hospitality

- Vizual Express, Janey Fassler, presented the leadership council with samples of their signage. Todd has also gathered 2 other quotes – one of them from EAS signs (they were the original company who did all the signs in the building).

## **Business**

- Anne Denman suggested that when our church groups have a fundraiser the groups should tithe 10 % of their profit to an organization outside the church walls. Sherry G. motioned to donate 10% of the Rummage Sale to our church apportionments this time and that each time 10% will go to something outside our walls. Rylee G 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
- UMW will have “That’s my Pan fundraiser” Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - Christmas
- Todd Goodman has been trying to keep Facebook updated.
- Sherry Goodman will be handing out Bibles to the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>
- Bill & Judy Lambrite headed up a group to trim the bushes. “Thank you!”
- Pastor Bob will be leading the Thanksgiving service at the Old Mission Church
- Charge Conference will be on November 20<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Eve service this year is as follows: 6 p.m. @ John Stewart, 8 p.m. @ Forest and 11 p.m. Community Service @ Patterson UMC.

**Next meeting: October 25, 2016 @ 7 p.m.**

Committee Reports due: October 14 to the church office

Adjournment: Motion: Rylee Goodman, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Scott Cisar

## November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> Pray for the youth	<b>2</b> Thank God for His grace	<b>3</b> Pray for those who are grieving	<b>4</b> Pray for world peace	<b>5</b> Pray for those in Nursing Homes
<b>6</b> Thank God for friends	<b>7</b> Thank God for Prayers and Squares	<b>8</b> VOTE, and pray for our next president	<b>9</b> Thank God for your children	<b>10</b> Pray for the lonely people	<b>11</b> Pray for the pastors	<b>12</b> Pray for the care-givers
<b>13</b> Thank God for our church building and family	<b>14</b> Thank God for beautiful music	<b>15</b> Pray for the grumpy people	<b>16</b> Thank God for His Love	<b>17</b> Pray for daily guidance	<b>18</b> Pray for the safety of the men and women in blue	<b>19</b> Pray for your friends
<b>20</b> Thank God for the gift of fun times	<b>21</b> Thank God for our freedoms	<b>22</b> Pray for peace, everywhere	<b>23</b> Thank God for health and healing	<b>24</b> Pray for comfort for cancer patients	<b>25</b> Pray for those who work behind the scenes at church	<b>26</b> Pray for insight
<b>27</b> Thank God for laughter	<b>28</b> Thank God for our food	<b>29</b> Pray for confidence to do God's will	<b>30</b> Thank God for hugs	<b>Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.</b>  <b>Psalms 107:1</b>		

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		<b>1</b> 9:30 a.m. Card Ministry-103  6:30 p.m. Scouts	<b>2</b> 3:00 p.m. WAY  5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth mtg  6:15 p.m. Praise Team practice  7:00 p.m. Worship Choir	<b>3</b> 7:00 p.m. RRJ	<b>4</b> P9:30 a.m. Sit-n-Sew	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8 a.m. Traditional Service-Chapel  9a.m. Sunday School  9 a.m. Sisters in Faith  10:10 a.m. Blended Service – Communion, All Saints	<b>7</b> 9:30 a.m. Prayers & Squares  7:00 p.m. Passionate Worship	<b>8</b> VOTE  9:30 a.m. Susannah Hope- 103 1:00 p.m. Cards Ministry-103 6:30 – Myrta Moody – We Luv Yogart	<b>9</b> 3:00 p.m. WAY  5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth mtg  6:15 p.m. Praise Team practice  7:00 p.m. Worship Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8 a.m. Traditional Service-Chapel  9a.m. Sunday School  10:10 a.m. Blended Service – Consecration Sunday	<b>14</b> 9:30 a.m. Prayers & Squares	<b>15</b> 9:30 a.m. Card Ministry-103  6:30 p.m. Scouts	<b>16</b> 3:00 p.m. WAY  5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth mtg  6:15 p.m. Praise Team practice  7:00 p.m. Worship Choir	<b>17</b> 7:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends - 009	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 4:30 p.m. Youth Spaghetti Dinner
<b>20</b> 8 a.m. Traditional Service-Chapel  9a.m. Sunday School  10:10 a.m. Blended Service  5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Meal  7:00 p.m. Church Charge Conference	<b>21</b> 9:30 a.m. Prayers & Squares  7:00 p.m. Passionate Worship	<b>22</b> 9:30 a.m. Card Ministry-103  6:30 p.m. Scouts  7:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Share Group	<b>23</b> 3:00 p.m. WAY  5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth mtg  6:15 p.m. Praise Team practice  7:00 p.m. Worship Choir	<b>24</b> 8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Service @ Old Mission  Happy Thanksgiving!  OFFICE CLOSED	<b>25</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8 a.m. Traditional Service-Chapel  9a.m. Sunday School  10:10 a.m. Blended Service – 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Advent	<b>28</b> 9:30 a.m. Prayers & Squares	<b>29</b> 9:30 a.m. Card Ministry-103  6:30 p.m. Scouts	<b>30</b> 3:00 p.m. WAY  5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Youth mtg  6:15 p.m. Praise Team practice  7:00 p.m. Worship Choir	<b>Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.</b>  <b>Psalms 107:1</b>		

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200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Re-enactors.... More to come in next month's newsletter!

Gabi Gobs, Gil Butler, Jean Moon, Rev. Brian Arnold, Nancy Sauer, Mindy Newel, Peggy Dollinger, Chief Billy Friend, Kayleigh Gobs

