

John Stewart UMC

Hardin/Wyandot Charge

10/1/2016

200th Anniversary Edition

John Stewart: A Door of Life by Pastor Brian Arnold

There are many “door” sayings. Many have heard something said like, “When a door in life seems to close, God opens another.” Most of the sayings, though not exactly Biblical, are close. Consider Revelation 3:8a-b: “I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.” It’s the Biblical version that seems a better description of an altered history for a people whose history was altered by force.

In a self-published book, Wyandot Indian descendant Lloyd E. Divine, Jr. makes the observation that, “after the War of 1812, the Wyandot Tribe sunk into a repressive state and a condition of waywardness. The Wyandots were a tribe of warriors and for the first time in recent memory there was not a war to be fought.”¹ A first treaty had already been signed in 1815 when one door was about to be closed as another opened.

Since about 1786, the presence of one man more than any other, proved to bring wisdom to the gatherings at the Council House—Chief Tarhe,² otherwise known as the Crane. Before any future vision beyond 1815 could be counseled by his Wisdom, Chief Tarhe died in November 1816. A door was closed. By an act of God, another door stood open—

the calling by God into missionary service a man named John Stewart who had procrastinated, but finally relented and came to the Wyandot people near the upper rapids of the Sandusky river in, yes, November 1816. A door had been opened. Though hopeless, the Wyandot people were not going to receive anyone from outside of their clans except with suspicion. Even as the terms of an additional federal treaty were being worked out by congress, one thing was abundantly clear about the consistent prophetic counsel of Chief Tarhe before he died; the encroachment for land by white settlers was not going to be averted by the tomahawk. Yet to become fully assimilated into white society, as expected by government policy, was also not realistic. God would provide yet another door. Through John Stewart, a man who surely knew persecution first hand, the Wyandot people would begin to learn what they needed in order to survive the trauma of a door that would be slammed closed upon them in the next generation: *faith* that would see them through the forced movement west beyond the Mississippi.

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¹ Lloyd Eldon Divine, Jr., *On the Back of a Turtle* (48hourbooks: Akron, 2016) p. 372.

² For more information about Chief Tarhe, see a description by Thelma Marsh on line: <http://www.wyandot.org/tarhe.htm>

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Mr. Stewart made his way northwest sometimes by road, sometimes through the forest probably following the Muskingum River to the Licking River and eventually to the village of Goshen. He came upon some Delaware Indians, but after a couple of days and after a strong temptation to turn back, he pressed on until he came to the banks of the upper Sandusky River. Here his journey began in earnest among the Wyandot Indians in late October 1816. He came upon a nation about to be in mourning for a highly respected leader, Chief Tarhe, who lay upon his death bed. Mr. Stewart would have to remain persistent if he was to stay faithful to his calling.

He first came upon the Indian agent, William Walker, who interrogated Mr. Stewart. As a

black man he had to make his case that he was not a runaway slave. When he finally had a chance to offer a meeting place and time to speak through an interpreter the word of God for the people, one lone Wyandot woman was all who came to hear him. It is said that he shared with her as if he were before a hundred people instead of just one.

Not to be deterred, he let it be known that he would also speak again the next day. The same lone woman came back, but this time a Wyandot man also showed. Thus Mr. Stewart had doubled attendance of those who would come hear the Word of God! From this meager beginning and with all kinds of resistance, Mr. Stewart would persist, going from long house to long house, settlement to settlement, until more than sixty people would join regularly for praising, prayer, singing, and Bible “exhorting” at the Wyandot Council-house.

Though he stubbornly persisted, to keep from wearing down, Mr. Stewart must have known that he needed encouragement. He announced in late February that he was going to return to Marietta for a season, but promised to return to the Wyandot people.

Next Issue: John Stewart: The Test of a Season

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Hello: kweh
Thank you: tižamęh

The Lord's Prayer

Translated into the Wyandot Language
by William E. Connelley

Squah-eh-steh yah-rohn-yih-yeh ih-stah reh,
Our Father which art in Heaven,

Ooh-rah-meh tih sheh-shehn-doo-h-tih
Hallowed be thy name.

Ooh-tah-wah-teh-steh sah-reh-wah
Thy kingdom come

Teh-zhoo-h-tih teh-kyooh tih yah-rohn-yih-yeh.
Thy will be done in earth as it is in Heaven

Tah-wah-nohnt noh-mah-kehn-tah-teh hah-mehn-tih-yeh
kyah-tahn-deh-tah-queh dah-wah-esh-roh'n-yeh
Give us this day our daily bread

Nah-nehngk seh-sah-deh-yooh-heh-nk sah-reh-zhah-kohn-
dih, teh-zhoo-h-tih neh-hehn-dih tsoh-mah-deh-yoh-hehs
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

Nah-nehngk wah-stah-tooh toh-mah squah-nyoh-deh teh-
zhah-shoo-h-tah-quahn-deh-yeh, tah-0wah-tah-teh-rohn-
teh kah-oohf-keh:
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

Sah-ah-heh-sah-meh dooh-rah-meh,
For Thine is the Kingdom,

nah-nehngk deh yah-wih-shrah,
and the power,

nah-nehngk
and

deh dooh-rah-meh,
the glory,

heh-yeh-hah-keh.
forever.

Kohn-dih.
Amen

Among the earliest descriptions of John Stewart and his work among the Wyandots is found printed in the 1820 publication of The Methodist Magazine, Vol. III. Submitted by Rev. James B. Finley, this impression gives a testimony to the character of a Godly man:

“Steward is the man of colour, who, under God, has been the principal instrument of this work. He was free born. Can read very well, and write—is a man of a meek and humble mind. He lives with the Indians; and they have the utmost confidence in him.”

Because of the unique relationship that was created at upper Sandusky in the connection of the Methodist Episcopal Church, two acres of cemetery and the Mission Church were declared in 1960 as a National Shrine of the Methodist Church. After the merger of the Methodist Church and the United Brethren Church in 1968, creating the United Methodist Church, the property has continued to be held in trust for the Wyandot people and is listed among forty-six national landmark properties of the denomination. Additional information can be found at:

<http://gcah.org/research/wyandott---indian---mission>

The events listed in the schedule are sponsored by the Archives and History Committee of John Stewart United Methodist Church:

Mrs. Terri Baker
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Bowen
Mr. Richard Brown
Mrs. Jody Johnson
Mr. Joe Hildebrand
Mrs. Carol McPherson
Mrs. Jean Moon
Mr. Dan Newell
Mr. Mark Ratliff
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Stansbery
Mrs. Nancy Sauer

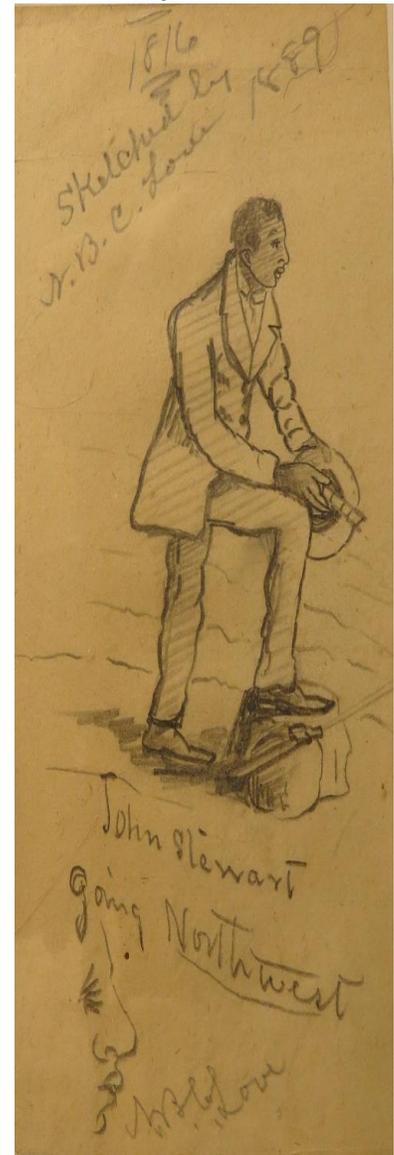
To make contributions to the perpetual care fund, make checks payable to:

John Stewart United Methodist Church with “Mission Church PC Fund”
written in the memo line.

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Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351

John Stewart, Missionary

200 Years since
Coming
Among the Ohio
Wyandots



1816---2016
Bicentennial
Observation

Schedule of Events
Native American Days
October 21, 22 & 23
2016

All events are in
Upper Sandusky, Ohio,
Intersection of
US HI-ways 23 & 30

Fri Oct 21

6:30 PM

Wyandots Today,

Presented by the Chiefs
@ Upper Sandusky
Community Library

Sat Oct 22

6:30 AM –10:30 AM

**Breakfast with the
Wyandots**

All you can eat—\$5

Pancakes & Sausage
@ John Stewart UM Church

1:00 PM Old Mission

Cemetery Walk Through

Meet re-enactors portraying
John Stewart, Rev. Wheeler,
Mother Solomon, Harriet
Stubbs, and Chief Squire
Grey Eyes @ Old Mission
Cemetery

Sun Oct 23

7:30 AM Breakfast

@ the Mission Church

8:00 AM Worship

@ the Mission Church

10:10 AM Worship

@ John Stewart UM Church

1:00 PM Wyandot

Culture Learning

Stations:

@ John Stewart UM Church

Pageant

Drums

Dance

History

Artifacts

Lacrosse

Language Wyandots Today

**Reserve Your Place for
1 PM**

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Today, there are no known confirmed Wyandot descendants living in the area. The cemetery and Mission Church, once a part of the Grand Reserve, have been kept in preservation in trust for the Wyandot people since 1843, when federal government policy dictated their removal to territories west of the Mississippi River.

All events are FREE!



Donations are being received for a perpetual care fund that will help to ensure that the legacy of the service of John Stewart—the first appointed missionary of The Methodist Episcopal Church in America, is preserved for another 200 years!

For information about the schedule of events or community accommodations for your visit with us, call the

John Stewart Church office:
419-294-2867

**Call For Your
1 PM Sunday Reservation**

The Mission Church
location:
300 East Church Street

The Upper Sandusky
Community Library is at:
301 North Sandusky
Avenue

John Stewart UMC

Leadership Council

Minutes of the Meeting August 25, 2016

Sara Lou Binau opened with an article "I saw Jesus Last Week".

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

Minutes from the last meeting were available. Scott Cisar motion to approve the April 2016 minutes Sherry Goodman 2nd. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Finance: Balance of current operating account: \$28,333.77. The past 4-month balance has stayed pretty steady. The goal is to establish a level of cash reserve to last us 90 to 180 days. Motion to accept the financial report by Carol Minehart/Todd Goodman 2nd. Financial report accepted.

Line #1025.06 is a new line item for Hardin/Wyandot Charge (Forest/John Stewart/Wharton) and has been created to cover shared expenses i.e. pastors salaries from the three churches and common ministry activities.

- Nominations: 2 more trustees are needed. Pastor Brian nominated Sherry Goodman to fill one trustee opening for the remaining 2016 year, Sherry agreed to sit in the rest of 2016. Anne Denman 2nd. Motion passed.

- Trustees: Repairs needed - Fans in FLC, boiler room plumbing downs and parsonage roof. Parsonage re-roof repairs will cost approximately \$2500.00 for materials. Pastor needs help doing the reroofing project ASAP.
- SPRC: Evaluations for the church office staff have been completed. Sue Pummell will now be working 35 hrs. per week. Andrea McCarthy has found fulltime employment outside the church and will now be working 5 hrs. per week for creating PowerPoint. Established office hours are now 9-3 Monday – Friday, except for holidays.

Instead of having three SPRC Committees one from each church the SPRC Committee has added members from each church to make up one committee. The following will make up the Committee representatives: 2 from Wharton, 3 from Forest, 4 from John Stewart. Upcoming meetings: September 20th @ Wharton – 6:30 p.m., October 11th @ Forest – 6:30 p.m. and November 1st @ John Stewart – 6:30 p.m.

After many years of service Charlene Beidelschies is retiring as church organist. Her last day will be Christmas Sunday.

- Radical Hospitality: Todd reported that a kitchen meeting will be held Thursday, August 31 @ 7p.m. First community meal will be September 21st @ 5:30 p.m. Car show meal, September 24th will be youth mission project/kitchen mission serving lunch until sold out. Pastor Bob & Andrea Culley watched the Food Pantry

operation at the Forest church and were quite impressed with their operation.

Signage for the church is in the works; Todd is getting 2 quotes for the signs. He is also looking for ways to enhance church communication, i.e.: pod cast of Sunday's sermon, Facebook and a monitor for the lobby with running lists of ministry activities.

- **Passionate Worship:** Scott announced that Consecration Sunday will be November 13th. The Worship committee has met and weekly plans are made through September. Rylee would like to see the youth more involved in the service and have a youth praise team.

Business:

- UMW Spring District meeting will be hosted by JSUMC on April 1, 2017.
- Pastor Brian reported that this year each church is required to schedule their own church conference and find an elder to be in charge. All reports are to be turned into the district by December 1st. Ann Denman made a motion to hold the Church Conference on November 20th @ 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Brian asking Rev. Stauffer to act as presiding Elder. Carol Minehart seconded...Motion passed.

- Pastor Brian reported that an application has been made to The General Commission on Archives and History to help with expenses of the ongoing Wyandot Indian celebration for 2017. The conference will provide videographers to video the event this fall and possibly create some type of celebration at the next conference session next June 2017. If the History committee were to form a perpetual care fund to support the maintenance of mission church or burial grounds, the Conference may be willing to become an active partner in the effort.
- **Proclamation:** LuAnn Cooke, liaison for the governor has been in contact with the Visitors Bureau about Governor Kasich making a proclamation of the 200th Anniversary of the coming of John Stewart to the Wyandots. Presentation to be made during the Wyandot Indian Celebration.

Next meeting:

September 29, 2016 @ 7 p.m.

Committee Reports due: September 27 to the church office

Adjournment: Motion: Rylee Goodman, 2nd: Todd Goodman

MISSIONS



Monthly Missions

- **Food Pantry: Monthly items needed**
- **September: Prayers & Squares and Card Ministry**
- **October: Voice of Hope & Voice of Hope Baby Shower**
- **November: Food Pantry & Community Thanksgiving Meal**



UPCOMING YOUTH FUND RAISERS

- **September 24 – Cruise In**
- **October 22 – Breakfast with the Chiefs 6:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. \$5 donation All you can eat**
- **November 19th Spaghetti dinner 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. \$5 donation All you can eat**



The month of September our mission offerings are split between two very worthy church projects.

The first is our prayers and squares group. This group is led by Rev Cathy Hiner and makes quilt tops for those in need of comfort. The group creates the quilt top and adds batting and a back to complete the quilt top. After the layers are altogether ties are added to the layers to not only hold the quilt together but also so that our church family can say a prayer and tie a knot for the person for whom the quilt was made. Making the quilts is a labor of love but the prayers that are said as the ties are knotted is the most important part of the quilt. The group has been gifted with quite a goodly supply of fabric, but rolls of batting and backing are rather expensive and are a very necessary part of the quilt making process. So we thought as a mission of our church that perhaps we could help by giving ½ of the September mission offerings to Prayers and Squares to purchase necessary supplies to make these prayer quilts. To date over 265 quilts have been made by this group,

tied with prayers by our church family and given to those in need of comfort. Many of our own church family have been touched by this outreach mission of our church.

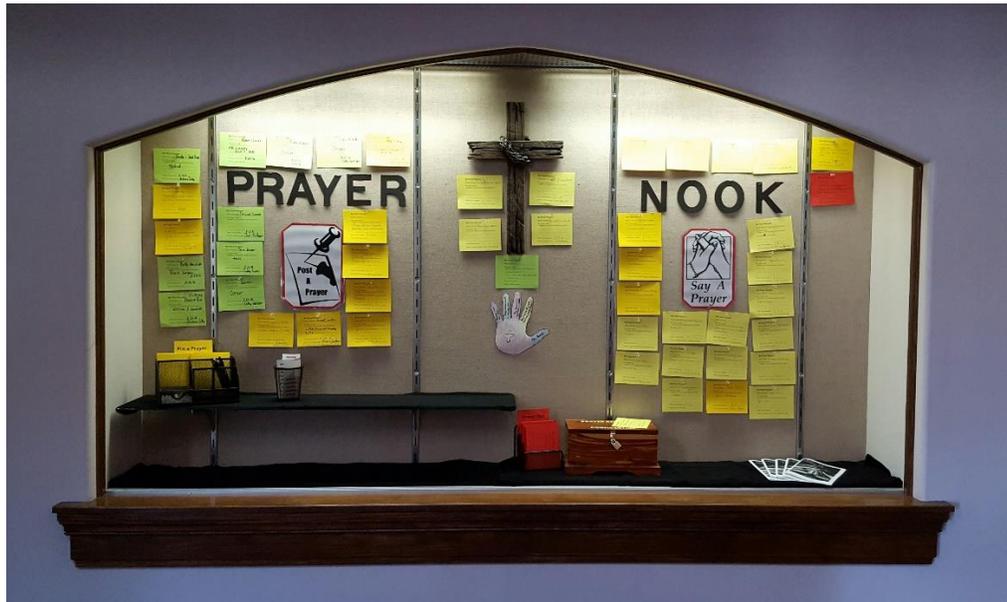
The second ½ of our September mission offering will be going to our card mission. This group is led by Claudia Cisar and is a very important mission of our church. Cards and postage are very expensive and our offering could help this group as they continue to send thinking of you cards, birthday cards, congratulations cards, etc. It just does so much for those out there that think their church family has forgotten them to get the mail and discover a card from John Stewart United Methodist Church. Everyone in our church family has been touched by this group of dedicated card writers. The card ministry was started in March 2011 and as of 09/06/16 the card mission has sent 4,100 cards



Do you have your slate yet??

Slates available on a *first come/first serve* basis. They are \$30 checks payable to the Wyandot Mission Church.

Contact Betsy Bowen @ 419-310-3447 or church office 419-294-2867 with any questions.



Have you seen the Prayer Nook? We are ready to pray with you and for you!
Call the church office for more information or with your prayer requests - 419-294-2867. Contact Judy Mumma for the prayer chain 419-294-5407.



Wednesday night meals @ 5:30 p.m.
Bring your family for delicious food and wonderful fellowship!
We look forward to feeding your soul ☺

September

All meals include a drink. Menu subject to change.

28th: Grilled Cheese & Veggie Soup

October

5th: Sloppy Joe, Coleslaw, Corn

12th: Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Applesauce

19th: Hot dogs, Chilli Dogs, baked beans, apple crisp

26th: Beef-n-noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans



Our Worship Choir, Praise Teams and Bells are starting up for another wonderful season of *MUSIC!*

It was so nice to have multiple families leading the music throughout the summer! We are blessed with much talent!

Praise HIMs practice on Sundays @ 6:00 p.m.
Bell practice on Sundays @ 6:30 p.m.

Praise Team on Wednesdays @ 6:15 p.m.,
Worship Choir is held on Wednesdays @ 7 p.m. We are always looking for fresh talent!!!!
See Judy Mumma or Carol Minehart for the Praise Team. Scott Cisar for the Praise HIMs, Claudia Cisar for Bells or Esther Walker for Worship Choir.

October 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 2 8:00 a.m. Chapel 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion 11:30 Basement Reserved 4:00 Scouts 6:00 Praise HIMs 6:30 Bell practice | 3 9:30 a.m. Prayers & Squares 12:00 p.m. Beta Tri Sigma 3:00 p.m. gymnastic class 7:00 p.m. Passionate Worship | 4 9:30 a.m. Card Ministry – 103 6:30 Scouts | 5 3:00 p.m. WAY 5:30 p.m. Community Meals 6:15 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm Worship Choir | 6 8:30 a.m. Ministerial Association 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Lifetouch Photos for the Directory 7:00 p.m. RRJ | 7 9:30 a.m. Sit-n-Sew 3:00 p.m. gymnastic class | 8 8:00 a.m. Cheerleaders |
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| 23 8:00 a.m. Chapel 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Worship 1:00 p.m. Stations, need RSVP 6:00 Praise HIMs 6:30 Bell practice | 24 9:30 a.m. Prayers & Squares 3:00 p.m. gymnastic class 5:30 p.m. Cheerleaders | 25 9:30 a.m. Card Ministry – 103 6:00 Wyandot Cares Annual Mtg. 6:30 Scouts 7:00 p.m. Women's Emmaus Group - 103 | 26 3:00 p.m. WAY 5:30 p.m. Community Meals 6:15 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm Worship Choir | 27 | 28 3:00 p.m. gymnastic class | 29 8:00 a.m. Cheerleaders |
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