John Stewart United Methodist Church

Family Newsletter

April 2016

Winter is gone and spring is here! It is time to put away the winter coats and feel the warmth of spring. Time to get outside and breathe in the warm fresh air. I have always enjoyed the season of spring; it feels like a new beginning. To be completely honest, I also prefer the warmth of spring over the cold of winter. With a new season it feels like it is time to throw out the old and bring in the new.

Maybe it is time to try something new in our spiritual lives. With a new season – new beginnings. We just completed our study on John Wesley's "Three Simple Rules." Part of our study included talks on spiritual discipline and how to stay in love with God by using discipline. The six spiritual disciplines of public worship, Lord's Supper, private and family prayer, searching the scriptures, Bible study, and fasting. Why not ask God which of these disciplines He wants you to start or improve? I am sure God would enjoy spending more time with you and helping you with a discipline. I also believe that you will be blessed by becoming more disciplined.

Let us enjoy the new season that is now here and use it to grow closer to our Lord and Savior…our God. Remember: Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God.

May God's blessing be with you and yours! ~Pastor Doug~

PRAYER CALENDAR

◄ March 2016			April 2016			May 2016 ►
Sun	**Mon**	**Tue**	**Wed**	**Thu**	**Fri**	**Sat**
					1 Pray for someone in the military Who is giving of himself or herself to keep us safe.	**2** Pray for the elderly.
3 Pray for someone who does not know Jesus.	**4** Praise God for sunshine to cheer our spirits and give us warmth.	**5** Praise God for always being there for us.	**6** Pray for those who are sick and hurting.	**7** Thank God for Andrea Culley, who directs our church missions.	**8** Pray for those who take time to help organize our Sunday order of Worship.	**9** Ask God to guide our Bible study groups.
10 Thank God for our kitchen crew, those who help with Wed. night dinners, funeral dinners	**11** Thank God for our UMW groups.	**12** Pray for the youth of our church.	**13** Pray for the leaders of our USA government.	**14** Pray for those who have ongoing back pain.	**15** Pray for those looking for a job or those having financial troubles.	**16** Pray for Pastors Brian, Doug and Bob.
17 Pray for our high school seniors, as they plan for life after graduation from High School.	**18** Pray for our new HIMS praise team.	**19** Thank God for our organist, Charlene, who so faithfully plans music to enhance our worship services.	**20** Praise the Lord for our Sunday School teachers.	**21** Praise God for the beauty of a sunset.	**22** Pray for the Encouragers, who pray for the children of our church.	**23** Pray for a friend.
24 Thank God for families.	**25** Pray for safety for those traveling.	**26** Pray that the visitors to our church will feel God's love.	**27** Thank God for your life.	**28** Thank God for new babies!	**29** Praise God for doctors.	**30** Ask God what you can do to help in our church and then do it!

CHURCH CALENDER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1 9:30am Sit-n-Sew	2 9:00am FREE Prom Dresses (Sisters-in-Faith)
3 8:00am Chapel Worship 9:00am Sunday School - 103 10:10am Main Worship 6:00pm Praise 6:30pm Bell	4 9:30am Prayers & Squares	5 1:00pm Cards-103	6 3:00pm W.A.Y. -FLC 5:00pm PRAISE TEAM 5:30pm 6:30pm Youth 7:00pm CHOIR 8:00pm CHOIR	7 8:30am Ministerial Association	8	9 8:00am T.A.R.P - 009 & FLC 9:00am FREE Prom Dresses (Sisters-in-Faith)
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WAY @ JSUMC

Wyandot Afternoon Youth (WAY) will be at John Stewart Church on Wednesday afternoons. The Family Life Center will be open from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. for Junior High youth to come play games or hang with friends. Church members are asked to come help fill in on the dodge ball teams, or take on one of the youth in pool or just be a friendly face in the room. Talk to the pastor about this being YOUR opportunity to be the face of Jesus to the youth of our community. The main door of the church will be closed at 3:00 p.m. so that everyone comes in through the Family Life Center door. This way we know everyone who is in the church. This is for the safety of the youth.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**WITH PROM SEASON APPROACHING, DON'T FORGET ABOUT BECCA'S CLOSET. OPEN EVERY SATURDAY 9 AM TO 10:30 AM, OR CALL THE OFFICE AT 419-294-2867 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

LIFETOUCH PICTURE SIGN UPS FOR OUR NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY:
APRIL 26 & 27 AND MAY 13 & 14

SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING CHURCH

WE ARE AVERAGING 10 YOUNG PEOPLE RANGING IN AGE FROM KINDERGARTEN TO 5TH GRADE. THET HAVE GONE THROUGH THE UNBINDING PROCESS AND HOW WE PRAY. PRAYER BEADS, PRETZEL PRAYERS AND EVEN QUICK LITTLE PRAYERS WHENEVER THEY FEEL THE NEED. PRAYERS ARE HUNG ON A TREE AND EVERYONE IS ON THE PRAYER TREE- CLOSE TO 30 DIFFERENT YOUTH HAVE BEEN A PART OF THE CLASSES AND MAY NOT BE WITH US EVERY WEEK IN PERSON, BUT ALWAYS IN PRAYER

MOTHER CHILD BANQUET WILL BE ON MAY 1ST. TICKET PRICES WILL BE $6.00 FOR ADULTS AND $3.00 FOR KIDS. CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR DETAILS.

H.O.P.E ~ **H**elping **O**thers through **P**urpose and **E**ncouragement. Reaching out to those dealing with chronic illness to offer education, information, service opportunities, coping skills and support through a faith- based approach.

We'd love to have you and your family member or caregiver join us for our next meeting. And please note that you are welcome to attend just one or all of the meetings whatever works for your schedule!

April 6 Jim Stauffer, pastor Trinity Evangelical UMC "Authentic HOPEful Community

April 13 Dr Anthony J Arnold, of Arnold Family Eye care: Seeing HOPE: how chronic illness affects your eyes"

April 20 Cari Corfman, LMT "Feeling HOPEful: the benefits of massage and aromatherapy with essential oils

April 27 Tara Bloom, Supervisor of Radiology: What, When, and Why? An insightful overview of Imaging/Radiology Tests"

May 4 Mandy Baldwin, Artist, "The Art of HOPE: a hands-on art demonstration"

May 11 Debbie Dilley, Patient Navigator, "tips for staying organized through diagnosis and beyond"

May 18 "An afternoon of HOPE: a field trip to offer hope and encouragement to others"

May 25 Picnic Gathering (location to be announced)

Meetings will be held in the 2nd floor Patient Education Room (except where noted) at Wyandot Memorial Hospital

For more information please contact Karen at 419-294-3267 or email Lori at lgrine1962@gmail.com

CELEBRATE!! John Stewart, a mulatto with a splendid tenor voice and a common school education was saved from a life of alcoholism and became the Father of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church when he came to Northwest Ohio in 1816, to tell the heathen Wyandot's of God's power to redeem.

This year we celebrate the 200th year anniversary! The kick-off for this celebration will be a dinner on May 6th in the Family Life Center. The dinner will be co-hosted by the Wyandot County Historical Society and our own Records and History Committee. The speakers will be the four chiefs of the Wyandot tribes. Make plans to attend this momentous occasion.

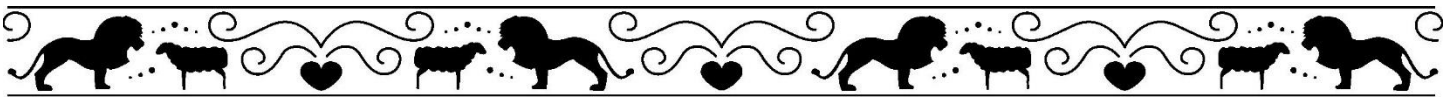
A presentation of mission pictures is being prepared for this dinner. If you have any old pictures of the mission, please share! These pictures will be scanned and returned to you in the same condition as they were received. ~Thank-you

Christian Food Center:

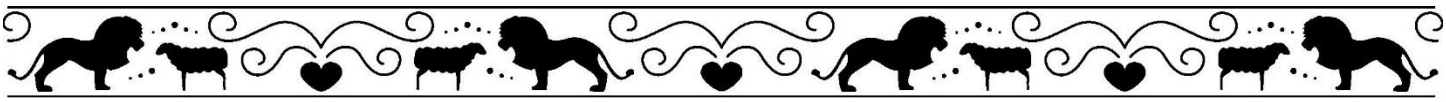
Most needed items:

- Canned Meats
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned or boxed Potatoes
- Canned or Boxed Soups
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Canned or Boxed Meals
- Canned or Dried Beans
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cereal
- Pancake Mix & syrup
- Toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, bar soap, laundry & dish detergent, etc.)

Box Tops for Education are still being accepted. The United Methodist Women send them to Red Bird and McCurdy Missions. A blue box with yellow tape for the labels is in the Library Room. Thank you for your continued support in this mission



Mission Statement: *To faithfully make disciples for Jesus Christ through worship, education, service, and outreach.*
Vision Statement: *"To continue the ministry of John Stewart through Worship, Education, Service, and Outreach to the Community, Nation, and World."*



PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Wayne Geissinger *Luke Morris (Band Director, Jason Morris' Son)*

LONG TERM AND EXTENDED CARE CONCERNS:

Remember these persons with a card, call or visit

Susan Kibler Jim Gottfried Jim Herring Rev John Hoover Jack Houser Rosie Jordan
Martha Kuenzli Joan Leigh Mike Rothlisberger Bob Titus George Walton Dorothy Wolfe

MILITARY:

Ryan Graham Tony Jones Bill LaRowe Nathan Kuenzli Matthew Turk Bryan A Grove

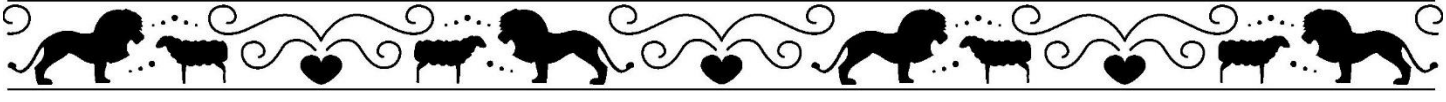
CONDOLENCES FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH:

The Family of Jack McEldowny

The Family of Wayne Arnold

The Family of Bob Halm

The Family of Albert Myers



✞ Wednesday Community Meals @ 5:30 pm

Help is needed for our Wednesday Community Meals. Needed are people to set up tables and chairs, and clean up after the meal. The meal does not have to be anything special, just something you like to prepare.

If you have questions contact Scott Goodman.

Finance Committee: We are looking for a few people to help us do an audit of the Church. This will range from looking over insurance coverage, checking our expenses and helping inventory items owns by the church. I am looking at maybe an hour or two when you can help. Please let the office know if you would be interested

Thank-you ~ Sherry Goodman

Wow! Can you believe it! It has been 200, count them, 200 years since John Stewart came to preach to the Wyandots. Two hundred years since God touched John Stewart, a sinner, and changed him. He gave him a mission to spread the Word to a people whom he had never met. A people who needed God…….The Wyandot Indians!

This October we will be having a celebration to commemorate John Stewart's arrival here in what we now call Wyandot County. The dates have been set for October 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. The 4 day celebration will be a combination of community, church and school events.

The Records and History Committee of John Stewart United Methodist Church has already been preparing for this celebration, along with The Wyandot's from Oklahoma and Michigan and with the National Park Service from The River Raisin National Park.

Keep the dates open as this should be an exciting event!!

Betsy Bowen-Chairman of the 200th Anniversary Celebration

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Upcoming Sermons:

April 3 "Maturity: It's Not All Bad"

April 10 "Maturity: Lifelong Training"

April 17 "Maturity: The Power of Prayer"

April 24 "Maturity: Division is Not in Our Vocabulary"

May 1 "Maturity: Can't Do Enough"