

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

That season of the year has rolled around once more when clergy and laity make that drive to Lakeside to conduct the business of the church. A time of holy conferencing. A time of remembering those that have passed since our last gathering, the honoring of those retiring, and celebrating those being ordained. It's also a time of worship, set budgets, vote on delegates to the 2020 General Conference, and to see old friends and make new ones. Yet I believe it is so much more - Annual Conference. The reason being is we hear it said in many different ways, our need to remember our Wesleyan roots. As I thought about them, what follows are some of those thoughts. Yes I know this was the theme of my words on Heritage Sunday, but I feel in these troubling times for the United Methodist Church it's something we need to remember.

I see John Wesley as a visionary, yes even a revolutionary. A man ahead of his time, in an age when there was much injustice and poverty due to the social class structure of the times he lived in. For he saw the church in need of reform. For he saw a church in need of accountability, of the institution itself, and of those who are members. Wesley also saw the need to go beyond the walls of the church out into the places the people lived and worked, sharing the Good News of the Gospels. With these three simple rules to guide him and those who became part of the movement that would become the Methodist Church: **Do no harm, Do good, and love God.**

As stated earlier, Wesley felt a need for accountability for us, the members of the Methodist movement. So, Wesley created some questions to ask those who would become part of the Band Societies and the Class Groups that were the basis of what was to become the Methodist Church:

1. Have you forgiveness of your sins?
2. Have you peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ?
3. Have you the witness of God's Spirit with your spirit that you are a child of God?
4. Is the love of God poured out in your heart?
5. Has no sin, inward or outward, dominion over you?
6. Do you desire to be told your faults?
7. Do you desire to be told all your faults plain and to the point?
8. Do you desire that every one of us should tell you, from time to time, whatever is in our heart concerning you?
9. Consider! Do you desire that we should tell you whatever we think, whatever we fear, whatever we hear, concerning you?
10. Do you desire that in doing this we should come as close as possible? That we should cut to the quick, and search your heart to the bottom?
11. Is it your desire and design to be on this and other occasions entirely open, so as to speak everything that is in your heart without exception, without disguise, and without reserve?

Just maybe we need to not just remember our roots, but to once more become accountable to each other.

In looking back at these questions, I can't help but remember Proverbs 27:17 - *Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the wits of another.* Just some thoughts to think about.  
Peace, Joy and Love, Pastor Sam



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# RUMMAGE SALE

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Rummage Items**  
**Bake Sale**  
**All Day Lunch**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
Sunday, June 23, after worship in the Fellowship  
Hall. A lite lunch will be served.



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### *June Birthdays*

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 - Ally Domany    | 15 - David Beery    |
| 3 - Robin Petkovic | Debbie Hardesty     |
| Mathew Wilson      | 16 - Craig Bittner  |
| James Wolf         | 18 - Connie Biltz   |
| 4 - Rebecca Casey  | 19 - Nancy Campbell |
| 5 - Michael Burns  | 22 - Dana Snyder    |
| 9 - John Culp      | 26 - Margaret Burns |
| Eric Eutsey        | Karen MacDonald     |
| Jeffrey Krause     | 27 - Wayne Thomas   |
| 11 - Sue Woodside  | 29 - Jack Bond      |

### *July Birthdays*

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 - Joan George    | 21 - Barb Bonam       |
| 5 - Les Carter     | Christy Jones         |
| Alex More          | Ken Young             |
| Julie Smith        | 23 - Tempy Briggs     |
| Jenn Thomas        | 25 - Billie Harmon    |
| 11 - Marge Lloyd   | 26 - Aaron Casey      |
| 13 - Jim MacDonald | Rob Rasch             |
| 17 - Jim Bachtel   | 27 - Hope Sine        |
| Bradley Keen       | 28 - Charmaine Anglin |
| Zachary Lundgren   | Paul Galley           |
| 19 - Katey Culp    | 29 - Noah Casey       |
| Alexa Donatelli    | 30 - Roger Christ     |
|                    | 31 - Bob George       |

### *June Anniversaries*

- 2 - Justin and Lindsey Wilcox - 7 Years
- 6 - Jim and Evelyn Bachtel - 52 Years
- 7 - Dick and Phyllis Boike - 67 Years
- 8 - Max and Carroll Beery - 6 Years
- 22 - Gary and Barb Bonam - 37 Years

### *July Anniversaries*

- 14 - Adam and Julie Smith - 12 Years
- 18 - Al and Nancy Campbell - 55 Years
- 19 - Greg and Dawn Perkins - 22 Years
- 30 - John and Carol Pirt - 59 Years

**WELCOME**  
**new members**  
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*June Queen and Robert Willett joined our church on April 14. Make sure to give them a big welcome!*

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
**Saturday, July 13, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**\$10.00 per person**

**Front Porch Café**

**798 Grant St., Akron, OH 44311**

*"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

**Matthew 11:28**

Come and learn how to give all your worries to God. The Front Porch Café has offered the use of their Faithful Servants room to host this event. We will start with a lite breakfast of breads, muffins and beverage. We will then go into our lesson, "Giving All Our Worries To God". Lunch will include ham and chicken salad sliders, veggies, chips, cookies and beverage. After lunch, we will have a craft, singing of hymns, and a prayer circle.

This is open to all women of the church, their family, friends, and co-workers. **Space is limited to 30 so RSVP to Sue Shaw ASAP.**

*"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be open to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, it will be opened." Matthew 7: 7-8*

## **SERVING IN JUNE**

### **Altar Guild**

Rickie and Jack Bond

### **Counters**

Karen Menefee, Doug Menefee, Elaine Forsch

### **Ushers**

John Yerkey, John Oprian, Gary Smith, Paul Galley

### **Liturgist**

Rickie and Jack Bond

## **SERVING IN JULY**

### **Altar Guild**

Carol Pirt, Kearstyn Keen and Jane Domany

### **Counters**

Scott Lundgren, Barb Bonam, Lindsey Wilcox

### **Ushers**

Pam Ferguson, Joan George, Nancy Smith,  
Beth Smith, Marge Lloyd

### **Liturgist**

Needed - Please contact the office to sign up!

## **CONDOLENCES**



Our prayers and condolences to Barb Bonam and family, on the passing of Phil Schoenbaechler on April 11; and to Rickie and Jack Bond on the passing of Walter Holmes on April 20. May they rest in the arms of the Lord.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**



Congratulations to Adam Smith and family!  
Adam is now an Akron police officer!



FPUMC sends congratulations to our former pastor, Randy May, on his ordination! We know how hard you worked for this!!  
*(The Service of Commissioning and Ordination will be Tuesday, June 11 at 4:30 p.m. [www.eocumc.com/eoac19](http://www.eocumc.com/eoac19)).*

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2019**

Devin Croghan - Stow High School  
Alex Gilliam - Benedictine High School  
Alana Burkhammer - Kent State University  
Trevor Lake - Clarion University  
Griffen Lake - Penn St. University



Congratulations to Brian and Tina Glymph on the birth of their daughter, Sophia, on May 13. The proud grandparents are Sue and Bill Glymph. The proud great-grandparents are John and Betty Oprian.

## *Help us find our Lost Sheep*



Just as Jesus went looking for his lost sheep, we continue to look for the lost sheep of Firestone Park UMC. The people listed below have not attended worship or had any contact for a year or longer. If you know anything about anyone on this list, please call Nancy Thomas in the church office, or better yet, encourage them to come back. Anyone not found or heard from will be placed on the second reading list for removal from membership at our Church Charge Conference this year.

James and Sue Cook  
Stacey Curran  
Duane Dickson  
Elsie Hammoud

Gene Looney  
Raymond Madonia, Jr.  
Michael Madonia  
Harold Smith, Jr.

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



**COMMUNITY ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
Sunday, June 2, 3 - 5 p.m.  
At the Community Center  
This is a FREE event.  
Come and build your own sundae!

As a reminder, Family Promise will once again be with us the week of July 7. Please be respectful of our families and not schedule any activities in the Fellowship Hall during this week.



**2019 EAST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
June 10 - 13, Lakeside, OH

**Doug Anderson Concert**  
Sunday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m.  
New Horizons Christian Church  
290 Darrow Rd., Akron

Doug Anderson is a Grammy nominated, Dove award winning singer. He has also traveled and was a founding member of the quartet Ernie Haase & Signature Sound for 13 years. There will be a meet and greet following the concert. A love offering will be taken.

## YOUNG DISCIPLES



Our youth will be attending Youth Annual Conference along with Kearstyn Keen and Ed Owens, June 7 thru 9. Please pray for this group as they gather for fun, worship and fellowship.



Our Young Disciples will be collecting your spare change after worship on Sunday, July 7. All money collected supports their mission for this year, South Street Ministries Bike Project.

## MISSIONS

The mission for the month of June is the East Ohio Conference World Service Fund. The World Service Fund is the financial lifeline to a long list of Christian mission and ministry throughout the denomination.

The mission of the month for July is the Free Lunch/Dinner Mission and Food Pantry. Please help this mission by donating money, food, personal hygiene products, home cleaning supplies, volunteer time, or prayers.

### EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY AND FREE LUNCH/DINNER MISSION

June 5 - Free Lunch, 11am-1pm  
June 12 - Free Lunch, 11am-1pm  
June 19 - Free Lunch, 11am-1pm  
June 26 - Free Dinner/Food Pantry, 4pm-6pm

\*\*July 3 - Free Dinner, 4:00pm-6pm  
July 10 - Free Lunch, 11am - 1pm  
July 17 - Free Lunch, 11am - 1pm  
July 24 - Free Dinner and Food Pantry, 4pm-6pm  
July 31 - Free Lunch, 11am-1pm

\*\*Notice schedule change.

# June 2019

June 2019							July 2019						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1
2 10:30am 11:30am UMW Mtg 3:00pm FP Icecrm Soc 5:00pm Faith & Hope	3	4	5 8:30am Quilters 11:00am Free Lunch 6:00pm UMW/AG Picnic	6	7 1:00pm Depart for YAC	8 YAC @ Lakeside 9:00am Rummage Sale
9 Return from YAC 10:30am Worship/Pentecost 5:00pm Faith & Hope	10 Annual Conf. week	11 7:00pm Concert in Park (Hard to Handle)	12 8:30am Quilters 11:00am Free Lunch	13	14	15
16 Father's Day Peace w/Justice 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Faith & Hope	17 6:00pm Finance 6:45pm Trustee Mtg	18 6:00pm SPRC Mtg 7:00pm Concert in Park (Howard St Blues)	19 8:30am Quilters 11:00am Free Lunch	20	21	22
23 10:30am Worship 11:30am Congreg. Mtg 5:00pm Faith & Hope AA	24	25 7:00pm Concert in Park (Rock & Roll Stew)	26 8:30am Quilters 4:00pm Free Dinner	27	28	29
30 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Faith & Hope AA	Jul 1	2	3	4	5	6

# July 2019

July 2019							August 2019						
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28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30	31

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 30	Jul 1 6:30pm Fam.Pm.Pln.Mtg	2 7:00pm Concert in Park (Gary Shreve/Suspicious Minds)	3 8:30am Quilters 4:00pm Free Dinner	4 Office Closed	5 Office Closed	6
7 Family Promise week 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Faith & Hope AA	8	9 7:00pm Concert in Park (Nightschool)	10 8:30am Quilters 11:00am Free Lunch	11	12	13 9:00am UMW Retreat
14 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Faith & Hope AA	15 6:00pm Finance 6:45pm Trustee Mtg	16 7:00pm Concert in Park (Funkology)	17 8:30am Quilters 11:00am Free Lunch	18	19	20
21 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Faith & Hope AA	22	23	24 8:30am Quilters 4:00pm Free Dinner	25	26	27
28 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Faith & Hope AA	29	30 7:00pm Concert in Park (Colin Dussault)	31 8:30am Quilters 11:00am Free Lunch	Aug 1	2	3