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From the desk of Pastor Mark Hollinger

Kathy and I recently returned from our vacation out west. We traveled through 15 states, 5400 miles, 10,000 feet above sea level over the course of 19 days. Whenever Kathy and I travel together, Kathy normally drives and I read and navigate. It's a system that works well for us and my job of navigation has been made easier with the benefit of our smart phones and subsequent GPS navigation applications on them. Although we traveled a lot of interstate highways, which are not confusing or tricky, anytime we got off the interstate for local travel the GPS is pretty much foolproof in delivering you to your requested destination.

The way it works with GPS, in case you've never experienced its wonder and efficiency, you set your destination point and then the GPS calculates and routes you on the best roads to get you there in the best time. The best part with GPS, as you drive, the GPS prompts you through your trip with both audio and visual display and alerts. Now, if and when you miss a prompted turn or make a wrong turn, the GPS will automatically reroute you back to either your original route or an alternate route that will be fast and efficient.

During our confirmation retreat this past May one of the questions that we discuss is *Do you think that God has a purpose and scripted or predetermined will for your life?* It's a very important question and our answer is equally important. I do believe that God has a will for my life—and I believe that God's will is ordained or prescribed to every moment and second of my life and not just the major decisions and events. But, of course we all know that we have free will and therefore what God prescribes and determines, we can change.

So I believe that God not only has a prescribed will for our lives but also a permissive will for our lives. And as we live into that permissive will, our decisions take us down differing courses and roads that wasn't in God's prescribed will. So what does God do in those circumstances? Well, much like our GPS applications on our phone or navigation devices in our cars, God reroutes us. So if and when we stray off of God's prescribed navigation for our lives, God reroutes or rewrites His will back into our lives in an effort to get us back into His perfect and prescribed will.

I take great comfort in the fact that God is so active and personally invested in my life that even in the midst of prayer and devotional deliberations as I listen to the Holy Spirit for proper direction and decisions to do God's will in my life, I can still get it wrong but God is ever active in getting me back on track with His prescribed will.

I don't always have a good sense of direction so the GPS on my smart phone is used a lot. I like knowing where I'm going and the route's twists and turns and in that knowledge I travel with confidence and power. I can even make a couple mistakes and still get there. I have that same confidence and power as I direct my life according to the Holy Spirit's prompting.

*The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:26-28***



PLEASE
TAKE NOTE...



Greeters

6/2 /19 Ernie & Jenny Numbers

Jean Fox

Jane Bowersock

6/9/19 Sue Hinegardner

Rick & Connie Rees

6/16/19 Gene & Neita Border

George & Kathy Krites

6/23/19 Mel and Sue Numbers

Billy & Janet Pack

6/30/19 Sandy Spillman

June Reichelderfer

Ushers

Diana Eversole

Jean Arnold

June Reichelderfer

Liturgist

6/2 Mel Reichelderfer

6/9 Meg Rumbaugh

6/16 Jim Schroeder

6/23 Youth

6/30 Kathy Hollinger

Power Express

6/2 None—Communion

6/9 Youth

6/16 Youth

6/23 Lakeside

6/30 Youth

Nursery

6/2 Shawna Kohlrieser and Youth

6/9 Josh Conley and Diana Eversole

6/16 Hannah and Julie Smith

6/23 Josh and Kari Houser

6/30 Ryan and Dana Bailey



June Birthdays

- 6/2 Meghan Erb
Jeff McKenzie
- 6/5 Barb Pelly
- 6/8 Becky Bayliff
- 6/9 Donna Burden
- 6/15 Gene Border
- 6/19 Alex Blanchong
- 6/22 Mary Kay Smith
- 6/23 Nina Henne
Brad Plummer
- 6/27 John Pelly
- 6/28 Lori Lucas
Randy Oen

June Anniversaries

- 6/21 Dennis & Priscilla Simons
- 6/28 Terry & Grace Bailey
- 6/29 Raymond & Ashley Blackburn
- 6/30 Gary & Judy Eversole
Duane & Cindy West

*Sunday,
June 16th*

*Any man can be a
father but t it takes
someone
special to be a Dad*





Upcoming Events:

June 22 –29 Lakeside for Youth

Thank you for all the support prayers, help, donations and presence to everyone as we yet complete another amazing year in Youth Ministry! We have been so blessed and looking forward to a summer to regain some rest to get things going full speed ahead in the Fall.



Letters to Lakeside

The high school students will be going to Senior High Lakeside. We ask for your continued prayers for them as they find the week reenergizing for the mind, soul and body! Also if you want to write the kids the address is

*Child's name
Sr. High Lakeside for Youth
c/o Lakeside Association
236 Walnut Ave.
Lakeside, OH 43440*

Be sure to send your letters early (on or before June 19) or they will not arrive in time.

Prayers are appreciated all week!

Class of 2019



Randall Lewis Oen graduating from Wapakoneta High School and Apollo Career Center going to attend Recording Worship Trade School

Dinah Jo Ann Oen graduating from Wapakoneta High School going to attend Ohio State University

Micah Chambers graduating from Homeschooled/ Shawnee High School going to attend Bowling Green State University

Aaron Wagner graduating from Wapakoneta High School going to attend University of Cincinnati

Maddison Rumbaugh graduating from Shawnee High School going to The Ohio State University Lima

Matthew Green graduating from Wapakoneta High School going to attend Wright State University Lake Campus

Quinn Humes graduating from Waynesfield-Goshen High School going to attend Ohio University Athens

Megan Barden graduating from Waynesfield-Goshen High School

Baker/Mart Scholarship Recipients 2019

*Aaron Wagner
Micah Chambers
Maddi Rumbaugh
Quinn Humes*



Graduation Party

Oen Graduation Party; Frank and Deb Oen would like to invite church friends and family to celebrate Randy and Dinah's high school graduation and accomplishments by joining them at Moon City Music and Event Center in Wapak on June 1st, between 4:30-6:00pm

Wagner Graduation Party; The Church Family is invited to a graduation party for Aaron Wagner on June 1st from 12 pm – 3 pm at the Wagner home at 14836 Kuenstle Road, Wapakoneta.

Chambers Graduation Party; The Church Family is invited to a graduation party for Micah Chambers on June 15th 4 – 7 pm at the Chambers home 4673 Zurmehly Road, Lima

Beginning...and beginning again.

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

“God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements,” writes Bernie Siegel. “Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease.”

Of course, we can “create a perfect world” only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!

May Attendance & Offerings

| Date | Attendance | Sunday School Attendance | General Fund Offering | Capital Improvements |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| April 28 | 88 | 44 | \$1,786.00 | \$30.00 |
| May 5 | 98 | 28 | \$6,710.60 | \$75.70 |
| May 12 | 137 | 37 | \$3,406.00 | \$30.00 |
| May 19 | 117 | 37 | \$2,401.00 | \$80.00 |

Ch-Ki-Lo Food Pantry

The Postal Food Drive, benefiting our pantry was on Saturday, May 11th from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Food pantry received 810.5 pounds from the community postal drive.



Our next Food Pantry /Missions meeting will be at the pantry on Tuesday, June 11th at noon.

Greeter and Usher Volunteers Needed

We're looking for smiling faces to help out on Sunday mornings. Please let us know where you can help out. Please contact the church office to volunteer.

Scrip Cards

Please stop by the Ministry Center after Service or in the Church office Monday thru Friday 8 am - 12 pm to purchase your Scrip Gift Cards. This is a great fundraiser for the church . We have many cards in stock including Apple-bee's, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Meijer, Wal-Mart, JCPenny, Kohl's, Lowes, Menard's and Regal Cinemas and many more.

Thank You

Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers, food, hugs and love! It is good to be back in Church and activities. The cancer is not active right now and I'm feeling much better.

Kaye Seese

PRAYER Request

CUMC Church Family,

Please keep Sydney Drexler in your thoughts and prayers. After teaching first grade for the past two years at Lima City schools, she is moving to Japan for the summer to serve as the project coordinator for Camp Adventure at Yokosuka Japan to work with military families. She will return in August and immediately move to Cedar Rapids Iowa to work as a graduate assistant in the Camp Adventure program and obtain her master's degree at the University of Northern Iowa. She will continue to work with military families abroad during summers and winter breaks.

Please keep Sydney and her family especially her mom, who misses her already, in your thoughts and prayers as she pursues this adventure and new chapter in her life.

West Ohio Conference of the UMC

Meetings begin at 7:30 PM June 2 and run through
4:30 PM June 6.



Cridersville UMC church directories are available at the welcome center. All of the members who had their pictures taken will receive a directory and we should have enough extra directories for everyone else.

You can download the directory to your Smartphone, tablet and desktop and instructions and your own private password to access the directory from your downloaded app are available at the welcome center.



Mark your calendar for our summer swim party on June 30, 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Wapakoneta Water Park



Announcements

THANK YOU; To everyone that participated and helped with the Family Luau and the Craft Show the Church had in May. Both events were very successful and everyone had a good time.

THANK YOU; To everyone who helped on the spring work day. Every year we have this day to get the church ready for summer. We appreciate all of the love and support that you have shown us on this day.

VBS is scheduled for August 7 & 8th

Jamboree days - July 12 & 13th

Backpack Blessing - August 18th

