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MISSION STATEMENT

*"To Love Christ,
To Serve Christ,
To Share Christ,
No matter What It Takes"*

DEADLINE for the **October**
newsletter is:

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FROM REV. CAROLYN'S DESK

How's Your Prayer Life ...

I have been thinking about prayer recently. Probably because I have been preparing for the Bible Study on Prayer and making prayer beads for the follow-up study. But one statement from the video has stuck with me during my preparations – Are you a prayer giant or a prayer wimp? The author goes on to talk about how most of us are prayer wimps and he is right. We think we have to have the right words at the right time with the right intentions or the prayer is not right.

The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing, but we wonder if a concern or an issue is too small to worry God with. Then we wonder why should I bother God with it, I should be able to handle it on my own. Is it any wonder that we hesitate to pray about some things? Our culture has wired us to believe that we can dictate the results as we pray. On days when we do not know if we will face a speed bump or a derailment, we are tempted to retreat from prayer for fear that we might somehow initiate the wrong outcomes. Then, we find ourselves alone at the very time we most need God's presence. We forget that God is always available, always listening, always waiting for us.

I had a multi-generational family in one of my churches that for grace would have everyone around the table recite a Bible verse. The grandmother told me about the time a three year old refused to use the verse that he had been taught, "God is love". Instead he tried something much more ambitious. He had heard his older brother say, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." So he clasped his hands, closed his eyes, opened his mouth and shouted, "Sheppity, sheppity, SHALL NOT WANT!" No one in the family laughed or rushed to correct him. In my opinion that was a great prayer. With God we shall not want.

Perhaps it is okay that we do not always know how to pray. We need to be more like a three year old and just talk with God. Not to God or at God but with God. To have a conversation and not worry about if we have the right words. Just start talking and see where the conversation goes.

Rev. Carolyn M. Berry

Worship Schedule

FROM THE DESK OF AIMEE HARE

Sunday Mornings

Sunday, September 1*Hebrew 13:1-8, 15-16;**Luke 14:1,7-14*

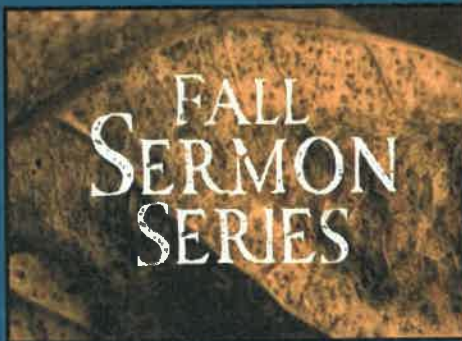
Sermon: "A Super Bowl Banquet"

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Sunday, September 8*Jeremiah 18:1-11;**Philemon 1-21*

Sermon: "From Slave to Brother"

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Sunday, September 15*1 Timothy 1:12-17;**Luke 15:1-10*Sermon: "We Don't Throw
People Away"Sunday, September 22*Jeremiah 8:18-9:1;**Luke 16:1-13*

Sermon: "Who Really Owes Us?"

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Sunday, September 29*1 Timothy 6:6-19;**Luke 16:19-31*

Sermon: "Pursue Righteousness"

Neat and tidy. These are two of my favorite things in life ... and ironically enough, two of the things my life rarely is! I am the kind of person that looks at a "Good Housekeeping" magazine and wants my rooms to look as put together and spotless as the photos on the pages in front of me. However, there are 4 other people, 3 dogs, a bird, and a cat that live in our house and, my dreams of neat and tidiness go flying out the window. But I admit, the toys on the floor, the clothes that miss the hamper, and the endless puppy paw marks that need mopped up, are MORE than worth the love that fills the rooms of my not so clean house.

Neat and tidy. These two words are also words that most of us wish described our faith. It would be convenient to put our relationship with Jesus in a box that we could open when "the time was right." We could open it on Sunday mornings when we have put on our best clothes and our church faces. We could also open it up when we go to Bible study and when we run into the Pastor at the church picnic. We would be in control of when and where and how God shows up in our lives. Neat and tidy!!

Are you laughing yet? I am! I laugh because nothing about my faith (*just like my house*) is neat and tidy! We are a messy people. We are a broken people ... and that messy, brokenness affects our lives every single day. It affects how we interact with each other. It affects how we see ourselves. There is NOTHING in life that is untouched by our brokenness. Our faith included. Thank God for Jesus! He is fearless in the face of our mess. He is not put off by our limits or our doubts or the trouble we get ourselves into. He loves us in the middle of our mess ... AND He expects us to love others in the middle of theirs! It's true ... we are broken and messy AND loved. So is every person you will ever encounter in your life. Maybe you think that there is a difference between them and you. You are right! Here is the difference ... YOU know JESUS ... they may not. Guess who has the incredible honor of changing that ... YOU!!!! You know you are a VERY LOVED MESS. They are too! They just don't know it yet.

A messy house makes me uncomfortable ... irritates me even. Messy people can make us uncomfortable (*maybe irritated even*). But I love the people in my home and so I get to work cleaning it and making it cozy. Jesus LOVES the people outside our church doors who are living in the messy world. He died for them ... they mean more to him than we know. Let's honor Him, and them, by showing them a LOVE that fears NO mess!!

Aimee

Smithville UMC Is Offering:

A Dog Obedience Course Workshop – By: Allan Bauman

(The course will consist of three 2-hour Sessions equivalent to a 7-week Course.

Dates: Thursdays, September 19, September 26 & October 3

6:30 – 8:30 pm. [in Smithville UMC—F. L.C.]

Cost: \$85 (\$175 value) it includes Allan’s Book: Pawsitive Dog Training



All proceeds will go to SUMC for Community Outreach Programs. This is a special event and class registration is limited. All family members are encouraged to participate. Once registration limits are reached their will be an opportunity for non-participating members to attend without dogs.

Allan Bauman has been actively training dogs for over 39 years. He started his early career successfully competing in Obedience Competition. This developed into a career of Pet Care and Dog Training. He operated Goldenbrook Kennels for 18 years.

Allan is a Charter Member and Past President of the Association of Pet Dog Trainers. He currently serves on the Board of the APDT Foundation. He has lectured both Nationally and Internationally. Allan's book "Paw-sitive" Dog Training achieved a recommended reading by Dogwise through its reader's polls. The video version of his book received a Top Video of the year through The Whole Dog Journal.

The class is a full training course. Non-participants will have the opportunity to watch a class in progress and learn techniques and skills that they can apply to their own dogs at home.

Participating Dogs with Families - \$85

Nonparticipating Viewers - \$10

For registration contact: Smithville United Methodist Church at (330)669-2371

**** Payment is due at time of registration ****



Dog Training Waiver and Release

I understand that participating in dog training classes includes an element of risk for both myself and my dog. I agree to abide by any decision of an instructor relative to the dog's and my ability to complete the course safely. I further assume any and all responsibility for risks associated with participating in this course including, but not limited to, illness, falls, contact with other participants and dogs, and surface conditions, all risks being understood and appreciated by me. I also affirm that the dog that I will be participating with has vaccinations appropriate to his/her age. I agree to abide by all rules of the course.

Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of the acceptance of my registration, I hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue. I further waive, release and discharge Smithville United Methodist Church, including any of its volunteers or employees in any way assisting or connected with this course from any claims or liability of any kind whatsoever arising out of my participation of this course.

I also understand that Smithville United Methodist Church or Allan Bauman may use, for publicity or promotional purposes, pictures or videos of me or my pet without liability or obligation to me.

Registration

Name _____ # In Family Attending _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Phone _____

Breed _____ M ___ F ___ Age of dog _____

Signature _____ Date _____

*****Please note dogs must be people and dog friendly******

Young At Heart



Thursday, September 19th the **Young at Heart Group** will be meeting

at **Fiorre's restaurant** to enjoy a meal together then returning to the Church for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Protestant Prayer Beads ...



Prayer Beads provide a way to be still and to focus on God, and become more comfortable with praying. Many of us rarely spend time listening in prayer, partly because we don't place enough emphasis on listening. We find it difficult to focus our minds when we are silent, we may even feel uncomfortable with silence. We want to fill the quiet space with words and sound. And yet, as we read in First Kings, God is in the silence. There we can hear what God has to say to us. Listening to God in prayer is the true gift of prayer beads ... In the beginning, this style of prayer may seem awkward or uncomfortable. If you continue practicing this style of prayer you will begin to feel calmer and realize a new way of connecting with God. Many have discovered the benefits of prayer beads ... join us on Wednesdays, September 18 and 25, in the Fellowship Hall, at 7:00 p.m., to make your own Prayer Beads.

Prayer Beads Material List:

Bring your own:

- 5 Large (10—12mm) beads
- 29 Medium (8-10 mm) beads
- 36 seed beads (size #6 or #8)
- 1 cross or other pendant

If you have these please bring to share: chain nose pliers & side wire cutters.

Student Ministries

Wednesdays...

~ **Student Ministries Kick-Off and Pizza Night:**

Wednesday, September 4 from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

~ **Wednesday, September 11:**

NO Youth—Wayne County Fair Week

~ **Wednesday, September 18:**

Cookout at Krownapples' from 2:30—5 p.m.

~ **Wednesday, September 25:** Youth Group—2:30—5 p.m.

A NEW Mission's Project—Birthday Bags

We will be providing Smithville Elementary's needy students with a Birthday Bag. These Birthday Bags are for children who otherwise would not be able to celebrate their birthday in this way. **If you would like to bless a child on their birthday in a special way, just purchase: a 10x12 birthday gift bag, a cake mix, a coordinating can of soda (see below), a can of frosting, a package of candles, a package of birthday plates and cups along with a blank birthday card.**



A REGULAR cake is made with the mix, eggs, butter, water or milk, and an oven to bake it in. A cake is a dessert commonly made at home by non-professional cooks who want to celebrate a birthday, party, potluck or just an after dinner dessert.

But, imagine if that can be condensed into two major ingredients? Cake mix and one other ingredient? It is possible. Simply, mix 12 ounces of soda pop or flavored spritz water in a bowl with cake flour, pour it into a non-stick pan, and bake in the oven as instructed. That's it.

So, what can be done with that mix? A lot. Using spritz or diet soda can cut down on the fat. That's a positive. For example, take a cake mix which is made to be very moist, mix in a peach-mango-infused, zero calorie soda, and get a cake that has 160 calories and 3 grams of fat per slice. A regular flavored cake is almost double the calories and grams of fat. But, making a good cake has less sugar and fat, so here are a few flavors.

Prayer Concerns

Unspoken requests, Friends, Relatives, Associates, Neighbors, Our Youth, Our Church

Liberty Prep Administration, Smithville Schools Students, Career Center Teachers & our College Students

Health Concerns: Lauren Buchwalter, Richard, Jenny & Gary Wagers, Paul Finley, Kooper Howman ["Pompe" Disease],

Jean Arnold—Accord Care Community, #B22, 1980 Lynn Dr. Orrville, OH

Dorothy Hochstetler — Westview Manor, #212

Louise Holt—Wayne County Care Center, #105

Nancy Mills —Wayne Manor, 3110 E. Smithville Western Rd, Wooster, OH

Kathy Noffsinger – Orrville Pointe

Dorothy Smith —Wayne County Care Center, #120

Mary Yoder —1405 Ramblewood Drive, Wooster, OH 44691

Coming Soon ...



"The Gathering" will take place on **Wednesday evenings from 6–8 p.m., about once a quarter.** This will be a time to invite friends or neighbors to join us as we come together for a meal and a time to do Service Projects for our local Nursing Home or just enjoy an evening of playing games/cards with each other. Our first dinner meal will include Lasagna, Garlic Bread and Applesauce.

We have scheduled the first three Wednesdays for **"The Gathering"**, so mark your calendar and plan

to join us. **"The Gathering"** will meet **Wednesdays, October 9, January 15 and March 25.** Just sign-up on the volunteer Life Sheet or call the Church Office and join us for a great opportunity to hangout with each other, meeting new friends and renewing older relationships. Experience a different way to do LIFE TOGETHER!

Back-to-School Humor

What kind of school do you go to if you're...

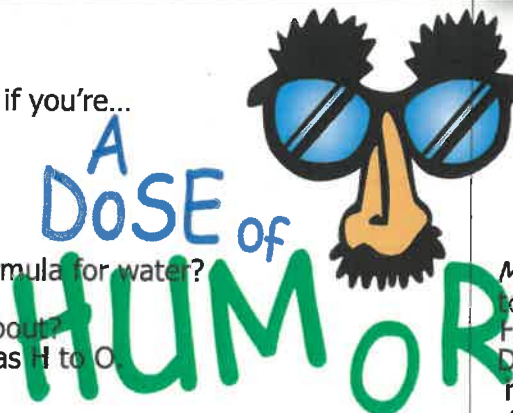
- ...an ice cream man?
- ...a giant?
- ...a surfer?
- ...King Arthur?

Teacher: What's the chemical formula for water?

Student: H-I-J-K-L-M-N-O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Student: Yesterday you said it was H to O.



Answers:

- ~ Sundae School
- ~ High School
- ~ Boarding School
- ~ Knight School

Math teacher: A person from LA drove toward New York at 250 miles per hour as a person from New York Drove toward LA at 150 miles per hour. Where did they meet?

Student: In jail!



Prayer Chain Coordinators

Ed & Gail Bersch are the Prayer Chain Coordinators. Call them at (330)262-7587 with your prayer requests. If you are interested in joining this important ministry, please give them a call.

Stephen Ministry



If you or someone you know is facing a crisis, large or small, and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Carolyn at (330)669-2371. **Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!**

GOD DOESN'T KEEP SCORE





RECIPE OF THE MONTH...

Pineapple Cookies

from the kitchen of Joyce Studer

- 1 c. Shortening
- 1 c. Brown Sugar
- 1 c. White Sugar
- 1 c. Crushed Pineapple
- 2 Eggs
- 4 c. Flour
- 1/2 t. Soda
- 1/2 t. Salt
- 1 t. Vanilla

Glaze

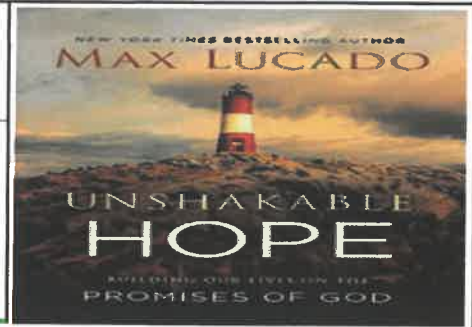
- 1 c. Powder Sugar
- 1 1/2 T. Milk
- 1/2 t. Vanilla



Instructions: Combine shortening and sugars together then add the eggs ... mix well. Add flour, soda, salt, vanilla and pineapple. Mix well. Drop by tablespoon on baking sheet. Bake on 350° for 8-10 minutes.

	
6	Jack Williams
7	Grace Strait
8	Carol Gurich
9	James Beichler
18	Amber Sayre
20	Ronald Singer
21	Cheryl Hadsell
22	Bill Davisson
24	Kyle Krownapple
25	Jacklyn Beaver
26	Abigail Ross
29	Jerri Lynn Baxstrom
	Joshua Bersch
30	Roberta Welty

	
4	Blaine & Judy Davisson
5	Sandy & Cheryl Hadsell
13	Patrick & Jane Miller
14	Merle & Julia Lautenschlager
26	Todd & Andrea Gerber



What feels shaky in your world? Are you overwhelmed by the problems you're facing or the pain you're feeling? Maybe you feel hurt by the past. Disappointed by the present. Worried about the future. If so, you are not alone, but there is HOPE. You can live with security and purpose.

In *Unshakable Hope*, Max Lucado unpacks 12 of the Bible's most significant promises, equipping you to overcome difficult circumstances by keeping your focus on the hope found in the promises of Scripture rather than dwelling on the problems in front of you. For every problem in life, God has given you a promise. Hope is hard to come by these days. Whether it's heart disease or cancer, job failure or addiction, natural disasters or family disasters, mass murders or mental illness, there are so many reasons to be overwhelmed.

In a world full of instability, we do not need more opinions or hunches; we need the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God.

What is your life built on—the circumstances of life or the promises of God? The answer to that question changes everything. **Order your book before September 15 for \$14 and make plans now to join us in the Parlor on Wednesday nights in January & February** as Max takes a closer look at Scripture's unbreakable promises and shows you how to live with unshakable hope.

**Mayberry Bible Study
Tuesday Mornings
at 9:30 a.m.**

Many stories transcend social, racial and cultural barriers because they contain spiritual truth for which all people have a God-given hunger. *The Mayberry Bible Study*, written by Stephan Skelton, features 4 classic episodes from *The Andy Griffith Show* with relevant scripture. This DVD-driven Bible Study uses practical life applications for daily living, all four features are modern parables on the teaching of Jesus and will be offered on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Parlor.

-  Tuesday, August 13
Week 1: Andy's English Valet
-  Tuesday, August 20
Week 2: Class Reunion
-  Tuesday, August 27
NO Bible Study
-  Tuesday, September 3
Week 3: Dogs, Dogs, Dogs
-  Tuesday, September 10
No Bible Study—Fair Week
-  Tuesday, September 17
Week 4: The Darlings are Coming
-  Tuesday, September 24
NO Bible Study

Learn & Grow

**The Blessing of the
Animals Service**

**Saturday,
October 5, 2019**



at 10:00 a.m.
(in our Parking Lot)
Smithville UMC
**243 N. Milton Street,
Smithville, OH 44677**
**If you have any questions
please contact the Church
Office at (330)669-2371**
**[All animals welcome
unless they slither!]**
**Bring your pets
and join us!**

Just Do It!

A young man told a pastor he wanted to be a Christian, so the pastor instructed him to prepare by reading the book of Acts. After many weeks went by, the pastor wondered if the man had changed his mind about this important decision. Almost a year later, he finally reappeared. "Where have you been?" asked the bewildered pastor. The man replied, "Every time I started to read, I felt prompted to do something like the apostles did: help the poor, tell someone about Jesus. So I stopped reading and started doing. I've just been too busy to return."

"FALL" BACK INTO ACTION



5th Quarter

Smithville UMC
[243 N. Milton Street, Smithville]

Friday, September 6

@ 9:30 p.m.

Outdoor/Indoor Movie Night
Showing: "Breakthrough"

[Parking Lot ... popcorn & pop ... immediately following the Smithville football game]

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New Addresses Requested



"Fear Not!"

Trunk or Treat

A SAFE & FUN-FILLED,
One stop alternative to
Trick or treating.

Sunday, October 27

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

@ SMITHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
243 N. MILTON STREET, SMITHVILLE

RAIN or SHINE

FREE Candy!
Hay Rides!

BOO!