

October 2011

THE CIRCUIT RIDER



**Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
First United Methodist Church, Lancaster, Ohio**

Dear Friends,

As I was running on the bike path next to a beautiful stream on a recent sunny day, I noticed a mother with two little children wading through the water. They were playfully splashing the water at each other, looking for rocks, and enjoying their day together.

This little water scene gave me a new understanding of the meaning of baptism. Baptism is a time of celebration in which we experience the refreshing water of God's love and receive God's grace anew.

We are currently focusing on the theme, "Transformed Living," during our worship services by using the image of water. Water reminds us of cleansing, renewal, new life, and yes, playfulness!

I am so glad that we are celebrating several baptisms during this sermon series. One of the ways that we experience a transformed life is by remembering our baptism and giving thanks.

May God bless you as we focus on what it means to live transformed lives.

Pastor Robert



October Sermon Series "Transformed Living"

October 2 – "Drawing Water"

October 9 – "Jumping in with Both Feet"

October 16 – "Pennies in the Fountain"

October 23 – "Offering a Drink to Others"

October 30 – "Filling the Bucket to Overflowing"

*Information Meeting about
Worship Schedule*

In response to a large number of requests from members of our congregation, our Worship and Music Ministry Team has formed a task force to study our current Sunday morning schedule of worship and education to see if changes might be beneficial. That task force has begun to meet and discuss ideas, and they are in need of input from our congregation. All are invited to a discussion on Sunday, October 2, at 4:00 p.m. in our main building sanctuary. The task force will share their ideas, and all will have the opportunity to respond and share their own thoughts as we have this very important conversation in the life of our church. Please come and be a part of shaping our future as we respond to God's leading!

CROP Hunger Walk

Come rain or shine, many people in Fairfield County will walk for the hungry again this year. The annual Fairfield County CROP Hunger Walk will be on Sunday, October 16, at 1:00 p.m. The 10 kilometer walk will begin and end at the bandstand in downtown Lancaster.

Organizers of the event have set a goal of recruiting 100 walkers and raising \$8,000 to help hungry people, both here in Fairfield County and in countries around the world. Although most of the funds raised will be used by Church World Service in overseas relief and development work, twenty-five percent will stay in Fairfield County to be used in various hunger outreach programs. Last year the Fairfield County CROP Hunger Walk raised nearly \$6,000 with over 75 walkers participating.

CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith, community events and are just one of many outreach activities of Church World Service.



Walkers are urged to ask family, friends, and co-workers to sponsor them for this event. Sponsor envelopes are available from area congregations and schools. For more information about the **Walk** contact Tim Binkley at 740-681-1614.

p.s. We are also looking for help to staff rest stops during the walk. CROP supplies all the materials and it takes only a few hours of your time.

Births

Trip Carlisle Wymer, born June 25, 2011
Son of Josh & Jess Wymer
Grandson of Dale & Connie Roush

Cooper Campbell Rainier, born June 9, 2011
Son of Casey & Ashley Rainier
Grandson of Jerry & Harriet Campbell
Great-Grandson of Helen Campbell

Deaths

We express our sincere sympathy to the families of those who have lost loved ones:
Thomas Van Dyke

Baptism

August 18, 2011
Alexander James Schmelzer
Son of Robert & Kris Schmelzer

September 25, 2011
Lyles Jeremiah Henderson
Son of Luke & Kayla Henderson

New Members

joining FUMC on August 28, 2011

Jan Bosold
Brian & Connie Geary
Elva Martens
Richard & Betty Wilson (affiliate members)

Next New Member Class

Our fall new member classes/lunches will be held Sundays, October 30 & November 6 & 13 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., and the receiving into membership is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, November 20. To register, contact Sandy Roberts at 740-653-3330 or sandyroberts@lancasterfumc.org.

**ARTICLES FOR THE
NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE
CIRCUIT RIDER ARE DUE
BY OCTOBER 17!**

*Come one, come all
to the Community Halloween Carnival*

at Crossroads
Saturday, October 29, 5-8 p.m.
(doors open at 4:30 p.m.)
Free to the Public!

Costume Judging (all ages) at 5 p.m.

Festivities following Costume judging include:



Carnival Games
Inflatables
Concessions
Trick-Or-Treat Trail
Pumpkin Decorating



This is a great outreach to our community. The carnival is a safe, family friendly way to celebrate the holiday, but also an opportunity to expose guests to other upcoming church events.

You can help with this event by:

Volunteering to work a game

Helping with food in the kitchen

Overseeing the pumpkin decorating station

Donating small prizes or candies

Giving a financial donation toward the purchase of prizes or food

Helping to set up or clean up

It takes many hands to make this a success. Anything you can do to contribute will be greatly appreciated! Financial gifts can be placed in Sunday offerings with "Halloween Carnival" on the memo. Candies or prizes can be placed in donation boxes in the Narthex, Parlor or at Crossroads. To volunteer your time, please leave a message for John Coen at 653-3320 ext 103 or send an email to johncoen@lancasterfumc.org.

A big "Thank You" goes to the Second Saturday crew for their help in assembling carnival booths and games!

UMW News Corner

Our big event for this month will be the **Spook-ghetti Dinner** to be held at the Crossroads Ministry Center, 2095 West Fair Avenue on **Saturday, October 8th, from 5:00-6:30 pm.** The movie, Spooky Buddies, will be shown afterwards.

Tickets are available at the FUMC office or on Wednesday night at Crossroads. A suggested donation is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children ages 3-12.

Everyone is encouraged to wear a Halloween costume and have a chance to win a prize. The dinner is sponsored by our local UMW unit to raise money for Global Missions.



The Fall season brings to mind Harvest Time and with that comes APPLES and **APPLE DUMPLINGS.** UMW will be preparing packages of 6 for a \$10.00 donation (frozen with sauce directions)

Available: Sundays after services at FUMC and Wednesdays and Fridays 9-12 am in the FUMC Fellowship Hall

Our sales will go on through early November with volunteer ladies making the dumplings on Wednesday and Friday mornings in the church kitchen. Donate and get something good to eat!

Another project that has been on-going is the collection of Campbell Soup labels. We have a container on the wall in the Parlor to place your labels-be sure the Bar Code is there. We help with the needs of Henderson Settlement in Kentucky. Other sale opportunities for Fall will include Pecans (\$8 for 1-pound bag) and Cheese (see below). And of course we have Card Sales in the Parlor from the Rebecca Circle.

All these activities give the circles and our UMW unit a chance to raise money for missions. We look forward to your support.

Trinity Circle Cheese Sale

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking of holiday parties and get-togethers. No party is complete without cheese and crackers. Again this year, Trinity Circle will be selling Pearl Valley Cheese from the Amish Country. Several varieties will be available. Orders will be taken in the parlor on October 20 and November 6 after each service. Payment must be made at the time the order is taken.

Cheese can be picked up in the parlor on Nov. 20, just in time for Thanksgiving. All proceeds benefit local missions. Thank you for your support!



Red Cross Blood Drive

**Monday, October 24, at Crossroads
in the 4-Square Room, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Our Parish Nurse Ministry is sponsoring another blood drive on Monday, October 24. We exceeded our goal in July and we hope that you will help us do that again. To donate, you must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in general good health. You can sign up in the parlor on Sunday, October 9, 16, and 23. Someone will be there to sign you up. You can also call 653-3330 and the church receptionist can sign you up. *Did you know that 3 lives can be saved with just a single blood donation?*



**Sign up today and make a difference
in someone's life.**



Youth Sunday School

After a confusing beginning, youth Sunday school classes have resumed. We apologize for the miscommunication. Students in Grades 8-12 meet every Sunday at 11 a.m. upstairs in the Rising House.

Confirmation Class is now underway

A wonderful group of students will be preparing throughout this school year to make this significant commitment. They are Abbi Baker, Bayley Fields, Leah Higgins, Michaela Sahr, Makaela Wagner, Dominic Farley, Cory Towe and Finley Kocher. Please pray for them as they journey through the year. Confirmation Sunday will be May 13, 2012.

Youth Group

Youth meet every Sunday at Crossroads from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

- Explore relevant topics
- Engage in lively discussions
- Hangout with friends
- Make a difference in the world

Weekly we'll look at "unlikely people, extraordinary stories," then on the last Sunday of the month we'll participate in a service or outreach project. This month we will prepare Thanksgiving packages for a deployed naval air crew. Join us!

C.H.A.T.S. (Children helping adults to smile)

Every third Saturday, youth head over to Crestview Nursing Home to play bingo with residents. This hour that the youth donates is a great gift to the elderly (and to us as well). Join us Saturday, October 15. We'll leave from Crossroads at 1:45 p.m. and return at 3:15 p.m. Adults and siblings welcome to come along.

Save the date!

On Saturday, December 3, the youth will travel to Columbus to help fire fighters with their annual toy drive, FIREFIGHTERS FOR KIDS. We'll sort and pack toys for kids in need. We'll leave from Crossroads at 9 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. Adults welcome, too!

A Thank You Note

To a very Cool Youth Group,

Thank you very much for being part of my baptism (mud pit). This was definitely an opportunity I could not pass up for many reasons. It is very refreshing to see a great group of young people, so strong in their faith, joined together for a fun afternoon. Again, thank you for sharing my special day.

Sincerely, Connie Geary

Fellowship Dinners

Wednesdays
5:00-6:30 p.m. at Crossroads

October 5

Swiss Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Seasoned Green Beans
Fresh Garden Salad
Broccoli Cauliflower Salad
Ice Cream & Cookie
Kids
Chicken Tenders, Green Beans,
Cheesy Potato Slices
Rice Crispy Treat

October 12

Meat Loaf
Cheese Puff Potatoes
Seasoned Peas & Celery
Fresh Garden Salad
Carrot Coin Salad
Dreamy Butterscotch Pudding Dessert
Kids
Corn Dog
Corn, Assorted Chips
Cookie

October 19

Roast Pork
Seasoned Roasted Potatoes
Stir Fry Vegetables
Fresh Garden Salad
Fruited Cole Slaw
Bread Pudding with Sauce
Kids
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Tomato Soup, Celery Sticks
Brownie

October 26

Ghostly Ham Loaf w/Spooky Red Sauce
Swamp Buttered Cabbage
Mummy Buffet Potatoes
Witches Garden Salad
Spider Web Texas Cake
Kids
Mummy Face Pizza
Devilish Veggies
Monster Cookies

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2012 Adult Mission Trip to Eleuthera, the Bahamas

THE BAHAMAS was recently hit by Hurricane Irene. There has been a lot of damage and need for disaster relief and repairs. Why not take the LEAP! INTO MISSIONS with the Mission Trip to Eleuthera, the Bahamas. February 5-11, 2012. This Mission Trip is for you! If you have previously been on the trip and want to go again OR you have just decided you want to go, your deposit of \$200.00 is due. Please make your check payable to FUMC and designate for Eleuthera Mission Trip. **It is not too late to participate.** Total cost of the trip will be \$1,200.00. This includes a \$600.00 volunteer fee. Contact Joe & Becky Clark at 687-2065, email cjoeandbecky@yahoo.com or Beth Mohler at 614-598-1308 for more information.



2011 Mission Trip Participants with others from the Bahamas



Cokesbury Booktable

The selection of books listed below is available from our booktable ministry. Located in the parlor, these books and many others are sold each Sunday morning from 9:15 – 10:45 a.m. The booktable ministry also receives requests for special orders.

Don't Bet Against Me!, by Deanna Favre. At age 35, Deanna Favre had it all--a loving husband at the peak of his NFL career, two beautiful daughters, a wonderful life...and breast cancer. Through it all, however, Deanna has emerged a survivor. In this candid and inspirational memoir, she shares the triumphs and the tragedies of a life lived both behind the scenes and on center stage. \$14.99

Read with Me Bible for Toddlers, by Doris Wynbeek Ridders. Vibrant, action-packed, full-color art by Dennis Jones brings twenty-four of the Bible's best-loved stories to life. Children will love looking at the pictures as you read the delightful simple words and short sentences. \$12.99

A Love That Multiplies, by Michelle & Jim Bob Duggar. Parents of TLC's 19 Kids & Counting. An up-close view of how they make it work. With over seventy photos and a very personal look at this inspirational family, you'll learn how to infuse your own family with faith, fun, and a purposeful future; and how to have—as Michelle says—"serene chaos" in your home. \$19.99

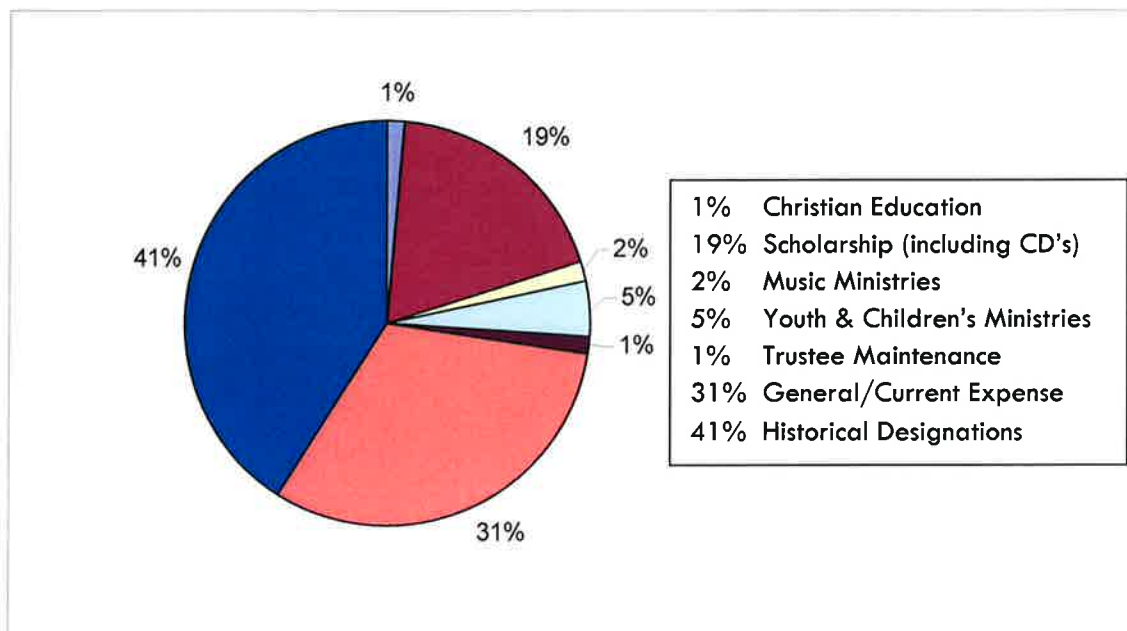
The Relationship Principles of Jesus, by Tom Holladay. What would you give to radically improve, even transform, what matters most in your relationships? How about forty days of your time? In forty days, bring new depth and health to your marriage, your family, and your friendship. In six weeks, you'll explore and implement six foundational principles that Jesus taught and lived. You'll be equipped with insights and a practical path for fulfilling God's intention for all your relationships—even the difficult ones. \$21.99

You Lost Me—Why Young Christians Are Leaving Church...And Rethinking Faith, by David Kinnaman. Millions of young Christians are disconnecting from church as they transition into adulthood., They're real people, not just statistics. And each one has a story to tell. Now the bestselling coauthor *unChristian* reveals the long-awaited results of a new nationwide study of 18 to 29-year-olds with a Christian background. Discover why so many are disengaging from the faith community, renew your hope for how God is at work in the next generation—and find out how you can join in. \$17.99

The Permanent Endowment of the First United Methodist Church, Lancaster, Ohio

In the early 1990's, First United Methodist Church received a significant memorial gift, the Hammack Estate. Upon receiving this gift, the church assembled a committee to consider better investment options for it as well as other memorial gifts and scholarship funds, and policies and procedures for investing and using those funds. After more than a year of work and approval by a church conference, the Permanent Endowment was established with a charter outlining the committee appointed for oversight, the policies for overseeing the Permanent Endowment, and the selection of Fairfield National Bank to manage the funds.

Today (as of 8/31/2011), the composition of the endowment fund for specific ministries is outlined in the graph below. The total value of the endowment at the end of August, 2011 was \$2,522,000 which includes almost \$284,000 in CD's designated for scholarships.



The Permanent Endowment Committee (PEC) acts as good stewards of our endowment by sustaining it through prudent investment and encouragement of future gifts while putting to use income from the endowment to support the ministries for which the gifts were given. For further information on the Permanent Endowment, please contact PEC Chairperson, Shery Kern, or Deb Silvia, Treasurer.

Annual Church Conference Meeting

Our annual meeting to approve our 2012 leadership team, approve the budget, and review our church membership will be held on Monday, November 7, 7 p.m. at Crossroads, 2095 W. Fair Avenue.

Rev. Barb Sholis, our Capitol Area South District Superintendent has appointed Rev. Rick Jones of Sixth Avenue UMC to preside at our meeting. All members of the church have voice and vote.

Where'd That Come From?

If you haven't been to Crossroads lately or if you have and noticed it, we now have a flat screen TV mounted above the reception desk in Tower Hall. The Trustees agreed to purchase the TV from memorial gifts at the request of staff who want to promote all our First Church activities at Crossroads in an exciting, attention-grabbing way. It's a really neat addition and we hope this will help us spread the word about all the great things we are doing. Check it out!

Thank You!

Dear Church and Choir family and friends,

Please know how very much your kind words, cards, visits and memory gifts to the Music Fund has meant to me during the recent passing of my 102 year old mother, Mildred Keller. There's a saying that goes "he who sings, prays twice" and it is my hope that in the future those of you who generously gave to the music fund will be touched by a particular piece of music and will personally feel blessed knowing that you played a part in making that happen. Thanks to all of you and a special heart felt appreciation to Pastor Cheryl who so faithfully visited my mother in the Nursing Home for the past five years she has been with our church.

Fondly, Pearleene Reffitt

Dear FUMC,

Thank you for all the prayers and cards I received while getting well. I thank Pastor Robert and Sharon Hachtel for visiting and saying prayers for me, along with all the other friends who gave me a lot of support. Everyone's prayers and well wishes were greatly appreciated.

Thanks, Anne Bartlett

Dear Family Concerns Ministry,

The reception following the service for our father (Clarence Miller) was lovely and greatly appreciated. The floral arrangement was beautiful also. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Sincerely, Ron & Judie Miller

Dear Rose Ministry,

Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. The rose bud was lovely.

Sincerely, Sonja Durst

Dear Pastor McDowell,

Just a note to say "thank you" so much for your generous assistance, care, and compassion in planning our remembrance of the life of Clarence Miller. Also, thank you for your visits to him at home and the hospital. This meant a lot to him. The reception was lovely. Please convey a special thank you to your committee for a job well done.

Sincerely, Linda G. Roderick

Dear FUMC,

I have meant to write for a while and thank you, Pastor Robert, for your visits, support and for organizing my mom's memorial service and reception. All of your faith and grace were so apparent during her service. My family is so appreciative of the lovely reception at the Rising House. My mom would have loved all the loving fellowship and delicious food. The lovely people of FUMC who served the lunch embodied God's love as they cheerfully served food and drink. We were so touched by their love. We are grateful that my Dad continues to be a part of your community of faith.

With love and blessings! Chris & Scott Dalton & the Buchanan Family

Dear Family Concerns Ministry,

I wanted to thank you for the lovely buffet luncheon that you held for my mother, Marjorie Lou Buchanan.

Beth Hoch

To Our Church Family,

We greatly appreciate all the cards, visits with special treats and prayers for Jim during his illness. Thank you to Pastor McDowell for the beautiful service, the Rose Ministry for the special rose sent to the funeral home & to the Family Concern ministry for the delicious meal provided after the funeral. May God continue to bless each and everyone!

Sincerely, Judy, Mike and Wanda Shaner & The Shaner Family

Pastor Robert,

Thank you so very much for welcoming us to our church. We have felt loved and accepted from our very first service. Thank you for a wonderful, neat and spiritual baptism. That was definitely my "Burning Bush Moment." It meant so much to me in many ways.

Thank you so much! Sincerely, Connie, Brian & Brandon Geary

Dear Second Saturday Outreach,

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

Shirley E. Woodward

Thank You Ladies,

Lois Doxey brought us some fruit and cookies from all of you. Roena and I enjoyed them and we wanted to drop you a note to thank you. God bless you all!

Lee & Roena Talbott

Dear Second Saturday Outreach,

Thank you so very much for your kindness. "Second Saturday" made my day!

Wilma Rine

Dear Second Saturday Outreach,

Thank you for your donation and thinking of us.

Lancaster Firefighters SC3

Dear Creative Ministries,

Thank you so much for your forever patient. Your kindness and willingness bring so much light in the black light ministry. May God continue to bless your ministries.

Blessings, Sherry Lee (Chinese Camp)

Dear Virtuous Reality,

Thank you so much for presenting us with your God-given talents.

Love and prayers, Decatur U.M.C.

Dear FUMC,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, our eighty person workforce and the 4800 individuals we will be serving the coming year, please allow me to thank you for the "Coins for Christ" donation we received in September. Your financial assistance will help make it possible for us to continue to provide services to a wide variety of individuals who are in crisis, even those who are unable to pay our full fee. We thank your congregation for the support.

Sincerely Tony Motta, Chief Executive Officer

Dear FUMC,

Thank you for the outpouring of love and concern for me and my family during the time of my mother's death recently. The rose from Rose Ministry was beautiful.

Sincerely, Martha Pool

*The church acknowledges the receipt of thank you notes for scholarships awarded to **Kyle Burgess & Mackenzie Smith**. See their notes on the bulletin board in the church parlor.*

Music Notes

Our music ministries are off to a great start to a new season! It's never too late to become a part of the music at First UMC. If you would like to sing in the choir, ring handbells, be part of a small ensemble, provide a solo or Gathering Music, or play or sing in our praise band... if God has placed music inside you that needs to come out in some way, just contact Clarence to get started.



Mark your calendars for a return of the Masterworks Concert involving our Chancel Choir and choirs from Lancaster High School. The choirs will again each provide some songs of their own and then all combine for an awesome grand finale, all featuring the works of master composers, old and new. The concert will happen on November 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Crossroads. Admission fee will be \$5.00, and tickets will be available mid-October. Last year was a full house, so watch your bulletins for availability and get your tickets early for this wonderful concert.



Just show up and serve, it's family friendly... it's that simple!

Second Saturday will be very busy this fall! There will be leaf raking crews all over Lancaster for the next couple of months. Anyone with equipment that would like to join us, please contact Jeff Campbell at 614-361-9321. We have several school groups who would like to participate and we need leaders and equipment! All of our assisted living projects such as Bingo and chair volleyball are going great thanks to our leaders Chuck Bishop and Wanda Shaffer! Our section of the bike trail has been kept clean and tidy due to our wonderful volunteers and will need to be finished up for fall. One of our biggest successes has been the fruit and cookie baskets. Last month we had beautiful displays delivered to all of the first responders in our community on behalf of the church! In October we will honor the "caregivers" of our community! Second Saturday has many other projects to get involved with so if you have not given us a try, come on out the next Second Saturday of October at 8:30 a.m. at Crossroads and join the fun!

Crossroads "Faith Forward to the Finish Line" Update

Square Dancing, Sunday Night Youth Group, Halloween Carnival Outreach, Patsy Cline Dinner Theater, Shawnee Story-Teller Rev. Fred Shaw, Youth Mud-Pit, Wednesday Fellowship Dinners, Second Saturday Outreach, The Works...Artisans Expo 2011, The Magic of Believe – These are just a few of the recent and upcoming Crossroads ministries.

Crossroads, 2095 W. Fair Avenue is a wonderful facility resource that helps us in our mission of making disciples for the transformation of our community and world. Thank you for your generous support!

If you haven't already made a financial commitment and would like to help us get closer to the finish line of paying off our Crossroads mortgage, contact our Treasurer, Deb Silvia at debsilvia@lancasterfumc.org.

Memorial Gifts

Our congregation regularly receives memorial gifts, lovingly given by family and friends, who have lost loved ones to death. For information about contributing to our Memorial Fund, please contact our church business office at 653-3330.

Gifts received since our last edition of the Circuit Rider:

In memory of Marjorie Buchanan

Joe & Becky Clark
Christine Buchanan-Dalton

In memory of Martha Woodyard Smith

Olive Woodyard

In memory of Clarence Miller

Ray & Debby Baskin
Dr. & Mrs. Jon P. Detwiler
Linda Roderick
Peg Smith
Joe & Becky Clark

In memory of Todd Johnston

Mary Jane Clark
Carol Norman
Dr. & Mrs. Jon P. Detwiler

In memory of James Shaner

David & Julie Lifer

Keep Up with First UMC Updates on Facebook!

Regular updates on upcoming events and news regarding our church are available on our church's Facebook page. On Facebook, go to Lancaster First United Methodist Church.



Getting Ready for Our Bicentennial Year (2012)

Our Bicentennial Committee has been busy planning for our birthday celebration next year. The theme is "Echoes of the Past, Ringing in the Future." Mark your calendar for our celebration events in 2012!

- April 22 (Main Building) – Bell Monument Dedication & Meal
- May 20 (Main Building) – Founder's Day
- June 17, 5:00 p.m. (Crossroads) – Methodist Tent Revival & Meal
- July – Fourth of July Parade Bicentennial Float, Vacation Bible School Bicentennial Focus (Crossroads), & Lancaster Festival Art Walk (Main Building) – Stained Glass Windows
- August 12, 3 p.m. (Main Building) – Ice Cream Social
- September 16 (Main Building) – Music Sunday & Commissioning of Anthem
- October 21 (Main Building) – Homecoming Sunday

If you would like to share a picture related to our church's history that might be useful to our bicentennial celebration, please drop off at the church office with your name, contact information, and a brief description about the picture. Thank you!

Church Family Friendly Bowling League

The 2011-12 bowling season began a few weeks ago. We have room for 5 more bowlers. The league is open to men and women, couples as well as singles. If you enjoy bowling and having a great time, join us at 6:15 on Tuesday evening at Tiki bowling lane. Call Sandy Roberts for more information or questions: 653-3330 or 243-6681.



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

5-8 P.M. FREE

FOOD TRICK-OR-TREAT TRAIL

COSTUME JUDGING AT 5 P.M.

PUMPKIN DECORATING

INFLATABLES GAMES

AT CROSSROADS

2095 WEST FAIR AVENUE

740-653-3330

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One Meal at a Time
Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Local Missions Team is assisting the Byron Saunders Foundation in providing a Thanksgiving meal to needy families in Central Ohio and the surrounding counties. We will be collecting the following items: stuffing, canned corn, canned green beans, instant potatoes, canned fruit, dinner roll mix, and boxed dessert mixes. The items may be brought to the church parlor and placed in the boxes by the display. The food drive will begin on Sunday, October 2, and ends on Sunday, October 23. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.

Emmaus Walk

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all." **A Men's Walk will be held November 3-6.** For more information contact: Norma Bagby (689-1448) or Keith Kistler (654-5888).

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Sunday:

8:15 a.m. – Worship Celebration

9:45 a.m. – Praise Worship

11:00 a.m. – Worship Celebration

Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. – The Gathering (at Crossroads)

We welcome you to worship with us and to experience the joy of having fellowship with other people who believe in the love of God and the teachings of Christ.

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