



Since my last article, questions regarding our mission have been brought forward.

¶ 120 *The Mission* – The Mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

¶ 121 *Rationale for Our Mission* – The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by proclaiming the good news of God’s grace and by exemplifying Jesus’ command to love God and neighbor, thus seeking the fulfillment of God’s reign and realm in the world. The fulfillment of God’s reign and realm in the world is the vision Scripture holds before us. The United Methodist Church affirms that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Savior of the world, and the Lord of all. As we make disciples, we respect persons of all religious faiths and we defend religious freedom for all persons. Jesus’ words in Matthew provide the Church with our mission: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you” (28:19-20), and “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your souls, and with all your mind...And you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (22:37, 39). (Discipline, 91) ¹

¶ 122 *The Process for Carrying Out Our Mission* – We make disciples as we: Proclaim the gospel, seek, welcome, and gather persons into the body of Christ; Lead persons to commit their lives to God through baptism by water and the spirit and profession of faith in Jesus Christ;

Nurture persons in Christian living through worship, the sacraments, spiritual disciplines, and other means of grace, such as Wesley’s Christian conferencing; Send persons into the world to live lovingly and justly as servants of Christ by healing the sick, feeding the hungry, caring for the stranger, freeing the oppressed, being and becoming a compassionate, caring presence, and working to develop social structures that are consistent with the gospel; and

Continue the mission of seeking, welcoming, and gathering persons into the community of the body of Christ. (Discipline 92) ²

¶ 123 *The Global Nature of Our Mission* – The Church seeks to fulfill its global mission through the Spirit-given ministries of all Christians, both lay and clergy. Faithfulness and effectiveness demand that all ministries in the Church be shaped by the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

¶ 124 *Our Mission in the World* – God’s self-revelation in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ summons the church to ministry in the world through witness by word and deed in light of the church’s mission. The visible church of Christ as a faithful community of persons affirms the worth of all humanity and the value of interrelationship in all of God’s creation. In the midst of a sinful world, through the grace of God, we are brought to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. We become aware of the presence and life-giving power of God’s Holy Spirit. We live in confident expectation of the ultimate fulfillment of God’s purpose.

We are called together for worship and fellowship and for the up building of the Christian community. We advocate and work for the unity of the Christian church. We call all persons into discipleship under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

As servants of Christ we are sent into the world to engage in the struggle for justice and reconciliation. We seek to reveal the love of

¹ The United Methodist Church; the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2012, The United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville TN, 2012, 91.

² The United Methodist Church; the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2012, The United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville TN, 2012, 92.

God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer (Discipline, 92-93).³

On page 23 of our Book of Discipline, you will find the “Preamble” to “The Constitution”: “The church is a community of all true believers under the Lordship of Christ. It is the redeemed and redeeming fellowship in which the Word of God is preached by persons divinely called, and the sacraments are duly administered according to Christ’s own appointment. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit the church seeks to provide for the maintenance of worship, the edification of believers, and the redemption of the world” (Discipline, 23).⁴

This is a lot of “stuff” to answer your questions. I encourage you to please read and re-read, pray, read again, and consider, how are we being the Church? What else do we need to do to fulfill the mission of the Church?

We have been asked to pray for our congregation, to seek God’s will for our congregation. What have you been hearing in the midst of your prayers? I would like to hear what the Spirit has been telling you. Please stop by to talk at the office or make an appointment to talk, or email me (revsherylseitz@yahoo.com), call or text at 330-347-5185, or find me on Facebook. I look forward to our conversation

In His Service,
Pastor Sheryl



Clyde Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at our church on **Thanksgiving Day, November 24.**

We need helpers on November 14 from 12-2 PM to help strip the meat from the bone and freeze the meat.

We also need helpers on Wednesday, Nov 23 from 10-12 to prep and prepare.

Helpers are also needed on Thursday, Nov 24 from 11-1 to finish prep and preparation. We also need servers from 1-3 as well as clean-up crew from 3-4.

We are anticipating 100 people to share in food and fellowship.

If you would like to volunteer, please have them contact the office (419-547-0734) or my cell (330-347-5185). ALL are welcome to come and enjoy the food and fellowship - we are hoping to get the word out to the whole community.

Thank you – Pastor Sheryl








This month's recipient is Dick Babcock (Clyde Gardens Place, 700 Coulson Street, Room 107, Clyde OH 43410). When you send your "thinking of you" card, please send it on the date of your birthday. This way, the cards are spread throughout the entire month. For example, if your birthday is on the eighth day of November, send your card on the eighth day of this month to the recipient.

³ The United Methodist Church; the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2012, The United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville TN, 2012, 92-93.

⁴ The United Methodist Church; the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church 2012, The United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville TN, 2012, 23.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Trustees 6:30 PM	2 Wed. AM. Prayer Group 9:30 Bells 6:00 PM	3 AA @ St. Paul Lutheran 8:00 PM	4	5 Shower 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM
6 AM Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM	7 Worship Comm 10 AM Sandusky River Valley Beekeepers 7:00 PM Sisters 7:00 PM	8 Election 6:30 AM- 7:30 PM 	9 Wed. AM. Prayer Group 9:30 Bells 6:00 PM	10 Exchange Club Spaghetti Supper 5:00 PM AA @ St. Paul Lutheran 8:00 PM	11 	12
13 AM Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Meet the Bishop - 3-5 PM Ashland	14 Noon – bone the turkeys for T-Day dinner Sisters 7:00 PM	15 Finance 6:30 PM Church Council 7:00 PM	16 Wed. AM. Prayer Group 9:30 Bells 6:00 PM	17 AA @ St. Paul Lutheran 8:00 PM	18 	19 Winesburg Weekend Craft Show 9 AM-3 PM
20 AM Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Grief Support 3 PM Winesburg Community Worship 4 PM	21 Decorate for Christmas 9 - ? Sisters 7:00 PM	22	23 Wed. AM. Prayer Group 9:30 T-Day Dinner Prep 10 - 12 Community Thanksgiving Worship @ Good Shepherd Lutheran @ 7 PM	24 Thanksgiving Community Dinner 11-1 – Prep 1-3 Serve 3-4 Clean up	25 	26
27 AM Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Advent Workshop 4:00 PM	28 Lions Red Cross Blood Drive Noon-6:00 PM Sisters 7:00 PM	29	30			



New Sisters Study

"Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas" by Jorge Acevedo began October 24th and runs through November 21st.

God sent Christ at Christmas. In turn, Christ sends us into the world to be his hands, feet, head, and heart. Jorge leads us on a 5 week Advent journey to discover how, where, and why we are sent.

Sisters meets in the Ladies Lounge, and all women are welcome. Meetings are Monday evenings, beginning at 7 PM.

The Worship Committee has decided to again put up a family Christmas tree. This tree will include pictures of all of the church families. As several families have changed over the years since this tree was first displayed, new pictures will need to be taken. We would like to do this on Sunday mornings before and/or after church.

We are in search of a photographer. A backdrop will be in place. We just need someone with a good camera to take the pictures. The church will then print the pictures. If you are willing to help with this, please contact the church office.



The church will again display a harvest offering on the altar on Sunday, November 20th. Canned goods, staple items, etc. will be accepted. Please have items at the church by Saturday, November 19th, at 9:00 AM in order for them to be included in the altar arrangement. Following the worship service, the items will be taken to the Clyde Food Pantry for distribution to area families.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and United Methodist Church of Vickery will hold a series of parenting classes in the upcoming months. The classes will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Good Shepherd church, which is located at 1320 County Road 268 in Vickery. Classes are free, and the schedule is as follows:

November 6: Budget "Meals & Money"

Planning

December 4: Parenting and Stress During the Holidays

January 8: The Rewards of Discipline

To register, please call 419-603-1161.



Adult Sunday school class will begin a new study on October 30. We will begin the study by Bishop Robert Schnase, "The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations".

PRAYER LIST

We pray for those in need of healing, comfort, and strength

Derrick		Jim	Foreman	Eilene	Perry
Sabrina		Jean	Frey	Maya	Petrusek
Sharon		Ray	Frey	Lynn	Phillips
Rachel		Julia	Gable	Sarah	Posey
Jim		Robby	Heishman	Karen	Powell
Chassidy		James	Hurst	Emily	Rader
Megan	Albright	Nancy	Huey	John	Rader
David	Amstutz	Joe	Jennings	Rachel	Robertson
Jim	Anderson	Dale	K.	Kendall	Rocca
Rosie	Blair	Doreen	Knoderer	Nancy	Rogers
Julie	Blair	Jaret	Koselke	Norm	Rogers
Bunny	Brooks	Bonnie	Leatham	Charlene	Robinson
Mark	Boukissen	Ida	Legg	Delores	Shaner
Bev	Burroughs	Cheryl	Lippert	Joe	Sherman
Connie	Burroughs	Jacob	Lipstraw	Mary Lou	Shoemaker
Don	Burroughs	John	Lopez	LaDonna	Smart
Skylar	Burroughs	Patricia	Madaras	Samantha	Smith
John	Chambers	Steve	Magier	Janine	Spindler
Jane-Ann	Clarke	Nancy	McKeever	Barbara	Stephens Rich
Rose	Crawford	Tori	Meggitt	Vera	Tiffany
Tom	Danford	Walt	Meggitt	Pete	Waugaman
Kay	Earhart	Bob	Michael	Rick	Weber
Alyssa	Eisenhower	Marge	Mittower	Carol	Wineland
Betty	Eshleman	Ruth	Nobles		

James 4:8a “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.” (NRSV)

Dick Babcock, Clyde Gardens Place, 700 Coulson St. Room 107, Clyde OH 43410
 Dorothy Palicka, Rutherford House, 805 S. Buchanan St. Apt 106, Fremont OH 43420
 Mariellen Golembiowski, Elmwood, 1545 Fangboner Road, Fremont OH 43420
 Patty Simpkins, Elmwood, 430 N. Broadway, Green Springs, OH 44836
 LaDonna Smart, Elmwood, 1545 Fangboner Road, Room 210, Fremont OH 43420
 Jenny Wadsworth, Orchard Grove, 670 Flatrock Road, Unit 102, Bellevue OH 44811
 Bill & Evelyn Warner, 6191 CR 247, Vickery OH 43464
 Chuck & Alice Wolfe, PO Box 95, Clyde OH 43410

We pray for protection for those who serve our country

Kalob Andrews (GSEFA Andrews, Kalob, ENG/EM, USS Mitscher (DDG57),
 FPO AE 09578-1275)
 Andy Brown 4007 Alvord Drive, Fort Irwin, CA 92310
 Ethan Brown
 Charles Ellis Air Force
 Alex Kaspro
 Dylan J. Kimmet (IT3 Kimmet, Dylan, Box 4082, 9803 Cochrane Road, Fort Meade, MD 20755)
 Jonathan Lee Coast Guard, Cleveland
 PFC Michael Quinn 557 MP CO, Unit #15192, Box #51, APO, AP 96271
 Matthew Trautman CMR 445 Box 1096 APO AE 09046
 Cadet Chelsea Zerman (PO Box 4556, United State Military Academy, West Point, NY 10997)

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” Matthew 5:4 (NRSV)

The families of Phyllis Folk, Ralph Figgins, Esther Carter, Ted Wadsworth, Emily Wagner,
 Rich Ulman, Maxine Stillings, and Rev. Clyde “Bud” Cox

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Boyle	11/01
Kimberly Hagemeyer	11/04
Sharon Feick	11/05
Hali Hagemeyer	11/05
Christina Meggitt	11/08
Jori Smith	11/09
Justin Toy	11/09
Amanda Brown	11/10
Jennifer Roth	11/10
Robert Zachary Gray	11/11
Barbara Rutherford	11/11
Jennifer Dirnberg	11/12
Deacon Albright	11/14
Graden Albright	11/14
Cole Daniel	11/14
Zachary Warner	11/15
Brent Arndt	11/16
Marvin Arndt	11/17
Ronald Hagemeyer	11/17
Charles Wolfe	11/19
Jon Benfer	11/20
Callie Hoppes	11/21
Brooke Michael	11/21
Cheryl Royster	11/23
Jennie Boyle	11/25
Brinneth Michael	11/25
Herb Brooks	11/27

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Brent & Heather Arndt	11/04
Dave & Donna Hisey	11/07
Jarrette & Vickie Taylor	11/14
Jeff & Chris Drown	11/18
Gary & Debbie Overmyer	11/26

SERVANT INFORMATION

Acolytes

Nov. 6 th	Ben & Jocelyn Royster
Nov. 13 th	Maddie & Robbie Greenslade
Nov. 20 th	Shane & Sidney Hohman
Nov. 27 th	Adam Auxter & Seth Hohman

Children's Chat

Nov. 6 th	Warren Brown
Nov. 13 th	Katelyn Overfield
Nov. 20 th	Jeanette Greenslade
Nov. 27 th	Karen Auxter

Greeters

Nov. 6 th	John & Phyllis Fiser
Nov. 13 th	Joyce Peters
Nov. 20 th	Chelcer & Shirley Matter
Nov. 27 th	Karen & Adam Auxter

Readers

Nov. 6 th	Frank Dawson
Nov. 13 th	Millie Harrison
Nov. 20 th	Tim Seitz
Nov. 27 th	Julie Rader

Ushers

Ruth Cenkus, Millie Harrison, Linda Robinson,
Jeff Schlett, Jim & Carolyn Smallets

CHURCH COUNCIL
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 11, 2016

The Church Council of First United Methodist Church met in regular session Tuesday, October 11, 2016, Chairman Barb Davis presiding. Others present were Bob Bishop, Frank Dawson, Nancy Greenslade, Paul Howard, Debbie Overmyer, Jean Schmerbeck, Rev. Sheryl Seitz, Dave Wadsworth, Don Wineland, and Ken Winke.

Barb Davis opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion was made by Debbie Overmyer and seconded by Jean Schmerbeck to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2016. Motion carried.

Treasurer's reports showed a balance of (\$500.57) in the Operating Fund and \$333,592.57 in all funds. This year we have transferred \$20,000 into the Operating Fund to keep it balanced.

Trustees: Ken Winke noted that the deposit has been sent for the chair lift. He does not yet have a date for installation. Jarrette has trimmed the trees. Tritch Door looked at the doors and is preparing an estimate for any needed repairs. The ice machine has been installed. Concrete work still needs to be done.

Staff-Parish Relations: Motion was made by Frank Dawson and seconded by Dave Wadsworth to approve the memo prepared by Staff-Parish which states wages for all employees will be frozen at the 2016 levels for 2017. Motion carried.

Worship: Debbie Overmyer reported a new advent stand and oil candles have been purchased. The stand was purchased in memory of Julia Schemmel by her family. The church purchased the oil candles to use with the new stand.

A harvest offering will be displayed on November 20th. It is requested that all food be brought to the church by 9:00 a.m. on November 19th at which time it will be placed on the altar.

A family picture tree will again be displayed as part of our holiday decorations. New pictures will be taken. Poinsettia order forms will be available at the appropriate time. The church will be decorated for Christmas on Monday, November 21st, from 9:00 a.m. until completion.

There will be one worship service at 8:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. A breakfast potluck will be held Christmas morning at 9:00 a.m.

Christian Education: The youth were able to get rooms at Kalahari for the retreat to be held there. The group had a successful event on Sunday, October 9th, at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Missions: Bob Bishop reported the community dinner on October 26th will be meat loaf. Flu and pneumonia shots will also be available that evening from 4:00-6:30 p.m.. The School of Hope dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 14th.

Membership: No report.

History and Records: No report.

Lay Leadership: Rev. Seitz reported the slate is just about complete. All the positions needed for Charge Conference action are filled.

United Methodist Women: The District meeting held at the church on Saturday went well.

Healthcare Committee: No report.

Lay Delegate: Jean Schmerbeck reported she will be attending Charge Conference.

At large: Don Wineland was thanked for painting the air conditioner. He noted he has more painting to do.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Pastor Seitz reported receiving approval from the Finance Committee at an earlier meeting for a housing exclusion of \$4,000. This is a standard document and has no effect on salary.

Pastor's Report:

- October 15: Charge Conference at Bellevue First at 10:00 a.m.
- October 18: SPRC consultations with the DS at Clyde
 - 5:30 p.m. Calvary/Pleasant Ridge
 - 6:30 p.m. Green Springs
 - 7:30 p.m. Clyde
- November 10: Deboning turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner.
- November 20: Winesburg Weekend worship here at 4:00 p.m. "The Lessons and Carols of Christmas". Bell choir will play, hopefully Chancel Choir will sing, and other community members will provide music. Pastor Chris Tobergte and Rev. Seitz will be leading worship.
- November 21: Decorate church for Christmas at 9:00 a.m.
- November 23: Set tables and prepare food for Thursday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Community Thanksgiving worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Vickery. Bring peanut butter for Clyde Food Pantry.
- November 24: Thanksgiving Dinner—set up 11-1; serving 1-3; clean up 3-4
Advent Sundays will focus on "Traveling to the Manger". Old hat boxes, luggage, and traveling trunks are appreciated to be used as props.
- November 27: Advent workshop 4:00 p.m. Projects for kids and adults. Snacks.
- December 11: Community "Blue Christmas" worship service here at 3:00 p.m.
- December 14: School of Hope Dinner; Community Meal 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- December 24: Christmas Eve worship 8:00 p.m. Kinderbells, Chancel Choir, and bells will participate in the service.

Due to the limited amount of space at the VFW, our church was asked by the Winesburg Committee to host an additional craft show on Saturday, November 19, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We will do this if necessary.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Seitz.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Greenslade

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