

August 2011

Senior Pastor: Bradford G. Olson

Associate: Rick Tettau, Deacon

Christian Education. & Preschool Director: Lee Rose

SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 & 11:00 (Traditional in Sanctuary)

9:45 (Praise Celebration in Community Center)

9:45 & 11:00 Sunday School

Worship Notes

August 7

"Faith in Film: Harry Potter"
Youth Sunday; Communion
Brad preaching

August 14

"Faith in Film: Jane Eyre"
Brad Preaching

August 21

"Faith in Film: Entertaining
Angels"

August 28

"Faith in Film: Winnie the
Pooh" Sunday School
Kick-off Brad Preaching

sunday Participation

Date	Worship	S.S.
June 26	276	53
July 3	227	67
July 10	229	69
July 17	285	84

From Pastor Brad

Ice cream. It's cold, it's sweet, and it makes for a refreshing summer snack. I love the occasional trip up to Young's or now just down the street to The Dairy Station. I am looking at a cone

of mint chocolate chip, and wondering, is it possible that ice cream holds the secrets of the universe? I know it's a little silly, but if Newton could discover gravity from an apple and if Jesus could teach us about God with a seed, or a coin from a fish's mouth, isn't it possible that God wants to be found out, and gives us clues in things like ice cream?

For example, it is not a random creation. These ingredients did not just appear by mistake. Someone put a lot of thought into getting just the right ingredients in just the right combination. Isn't that the same sort of intentionality we see in a God who, "formed my inward parts; who knit me together. I am fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139)?"

Also, ice cream has to be churned. Just combining the ingredients is only the beginning. Job experienced this, he said, "the churning inside me never stops." Yet, it was because of this turmoil that God "blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning (Job 42)."

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(Pastor Brad)

Another thought: Everyone has their favorite; vanilla, chocolate, moose tracks, maple walnut, butter pecan. It doesn't make one better than the other, just different flavors. Isn't that a lot like people? There are truths that are universal, but many of our differences have more to do with taste.

And, lastly, ice cream doesn't last forever. "The world and its desires pass away (I John 2:17)." Only God is forever.



Organist Position Filled

It is with great pleasure the Staff-Parish Relations Committee announces Carol Stewart has accepted our offer for the part-time Organist position beginning Sunday, August 14, 2011. Carol comes to Faith Community from Cedarville United Presbyterian Church where she has been their organist for 25 years, and prior to that was organist for Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville.

Carol earned a Bachelor's degree of Music Education from Cedarville College and taught general music in Mad River Greene Local School District in Enon for several years. Additionally, she accompanied the Greene County Adult Chorus under Warren Webber and Craig Jaynes, and she currently teaches private piano and flute lessons at Noteworthy Music in Xenia. During the last several months, Carol frequently wor-

shipped with us and witnessed our choirs and special musicians sharing His message and enriching the worship experience, and is honored to be a part of FCUM's music ministry. Please join the SPRC and staff in welcoming and supporting Carol during her transition to the bench at Faith Community.

Cheryl Whitican, Chair,
Staff Parish Relations



Stephen Ministers "Walking the Site Like God"

"Walking the Site like God" is a chapter title in *The Voice That Calls Us Home*, written by Andrea Raynor, former associate pastor in our church in Connecticut. Currently she serves as a hospice chaplain, but ten years ago she served at Ground Zero.

For six months she covered the streets and performed brief but tender blessings over the remains brought into the temporary morgue. Her original instructions were to walk the site, engage people in conversation, receive their stories—whether as a worker, family member, or friend—and offer consolation and support. She shares that she "imagined herself like a funnel. She didn't accumulate or hold on to pain, just helped them release it." Initially ambivalent about the

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clerical collar she was urged to wear, she eventually came to be thankful for its presence, for it became an open invitation to talk and a clear symbol that God was present in the midst of a living hell. "Clearly, in times of crisis, it is essential to bear witness to the fact that we are not alone in the world. Even through the darkest valleys, we are not forsaken. And no one is forgotten."

Indeed, the Lord walked that site every moment of every day and, through various clergy and other caregivers, offered a hand on a shoulder or on an open arm—often with a brief prayer. I thought of how relevant this is to each of us, whether or not we serve as Stephen Ministers. Every human being can "walk the site like God" and many of us already have—not only in relationships that are close and comfortable to us—but also in those everyday moments when we are surrounded by strangers. Let's practice together! Let's be more intentional. Let's stretch out our hands to someone and God will funnel His presence through those hands. No special training is required.

To learn more about Andie's perspective on the meaning of life and death, comfort, and grief, as a result of her experiences as a hospice chaplain and cancer survivor herself, read *The Voice That Calls You Home* which will soon be available in the Stephen Ministry section of the adult church library.
~~ Becky Cultice

It's Not Too Late!

If you missed the Stephen Ministry information session on July 17 and are interested in learning more about this awesome ministry of presence for those who need a companion during a difficult time, call Brenda Boroff at 937-453-2485.



Pew Bibles: The over one hundred replacement bibles dedicated on July 10th now have dedicatory labels and will soon be available for use in the sanctuary. Thank you for your generous response to our request for donations.

Shepherding Program

To those who are involved in the Shepherding program, please remember to visit your person every month. It becomes very important to these homebound people and they look forward to it. If you have any changes and need to let us know, contact Laurie Krakowiak, Mary Russell or Brenda Boroff.

Thank you!



Higher Education

For college students who will have a new address this fall, please email me the information so the church can still be in contact with you. My email address is laurielamont@juno.com.

Thank you! Laurie Krakowiak

Update on Rev. Magnus Jusu

Many of you have come in contact with Rev. Magnus Jusu. He attended Faith Community while he was a student at Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce. Magnus was a student there for the past four years. Many of us have helped with his finances over the course of the four years. The good news is he graduated this spring with a masters degree in Theology. Unfortunately, other than working at Payne Theological Seminary, Magnus has not been able to get a job in this economic downturn. After graduating, he no longer had a job at Payne. Therefore, he has no funds to return to his home. The situation now is that friends from Indiana, where he stayed for two years in a pastor exchange program, are willing to buy Magnus's ticket back to Sierra Leone, Africa. Once Magnus returns to Sierra Leone to his family, he has no appointment to a church, so no income once again. His needs are about \$300.00 per month and he needs support for up to 6 months. Our goal would be to raise about \$2,000.00 to be equally distributed over the next 6 months to help him in this transition. By then, hopefully he will have an appointment and be able to support himself and his family. If you can help by making a donation payable to Faith Community UMC marked FOR Magnus Fund, to raise this \$2,000.00, it would be most appreciated. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 372-2204 or e-mail me at shererjw@aol.com. It would be helpful if you would let me know of your intentions to help. Thanks for your consideration.

In His Service,
John W. Sherer

Crop Walk

The annual CROP Walk is September 25, 2011 at 2 pm beginning at Shawnee Park. The CROP walk is a hunger walk sponsored by Church World Service. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds benefit the FISH Food pantry. For those who would like to participate or need more information, please contact me.

~~ Rick Tettau



United Methodist Men Regular Meeting

Monday, August 29, 6:30 PM

UMW Circles

Mary-Rebecca – Tuesday,
August 9, 1 PM - Parlor

Lydia – Wednesday August 10, 7
P.M. - Parlor

Priscilla – Monday, August 15,
7 PM - Parlor

Dorcus – Tuesday, August 16,
1 PM - Parlor

Lydia Circle wishes to thank everyone who purchased Father's Day carnations. We sold 494 flowers. Special thanks to Jackie Foster, Lois Fisher, Joe Scinto, John Pyles, Darren McGlothen, Dolores Strous, women of UMW, and the office volunteers for their help.

~~Marlene Gifford

Prayers and Sympathy

to Doris Stivers on the death of her daughter, **Sharon Thornton**; address: Doris Stivers, c/o Greenwood Manor, Room 302, 711 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia;

to Rebecca Abels and Leola Abels; on the death of **Stan Abels, husband and brother**; addresses: Rebecca Abels, 840 Spurgeon Dr., Xenia; Leola Abels, 577 N. St. Rt. 741, Apt. 210, Lebanon, OH 45036-9571;

and to Bob and Gene Harner and family on the death of their daughter-in-law, **Margaret Harner**. Address: 2019 Hilltop Rd., Xenia.



Dear Faith Community,

Thank you for your hospitality and kindness during Shawnee Elementary School's kindergarten graduation. Your facilities and warm, friendly volunteers provide a wonderful experience for our students and their families. We appreciate all that you do.

Sincerely - Gail Mueller
Kindergarten teacher

On behalf of our entire family, we would like to thank all of the loving friends at Faith Church for the many cards and calls for

our 70th wedding anniversary. Although we are not able to attend church regularly, our thoughts are with each of you.

Blessings to all
William and Pauline Fowler

To all my friends at FCUM,
I never thought that I would be in the situation that I was - my life being saved by my co-workers.

God is not finished with me and I still have a purpose to achieve.

Thank you for all the prayers, cards and visits. Pastors Brad and Rick were both with me and I felt their presence.

In Christ, Wanda Boeckerman

Thank you to the members of Faith Community for the cards, gifts and visits. It has meant so much to me. It has given me strength, comfort, and peace in losing my daughter, Sharon Lee. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I just take one day at a time and pray a lot. I know that she's with our Lord.
~~ Doris Stivers

Dear Friends at Faith Community,

Thank you so much for your time and devotion in providing the lovely sewing kits. Our programs thrive on the generosity of people like yourselves. The sewing kits are going to our

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Senior Center and will be used by our ladies for various projects. They loved the materials and have lots of ideas for using the kits. Any future donations may be sent to 70 Queendale Ctr., Beverly KY 40913, c/o Community Outreach. Thank you again for seeing to the needs of our families in South-eastern Kentucky.

Yours in Christ,
Suzanne Pohli, Women's and
Children's Ministries,
Community Outreach, Red
Bird Mission

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To My Church Family,
Thank you so much for your
healing prayers during my
recent hospitalization. Thank you
Pastor Brad for your hospital
visit which was just the catalyst
I needed for a speedy recovery.
Scott House

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AUGUST SPECIAL OFFERING

The Mission and Evangelism
Committee is asking that you
please consider making a one
time special offering during the

month of August. The collec-
tions will be divided equally to
benefit these three funds:

Locally: Meals on Wheels and
the Cosley Fund

Globally: Blanket Sunday
(\$5.00 provides a blanket to
those in need. Can be used for
warmth, protection, carrying
supplies or to create shelter as
a tent.)

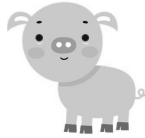
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Doc Elma's Computer Update

Doc Elma has received her
new computer and wishes to
thank the congregation for their
generous donations which made
it possible. Please continue to
lift her up in prayer as she
continues to provide medical
help to those in need in Liberia.

**DEADLINE FOR
SEPTEMBER FAITH
LINKS:**

**Monday, September
16**



Save the Date!
September 18

**Old Fashioned
Homecoming
Annual Combined
Service at 10:30 A.M.
at Faith Community**

Food – 12:00-3:00 P.M.

**Activities – 12:30-
4:00 P.M.**

More information later

LOVE PACKAGES

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Our vision is simple. We want to see all of America's excess Christian materials placed on the mission fields of the world. You can help. We need:

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The Faith Community UMM are sponsoring "Love Packages". A tub marked "Love Packages" has been placed in the Community Center to the right wall as you walk into the center, under the coat rack. Please support this worthwhile mission project by donating old daily devotions, Christian books, extra Bibles, cassettes or videos of Christian music or sermons. They will be put to good use as we share in this effort "To Go and Make Disciples of All People". For more information, call John Sherer, 372-2204.

Festival of Sharing – Saturday, October 1, 2011, 9 AM-12:30 PM at Otterbein College in Westerville, OH, 100 West Home Street

If you are able to help we ask that you add \$2 per kit (\$3 for emergency clean-up bucket kits) to cover processing and shipping. Please do not include monies with kits. Monetary donations may be sent to Church World Service, PO Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515. Kits must be turned in to the church by September 18 to enable us to box up the kits and prepare for shipping. Please contact Joyce Smith, 372-6576; e-mail: JES1129@aol.com; or Betsy Murray, 372-8376; e-mail: ardbeg7@aol.com.

School Kit

- 1 pr. blunt metal scissors round tip
- 3 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (**no loose-leaf or filler paper**)
- 1 30 centimeter ruler 12"
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 1 large eraser
- 6 new pencils w/erasers
- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 12"x14" to 14"x17" finished cotton or canvas bag with cloth handles (please no reusable shopping bags or backpacks) Patterns for the bag are available online at www.churchworld-service.org or by calling your CWS regional office at 888-297-2767.

Hygiene Kit

- 1 hand towel measuring approx. 16 x 28 (no fingertip or bath towels)
 - 1 washcloth
 - 1 wide-tooth comb
 - 1 nail clipper
 - 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
 - 1 toothbrush (original packaging)
 - 6 standard size Band-aids
- Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Cartons of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added to hygiene kits just prior to shipping.

Baby Care Kit

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- 2 washcloths

- 2 gowns or sleepers
 - 2 diaper pins
 - 1 sweater or sweatshirt (can be hand-knitted or crocheted)
 - 2 receiving blankets (one can be hand-knitted or crocheted)
- Items must be new and under 12 months in size. Wrap items inside one of the blankets and secure with both diaper pins.

Emergency Clean-up Bucket

- 1 5-gal. bucket w/resealable lid
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 18 cleaning towels (reusable)
- 1 50-78 oz. box dry laundry detergent
- 1 12 oz. bottle liquid household cleaner (like Lysol)
- 1 12 oz. bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn)
- 1 pkg. 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 feet
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 24-28-bag roll of heavy-duty 30-45 gal. trash bags (may remove from carton)
- 1 6-9 oz. bottle insect repellent (pump, drops, or lotion, not aerosol)

Please provide all liquids in new unopened plastic bottles. Place all items in the plastic bucket and seal lid with packing tape.