



# Faith Community United Church of Christ

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## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

Dear Faith Folks,

It's the middle of June already! Where does the time go? Summer is a time of warmer temperatures, barbecues, baseball games, and just spending time outside. But what about our church calendar in the summer? What happens in our church in June, as well as the rest of the summer? Well, the *ascension* of Christ happens in June, ascension is when Jesus ascends to heaven to be with his heavenly Father. Ascension was June 2 this year, and then is followed by our longest church season which is the season of Pentecost. This year Pentecost started on Sunday, June 12.

As I said above the ascension of Christ is when Jesus rises up to heaven and sits at the right hand of God. But what is *Pentecost*? Well, Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter, and is when the Holy Spirit descends on the disciples and the disciples have the flame of the Holy Spirit above their heads. This is the time that the Christian church marks as its birthday. The very beginning of the church. There are three 'mega-festivals' commemorated in the Christian calendar. The first two, Christmas and Easter, are well known to both believers and non-believers. Pentecost is the third, but is not as well known, it is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means fiftieth day, and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

The season of Pentecost is centered on sanctification, the work of the Holy Spirit in the day to day life of the Christian. This is reflected in the liturgical

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"The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, ... will remind you of everything I have said to you."

—John 14:26



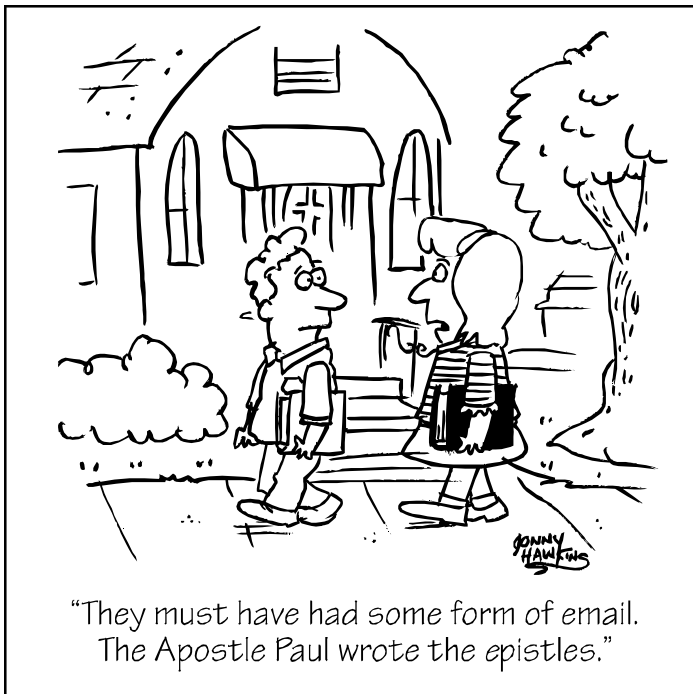
## Pastor's Message

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color for the season, which is green. Green is the color of life and growth. Through the gift of faith that comes only from the Holy spirit working through the means of grace, Christians trust in Christ as their savior and proclaim him in their daily lives by service to their neighbors. The season of Pentecost lasts from Trinity Sunday, the Sunday after Pentecost, until the first Sunday of Advent. This is the non-festival portion of the liturgical calendar during which the church stresses vocation, evangelism, missions, stewardship, almsgiving, and other works of mercy and charity as ways in which Christ empowers us by his grace to share the Gospel with others.

So for this summer we can concentrate on our own works of mercy and charity. There are many ways to show God's grace. You could give a hello to a passerby, smile at a cashier at a store, or perhaps just listen to someone complain. I am sure you can think of someone you know that could use a sign of God's grace.

Have a Great summer,  
*Pastor Kaufman*



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

- June 4 — Cal Gerber
- June 6 — Cathy Hammack
- June 15 — Jo Ann Diefenthaler
- June 20 — Darryl Utter
- July 2 — Richard May
- July 7 — Debra Trail
- July 8 — Ruby Burkey
- July 11 — Eugene Billings
- July 16 — Melissa Myrice

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

- July 15 — Eugene & Earlene Billings
- July 22 — Ron & Heidi Denlinger
- July 23 — Roger & Charlene Reese



Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

- Bob Barker
- Jo Ann Diefenthaler
- Dorothy Einsel
- Peggy Walters
- John and Inez Reichard
- Douglas Farnsworth (Ruth's son)
- Eleanor Huss
- Helen Shearon



**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**Friday, May 13, 2011**  
*60 dinners served*



*Thank You ...*

... to everyone that had their picture taken on May 18 and 23 for our new church directory. We had a total of 36 photo sessions. Everything went very smoothly thanks to all the volunteers that gave their valuable time on both days. Also, thanks to Joe Kowalski and Carl Anderson for their photographic skills. B.J. and I have completed our work on the additional pages that you should enjoy. Now it is up to Olan Mills to prepare the finished product.

*Charlene Reese*



*Congratulations,  
 Graduate*

Congratulations to Debra Trail. She graduated with high honors from Davis Business College on Friday, May 20, 2011.



# Library News

When I think of summer reading, light and fun entertainment comes to mind. The early arrival of extreme heat makes me want to find a cool place to curl up with a book that holds my interest but is not too taxing for my brain. Here are some recent additions that fit the bill:

*Miles to Go: The Second Journal of the Walk Series* by Richard Paul Evans – “The tempo quickens in this second installment of a series about an executive who vows to cross the country on foot after losing everything.” We also own the first book.

*I Love You Miss Huddleston and Other Inappropriate Longings of my Indiana Childhood* by Philip Gulley – “This stuff is a laugh- out- loud tweaking of a not terribly misspent youth.”

*Miss Julia Rocks the Cradle* by Ann B. Ross – Miss Julia is kept busy investigating two possible murders (Her financial reputation and the person whose body was found in the toolshed) as she prepares for the arrival of Hazel Marie’s baby.

These titles are available on the New Book shelf on the book truck in the narthex. The Holy Humor section is still on the top shelf, so you should be able to keep smiling through the summer.

*Gloria Parker*

**Scripture READERS**

**The worship leaders for June and July are:**

June 5	Gloria Parker
June 12	Tom Parker
June 19	Mary Anderson
June 26	Peg Knapp
July 3	Mel Barrios
July 10	Gloria Parker
July 17	Tom Parker
July 24	Mary Anderson
July 31	Peg Knapp

This schedule may change before August. A few new names have been added and a new schedule will be created soon.



The Good Bunch will be on hiatus for the summer. Watch for announcements about the September gathering, which will be made available as soon as possible. Enjoy the sunshine.

## Church Tour

Faith Community will be hosting a church tour of our new home on Tuesday, July 12, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. The tour is part of the annual summer church tours series conducted by the Toledo Area Ministerial Association.



begins on Tuesday, June 21



## Brian Utter is NLL Champion

Brian Utter, 8th grader from Gateway Middle School, participated in the Northern Lakes League Championship that was held in Sylvania. He placed 4th in the 200 meters, 2nd in the 200 meter hurdles and was NLL Champion with a time of 16.6 in the 110 hurdles.

Brian is the son of Darryl and Jeanette Utter and was confirmed at Faith Community United Church of Christ on Sunday, June 12. Congratulations, Brian. Good job!

## The Good Bunch

at Bob Evans on  
Tuesday, May 10, 2011



Hosts Donna and Harold Creswell with Barb Hadley.





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## Bright Sunday

