



Faith Community United Church of Christ

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PASTOR'S CORNER

We are coming into my favorite time of year, which is fall. Fall officially comes in on September 22, at least that's the date I have in mind. Although September is when fall begins, October is the month I think of as the beginnings of fall temperatures, and leaves starting to change into beautiful colors. Temperatures during the day are usually pretty moderate, and the temperatures at night are just right for some solid sleeping. Daytime is a great time to do some physical activity outdoors, and nighttime is great for resting and getting your body rejuvenated for the next day.

October is a great time for our physical bodies, but how is October for our spirits and our faith. To get my spirit fed, I find a brisk walk in God's great cathedral of nature is just what my spirit needs to get fed. As I mentioned above, the leaves are changing—changing into beautiful vibrant colors. There are yellows, reds, browns, and also the constant rustle of leaves blowing along the ground that seems to embody the mystery of our faith. Where does that slight wind come from and where is it calling us?

Deer are another source of spiritual growth for me. When I see deer quietly grazing in an open farmer's

field in the evening around dusk, my spirit takes in all of the pastoral scene that God's great landscape provides, and I feel a peace that passes all understanding. My spirit is fed every day by the beauty God has provided us during this soothing month.

I encourage all of you to let your spirit take in all of the beauty around you during this great month of October. Look for as many God Sightings as possible. Be sensitive to what, when, how, and where God is working and interacting in your life as well as the life that is all around you. God's hand is all around us. We have to be on the look-out for God's hand if we are to recognize what his hand is creating. We also have to look within ourselves to see what God-sightings are happening within us. Perhaps we feel ourselves being more forgiving of someone who has hurt us in the past, per-

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Pastor's Message

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haps we are more forgiving of ourselves for our short-comings, and perhaps we are becoming more tolerant of people who used to irritate us. When these feelings come about it is important to recognize it is God working things out in our lives to give us the peace that passes all understanding, which God wants for all us. Have great peace filled October in 2011.

Peace,
Pastor Kaufman

In October ...



**World
Communion
Sunday**
October 2

**Reformation
Sunday**
October 30



Reformation Sunday



**The Pastor
Will Be Away**

Pastor Scott will be on vacation from Friday, Oct. 7 thru Friday, Oct. 14.

B.J. will be on vacation from Thursday, Oct. 13 through Friday, Oct. 21.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

- Oct. 4 — Janet Butterfield
- Oct. 5 — Roger Hammack
- Oct. 8 — Garrett Denlinger
- Oct. 11 — Doris Matthews
- Oct. 26 — Ella Grace Ehrhardt
- Oct. 29 — Brian Utter



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

- Oct. 5 — Tom and Gloria Parker
- Oct. 18 — Bill and Darlene Stark



Prayer
Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

- Nancy Collier
- Nancy Barrios
- Bob Barker
- Dorothy Einsel
- Peggy Walters
- John and Inez Reichard
- Eleanor Huss
- Helen Shearon



The Good Bunch will meet for the October gathering on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the Black Pearl Restaurant on Heatherdowns Blvd. across from the Masonic. Mel and Nancy Barrios will host this event. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to make reservations.

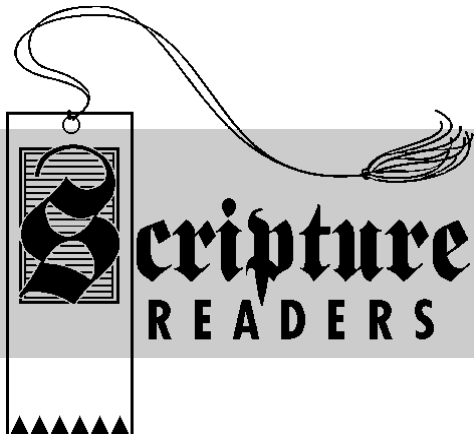


The Rummage Sale will be Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14 and 15, and will be held indoors. A bake sale may be added to the sale, as we no longer hold the Election Day Sale. The sale times on Friday will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please sign up for the times and days you can help with set up or with the sale days. Cathy Hammack has taken on chairmanship of the event, but she will need help. This is not an event that can happen with only one person, so please mark this week on your calendar and give generously of your time. Thank you.



COMING IN NOVEMBER:

Stewardship Sunday will be November 13. A potluck dinner is planned for after the service. The meat will be provided by the council. Please bring a dish to share.



The worship leaders for October are:

Oct. 2	Mary Anderson
Oct. 9	Brian Utter
Oct. 16	Roger Reese
Oct. 23	Peg Knapp
Oct. 30	Mel Barrios
Nov. 6	Matthew Utter



In the mail

Dear Faith Members,

Just a note to thank all of you, my friends, for the many thoughtful notes, cards and birthday cards you have sent to me.

I do appreciate the monthly "Dialog" and especially the new picture 2011 Directory which I read frequently.

I regularly attend the Methodist Church, which I can see from my window, though I haven't joined as yet.

I do miss Jacques very much but love being with my son, Andy, and his family at least weekly. Everyone here (seniors) are so friendly and we get together and have doings daily.

Thank you again, one and all, for your many kindnesses in the past and present.

Love and best wishes for the future of Faith Community UCC.

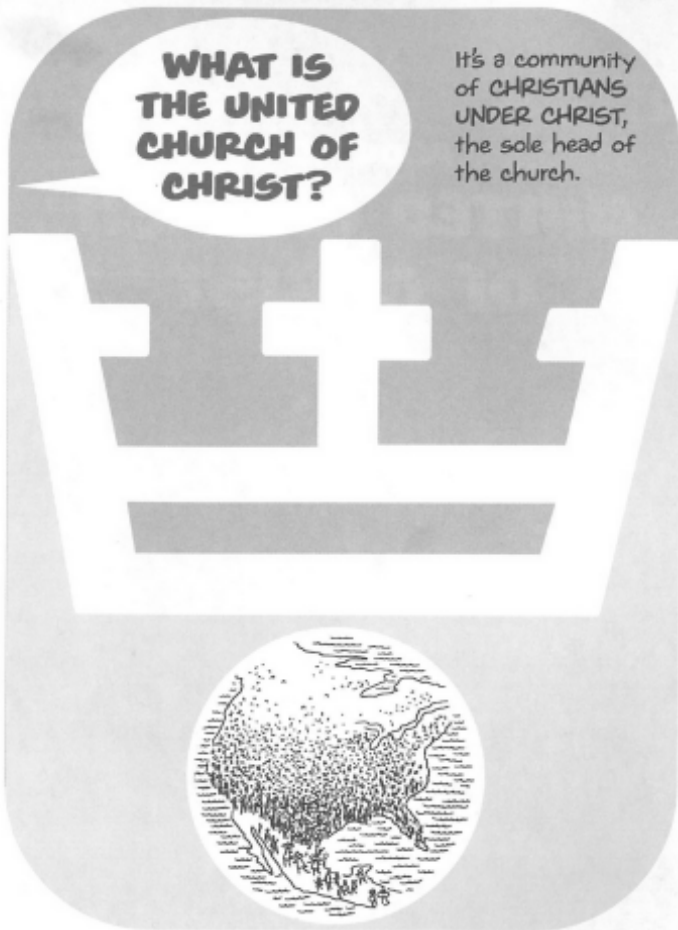
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What is the United Church of Christ?

It has been brought to our attention that many of us do not know much about the history of the United Church of Christ. Therefore, this is the first in a series of articles that we will publish in the *Dia-*

log each month. These articles are taken from the booklet "About the United Church of Christ, a guide to more effective church membership."

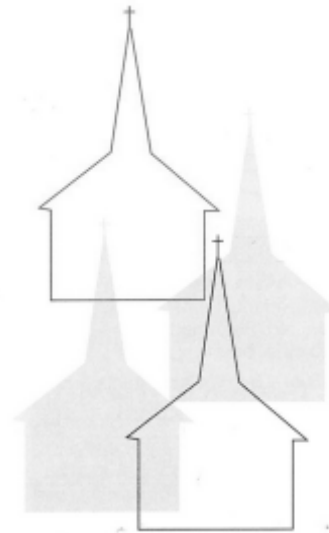
Your Church Council



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UNITED

The U.C.C. was once several church bodies, now joined together. Congregations support each other in the work of Christ through denominational structures.

The U.C.C. has about 1.5 million members:

- in over 6,000 congregations throughout America
- in cities, suburbs and rural areas
- of many nationalities and races.



UNITING

The goal of the U.C.C. is to be joined together in one church on earth with all who share allegiance to Christ.

The U.C.C. takes an active role in:

- promoting cooperation between churches and denominations
- bringing people everywhere together in the name of Christ
- building sacramental and missional partnerships with other denominations and churches.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$10 to *Neighbors in Need* in 2010!

Two-thirds of your NIN offering goes to support Justice and Witness Ministries and one-third to support the Council of American Indian Ministry.

It has been another remarkable, yet challenging, year in the United Church of Christ as we strive for justice and peace for all of God's people. No

matter where they are, members throughout the church demonstrate that they are people of compassion and commitment. Local churches, conferences, associations and the national setting work daily to address injustice in their communities, regions, the nation, and in the world.

—Justice and Witness Ministries, UCC

If you would like to give again this year, *Neighbors in Need* Sunday is Oct. 2, 2011. Information hand-outs and contribution envelopes are on the card table in the entry. Place your contribution in the collection plate. Thank you.

A Review of our First Year in Maumee

Here are some of the accomplishments in the past year that Faith Community United Church of Christ has achieved.

1. Pastor Scott Kaufman agreed to be a full-time pastor.
2. We provided a tent sale for the public in which we made over \$800.
3. We received the donation of an organ from Barb Gillmore.
4. We purchased articles and food for three families who were in need at Christmas.
5. We received two new members.
6. We had two infants baptized.
7. We had a wedding.
8. We collected \$412.25 from the congregation for Hospice of Northwest Ohio.
9. We collected \$105 from donations for the Tornado victims.
10. We purchased choir chimes.
11. We made \$205 from a spaghetti dinner served to the public.
12. We acquired a contract from Olan Mills for pictures for a new photo directory.
13. We had confirmation of two brothers, the Utter boys, the first confirmation in several years.
14. We attended a Mud Hens game on June 23, 2011 which was attended by 24 individuals.
15. We had a service on June 26, 2011 outside in the parking lot which was attended by 28 individuals.
16. The choir chimes were played for the first time in church on July 3, 2011.
17. We held a church tour sponsored by the Toledo Area Ministerial Association on July 12, which was attended by about 90 people.
18. We held our one year anniversary of moving into our new home in Maumee on August 7. Special music was provided by Mae Sattler.
19. We held Vacation Bible School from Aug. 8 through Aug. 11, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
20. We passed out candy for Halloween;
21. Offered babysitting services; and
22. Held Christmas caroling for the neighborhood.



If Jesus Came to Your Home



*If Jesus came to your home to spend a day or two,
If He came unexpected, just dropped in on you,
I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored
guest,
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very
best.
You would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him
there.
That serving Him in your home is joy beyond compare.
But when you saw Him coming would you meet Him at
the door,
With arms outstretched in welcome to your heavenly
visitor?
Or would you have to change your clothes before you
let Him in,
And hide some magazines and put the Bible where
they'd been?
Would you turn the radio off and hope He hadn't heard,
And wish you hadn't uttered that loud and nasty word?
Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn
books out?
Could you let Jesus walk right in or would you have to
rush about?
And I wonder if the Savior spent a day or two with you,*

*Would you go right on doing the things you always do?
Would you go right on saying the things you always
say?
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?
Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table
grace?
Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the
books you read,
And let Him know the things on which your mind and
spirit feed?
Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd
planned to go,
Or maybe would you change your plans for just a day
or so?
Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest
friend,
Or hope that they would stay away until His visit ends?
Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on,
Or would you sigh with great relief when at last He was
gone?
Oh, it might be interesting to know the things that you
would do,
If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.*

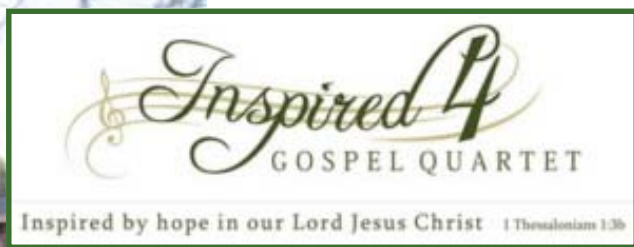
The Good Bunch

at The Cracker Barrel, Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011



Hostesses Darla Myles and Barb Hadley





The Inspired 4 Gospel Quartet presented a gospel concert on the lawn at Faith Community UCC on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 17. Everyone enjoyed it so much that plans are in the works to bring them back next year. An ice cream social followed.

Photos by Joe Kowalski





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Faith's Second Visit to Mud Hens Sat., Aug. 27, 2011

