



Faith Community United Church of Christ

Dialog

*That They May
All Be One*

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A Congregation in Transition ...

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Faith Community meeting for services in temporary quarters at Heatherdowns Church of the Brethren.



Pastor Scott preparing to begin the service with Mel Barrios, layreader for the day.



The Faith family enjoying fellowship hour following services at the Heatherdowns location.



The building on Anderson Avenue before the work begins.



All the ceiling tiles had to come down.



New ceiling tiles waiting to be installed.



Summertime officially began on June 21. But as I was writing this column on June 13, we had already had several days of temperatures in the high 80's. To me 80 degrees is summertime, so it came a little early this year.

Summertime is a time for action. It's a time to get outside for many different activities. A time to go to a ballgame, go boating, go on vacation, or perhaps pay a visit to our Toledo Zoo. It's a time to knock the rust off our bodies from the long winter and get into the mind-set of living life to the fullest. It's time to stretch our muscles and see how far we can go. Many people stretch themselves by taking a trip across this great country of ours and see how we have been blessed.

Summertime is also a good time to stretch our spiritual muscles as well. The reflective time of Lent is over and Pentecost, the start of the church, has begun. Summertime is a good time to be active in our spiritual life. It is a good time to put into action the things we reflected on in Lent. Summer-time is the time to bring to reality what we prayed about in our own 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness.

The negative habit I wanted to stop as my Lenten discipline was drinking soda pop. I didn't completely succeed in stopping during my 40 days and 40 nights, but I only drank four cans during that time. I not only feel better physically, but I also feel stronger spiritually.

For the summertime activity I plan on walking every morning after prayer time and every evening before nightly prayers. Throughout the summer, please check in with me to see how I am doing with my spiritual activity. Hopefully I will have put my reflection time in Lent into a summertime action.

Pastor Scott

New Logo design

Several weeks ago the congregation was presented with 11 new design ideas for our image at our new location. For those who have not seen or learned the outcome of the vote on the designs, below is the winning design. All our letterheads, envelopes and other printed pieces are being designed to fit this new image. While it works well for our congregation, we did, however, choose to retain the UCC branding for the sign in front of the church. (We'll print a photo of the new signs once they are installed). But here is the design that will be used on all our printed pieces (which also gives you all the correct address, phone numbers, etc. as well):



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New Website

To go along with all the changes, we also have a new website. It is online now, but far from finished. Some of the pages merely state they are still "under construction." But the basic structure of the site is there.

We have added many, many features that will hopefully be of interest to our visitors. On the front page we've added a jukebox-style music player so a visitor can listen to good Christian music while browsing the site. There is also a link to a web-based Christian Talk radio station. We've provided several different ways to read and study the Bible, as well as a special link for people to type in their prayer requests. We are partnered with an arm of Guideposts, where a team of volunteers pray for the requests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

As mentioned, there is still a great deal of work to do to finish the site, but please go ahead and check it out. Any comments or suggestions will be gratefully received.

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July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Bible Study, 10 am	2	3
<p>We don't have a move-in date, yet, but it will probably be this month.</p>						
4 Worship, 10 am	5	6	7	8 Bible Study, 10 am	9	10
11 Worship, 10 am	12	13	14	15 Bible Study, 10 am	16	17
18 Worship, 10 am Council, 11:30 am <i>Dialog</i> deadline	19	20	21	22 Bible Study, 10 am	23	24
25 Worship, 10 am	26	27	28	29	30	31

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The move to a new location has been met with many set backs, some expected, but others not so much. The closing on Faith's purchase of the new building on Anderson Avenue took place the last week in April, but the seller did not turn over the keys until May 27th.

Once the keys were in hand and members could get into the building, Gloria, who has been cleaning the building on Byrne Road for a number of years, went in the first weekend and cleaned up vacuumed. The seller left a few tables and other items they didn't want, which work crews have made good use of in the past few weeks.

The Council has met several times in special meetings to make decisions about various aspects of the upgrades to the building. Casey Frail won the bid to build a partition for the pastor's office, close in the baptismal tank, various electrical projects, putting in a new back door, and finishing projects throughout the building. His bid was for \$4,250 against a lower bid from Justin Marsh. Marsh's bid was incomplete, so the Council elected to work with Frail.

Mel Barrios requested bids for the new furnace and air conditioning system. Initially only Helm & Associates responded with a bid of \$36,700. Council was unhappy with the bid and eventually obtained two additional bids: one from Vintage for \$20,000 and another from J & J for \$25,000. Based on timing and specifications, they voted to go with J & J.

Delays immediately hit the work crews when it was learned that we had to have architectural drawings submitted to the City of Maumee in order to get permits for the construction work. The building permits for Frail's work were obtained and work began the week of June 14th. A crew of Faith members and friends descended at the same time and began cleaning and painting.

The first couple of days were devoted almost entirely to scrubbing down walls and woodwork. Then the painting could begin.

When they tried to remove the ceiling tiles in order to paint the metal framework, the tiles just disintegrated in their hands. So new ceiling tiles were ordered and delivered. The ceilings have been progressively going up and look wonderful.

The week of June 21, Joe Kowalski brought in

the backdrop of the altar that he constructed to match the organ box from the building on Byrne Road. The cross that hung in the fellowship hall at Byrne was attached to the front of the framework. It is a marvelous piece of work and brings a touch of the old home into the new.

Council members also voted to accept a bid from Dave Baker to put up new vinyl siding in the end gables at the front and back of the building. Baker completed the work in one day.

The brick structure in the front yard that holds the signs was breaking apart at the top, so Roger Hammack tore it apart and reconstructed the top with a new finish.

At this writing, many hard workers have been painting and cleaning for two weeks and Faith's new home is taking shape.

New carpets are ordered throughout the building and new tile flooring for the bathrooms and the kitchen. The congregation voted on a grey carpeting to complement the burgundy chairs they had voted on a few weeks earlier. The chairs will be delivered the last week in June.

Cathy Hammack discovered a way to add stained glass coverings to the windows with a window cling type of material. The entry way and the kitchen windows are done and the materials ordered to complete the windows in the sanctuary. They will be blue and feature a cross in the center.

The additional work that needed to be done, the building permits that we didn't know about, and all the need for cleaning has delayed the proposed move-in date by nearly a month. But it is still anticipated that the first service will be held in July, or early August at the latest. As we are still waiting on permits for the new furnace and air conditioning, that work has not been started yet, so completion and move-in timing is still dependent on that work being finished.

The Youth Group from Swanton Alliance Church still want to help us unload the PODS, even though we missed the first date we had set up with them. They are available again after July 11.

Between Joe, Peg, and B.J., lots of pictures are being taken so we can not only share the project with everyone, but also have a permanent archive of the hard work by everyone that is going into creating a new home for Faith Community.



Council meeting to hear bids and vote on awarding various projects.



Charlene and Cathy painting the metal framework in preparation for new ceiling tiles.



The structure for the signs under construction.



The structure completed. New signs will be installed soon.



A dumpster was delivered to contain all the trash being removed.



Joe and Dorothy preparing to attached the cross to the framework Joe created.



The framework is mounted at the back of the altar. Below, right, shows the altar before the background was mounted.



At left, the stained glass window Cathy created in the kitchen.



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Cutting a hole high up on the new partition for a window to allow more light into the pastor's office.



Carolyn and Dale staining the woodwork for the new doors in the pastor's and secretary's offices.



Earlene painting the walls in the men's room.



Cathy and Mary discussing how the work is progressing.



Taking a break for lunch in the sanctuary. This window, and all the others in the sanctuary, will also receive the stained glass finish, but a different design.



Peg and Charlene attempt to put a wheeled cart together for removing waste materials to the dumpster.

News and Notes ...

Thank you on behalf of the kids you help! We received your gift of \$20 on May 28 and are grateful for your contribution.

Kyle Zanker, Crossroad

Our organist Rita Braker recently won a presidential award from Toledo Hospital volunteer department for racking up 4,000 hours of volunteer time at the hospital. Congratulations, Rita.

By request, following is the recipe that B.J. Lord won a national award for creating and baking while still a senior in high school. The winning recipe netted B.J. a trip to Europe for her and her family, a \$5,000 scholarship, and numerous gifts from the Kroger and Westinghouse companies.

Peanut Streusel Pie

1 9-inch baked pie shell

Streusel topping:

1/3 cup peanut butter
3/4 cup confectioners sugar

Blend peanut butter with confectioners sugar with a pastry cutter or two knives until mealy. Sprinkle two-thirds of the mixture in the bottom of the pie shell. Reserve the remainder for the top.

Filling:

1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 cups scaled milk
3 egg yolks, slightly beaten
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1/2 teaspoon vanilla

Scald the milk in the top of a double boiler. Combine flour, sugar and salt and add slowly to the scaled milk, stirring constantly. Cook over boiling water until thickened. Stir a small amount of the cooked filling into the egg yolks to warm them up slowly (so they won't congeal), then add the warmed yolks to the filling and cook a few minutes longer. Remove from heat, add butter and

vanilla, stirring in thoroughly. Pour filling into the pie shell on top of the peanut streusel mixture.

Meringue:

3 egg whites
1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons cornstarch

Beat egg whites until stiff; add cream of tartar. Gradually add sugar mixed with cornstarch. Beat until stiff and shiny. Pile on top of pie and sprinkle with the remaining peanut butter mixture.

Bake 15 to 20 minutes at 350 degrees.

Cool before serving.

(This pie has a tendency to weep, so it is a good idea to make it the day you plan to serve it.)

Comment: *When I was learning to make this pie, and after winning at the regional level, I baked two pies every night of the week for about six weeks in preparation for the nationals. My father joked about buying stock in the peanut farms. Our neighbors all ate a lot of pie in those days.*



Remember the following people in prayer:

Chuck Bowes (recent surgery)
Donna Creswell (recent surgery)
John and Inez Reichard
Sylvia Loe (recent fall)
Douglas Farnsworth (Ruth Farnsworth's son)
Jacqui Adams
Margaret Loos
Eleanor Huss
Elva Goudy
Jacques Rietzke
Helen Shearon
Barbara Monhollen (Daughter of Joe & Dorothy Kowalski)

JULY Birthdays and Anniversaries



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 2	Richard May
July 7	Debra Trail
July 8	Ruby Burkey
July 10	Carolyn Richardson
July 11	Eugene Billings
July 16	Melissa Myrice
July 29	Stacey Cole

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

The Good Bunch

The Good Bunch has met twice since our last issue of the *Dialog*. On May 11 they met at Black Pearl restaurant, hosted by Joe and Dorothy Kowalski, and on June 8 they met at the Maumee River Yacht Club, hosted by Tom and Gloria Parker, with guest speaker Miriam Wendler. Following are scenes from both.



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Worship Leaders

During our interim time holding services at Heatherdowns Church of the Brethren, we have not been following the layreaders list that was previously published. We've lost people from the list and currently B.J. is

asking people to fill in as each week goes by. Here is the list for July. We still need a reader for July 18 if someone would like to volunteer.

The worship leaders for July are:

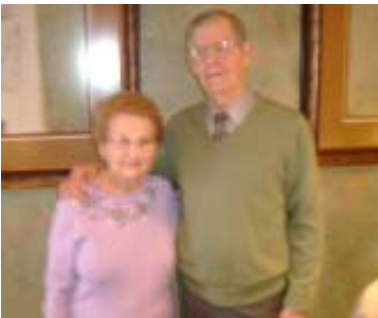
July 4	Mel Barrios
July 11	Peg Knapp
July 18	**Open**
July 25	Tom Parker

A new schedule will be created and mailed to everyone once we get moved into the new building.

Smile, Smile, Smile



The woodpecker might have to go!



Joe and Dorothy hosted the gathering at Black Pearl.



Tom and Gloria Parker hosted the gathering at Maumee River Yacht Club



Author Miriam Wendler was the guest speaker.





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More Good Bunch Photos

