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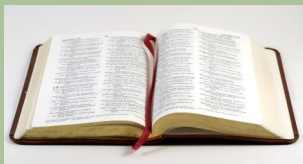
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Dear friends,

This month we hear from Rev. MaryAnn Tomlinson who served St. Mark's from 2011-2014. This article was published in the April/May 2013 edition of the St. Mark's United Methodist Church newsletter **MESSENGER**.

Blessings,

Pastor Ted



Greetings my friends and fellow workers for Christ!

We have an exciting year ahead of us. Oh I know there will be challenges but I can begin to see that we are moving forward together. There are 14 people that are diligently putting a plan together to bring some exciting ministries to St. Mark's and we even hope to have some fun along the way!

One of our renewed foci will be prayer. To this we will add our intention to invite people from outside our present worshiping congregation, people that live and work and play right here in our neighborhood as well as other people God will put in our path as we pray for God to do that very thing! When we invite these new people, we will do it with the understanding that we will let them into our lives. We will get to know them as individuals as we in turn let them get to know us.

I ran across an article that really sums up what we need to do. It was a devotional from GodSpeaks.

Wanna Play "Follow the Leader"?

--GOD

"I have set you as an example that you should do as I have done."
John 13:15

There is a story of a Christian missionary who was lost at sea and by chance, washed up on an island near a remote native village. Finding him half dead from starvation and exposure, the people of that village nursed him back to health. He subsequently lived among the people for more than twenty years. Since he could not speak their language, he could not confess his faith or preach any sermons to them.

However, when the people were sick, he attended them. When they were hungry, he gave them food. When they were lonely, he kept them company. He taught the ignorant and came to the aid of those who were wronged.



Bible Study

CAPITAL FUND



One day missionaries came to the village and began talking to people about a man called Jesus. After hearing what the missionaries had to say about Jesus' ministry and teachings, they insisted that He had lived among them for twenty years.

If you have experienced the miracle of God's love and grace, you should be anxious to share that with others. Just remember that your words will never be as important as your actions. Those around you will know what you have found is real by witnessing the difference it makes in your life.

When we meet and greet and get to know our neighbors and friends with the intention of sharing our lives with them, I can't help but think that the way we choose to live our lives directly reflects on God and God's influence on our lives. I pray that we will always keep that in mind because, for some, we are the most visible representation they have for what life with God's grace is like. May we always be worthy and encourage others to see Christ through us.

God be with you and me as we reach out to our neighborhood!

Be of good cheer – Christ is with us!

Pastor MaryAnn

Did you know that we have a Capital Improvement Fund? The Capital Improvement Fund was established several years ago for the purpose of raising funds designated for specific capital improvement projects deemed necessary by our Trustees for the continued successful operation of the church. St. Mark's has been a viable member of our community for 100 years and to ensure that our church can continue our ministries into the future we need to maintain our building and its contents beyond normal maintenance requirements.

Funds raised in the past through The Capital Improvement Fund have been used for the resurfacing of the parking lot, boiler upgrades, roof replacement, painting of the sanctuary, refinishing of the sanctuary floor and upgrading the audio and video systems in the sanctuary.

Making a donation to The Capital Improvement Fund is as easy as writing "Capital Improvement Fund" on your check or envelope and placing it in the Sunday offering plate.

The Trustees and Finance Team thank you for your continued support of "your" church.

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We need your help!! This is the year of St. Mark's 100th anniversary. If you know of photos or stories that could be used during this year long celebration, please send them to the office. We will scan them and return to you. Each month we will focus on one item of St. Mark's history. Such as sports, music, Easter, youth, Sunday School, VBS, Women's groups, Fall activities, and Christmas. If you have photos from other holidays we could use them also.

If you could write a small article regarding ...I Remember When.... we will use it in the newsletter during the year and maybe during Sunday services.

WInGS

LADIES NIGHT OUT

We will have dinner at the Old Barn Out Back on Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00 pm.

You may invite guests,

Please make your reservations with the office or Alma Gouin by April 29th..



Emmaus/Chrysalis

Gathering

The next monthly Emmaus Gathering
will be Tuesday, May 21
from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
St. Mark's UMC in Findlay
800 S. Main St.



If you would like to receive an email regarding prayer concerns please notify the church office.

Lima City Schools Recognize the Outstanding 11



The Outstanding 11 focuses on the work of Ron Clark. He wrote a book called The Excellent 11 and those are actually 11 qualities that an outstanding teacher possesses. Each year the buildings nominate someone that they feel are people who model outstanding teaching through these 11 characteristics,” said Ackerman.

The winners selected this year included Sara Bowsher from Independence Elementary School and nine others. Congratulations Sara!



Lima Senior High School's Rover Challenge team made school history posting the best times ever in the school's 15 years participating in the NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL.

Lima Senior was again the only high school in the state to compete in the contest, formerly called the Great Moonbuggy Race. The event, in its 25th year, was held April 12-13.

One of Lima Senior's teams finished in 7th place and the other in 11th place. Both times were half of last year's and the best in the school's history. Drivers Kyius Simpson and Morgan Twining posted the overall second best set up time at seven seconds.

The rover challenge focuses on designing, constructing and testing technologies for mobility devices to perform in different environments NASA explores, including moons, planets, asteroids and comets.

The rovers are human-powered and carry two students, one female and one male, over a half-mile obstacle course of simulated extraterrestrial terrain of craters, boulders, ridges, inclines, crevasses and ruts.

As part of the challenge, and before traversing the course, unassembled rovers must be carried by the drivers to the course starting line. The rovers are then assembled, readied for the race and evaluated for safety.

The top three times in each division (one high school and one college university division) will be those having the shortest total times in assembling their rovers and traversing the course. Each team is permitted two runs of the course. Congratulations Tyler Davis, (Lead Engineer) and team.



It's signing day for future teachers! Lima Senior Early Childhood Education students took a pledge to make a difference in themselves, their community and Ohio by exploring a career in education.

Congratulations Meaghan Hittle.



**Pop cans for
Resource Center**



Eye glasses for the Lion's Club



Chief receipts for Resource Center



Reminder... Please let the church know should you be admitted to the hospital or are having surgery. The hospitals no longer call without you saying you want the church or pastor called.



1 - Carol Klingler
11 -Lindsey McBride
14 - Caitlyn Holobaugh
23 - Dorothy Edwards



May Anniversaries

22– Jack & LaDonna Kindle

NEW MEMBER CLASS

A new member class will be starting in the near future. If you are interested in joining the church contact Pastor Ted.



**You Are Invited to...Sunday School
Come. Learn. Live life more like Christ!**

New classed begin May 5th

All classes start at 9:00am

Amity Class	Navigators Class	Jubilee Class
"Fatal Distractions"	Holly's class will be combining with Diane's class for this six weeks.	"So What's the Difference:" A look at 20 worldviews, faiths and religions and how they compare to Christianity.
Teacher: Larry Swords		Teacher: Diane Bailey
Conference Room (Main Floor) Adult class Duration: six weeks		Lounge (downstairs) Adult class Duration: six weeks

4:45 Mondays Small Group

Join us for the study by Adam Hamilton: "Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say"

We'll study simple phrases that sound Christian but you won't find in the Bible. Clichés like:

- +Everything happens for a reason
- +God helps those who help themselves
- +God won't give you more than you can handle
- +God said it, I believe it, that settles it.
- +Love the sinner, hate the sin

Meets in the upstairs lounge starting Monday May 6th through Monday, June 3rd

New Men's Group Forming

As we celebrate to 100th birthday of St. Mark's, we are bringing back one of the programs we used to enjoy! We are having a men's breakfast on Monday, May 18th at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome! We will be having donuts, coffee and juice. We will meet in either the lounge or dining room (depends on the numbers). We will have a guest speaker, this month it will be Larry Cress, from the Wheelhouse, and he will give us an update as to the progress of the program, and we will have a different speaker each month.

Feel free to invite someone you know.

There will be a signup sheet outside the office, so I can get an idea as to how many to expect, don't want anyone to get shorted on a donut! When you sign up please put down any guests, you will be bringing, (just the number, names aren't needed)

Thanks Jim Berney Philippians 4:13

Resource Center News

The newly formed Mission's Team would like your help in providing hygiene kits for the Festival of Sharing. These little kits are jam-packed with supplies to help keep people clean and healthy. From toothbrushes to washcloths, you're making sure that someone's needs are going to be met in the wake of an emergency when even the most basic supplies can be hard to come by.

Supplies needed:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x28" to 16"x32".
(no fingertip, bath, dish towel, or micro-fiber)

- One washcloth

- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package.

- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package.
(either one is acceptable)

- One bath size bar of soap in the original package.

- One toothbrush in the original package.

- Ten standard size Band –Aids.

- 1 Gallon size zip lock bag.

The Mission's Team would like your help to reach their goal of 60 kits. Each kit costs less than \$15.00. We will be collecting the items through June 9th. We also welcome anyone to join us on June 12th at 5pm in the downstairs lounge to assemble the kits. If you have any questions please see Pastor Ted Bible or any Mission's Team member Jessie Roark, Jean Bible, Gail Lovett, and Laurie Zickefoose.



The Resource Center has continued to be blessed by those who are in need of our services. In the month of March, we served 822 households and 2338 individuals. We also reached 133 new families in the month of March.

We have started to plan the annual Community Day and are looking for anyone who is interested in helping with the planning and volunteering to please get with Jessie Roark and let her know when would be a good time to have a meeting. We would like to take the emphasis off of getting clothing and more about household items and the resources that are available to the community.

Resource Center cont.

Volunteers are still needed for the position of Ruth’s Closet Supervisor and Monday night food pantry. If you are interested in any of these positions please see Jessie Roark.

The item of the month is boxed dinners like hamburger helper, crock pot meals, Velveeta meals etc.

Cards of Appreciation

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Psalm 118:1

Oh give thanks
to the LORD,
for he is good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever!

