



# "TIDINGS"



April 2011

## APRIL 10 - SUNDAY - 4:00 PM - ANNUAL LENTEN CONCERT



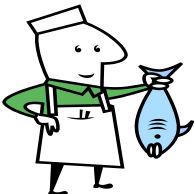
The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir will again join their talents together to present the annual Lenten concert. Marilyn Myers started this tradition at our church in 1979 - 32 years ago! After inspirational Lenten music by the bell choir, the chancel choir will present the Lenten Cantata "Who Do You Say That I Am?". This work was created and composed by Lloyd Larson, who also composed our commissioned anthem for our 2006 Bicentennial celebration. "Who Do You Say That I Am?" invites the congregation to experience anew the earthly life of Jesus, seeing His life, ministry, death, and resurrection through the eyes of front-row participants, whose varied answers to the title question reveal: *The Messiah, Emmanuel, gifted Teacher, the Miracle Worker, King of Glory, the King above all kings, a man of Sorrows, the sacrificial lamb of God, and the triumphant Lord of Life, the Son of the living God.* All who attend will be challenged to answer the question for themselves. Please plan to make this inspirational concert a part of your Lenten celebration. A freewill offering to support the choirs will be received. After the concert, our youth will serve dinner in Robison Hall.



## APRIL 17 - PALM SUNDAY - FATHER/SON BREAKFAST 7:00 AM - FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 AM - BREAKFAST



Great grandfathers, grandfathers, fathers, brothers, sons and grandsons are all invited to share the wonderful breakfast feast offered up by the Friendly Helper's Circle. Come and join us in praise, fellowship, good food and music. Hiestand Hall will be open at 7:00 a.m. for fellowship and coffee before breakfast. Reservations are not required.



## APRIL 22 - GOOD FRIDAY - FISH FRY - 4:00 TO 6:30 PM OPEN COMMUNION - 6:30 TO 6:55 PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - 7:00 PM

Come to the Good Friday fish fry hosted by the Missions Team. Donations from this dinner will go directly to the Vietnam Orphanage initiative through our Shawnee Valley District. Open communion will be held in the sanctuary, with the Good Friday Service following at 7:00 p.m.



## APRIL 24 - EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE - 7:00 AM BREAKFAST IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SUNRISE SERVICE

Our sunrise service will be held on the East lawn, weather permitting; otherwise in the sanctuary. Then come and enjoy breakfast hosted by the Men's Wednesday Evening Share Group. All are welcome.



## APRIL 24 - EASTER SUNDAY - EASTER EGG HUNT - 10:30 AM

An Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers through 5th graders will take place in the side yard of the church on Easter Sunday following the 9:00 a.m. service. Children will receive a goodie bag for collecting eggs. Sponsored by the Monday Purpose Group.



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## A LOOK AT APRIL WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School

9:00 a.m. - Traditional Service - Sanctuary

10:00 a.m. - Adult, Youth and Children's Sunday School

11:00 a.m. - The Back Porch - Robison Hall on April 10th

- April 3 -** Message: The Jesus Journey: Learning Humility  
Scripture: Luke 14:1-14
- April 10 -** Message: The Jesus Journey: The Rich Man and Lazarus  
Scripture: Luke 16:19-31
- April 17 -** Message: The Jesus Journey: The Stones Will Cry Out  
Scripture: Luke 19:28-44
- April 22 -** Message: Tenebrae Service  
Scripture: Luke 23:26-49
- April 24 -** Message: The Jesus Journey: He Has Risen!  
Scripture: Luke 24:1-12

## “WHAT WOULD YOU DO?”

What would you do if your phone rang one day and it was the local hospital? They describe to you how people keep coming to the hospital to deliver their babies, and then they walk out the door and abandon them. Would you be willing to take a child in? You would probably point them to children's services, or an orphanage, or some kind of adoption agency or foster care system. But what if those organizations didn't exist or couldn't take in anymore?

A young Vietnamese pastor and his wife faced that very dilemma. They live in a three room concrete home. They don't have any extra money (the average income is less than \$1,000 a year). They have children of their own to take care of. Yet when the hospital called and asked them to take in an abandoned child, they did – not once, not twice, but eleven times. Their small home is full of much joy and laughter, but there is so much need as well.

Our Shawnee Valley District has been instrumental in establishing the presence of the United Methodist Church in the country of Vietnam. Over the past few years, our district alone has raised and deployed over \$468,000 for the church in Vietnam. That money has been spent on things like water wells for clean drinking water, wheelchairs to help the disabled and infirm get around, motorbikes for pastors who serve churches long distances away from each other, salary support for pastors, new church buildings, and a third of the purchase of the United Methodist Center (which is needed to receive formal recognition from the Communist government allowing for the legal presence of the church). The needs of the people in that country are tremendous, but God is blessing them with great numbers of people coming to the Lord. (continued on next page).

## CHURCH OFFICE

### Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

### Closed for Lunch

12:00 - 1:00

### Friday

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

### Phone

937-393-2981

### Fax

937-393-0025

### Web Sites

www.hillsboromethodist.org  
www.hillsboroyouth.org



## TIDINGS

Please submit articles to the church office by email or in person no later than the 20th of the month.

Jill Reffner, Editor  
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**“WHAT WOULD YOU DO?”** (continued)

Now we have an opportunity to build an orphanage to care for abandoned Vietnamese children in Jesus' name. These are children like your children and like my children. The difference is that there is no one to take care of them and there are no societal systems in place on even a rudimentary level to place them in. The United Methodist Church in Vietnam is stepping up to the plate to provide for their needs, but the resources are inadequate.

We can help provide resources to sponsor children, or pay to help support the meager salary of an orphanage staff person, or provide funding for constructing a new orphanage in the capital of Ho Chi Minh City. To that end, our church will be hosting a fish fry on Good Friday. The proceeds from that dinner will go directly to the Vietnam Orphanage initiative through our Shawnee Valley District. If we all give a little, it will add up to a lot. That is the emphasis and message we are learning from our district leadership – you move a mountain one shovel, one basket, one cart at a time. Every little bit counts, and when we focus those resources to one particular end, it makes a huge impact.

The fish fry will take place on Good Friday from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. From 6:30 until 6:55 p.m. we will be having open communion in the sanctuary. Our Good Friday service will follow at 7:00 p.m. I hope you will join with our district and with me in providing for the least among us. Pastor Derek

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Adam and Haley Vance on the birth of their daughter, Molly Sue Vance, who was born on March 3rd, weighing 5 pounds and 3 ounces, and 19 inches long. The proud grandparents are Nick and Sue Thompson and Walt and Judy Saaranen.



Nicholas and William Meranda were born on March 15th. The proud parents are Ashley and Michael Meranda, who are the grandchildren of Ruth and John Meranda.

A Modern Beatitude: Blessed are you when you have little stumbles, for they prevent big falls.

**REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS  
AT HOME**

Sally Barrere  
Joan DeHaas  
Mary Hiestand  
Herbert Hottle  
Paul and Janie Johnson  
Mary Levo  
Don McCoppin  
Janice Saunders  
Mary Wharton  
Katie Wilkin  
Jean Wilson

**REMEMBER OUR FRIENDS IN  
CARE FACILITIES**

**Heartland/Hillsboro** - Wanda Bridges and Jim Hapner

**Laurels/Hillsboro** - Kathy Bowman, Jean Head,  
John and JoAnne Walker

**Crestwood/Hillsboro** - Bill Conley

**Xenia** - Marjorie McCreight

**West Union** - Jean Sapp

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Our financial results for February continued to show a positive trend with giving receipts of \$23,266.16 versus a budget of \$21,937.84. This brings our year to date giving receipts to \$52,741.51 versus a budget of \$49,360.15. This is really dramatic when compared to 2010 February YTD giving results which were \$38,807.69. Our expenses through February are tracking below the budget which when coupled with our receipts give us a YTD gain of \$10,286. Preliminary figures for March show that we are exceeding our target giving of \$5500/week. Our financial results so far this year are most encouraging and continue to make us optimistic about our ability to grow our church ministries as we have hoped. In fact based on these results we have already initiated several of the new service and ministry programs that were planned for this year. As you may be aware, we have hired two people to assist in the nursery on Sunday mornings. We have also purchased 30 “The Grand Sweep” books for our men’s “Read the Bible In One Year” project and 20 “Unbinding the Gospel” books for our new study group on evangelism. Tom Watkins, Chair Finance Committee



### ACOLYTES

- 4/3 Kennedy Harless and Jessica Lerch
- 4/10 Steven Burton and Jacob Lerch
- 4/17 Chloe Harless and Faye Wooden
- 4/24 Ty Alexander and Micah Pinney



### SCRIPTURE READING - 9:00 AM

- 4/3 Caitlin Schafer
- 4/10 Sara Barger
- 4/17 Joe Beery
- 4/24 Linda Russell



### ALTAR FLOWERS

- 4/3 Pat Roads
- 4/10 Michelle Branscome
- 4/17 Earl and Sharon Burnett
- 4/24 Easter Flowers



### USHERS

Ned Lewis (Captain), Mike Dunnagan, Tom Horst, Ron Jandes, Charles and Janet Griffith



### CARE & CONCERN

Beth McKenzie: 364-6162

### COLLECTIONS REMINDER

Dish soap is the collection item for Samaritan Outreach for April. Collection boxes are in Hiestand Hall for all of our donation items.



### COFFEE/HOSPITALITY

- 4/3 Opal Armstrong and Ruth West
- 4/10 Monday Evening Bible Study
- 4/17 Friendly Helpers Circle
- 4/24 Wednesday Evening Men's Group

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Contact the people listed below if you are interested in any of the volunteer opportunities on this page:



### COMMUNION STEWARDS

- 4/3 Emilie Dunnagan and Nedra Jandes

Acolytes	Leslie Lerch	288-9808
Altar Flowers	Church Office	393-2981
Care and Concern	Suzanne Devore	288-2352
Greeters	Ruth West	764-1176
Home Communion	Donna Summers	393-9676
Hospitality - 9 am	Jill Reffner	927-2760
Hospitality - 11 am	Warren Bridges	695-0053
Liturgist	Jill Reffner	927-2760
Nursery	Suzanne Devore	288-2352
Our Daily Bread	Anna Spilker	402-4543
Saturday Soup/Sand.	Anna Spilker	402-4543
Scripture Readers	Jill Reffner	927-2760
Ushers	Ruth West	764-1176

### HOME COMMUNION

- 4/3 Suzanne DeVore and Mary Rudy  
Pat Guenthner and Maxine Kratzer  
David and Marilyn Myers



### GREETERS

- 4/3 Ozzie & Betty Johnson, Helen Hartman
- 4/10 Helen Hartman, Pat Meranda
- 4/17 Don & Peggy Edwards, Helen Hartman
- 4/24 Earl and Sharon Burnett

### HELP WANTED !

We are in need of help to rebuild the sound system in the sanctuary. Also, we need several people who would be willing to be trained to work the sound system in the sanctuary. Please contact Kent Yochum at 402-7442.



### LITURGIST

- 4/3 Martha Watkins
- 4/10 Marvin Hakes
- 4/17 Mike McCarty
- 4/24 Linda Russell

### CARD SHOWER

Ellie Shields, a former member, is recuperating from a broken hip. If you would like to send her a card, Ellie's address is: Eloise Shields, New Albany Garden and Care Center, 5691 Thompson Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43230.

Some of the people who look like they are taking notes during sermons are secretly seeing how many words can be made from the letters in "Corinthians." !!!

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 4/1 Kathryn Davis
- 4/1 John Petrie
- 4/3 Christa Moore
- 4/4 Barbara Colthar
- 4/6 Marilyn Myers
- 4/7 Jason Armstrong
- 4/7 Jessica Clark
- 4/7 Michelle Clark
- 4/7 Cindy Eigel
- 4/7 Kim Sexton
- 4/10 Donna Summers
- 4/11 Karyn Evans
- 4/11 Jackie Hopkins
- 4/11 Spencer Rudy
- 4/14 Paulette Martin
- 4/15 Josh Rhoads
- 4/18 Jane Hill
- 4/19 Joyce Hutchinson
- 4/22 Dan Clark
- 4/22 LeeAnn Vance
- 4/22 Jackson Walker
- 4/23 Michelle Beery
- 4/23 Laura McCray
- 4/25 Cody Ferrell
- 4/26 Jeremy Gale
- 4/28 Allen Frump
- 4/28 Hannah Hopkins
- 4/28 Brenda Lieurance
- 4/30 Jean Head



**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the one year Our Daily Bread celebration a wonderful success. Thanks for your support and prayers. Come to feed and be fed anytime. Anna and Dick Spilker

**THANK YOU**

Thank you - such small words for such a large, wonderful group of friends. I am recovering, slowly, but recovering. God bless all of you for love, care and prayers! Dodie Garrett

**THANK YOU**

Compassion Leadership Development Program Update: Hallelujah! We now have Ezhumalai fully sponsored for 2011-2012. Thanks to all who are supporting him in his endeavor to become a nurse and a Christian leader in India.

**TAKE NOTE**

There are brochures on the desk in Hiestand hall and in the church office for anyone dealing with cancer or if you know someone who has been affected by cancer. These brochures contain a lot of helpful information.

**UPCOMING GRADUATIONS**



If you have a son or daughter who is graduating from high school or college, please submit their photograph and a paragraph about them to the church office so that we can highlight their accomplishments in the June newsletter. Suggestions for your submission might include their hobbies, where they work, where they will be attending college, etc.

**APRIL**

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 4/7 Dan and Michelle Clark
- 4/7 Bill and Eleanor Maness
- 4/16 John and Jane Graves
- 4/17 Rocky and Gayle Coss
- 4/17 Sam and Judy Rudy
- 4/24 John and Joanne Walker



**THANK YOU**

I cannot thank my church family enough for all the cards and visits over the past few weeks. I have been blessed by each and every one. Ruth Meranda

**THANK YOU**

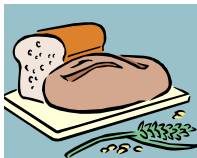
Thank you from Gary Hopkins for all of your prayers, cards and support. Gary is home but has many months of healing ahead of him.

**The Back Porch**



Our contemporary service has a new name, "The Back Porch" - a casual, comfortable, come as you are kind of atmosphere. Attendance at this service has increased tremendously in the last several months and has outgrown Riber Hall! The service will be moving to Robison Hall on April 10th.

**June 5 - 9**  
**West Ohio Annual Conference/Lakeside**



**APRIL 5 - TUESDAY**  
**OUR DAILY BREAD**

The first Tuesday of every month is HFUMC day at Our Daily Bread. Each month we need eight to nine desserts. Please call Peggy Edwards if you would like to sign up to donate a dessert.



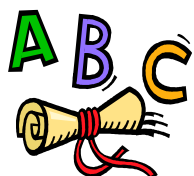
**APRIL 5 - TUESDAY**  
**7:00 PM - FRIENDLY**  
**HELPERS CIRCLE**

The Friendly Helpers Circle will meet on April 5th at the church. Hostesses for the evening are Marilyn Myers and Martha Watkins. Don't miss this important meeting as we finalize our plans for the Father/Son breakfast.



**APRIL 9 - SATURDAY**  
**9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**CAREGIVER'S**  
**PROGRAM**

Do you know someone who is a caregiver? If so, please invite them to attend the Caregivers Program and even come with them too! Enjoy a morning of JOY-spiration for Caregivers with authors Annetta and Karen as they explore the emotional and spiritual side of caregiving and provide you with tools, tips and treasures to help you along your way. This program will take place in Robison Hall. A light breakfast and lunch are included. You will also receive a book that the authors have written especially for caregivers. Please make your reservation through Bev at the office. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Our Friendly Helpers Circle is one of the local groups that are helping to cover the costs associated with bringing this program to our community.



**APRIL 28 - THURSDAY**  
**6:00 PM - WEE CARE**  
**OPEN HOUSE AND**  
**FALL REGISTRATION**

Wee Care will be having an open house and registration on Thursday, April 28th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Bring your preschool child, meet the teachers and other preschool families, and enjoy refreshments.

Wee Care Christian Preschool, a ministry of HFUMC, promotes the Biblical values of honesty, fairness, courtesy, and respect for God, self and others. The

school accepts children from 3-5 years old, is licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and has been preparing area students for kindergarten for 33 years. The students have academic goals set for them at the beginning of the school year, and these goals are continued throughout a nine month school year. The classes also enjoy special celebration days, weekly themes based on educational, cultural and fun topics, field trips, and monthly preschool science activities. Our staff is dedicated to nurturing children emotionally and spiritually while helping students develop the pre-academic skills that will prepare them for kindergarten and beyond. For more information call the church office at 393-2981.

Wee Care Preschool time changes for the fall classes: Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning classes 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon classes 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information call the church office at 393-2981.



**APRIL 29 AND 30**  
**WOMEN OF FAITH**  
**COLUMBUS, OHIO**

This is an awesome opportunity for friendship, fun, encouragement, worship, laughter, spiritual renewal, hope and faith. If you are interested in attending the Women of Faith event in Columbus, contact Nancy Burton at 402-4276. Schedule: Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$89 plus \$30 for motel plus two meals (dinner and breakfast). Lunch is included both days with the conference.



**APRIL 29 AND 30**  
**FRIDAY/SATURDAY**

The youth of our church will be participating in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine, a program to raise money to fight world hunger, on Friday, April 29th and Saturday, April 30th. This event is a worldwide movement of students who are serious about serving God and fighting hunger – all on an empty stomach. For 30 hours participants get a taste of hunger by not eating – something more than a billion people around the world experience every day. Those that fast ask for sponsors to make monetary donations to purchase food supplies to third world countries around the world. Please see any of our youth or Christy Wagner if you would like to make a monetary donation. The famine will begin after lunch at school and then meet at the church at 6:00 p.m.



**MAY 1**  
**COMPASSION SUNDAY**  
*start small / THINK BIG!*

A child's meager meal feeds five thousand. A shepherd boy defeats a giant. Throughout the Bible, God uses what seems small and insignificant in the world's eyes and transforms it into something big with lasting impact. Costing little more than a dollar a day, sponsoring a child is something that Jesus can use to impact not only a child in need, but also his or her family, church and community. The big effect of sponsoring one child is truly a "loaves and fishes" kind of miracle! As we await Compassion Sunday, please prayerfully consider sponsoring a child in need. Contact Anita Foley at anitafoley63@gmail.com or 288-2613 for more information, or visit [www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com).

**THE COMPASSION SUNDAY QUIZ**

1. In billions, how many people are there in the world?  
A. 5.6, B. 6.7, C. 6.1
2. How many people in the world are unable to read or write? A. 1 in 6, B. 1 in 10, C. 1 in 20
3. In gallons, how much water does the average American use per day? A. 82, B. 176, C. 120
4. The average number of gallons of water a person in Africa uses per day?  
A. 5, B. 28, C. 49
5. What percentage of people in America has internet use? A. 74%, B. 66%, C. 98%
6. The percentage of people in Uganda with internet? A. 7%, B. 33%, C. 16%
7. Out of a hundred, how many Americans have a cell phone? A. 92, B. 76, C. 67
8. Out of a hundred, people with cell phones in the Philippines?  
A. 67, B. 75, C. 84
9. In poor nations, how many children of primary school age are not in school?  
A. 72 million, B. 36 million, C. 15 million
10. What is the average distance that women and children in Africa and Asia have to walk to collect water? A. 1 mile, B. 3 miles, C. 4 miles
11. Of every thousand people in America, on average, how many own a TV?  
A. 650, B. 500, C. 740
12. How many people in a thousand have a TV set in Kenya? A. 375, B. 22, C. 104
13. Every day, how many of the world's population live on less than \$1.00 a day?  
A. 1 in 7, B. 1 in 6, C. 1 in 3

(Answers on page 13).

**COMPASSION LEADERSHIP**  
**DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**  
**LETTER FROM EZHUMALAI,**  
**WRITTEN IN DECEMBER, 2010:**

Dear Hillsboro Methodist Church, Greeting you in the name of Lord Jesus Christ. Hope this letter finds everyone there good, I am very happy to write this letter, I am fine and thank you very much for your valuable gifts, I got new jean and shirt from the money which you sent to me and Christmas card was very nice and that got nice scenery too. Hope you all enjoyed Christmas celebrations in grand manner in church; write me those good times in next letter. Here in my college we celebrated Christmas in nice way. We had lots of programs like dances, skits in every batch and I participated in skit as one of the king, who gives gift to baby Jesus. Then we LDP students in Bangalore celebrated Christmas with CDC children's in Bangalore and we did nice skit there with a moral that we have to share things to others, who are not able to afford and I hope that moral has been good. Is it? And one good news that I passed my second year too, I got 64% of marks. I got highest marks in community health nursing, I really thank you all for your prayers and thank God for giving me such a nice friends in a very long distance. Then how is the climate there? Here in India its winter season so very cool climate. Now I am 3<sup>rd</sup> year, I have 3 subjects, hope this year also goes well for me, I thank you all once again for your gifts and belated Christmas and New Year wishes from me and my family closing with prayer and love. Thanking you. Your friend, K. Ezhumalai

**APRIL 18 - MONDAY**  
**FREESTORE**  
**FOODBANK**  
**AT HILLSBORO FIRST**



On Monday, April 18th, the Freestore Foodbank in Cincinnati will have a truck in our church parking lot in the morning to distribute food to those in need. At 9:00 a.m. volunteers are needed to set up tables around the truck, move food from the truck to the tables, and other duties. The foodbank is open from 10:00 a.m. to noon for people to pick up food. Dick Spilker will be taking a trailer to Kroger's to pick up grocery carts. He needs help loading the carts, unloading the carts at church, and returning the carts to Kroger's. Please call Anna or Dick Spilker at 402-4543 if you can help out.

## MAY 1 - SUNDAY - 5:30 PM

### *The Friendship Company*

The Friendship Company has been busy preparing for their annual Spring presentation and would like to invite everyone to their production of the musical, "Lifesong" in Robison Hall on Sunday evening, May 1st. The youth will serve dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by the musical at 6:30 p.m. In this musical, several children are put to the test on a tropical island as they not only find the true leader inside each of them, but also learn to lead like Jesus. The excited leaders bring each of their gifts as "the mystery voice" challenges and evaluates them through the quest. The musical includes several songs made popular by the Contemporary Christian group, Casting Crowns. Come support our youth and enjoy a fun evening of good food, fellowship, and entertainment.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is pot luck. Paper and plastic bags are needed! The sales dates are Thursday, May 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday, May 6th from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Thank you in advance for your participation.

## MAY 7 - SATURDAY MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET



Mark your calendar for the Mother/Daughter Banquet. Details will be in the May Tidings. Tickets will be available on April 19th through May 1st. This year's dinner will be in memory of Sue Ferrell.

## MAY 8 - SUNDAY CHAPEL IN THE WOODS BEGINS



In May the Chapel in the Woods will celebrate 51 years of service to our congregation and our community. The first chapel service was held on Memorial Day weekend in May, 1960, with Rev. Carl Ling as pastor and Sara Doris Swisshelm playing the organ. J. Blair Dennison was the Sunday School Superintendent and Charles Harsha was the choir director. Clifford Smith began playing the field organ at the chapel and sanctuary services in 1961 and continued until his retirement in 1997. Since that time Cindy Eigel, our church organist, has been taking and playing a keyboard at the chapel.

During the earlier years, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hiestand allowed the chapel services to be held in their woods. Later, permission was given by the heirs of the Hiestand's to continue the services. On November 22, 1988, the 14.225 acres of land was purchased by the Hillsboro First United Methodist Church for \$30,000.

The original construction of the chapel was by the William Faul Construction Company with approximately 40 volunteers from the Methodist church. Joe Hiestand helped organize the first work crew and over the years maintained the chapel with his effort and financial resources. Local businesses also assisted in the project with donated materials. For several years, the Chapel in the Woods service replaced the 8:00 a.m. service in the sanctuary.

The Chapel in the Woods is the location for the early morning, nondenominational and weather permitting services at 8:00 a.m. that are held from Mother's Day through Labor Day. The outdoor worship (continued on next page).



## MAY 5 AND 6 THURSDAY AND FRIDAY UMW ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Since 1987, for the past 24 years, the United Methodist Women have been holding a rummage sale at the church. This successful project has provided benefits to the donors and the purchasers. The proceeds have been used to purchase equipment for the church kitchen, blinds for Robison Hall, robes for the acolytes, benches outside the church office, and many, many other church needs. Funds have also been given to missions, including, but not limited to: Otterbein Home, Wesley Hall, Redbird Mission and many local needs.

This is the only money making project by the UMW and is supported by many people. Mary Potts and Marilyn Fender have been co-chairing this event since its beginning, although they are quick to point out that a lot of people have helped over the years. Many church members participate for it takes at least 30 people to prepare and carry out each sale. It takes a lot of work as items start coming in on Monday of sale week, are sorted as to purpose or use, and then priced. Three days of preparation are necessary to be ready for the Thursday and Friday sale days.

Enjoy work, laughter, fellowship and good food together. Your items can be brought in on May 2nd and 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on May 4th from 8:00 a.m. until noon. We need workers on all days, especially on Wednesday. Even if you can only help out for an hour or two, that's great! There is something for everyone to do. Most of the jobs are "sit down" jobs.

## CHAPEL IN THE WOODS (continued)

setting is located in a large wooded area adjacent to the Rocky Fork State Park campground. The chapel access is located on North Shore Drive where a portal structure marks the trail entrance, or through the campground. The informal Chapel in the Woods service is a significant part of the summer season as it serves not only our congregation, but also those of other denominations, campers, visitors and Christian friends. It has been used for weddings, baptisms and various types of services. The chapel maintenance is a responsibility of the church Board of Trustees. Chapel volunteers will be highlighted in the May Tidings.

### MAY 22 BIKE SUNDAY



Plan now to attend the first annual Bike Sunday on May 22nd sponsored by our church. Bring your appetite to a "hog roast" following the 11:00 a.m. Back Porch service. The ride will take place after lunch. Contact Chris Hopkins at 402-7941 for information.



### MAY 27 - FRIDAY WEE CARE PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

Wee Care Preschool will hold graduation ceremonies on Friday, May 27th at 7:00 p.m. in Robison Hall. Please join us to congratulate families and children on their accomplishment of completing preschool.

### ONE GREAT HOURLY OF SHARING



On the fourth Sunday in Lent (April 3), United Methodists come together to support UMCOR's ministries through One Great Hour of Sharing. The United Methodist Committee on Relief, UMCOR, serves millions of people around the world. It responds to catastrophic disasters such as flooding, civil unrest and violence, refugee crises, landslides, earthquakes and famine. Then the emergency ends, and recovery work begins. UMCOR continues its ministry long after the media attention and public interest has faded.

If you would like to participate in this effort, designate on your check or envelope that it is your special gift for UMCOR.

## UMCOR AT A GLANCE

**Mission:** Our mission is to alleviate human suffering, whether caused by war, conflict, or natural disaster, with open minds and hearts to all people.

**Strategy:** UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters that are of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. UMCOR partners with local organizations and survivors to rebuild their livelihoods, health, and homes. UMCOR workers are known all over the world for their compassion, leadership, expertise and guidance in recovery efforts.

**Operations:** UMCOR is working in 81 countries worldwide, including the United States. Wherever and whenever we are needed, we will **Be There**. And we will **Be Hope**.

**Volunteers:** UMCOR utilizes thousands of volunteers every year. In fact, in 2006 at our Sager Brown depot and mission center in Louisiana alone, 3,031 volunteers prepared more than 300 tons of disaster relief supplies for shipping all over the globe.

**Finances:** UMCOR is a good steward of your gifts and grants. Private donors can designate their gifts to our programs with the assurance that 100% will be spent on the programs.

**Headquarters:** New York, NY. **History:** Formed in 1940 in response to the suffering of people during World War II, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) continues to provide a channel through which people may express their Christian compassion for people around the globe, often the poorest in society, who are undergoing hardship and suffering as a result of natural catastrophes, conflicts, or wars. As a humanitarian relief and development agency, UMCOR is called on to provide immediate relief and long term recovery wherever and whenever needed.

### DID YOU KNOW ?

Why is Easter on a different day each year? In 325 AD, the Council of Nicea set the date of the celebration of Easter as the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. For this reason, the date will change each year and can fall anywhere from March 22nd to April 25th.

**Kamp Dovetail - The week of June 20th.**  
**Celebrating 30 years!**

## **THE WAMSLEY-HOTTLE-POSTLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This scholarship fund was established by Rev. Clarence Wamsley, a retired United Methodist minister. Although he never served the church as pastor, upon retirement, he and his wife lived in Hillsboro and attended Hillsboro First United Methodist Church. He started the fund in the 1980's for the purpose of providing scholarships for persons in our congregation who were studying to enter the ministry. With an addition to the fund by Judge Darrell R. Hottle, by the end of 1991 the fund had grown to almost \$3,000.

Later, a contribution was added by Edgar and Elouise Postle in honor of Edgar's parents, Ralph and Hannah Postle, and the fund was renamed the Wamsley, Hottle, Postle scholarship fund.

In 1999 the church received a bequeath from the estate of Mrs. Mary Edith Bumgarner Curtis, a former member of the church who was living in Florida, in the amount of \$250,831.41. In her will she designated that 37.5%, or \$94,061 be added to the scholarship fund.

Through the past generosity of those persons as well as many others who have contributed over the years, the scholarship permanent endowment fund now totals almost \$128,000. Only the income is used to reward college scholarships. The 2011 scholarship committee members are: Earl Burnett, Lowell Chambers, Pat Hope, Tom Horst and Pastor Derek. Below is information as it appears on the application:

The Wamsley-Hottle-Postle Scholarship Fund has been established to financially assist students in their pursuit of a career in the Christian Ministry or other academic major fields. Applicants must be full time students in a two or four year college or seminary. To qualify for an award, the applicant must complete the scholarship application, supply a transcript of credits from high school, college or seminary, and be a member of First United Methodist Church of Hillsboro or a member of a United Methodist Church in Highland County, Ohio, with a letter of recommendation from their minister.

The scholarship shall be a minimum of \$500.00 with a maximum of \$2,000.00 as determined by the scholarship committee. Those eligible for consideration as scholarship recipients will be (in priority order):

- Individuals pursuing a career in Christian Ministry from First United Methodist Church, Hillsboro, Ohio.

- Individuals pursuing a career in Christian Ministry from Highland County, Ohio, United Methodist Churches.
- Full time college student, regardless of age or field of study, from the First United Methodist Church, Hillsboro, Ohio.
- Full time college student, regardless of age or field of study, from other United Methodist Churches in Highland County, Ohio.

A student to remain eligible for subsequent awards, shall be enrolled full time and maintain a passing grade level in his/her studies. Should a student be unable to comply with these stipulations during the current year, the individual is required to return the unused portion of the award to the Wamsley-Hottle-Postle Scholarship Fund.

## **THE CLIFFORD SMITH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Clifford Smith, prior to his death on March 27, 2003, established the Clifford Smith Music Scholarship Endowment. Clifford asked that the proceeds from his personal property be combined with the remaining assets of his estate and any previous financial gifts from his church family to create the initial funding. He asked that the scholarships be awarded to members of Hillsboro First United Methodist Church who have indicated a desire to study music. The guidelines were approved by Clifford prior to his death. The handling of the account is the responsibility of the scholarship committee. Since Clifford's death in 2003, many gifts have been given by his friends to fund the endowment in his memory.

Clifford's life was devoted to music. His first piano lesson began when he was seven years of age and he was fourteen when he first learned to play the church organ. He was the organist at Hillsboro First United Methodist Church for more than 40 years. During those years he also served the church in many other ways including the choir director, playing the piano, working with children and directing musical presentations.

He shared his talent with old and young alike, having taught piano lessons in his home for over 30 years. His jovial manner and quick wit were a blessing to all who knew him. He hoped that this endowment would enable others to share his love of music. On the next page is the information on the application.

All application forms must be submitted to the church office on or before **May 2nd**. If you have questions regarding this program, contact the church office.

## THE CLIFFORD SMITH MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP - (continued)

The application reads as follows:

**Eligibility:** Any active member of the Hillsboro First United Methodist Church is eligible providing they are enrolled as a music major at any fully accredited college. Must maintain passing grades that will enable the student to continue in their course of music study and to remain in college. Previously awarded scholarship participants may reapply in any future year.

### Scholarship Committee Authority & Responsibility:

To accept applications and to award one or more scholarships to approved applicants. If an award is not made in any one year, the income is not to be added to the principal, but is to be deferred and made available at a later date. There is to be no minimum or maximum scholarship amount that can be awarded to any one student. Any and all investments must be approved the scholarship committee. Scholarship funds may be made available at any time after the scholarship is approved and may be paid directly to the student or to the school, at the committee's option. In the event there is no student that has a major in music, or no one make a scholarship application, then the available income funds are to be held until the scholarship qualifications are met.



### EASTER FLOWERS

One of the beautiful customs in our observance of Easter is the placing of spring flowers in the church in memory or in honor of loved ones or friends. If

you wish to place such a gift, please contact the church office (full payment is required with your order), by Sunday, **April 18th**. Checks are to be made payable to First United Methodist Church.

We know that this is a difficult financial year for many, so we are adding an additional option for Easter flowers. This year, you may have noticed the large cross placed in the Sanctuary. It will change appearance as the Lent season progresses. On Easter morning, we would like to have the cross covered in white flowers which cost \$2.00 per flower and can also be given in honor or memory of a loved one. The cross will be displayed in all three services Easter morning and placed on display in the glass entrance for the community to see during Easter week. You are responsible for removing your flowers following the Easter Worship Service unless you

make arrangements with the church office (393-2981). Katina's Flowers will do their best to meet your color choice, but may need to substitute color for better quality. Your flower choices are:

Chrysanthemums: \$15.00 - Yellow, White or Lavender

Lilies: \$13.00 - White

Tulips: \$12.00 - Yellow, pink, red or purple

Cross Flowers: \$ 2.00 per flower

### HAVE A NEED FOR UNSKILLED LABOR?



The HFUMC Youth Group is looking to help out those in the church who need a hand or two around the house or the yard. No job is too small for us! Most work will be done on a weekend in late April. Look in the Sunday bulletin for more information. Please contact Christy Wagner at 393-4646 for more information or if you are interested in participating.

### JUNE 15 - 18 ICHTHUS



The Ichthus Music Festival is an annual Christian music festival in Wilmore, Kentucky. Begun in 1970, it is the oldest Christian music festival in the nation, but it has kept its innovative edge. It's a three-day music, media, and ministry experience that includes six stages (that run simultaneously), more than 120 artists, more than 20 speakers, a skate park, a kid's zone, a youth-leader tent, a parent tent, featured ministry organizations, food and merchant vendors, camping and a lot more.

The festival began as the brainchild of Dr. Bob Lyon, a professor at Asbury Theological Seminary, in response to Woodstock Festival and similar music festivals of that era. The first events were held on the grounds of the Wilmore Camp meeting. Originally an outdoor spring event, the festival was often hampered by poor weather. Beginning in 2006, the festival was moved to mid-June, which offered more favorable weather.

The name of the festival is taken from the word Ichthus (Ichthys), an anagram in Biblical Greek used since the second century by Christians as a symbol of their religion. The word is composed of the letters **I** , meaning *fish*. Visit [www.ichthusfestival.org](http://www.ichthusfestival.org) for a line up of confirmed artists and the daily schedule. There is still room if you would like to go. The cost of the ticket is \$69.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you know, a series of tragic events has unfolded over the past few days in Japan. The massive 9.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Japan on March 11 and the accompanying tsunami resulted in the death of at least 2,800 people and possibly more than 10,000. Damage to the country's nuclear power plants jeopardizes the safety of hundreds of thousands more. Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan called the disaster the worst crisis Japan has faced in 65 years. In times of immense loss and grief, we are reminded once again that God's grace is sufficient. While it does not offer us immunity from tragedy, it sustains us with healing and hope.

At such times, the church is called to be a healing presence among those facing heartbreaking circumstances. I am confident that the people of The United Methodist Church will respond to the call with prayers and generous support for the victims of this catastrophe. I ask that you join with me in prayer for the deceased and their families; the injured; the search and rescue workers; the survivors who are without water, food or heat; those who have been evacuated from their homes as the nuclear threat worsens; and all who have been affected.

When disaster strikes, we are especially grateful for the valuable ministry that the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) provides with the help and support of United Methodists and others. I hope that all United Methodist churches will consider taking a special offering designated for Pacific Emergency, UMCOR Advance #3021317, to provide financial resources to respond to the needs resulting from the disaster.

Working with its partners, the United Church of Christ in Japan, the Korean Christian Church, Church World Service, Global Medic, the National Christian Council, and the Asian Rural Institute, UMCOR is currently focused on working to assess the damage to determine how best to provide assistance and will then respond accordingly.

May we join together in opening our hearts to those suffering in the midst of devastation. Yours in Christ, Larry M. Goodpaster, President, The Council of Bishops, The United Methodist Church

## EASTER OFFERING TO BENEFIT THE MATTHEW WEST CONCERT



Our Special Easter Offering will benefit the Matthew West concert on June 30th at the Festival of the Bells. This concert is sponsored by Highland County churches.

Matthew West was born on April 25, 1977. He is a Christian singer who was raised in a suburb of Chicago, Illinois, where he discovered music at an early age. The son of a minister, he grew up in the front pew listening to his mom harmonize and following her lead. A high school baseball star, he'd originally hoped to attend college on a sports scholarship; instead, West accepted a four year music scholarship from Millikin University. It was during his first year of college, that Matthew began playing guitar and writing songs. By Matthew's senior year, he was playing at every venue imaginable, from fraternity houses to churches, and youth groups. He recorded several solo albums before graduating in 1999, and signed an exclusive songwriting deal only a week after graduating and making the move to Nashville. Before becoming an award-winning CCM artist, Matthew West began his professional career penning hits for other artists, including Billy Ray Cyrus, Rascal Flatts, and Point of Grace.

Matthew continued pursuing his dream of singing his own songs. Matthew had the opportunity to travel to universities across the country, and quickly began building up a steady following. With the help of Word Music and Extreme Writers Group, Matthew recorded an independent CD called, "Sellout," which caught the attention of Universal South Records. Since signing with Universal South, he has released 3 albums, "Happy" in 2003, "History" in 2005, and "Something to Say" in 2007; along with the re-release of Sellout in 2006.

Excessive use of his voice led to severe medical problems, though, forcing West to undergo throat surgery in 2007 to remove multiple polyps. Following a period of vocal rest, he returned in 2008 with Something to Say. The album's lead single, "You are Everything," became the most-played song on Christian radio in 2008, and West, now fully healed and singing comfortably, quickly returned to the studio to record 2010's "The Story of Your Life", which also charted well.

## **FOR THE CHILDREN**

**By . . . Lois Anne Williams**

### **The Treasure Hunt . . . Part 4**

Sunday afternoon Sara's dad was working on some business documents when she asked him, "Could you go outside with me while I continue my treasure hunt for my Sunday School class?" Her Dad looked at the work he was doing and paused for a moment. Then he smiled and said, "Sure, Honey. I can wrap this up in five minutes and then I'll be happy to join you. Thanks for including me in the hunt."

Soon Sara and Dad were in their back yard. Having read the clue, they began looking for things God made for them to enjoy. "I see leaves on some trees and pine needles on others. I could take those. Often Mother and I see a bright bluebird on the bird feeder." She giggled. "I couldn't take it. But look, Dad, there is a blue feather on the ground below the feeder. I could take that."

As Dad and Sara looked for God's gifts they talked more than they had done in a long time. When they went inside Sara said, "I'll make a list of the things we've seen that I could take to church. Could you help me put my display together on Saturday?" "I will plan to do that with you. I'll get my work finished before then so we'll have lots of time together this weekend." Sara gave her dad a hug. "Thanks," she said before hurrying to the kitchen to tell Mother about their plans.

When Saturday arrived Sara had decided what she wanted to take to her class the next day. She told her dad, "Yesterday when it rained and the sun was shining we saw a bright rainbow across the sky. Mother told me that in the Bible God showed Noah a rainbow and promised him that he would never again destroy almost everyone on earth with a flood. We took a photo of the rainbow and made a print of it to take for my report." She also told him the other things that she might want to take.

Dad's face began to shine with a bright smile. "What?" Sara asked. "I just had a thought. You have told me many things that God has given us. You could choose those and assemble your display with them. What do you think?" "I think that's good," she said and began to choose the things she wanted to include.

While she gathered a green leaf and several pine needles, a yellow daffodil, the bluebird feather, a purple violet, a baby cut orange colored carrot and two joined stems with red cherries on them, her dad cut a thin piece

of plywood in a square that was large enough to hold Sara's choices. He covered the board with thick white paper so she would not get a wood sliver in her hand. On the kitchen table she laid her photo of the rainbow and the items she had gathered. "How interesting," Dad said as he looked at her collection of God's gifts. "Have you noticed?" she asked her dad. "I've noticed," he replied with a grin. "Noticed what?" Mother asked as she came into the kitchen and heard their words. Dad looked at Sara and nodded for her to explain.

"I have chosen things in the colors of the rainbow. I'll attach them to the board in the order of their colors in the rainbow. Above them I'll put the photo we made of the bright rainbow we saw in the sky." Her parents stood hand in hand as they smiled at Sara. "What a lovely display you'll be taking to church," said Mother. "What a brilliant idea," Dad said proudly. "I'd like to be with you when you take it in." "You're always welcome," Mother said. "I know," he answered, lowering his head sadly. Then he looked at his daughter. "I will see if I can come someday soon. That's a rainbow promise!" (to be continued).

## **ANSWERS TO THE COMPASSION SUNDAY QUIZ**

1. B   2. A   3. B   4. A   5. C   6. A
7. A   8. B   9. A   10. C   11. C   12. B
13. B (Sources: unicef.com, water.org, cia.gov)

## **SPRING CLEANING TIME !**

Just like our homes, it is time to start cleaning the church. Have you left something at church and have searched high and low for it at home? Now is the time to come in and claim it and take it home. With the new and expanding ministries of our church, we are running out of storage room. All items that are not claimed, no longer used or in disrepair will either be disposed of or will be donated to the UMW Rummage Sale which will take place the first week of May.

## **NEW MEMBER CLASS IN MAY**

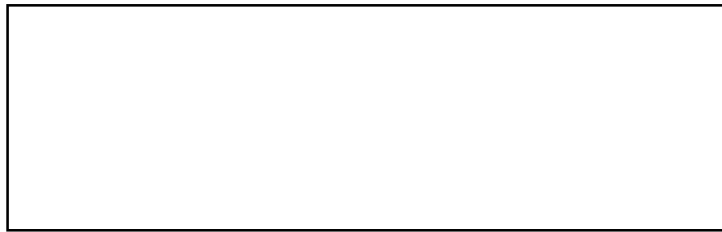
If you are interested in becoming a member of Hillsboro First United Methodist Church please contact the church office at 393-2981. Pastor Derek will hold a new member class for five weeks on every Sunday in May from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Information on this class will also be in the weekly bulletin.



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