



# "TIDINGS"



July 2011



**ISLAND ODYSSEY**  
**VACATION BIBLE**  
**SCHOOL**  
**JULY 11 - 15**  
**6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.**

Island Odyssey VBS 2011 links biblical island stories with the culture of popular island vacation spots. This Bible and Arts program provides opportunity for persons of all ages to know Jesus and desire the spread of the Gospel all over the world. Island Odyssey will teach the good news through story, music, art, foods, crafts, movement and drama. Participants will: Experience how hearing, seeing, and believing are connected; understand that knowing Jesus influences decision making; realize that a welcoming spirit brings glory to God; and be encouraged to spread the good news of Jesus Christ all over the world!

Children who have not filled out a registration form prior to attending their first night should arrive by 5:45 p.m. to get registered. Families are encouraged to print as many registration forms as they need and invite their friends. Registration forms are available on our youth web page - [www.hillsboroyouth.org](http://www.hillsboroyouth.org).

Children should enter through the back glass doors to register. They will receive a name tag, find out what group they will be assigned to, get their picture taken, and then proceed to the gym.

Throughout the week, children will participate in games, crafts, hear great storytellers telling God's word, enjoy snacks and have a discovery time. They will also participate in missions by helping to fill Operation Christmas Child boxes and writing a letter for their box. Children will hear about missions that have been started throughout the county.

**VOLUNTEER FOR VBS !**

Volunteers need to be at church by 5:00 p.m. on Monday and 5:30 p.m. the rest of the week.

- **Snacks** - snack time volunteers will prepare and serve snacks to the children.
- **Crafts** - craft volunteers prepare materials and assist children during craft time.
- **Group Leaders** - group leaders lead specific age groups of children from center to center throughout the week; if interested in a specific age group please specify the age group when you sign up.
- **Discovery Time** - these volunteers will lead simple experiments with the children.
- **Games** - energetic volunteers will lead and participate with the children in games.
- **Preschool** - these volunteers will work with Preschool children ages 3-5.
- **Story Telling** - story telling has many aspects, actual story tellers (costumes and all); and follow up discussion leaders.
- **Decorations** - these volunteers will come and help decorate for VBS on Sunday, July 10th after the 11:00 worship service. We also need a clean up crew on Friday after VBS has ended.
- **Before VBS week** - help is needed with publicity, decorations, shirt making, and donations.

**Snack Donations Needed:**

15 bags of oranges.  
Jello instant banana pudding.  
Grapes.  
10 cans of pineapple chunks.  
6 bags of apples.  
Bananas.  
Large kool aid mix.  
Sugar cookie mix.  
Jiffy banana nut bread mix.

If you have any questions contact Christy Wagner at 509-0310 or email her at [christy\\_wgnr@yahoo.com](mailto:christy_wgnr@yahoo.com). Please put snack donations in the kitchen and mark your items VBS. Thank you.



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## A LOOK AT JULY WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. - Adult Sunday School

8:00 a.m. - Chapel in the Woods

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

- July 3 -** Message: The Power of the Spirit: Stoning of Stephen  
Scripture: Acts 6:8-15
- July 10 -** Message: The Power of the Spirit: Saul's Conversion  
Scripture: Acts 9:1-19a
- July 17 -** Message: The Power of the Spirit: Barnabas Reaches out  
to Saul  
Scripture: Acts 9:19b-31
- July 24 -** Message: The Power of the Spirit: Peter and Cornelius  
Scripture: Acts 10
- July 31 -** Message: The Power of the Spirit: Peter's Chains Fall Off  
Scripture: Acts 12:1-19

## 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

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### Web Sites

www.hillsboromethodist.org  
www.hillsboroyouth.org

## LAY SPEAKER TRAINING

... Pastor Derek

If you have been involved in The United Methodist Church for very long, you may have heard the term "Lay Speaker" floating around. While the title may sound familiar, a good number of United Methodists have little understanding of what a lay speaker is. Usually what people think of is that when the pastor is gone, a lay speaker fills the pulpit. While this is true, being a lay speaker is more than that; it may not involve speaking in public at all. Indeed, many of the lay speakers in our district have not spoken from a pulpit and do not plan to do so. Then what is a Lay Speaker?

A Lay Speaker is an active member of the United Methodist Church who has received training from the District to do a variety of ministries. Lay Speakers are "eager to serve the church, community, and world, well-informed on Scripture and on the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of the United Methodist Church, are committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care-giving ministries, and spoken communication, and are willing to improve skills by training for service." In addition to filling a pulpit on occasion, a Lay Speaker might organize a visitation ministry to people who are homebound, or they might help make disciples through their work with a church youth group, or they might facilitate a small group or a Sunday School class. Lay Speaker training is simply an opportunity for laity to step forward as leaders in various ministries and receive training as well as an official endorsement from their church and district.

In order to become a Lay Speaker, you must have the approval of both the Pastor and the Church Council. Your name is then submitted to the District (continued on next page).

## 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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**LAY SPEAKER (continued)**

committee in charge of Lay Speaking. In order to maintain your status as a Lay Speaker, you must be approved each year at Charge Conference, and you must have completed a Lay Speaking course once every three years.

There are two kinds of Lay Speakers. The first is the Local Church Lay Speaker. These individuals have completed the Basic Course for Lay Speaking, which consists of five sessions: Ministry of the Baptized, Leading, Caring, Communicating, and Into the World. This course will be offered at Camp Francis Asbury in late September, early October, and runs from noon on a Saturday until 5:00 PM on Sunday. Local Church Lay Speakers are endorsed to serve in their local church. The second kind of Lay Speaker is a Certified Lay Speaker. In addition to completing the Basic Course, they must also have completed an Advanced Course for Lay Speakers. There are at least nineteen different advanced courses, and our district offers certain courses depending on the specific need that year. An advanced course is scheduled for August 19th in Waverly on the Five Fruitful Practices of Congregations. Other courses offered this year include Effective Preaching, and Developing Prayer and Spiritual Formation. A sampling of other topics would include pastoral care-giving, discovering spiritual gifts, stewardship, and leading small groups. The training is well-organized and time-intensive in order to maximize the time set apart for training. Certified Lay Speakers are endorsed to serve not only their local church but also other churches in the district.

Hillsboro First UMC has had a number of Lay Speakers in the past. We currently have only one. Perhaps God is calling you to explore finding out more concerning Lay Speaking. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me at the church office (393-2981).

Pastor Derek

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy to the Rudy family. Jerry Rudy passed away on May 24th.

Our sympathy to Jill Kelch and family. Jill's mother, Jeannie Polstra, passed away on May 24th.

Our sympathy to Helen Hiestand and her family. Helen's sister, Dodie Garrett, passed away on June 8th.

Our sympathy to the family of Donald McCoppin who passed away on June 18th.

**OUR FRIENDS AT HOME**

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

**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

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY MAY 2011**

The good financial news continues through May with giving 40%, or close to \$38,000, ahead of our giving through May of 2010. In fact we have a level of giving that was not reached until July of 2010. The commitments made during last Fall's Consecration Sunday program are being met and exceeded. Expenses through May are still tracking below the 2011 budget and when coupled with our receipts give us a YTD gain of close to \$20,000. As we reported last month, this continued good financial performance has permitted us to pay our District and Conference apportionments at the 100% level for the year to date. We plan to continue at this level for the remainder of the year.

The Finance Committee has also completed the 2010 audit. This year we employed the services of Setty Pniewski Tax & Business Services, Inc. which is a Hillsboro accounting services company. They audited our various accounts, reconciled the receipts and disbursements with bank deposits and bank accounts, reviewed counting procedures and accounting according to the current Book of Discipline and found them to be correct, the procedures proper and the records kept in order.

The Finance Committee is saddened by the retirement of our secretary, Jane Graves. Jane in her years with FUMC has done an outstanding job of establishing our financial records and procedures and managing our financial activities during sometimes less than ideal circumstances. The committee wishes her the best for her future endeavors and offers her our heartfelt thanks for her efforts on our behalf. She will be missed. Tom Watkins - Chair, Finance Committee



### ACOLYTES

- 7/3 Steven Burton
- 7/10 Spencer Rudy
- 7/17 Ty Alexander
- 7/24
- 7/31 Spencer Rudy



### ALTAR FLOWERS

- 7/3
- 7/10
- 7/17
- 7/24 Glenn and Opal Armstrong
- 7/31



### CARE & CONCERN

Cindy Eigel: 393-2569



### COFFEE/HOSPITALITY

- 7/3 Jill Yochum
- 7/10
- 7/17 Opal Armstrong and Judy Ferguson
- 7/24
- 7/31 Monday Evening Bible Study



### HOME COMMUNION

- 7/3 Pam and Rebecca Pinney  
Tom and Martha Watkins  
David and Lois Williams

Communion Stewards: Pat Newland and Barb Tira



### GREETERS

- 7/3 Charles and Judy Durbin  
Helen Hiestand
- 7/10 Pat and Marvin Hakes  
David and Lois Williams
- 7/17 Lowell and Carolyn Chambers  
Eric, Danielle and Meghan Thompson
- 7/24 Lowell and Carolyn Chambers  
Maxine Kratzer
- 7/31 Lowell and Carolyn Chambers  
Maxine Kratzer



### USHERS

Waldo Ferguson (Captain), Judy Ferguson, Diana Carey, Don Carey, Dan Grieshaber



### GREETERS - CHAPEL IN THE WOODS

- 7/3 Fred, Michelle and Joe Beery
- 7/10 Mike and Emilie Dunnagan
- 7/17 Nancy Samuelson
- 7/24 Tom, Lisa and Meredith Oglesby
- 7/31 Don and Peggy Edwards



### LITURGIST

- 7/3 Pat Meranda
- 7/10 Martha Watkins
- 7/17 Donna Armstrong
- 7/24 Judy Ferguson
- 7/31 David Grover



### NURSERY HELPERS

- 7/3
- 7/10
- 7/17 Michelle Beery
- 7/24
- 7/31 Suzanne Devore



### SCRIPTURE READING - 9:00 AM

- 7/3 Jill Yochum
- 7/10 Kathy Copas
- 7/17 Janet Griffith
- 7/24 Danielle Thompson
- 7/31 Caitlin Schafer



### SOUND SYSTEM - 9:00 AM

Micah Pinney



### VIDEO TAPING - 9:00 AM

Don Edenfield and Steve Wilkin

### SAMARITAN OUTREACH

Toothpaste is the collection item for Samaritan Outreach for July. Collection boxes are in Hiestand Hall for all of our donation items.

### MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

There will be no Monday Evening Bible Study on July 4th, July 11th, and July 18th. We will resume on July 25th. Come join us.

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

7/1 Joan DeHaas  
 7/1 Pamela Nickell  
 7/2 Omer Price  
 7/3 Linda Wooden  
 7/6 Raymond Hutchinson  
 7/7 Megan Eubanks  
 7/7 Shannon Ferrell  
 7/7 Anne Rhude  
 7/8 Joan Grimes  
 7/9 John Grimes  
 7/11 Bob Nickell  
 7/11 Steve Vance  
 7/13 Dan Grieshaber  
 7/13 Duane Michael  
 7/13 David Pinney  
 7/14 Pat Roads  
 7/14 Katie Wilkin  
 7/15 Andrew Hakes  
 7/15 Melanie Runyon  
 7/19 John Graves  
 7/19 Hazel Gregory  
 7/19 David Lieurance  
 7/21 Carrie Combs  
 7/22 Anna Foley  
 7/23 Sherry Davis  
 7/24 Brittany Dance  
 7/25 Brad McCray  
 7/26 Bill Alexander  
 7/26 Howard Falk  
 7/27 J.D. Dunnagan  
 7/27 Catherine Hone  
 7/27 Ned Lewis  
 7/27 Will Shoemaker  
 7/28 Bill Conley  
 7/28 Kendi Jordan  
 7/29 Dorothy Hodson  
 7/29 Linda Russell  
 7/30 Luke Ferrell  
 7/30 Mary Rudy  
 7/30 Rachel Sexton  
 7/31 Heather Colthar

**THANK YOU**

To the congregation: Thank you for all the love and support with the Josh White Fundraisers. To date we have raised \$1,932. We appreciate everyone helping Josh's family purchase a FM receiver.

**JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

7/4 Mike and Emilie Dunnagan  
 7/7 Ray and Corrine Erickson  
 7/11 Steve and Susan Thompson  
 7/12 Steve and Tammy Ferrell  
 7/13 Paul and Teresa Pence  
 7/15 Josh and Adrienne Rudy  
 7/17 Richard and Kate Davis  
 7/17 Steve and Amy Vance  
 7/18 Scott and Stephanie Miller  
 7/18 David and JoBeth Lee  
 7/20 Allen and Sue Frump  
 7/20 David and Brenda Lieurance  
 7/23 Bob and Donna Armstrong  
 7/29 Marvin and Pat Hakes  
 7/30 Tom and Lisa Oglesby

**THANK YOU**

We want to thank the church family for their prayers, cards and calls. Thanks for the church paper every week. May the Lord be with you all. Duane Michael and family.

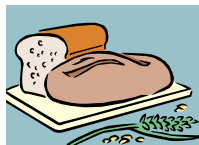
A big thank you to Jill Reffner for cleaning the kitchen cupboards, shelves, drawers, etc., and putting on the labels to remind us where things are and where they are to be returned to!

I want to thank everyone who made it to my graduation party. And a big thank you for all the cards and gifts. Rebecca Pinney.

I would like to thank each and every one of you who helped make our first Annual Biker Sunday a huge success. It would not have been possible without all of you. Whether you helped cook, clean up or tear down, or maybe clowned around, or just came to eat and fellowship. You will never know the lives you may have touched. May God continue to bless each and every one of you. Our next Biker Sunday will be August 5, 2012. Save the date. Thanks again. Chris Hopkins.

Dear Church Family: Thank you for the generous gifts of your time and presents for Heather's graduation from High School. Thank you for being here for her and the rest of the graduates as they grew up in this church. God Bless. Jim, Barb and Heather Colthar.

Thank you for all the kindness, care and concern during our loss. The Rudy family.



## **JULY 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.

### **OUR DAILY BREAD**

As we go into July, I want to take a few lines to let you know how we are doing. Thanks be to God to be able to do his work. Thanks to the help of Jane Graves, we have been able to set up our own checking account and we are now in the process of getting our 501-3C. Someday we hope to return help to the church as we get grant money. We can only say thank you HFUMC for what you have done so far to support Our Daily Bread mission.

We started out feeding 30 to 50 people a year and a half ago, and now we are up to 120 to 150. We are all plugging away with God's work. As I am reading a book called Crazy Love, I am sure that I am doing God's will, and know that we as Daily Bread are doing his will, and you as the congregation want to help us accomplish his will. We need prayers, helpers and monetary support.

The fifth Sunday in July has been set up as "Special Mission Sunday" for Our Daily Bread. If you have any questions about Our Daily Bread or just want to see us in action, come on in and visit or eat with us. Right now we are feeding five days a week for the children coming through Community Action. The adults bringing the children can stay and get a lunch also. That will put more cost on us but God says to do the work and he will provide the means. Thanks be to God. Anna and Dick Spilker

### **THANK YOU**

Dear Members of the Hillsboro First UMC: Thank you for letting us use your great kitchen and dining hall to cook and serve meals every Tuesday and Thursday this past year. This summer we have the opportunity again to serve children lunches with Community Action. This offers us more opportunities to be lights and witnesses for Jesus. Thank you ladies who make the great desserts the first Tuesday of the month. Thank you for being Jesus in this community. Marsha Williams, Our Daily Bread Board Secretary

## **JULY 23 - SATURDAY** **FREESTORE**



## **FOODBANK AT HILLSBORO FIRST**

On Saturday, July 23rd, 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.



## **JULY 31 - SUNDAY** **5TH SUNDAY IN JULY**

Our offering on the fifth Sunday in July will be designated for Our Daily Bread.

### **COMMUNION**



On Sundays when communion is served by intinction (the act of dipping the bread into the consecrated wine so that the communicant receives both together - at the front of the sanctuary), if you are unable to come forward or prefer to be served in the pews, the ushers will always be glad to serve you in this manner. Just stay seated, raise your hand or motion to an usher, and they will be happy to serve you in the pews. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Peggy Edwards, Communion Chairperson.

### **FRIENDLY HELPERS CIRCLE**

The members of the Friendly Helpers Circle are sharing with each other the names of books that they have enjoyed reading. The book titles are:

Missing Max by Karen Young.

Night Road by Kristin Hannah

Wings of a Dove by Beverly Bush

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The men's Bible Study, led by Pastor Derek, meets every other Saturday in Riber Hall at 8:00 a.m. (the time was changed to an hour earlier). We will be meeting on July 2nd, 16th and 30th. All men of the church are invited to attend. We welcome you!



## UNLEASHING NEW LIFE

### New Places, New People,

### Renewed Churches

The words of this title were the power of the 2011 West Ohio Annual Conference held at Lakeside, Ohio, June 5th through June 9th. From the beginning to the end there was clear evidence of a God, Christ, and Spirit-centered body of United Methodists Unleashing New Life.

The featured speakers were Bishop Bruce Ough; Martha Grace Reese, preacher and author of Unbinding the Gospel; Vance P. Ross, preacher and pastor seeking the life changing, liberating love of God in Jesus; and Terry Tekyl, a most sought after speaker and seminar leader in the country.

Interspersed throughout the week was the election of 2012 general and jurisdictional delegates for both laity and clergy. Life and Ministry Celebration included the Roll Call of the Victorious, Recognition of Retirees, and the Commissioning and Ordination of Deacons and Elders.

2010 recommendations were discussed and actions were taken. A number of conference workshops, recreation, opportunities and fun made a well balanced agenda.

The 2011 Love First Miracle Offering, "Creating New Places for New People" will go to West Ohio Conference designated areas in Africa, Russia, Vietnam, Mexico, as well as in West Ohio; the Mall UMC in Heath, Liberty UMC in Delaware County, and New Life UMC in Findlay. At the end of the conference sessions over \$152,000 had been given with much more coming this year.

The 2011 appointments included District Superintendents, Assistants to the District Superintendents, Clergy, Pastors, and Extension Ministries. Our Shawnee Valley District is blessed by having Michael McCarty as one of the Delegates at Large. Our Hillsboro United Methodist Church is truly blessed with Kara Russell having raised over \$1,100 for Haiti. If there was every Holy Conferencing, it was at Lakeside! Valeta Doorneweerd, Lay Delegate for Hillsboro First United Methodist Congregation.

## NEW ADDRESS

Pat Roads has a new address effective 7/2/11: 1145C Northview Drive, Hillsboro, Ohio, 45133.

## NEW MEMBERS



**Jill Barnett** and her husband Troy live on a 25 acre farm near New Market. They have three children, Raylee, Dawson, and TJ, who attends UC at Clermont. Jill taught kindergarten at Lynchburg schools prior to becoming a stay at home mom. She was born in Zanesville, Ohio, raised in Stockport, Ohio, and has lived in the Hillsboro area for 11 years. Jill and Troy attend many horse shows throughout the year and participate in barrel racing. Her favorites are: Snack Food - chocolate; Restaurant - Olive Garden; Color - pink; and Flower - the Rose. When asked, "Where is one place in the world you would like to visit?", her answer was "Alaska".

**Arlis Guyer** was born and raised in Portsmouth, Ohio. She has lived in Hillsboro for about six months. She moved here to be near friends. Arlis enjoys sewing, camping, fishing, animals, attending Bible study groups, getting to know people, and she also enjoys a good conversation with everyone she meets. Her favorites are: Snack Food - peanut butter crackers; Restaurant - Bob Evans; Candy Bar - Milky Way; Flower - the rose; and Zoo Animal - Panda Bear. When asked, "Where is one place in the world you would like to visit?", her answer was "England and the Caribbean".

**Lisa Oglesby** is married - her husband's name is Tom, and they have one daughter, Meredith. She grew up in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, near Columbus, and has lived in the Hillsboro area for 17 years. Lisa is a dental hygienist for Dr. David VanZant in Wilmington. She is a 4-H advisor for two clubs - the Dog Club and the Cattle Club. Her husband Tom is the VO-AG teacher at Hillsboro High School, so Lisa volunteers a lot for the VO-AG group. Her favorites are: Restaurant - LaRosa's; Candy Bar - Snicker's; Food - Mexican; and she is a big Ohio State Buckeye fan. When asked, "Where is one place in the world you would like to visit?", her answer was "a cruise down the Mississippi River".

**Dorothy Parker** was born in Forster (Loveland), Ohio, and lived in Warren county until she was 18 years old. Some of you might have known her parents, Belden and Eleanor Saur. Dorothy's husband and daughter have both passed away. She is a graduate of Michigan State with a degree in Horticulture, and a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Criminal Justice. Dorothy has lived in Hillsboro for 6 years. She enjoys embroidery counted cross stitch. Most of her projects are birds or flowers. Her favorites are: TV Show - Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy; Color - blue; Flower - the carnation; and Zoo Animal - Elephant. When asked, "Where is one place in the world you would like to visit?", her answer was "Australia".



## **FROM THE HEART OF THE PRESIDENT, WESS STAFFORD**

### **AN EARLY MORNING WAKE UP CALL**

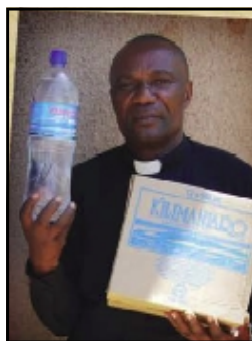
For Pastor Samwel Msaki, God's voice came in 2009 from a small and unnerving source and it altered the direction of his church forever. Samwel had arrived at his church early for morning devotions, the sun warming the rocky Tanzanian landscape after a cold night. As he prayed in the quiet of his office, Samwel thought he heard a voice, one he describes as "the cry of a kitten." "It made me attentive," Samwel says, "and I decided to go around the church, looking for the voice and where it was coming from."

Scouring the rooms of the church, he found nothing and went back to his office to continue praying. Again, he says, "The voice started crying, this time even louder than the time before." Now Samwel walked hesitantly outside the small church building, led by the kitten like sounds he heard. "Hardly had I gone halfway around the church when I saw on the ground, next to a cement pillar, a cardboard box used to ship liter bottles of drinking water. "The small box started twisting. The voice was certainly coming from inside. "My body became numb. I felt like there was no more breath in me. But I gathered my strength and decided to come closer to the box to see what was inside it. "I could not believe my eyes. Before me was a small newborn baby boy put into the box without even a cloth to cover him. "In my shock I lifted the box closely and saw that the baby was not attended when he was born, nor was his umbilical cord cut and dressed. He was crying not only because of the cold, but his new, bloodstained body had attracted ants, which were all over him."

Samwel rushed the boy to the local police station in anticipation of getting him to a hospital over 30 miles away. "The name of the child and his father, please?" the officer asked. Samwel stood silently. He did not know the father. Did not know the mother. There had been no nurse. No care. Just a pastor who followed a frail sound. Samwel sensed the direction of the Spirit. "Wait for a moment and I will answer your question," Samwel said, and he rushed out of the station to a small store down the road. He bought a bottle of water. Arriving back at the station, the strong, loving hands of Samwel lifted the baby out of the box. As he cradled him, he tenderly poured water on the little one's forehead. "Daniel, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Samwel looked at the officer. "The child was found at the pillar of the church. The Church is his father. He will be taken care of and raised by the church. Write that his name is Daniel, Daniel the Church." And so the officer took his pen and wrote in Swahili the name with which Samwel had christened the baby, Daniel Kanisa, Daniel the Church. Samwel then transported Daniel 31 miles to the large Christian hospital in Moshi. It comforted him to see the nurses wash Daniel and care for his umbilical cord. They determined that Daniel was premature, so they placed him in the warmth of an incubator. And Daniel received the love of Pastor Samwel. Every day for three weeks Samwel drove the 62 mile round trip for one simple reason. "I had fallen in love with Daniel." That's why the phone call from the hospital devastated him. "Pastor, we are sorry to inform you that Daniel lost the battle. He passed away today at 10 a.m." The child found at the church and cared for by the church would now be buried by the church.

That was the day Pastor Samwel Msaki decided his congregation would do more for the children in his community, called Njia Panda. Located at the crossroads of four major highways, Njia Panda is a destination for truckers who blow into town and use the local women and girls for an inexpensive night's entertainment, leaving them pregnant with babies they will bear alone. Pastor Samwel is sure Daniel was one of their victims. Samwel sought out the Compassion office in Tanzania. Within months, the Evangelical Lutheran Church Njia Panda Student Center was born. Today it cares for 260 children under Samwel's watchful eye. Children who were once sorely in need of physical, spiritual and emotional health are now taking what they learn at the center home to their parents, brothers and sisters. "As I remembered the cry of Daniel that fateful morning, it dawned on me that Daniel was just a voice awakening us to the plight of children. "His cry was a prayer to God that He should send rescue to children who are being abandoned, thrown away, and victims of decisions that adults make." And that is the inspiration behind just one of the 5,600 plus churches with whom Compassion partners to minister through our holistic child development program. I think you understand why they are my heroes.



*Pastor Samwel Msaki found a newborn in a box like this one used for bottled drinking water.*

## COMPASSION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



The following is a recent letter from Ezhumalai. He is in his final year of nursing school in Bangalore, India, and is scheduled to graduate in June, 2012. (Keep in mind, English is not his first language.)

Dear Hillsboro First United Methodist: Greeting you all in the name of Jesus Christ. Hope you all doing good, I am fine by your prayers and my studies too going good. I got your precious gift, which is for my birthday, so thank you very much friends, my mom was very happy when I said about this and that greeting card was simply superb. My family members all conveyed their regards to all. Then how is Ray Erickson and his health? Hope he is doing well. Here in my college we had "lamp lighting ceremony" and fresher's day celebration on February 18<sup>th</sup>, that went on well and I done a dance in that and enjoyed lot. In our college next month March "sports meet" is going to come and I am taking part in volley ball and cricket. So daily I am going for practice, please pray for those friends. On June month I have psychiatry posting, that is we investigate different types of mental disorders arising and the present disorders that comes in our subjects, so we are going to visit a very big neurological hospital in Bangalore. Now I am having clinical duties in Victoria hospital, Bangalore. So, daily I am seeing different types of patients, and I feel honored when I give care to them, and the service it's all because of you friends. When I give injections or any tablets to the patient I will be thinking of you all. I had two weeks duty in emergency ward, seen many critical situations of patient, I felt very sad and I learned new things from the head nurse and then I shifted to medical ward, and there I shared about you all to one of my patient, who has diagnosed as typhoid and he has recovered now from illness. After sharing, what he said finally was that "I am lucky to have such a sponsor." Friends thank you very much once again and you made me to do such a wonderful service to the mankind and to learn ... pray for my studies and family. Praying for you all, I am closing with lots of love and prayer. Thanking you, Your Friend, K. Ezhumalai

The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves. Helen Keller

I think I began learning long ago that those who are happiest are those who do the most for others. Booker T. Washington

## PAINTING THE CHURCH



There was a Scottish painter named Smokey MacGregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further. As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the local church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings. Smokey put in a bid, and, because his price was so low, he got the job. So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine. Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened, and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint. Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried: **"Oh, God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?"** And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke . . . Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"

## SIGNS FROM GOD

As seen on billboards, church lawn signs and bulletin boards nationwide.

LOST?  
COME IN FOR DIRECTION !

"BLESSED ARE THE CRACKED,  
FOR THEY ARE THE ONES WHO  
LET IN THE LIGHT."

IF YOU'RE GREEN WITH ENVY,  
YOU'RE RIPE FOR TROUBLE.

LAUGHTER IS THE SHORTEST  
DISTANCE BETWEEN  
TWO PEOPLE.

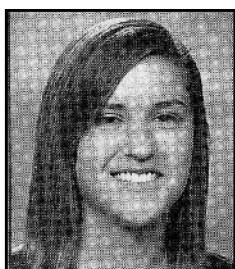


## OUR GRADUATES



### David and JoBeth Lee.

After finishing the program at Ross Medical University in May, David and JoBeth (Beery) Lee are moving to Lynchburg, Virginia, where JoBeth will begin her residency in family medicine. Dave plans to join the same residency program. JoBeth and Dave met on the island of Dominica during their core science phase and were married at Chapel in the Woods on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Her first day on the island, a plantain seller identified JoBeth as a new student. When Beth asked, "Do you have any advise?", the seller said, "Take a deep breath and just thank God for the air in your lungs. Praise God and thank God whatever you do." For the past 19 months they have been completing clinical rotations in Decatur, Georgia. They like to run with their rescue dogs, JubiLee and RevaLee. Ingri, JoBeth's Compassion child since her Heidelberg College days, lives in Guatamala. It is JoBeth's wish to visit Ingri some day so she keeps up with her Spanish. JoBeth and Dave thank you for your many prayers and kindnesses. They credit everything they have accomplished thus far to God's grace and they aspire to work for the glory of His name. Someday JoBeth and Dave want to do mission medicine. Dave and JoBeth's address is: 703 Sussex Street, Lynchburg, Virginia, 24501.



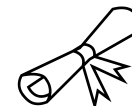
Lauren Colliver just graduated from Hillsboro High School. Her parents are Shay and Kelly Colliver. Lauren has a sister Madison and a brother Chase. She was born in Chesterland, Ohio, (near Cleveland) and raised in Hillsboro. While at HHS, she was a four year varsity soccer player, a member of National

Honor Society, and a member of FFA. She plans to attend Miami University in Oxford in the fall majoring in Business and Accounting. At Miami, she will also play soccer. A recent article from the Highland County Press states that Lauren and her U18 Ohio Elite Soccer Academy Club team won the 2011 U18 Ohio South State Cup title on May 15th. It is their third state championship, as they also won the USYSA Midwest Regional Premier League. Both accomplishments have earned them another Region Two tournament bid which will be played in Wisconsin this summer. Lauren has two dogs, Nutmeg and Lucy. She enjoys playing basketball, softball, and showing cattle with 4H. Her

favorites are: Drink - lemonade; Restaurant - Chipolte; TV Show - NCIS; Candy Bar - 1,000 Grand; Color - green; Movie - The Dark Knight; and Zoo Animal - Elephant. When asked, "Where is one place in the world you would like to visit?", her answer was "Barcelona, Spain".

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients: Sara Barger, Heather Colthar, Kathy Copas, Laura Eigel, Lindsey Grimes and Rebecca Pinney.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Acolytes	Leslie Lerch	288-9808
Altar Flowers	Church Office	393-2981
Care and Concern	Suzanne Devore	288-2352
Greeters	Ruth West	764-1176
Greeters/Chapel Woods	Jolene Walker	393-4716
Home Communion	Donna Summers	393-9676
Hospitality - 9 am	Jill Reffner	927-2760
Hospitality - 11 am	Warren Bridges	575-8196
Liturgist	Jill Reffner	927-2760
Nursery	Barb Colthar	393-4194
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

## FOR THE CHILDREN

By . . . Lois Anne Williams  
The Treasure Hunt . . . Part 7

That week Sara and her Sunday School friends looked for persons to invite to their church. Joe asked his classmate Rex if he attended Sunday School. "No, I play video games on Sunday. It is sissy to go to church," Rex replied. Joe shook his head. "There are lots of boys in our class and a bunch of men in our church. They are all kind and they're real strong. Nothing sissy about them." "Thanks for asking but I'd rather stay home and watch my videos. They are full of superman types. I want to be just like them," said Rex.

Becky asked her classmate Sue to come to church with her. Sue seemed interested but then said, "My family (continued on next page).

## FOR THE CHILDREN (continued)

likes to go to the city on Sundays. We do some shopping and have dinner there, so I can't go to church with you." "You could come home with me after church, have dinner with us and stay until your family came back from the city. My parents would be happy to have you visit with us," Becky told her. "Thanks, but I just don't want to miss all my family does in the city. It's such fun," Sue replied.

Peter asked a neighbor to come to his Sunday School class with him. Brad shook his head and explained that his single mom works late on Saturday nights. "My older sister and I stay up late and watch movies so we all sleep late on Sunday mornings. It's so good not to have to get up early and go to school. I like week-ends."

Sara asked her school classmate Emma to come to Sunday School with her. A shy smile and shiny bright eyes were a quick response to Sara's invitation. Then sadness replaced the joy that had first appeared on her face. "I've heard some of you talk about how much you like your church and I asked my mom if I could go there. She told me I don't have good clothes to wear. My school clothes are pretty worn. Mom said she wishes she could get me something better. There isn't enough money left when she pays the rent and gets groceries. Thanks for asking me, Sara."

When Sunday arrived it was pouring rain and every child felt gloomy and sad that the children they had asked to come to church had some reason to say no. Sara dressed and hurried to the car where Mother and Dad were waiting. "Dad, are you going with us?" "Yes, Sara. I told the guys that today would be the last day I'd golf on Sunday with them. Since it's raining, I am going to begin attending church today." "Oh, Dad, I'm so glad," Sara cheered.

The disappointed children entered the classroom. Sara was happy that her dad was with them today, but she was sad that Emma was unable to come. Each one told Mrs. Nye and the class the result of their attempts that week.

"Feel good that you each invited some child to come to church with you. The other person's reply does not change the good thing you each did. You never know how much it may help those people to someday come here. I baked cookies for each of you and for those you invited. It would be good if you gave one to the person you talked to. Sara said her dad is here today and it has been a while since he was first invited. There is hope for

each of you to bring a guest some day." With the cookies, Mrs. Nye also gave everyone the clue for the coming week's treasure hunt. Everyone looked to see what it was. (to be continued ).

## JULY 4TH STARS AND STRIPES



Some people call me Old Glory; others call me the Star Spangled Banner. But whatever they call me, I am your flag, the flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you.

I remember sometime ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and, naturally, I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze. When your daddy saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it over his heart. Remember? And you - I remember you. Standing there as straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat but you were giving the right salute. Remember your little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you, with her right hand over her heart. Remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago. But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a quick glance, then you look away. I see the children running around and shouting. They don't seem to know who I am. I saw one man take off his hat and then look around. He didn't see anybody else with theirs off so he quickly put his hat back on.

Have you forgotten what I stand for and where I've been: Normandy, Guadalcanal, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq, Afghanistan. Take a look at the memorial honor rolls of those who never came back. They gave their life to keep this Republic free. One nation, under God. When you salute me, you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So, when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart, and I'll salute you by waving back. And I'll know that you remembered.

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