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Note from the Pastor for June:

A couple of weeks ago I preached on John 14 and 1 Peter 2. In the Peter passage he tells us to “crave for the pure” and in John Jesus says “You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.” This gave rise to the question of what exactly do we crave – for ourselves, for our families, for our community, for our nation, and for our church? If we are to believe Jesus’ statement about answered prayer, then what we crave (that is ask God for in prayer) has huge ramifications. There is one catch in Jesus’ promise though. In the verse just before the promise, He also says that what we ask for must also “bring glory to the Father.” Now I have no problem for asking for personal blessings. There are many examples in the Bible where God has blessed His people with fame, fortune, and power. But the catch is that they also brought GLORY to the Father. My asking to win the lottery is probably not real high on God’s “glory” list. When Jesus was talking to the Disciples (AND to Us!), he wasn’t talking about new cars and houses or special privileges or honors. He was talking about the work of the Kingdom. He was saying to the Disciples (and to Us) that when we decide to get into action doing the work God has called us to do, and when we enlist God’s help, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE!!! Nothing is impossible for the church of Jesus Christ.!

Now many a dream has been squashed by the phrase, “Now let’s be realistic!” Do we really take Jesus’ words to heart or are we just “being realistic?” Christ will do ANYTHING we ask if it will glorify the Lord. Wouldn’t it be great if we had a dream for this church that was big enough that we would have to depend on God to accomplish it? Wouldn’t be great if we searched our hearts and souls with prayer so that our dream would match God’s dream for us?

What do we crave? What do we yearn for? What do we desire?

All prayer is answered – even those that are strictly for ourselves and for our families. Sometimes the answer is NO – I have plans, trust me in this. Sometimes it is NO – Not Yet, the time is not right. Other times it is YES – I thought you would never ask. And sometimes it is YES – And you haven’t seen nothing yet!!!

Dream a dream for this church and community and if it is also God’s dream, watch out! What is your dream? Ask for it in Jesus’ name and give the glory to God and watch out! Why not put Christ to the test?

Be Blessed and Be a Blessing!
Pastor Jim

Prayer: (from Psalm 139:23-24)

Search me, O God, and know my heart. Test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the Way everlasting. Amen.

Our Friends in Need of Prayer:

David Albrecht, Bryce _____, Susan Ardlen, Jerry Armstrong, Issac Atkins, Ilene Belden, Esther Burr, Jeff Cape, Joan Chambers, Ray Chambers, Matt Chandler, Slater Chaplain, Ed Cleer, Michael Cleer, Erma Coffey, Michael Cross, Ray Cross, Shirley Cross, Dave _____, Tom Darno, Sherry Desenberg, Haley Dorshock, Angie Foft, Jim Gerlt, Jackie Gingerich, Kathy Granados, Dona Hites, Billy & Sharon Hodge, James Hungerford, Emily Hunt, Jesse Jilg, Margret Klinger, Jen Knepper, Stephanie Liptak, Blanche Marcello, Leann Miller, Stephanie Musial, Brian P., Ethan P., Rick Padavan, Chris Petrovic, Bill Peterson, Kyle Quinn Jr., Kim Roseblossom, Dakota Snowden, Elise Sprong, Julie Sternagle, Debbie Swindler, DeAnna Vicich, Holly Fusselman Walker, Laura Walsh, Chad Webb, Roberta Wildman, Brittany Williams, Justin Woodworth, Kate Woodworth, Richard Yocum, Beth Young (Silvernail).

DISTRICT PRAYER GATHERINGS

I still believe that ever renewal movement began with a remnant that gathered to ask God to awaken this deaf world. Pastors and laity are invited to gather anywhere and anytime but on these locations and dates around the WR District, as your DS, I’ll be waiting and hoping and asking for this enchantment to come. Rev. Dave Scavuzzo

Wednesday, June 22nd @ Mayfield UMC at 7pm

Please Remember our Shut-ins:

Dorothy Anthony
6931 Hennig Dr.
Cirtus Hts, CA 95621

Betty Klouda
Windsor House
200 E. Glenola Ave.
Warren, OH 44483

Richard Petrick
Cortland Healthcare
369 High St.
Cortland, OH 44410

Ernestine Woodford
Clearview Lantern Suites
596 Champion Ave.W., #206
Warren, OH 44483

Marjorie Heil
5600 Larson Rd. W.
W. Farmington, OH

John Fluharty
1140 S. Main St. SW
Warren, Oh 44085

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL –JUNE 6-10, 9:00am TILL NOON

WHAT? “Shake It Up Café”

**WHERE? W. Farmington United Methodist Church
220 W. College St.**

WHEN? June 6-10, 2011

TIME? 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

OPEN to all children ages 3 to 12.

Lots of activities:

Discovery Time, Crafts, Music, Story Time, Snacks and Play time.

Loads of fun:

Learning about Jesus, Creating take-home crafts, New and fun songs to sing, Making new friends, Enjoying snacks and recreational activities.

Fun filled Friday ending with a Picnic lunch to share with family.

For further information, please call Pastor Jim at 330-889-3345.

PLEASE COME AND ENJOY A FUN FILLED EDUCATIONAL WEEK.

“Bristol-Farmington Townopoly” game

Bristol Youth Soccer League, (BYSL), is working on a fund raiser for this year’s expenses. They have created the “Bristol-Farmington Townopoly” game. Similar to a well known, favorite family board game. The board game spaces for this game are businesses and churches from our area that have agreed to advertise/sponsor for this endeavor. These games are now available to be purchased at a retail cost of \$19.95. Please contact the Bristol Youth Soccer League via email at Email at: bristolyouthsoccerleague@yahoo.com.

Mission Statement for Bristol Youth Soccer League

To provide every child an opportunity to develop their athletic ability in soccer, to provide a safe, structured environment that promotes: respect, discipline, cooperation and team work, while highlighting the importance of having fun and always bringing out the best in all of us.

Mark your Calendar for June:

- 5 – Communion Sunday
- 6 – Trustees at 7pm; Church Council at 7:30pm
- 7 – Windsor House Nursing Home Ministry 10am
- 7 – Bible Study at 7pm – “Prayers of Jesus”
- 12 – Bristol Area Food Ministry special collection
- 13 – Farmington Festival Committee at 6:30 pm at Village Hall
- 14 - Windsor House Nursing Home Ministry 10am
- 11 - Bible Study at 7pm – “Prayers of Jesus”
- 12-16 – East Ohio Annual Conference – at Lakeside, Oh.
- 17-18 – Scrapbooking with Denise
- 19 – Father’s Day Breakfast, 9:30am
- 21 – Windsor House Nursing Home Ministry 10am
- 22 – District Prayer Gathering at Mayfield UMC at 7pm
- 26 – Noisy Collection Sunday – For the Western Reserve District Emergency Disaster Response Team
- 28 - Windsor House Nursing Home Ministry 10am

Looking ahead:

- July 2 - Blessing of the EDRT Trailer, Tools, and Team on Saturday, at 10:00 AM at the North Mentor Centenary UMC.
- Farmington Festival, July 28-30
- District Welcoming for all Pastor’s and their families – August 25th @ District Parsonage
- District Fall Gathering – September 27th @ Mayfield UMC from 9:30-2pm with Dr. Paul Chilcote

Liturgists for May:

June 5 Claudia York
June 12 Sharon VanDervort
June 19 Joyce List
June 26 Joanie Hickox

GREETERS:

6- 5 John & Nancy Brandon
6-12 Bruce & Linda Vogler
6-19 Ann Hillier & Janie Bailey
6-26 Joe & Dorothy Cleer

FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
June 19, 9:30-10:30am at the Church
Come and EAT! (Stay for Worship, too!)

INK TONER/CARTRIDGES RECYCLE

If you’re not sure what to do with your old ink toner or cartridges just bring them into the church and leave them in the collection box near the desk in the Fellowship Hall. We will send them to the District Office where they make sure they get recycled properly.

Health Kit Assembly & Shipping Instructions

In lieu of the “Flood Buckets” we will be doing Health kits which provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes.

Please bring in all kits by June 12 and we will take them to Annual Conference for shipping.

Health Kits - Value: \$ 12.00

1 hand towel - 15” x 25” to 17”x 27” - kitchen, cleaning and microfiber towels **not acceptable**

1 washcloth

1 comb - comb needs to be sturdy and at least 8” long - no pocket combs or picks please - rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable

1 metal nail file or clipper - no emery boards or toenail clippers please

1 bath size soap - 3 oz. and larger sizes only - all brands are acceptable - do not remove from original packaging

1 toothbrush - adult size only - do not remove from original packaging

6 adhesive bandages - ¾” to 1” size - common household band aids

1 plastic bag - one gallon size sealable bags only

\$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Assembly Directions

Set the \$1.00 for toothpaste aside to be included in a separate envelope. Lay out the hand towel flat on a table. Lay the washcloth flat in the center of the hand towel. Place all remaining items on top of the wash cloth. Fold over the sides of the hand towel to cover all of the items. Fold over one end of the hand towel so that it covers all of the items. Grasp the bundle of items tightly and roll over the remainder of the hand towel tightly. Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag. Remove as much air as possible and seal the bag.

Important Notes

- All items must be new.
- Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.
- Please remove all packaging, except where noted.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items – nothing more.
- DO NOT include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.
- **UMCOR is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent. Do not put single dollar bills in each kit. We will collect all monies for toothpaste and shipping, place it in a separate envelope and send along with the kit donations.**

“Good Samaritan Day” a Success!!!

As a follow-up to our “Good Samaritan Day” last fall, we held another “Good Sam” day on May 7. Seven volunteers and associated home owners came out to clean up their yards and do other minor jobs. We met at the church at 1:00pm and talked four homesteads plus cleaning and mulching the Church flower beds. We all met back at the church for a light dinner which was provided by another volunteer. Missions in Action! Way to go Church!

June Noisy Collection will support a new District Project – an Emergency Disaster Response Team Complete with a trailer, tools, and equipment. There will be a Blessing of the Trailer, Tools, and Team on Saturday, July 2 at 10:00 AM at the North Mentor Centenary UMC.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief's (UMCOR) responds to flooding and tornado damage locally as well as to the earthquakes in Haiti or Chile. To better respond to local disasters the District has set up an Emergency Disaster Response Team (EDRT). Volunteers are still needed and training is provided. To help in these situations they are also setting up their own utility trailer which will be completely furnished with necessary tools and equipment. They need your donations of tools and equipment to furnish the trailer (see Pastor Jim for List) as well as monetary donations. Our June Noisy Collection will go towards this effort. In the past year the team has assisted with tornado damage in Andover, house fires in Fairport, minor flooding in Chesterland, spring flooding in Lake County and several others. The team helps homeowners clean, remove damaged dry wall and other damaged property, cover exposed areas and move furniture in peril. They do not do repairs as that is an insurance responsibility. There will be a Blessing of the Trailer, Tools, and Team on Saturday, July 2 at 10:00 AM at the North Mentor Centenary UMC.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR SPECIAL OFFERINGS – THROUGH OUR UMC CONNECTION, WE ARE SUPPORTING MISSIONS AND RELIEF EFFORTS WORLD WIDE.

Pedaling Parsons Bike Ride

July 11-15

**Trip: Cincinnati to Cleveland via bike trails (mostly!)
This is a family friendly ride! Complete Support Team.**

Mission: UMC Mission Station in Liberia

Accommodations: United Methodist Churches

Food: We Love the Women's Groups!!!

Cost: \$130 per rider for gas & food

Donations: As much as we can raise (over \$25,000 last year)

I would like to set up a local "Bike Club" that would meet at the Greenway Trail on a regular basis for family friendly rides. Let me know if you are interested. We will accommodate all skill levels.

I have also offered to host the Pedaling Parsons for a "local" ride on August 6 for a ride on the Greenway Trail. Come and join us for any of the above. Pastor Jim

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 2	Gary Letterlee
June 4	Howard Hillier
June 4	Pat Watts
June 6	Melissa Hickox
June 13	Jestyn Crites
June 14	Riley Stillwagon
June 18	David Shook
June 21	Sue Lobenthal
June 24	Rob Woolf
June 25	Joe Cleer Jr
June 28	Sharon VanDervort

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 1	Tim & Jacki Mitton
June 6	Bob & Renee Stevens
June 11	Gary & Patty Watts
June 16	Dale & Carol Hickox
June 29	Dave & Georgene Svoboda

OLD READING AND EYE GLASSES

Bring in your old reading or eye glasses, so we can send them to "Save a Sight" by way of our District office. There is a collection box at the desk in the Fellowship Hall.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Both Hospice of the Valley and Hospice of the Western Reserve are recruiting volunteers to provide care and support for patients and their families in this area. If you can spare even a few hours a month you can make a big difference in the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of a seriously ill person and their family. See Pastor Jim for more info.

HERE IS A STORY I WAS SENT BY EMAIL.

Recently, I overheard a mother and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure. Standing near the security gate, they hugged, and the mother said, "I love you, and I pray you enough." The daughter replied, "Mom, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I pray you enough, too, Mom."

They kissed, and the daughter left. The mother walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there, I could see she wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on her privacy, but she welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

Yes, I have I replied. "Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?"

"Well...I'm not as young as I once was, she lives so far away & has her own busy life. I have some challenges ahead, and the reality is--her next trip back will be for my funeral," she said.

When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, "I pray you enough. May I ask what that means?"

She began to smile. "That's a prayer that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone." She paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail, and she smiled even more.

"When we said, 'I pray you enough,' we wanted the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them." Then turning toward me, she shared the following as if she were reciting it from memory:

I pray you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I pray you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I pray you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I pray you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I pray you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I pray you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I pray you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

Then, she began to cry, and walked away. They say, it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but an entire life to forget them.

TAKE TIME TO LIVE.....To all my friends and loved ones-----I PRAY YOU ENOUGH.



Army:

Josh Berg; Bill Stewart; Lindsey Romack Canete; Felix Canete Jr.; Gregory Clisby; Josh Hall; Philip Lancaster; Mark Mahon; Tammy Rodriguez; Justin Loza; Grant & Haley Crandall, Mark Adams

Navy: Kris Stribling; Tim Walker, Nick Breezio

Air Force: Mychael Bulford; Erik McIntosh; Brian Hray **Air Force Reserves:** A J Musial,

Marine: Phil Rabadeux; Cory Reed; Daniel Nellis Jr. **Marine Reserves:** Ryan Romack;

MI National Guard: Jim Richards Jr.; **Coast Guard:** Alfonso Estades

MILITARY UPDATE:

Nick Breezio was on our list several years ago. He actively joined the Navy in 1966 and was active duty until Feb. 1999, then went on the Reserve list. He was activated from time to time over the years, but we were not aware of that. He had been deployed to Croatia, Germany, Kuwait, and is now deployed to Afghanistan for about an 8 month tour. As we are aware---Afghanistan is a very dangerous place now. Rosemary Fasulo has asked that we put him on our military prayer service list. Their families are great friends.

By now Nick has 14 years of military service under his belt and is hoping to retire with 20 years. While he was active he traveled many places and was trained in several different areas. Basically trained to operate big equipment, he did other things also. You know how the military is----while on a short stint in Puerto Rico he was utilized as a cook.

All education comes in handy, just ask his wife Dena and children Samantha and Cameron,---he cooks a "good" meal when home, thereby they make him feel like a celebrity when he gets back home and make him feel very important.

Shouldn't we all do that with each and every military person?

God Bless him and his family until he returns home in couple of months.

Ryan Romack, who is in the Marine Reserves, got home about a month ago from a 6-month tour of Afghanistan. Safe and sound and now looking for work. With the work situation the way it is, he needs our prayers to just find employment. His parents, Vic and Doreen Romack, were certainly glad to have him back on USA soil.

A. J. Musial, son of Ellie and Andy Musial, is in the Air Force Reserves. He is on the active list most of the time. He often does short missions to aid other deployed military personnel for many different reasons so we don't usually know about his missions til they are done. But don't forget about him. Those short missions are very important to the welfare of others. We are blessed to have such diverse military to cover all the different actions.

Support your local Fire Department!

Don't forget the spaghetti dinner on the fourth Saturday of every month! Meal consists of Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad and dessert.

All the proceeds go to purchase fire department needs. Please consider joining the ladies auxiliary to help.

You could join as a part time helper or a full time member. Remember—Many hands make light work!
Call Laura Walsh at 330 978 9683 Or Kim Largen at 330 889 2964 for details!