

West Farmington  
United Methodist Church  
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## Mark your Calendar for May:

- 1 – Communion Sunday
- 2 – Trustees at 7pm; Church Council at 7:30pm
- 3 – Windsor House Nursing Home Ministry 10am
- 3 – Bible Study at 7pm – “Prayers of Jesus”
- 5 – Worship Team meeting at 2pm at the church
- 7 – Good Sam Day, 1:00 pm till ?
- 8 – Native American Awareness Sunday; Bristol Area Food Ministry special collection
- 8 – Mother’s Day Breakfast, 9:30am
- 9 – Farmington Festival Committee at 6:30 pm at Village Hall
- 10 - Windsor House Nursing Home Ministry 10am
- 10 – Compass Group Meeting at WFUMC at 6 pm
- 11 – UMW meeting at 10am; BAMA meeting at 9am at Cortland
- 11 - Bible Study at 7pm – “Prayers of Jesus”
- 12 – Pastor Parish Relations committee meeting at 7pm
- 12-13-14 Women’s Rummage Sale in the Fellowship Hall (Community Garage Sale)
- 17 - Bible Study at 7pm – “Prayers of Jesus”
- 18 – Vacation Bible School planning meeting – 7:00pm
- 20-21 – Scrapbooking with Denise
- 22 – Noisy Collection Sunday – will support “Health Kits”
- 24 - Bible Study at 7pm – “Prayers of Jesus”
- 27 – Last day of School
- 29 – Graduation Sunday
- 30 – Memorial Day Service at 10am – Parade at 11am
- 31 – Western Reserve District Farewell Dinner for retiring Pastors – Mary Yoder’s 6pm.
- Jun 1 - Bible Study at 7pm – “Prayers of Jesus”

### Looking ahead:

- Vacation Bible School – June 6 – 10, 9am – noon.
- East Ohio Annual Conference – June 12-16 at Lakeside, Oh.
- 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

### 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

**MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST**  
**MAY 8, 9:30-10:30am at the Church**  
**Come and let the men serve you!**

# SCRAPBOOKING WITH DENISE

Digital class on Friday May 20, 5:30-10:30pm plus an all day scrapbooking crop on May 21st, 9:30am-9:30 pm at the church. Denise can also help people get their photos organized or in celebration/memory books, call Denise for an appointment at 330.720.3028 or [digidivadenise@aol.com](mailto:digidivadenise@aol.com) or to RSVP for any of the crops dates. Put your memories in something that will last a lifetime!

## Our Friends in Need of Prayer:

David Albrecht, Bryce \_\_\_\_\_, Susan Ardlen, Jerry Armstrong, Issac Atkins, 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, Blanche Marcello, Leann Miller, Brian P., Ethan P., Rick Padavan, Kyle Quinn Jr., Kim Roseblossom, Mike Shinosky, Katlin Smith, Elise Sprong, Julie Sternagle, Debbie Swindler, DeAnna Vicich, Holly Fusselman Walker, Laura Walsh, Chad Webb, Brittany Williams, Justin Woodworth, Kate Woodworth, Richard Yocum, Beth Young (Silvernail).

## “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: [bristol-youth-soccer-league@yahoo.com](mailto:bristol-youth-soccer-league@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.*

## 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.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – “Shake It Up Café”

**JUNE 6-10, 9:00am TILL NOON**

Bible Storyteller, Craft, Music, Discovery Time, Assembly, Recreation, Snack, Mission, and Reflection Time – Something for Everyone. See Judy Vystrcil to help.

## THANKS!

A big thank you to all the people involved in the remodeling of the old coal room that will now be used for storage. We have heard that the new wall, floors and new ceiling are really nice! I’m sure that was quite a bit of donated time and materials.

## Laity Revival was held April 9, 2011

More than 300 people rallied for Christ on Saturday, April 9. The Laity Revival celebrated the ministries of East Ohio laity. It was a morning filled with worship, music, prayer and anointing. Lay Speakers of the Year were honored in a video tribute highlighting their personal "Burning Bush" stories. Bill Baker, Madison Park UMC, is our Western Reserve Lay Speaker of the Year. Bishop John L. Hopkins delivered an inspiring message challenging those in attendance to create and take up their own ministry for Jesus Christ.

**Lay Speaking Ministries** is not a 'ministry' in itself. The goal of the Lay Speaking Ministries program is to provide training opportunities and experiences to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to realize and respond to their personal call to ministry. Since each disciple is 'gifted' with one or more spiritual gifts (skills given by the Holy Spirit for the express purpose of serving the body of believers and thereby God), the Lay Speaking Ministries program strives to help disciples become aware of their particular gift or gifts by offering educational events to enhance and develop the skill level necessary for the full fruition of these gifts. It is an excellent vehicle for servant ministry skill development and has aided thousands of church members to be better servants of Jesus Christ, to become stronger church family leaders, and to more capably assist their pastors.

Lay Speaking Ministries is not just about leading and speaking from the pulpit on a given Sunday. Eighty percent of all 'lay speakers' never serve in this fashion. Rather, they serve their local churches, their districts, and the conference by filling council and committee positions, working in the church kitchens, helping trustees, leading Sunday school sessions, and attending to all the other various requirements and obligations of church activity and leadership. Entry into Lay Speaking Ministries begins by completing the basic course. This course of instruction begins by asking the participant to seek their own calling from God and searching for an understanding of servant ministry. Participants also examine how worship is structured in the church and how one's own ministry continues to be an extension and reflection of that worship. After completing the Basic course, lay speakers are eligible to move to Advanced status by completing other more specific courses pertaining to various areas of ministry or discipleship development.

Talk to Pastor Jim if you think you might be interested in going to the next training.

## Neighbor Updates

If you have some information about a friend of the church who has moved away feel free to contact me with an update and the contact information so we can keep in touch with old friends!

[Wfchurchnews@aol.com](mailto:Wfchurchnews@aol.com)

### **Liturgists for May:**

May 1 Judy Richards  
May 8 Haley Spangler  
May 15 Verona George  
May 22 Jane Bailey  
May 29 Betty Rowland

### **Greeters for May:**

5-1 Bill & Joyce List  
5-8 Marcie & Dave  
5-15 Betty & Mike Rowland'  
5-22 Judy & Larry De  
5-29 Dave & Georgene

# 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.**

## 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.

## **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, May 11th @ Middlefield UMC at 7pm**

**Wednesday, June 22nd @ Mayfield UMC at 7pm**

## **Calling 500,000 people to 'Change the World' in mid-May**

As a follow-up to our "Good Samaritan Day" last fall, we would like to do another "Good Sam" day this spring. So come on out on MAY 7 to help some of our neighbors clean up their yards. We'll meet at the church at 9:00am and go until we're done (hopefully early afternoon). We'll all enjoy a lunch back at the church.

This ties in to the "Change the World" theme on May 14 and 15, when thousands of United Methodists around the world will impact their communities with service and other outreach during. The first "Change the World" weekend last spring involved more than 100,000 United Methodists from every U.S. state and 13 other countries serving at 1,000 sites. The 2011 goal is for 500,000 people to focus on hunger relief, global health and other actions to relieve the burdens of those living in poverty. As of mid-February, more than 100 congregations had indicated they would be doing something this May.

## **GOOD SAMARITAN DAY**

**MAY 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm TILL?? (MEET AT THE CHURCH)**

**BRING GLOVES, RAKES, SHOVELS, BUCKETS, etc.**

**GIVE A HELPING HAND TO THOSE WHO CAN'T!**

## **Kids Making Their Own Explanations!**

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his Mother asked.

"Well, no, Mom, but, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

## *The Measure*

*Let the grace of the Lord be the measure of your sufficiency;  
let the peace of the Lord be the measure of your quietness;  
let the power of the Lord be the measure of your strength;  
let the goodness of the Lord be the measure of your contentment;  
let the love of the Lord be the measure of your service;  
let the faithfulness of the Lord be the measure of your trust;  
let the beauty of the Lord be the measure of your worship;  
let the fullness of the Lord be the measure of your joy;  
let the sovereignty of the Lord be the measure of your confidence;  
let the promises of the Lord be the measure of your expectations;  
let the coming of the Lord be the measure of hope.*

*You are my portion, O Lord. Psalm 119:57 AMP*

*by Roy Lessin, blog: Meet Me in the Meadow.*

**He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.**

– **George Herbert (1593 – 1633)**



### **United Methodist Women - The PURPOSE**

The organized unit of United Methodist Women (UMW) shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God; to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global mission of the church.

Here at WFUMC, the UMW includes devotions and prayer time with each monthly meeting held on the second Wednesday at 10:00 am. One of their primary service projects is to coordinate funeral dinners for any resident connected to our community who asks for assistance. They are also the coordinators of our annual chocolate/peanut butter Easter Egg project which then gets the entire church involved. Recently they have also set up a “reading table” near the stairwell. People are asked to peruse the table and sign out any books they might want to take to read. There are also quite a few books near the elevator. The Women will also be having a **Rummage Sale on May 12-14 in the Fellowship Hall in conjunction with the Community Garage Sale. Bring them your treasures, but no clothes, please.**

# **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

## **Why is Communion 'open'?**

The Communion table of every United Methodist congregation is open. All are welcome to receive the bread and juice. Participants neither have to be members of the denomination nor do they have to be baptized.

That does not mean the invitation to Holy Communion is casual. While the table is open to all regardless of age, church affiliation, and mental or physical ability, acceptance of the invitation demands honest self-examination.

Persons invited are those "that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking henceforth in his holy ways...." (*The Book of Worship*, p. 44)

Some people believe children are too young to understand the sacrament of Holy Communion and should not be invited until they have been confirmed. However, if a complete understanding became a requirement, none of us could gather at the table. Children may not completely understand what is happening, but they do know when people are invited to a meal and they are excluded.

Some also believe non-baptized adults should not be invited. However, United Methodists affirm the sacraments are not only "the outward sign of an invisible and spiritual reality;" they are also a means of grace. Those who participate do so within a community of believers. Participation may be the first step toward discipleship.

The Body of Christ is composed of many traditions. The Communion table is Christ's table, not a United Methodist table. The family meal is for all.

*The Rev. J. Richard Peck is a retired member of the New York Annual Conference.*

## **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!

## ***One Great Hour of Sharing supports UMCOR – March Noisy Collection brings in \$121!!!***

The news story might be about the United Methodist Committee on Relief's response to an earthquake in Haiti or Chile. Perhaps it reports on UMCOR's work following tornadoes in the Midwestern United States or with an older-adult ministry in Armenia. Nine times out of 10, the story will end with an unabashed appeal for funds. But with every plea we also include the words "100 percent of your gift will support ..." the designated ministry.

Those words are possible because of United Methodist response to another appeal—the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Sharing on the church-wide special Sunday allows the entire amount designated for a particular UMCOR program to go to the cause of the giver's choice.

Scheduled on the fourth Sunday in Lent—April 3 this year—One Great Hour of Sharing makes possible all of the other programs of UMCOR, The United Methodist Church's humanitarian agency. Offering gifts underwrite UMCOR's administrative expenses, the "costs of doing business" in 81 countries. Although a part of the General Board of Global Ministries, UMCOR receives no World Service or other apportioned funds.

Because of United Methodists' generous giving to past One Great Hour of Sharing offerings, within hours of the Jan. 12, 2010, Haiti earthquake, UMCOR was preparing to send teams, material resources and funding to Haiti.

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

## **Memorial Day**

**Monday May 30, 2011 is Memorial Day.**

Post 7200 VFW will conduct their annual memorial service at the local cemetery. There will be a program at 10:00 am in the church. Following the program THE parade will step off a 11:00 am

The veterans thank the community for their support.

Bruce Vogler  
Post Commander



**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     **Air Force:** Mychael Bulford; Erik McIntosh; Brian Hray

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

**Marine Reserves:** Ryan Romack; activated

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

## **An excerpt taken from an April 2011 pamphlet by Mart De Haan entitled “The Day God Died”**

**THE GOD OF THE BIBLE WAS SO DEEPLY MOVED BY THE HARM PEOPLE DO TO ONE ANOTHER THAT HE ACTUALLY CHOSE TO DIE BECAUSE OF IT. AT A MOMENT IN TIME, THE ETERNAL GOD CLOSED HIS EYES AND STOPPED BREATHING. UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THE WRONGS OF THE WORLD, HIS BODY FELL LIMP AND LIFELESS. AT THAT MOMENT, GOD WAS DEAD—NOT JUST IN THE PERCEPTION OF OTHERS, BUT IN REAL TIME AND IN AN ACTUAL PLACE.**

**IN MAKING THIS CLAIM, THE BIBLE GOES FAR BEYOND THE QUESTION FROM TIME MAGAZINE OF “IS GOD DEAD?” THE THEOLOGY OF THE BIBLE LEAVES US WITH A MYSTERY THAT IS BEYOND HUMAN COMPREHENSION (1 TIMOTHY 3:16). THE SECOND PERSON OF A THREE-IN-ONE GOD BECAME A REAL MAN TO DIE A REAL DEATH FOR US (JOHN 1:1-3,14; PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11)**

**AS THIS UNPARALLELED DRAMA UNFOLDS, PHYSICAL DEATH WAS NOT OUR GOD’S GREATEST SACRIFICE. EVEN BEFORE BREATHING HIS FINAL BREATH ON A ROMAN CROSS, HE ENDURED THE HELLISH DARKNESS OF SPIRITUAL SEPARATION FROM HIS FATHER IN HEAVEN. AS THE SKIES DARKENED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY, HIS ANGUISHED CRY ECHOED THROUGH THE HALLS OF HEAVEN AND HISTORY: “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?” (MATTHEW 27:46 NKJV)**

**ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE, OUR CREATOR ENDURED SUCH AN AGONIZING DEATH TO COME TO OUR RESCUE.**

## **KIDS KLUB**

The Kids Klub finished their Winter/Spring session April 11th, with 26 attending. We had a great 12 weeks learning about different ways to Pray and the complete Easter Story. Jesus is Alive!

Four students had perfect attendance and received special gifts.

Terryan Metheny-4th grade, Alani Li--2nd grade, Jem Amos-2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Ryan Markwell-Kdgn. Every Monday we had 5 -7 teens helping with crafts, songs, readings and games, they were such a big help and we want to Thank them so much, along with the adult helpers, teachers, food and snack ladies and bus drivers.

**Kids Klub - We couldn't do this with out you.**

With God's continually leading and directing us, we plan on another 12 week Fall Session starting Sept. 12th. 2011. More info will follow. God Bless you all. Kids Klub Staff.

Have a great summer.

# Bontrager Groceries – Farmington Hardware – Village Fabrics

May 14<sup>th</sup> 11am – 5pm

## Grand Opening Celebration

Hot dogs being provided by the Hardware, beans potato salad provided by Bontrager's  
Specials & Sale items in the stores.

Indoor Scavenger hunt for kids (4-12 with an adult) with cash prize drawing.

Local History Trivia Contest for teens (13-18) with cash prize drawing.

Outdoor games for kids – candy toss, sack race, coloring contest & more (weather permitting)

Bake Sale – tent with seating will be set up.

Door Prize Drawings/Give a Ways/Much More!!!

Farmington Historical items on display including Yearbooks and scorebooks from the  
high school. You are welcome to bring any items or pictures that you'd like to share, display or  
show.

\*\*\* Follow us on facebook (Bontrager Groceries) for more information, pictures & contests. \*\*\*

## UMW Rummage Sale, May 12-14 in the Fellowship Hall in conjunction with the Community Garage Sale. Bring in your treasures, but no clothes, please.

### The Poetry Corner

#### “Freedom Is Not Free”

Kelly Strong

I watched a flag pass by one day.  
It fluttered in the breeze.  
A young Marine saluted it.  
And then he stood at ease.  
I looked at him in uniform.  
So young, so tall, so proud.  
He'd stand out in any crowd.  
I thought how many men like him.  
Had fallen through the years.  
How many died on foreign soil?  
How many mothers' tears?  
How many pilots' planes shot down?  
How many died at sea?  
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves?  
No Freedom isn't Free.

I heard the sound of TAPS one night,  
When everything was still  
I listened to the bugler play  
And felt a sudden chill.  
I wondered just how many times  
That TAPS had mean “Amen”.  
When a flag had draped a coffin  
Of a brother or a friend.  
I thought of all the children,  
Of the mothers and the wives,  
Of the fathers, sons, and husbands  
With interrupted lives.  
I thought about a graveyard  
At the bottom of the sea  
Of unmarked graves in Arlington  
No, Freedom isn't Free.