

MEMORIAL DAY

Observed the last Monday in May or the previous Sunday, this day honors the war dead of the United States. It was first celebrated in 1866 in Waterloo, New York. Many observe the day by decorating graves, especially of persons who died in war.

Prayer

Leader: Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth, give thanks to you:

For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage, whose lives that have empowered us, whose influence is a healing grace,
PEOPLE: WE LIFT UP THANKFUL HEARTS.

For the dear friends and family members whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us for ever...
PEOPLE: WE LIFT UP THANKFUL HEARTS.

For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth, and for the members of our household of faith who worship you now in heaven...
PEOPLE: WE LIFT UP THANKFUL HEARTS.

For those who sacrificed themselves, our brothers and sisters who have given their lives for the sake of others and for their country...
PEOPLE: WE LIFT UP THANKFUL HEARTS.

That we may hold them all in continual remembrance, and ever think of them as with you in that city whose gates are not shut by day and where there is no night...
PEOPLE: WE LIFT UP THANKFUL HEARTS.

That we may now be dedicated to working for a world where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations made one,
PEOPLE: O LORD, SAVE YOUR PEOPLE AND BLESS YOUR HERITAGE. DAY BY DAY WE MAGNIFY YOU, AND WORSHIP YOUR NAME, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

(JOHN HUNTER, SCOTLAND, 20TH CENT.)

CROSSROADS STUDENT MINISTRY NOTES:

June 8-10 We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting **Pathway Youth Choir from Thomson First UMC** from Thomson Georgia. The youth choir from the Atlanta area will perform a special concert at church Sunday night the 8th at 7:30 pm. Please plan to come and join in this special event. We will have an ice cream social following the concert. We are looking for folks who would be willing to host pairs of the students in their home. They will be staying 2 nights in Williamsburg so they can spend a day enjoying Kings Island Amusement Park. If you would be willing to host a pair of students or sponsors, please contact Bonnie Carson, 724-3856 or bonnie@wumy.org

June 9th Youth – we will be joining in the fun at Kings Island If you order tickets on line before we go, they are more reasonably priced – check it out!

We will also need help with a farewell breakfast for the Pathway Youth Choir on Tuesday morning, June 10th. If you're willing to help, contact Bonnie Carson 724-3856 or bonnie@wumy.org

Ichthus is almost here! We will be leaving for Wilmore Kentucky and the Ichthus music festival Wednesday June 11 and return Sunday June 15. Cost for the event is \$120 that will cover all of your meals, ticket to everything, gasoline, etc. There are always t-shirts and cds for sale. If you are planning to go, please contact Bonnie ASAP! For more info about Ichthus, go to www.ichthusfestival.org.

Sunday, June 8th Family Fun Day at the park. The entire church is invited to the Williamsburg Park for lunch and fun. We will be selling hot dogs, brats, and metts, chips and ice cream the proceeds are going to benefit the Mission trip to serve a displaced Haitian population in Nassau. In addition to lunch, we will have a corn hole tournament and several carnival type games for the kids. Please plan to attend

Schedule of Activities for the Week of May 25th – June 1st, 2008

TODAY 25th: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 10:00 a.m. Classes and Groups
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- **NO** Sing-a-Long Gang practice during summer months

MONDAY: 26th: MEMORIAL DAY

- 7:30 a.m. Bus leaves from church for Hunger Walk in Cincinnati. You can register the Day of the Hunger Walk
- 7:15 p.m. Men's Church League Softball at Ogden's Field

TUESDAY 27th: 2:30 p.m. the 6th grade after school group will be going to play laser tag right after school. We'll pick you up and head to Scallywag Tag on Beechmont. Cost is \$15 for 2 games of laser tag, pop, popcorn and pizza. We will be back at church around 5:00 pm.
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting. You will find the minutes from March 25th meeting in the mailbox next to the pastor's office

WEDNESDAY 28th: 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

- 2:30 p.m. Quilting Mission Group meeting at Williamsburg High School
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (this is the last practice for the summer months)

THURSDAY 29th: Last day for bulletin information to be turned into the office for this week

- 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Blood Drive for Jerry Burger at Williamsburg Twp. Emergency Services Building, 915 West Main St. Williamsburg
- 3:30 p.m. the 5th grade after school group will be going to see Prince Caspian right after school. We'll pick you up and head to Milford for the 4:20 showing of the movie. We will be home around 7:15 p.m. Bring \$10.00 for the movie and a snack.
- **7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Service in Chapel**
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer Partners Community Prayer Walk
- 7:30 p.m. Rising Tides Practice

SATURDAY 31st: 10:00 a.m. Prayer Partners Community Prayer Walk

NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 1st: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 10:00 a.m. Classes and Groups
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and Praise
- 6:30 p.m. BibleQuest (for Kindergarten thru 6th grade)
- 7:30 p.m. Revival Services

(1) VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Sunday, July 13th – Thursday, July 17th. Please sign-up to help by putting your name and phone number on the Sign-up Sheet in the lobby.

(2) CPR CLASSES RESCHEDULED: Please note that the CPR Classes were canceled because of lack of participation. They have been rescheduled for Thursday, June 19 and Friday, June 20, from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., here in our Fellowship Hall.

(3) WES PUTNAM DAYS PRING REVIVAL: There will be offering several opportunities for you to prepare yourself for this time of spiritual enrichment. On Wednesday evening, May 28th and on Saturday May 31st we will be holding a one hour Prayer Walk around the community. Meet at the church on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. and/or on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. We will walk around our community and pray for a variety of people and situations. Also, you can sign up to be a part of our prayer vigil during the Revival (June 1st - 4th). Each time slot is for 1/2 hour and you will spend that time praying for the revival in the chapel. The times run from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. each evening of the revival. The sign-up board is in the lobby. Please contact Tracy Taylor at 724-3368 for more details.

(4) WE WELCOME: Bonnie Olds-Carson to our pulpit this morning. Besides being our Youth Minister/Director, Bonnie is a Certified Lay Speaker in the Ohio River Valley District. Rev. Kemerley is serving on the administrative and teaching staff of the OHIO DEMOLY - LEADERS OF EXCELLENCE -- TRAINING CONFERENCE, in the Akron area this weekend.

(5) MIXED SOFTBALL LEAGUE: Anyone interested in playing softball (men and women) at Ogden's Softball Park on Friday Evening. Contact Jason Pollitt (513) 388-6300

(6) MINISTRY UPDATE – May 18, 2008

Christian Education Classes (Children 22, Youth 35, Adult 51)	108	Average YTD	94
Combined Worship Service	206	Average YTD	192
Received Last week for the Budget:	\$3,663.00		
Received last week for other purposes:	\$ 51.00		
Budget Goal Year to Date:	\$ 99,300.00		
Received for the Budget YTD:	\$ 87,301.00		
Budget Expenses YTD:	\$ 103,760.15		

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Week of May 25th



WE JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYER:

Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous person avails much.

James 5:16

PRAYER FOCUS:

Jim & Marian Truske
Joshua & Mary Beth Tucker

Stanley & Yvonne Tucker
Wayne & Dee Turkelson: Staci, Shelby

Join us as we pray our way through the membership of the congregation. Some week, it will be you.

CURRENT CONCERNS:

Tom Brown (Munch Brown's Father) at home recuperating
Penny Balzhiser at home recuperating

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER FROM LAST SUNDAY'S PRAYER CARDS:

For **Chris Hall** (Rita Abrams' son) submitted by Jim Taylor
For **Penny Balzhiser** submitted by Ron Balzhiser
For **Beverly Groshmeyer** (Marge McCollum's daughter) submitted by M. McCollum

ON GOING CONCERNS LONG TERM:

Jerry Burger	Barb Parker	Kitty & Jack Arwine	Bob Cummins
Wade Lytle	Dick Forney	Mary Vaughan	Gene Wilson
Betty Lykins	Hazel Cox	Ed Wright	David White
Karen Whitaker	Jessie Abrams	Nancy Hance	Marian Truske
Darlene Weisbrod (Dorothy Lewis' sister)		Mollie Dreher (Herb & Sandy Rowan's daughter)	
Drew (Great Nephew of Marge McCollum)	Chris Hall (Rita Abrams' son)	Thelma Jeffers (Tim's mother)	
Mike Proud (Kim Jeffers' and Cassie Lefker's Dad)	Shirley Smith (Mary Ann Lefker's Mother)		
Allyson Clark (Randy & Dana Clark's daughter) (http://allyupdates.blogspot.com)			

NURSING HOMES AND HEALTH CARE CENTERS:

Bill McManus – Eastgate Spring of Cincinnati Health Care Center
Verna Burger - Locust Ridge Nursing Home
Mary Bare – The Arbors of Milford Room #315A
Eleanor Piffer - Eastgate Spring of Cincinnati Health Care Center
Sam Maham – Villa Georgetown Nursing Home
Lloyd Frodge (Don Frodge's Father) - Locust Ridge Nursing Home
Wayne Roundy (Carolee Grehan's Father) Otterbein

RETIREMENT CENTERS:

May Marshall - Eastgate Village
Geneva Carter (Dave Carter's Mother) - Eastgate Village
Fred Dyer (Jim Dyer's Father) – Veterans Home in Georgetown, Ohio

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE NOW SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES:

A1C Patrick Fender	patch_fender@yahoo.com	
AMN Stephen Jordan	Brian Cramer	Paul Wabnitz
Ryan Frazee USAF	1Lt. David McCollum	Jacob Kidd
Zach Cluxton	Zachary Albasin	SR Jacob Albasin
Lt. Col. David Parr	Lt. Col. Liza Parr	Isaac Meese
Bryan Carmean	John Stone	Christopher Palmer USAF
Michael Frischhertz	Jason Pollard	Ben Zsabo
NC, USN Craig L. Duncan	Jeff Brown	Bob Fee
SSgt. Mark Gatch	Shannon Bibbee	Brandon Reid
Nick Richards USAF		

Pray for our service men and women as they leave the military to go back to civilian life.

Love First Offering

In keeping with our **Love First** theme, we will be receiving a **Love First Offering** (Miracle Offering) at the 2008 Annual Conference session. I invite each of our nearly 1,200 congregations to begin preparing, even now, to participate in this miraculous outpouring of love. The offering will be shared between the Nothing But Nets initiative to stamp out the killer disease of malaria and the emerging United Methodist Church in Vietnam and the Methodist Church of Cambodia, with whom we in West Ohio have a covenant partnership. Our **Love First Offering** goal is \$210,000 – a miraculous outpouring of \$70,000 for Nothing But Nets and \$140,000 for Cambodia and Vietnam. Unless otherwise designated, 1/3 of the offering will be allocated to Nothing But Nets and 2/3 to Cambodia and Vietnam.

In the fall of 2006, The United Methodist Church formed a partnership with the magazine Sports Illustrated, the National Basketball Foundation, the United Nations Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to form Nothing But Nets – a campaign to eradicate malaria. The primary way to save persons from malaria in poverty stricken areas is to be sure they sleep under a chemically-treated mosquito net during the evening hours when the malaria-bearing mosquitoes are active. The principle behind this campaign is simple and straightforward – “**send a net, save a life.**” Each net costs \$10.00. This covers three things: (1) the net itself, (2) the distribution costs and (3) educating families on how to use the nets properly.

The United Methodist Church is growing rapidly in Southeast Asia, particularly in Cambodia and Vietnam. There are now over 150 congregations in Cambodia and 35 in Vietnam. Individuals and families are attracted to the United Methodist Church because it teaches that disciples of Jesus Christ actively work to transform their communities and the world to be more and more like God’s Kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. As one young person in Vietnam told our recent West Ohio Volunteer in Mission team, “United Methodists do good things for people – they provide education, job training, medicines, food, clothing, homes for orphans...they do lots of good things.” Southeast Asia is a vibrant mission field for the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our goal is to raise \$140,000 to support the exciting and life-transforming work underway in Cambodia and Vietnam. The first \$40,000 from this portion of the **Love First Offering** will be used for Education and Leadership Training for the pastors and lay leadership necessary to start new churches and strengthen existing churches in Cambodia and Vietnam. One hundred dollars (\$100) a month will support a Cambodian pastor and allow a local congregation’s ministry to flourish. Can your congregation train and support a pastor in Cambodia or Vietnam?

The other \$100,000 will be used to establish the United Methodist Church Center in Vietnam to serve as the church’s headquarters, training and resource center. At the present time, people of the United Methodist Church are forced to meet in an atmosphere of secrecy in house churches, always concerned that local government officials may close the ministry or harass and even imprison its leaders. In spite of these challenging circumstances, the United Methodist churches are growing, especially among college students and young families. The headquarters must be established before The United Methodist Church can be recognized by the Vietnamese

government, before the people of the United Methodist Church can worship and do ministry openly and freely.

I believe in the miraculous power of **Love First**. As the author of I John writes, “Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another...; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God’s love is perfected in us.” (I John 4:11-12) I believe that our **Love First Offering** for Nothing But Nets and Southeast Asia will be a channel through which we can love our neighbors and through which God’s love can be perfected in us.

Bishop Bruce R. Ough

An envelope designated “LOVE FIRST OFFERING” is included in today’s bulletin to gather our church’s part of this conference wide offering.