



OCTOBER, 2018

MISSION STATEMENT:

"Following Jesus for the glory of God and our neighbors good"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2 Bible Study, 6 pm	3 Ladies Bible Study, 10 am, Bev's	4 Choir Practice, 7 pm	5	6	
7 Love Feast 7 pm BDM week trip to Carolina's	8	9 Bible Study, 6 pm 7 pm Com- missions, 7:40 Board Mtg.	10 Ladies Bible Study, 10 am, Bev's	11 Deacon Mtg, 6 pm Choir Prac- tice, 7 pm	12	13 Sr. Hi Leadership Training, camp	
14 CROP Walk Compelling Vi- sion Conversa- tions	15	16 Bible Study, 6 pm	17 Ladies Bible Study, 10 am, Bev's	18 Choir Practice, 7 pm	19	20	
21 Church Hayride, 5:30—9 pm, Hawks Farm	22	23 Bible Study, 6 pm	24 Ladies Bible Study, 10 am, Bev's Fall Council Meeting, 7 pm	25 Choir Practice, 7 pm	26	27 District Ladies Re- treat, Camp, 10-3	
28	29	30 Bible Study, 6 pm	31 Ladies Bible Study, 10 am, Bev's	9:30	Every Sunday morning 9:30 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship Service		







Bible Study Bible study now meets Tuesday evenings from 6-7 pm in the room next to the kitchen. Everyone invited. Contact Becky Burtoft for more info.

Ladies Bible Study The ladies study group will begin meeting for Bible Study in Wednesday, October 3rd at 10 am All women are welcome

Commissions and board meeting will be Tuesday, October 9th at 7 pm.

The Fall Council Meeting will be Wednesday, October 24th at 7 pm.

Deacons will meet Thursday, October 11th 6 pm



Choir Practice is on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. All are invited to attend.

Acme Community Receipts We are now accepting Acme receipts. This campaign will go until December 29th. These monies are used to fill the pulpit with flowers that go to our shut-ins. Receipts go in the container on the back table.



Receipts



Volunteers needed Christian Education is looking for a director for the Junior Worship Christmas Program. Please contact Becky Burdoft if interested. Needing nursery workers and Sunday

school teachers for the fall quarter. See Cindy Peel if interested: 234-788-9154; cynpeel@hotmail.com

Hygiene Kits Witness will start putting together Hygiene Kits in October. A list of needed items will be posted soon.

Altar Flowers: there are still Sunday's available for you to purchase flowers (\$20) to remember and honor loved ones. See the flower calendar on the back bulletin board to sign up.

Budget Requests It is time to begin the budgeting



process for next year! Commission chairpersons, please have your requests for your budgets to Pat Beach before the October 9th Board Meeting.

CROP WALK will be Sunday, Oct. 14th at 2 pm. Goodyear Metro Park. Plan to walk or to support someone who is walking. If you CROPWALK



can't make it on that day, any other walking will count. Walkers will be taking pledge donations.

Church Hayride



Join us for our church hayride Sunday, October 21st from 5:30 pm-9 pm at the Hawk Farm on Pressler Rd

Hot dogs, buns, marshmallows, s'more's, cider and other beverages will be provided. Please bring finger foods to share. The wagon will pull out at 6 pm.

Love Feast to be celebrated and shared

We will gather Sunday evening, October 7th at 7 pm to celebrate the Love Feast with time for



meditation, foot-washing, and communion.

Deacons will meet at 6 pm to set up. If you claim Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are invited to the Love Feast table.



THANKS



Thanks to all who shared in the planning of our church picnic last month. Mt. Pleasant presented a wonderful history before the

meal. The picnic was well represented by all three congregations

Thanks to Kris Hawk for coming to the church and explaining the Search Committee process and how we as the congregation contribute to the process.

Thanks to the 150th Celebration Committee for all their dedicated work in preparing our 150th celebration this weekend. Mugs at \$5 can still be bought as well as updated histories at \$10.00. See Bev Sheets. Thanks to Jeff Carter, President of Bethany Seminary for being our preacher, Sunday, Sept. 30th!

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of Esther Young, 107 yr., who passed away August 26th. Services were at E. Nimishillen CoB.



Condolences to the family of Grayce Woerz whose nephew, Ted Morrow passed away August 25th.

Condolences to the family of Paul Shaffer who passed away passed away September 4th.

Congratulations to Milton and Phyllis Kurtz, new great-grandparents. Rayvn Sue Blanche, daughter of Stephanie Jenkins Blanche was born Wednesday, Sept. 19th at 7 lb. 14 oz and 19 in.

Congratulations to Pastor Steve Van Houten who retired in September. Cards can be sent to him at 128 E. Harrison St., Plymouth, Indiana 46563.

Church Meetings

Commissions

Tuesday, October 9th, 7 pm

General Church Board

Tuesday, October 9th at 7:30 pm

Fall Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 24th at 7 pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Communion and Love Fest, Sunday, October 7nd, 7 pm

BDM trip: Lumberton NC & Marion, SC, Oct. 7-13

Commissions and Board Mtg. October 9th

Compelling Vision Conversations, Sunday October 14th @ Maple Grove and Eastwood CoB.

CROP WALK, Sunday, October 14^h

Hayride, October 21st 5:30 pm—9 pm

Sr. Hi Leadership Training, Oct. 13-14

Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7 pm

Ladies District Fall Retreat, October 27th, Camp Inspiration Hills, 10 am—3 pm.

Hanging of the Greens, Sunday, November 25th

1st Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 2nd

Caroling, Sunday, December 2nd

Advent Dinner, Sunday, December 2nd, 12:00 pm

Poinsettia Sunday & Candlelight Service, December 16th

Youth New Years Eve Blowout, December 31, 7 pm—11 am.

Communion, Sunday, January 6th, 2019



Women's Ministry 2018 Fall Retreat Saturday, October 27, 2018 10am -3 pm, Camp Inspiration Hills, 4819 W. Easton Rd, Burbank, OH 44313

"The Touch of the Master's Hand"
Carol Kuryn, speaker
Our weekend retreat will include time to get to know each other better by sharing, stories, blogs or poetry you've written, through music or photos. Bring your bible, a photo of yourself, bedding (if overnight stay), craft projects, stories/blog you have written, music, etc. Cost \$20 which includes lunch and craft supplies.
Call 330-418-1148 to register.

MARRIAGE RETREAT THIS FALL

Mt. Pleasant is offering the 4th Annual Marriage Retreat Fri. Nov 2 and Sat. Nov 3, 2018 at the Carlisle Inn, Sugarcreek, OH. Contact their



church office for information 330-499-5131 or see flyer on our bulletin board.

COMPELLING VISION At Annual Conference in July, we as a denomination embarked on the "Compelling Vision" journey to rediscover our Christ-centered mission. What is it that Jesus Christ would have us be and do as a people of faith and action? The delegates began the process of prayerfully giving input into the answer. Next year's Annual Conference will continue that process.

District Discussions are scheduled in October at area churches. **Maple Grove** will host a session Sunday Oct. 14 from 2-4 pm. and **Eastwood** will be hosting a session Oct. 14th from 6-8 pm. Bring your bibles. Visit the website @ www.brethren.org/ac/compelling-vision.html for more information.

REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS

Please keep the following church members in your prayers and also with cards, calls and visits.

Merrell Buckles—home

Jim Conner — 70 Thorlone, Akron, OH 44312

Betty Feller — Copley Health Center, D207,

155 Heritage Woods Dr,

Akron, OH 44321

Marie Fulks — home

Sondra Grund — Stow Glenn, Cedar #544,

4285 Kent Rd. Stow, OH 44224

Marybelle Hawk—HomeStead, Gentlebrook,

850 Sunnyside St. SW,

Hartville, OH 44632

Elaine Jackson — 640 Fulmer Ave,

Akron, OH 44312

Eileen Jenkins — Green Village, #301,

708 Moore Rd, Akron, OH 44319

Alice Kenngott — home

Marge Knepp — GentleBrook Facility,

844 Sunnyside St.SW, Hartville, 44632

Ann Mishler — Stow-Glenn, #555, 4285 Kent Rd,

Stow, OH 44224

Doran Young — Memory Care Center #6102

Western Reserve Masonic Community

4931 Nettleton Road

Medina OH 44256

330-721-3176





Wednesday camp work days are back from 9-3 with a free lunch provided to all volunteers. Call Dale Allen at 330-621-4574.



September 11th Executive Committee Summary

<u>Christian Education:</u> The children have 2 skits to present during the Sunday school hour on September 30th, part of the 150th Anniversary Celebration. The commission is still looking for Sunday school teachers.

<u>Fellowship and Recreation:</u> The Fall hayride is being planned, date to be announced. Advent carryin meal will be Sunday December 2 at noon. Meat, beverage, and table service will be provided.

<u>Music and Worship:</u> The commission is working on appointments for 2019. Mum Sunday is September 23rd.

<u>Trustees:</u> The commission has been busy with upkeep on the church and the cemetery.

<u>Witness:</u> Crop walk will be held on October 14th. The commission will assemble hygiene kits in October. The commission plans to sponsor a family through Springfield Cares for Christmas.

<u>**Deacons:**</u> The deacons will meet with Pastor George on Monday, September 17.



Most of us are aware that our church is declining in membership. Maybe we need to reevaluate some of our thinking and realize that many of the "old ways" or "the way we always did that" are no longer working.

We need to be careful and kind when we tell someone "how things have always been done." Many of us don't treat others the way that we would like to be treated. Everyone is encouraged to be careful and kind when telling a new person that's NOT the way we always do that. Please think before speaking! Be kind and love each other. Clarajean Knepp



Introducing Pastor George

George O'Reilly was born in Kansas, raised mostly in Arizona on or near the Navajo Reservation, and attended Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff Arizona where he and wife Karen met and married. George first worked several years as a mechanic. Later he obtained an Elementary Teaching certificate and taught fourth grade for five years. During this time Karen and George's two children were born and now the family includes 3 grandchildren.

After seminary George served 2 pastorates for about 18 yrs. and then moved to intentional interim pastoring, walking with congregations during times of change.

George greatly enjoys people of all ages and sometimes says, "A person has to really work hard to bring me to a point of not enjoying them in some way!"

Pastor George and Karen live in Sylvania Ohio, near Toledo, where they are members of Toledo Mennonite Church.

Pastor George wishes to say, "I am excited and blessed by this possibility of ministry together. We can confidently anticipate the Lord's guidance and blessing as we seek to serve together in the Spirit among the community through the congregation!"

Blessings and peace through God's Spirit as we begin together.

Pastor George O'Reilly



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Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.



We Invite You

- to join with us in the fellowship of a Christian family.
- to join us in our journey to a deeper faith in our Lord Jesus
- to strive with us to "Live for the Glory of God and our neighbor's good."



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Sunday Hours of Worship:

Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:30 am