



**Carrollton First UMC/The Bridge**



E- Circuit Rider

June 21, 2017

### **From the Pastor's Desk...**

Dear Friends at Yellow Brick Church and The Bridge,

Along with Pastor Kimberly, Eric and Marci Folk, JD and Carla Hively, Robert Husted, and Doug Arbaugh from our church, I was at Lakeside Chautauqua for this year's Annual Conference. It was my 31<sup>st</sup> conference as a pastor; I have been blessed to have spent the last 9 of those years as Sr. Pastor at Carrollton First UMC! As I begin year 10, I do so with confidence in the direction God is leading our "Two Locations" Church! Here's why:

I have met so many people over the years who struggle with their identity. They often ask, "Who am I?" Put another way, people are seeking a direction for their lives. That's just one reason we at Carrollton First UMC/The Bridge are blessed: We do have a direction! We are *Following Jesus...Sharing His Love!*

I have also encountered people who feel a *disconnect* – from family – from friends – from the world in which they live – a disconnect even from God. These people, some of them right here within our own community, are looking for something/someone with whom to re-connect their lives. Some of them have tried to reconnect by trying drugs or alcohol. Others seek to ease their loneliness through relationships that often become unhealthy, even abusive.

That's why I am so excited that we exemplify what a healthy and whole connection can be. Even though YBC and The Bridge exist in two geographic locations, separated by just about a mile, we are spiritually *connected by the Love of Christ!*

And, it is our love for Christ that calls us to offer *three unique worship opportunities* – Blended, Contemporary, Traditional – three styles of worship that potentially can reach others with the Gospel message of His Love!

And that's why...

**We are**  
**1 Church *Following Jesus...Sharing His Love***  
**in**  
**2 Locations connected by the Love of Christ**  
**offering**  
**3 Unique Worship Opportunities**  
**8:15 – 10:00—10:45**

We have our identity in Jesus Christ! Let us move forward, confident in the grace of God to lead us!

Sharing in God's Blessings,  
*Rev. Dan Loomis*

## Vacation Bible School 2017



### ***You can still be a part of our VBS Special Project!***

Kathy Dickriede, the East Ohio Conference UMVIM coordinator, visited VBS on Monday and shared with us about the Camphor Mission in Liberia.

- Sponsoring a child's education for a year in Liberia costs **\$150**
- Cost of putting in a well for fresh water **\$2,000**

***Between now and July 23rd, let's see how much we can raise!*** Please note on your check or envelope *VBS Special Project* and place it in the offering plate.

**July & August Sermons at YBC**  
10 week study *God's New Society* a series from the Book of Ephesians



***La la la la la la! Me me me ...ME?***

***Yes, You!***

Yellow Brick Church needs vocalists, musical groups and instrumentalists for the church's summer music. You can sign up to do one or both services on Sundays. Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the sanctuary at Carrollton First UMC.

If you have questions, please contact Molly Winters or the office.



Things are moving forward at Bright Side Youth Ranch. So far their three mentors have held 60 sessions with 13 kids. Pray for them to add to their team so that they can move students on the waiting list into the program. Sessions include: a ranch chore, basic horsemanship, activities and games centered on time spent with the horse and mentor. These things are the launching pad for discussions about relationships, faith, and problem-solving.

***\*\*Unfortunately our Mission Trip to help in August has been canceled. Continue to check the newsletter for updates.\*\****



**July 16**

**"Church Has Left the Building"**

Join us in doing service projects in the community. We will meet at the fairgrounds and team up. Still accepting project ideas -contact Pastor Kimberly.

- o **July 23 - Worship @ the Carroll County Fair**  
10am in the Metal Show Arena. Arrive before 9am get in free; if you show up after you will need to pay admission price.
- o **July 30 - Worship & Picnic @ Bill & Francie Krills**  
(3189 Kensington Rd, Carrollton). Worship at 10am with picnic to follow. Games, paddleboats, swimming! Bring a covered dish, lawn chairs, bathing suits and towels.



Please sign up for the Habitat for Humanity work dates on **July 8** and/or **August 10** if possible. Remember that construction workers and snack/lunch providers are both needed. The Team thanks Gary Sterrett for overseeing and coordinating all we do in connection with Habitat. You can fill out the VOLUNTEER information online at <http://MillerGolf.HabitatECO.org>

**Location:** 208 Pennsylvania Ave., Minerva, OH 44657

**Update:** *The Faith Build will take place in Carrollton- Spring 2018.*

**BASIC Youth**

**6-8pm Wednesdays @ The Center**

BASIC youth will have a separate time each week to get together for a Fun Event.



**June 19-23** - Helping at VBS 9:00-11:30am

**June 30** - Lazer Tag 2-5pm

**July 7** - Bowling 1-5pm

**July 11** – Movie Night @ One Way 7-9:30pm

**July 20** - Youth @ the County Fair 5-9pm

**July 24** - Clean up at Kiddie Land Park

For additional info, contact Olivia 330-627-7751

**Sundaes with the Loomises**

Sunday, August 6 from 6:00-8:00pm

at the parsonage (251 S. Lisbon St. Carrollton)

Bring your lawn chair and join your church family in fellowship.

Ice cream, fresh fruit and coffee will be served.





## Sunday School Changes

@ the Yellow Brick Church

Submitted by the *Christian Education Team*

### Starting **September 3rd...**

Children's Sunday School will be moved from 9:30am to the 10:45am worship service time.

There will be 3 classes divided into age groups as follows:

- 2 yr. olds thru pre-K
- K-2nd grade
- 3-5th grade

Parents can sign their children in on their way to the 10:45 worship service and pick up their children after the 10:45 am worship service.

**Yellow Brick Kids** will be offered at the 8:15am worship service on Sundays when the Youth Praise Team sings. We offer 3 Adult Sunday School classes that will still meet at 9:30am. Any questions can be addressed to Brian Husted.

### Mission Notes:

*(submitted by the Mission Team)*

**The Keyes:** Last word (June 7) was that Ken, Kathy, Max, and Peter Keyes were packing up to depart for the States. They were attempting to sell many of their belongings as they will not return to this ministry field. Ken will continue his work with language projects long distance as they decide where to live and purchase a home. After a short family vacation Ken will take up, in Kathy's words, "a remote assignment." ***Pray for them in this time of transition, for wisdom in decision making, and safety as they travel.***

**LeAnn Eyerman:** LeAnn reports that the Lord continues to provide opportunities to speak of Jesus and the Christian faith, in her place of work and even with the family members of those women. She asks prayer for all who are sharing their faith in Taiwan and for the next Authentic Lives Workshop in July. Pray for the Lord's wisdom on how to get the word about the workshop out in such a way that those not yet Christians will want to attend. Our congregation is expecting a visit from LeAnn later this summer. ***Please pray for her well-being and safety as she travels.***

*To find out about the Missions supported  
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