

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

Dear Friends,

I was recently working on ideas for sermons for this fall, and a thought passed through my mind. At first, I dismissed the thought as an easy way out, only to discover it would not let me go. So, I began to pray. As of this writing I have become convinced that the thought came from the Holy Spirit.

This thought was in relation to preaching from "Lectionary" texts. The *Common Lectionary* is a listing of Scripture readings for each week in the Christian year, which over a three-year period takes a congregation through most of the Bible. Each Sunday's readings include a text from the Old Testament, a Psalm, an Epistle, and one of the Gospels.

As I have already stated I thought perhaps this would be an easy way out. But, the Holy Spirit reminded me of the value of using the *Lectionary*, whether for the short or long-term. First, reading from Scripture is always a positive reality. One can never read the Bible *too much*. And, something I have long emphasized is that individuals should bring their Bible to worship, and follow along as the text is being read. Imagine reading together from more than one passage each week!

Secondly, the *Lectionary* offers a preacher and a congregation an opportunity to be more disciplined in reading and preaching from more than favorite passages only! Discipline is always important! So, for the months leading up to Advent, our worship will include readings from the *Lectionary*, from which I will be preaching. Here is a brief look at what is ahead, and as you will see, the *Lectionary* can occasionally lend itself to a topic:

### September 1

**Luke 14:1, 7-14** will guide us in a sermon titled, "***Discipleship: Following Jesus...Sharing His Love.***" In this Biblical story about "seats of honor," Jesus asks us to consider the priority of looking to the needs of others rather than self.

### September 8

Jesus calls us to let go of our attachments and follow Him in a life of love and care for others. This mystery, beyond our understanding, is found in **Luke 14:25-3**. The sermon will be, "***Discipleship: Counting the Cost.***"

### September 15

**Luke 15:1-10** tells us about scribes and Pharisees grumbling over the fact that Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners. "***Discipleship: Grumbling or Rejoicing***" will focus on a greater reality Jesus speaks about. Namely, that we worship a God who seeks the lost and rejoices when the lost are found.

### September 22

In **Luke 16:1-13** Jesus tells about a steward who, after being fired for mismanaging his master's accounts, acts shrewdly to ingratiate himself to those who owe his master money.

"***Discipleship: Faithful Stewardship of True Riches***" will help us learn to be as wise as was this dishonest steward. For the proper management of our time, talents, and treasure truly matters!

There you have it! On each of these Sundays, and on into the fall, we will be reading more than just the text listed above. With anticipation, I am looking forward to the discipline of reading God's Word together. And I am looking forward to worshipping with you, the family of God. See you Sunday!

In Christ,

*Rev. Dan Loomis*



## NEW DIRECTOR AT ONE WAY

Justin Garner, formerly of Wellsville, has been named the new full-time director at One Way Youth Center. Justin took over his new duties August 1 and has events planned for junior high and high school youth, including a Back to School Bash that was held on August 25. In accepting his new position, Garner said, "I have a vision not only to reach and unite our young people for the sake of the Gospel, but to provide resources for the young people in poverty in our area. If we can't meet

the special needs of a person, I want to have the resources ready to point them to a ministry or institution that can."

Justin graduated in 2009 from Buckeye Cyber Charter School and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Graphic Design with a minor in Bible studies from Cedarville University. He has also taken special classes in Studio and Creative Photography, Urban Ministry, Personal Evangelism and Youth Ministry at Cedarville University.

One Way will be open from 2 to 4:30 p.m. for afterschool activities beginning September 3 and for Sunday evening gatherings from 6 to 8 p.m. A schedule of events can be found on Facebook (One Way Youth Center) and Twitter at OneWaySM. The phone number is 330-627-7751.

*"So we fasted and besought our God for this,  
and He answered our prayer." Ezra 8:23*

## PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECT COMPLETE

CFUMC has a new parking lot! Over a four-day period in July our parking lot was torn out and re-poured with cement. Snow melt coils were put in the 15 x15 foot section in front of the glass doors. After three weeks, the sealant had cured enough for the yellow lines to be painted and the cement parking blocks installed.

Total cost of the project was \$52,000.00. The Administrative Council approved the project's funding plan put forth by the Stewardship and Finance Committee. It included: \$20,000.00 received from the Nancy Allensworth Estate; \$25,000.00 given as a donation designated for this project; \$4,473.81 transferred from undesignated discretionary funds; \$2,526.19 from the church's General Fund.

There was a special donation made to cover the additional cost of the electrically operated system for melting ice and snow.



An additional \$3,960.00 was needed to cover work done to the back lot, painting and parking blocks. This came from a fund donated for use at the pastor's discretion.



## SAFE SANCTUARY POLICY IMPLEMENTED AUGUST 1

What does this mean to those with children or grandchildren?

1. Any child younger than 7th grade must be signed in to Sunday School. Parents/ grandparents/responsible person 7th grade or older must go to their classroom and sign the "in" sheet.
2. After Sunday School children must be signed out or they will not be permitted to leave. Please be respectful of the teacher's time.
3. JR. CHURCH – there will be a "sign in" sheet on the table to the right as you enter the sanctuary. Please sign if your child is going to attend Jr. Church.
4. After worship when you pick up your child from Jr. Church, sign them out. Please don't send someone younger than 7th grade to pick up your child.

## MISSION NOTE

This summer, we welcomed the Keyes family. Ken and Kathy shared about their mission work with Wycliffe Bible Translators. We also heard mission updates from Sharon Walker with Crossroads Community Church in San Diego, California and Mariellyn Dunlap-Grace from the Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio. Our church provides financial support to these missionaries and several others locally, nationally and internationally.

## A GROWING IN GRACE MOMENT....

"Cast all your care on Him: for He careth for you." 1 Pet 5:7

Summer has come to an end, bringing the mad rush of back-to-school preparations. My three kids are in each of the three levels of our public K-12 system. On the night before their first day in their new grades, I lie awake pondering the swiftness of time. In the stillness of this dark night, time resembles to me a steadily proceeding conveyor belt moving my children through their childhoods at a striking pace and onward toward the unknown of each of their futures.

This perspective brings discomfort and fear. I can feel my stomach beginning to churn the thick heaviness of uncertainty. It is at this point that I sense my Heavenly Father's gentle nudge with a distracting thought breaking into my darkness. Though I do not have a clear understanding of what our futures shall be, I do have a clear understanding of He who has that clear understanding. And I am yet again, as so many times before, prompted from within to let Him have all my questions and concerns and hesitations. For He is the One equipped to handle all. I am simply the one asked to "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding" (Prov 3:5).

—EJU

## HOG ROAST & CHURCH PICNIC

Hog Roast & Church Picnic at Bill & Francie Krills house (3189 Kensington Rd., Carrollton) on Sunday, September 8. Gathering at 4:00pm with dinner at 5:00pm. Beverages and paper products (plates, napkins, silverware) will be provided. Please bring a covered dish and invite family & friends. Please keep in mind the extra people invited when preparing your dish to share. Fun for all ages including corn hole and fishing! The Education team has some fun water activities planned as well. Bring your lawn chairs and spend some time in fellowship. Awesome Possum will begin entertainment at 6:00pm. (Awesome Possum is a bluegrass group from Ohio that plays bluegrass and Gospel.)

## RE-ORGANIZED COOKBOOK

Attn: Cooks, Bakers, Grillers...

We have 648 recipes so far in the new cookbook...our goal is 750! There's still time to submit your recipes and several ways to do it! Fill out a submission form from the table in the hallway or bring in your recipe card and the office will make a copy. Computer savvy? You can enter the recipe(s) on the website [www.gandrpublishing.com](http://www.gandrpublishing.com). Login with username: Reorganized Cooking and password: Reorganized. Deadline for recipe submissions Sept. 15.

Preorders being taken for the Re-Organized Cooking cookbook. The cost is \$18.00 per book; shipping charge \$3.50. Prepayments would be appreciated, as we will need to make a deposit for printing. If you have questions contact the office or Molly Winters, Worship chair. Money will be put into a fund for any major repairs needing done to the organ. You can find an order form on the last page of this newsletter.

*"Let all that you do be done with love." 1 Cor 16:14*

## 5TH SUNDAY OFFERING

Fifth Sunday offerings are divided between Loaves and Fishes in Carrollton and Urban Mission in Steubenville. If you write out a check, please make it payable to First UMC and we will forward to the missions. Our next 5th Sunday offering will be collected on September 29.

## ALGONQUIN MILL PARKING

Please assist the One Way Youth Center by volunteering to park cars at the Algonquin Mill Festival on October 11-13. At least 14 volunteers are needed for each shift. Two shifts: 8 a.m.-noon or noon-4 p.m.

## SHOEBOX TIME!

Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse will begin in mid-October and run through mid-November. As you are buying new shoes for your children or grandchildren for school you might want to stick those shoeboxes back in the closet so that you can find them. (We are asked to use shoeboxes and not boot boxes because they fit in boxes better for shipping.) Also, while school supplies are on sale this would be an ideal time to pick up markers, crayons, rulers, pencils, glue sticks, pads of paper, solar calculators, etc. to pack in your boxes.

This fall, be on the look out for small toys, stuffed animals, harmonicas, yo-yos, toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, combs, wash cloths, hard candy, t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sun glasses, hair clips, flash lights (with extra batteries) and watches when you see them on sale.

## WILD WEDNESDAYS

Beginning September 25, Wednesday evenings at Carrollton First will be wild again from 6-7:30 p.m.! We are seeking help again this year with the meals vital for this fun youth ministry program. We are also seeking table parent and class help volunteers.

*"For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness,  
who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the  
glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Cor 4:6*

## SISTERS BIBLE STUDY

Ladies of all ages, are you tired of never feeling satisfied with what you have? Are you always in a rush to get things done? In the book *Simply Content*, Valorie Bender Quesenberry provides insights toward the road to satisfaction.

The Sisters Bible Study group will journey together to learn true satisfaction and freedom found in Jesus. Join us! Begins Tuesday, September 10 at 1 p.m. in the Multipurpose room. For information contact Charlotte Sanford.

## FYI

- Pastor Seth and Kindra Filburn's Parsonage Address:  
121 West Main Street, Gnadenhutten, OH 44629
- Deadline for November 2013 newsletter submissions is October 21

## WEEKEND WITH THE WESLEYS

October 26-27, 2013

Carrollton First is hosting an exciting weekend event focusing on the beautiful hymns written by Charles Wesley which walk us through the Bible in song, and learning how to be part of the vision his brother John Wesley held that we should be a church full of passion and vigor.

We will hear from Dr. Paul W. Chilcote, Academic Dean and Professor of Historical Theology & Wesleyan Studies at Ashland Theological Seminary in Ohio. The author or editor of nearly twenty books, the most recent of which include *The Works of John Wesley, Volume 13; The Imitation of Christ; and John and Charles Wesley*, Paul is also a frequent speaker and workshop leader in applied Wesleyan studies, particularly in the areas of spirituality, worship, discipleship, and mission/evangelism.



We will also be blessed with music ministry team, Dr. Ron Sprunger and his wife Linda. Ron is Professor Emeritus at Ashland Theological Seminary where he taught worship design, hymnology, and other church related courses from 1988-2003. Linda is a graduate of The Oberlin Conservatory of Music. Both Ron and Linda studied at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria and their work includes writing for piano and organ for The Lillenas Publishing Company.

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### SATURDAY

Registration at 9:30 a.m.

Session 1: 10 a.m.-12 noon

FOUNDATIONS OF THE WESLEYAN WAY

Lunch

Session 2: 1-3 p.m.

GOSPEL-BEARING IN THE WESLEYAN WAY

### SUNDAY

Registration at 2-2:30 p.m.

Session 1: 2:30-4:30 p.m.

SINGING IN THE WESLEYAN WAY

Eucharist Service at 4:30-5:30 p.m.

\$10.00 per person

## FALL 2013 CALENDAR

Sept 3 One Way After Schl Prog begins  
 Sept 3 Trustees Meeting, 6 p.m.  
 Sept 4 Evangelism Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
 Sept 4 Chancel Choir, 8 p.m.  
 Sept 5 Mission, 6 p.m.  
 Sept 5 SPR, 6:30 p.m.  
 Sept 8 Hog Roast & Church Picnic at  
 the Krills, 3189 Kensington Rd  
 4-8 p.m. (Bring covered dish)  
 Sept 9 Budgets due to Finance Cmte  
 Sept 10 Sisters Bible Study, 1 p.m.  
 Sept 11 Cherub Choir practice, 5 p.m.  
 contact Amy Adam 330-324-1404  
 or amylarryadam@gmail.com  
 Sept 11 Chancel Choir, 8 p.m.  
 Sept 15 Deadline for recipe submission  
 for Re-organized Cookbook  
 Sept 17 Sisters Bible Study, 1 p.m.  
 Sept 18 Chancel Choir, 8 p.m.  
 Sept 19 Youth Praise practice, 5-6 p.m.  
 see Carla Hively

Sept 19 One Way Members mtg, 6 p.m.  
 Sept 19 Finance meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
 Sept 24 Sisters Bible Study, 1 p.m.  
 Sept 25 Wild Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.  
 Sept 25 Chancel Choir, 8 p.m.  
 Oct 1 Sisters Bible Study, 1 p.m.  
 Oct 1 Trustees mtg 6 p.m.  
 Oct 1 Administrative Council 7 p.m.  
 Oct 2 Wild Wednesdays 6-7:30 p.m.  
 Oct 2 Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m.  
 Oct 8 Sisters Bible Study 1 p.m.  
 Oct 9 Wild Wednesdays 6-7:30 p.m.  
 Oct 9 Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m.  
 Oct 11-13 Algonquin Mill  
 Oct 21 Deadline for newsletter info  
 Oct 26-27 Weekend with the Wesleys  
 Oct 29 Charge Conf, Richmond UMC, 7p

EVENTS HELD REGULARLY AT CHURCH:  
 Scouts, Monday evenings  
 Zumba, Tuesday evenings  
 TOPS, Thursday evenings

*"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you  
 may know the hope to which He has called you." Eph 1:18*

### **Re-organized Cookbook Order Form**

(PROCEEDS FOR ORGAN REPAIR)

**Cookbooks \$18.00**

**Shipping \$3.50**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of cookbooks requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount paid: \_\_\_\_\_

(Drop order by office or in offering plate)

WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:15 & 10:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:35 A.M.  
Nursery and Jr. Church Provided

OFFICE: 330-627-7671 or office@yellowbrickchurch.org  
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