

Bainbridge Beam

Bainbridge Community
United Church of Christ
17751 Chillicothe Road
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The Newsletter of the Bainbridge Community United Church of Christ

August 2011

From your acting Pastor

Dear friends and family of Bainbridge Community UCC

The month of August is a time when those who planted gardens really reap the fruits of their labors. The planting and nourishing of crops yields an abundant harvest, making the hard and toiling work worthwhile. After the gathering, the fields will be cleared, looking barren and fallow. Although I am not a gardener, this year I truly relate to the metaphor of gathering, and then of clearing, in my own life. August 2011 makes me especially aware of gathering in a harvest of memories and times with my daughters. Before September, they will be leaving this field for destinations on opposite ends of the country. So our home will be cleared out (at least of children – probably not of stuff!). But just as farmers and gardeners find ways of making their harvest last, so we will let the joy of our times together keep us going until we see them again. This letting go of my daughters means something in practical terms as well, namely, that I will be taking some time in the month of August to enjoy my time with them, and for helping them get ready for their departures. Here is the schedule for the month of August for our church:

August 7th we welcome **Reverend Tim Staveteig** who has provided pulpit supply for us in the past. He will lead worship, which includes Communion that Sunday. After the service, I hope many of you will join us for the **Community Luncheon** we are offering. This is a new mission for Bainbridge Community church, and we encourage everyone who is able to participate. It is sponsored as part of our **Family Bible School**, and also the **Mission Committee**. Please volunteer to help, to provide financial or food support. If you have any questions, you can contact me, Lisa Ruzga, or Kathy Meier.

August 14th is the annual Geauga Co-op service. See details on page 2 of the BEAM. There is always a luncheon afterwards to encourage fellowship among members of the various churches. Bainbridge Community UCC is responsible for the desserts. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. The collection that morning will be used to fund the scholarship program. Our own Tyler Payne was the recipient of a \$1000 scholarship from the Co-op this year.

August 21st will be our final **outdoor service** for the year, weather permitting. We will have our annual **blessing of the backpacks**, and recognize all our students and teachers who will be returning to their classrooms in the fall.

August 28th will be a **special service of music and hymn singing**. Later that same afternoon, as part of **Family Bible School**, we are planning a time of games, learning, crafts, campfire and songs. This will begin at **4:00 PM at Centerville Mills Camp**. Feel free to bring friends and neighbors.

As we look to the month of August, I am aware of the way so many of you in this church community have sown seeds of your talents, time, and treasure to help us grow and flourish. Most of you will never know the full harvest of all you have planted. As pastor, I have the privilege of hearing people say how much this church means to them, how supportive this community is, especially in times of pain, difficulty and loss. I see this over and over again. I commend you for all you do, and encourage you to continue to trust that your work is good, that the seeds of love and support you sow are growing and nourishing others. May we continue to plant for God's kingdom, trusting the harvest to God.

Peace-



Pastor Susi

Details on the Geauga Co-op Joint Service:

Sunday August 14th at the Family Life Center
16349 Chillicothe Road
Chagrin Falls , Ohio 44023

All Geauga County UCC and Disciples of Christ churches will be holding this joint service.
There will be no worship service at Bainbridge Community UCC that morning!

All those interested in singing with the combined choir come at 9:00 AM to practice.



Worship:
Gather at 10:00
Hymn sing is at 10:15
Worship begins at 10:30



Reverend Amy Gopp to preach.

Amy Gopp is the Director of Week of Compassion (Disciples form of One Great Hour of Sharing). Amy is well versed in ecumenical ministries and will surely uplift and inspire our work together as UCC/DoC churches. Lauren (Rev. Lauren Odell-Scott - Ledgewood Christian Church) writes, "She is a dynamic young preacher who will touch hearts and empower the congregation with renewed conviction!"

Do not bring your offering envelopes for Bainbridge Community UCC to this service. All offerings collection here will go to the Geauga Cooperative Scholarship fund. This year's scholarship recipients will be announced at the service, and they include our own Tyler Payne!

There will be a lunch following the service. Bainbridge Community UCC, along with Auburn Community UCC, is asked to provide desserts. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the service!

Any questions, please call Pastor Susi.

From the Worship Committee

We look forward to seeing you at church for these upcoming Sundays:

August 7th Communion and Guest Minister Rev. Tim Staveteig
August 14th Geauga Co-op Service, no service at Bainbridge Community UCC
August 21st Outdoor Service & Back-pack Blessing*
August 28th Hymn Sing Service

*Please join us for our Outdoor Worship Service on August 21st. We will have a blessing of the back-packs, so if you are a student or teacher "gearing" up for the start of school, please bring your "gear".

There are recordings of our Sunday Services available for those interested. Each Sunday is recorded on a CD and placed in the Lounge on table. Please borrow the CD you'd like and return when finished.

The Worship Committee invites you to take part in our time together Sunday mornings. If you are interested in being an usher or worship leader, please speak with Sarah Popovic.

Interested in signing up to share altar flower arrangements in our services? Please see the flower chart on the bulletin board at church to reserve a Sunday.

Sarah Popovic

From the Mission Desk...

If you are vacationing and come across the individual sized shampoos or toothpaste toiletries in guest rooms, please remember to put any unused items into your luggage. The large basket in the foyer is the collection site for these items. They are donated to local shelters and Food for Friends.

Mark September 25, 2011 on your calendar as CropWalk Sunday. Be ready to sign up as a walker, or support our walkers with your donation. Details will be posted early in August.

Keep cool!!!

Kathy Meier



ALL SEASONS and MORE Craft Show

Summer is moving right along and fall activities will soon be on our minds. Our craft show is on Saturday, October 15th. If you would like to rent a table or if you have a friend who is interested, call Julia Newton at 440-543-9592. We need donations to our church table. Ideas for our table are handmade craft items of all kinds (crocheted, knitted and sewn items, wreaths, etc.), homemade jellies and jams, and handmade note cards, just to name a few. As the date of the Craft Show becomes closer a list will be posted for food donations for the kitchen lunch counter. We will also be soliciting baked goods for the bake sale, which is always a Craft Show favorite." Enjoy our summer days and plan to be a part of ALL SEASONS and MORE in October.

Thank you,

Julia Newton, Chair



**BCUCC Biking (or walking...)
at Beartown Reservoir with the BCUCC Youth Group**

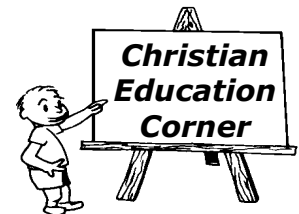


- When:** After Church Service on the Last Sunday each month during the Summer
- What to Bring:** Bike & Helmet
Water Bottle
Sack Lunch
- Where:** Meet around the covered Picnic area



Please join us, one and all for a summer Family Bible School event at Centerville Mills on Sunday, August 28th from 4-8 pm. We will have activities and lessons for children and adults. We will discuss the importance of food in our lives and what it signifies in various cultures. Supper will be provided. Come ready to sing and share during this fun evening together!

CE Committee



BOOK CLUB

Our next selection will be for over-the-summer reading and we will discuss the book in September. The title is **Sing You Home** by Jodi Picoult. This book comes with a sound track! The main character is a music therapist, and there are songs for each part of the plot. It's a very thought-provoking book, and the ending was totally unexpected – at least to me. The conflicts in the book do not resolve until the very end – almost the very last sentence. Read it with an open mind, and don't peek at the ending!

Ellie Baldwin

Youth Group Outing

A lake party at Lake Lucerne has been scheduled for Sunday August 14th.

Robert Duncan / Leader

Coffee, Tea, or...?

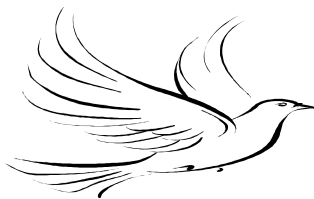
"Summertime, and the livin' is easy." That easy living extends to the coffee hour at church. We are looking for volunteers to provide and serve beverages during our time of fellowship after our church services. Treats are optional, not necessary. Let's keep things simple, especially during the warm summer months, and save the lavish spreads for special occasions.

Please take time to sign up or call Vivian De-Rolf, who's coordinating the coffee hour hosts. If you would be willing to host but don't want to do it alone, let Vivian know, then she can pair you with someone else.

Diaconate Committee
Kathy Ramey, chairman

Thanks from the Baldwins

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped make Bud's birthday celebration so special. The auxiliary lunch was delicious as usual, Dorothy's cake was spectacular, Jeannette's decorations were gorgeous, Patty's setup of the photos on the screen was great and thanks to Julie for saying Grace. Best of all, Bud received \$335.00 which will be donated to the Heifer Project. This amount will allow them to purchase two goats, with money left over. It's great to know we could help some needy people by celebrating a birthday.



Our Sincere Sympathy

to Bob Denne and family at the loss of his nephew Bill;
to Wendy Duncan and family at the loss of her Uncle Tom Murphy;
to Barbara Phan and family at the loss of her Aunt Charlotte Brose

NOTICE!

No one under 18 is to have access to the church keys. Please discuss with your children that they cannot access the TV storage closet, copier room or secretary's office. The church equipment is to be used by employees, board and trained adult members. If you need to access one of the rooms or equipment, please check with the moderator or a board member. Thank you for your cooperation.

Happy B-Day August

1 Bette Eberhard	12 Mitch Shelton
Irene Hein	13 Tim Allard
3 Phil Klaiber	14 Al Phan
4 Anna Boyer	15 Winifred McCabe
Shirley English	16 Martin Held
7 Ann Sekerak	17 Ryan Blake
Michael Schaefer	22 Kailey Kawolics
8 Barbara Phan	23 Carolyn Clawson
10 Kathy Ramey	26 Maggie Keiper

Happy Anniversary August

1 Sarah & Mike Popovic
16 Sandy and Tim Allard
23 Sue and Gary Johnson
28 Josh & Jackie Chenoweth
31 Phil and Ellen Klaiber



Guest Sermon: Dave Fakadej
Worship Leaders: Sandra Allard, Susi Kawolics
Ushers: Hillary Duncan, Robert Duncan, Virginia Johnson, Kathy Meier, Sarah Popovic, Kayla Rumford, Nancy Lee
Greeters: Shirley & Dick Page.
Coffee Hosts: Jeannie & Mike Shelton, Mitch & Jeanette Fakadej, Bud & Ellie Baldwin, Tim, Sandy, Brittney & Mac Allard, David Eberhard & the Ladies Auxiliary.
Flowers: Anneliese Long
Nursery: Kayla Rumford, Hillary Duncan.
Music: Johnny Fudella, Jim Kuyon, Caylen Payne, Kiran Kawolics

**The Bainbridge Community
United Church of Christ
and its
Christian Education & Mission
Committees
are sponsoring:**

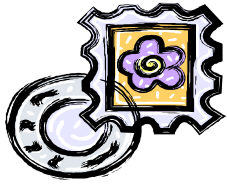
**Our Gift to the Community-
Sunday Lunch on Us
Sunday, August 7th**

12:00 - 2:00

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440-543-5117**

www.bainbridgecommunityucc.org

Please help us sponsor this by signing up for items on the sheet in the foyer - or by donating money to purchase meat, chips and paper products. Also, we will need help on that Sunday to serve and fellowship with our guests. Questions? Contact Liza Ruzga, Kathy Meier or Pastor Susi.



Auction 2011

Saturday, September 10th
Light Supper 5-7pm
Silent Auction 5-8pm
Live Auction 7pm



Here's the dilemma: You have some wonderful things you no longer use and have no room to store. Your children don't want them, your siblings certainly don't need them.

We have the solution: Donate them to our church auction and see them taken to a new home by someone who will use and cherish them as you have.

Several businesses have already sent donations for this year's auction.

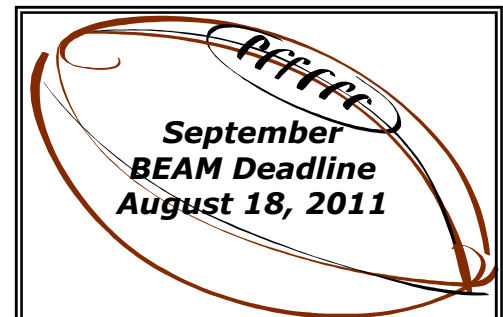
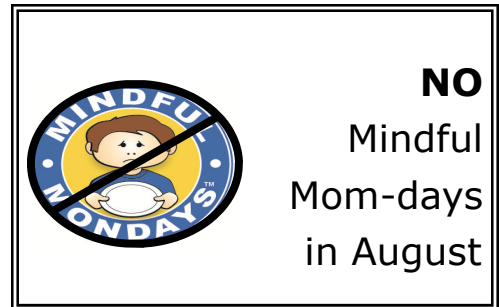
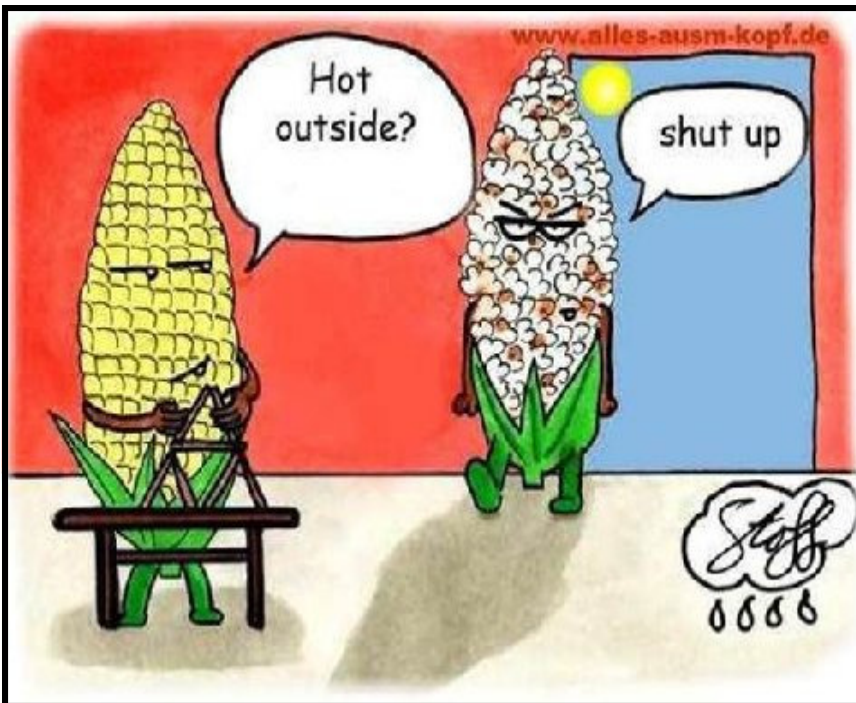
Remember the **"Postmark Surprise Package"**? Those of you, or someone you know, living outside Bainbridge and its environs are invited to purchase an item from your home area. It could be a locally produced specialty, a replica of an attraction in your area, a book about your town or state or a book by a hometown author, a costume or craft characteristic of your area, or something else of interest. Please mail the item of your choice to: Bainbridge Community Church, 17751 Chillicothe Road, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023, noting on the outside Postmark Surprise Package.

The rest of us who live close by can still participate. When you go on vacation, just purchase an extra souvenir or something from the above suggestions. If it is not convenient to mail it from the town where you bought it, when you get home, just wrap it plain paper, note on it the place of purchase and Postmark Surprise Package, and bring it to the church.

The packages will be bid on unopened, based only on the postmark or the town where they were purchased. It is important that your donation be designated as a Postmark Surprise Package so it isn't opened by mistake prior to the auction.

Our auctions are always fun events. Spread the word and come yourselves. Your generous bidding will support our church and our many programs.

Auction Committee
Patty Willson, chair





Federated's Mission & Outreach Board along with its
Music Ministries presents

The King's Brass in Concert

Saturday, August 13th at 7:30 pm

In the Sanctuary at Bell Street

The King's Brass are an ensemble of professional musicians led by
Tim Zimmerman.

They will literally knock your socks off! They are that good!

This is a great event for the whole family to enjoy.

The King's Brass is a widely-acclaimed Christian-oriented group that plays in church and community settings around the country. The group utilizes trumpets, trombones, percussion and more in a unique way to fill every corner of the Sanctuary as they perform Christian music and toe-tapping American favorites drawn from jazz, marches, and spirituals.

This year's performance will be a fund-raising event for the music ministries and the missions of Federated.

General Admission tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

Children 12 years and younger can attend for no charge.

Call 440-247-6490 or www.fedchurch.org

Pancake Breakfast



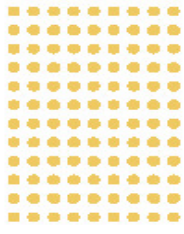
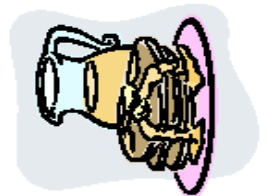
Saturday, August 6th

7:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

come join us before/after the Twins Day Parade

First Congregational Church of Twinsburg
("The Church on the Square")

Adults \$5; Children 3-12 \$3; under 3 free
Parking available at Giant Eagle parking lot



*Share your life.
Change a life.
Become a Hospice volunteer.*

VNA HOSPICE

Volunteer Training Sessions

VNA Hospice is looking for volunteers! You need only a generous heart, an open mind and a willingness to share.

TIME & DATE: Tuesdays from September 13 - October 11, 2011
- Noon to 4:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Visiting Nurse Association
2500 East 22nd Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

TO REGISTER: Call 216.902.7352 or
email ssvolunteer@vnaohio.org.

Space is limited.
Trainees must attend all sessions.

Bi-lingual volunteers are especially needed.

"One of the things I love most about being a VNA Hospice Volunteer is knowing that no matter what I do as a volunteer, it will matter to someone."
- Cathy Haber,
Direct Care Volunteer

VNA Hospice Volunteers:

- Hold a hand
- Sing a song
- Use a computer
- Listen to cherished memories
- Play an instrument
- Collect donated goods
- Read a story
- Keep a vigil
- Provide legal advice
- Bake or sew
- Give of themselves

... and change lives

