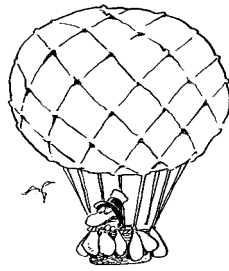


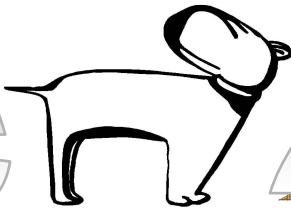
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The Newsletter of the Bainbridge Community United Church of Christ June 2011

From your acting Pastor

Dear friends and church family at BCUCC,

The month of June this year seems to revolve around endings and beginnings. Although we think of these two words as opposites, they actually come in tandem. My daughter introduced me to a song called "Closing Time" by the band Semisonic, which includes the line: "Closing time - every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." Which is why, of course, graduation ceremonies, which mark the end of a journey through school - are actually termed "Commencement" ceremonies, a word which means "beginning."

This month marks endings and beginnings in our leadership, and staff. We bid farewell to Josh Chenoweth, our Music Director of three years, and send him off with blessings on his journey, wherever it may take him. Julie Hoffman has graciously said she would co-ordinate our special music for the summer, while our choir takes a much deserved break. We are grateful for all the musical gifts and talents in our community, and for all who to share those. If you would be willing to offer your musical talents during a worship service in the summer, please contact Julie.

New Board members begin their terms this month. For those who are ending their leadership positions for the time being, I offer my sincere appreciation. It has been a joy for me to work with the chairpersons: Sandy Allard and Karen Dunasky of CE, Eileen Dickerson of Missions, Annette Schell of Diaconate, and Patty Willson as Moderator. They have worked tirelessly, giving many, many hours in their capacities. As a minister coming to a position here with no experience, I cannot say enough about their support and collaboration. I will miss them, but they have laid a firm foundation for our new leaders. I look forward to working with the new chairs in the ministry of this church.

The June worship services will reflect some of these same themes of beginnings and endings: We begin by honoring our Christian Education teachers and our graduates on the 5th. We thank the many teachers who have so graciously and generously given of their time and talent to support the young ones of this congregation. We will also be celebrating our graduates, and wishing them all the best as they end one phase of their lives to begin another. A reception is planned for after the service.

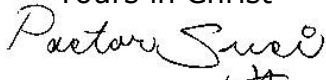
The next Sunday, the 12th, is the feast of Pentecost. This day we are reminded of the gift of the Holy Spirit given to Jesus' followers, and we celebrate the birthday of the church. This will also mark the end of the Sunday School year, which will start up again in the fall.

The summer months offer us the chance to make use of the outdoor sanctuary on our church grounds. We plan one outdoor service a month for June, July and August. Our first one will be on June 19th, weather permitting. Feel free to bring lawn chairs as we worship our Creator in the midst of creation, and enjoy the music of Hearts Afire.

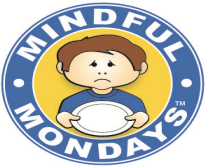
In this season of beginnings and endings, please continue to keep our church community, and especially the Search Committee in prayer. The members are meeting faithfully and working hard to find the right minister to begin the call here as full time Pastor.

Through all our beginnings and endings, we remember that Jesus himself has promised, *I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.* (Rev 22:13). May we know the abiding presence of our risen savior in all of our beginnings, endings, and every moment in between.

Yours in Christ-



Pastor Susi



MINDFUL MOM – DAYS – Next meeting Monday, June 27, 2011

Open to all Moms with kids

A group of Moms from this church has been meeting monthly to build community, get to know each other and listen to each other in a confidential and non-threatening atmosphere. Even without a planned agenda, we find common ground, and are able to support each other in situations that we are currently experiencing. In addition, by meeting in the church and ordering from Café Michael, located across the street, we support the Mindful Mondays program, raising money for food pantries at no additional cost to us. We will next meet on Monday, June 27th at 7:00 PM, and you can order food, or bring your own dinner if you prefer.

Moms are welcome to join us – whether you’ve come in the past or not. Also, feel free to bring a friend if you’d like. I hope to see you on June 27th at 7:00 in the lounge at the church. Please call or email me (Pastor Susi) 440 543-5117 (Church) or 543-1301 (Home) or pastorsusib-cucc@yahoo.com if you have any questions, or plan to attend.

From your Search Committee:

From a recent interview:

Candidate: “What’s your mission statement?”

Committee: “It’s in our congregational profile – twice, actually.”

Candidate: “Yes, but do you know it? What does it say?”

Committee: “Uh, uh...” Finally, one of our members was able to recall a few phrases.

For those of you who might be similarly challenged, here it is:

God is calling Bainbridge Community United Church of Christ to further God’s kingdom by following Jesus Christ, to proclaim God’s love, and to love all people as God does. We are an inclusive faith community supporting one another in our individual faith journeys, and reaching out in love to all people.

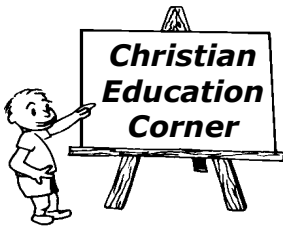
One unusual thing about this vision statement – most such statements start with “XXX church is...” or “ZZZ Company is...”. Look at the first word in our vision statement – “God”. That has profound implications. GOD is the first Word. God has the first word! We did not choose to become a people and then find a God to suit us. God acted first, chose us, sought us, called us, is calling us (note – present tense). As Paul says, while we were still avoiding God, Jesus died for us (Rom. 5:8).

The biblical use of the word “calling” has a connotation of not just seeking, but setting apart and dedicating for God’s purpose. As pastors are “called” and not just hired, so we too are called daily – both individually and as a church – by God’s Spirit to new opportunities to “further God’s kingdom”.

We see the vision statement every week on the back of the bulletin – or at least, it’s printed there. I’m not suggesting that we wear these words on our foreheads, as the ancient Israelites were commanded to do with their great faith statement, the “Shema” (Deut. 6: 4-9). (Besides, those who travel might upset the TSA if they did so.) It is more important that we carry these words in our hearts and our actions. Remembering is a good start. Are we truly who and what we say we are?

We continue on our journey seeking a pastor who will expect us to live out our vision statement and encourage and enable us to do so.

In Christ,
Reed Walters



June fifth will be a very special Sunday at our Church. First, the Christian Education Committee (CEC) will be honoring both our high school and college graduates. They are as follows:

High School Graduates

Johnny Fudella
Kiran Kawolics
Carly Moss
Austin Packard
Tyler Payne

College Graduates

Jason Johnson
Mike Schaefer

CEC wishes all of these graduates all of life's best and thank those graduates in advance who will be able to participate in our special church service.

Also, June fifth will be Teacher Appreciation and Recognition Sunday. CEC thanks the following for their answering the call to teach the children of our Church:

Brittney, Sandy and Tim Allard
Brenda Barenwald (for her picture taking)
Lori Boyer
Karen Dunasky
Hillary and Robert Duncan,
Donna Giebner(FBS)

Doug Giebner
Kayla Rumford
Jenna and Lisa Ruzga,
Chester Ramey(FBS)
Reed Walters(Music)

The CEC also wishes to recognize and thank a devoted group of individuals who have cared for our infants and toddlers during our Sunday services. They are as follows:

Brittney Allard
Eileen Dickerson
Ethelann Duncan
Hillary Duncan

Sue Johnson
Virginia Johnson
Kayla Rumford

June twelfth will be the last day for church school for the season. The class will celebrate the church's birthday (Pentecost) as well as all of the summer birthdays of our youth with a special party after the lesson.

Additionally, several Youth Group activities are planned for summer. These activities are both interesting and fun-filled. Watch for emails on meeting and event dates and times. The Youth Group is energized and looking forward to some special times together. Any young person going into the sixth grade through the twelfth grade is welcome to join. Please call Robert Duncan if interested.

CEC will be anxious to hear from our youth who will be attending UCC camps this summer. We are in hopes that this camp experience will be a rewarding one for all.

Our Christian Education meeting this month brought forth many ideas for FBS, Youth Group Mission projects, and Adult Education opportunities. Hopefully these ideas turn into realities. Watch for emails, church bulletins, and future Beams for information.

As the CEC will be changing chairpersons in June, may we look forward to new and different opportunities. Summer months certainly do not mean an end to our activities, and several have already been planned. Please support these activities if possible.

Sandy and I have enjoyed being co-chairs of the CEC. We have tried to provide a well-balanced mix of activities and we thank you all for your support over the last three years.

Have a safe, fun-filled and relaxing summer. God Bless.

Sandy Allard and Karen Dunasky
Co-chairpersons of the Christian Education Committee

From the Worship Committee:

Our congregation has been blessed to have Josh Chenoweth as our Choir Director over several years. He has brought inspiration and joyful music to our services and we are very grateful that he shared his gifts with us. Josh will truly be missed! We wish Josh all the best in the future, and will always think of him as part of our Bainbridge Community Family!

Since Josh's last Sunday was May 29th, Julie Hoffman will be organizing the summer music this year. If interested in sharing musical gifts with the congregation, please see Julie to set a date for a summer Sunday.

We look forward to seeing you for these upcoming Sundays:

- June 5th Communion Service, Graduates' and Sunday School Teachers' Recognition
- June 12th Pentecost, and Guest Liturgical Dancers
- June 19th Father's Day
- June 19th Outdoor Worship at BCUCC

There are recordings of our Sunday Services available for those interested. Each Sunday is recorded on a CD and placed in the lounge on the book shelves. Please borrow the CD you would like and return when finished.

The Worship Committee invites you to take part in our time together Sunday mornings. If 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.

For those who would like to make donations to help flood victims in the US, send gifts made out to Wider Church Ministries and marked in the memo portion OGHS special fund Emergency USA to

UCC Financial Services: Wider Church Ministries,
700 Prospect Avenue,
Cleveland, OH 44115

or go online to: <http://www.ucc.org/disaster/alabama-2011-storms.html> and click "donate now."

Mission

Tricia's Field of Dreams Bake Sale went well. Thanks to all who purchased bakery and also those of you who have donated to the Relay for Life, Luminar's. We have applications on the bulletin board for anyone wanting to still give in Honor or Memory of someone with Cancer. We received a very lovely "Thank You" note from the Ford Family for giving Tricia a time and place for her Bake Sale.

Our Committee does not have a total of Blankets donated, as yet, for the month of May. We will except gifts, of the Blanket money till the end of May. Great job done!

Father's Day, June 19th, will be Strengthen the Church. This 5 for 5 Mission supports church growth and leadership development, in the conference and through the national offices of Local Church Ministries.

We are still helping with U S O items, Food for Friends, WomenSafe - Green House, tabs, canceled postage stamps, used eye glasses and labels for our schools.

Oh, by the way, Mission wants to Thank You for your help with Campership. C E has done a Special job to help our youth, in wanting to go to Church Camp. You know my old saying - we may be small, but you all have such a kind and generous heart.

Won't you be glad, this is my last Mission article ... seems you have had to read and listen to me for over 100 years! You all are so Special!

God Bless,
Eileen Dickerson—Chair—Mission

BOOK CLUB

We will be discussing our current BCUCC Book Club selection, **Love Wins** by Rob Bell, on Sunday, June 12, after church service. Pick up this thought-provoking and inspiring book at the library, or get your own copy, because you will probably want one. It is not too long and easy to read. Even if you do not agree with all of Bell's ideas on God and Heaven and Hell, he will make you think. Don't miss this one.

Moderators Report

I would like to thank the congregation for the honor and privilege of allowing me to be your Moderator during the last three years. I have tried my best to do what is in the best interest of Bainbridge Community Church. Perhaps the most difficult challenge for me and to our congregation has been the loss of three ministers, but even through this difficulty, I would like to think that we have remained united and have emerged stronger as a congregation.

I would like to thank the following board members for their time and dedication to the leadership of our church:

Ellen Klaiber- Vice Moderator and Financial Secretary
Ethelann Duncan- Secretary
Virginia Johnson- Treasurer
Karen Dunasky and Sandra Allard- Christian Education
Annette Schell- Diaconate
Ann Sekerek and Robert Duncan - Long Range Planning
Vince Meier- Worship
Eileen Dickerson - Mission
Kathy Ramey - Church Growth

Pastor Susi Kawolics deserves special thanks for all of her effort to meet all the needs of the church while working on a part time basis.

Also thanks to:

Phil Klaiber - Inner church
Robert Duncan Nominating Committee
Reed Walter - Search Committee
Brenda Barenwald - For the many hours of picking up the secretarial duties during Barb's illness
Barb Hincke- Secretary
Josh Chenoweth- Music Director
Julie Hoffman- Organist
Henry Dunasky- Mowing the lawn
Karen and Henry Dunasky - Preparation for Communion
Judith Campbell and David Edmondson - Organization of the BEAM
Kathy Ramey- Representative to the Chagrin Valley of Churches
Jeff Clawson- Statutory agent
Tim Allard- Representative for the Geauga Co-op

Kathy Meier - Representative for the Mindful Mondays Program
Kathy Ramey- Arranging for greeters
Sarah Popovic- Arranging for ushers
Sue Johnson- Coordinating the nursery schedule
Ellie Baldwin- Coordinating Christmas and Easter Flower Sales, Soup Supper and Maundy Thursday Meals, and the Book Club
Judith Campbell, Mike Shelton, and Jeannete Fakadej - Sharing their Stewardship Moments
Richard Newton - Church Property
Ladies Auxiliary - Barbara Phan
Thanks to the chairpersons of our Fund Raisers:
Sue Johnson- Malley's Chocolate Sales
Lisa Ruzga- Cookie Walk
Julia Newton- Craft Shows

Accomplishments of the last year:

- Coordinated with Solon UCC, and Twinsburg UCC for the video "For the Bible Tells Me So" and discussion by Pastor Gene McAfee of Faith UCC of Richmond Hts.
- Coordinated with Solon UCC, and Twinsburg UCC for CPR/First Aid Course
- Participated with Key Bank in their Neighbor Program in helping to prepare our flower gardens
- Purchased and erected all new signage for the yard and driveways
- Removed of the old tree and stump from the front yard
- Arranged for the Audacity of Horns performance from the Twinsburg UCC
- Received choir robes from Twinsburg UCC
- Painted the church office and installed new carpet and new furniture
- Renovated the Kitchen
- Painted the choir room and nursery
- Purchased an AED- automatic external defibrillator

Once again, thanks to everyone in the congregation who supported my leadership and to those who made our church stronger.

With a grateful heart,

Patty Willson
Moderator

Geauga County Cooperative Ministry,

-- For Immediate Release

The Geauga Cooperative Ministry is an association of eight congregations of The United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Each year, the Cooperative Ministry awards scholarships to Geauga County graduating seniors who have demonstrated a high level of community and church involvement, ability in leadership and academics, financial need, and a high potential for achievement. This year's recipients are listed below, along with the name of their school and the church in which they are active:

Christina Headley
Cornerstone Christian Academy
(Chesterland Baptist)

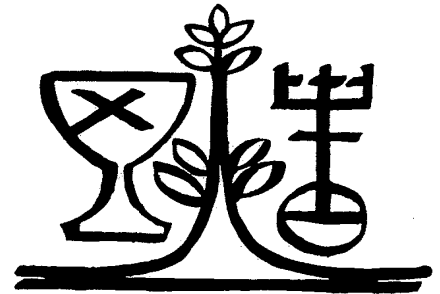
James Deitz
West Geauga High School
(United Methodist Chagrin Falls)

Leesha DeFelice
Chardon High School
(Trinity Baptist Church)

Taylor Hetrick
Chardon High School
(Chardon United Methodist Church)

Tyler Payne
Kenston High School
(Bainbridge Community Church)

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Bainbridge Community Church,
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Chagrin Falls, OH 44022

Burton Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ
14558 West Park St.
P.O. Box 496
Burton, OH 44021

First Congregational Church of
Claridon, United Church of Christ
12455 Claridon-Troy Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024

Community Church of Chesterland
United Church of Christ
11884 Caves Rd.
Chesterland, OH 44026

Ledgewood Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
8261 Kinsman Rd.
Novelty, OH 44072

Newbury United Community Church,
United Church of Christ
14816 Auburn Rd.
Newbury, OH 44065

Pilgrim Christian Church
202 S. Hambden St.
Chardon, OH 44024

Our Gang

We will continue our tradition of attending a Captain's baseball game in June; however, they do not have a home game we can attend on a Sunday. Therefore we will go on Wednesday, June 29th at 11:00a.m. We will meet at the church at 10a.m. to carpool. Our tickets are \$8.00 each. Please sign up on the bulletin board by June 19th. We will have reserved seats. The food is good and very reasonably priced. Any questions, see Julia Newton or Ellie Baldwin. The Captains were league champs last year so we are looking forward to a good game.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED!

We are in need of more volunteers to be coffee hour hosts. The same ones are doing it more than they should. **It is easy to do.** Volunteers just bring decaf coffee, creamer and sugar. Coffee pots, cups, sugar bowl, and tea bags are in the closet in the hallway and spoons are in the kitchen drawer. Cookies or other goodies are **optional.** Coffee hour responsibilities are simply setting up, serving and cleaning. That's it. When the weather is hot just bring a cold drink like lemonade. It need not be elaborate. Anyone who hasn't done this and would like help can call me, Annette Schell at 440-564-5050 or aschell516@yahoo.com, and I will be happy to help you through it. There is a sign up sheet by the coffee station. Please consider helping.

THANK YOU!!!!!!!!

Happy B-Day June

3 Brenda Barenwald	16 Kayla Rumford
Anneliese Long	19 Pat Moss
4 Jason Marous	20 Travis Newton
Reed Walters	21 Barbara Kolesar
7 Emma Blake	Lauren Payne
9 Gary Johnson	24 Catherine Clawson
10 Caleb Ramey	Jeff Clawson
Connor Kramer	Dagmar Held
13 Lynn Patterson	26 Pat Clemens
Kendall Duncan	Julie Hoffman
Kacie Gall	28 Rich Kawolics
15 Shirley Page	29 Sandy Allard
Tyler Payne	

Happy Anniversary June

5	Dave and Annette Schell
6	Paul and Barb Hincke
9	Chet Ramey and Lisa Ruzga
11	Jodi and Roy Keiper
14	Chet and Kathy Ramey
16	Bill and Irene Hein
18	Jim & Lynn Kramer
22	Karen and Henry Dunasky



- Worship Leaders:** Lisa Ruzga, Chet E. Ramey
Ushers: Nancy Hammel, Eileen Dickerson, Brittnel Allard, Kayla Rumford, Greg Marous, Chet P. Ramey, Ellen & Phil Klaiber, Dorothy Polaniec & Tim Allard
Greeters: Thelma & Rick Payne
Communion Helpers: Eileen Dickerson, Nancy Hammel, Karen & Henry Dunasky
Coffee Hosts: Barb & Al Phan, Rick & Thelma Payne, Dave & Annette Schell, Vivian DeRolf & Kayla Rumford
Flowers: Chet E. Ramey, Al & Barbara Phan
Nursery: Virginia Johnson, Hillary Duncan, Brittny Allard, Eileen Dickerson, Ellen Klaiber

Special Thanks to:

- Patty Willson** for all the hard work and countless hours of leadership during some difficult times.
Brenda Barenwald for all the hard work and time that she put into picking up the secretarial duties.
Ellie Baldwin - a belated thank you for directing the choir in April.
To All who helped to contribute to the reception for Josh Chenoweth.

Those who led our May 29th service: Worship Leader: **Chet E. Ramey**, Children's Moment: **Ellen Klaiber**. Sermon: **Bud Baldwin & Robert**

Pentecost

Pentecost (Ancient Greek: Πεντηκοστή [ἡμέρα], Pentēkostē [hēmera], "the Fiftieth [day]") is one of the prominent feasts in the Christian liturgical year commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Christ after the Resurrection. The feast is also called Whitsunday especially in the United Kingdom. Pentecost is celebrated seven weeks (50 days) after Easter Sunday, hence its name. Pentecost falls on the tenth day after Ascension Thursday. Pentecost is historically and symbolically related to the Jewish harvest festival of Shavuot, which commemorates God giving the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai fifty days after the Exodus. Among Christians, Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus as described in the New Testament Acts of the Apostles 2:1-31.[3] For this reason, Pentecost is sometimes described as the "Birthday of the Church". The Pentecostal movement of Christianity derives its name from this biblical event.

Biblical Narrative

A depiction of the Descent of the Holy Spirit in the Rosary Garden of San Carlos Seminary, Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City, Philippines.

The biblical narrative of Pentecost is given in the second chapter of the Book of Acts. As recounted in Acts 2:1-6:

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

While those on whom the Spirit had descended were speaking in tongues, the disciple Peter stood up with the eleven and proclaimed to the crowd that this event was the fulfillment of the prophecy ("I will pour out my spirit") in Joel 2:28-29. Acts 2:41 reports: "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls."

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