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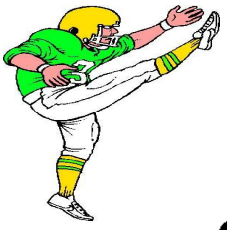

September 2011

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Monday through Thursday, 9am-2pm

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

From your acting Pastor

Dear Friends and family at Bainbridge Community UCC-

As I begin my third year with you (seems incredible, doesn't it?!) – I want to start this note by letting you know how much I've enjoyed being your pastor for the past two years. It has been an experience beyond anything I could have imagined. Through your support and encouragement, I feel I have grown in wisdom and confidence, and I have been reaffirmed in my calling. You have made me feel so welcome, and I cherish so many of the relationships I have developed in this church community. My heart overflows with gratitude.

Just as September two years ago marked a new beginning for us with my taking the role of your acting pastor, this September continues to be a month of transitions. We say goodbye to summer and many of us begin a different routine, a fall routine. Families are back from vacations, and students and teachers begin a new year. In our church life, we end our summer routine as well, and begin Sunday School and Confirmation classes again. Our schedule for the month of September looks like this:

We will begin the month with **Communion Sunday** on Labor Day weekend, **September 4th**.

The following Sunday**, September 11th**, we will mark the 10th anniversary of the tragic attacks by honoring the first responders – especially those who gave their lives to save others. In our church community, we have people who have either chosen this vocation, or are related to those who have. Since I do not know all of those who are EMT's, firefighters, police officers, etc., I would appreciate any information, any stories you might have that I would be able to share with the congregation on that Sunday. Please call me, email me, or talk with me to let me know.

September 18th is Rally Day, which kicks off the Sunday School year. We hope to see many children and families in church ready to begin a new year of church school.

September 25th during our worship service, we will have a special blessing for all those who are participating in the CROP Walk that day.

With September beginning another year of Christian education in the church, perhaps there are adults in our congregation who would like to also participate in more learning. The Bible Study group which meets on Monday mornings is open to ALL. We meet weekly at 10:00 AM and discuss the lectionary reading for the following Sunday. People in the group have said that having discussed the Bible passages enhances their Sunday worship experience. Join us anytime - no preparation or biblical knowledge is required.

After a 2 month hiatus, Our Mindful *Mom*days will start up again on Monday, September 19th. Any mom who has a child at home or in college is invited to join us for an informal time of conversation and support. We have been meeting in the church lounge at 7:00 PM and ordering from Café Michael's across the street. This gives us flexibility and confidentiality, and also the option of bringing our own dinner if we would like.

I look forward to continuing my ministry with you until you call a new pastor. May this year be a time of spiritual growth for you and for this church community.

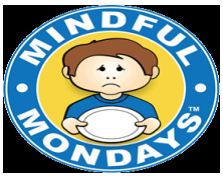
Peace-

Pastor Susi

September 11th Tribute
Share your stories

This year, Sunday September 11th marks the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country. In commemoration, we will be honoring those who risked, and in many instances lost, their lives in order to save others. I am given to understand that our many in our church community have been first responders – firefighters, police, EMT's etc - or have relatives who are or have been.

I would greatly appreciate your sharing stories and information with me – so that we can honor all those connected with our community who serve or have served in this capacity. Please call me, email me, or talk with me to share those stories. You can reach me by phone at the church, or by email: pastorsusibcucc@yahoo.com. Thank you for your help in making this Sunday a meaningful and personal tribute.



MINDFUL MOM – DAYS –
Next meeting
Monday, September 19, 2011
Open to all Moms with kids

Hey Moms – Let's get together and talk. Does the new school year bring you joys? Challenges? What are they? Would you like some support with difficulties, or just a chance to share good news about your kids? Our meetings have no planned agenda, rather, our goal is to build community, get to know each other and listen in a confidential and non-threatening atmosphere.

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. Those who choose also have the flexibility of bringing their own dinners. We will next meet on Monday, September 19th at 7:00 PM. 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 you will join us. Please call or email me (Pastor Susi) 440 543-5117 (Church) or 543-1301 (Home) or pastorsusibcucc@yahoo.com if you have any questions, or plan to attend.

CROP WALK SEPT 25, 2011

Crop Walk is sponsored by Church World Service. In 2010, 2,000 communities raised about 14.3 million dollars which helped to end hunger at home and around the world. One fourth of the money raised in the Burton walk each year stays in the county. Last year $14,000.00 was raised at the Burton Crop Walk and $3,500.00 went to 5 Geauga County food programs. Three-fourths of all money goes to world hunger efforts.

The walk in Burton will take place on Sunday, Sept 25 at 2:00 pm. It starts and ends at the fairgrounds and the walk is 4 miles.

I will have sign-up sheets and the packets for walkers. If you cannot walk, please participate by making a donation to one or all our church's walkers. Checks made out to CWS/ CROP are also acceptable, .

Kathy Meier, Mission Chair

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES
FOR KENSTON SCHOOLS

The Mission committee is collecting school supplies for Kenston Schools. These supplies will be given to students whose household income places them slightly above the level to qualify for aid. For several Sundays we will collect writing paper, single tablets, pens, pencils, folders, glue sticks that will be given to the school counselors to be handed out discreetly to students in need. Additionally, when we get together for the Family Bible School at Centerville Mills on August 28th, we request you bring in school supplies as donations for these students at this event. When you do your shopping at Walmart, Marcs, Giant Eagle, etc. throw a couple notebooks or packs of pens into your shopping basket to aid these children starting their school year.

From the Mission and CE Desks…

Please join us for a Family Bible School Picnic on Sunday, 8/28/11 from 4:30 - 8 pm at Centerville Mills. We will enjoy a short nature hike at 4:30 (or maybe just some quiet meditation by the Lake) at 4:30, discussion time for kids and adults followed by a simple supper, from 5:30-6:30 then music, relaxation, and s'mores round the campfire from 6:30-8 pm. We look forward to seeing all of you for our evening together!

Please remember that there will be a **Youth Group sponsored Rummage Sale on Saturday, September 17th from 9-12. All items will be 25 cents making them affordable to all in the community. Please have all donations to the church by Thursday, September 15th.**

Lisa Ruzga & Kathy Meier
CE & Mission Committees

From the Worship Committee

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

September 4th Communion
September 11th Tribute to First Responders
September 18th Rally Day, Choir Returns

There are recordings of our Sunday Services available for those interested. Each Sunday is recorded on a CD and placed on a table in the Lounge . 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

Friendship Dinners

In April of 1994 the Diaconate Committee initiated a new program of fun and fellowship -- Friendship Dinners. All adults interested in participating were assigned to small groups which gathered once a month in one of the homes for dinner, either provided by the host or by all members of the group, and conversation. After a number of years the dining options were expanded to include dining out for dinner or lunch. This program has continued and the Diaconate Committee is forming new groups for the September through December period.

The Friendship Dinners are open to everyone in the church eighteen years or older -- members and non-members, married couples or singles, regular attenders or occasional visitors. The purpose of these get-togethers is strictly social, a chance to get to know one another better and enjoy good food. There will be no philosophical questions to ponder, no esoteric Bible scriptures to examine, no ethical dilemmas to explore.

Does this sound like a fun way to spend one evening a month? Then this is for you. There is a sign-up form in this Beam. September 4 will be the deadline.

Don't miss out. Sign up now.

Kathy Ramey, chairman
Diaconate Committee

Church Directory

The Diaconate Committee is currently updating the church directory. The first two Sundays in September we will have a draft available after worship so congregational members can check their information and add or delete email addresses and/or cell phone numbers. We also plan to put a list of school addresses for our college students in the Beam. If a member of your family is away at school, please contact Kathy Ramey so we can assemble a comprehensive list.

Presenting

The
Bainbridge Community
United Church of Christ

Autumn Auction

Saturday,
September 10, 2011
Bainbridge Community UCC
17751 Chillicothe Road
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023
440-543-5117

Light Supper 5-7pm
Silent Auction 5-8pm
Live Auction 7pm

Antiques
Crafts
Gift Baskets
Home Baked goods
Business Donations
and
***Much, much* More!**

WINTER 13th SPRING

Annual

All Seasons and More Craft Show

Bainbridge Community Church
17751 Chillicothe Road

Saturday, October 15th
9:00am–3:00pm
$1.00 Admission

Hand-Made Crafts

Bird Houses and Feeders, many kinds of Jewelry, Pillows, Wreaths, Hand-made Soap and Candles, Tole Painting, Driftwood items, Afghans, Crosses, Paper Crafts, Greeting Cards, Baby articles, Santa items, Embroidered articles, Crocheted items, Adult Bibs, Handi-Pockets for Walkers, Woven Rugs, Towels and MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Bake Sale and Luncheon

Worship Leaders: Wendy Duncan, Sarah Popovic
Ushers: Eileen Dickerson, Ethelann Duncan, Vince Meier, Nancy Hammel, Kayla Rumford, Sandy & Brittney Allard.
Greeters: Chet & Kathy Ramey.
Coffee Hosts: Rick & Thelma Payne, Pastor Susi & Friends, Al & Barb Phan.
Flowers: Chet Ramey
Nursery: All our Guardian Angels
Music: Reed Walters & Hearts Afire, Kathy Ramey, David Hecker, Ann Nagy
Hymn Sing: Wendy Duncan, Sarah Popovic & Judith Campbell

Happy Birthday September

3 Johnny Fudella	17 Doris Pulsford
5 Bill Hein	19 Eileen Dickerson
11 Janet Clawson	21 Carl Douglas
12 Rachel Patterson	23 Sara Popovic
13 Tori Clawson	27 Christian Keiper
15 Violet Childs	Kiran Kawolics
David Edmondson	28 Mitch Fakadej

Happy Anniversary September

3	Susi & Rich Kawolics
5	Anneliese and Don Long
15	Bill and Shirley Takacs
20	Kathy and John Fudella
27	Donna and Lynn Patterson
29	Bob & Nancy Hammel

Thank Yous

The Hein and Timmons families would like to thank **everyone of our church family** for their love and support you gave us during these last three years of Barbara's illness. Barb said she received weekly cards from our church. Your support at the Memorial Service for Barb was overwhelming. Thank you for all the cookies and help at the cookie table, and, a special thank you to **Pastor Susi and Pastor Brown** for a most beautiful service.

Bill & Irene Hein

Dear **Friends,**

Many thanks for the prayers, cards, calls, hugs, and ALL the caring you have provided for my family and me since my mother's fall and broken neck this past Memorial Day week-end. It is with HUGE praise that I report continued healing for her. She continues to trick us and all her caregivers and doctors. It is truly miraculous that she has surmounted so many obstacles at age 93.

Please know how very grateful I am to be part of the **BCUCC faith community**. I look forward to singing (and playing!) God's praises with all of you.

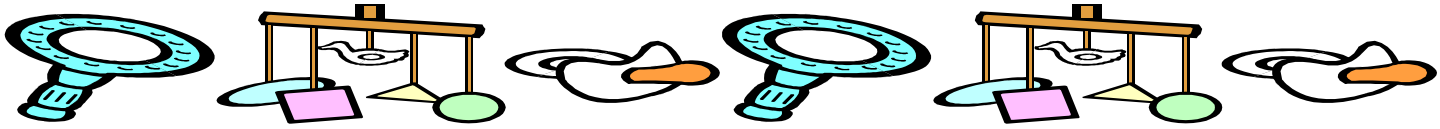
With thanks and a song,
Julie Hoffman

We as a Church family would like to sincerely thank **David Edmondson** and **Judith Campbell** for their year as editors of the "Beam".

The CE and Mission Committees would like to say thank you to the **church community** on the tremendous effort you all gave to the community dinner. The time, energy, and monetary offerings to make this a success were so appreciated. We were so glad to see many of you not only enjoy lunch, but enjoy the company of others. Auburn members who came told us how much they enjoyed the lunch. Apparently, however, in order to bring people into the church we need to charge them for the food!

We would like to offer a special thanks to the **Allard, Kramer, Ruzga/Ramey & Dunasky families** for all the time donated to bake, cook, serve, and clean. Auburn members commented on how nice it is to have youth participate in our church activities.

Lisa Ruzga & Kathy Meier
CE & Mission Chairs



BABY SHOWER - EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Please plan to join us for a brunch and baby shower for Sarah Popovic following Sunday morning worship, 9/18/11 from 11:30-1 pm. Everyone is invited to attend! Sarah is registered at Babies R Us and the gender is a secret so Sarah requests bright colorful clothing items! We look forward to celebrating with Sarah and Michael also as much as we look forward to hearing baby noises on Sunday morning!!

Calling All Teens, College Students, Parents, Grandparents, All who are interested

Bainbridge Community Church
Presents

"Internet and Social Media Awareness"

Speaker:
Sergeant Jack Silvas
Bainbridge Police Department

Thursday, October 20, 2011
7:00pm

Bainbridge Community Church Social Hall
17751 Chillicothe Road
Chagrin Falls, OH 44023
440/543/5117
Just south of Tanglewood
and the 422 Highway

AIN'T

He was just a little boy,
On a week's first day.
Wandering home from Bible school
And dawdling on the way.

He scuffed his shoes into the grass;
He even found a caterpillar.
He found a fluffy milkweed pod
And blew out all the 'filler.'

A bird's nest in a tree overhead,
So wisely placed up high.
Was just another wonder
That caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his zigzag course
And hailed him from the lawn;
Then he asked him where he'd been that day
And what was going on.

"I've been to Bible School ,"
He said and turned a piece of sod.
He picked up a wiggly worm replying,
'I've learned a lot about God.'

"M'm, very fine way," the neighbor said,
"for a boy to spend his time.
If you'll tell me where God is,
I'll give you a brand new dime."

Quick as a flash the answer came!
Nor were his accents faint.
"I'll give you a dollar, Mister,
If you can tell me where God AIN'T."