



PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

Dear Church,

With **Little Wonders** on summer vacation, it's gotten very quiet around here.

That doesn't mean there's nothing going on – au contraire!

A new **Women's Bible study** will focus on how Gideon's life can be understood in contemporary times. See Ann Pullano or Janet Mueller if you'd like to join in. The group is quite open and welcoming!

A **Prayer Group** meets the first and third Monday at 1:00... And you are welcome to drop in and pray with them.

The **Happy Quilters** are gathering every Thursday morning... And yes, you are welcome to come and sew... or just chat with them over tea!

Christ's Meals are the first and third Wednesdays at 5:00... The team prepares quite a feast! And a wonderful group of neighbors share conversation and smiles over their meals. Ginny Parisi and the Pullanos and a few others have been known to come and eat with us... You might enjoy dining out at church those nights too. (And instead of paying for your meal you can always help clean off tables!)

The **Growth and Preservation** team is looking into supporting several different outreach opportunities. Hopefully there'll be more news on that front by July!

Christian Ed is super busy getting ready for the **shared VBS program 9:00-11:30 a.m. July 9-13**. VBS will be at the Methodist Church this year and here next summer. They still need people to help with various tasks so call Cindy Kaman if you'd like to help!

They've also been working on a child protection policy that includes background checks for all volunteers who work with children and youth here at church. These simple checks (NO fingerprinting!) are cost effective AND allow parents to know that their child is safe with anyone we authorize as caregivers/teachers etc.

Finance and Maintenance is working on repairing the pillars by the doors into the parlor from the parking lot. They're also looking into some other important items for the good of the building and those who come here.

Session leaders are beginning to work on the church operations manual that will be the resource for all the little details that you can think of – from job descriptions and insurance policies to bylaws and ethical conduct policies and so much more!

Other **Session leaders** are considering how we view the stewardship of and in the church and asking the question of how we reflect the spirit of generosity and gratitude as people of faith.

The **Worship Committee** has decided to forego liturgists this summer – except for Communion Sundays: June 3, July 1, August 8 and September 9. They've also been working to simplify summer worship services a bit while still keeping them fully Reformed in look and feel.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS CONTINUED...

As for me, I'm trying to keep up with every one of them... as well as looking into a couple of new initiatives for the church and for the greater Huron community.

- After several conversations the staff – Becky, Jann, Judy, Chris Hakeman and I have decided to take a **CPR course** that's offered by the Huron Fire Department. Cindy Kaman, Janet Mueller and Ann Pullano are also joining us for this event at 1:00 Wednesday, June 13. **If you'd like to join us**, please let Becky or me know. You're most welcome!
- The CPR seminar comes after Judy, Jann, Becky, Kim, Amber and I took a one hour course with Huron Police Officer Keith Lobsinger on ALICE – a strategic way to handle active shooter emergency. His lesson was quite sobering – but truly worthwhile! We appreciate his work!
- I am most excited that **four** of the church's **young people** will be exploring their faith throughout the summer with me. We'll share in a couple of classes and a few independent learning opportunities. At the conclusion of this journey they will be invited to profess their faith publically and become adult members of the church.
- And of course I'll be helping with VBS, getting to know Huron by servicing as a parking attendant for some of the events that use the church lot and roaming through the festivals getting acquainted with the towns people!

So Little Wonders is on vacation... And we may remember the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer as a time to kick back and relax...

But it looks like this church will continue to be a beacon of active hope in this terrific lakeside community!

Peace,

Pastor Deb

WHAT IS PER CAPITA IN THE (PC) USA?

Like pledges to this congregation, Per Capita is not dues to the Church. Per Capita is a generous gift made in response to God's blessings. These funds financially support and strengthen our work with other nearby congregations to bring Christ's presence to people in ways individual congregations cannot do on our own. It also ensures we maintain our theological identity and further the vital mission of the church around the world. So Per Capita connects us with the whole church in ministry.

The 2018 per Capita is \$30 per member. This is made up of:

Presbytery of Maumee Valley - \$19.02

General Assembly of the PC(USA) - \$7.73

Synod of the Covenant - \$3.25

You are invited to prayerfully consider making a gift separate from your pledge in support of this special fund. Make sure you note the purpose of your contribution in the memo line of your check.



Looking Ahead....

RETIRED TEACHERS LUNCHEON

Friday, June 8th

The next Retired Teachers Luncheon will be held on Friday, June 8th @ noon. If you are able to help with set-up, serving, or clean-up, please contact Kathy Kirby or Patti Smith.



FATHER'S DAY RECEPTION

Sunday, June 17th

It's time to celebrate our Dads with a special reception honoring them after worship on Father's Day. Please join us for a time of food, fellowship and fun!

SUMMER WORSHIP NEWS

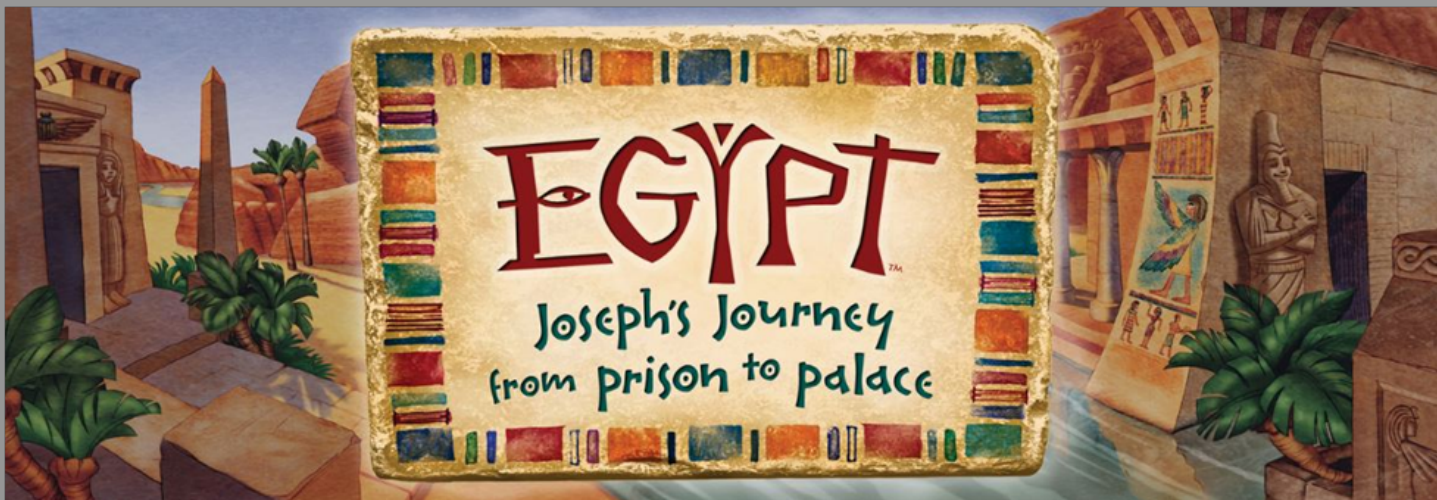
As in the past we'll start worship at 10:00 a.m. this summer. Not only does starting early get folks out to celebrate the Sabbath with Huron's famous summer fun, but the Sanctuary will be a bit cooler too!

Even so, as the season can be both hot and busy, everyone is encouraged to dress a bit more casually for services. Not only will you stay cooler, but you can go from church directly to the boat or golf course without having to change clothes!

We're also going to work to keep the services more relaxed. You'll notice there will only be Liturgists on Communion Sundays and the worship order might be "missing" a thing or two. Don't worry though – the service will still be Presbyterian, just not so formal!

See you Sundays at 10:00!

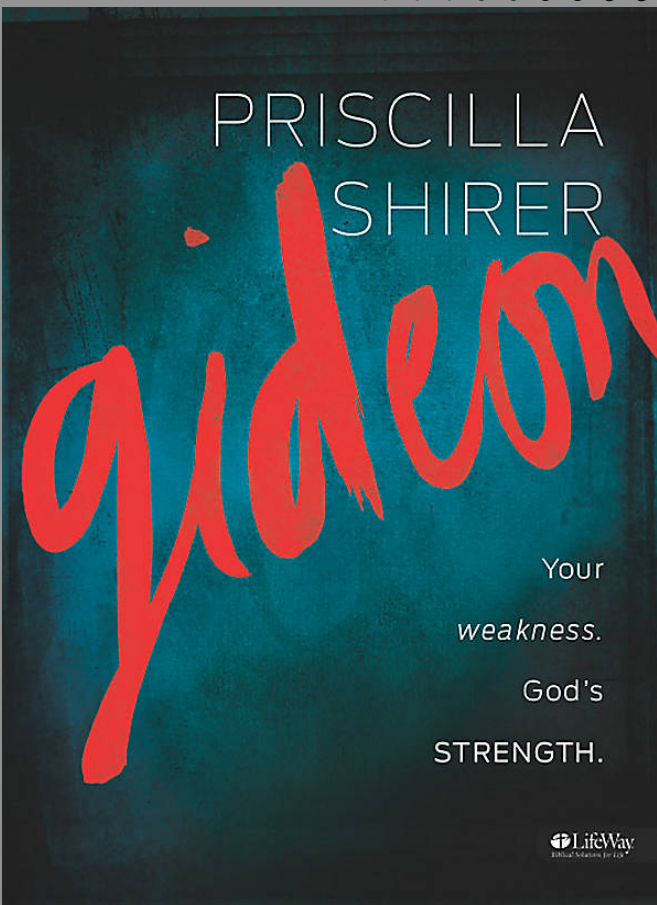




This year, instead of Kids' Art Café, we will be working with the Methodist Church to provide a **VBS program** for the Huron community. This program will tell the story of Joseph's journey from prison to palace in ancient Egypt. **So, if you would like to "spend awhile on the Nile" this summer, please volunteer.** We need both teen helpers and adult volunteers to help with registration, games, Bible story, crafts, snacks, and as crew leaders.

The VBS program will take place at the Methodist Church (we will host next year) on July 9th to July 13th from 9 am to 11:30 am. You do not have to be available every day to volunteer.

Forms are available to register kids for the program and for adult and teen volunteers in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 419 433-5018.



Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Evenings 6:00pm - 8:00pm beginning June 6

Gideon by Priscilla Shirer

When we hear the name Gideon, most of us think about his 300 soldiers or a fleece spread beneath the evening sky. But Gideon's story is so much bigger than that. This is a story about God and His people—His love for them, as well as His strength operating in spite of, even through, their weakness.

This 7-session study will encourage you to recognize your weakness as the key that the Lord gives you to unlock the full experience of His strength in your life. If you've ever felt insufficient, ill-equipped, incompetent, or outnumbered, join us as we seek to recognize our weaknesses as the gifts given specifically and strategically by God.

Please call or text Ann Pullano at 419-202-4916 or call the church office to order a workbook.



From F&M, a Big Thanks to:

Pastor Deb, Edwina Chamberlin, Chris Hakeman, Chuck Kaman, Cindy Kaman, Bob Kaman, Lucas B. (Scouts), Ron Ruble, Terry and Gail Burke.

Thanks to all for being here for a successful Spring Clean up. If I missed anyone, my apologies. Please remind me.

With Great Thanks,
John Bickell

LIFETREE CAFÉ'

Does Life Seem Challenging?

LifeTree Small Group is here for the summer! Come, join the conversation!

At the Christian Center at the Prayer Labyrinth behind Zion Lutheran Church

7:00-8:00 pm

The Second Monday of Each Month

June 11th– Make the Most of Your Life

July 9th– Friends for Life

August 13th– Can God Love a Mess Like Me?

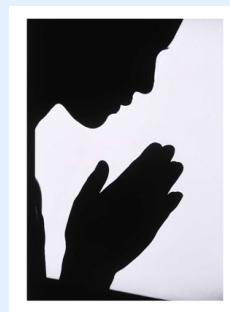
Lifetree Small Group is a casual and welcoming "conversation café" where great discussion is served up with light refreshments every month. You're welcome just as you are. Your thoughts are welcome. Your doubts are welcome. Come and see!

PRAYER GROUP

The Gospels record at least a dozen specific prayers by Jesus, along with many teachings on the subject. So the very Son of God, who spoke worlds into being and sustains all that exists, felt a compelling need to pray. He bothered to pray and he prayed as if it mattered. Our church's prayer group meets twice month on the first and third Mondays at 1:00p, and we pray as if it matters!

We offer petitions for loved ones and their trials, we pray for our church and its role in God's larger church, and we pray for our nation, its leaders and those who protect us. And finally, we pray the prayer that never fails, Jesus own prayer: "Not [our] will but Thy will be done". And God's will is that we pray. Place your prayers in either prayer box on the harvest table in the parlor or in the fellowship hall; call the church; or put your requests in the offering basket. We promise we will pray! And we also welcome anyone who is led to join us.

Experience the power of prayer!



JANE C. BETTCHER PARK

You, Your Family, and Friends are cordially invited to the grand opening of

The Jane C. Bettcher Community Park

on Sunday, June 3, 2018 @ 11:15 am

300 Block of Main Street, Huron, Ohio
beside the United Methodist Church

Ribbon cutting by the Huron Chamber of Commerce, Dedication, and Refreshments outdoors, weather permitting, or in the Fellowship Hall.





**Congrats to our
Little Wonders
Graduates!**



Below: PM class photo at the park on the last day!

**Left & Below Left: The preschoolers singing
for their families on the last day of
preschool!**



Congratulations to Lydia Mischler, daughter of Chris and Katy Mischler who graduated from Huron High School!

Courtney Chamberlin, Granddaughter of Edwina Chamberlin and daughter of Matthew and Carole (Long) Chamberlin, is graduating from The Summit Country Day High School, Cincinnati, OH.
She will be attending the Univ. of Cincinnati Majoring in Child Psychology.



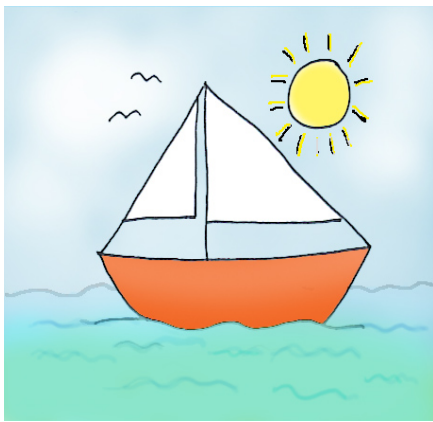
Jeanne Schafer's two granddaughters graduated this spring. Sarah received her Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Ohio State University. She will continue her education at Carnegie Melon University.

Zoe graduated from Kenyon College. She will continue her education at Tufts University.

June 3 Confirmation Meeting @ 11:15 am
 June 5 Staff Meeting @ 10:30 am
 June 8 Retired Teachers Luncheon @ noon
 June 9 Huron Market Parking (all day)
 June 10 Confirmation Meeting @ 11:15 am
 June 13 CPR Class @ 1 pm
 June 13 Christ's Meal @ 5 pm
 June 13 F&M and Worship Meetings @ 7 pm
 June 14 Last Choir Rehearsal for the Summer
 June 14 N&M Meeting @ 7:30 pm
 June 17 Father's Day Reception
 June 20 Session @ 7 pm
 June 27 Christ's Meal @ 5 pm



June 1 Thomas Williamson
 June 2 Carl Kovacs
 June 4 Chuck Kaman
 June 8 Cindy Kaman
 June 12 June Hanes
 June 14 Ella Ransom
 June 16 Christopher Asher
 June 17 Marcia Arthur
 June 18 JoAnna Work
 June 19 Leisa Nikolajevs
 June 20 Rev. George Bell
 June 20 Marc Martter
 June 23 Barbara Haase
 June 27 Lydia Mischler
 June 28 Wilson Pullano



Summer Worship Services begin at 10 am. Please join us for light refreshments and fellowship afterwards.



	Ushers	Liturgist	Hospitality	Flowers
June 3	June Hanes & Patti Smith	Janeane Hopkins	Edwina Chamberlin	Muntz Family
Communion Servers: Janet Mueller, Katy McGraw, Carolyn Culbertson, and Gail Burke				Set-up: Casey Wittmer
June 10	Kathy Kirby & Ron Ruble		Kathy Kirby	Carol Mack
June 17	John Bickell & Chuck Kaman		Father's Day Reception	Jann Glann
June 24	Clark & Carolyn Culbertson		Ann Pullano	Terry & Gail Burke

JUNE 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Worship @10:00am (2-Cents-A-Meal/ Communion) Confirmation Meeting @ 11:15 am	4 Hot Dog Monday @ noon Prayer Group @ 1 pm	5 Staff Meeting @ 10:30 am	6	7 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm	8 Retired Teachers Luncheon	9 Huron Market Parking (all day)
10 Worship @10:00am Confirmation Meeting @ 11:15am	11 Hot Dog Monday @ noon	12 Presbytery at Maumee @ 3pm	13 CPR Class @ 1 pm Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm F&M and Worship @ 7pm	14 Handbell Practice @ 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice @ 7:30 pm N&M Meeting @ 7:30 pm	15 Huron Garden Club Sale Set-up @ 3 pm	16 Eirons Graduation Parry (all day)
17 Worship @10:00am Father's Day Reception	18 Hot Dog Monday @ noon Prayer Group @ 1 pm	19	20 Session @ 7pm	21	22	23
24 Worship @10:00am	25 Hot Dog Monday @ noon	26	27 Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm	28	29	30