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**Love is Fruit, Not Root**

“We know we have passed from death to life, because we love other believers.” 1 John 3:14

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Our love for others is the *fruit*, not the *root*, of our relationship with God. The Apostle John taught that our love for others emerges from our relationship with God, that anyone who is born of God and knows God will love with the love of God. (1 John 4:7)

In a sense, you could say the process of sanctification – the movement toward becoming like Jesus – involves the Eternal One’s love cleaning the clutter you’ve stuffed into the cupboards hidden inside you. God strides confidently through the dust and the grime that builds up because of our sin, and he throws open the shades and wipes down the windows until we “shine like stars in the world.” (Philippians 2:15)

As God scrubs our insides with the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, we pass from “death to life.” (1 John 3:14) We’re transformed from people who’re selective in who/how we love into people who love one another abundantly and unconditionally.

In faith, we love with the love of God, and in our slow and stumbling walk toward spiritual maturity, we learn that what matters is “faith expressing itself in love.” (Galatians 5:6)

**What does this mean?**

· **Express your faith with love** – We reveal our faith when we express it as love, extending God’s unconditional love to all people, even those who are difficult to love. We express our faith with love, not by the rules we keep.

· **Let God love through you** – No matter how loving you try to be, you will eventually run out of love when you try to love in your own strength. Let God’s unlimited, unconditional love energize you.

· **Ask for a deep “Jesus love”** – Ask God to help you receive and then share his unconditional love. Name someone you specifically have trouble loving and ask God to develop in you a deep “Jesus love” for that person – a love based upon God’s strength and not your own.



*The world today is upside down because there is so very little love in the home, in family life. We have no time for each other. Everybody is in such a terrible rush, and so anxious...and in the home begins the disruption of the peace of the world.*

*Mother Teresa*



### **Church Camp**

Church Camp info is here! If your child or youth is interested in church camp, please check out the poster with all the information on the bulletin board.



### **Evangelism Goal**

Everyone at FUMC is challenged to pray for at least one unchurched person for at least one minute every day at 1:00 pm. If you cannot possibly pray for one minute at 1:00 pm, you may want to choose another time. The important thing is to pray!



*It is not how much you do, but how much Love you put into what you do.*

*Mother Teresa*

### **Liturgists**

June 1 – Marianna Holtel  
June 8 – Erin Brooks  
June 15 – Steve Cox  
June 22 – Marianna Holtel  
June 29 – Merv Davis  
July 6 – Micah Covert  
Thanks for your service!



### **Nursery Schedule**

June 1 – Sandy Covert  
June 8 - Jill Squires  
June 15 – Heather Campbell  
June 22 – Dee Dee Loge  
June 29 – Trisha Dean  
Thank you for serving!



*A man may study because his brain is hungry for knowledge, even Bible knowledge. But he prays because his soul is hungry for God.*

*Leonard Ravenhill*



### **Van Drivers**

June 1 – Merv Davis  
June 8 – Steve Cox  
June 15 – Larry Barber  
June 22 – Steve Cox  
June 29 – Steve Cox



We are in need of a couple more van drivers. If you're interested, see Pastor Karen for details.



### **Sound Techs**

June 1 – Ben Robey  
June 8 – James Holtel  
June 15 – Jacien Squires  
June 22 – Ben Robey  
June 29 – James Holtel

Thank you for your faithfulness!



### **Acolyte Schedule**

June 1 – John Cheeseman, Jason Crego  
June 8 – Nikki Hartman, Emily McCulloch  
June 15 – Casey Cox, Nathan Dean  
June 22 – Emily Bailey, Kaylie Yinger, Kelly Cox  
June 29 – Caleb Covert, Seth Covert

Thank you for your service!



*If God can bring blessing from the broken body of Jesus and glory from something that's as obscene as the cross, He can bring blessing from my problems and my pain and my unanswered prayer. I just have to trust Him.*

*Anne Graham Lotz*



### Newsletter Articles

Please turn your newsletter articles in to Judy Barber by June 24. Thanks for helping to make *The Common Line* more informative and helpful!



If you are receiving the newsletter and no longer wish to, please email Rev Walters at [kwalters@woh.rr.com](mailto:kwalters@woh.rr.com). If you joined another church or want to move your membership, please contact Rev Walters.



### Thank you

Thank you for your support of the Pregnancy Resource Center. First raised \$75 of the \$7105.90 in the Baby bottle Campaign. The goal for 2008 is \$9000. These funds assist babies in our area.



*The best way to escape a problem is to solve it.*



### Ice Cream Social

We're having an ice cream social again this year! After taking a year off, we've decided not to deprive the community of our home made ice cream any longer! The menu is still being finalized but if you liked it in 2006, you'll like it in 2008. We do need your help. We need folks to bake some excellent desserts to go with that ice cream and we will need some more to help cook and serve the food. The event is Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. The date to make the ice cream has not been set so watch the bulletin/website for that date and volunteer. We also need you to invite your friends and neighbors to consume all that awesome Methodist food! So circle June 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and start passing out your invitations.



### Mission Well

The mission well money is going to fund the Nelsonville Care Ministry. This ministry assists those who have had utilities disconnected, need medication they cannot afford, etc. As you can probably guess, needs are great.

### FUMC Shut-ins

Charles Harris, Billy Neal – Hickory Creek Continuing Care, 51 East Fourth Street, The Plains, Ohio 45780



Eileen Burchfield, Florence Forbes, Verna Lower, Charlotte Smathers – Logan Health Care, 300 Arlington Drive, Logan, Ohio 43138

Margaret Ashworth – Doctors' Hospital, 1950 Mt St Mary Dr, Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

Alberta Hellyer - Reflections, 2750 W Fair Ave, Apt 226, Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Nellie Haynes – Brown Memorial, 158 E Mound St, Circleville, Ohio 43113

Steve Yinger, 1010 Burr Oak Blvd, Nelsonville, 45764

Dorothy Colwell, 1658 Connett, Nelsonville 45764

Shirley Howard, 103 ½ St Charles St, Nelsonville 45764

Chuck Mohney, 96 Mill St, Nelsonville 45764

Clara Mae Pitts, 504 W Washington St, Nelsonville

Ronnie Townsend, 187 Watkins St, Nelsonville 45764

Dorotha Hoskins – 131 Rivers Edge Way, Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Dan Cox, 8561 Victoria Meadow Lane, Reynoldsburg 43068

Rev. Aaron Cunningham – 852 Thackston Drive, Spartanburg, SC 29302

Lucille Goss, 856 Southside River Road, McConnelsville 43756

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Ruth Higgins, 109 Mulberry Lane, Monacca, PA 15061

Geneva Johnson, 1021 Heatherfield Lane, San Jose, CA 95132

David Lovsey, 4369 Davis Road, Macon, GA 31217

Janie Ogg, 1675 Dunlawton Ave #242, Port Orange, FL 32127



*Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you're not willing to move your feet.*



## Acceptance

The current theme for the United Methodist church is "Open hearts...Open minds... Open doors". This reminds us to love and accept others just as Jesus did.



## Summer Sunday School

Contrary to popular belief, the church does not close during the summer. We have worship each week at 10:30 am and we have Sunday School at 9:15 for children, youth and older adults. We remind children to read during the summer so skills don't slip; remember worship attendance, Bible reading and prayer keep our discipleship growing.



*Live your life in such a way that every morning when your feet hit the floor...Satan shudders and says..."Oh No...he's AWAKE!"*



## Aaron Cunningham Updates

If you're wanting to keep up to date on Aaron's progress, go to [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org) and sign into the web site by using his name, Aaron Cunningham except that you have to use all lower case, all one word (aaroncunningham). Thanks for your prayers and concern! This allows everyone to check on updates whenever they are praying. If you don't have a computer, you can always check in the church office.



## Help the Pastor

As you probably know, the Ohio Legislature passed a bill a few years ago, prohibiting hospitals from providing lists of patients to anyone (including pastors). They no longer call a pastor when you are admitted to the hospital. If you're admitted to the hospital, please have a family member call the pastor (in most cases, a chaplain will call for you too). *There is no other way for the pastor to know you are in the*



*hospital, unless you call.* It is helpful as well to let the pastor know when you're released - a trip to a hospital following your release takes time away from helping someone else.

If you'd like the pastor to make a call, please mark the attendance pad or call the office to schedule.



## 2008 50 Club

The 50 Club is simply donations toward our Conference and District Apportionments. The procedure is simple: each name in the 50 club is a \$50 donation (or more) or you can donate anonymously.

In 2008, our conference apportionments are \$17,783. 337 gifts of \$50 over and above your regular giving equals 100% conference apportionments. Giving this year:

Kathryn McCoy  
Calvin Devol  
Betty Devol  
Aaron and Donna Cunningham  
Lori Fick  
Shelley Douglas  
Anonymous (4)  
Marge Ashworth  
Mark & Karon Fick  
Dottie Hoskins  
Gary & Karen Campbell

in loving memory of . . .

Clyde Campbell by the family; Lora Jane Campbell by the family; Clarence Nelson by Peggy Nelson; Ruth Perry by Sharon Perry; Mary McKnight by Sharon Perry; Mae McCoy by Katie McCoy



## Services

Tapes of our morning worship services are available each week. They can be picked up on the vestibule table or delivered to shut-ins by Bill & Joan Cox. Call the office at 753-1939 to make arrangements or for more information.

## Health and Wholeness Ministry

FUMC is has a new ministry! In the gospels, we find Jesus working to heal people – not just their souls – but the whole person. In an effort to do what Jesus would do, FUMC is beginning a health ministry to address the body part of the equation.



You are invited to stop by on Sunday mornings and have your blood pressure or blood sugar taken. The RNs in our congregation are working together to provide this ministry. They will give you a book in which to keep track of all findings to share with your physician. They will also share resources to help you become more healthy – tips to lower blood sugar or cholesterol or blood pressure or even how to eat more healthy.

They will also help you organize your medications – create a concise list for you or even a loved one. They have all kinds of things to help you begin the new year more healthy!



Stop by and see what they can do for you and if you're a registered nurse, please talk to Debbie Cox or Shirley Wilson about how you can help.



## In our Prayers

We need to hold in our prayers:

Bill Wend (in chemo treatment)

Bill Whitlatch

Nick Pidcock (going to Iraq)

Gina D'Andrea (neuropathy)

Mary Ellen Hurd

Ann and Ruth McKinley

Linda McKinley at loss of an aunt

family of Mary Jane Dean

Denny Myers (bladder cancer)

Sean Conner (2 year old needing heart surgery)

Pete Barnhart (in radiation)



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## Annual Conference

West Ohio Annual Conference is June 9-12 at Lakeside on Lake Erie, Ohio. Speaking this year at conference are



Annual Conference

Bishop William Willimon (former Dean at Duke and currently bishop in North Alabama), Rev. Rudy Rasmus from Texas (started with 9 folks in 1992 now has 9,000 members) and Bishop Ruebn Job (retired

bishop). All three have authored several books. There are 15 pieces of legislation to be considered. If you want to see what the legislation is or see a video of each day, go to [WestOhioUMC.org](http://WestOhioUMC.org) and click on the Annual Conference link. There are copies of the Annual Conference newsletter in the church office.



## Circle Around the Square

This summer, FUMC is part of the Circle Around the Square program. This is a program for children and youth in our area, offering exposure to a wide variety of the arts. They will use our kitchen (culinary arts is one of the disciplines studied) three days a week beginning June 16.



Summer begins June 21



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