

The Common Line - First UMC Newsletter

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Symptoms of Inner Peace

Be on the lookout for symptoms of inner peace. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to inner peace and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world.

Some signs and symptoms of inner peace:

- * A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- * An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- * A loss of interest in judging other people.
- * A loss of interest in judging self.
- * A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- * A loss of interest in conflict.
- * A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- * Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- * Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.

- * Frequent attacks of smiling.
- * An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- * An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

WARNING: If you have some or all of the above symptoms, please be advised your condition of inner peace may be so far advanced as to not be curable. If you are exposed to anyone exhibiting any of these symptoms, remain exposed only at your own risk.

Oh...want to know *how* to have this inner peace? Having Jesus in your heart is the only known prescription.

The fear of God kills all other fears.
 Hugh Black



Circle of Concern

In a residential care facilities:
 Florence Forbes, Verna Lower and Charlotte Smathers - Logan Health Care, 300 Arlington Dr, Logan
 Thurman & Alberta Hellyer - Reflections, 2750 W Fair Ave, Lancaster

Ray Howe - Crestview Manor,
925 Becks Knob Rd, Lancaster

Betty Johnson, Mary Jane
Bateman, Charles Harris - Hickory
Creek, The Plains

Nellie Haynes - Brown
Memorial, 158 E Mound St,
Circleville 43113

Please hold these folks in your
prayers and send a cheering card.



*God's work done in God's way
will never lack God's supplies.*

Hudson Taylor



Birthdays

Happy
Birthday to
everyone
celebrating in
October! You'll



find the complete list in the
calendar. Tack it on your
refrigerator so you will be
reminded to wish each one a
happy birthday.



Youth

The youth meet each Sunday at
4:30 at Crabtree Field (behind

Crossroads) for a
game of flag
football (you can
come and cheer,
chat or watch if
you don't want to
play). We'll go to
the church for pizza, fellowship
and fun about 6pm so feel free to
come then if you can't make the
game.



*There is only one person God
cannot forgive: The person who*

*refuses to come to Him for
forgiveness.*



Choir Practice



The Chancel
Choir rehearses
each Thursday
evening at 7:00
pm. Join the
choir for fun, fellowship, caring -
and even some singing!



Acolytes

The acolyte schedule is found in
the calendar. Please check to see
which Sundays you
serve. This is an
important ministry
in worship and we
need you to serve
during worship.



*When a Christian shuns fellowship
with other Christians, the devil
smiles. When he stops studying the
Bible, the devil laughs. When he
stops praying, the devil shouts for
joy.*

Corrie Ten Boom



Evangelism Goal

You are 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!

Most of us are uncomfortable
sharing the gospel. We start with a
relationship - a relationship with
God and then a relationship with
an unchurched person. That is,
build a bridge of trust into the
lives of people you know. When
we pray for one person for one

minute at 1:00 (the 1:1:1 plan) we
create space for God to work. God
works through our prayers to
generate holy promptings in us
and in the individual. Please pray
for at least one unchurched person
every day.



*Churchgoers are like coals in a
fire. When they cling together,
they keep the flame aglow; when
they separate, they die out.*

Billy Graham



Liturgists

The liturgist schedule is in the
calendar. Please plan to fulfill your
obligation - if you can't, please
arrange a substitute.



Ministry to a Soldier

Interested in helping a soldier
be a bit less lonely? Check out
www.mysoldier.com and make a
difference in someone's life.



*Look outward and be distressed,
Look inward and be depressed,
Look upward and be at rest.*

Corrie Ten Boom



Bring a Friend

Bring a friend to Sunday School -
you may get a trip to the movies!
Check with Larry Barber to find
out how.



New Class

We have a couple new adult
Sunday School classes! We are



pleased to have a class for those in their 20s taught by Jill Barber. Check out this class to see what's happening.

Rev Walters is teaching a class on reaching out to the unchurched. If you've wondered how to bridge the gap with your unchurched co-worker, classmate or friend, come check out the discussion!



Jesus Christ is not valued at all until he is valued above all.

St Augustine



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.



We are trying to ensure all information is in the newsletter and a one line reminder will appear in the bulletin for church events. This is a cost-saving measure. Please make sure you submit an article about any event to the newsletter with all the information you have so we will all know what's coming up!

Please turn in your newsletter articles to Karen Campbell by October 21. Thanks for helping to make *The Common Line* more informative and helpful!



Flooding

As you've probably already heard, Findlay, Ohio was devastated by the flooding this summer. 1800 families have been displaced and even six government building had to be torn down - placing dozens of agencies in disarray and making it even more difficult for people who have nothing to find help for their situation. The Council voted in September for the money from the Can Do Wishing Well to go toward rebuilding the lives of Findlay families. This is one of those times that people right here in Ohio (not around the world some place) need our help. Thank you for your generosity.



Wear a smile and have friends; wear a scowl and have wrinkles.

George Eliot

Our Sympathy

Our church family has lost several saints this month. Our love, sympathy and prayers go out to each of these families. Addresses are included for those wishing to send cards of encouragement or sympathy.



Family of Viola Corby

Mike Call (grandson)
16993 Duncan Drive, Nels

Family of Verna Covert

Dick Covert(brother-in-law)
12868 Spice Lick Rd, Nels

Family of Lois Johnson

Don Johnson (husband)
903 Walnut Street, Nels

Family of Joyce Glass

Kevin McCulloch (brother)
14995 SR 691, Nels

Family of Merreleen North

Pam Coffman (daughter)
530 W First, Wellston 45692

Family of Elijah Saylor

Nikki Cuthill (mother)
281 W Washington St, Nels



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.



Children's Sunday School

FUMC continues learning about Bible Heroes this fall:

- Oct 7-Joseph
 - Oct 14 - coat of many colors
 - Oct 21 & 28 - Daniel
 - Nov 4 - David/Jonah
 - Nov 11 - all in fellowship hall
 - Nov 18 & 25 - Noah
- Bring your friends to Sunday School. Bring an adult and receive

a bonus movie ticket. Classes start at 9:15am.

Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go. --T.S. Eliot

Tax-Saving Opportunity

On August 17, 2006, President Bush signed into law new tax incentives for charitable gifts from donors who are 70 ½ or older. The Pension Protection Act of 2006 encourages financial support of good work done by charitable organizations across the United States.

Under the new law, you can make a lifetime gift using funds from your individual retirement account (IRA) without any undesirable tax effects. Prior to the new law, you would have to report any amount taken from your IRA as taxable income. You could then take a charitable deduction for the gift but only up to 50% of your adjusted gross income. In effect, this caused some donors to pay more in income taxes than they would have if they hadn't made a gift at all. Fortunately, now these IRA gifts can be accomplished simply and without tax complications. Plus, you can make the gift now – while you are living and able to witness the benefits of your generosity.

You may contribute funds this way if:

- * You are age 70 ½ or older
- * The gift is not more than \$100,00
- * You make the gift on or before Dec 31 of 2007

- * You transfer funds directly from an IRA or Rollover IRA
- * You make the gift to a charity (like First UMC)

To make a gift of your IRA (and save some income taxes) simply contact your IRA custodian for the forms necessary to transfer your desired gift amount to the charitable organization of your choice.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Aaron and Kristi Pennington at the birth of their daughter, Lauren Elaine on May 23.

Congratulations to Derek and Bianca Dixon at the birth of the daughter, Gianna Grace (“GG”).



Happiness is a way station between too little and too much.

Channing Pollock

Living Christmas Tree

We're taking a trip! Grace Brethren Church is presenting the Living Christmas Tree Concert again this year. It features a 40 piece orchestra and 600 personnel presenting the gift of Jesus' birth. We're going Saturday, December 8. The bus will leave the train station at 10:30am with the performance at 2:30. We'll have lunch at the Home Town Buffet. Please call the church office (753-1939) to make your reservation.



Correction

We'd like to make a correction (there was a typo last month): Our condolences go out to the Eleanor Mae Sayre family.

Thank You

We'd like to thank Sharon Perry who made and donated new communion cloths for FUMC!

Self-pity is our worst enemy and if we yield to it, we can never do anything wise in this world.

Helen Keller

Planning Day

FUMC is having a planning session on Sunday, November 4, 2-5 pm. We'll take some time and go over what it means to be the Body of Christ and then discuss how we are called to live that out in the Nelsonville community. We're hoping to have input from all ages and interests.



Thank You Notes

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Thanks to all who helped with the meal after the service. It was greatly appreciated.

Family of Mae Sayre

Dear FUMC Friends,

Thank you for providing your wonderful church for our program. The kids needed that time together and a good meal. You are great to help us. Thanks!

Barb Campaguola, Paper Circle

Thank you for opening your doors - and so much more - during the Parade of the Hills. When we arrived in Nelsonville from Springfield, you were the first welcome we had. You all are blessed and a blessing. Your labors of love are greatly appreciated. Thank you and thank God for you.

Peace, Steve & Merrelou Powers



Someone's opinion of you does not have to become your reality.



Special Days



W o r l d
C o m m u n i o n
S u n d a y i s
O c t o b e r 7.

Communion will be served in churches around the world on this day!

Columbus Day is observed on October 8. Banks, the Post Office and the church office will be closed.

Reformation Sunday is October 28. We'll remember this historical significance of the Reformation that day.



You've got to continue to grow, or you're just like last night's cornbread – stale and dry.

Loretta Lynn



*Even if you're on the right track,
you' ll*

*get r
u n o
v e r i f*



*you j u
s t S e t c l o c k s B A C K N o v 3 s i
t t h*

ere. Will Rogers

