

# Maynard Messenger



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## Pastor's Pulpit

BY PASTOR PATRICIA

It has been an exciting season around here. From April to June we welcomed nine new members, and the month of July is always one of our busiest.

**Our Getting Ready for Kindergarten Camp** — which prepares children with a good start to learning – had a busy and fabulous month. Our amazing director, Charity Romero Rose, is in her third year with us. During the school year, Charity directs the pre-school program at Ohio Wesleyan University. This year she brought a student intern, Kim, along as a counselor. Eric, who teaches in Columbus Public Schools, returned as counselor, too; and Tish, Asia, Charlene, and Brian joined us as junior counselors from the Godman Guild, which finds summer employment for youth.

We had 21 children and their families involved this year, and more on the waiting list.

We offered afternoon coffee discussions for parents about issues involving communication in families — led by our new partner Compassionate Communication. We had two evening gatherings for the children and their families — a carnival night and a detective night. Church members supplied snacks. Merv Matteson and Nat Anderson brought their euphoniums! We were able to help families with extra food and school supplies through Neighborhood Services, Inc..

The whole month ended with a visit from the firemen around the corner, complete with a fire truck.

It was a wonderful month, and an important one for the children in our neighborhood!

### Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

How shall we grow and deepen our life as a church. Back in May, our Leadership Team decided to focus all its attention on this question, using material called: *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase.

There are five areas we are focusing on: Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Faithforming Relationships and Study, Risk Taking Mission and Service, and Extravagant Generosity.

Church members are invited to attend three week sessions on each of these topics where we consider how we are doing and how we can do even better. A group of 9 to 13 gathered over 3 Sundays in June and July to consider how we can be more hospitable and open to more people. They presented their report to church leaders in July and have begun implementing their recommendations.



- (1) **Hospitality:** Have a greeter at all doors. Ushers should be set up in advance and trained. Have a "secret worshipper" to make sure the Hospitality recommendations are being done.
- (2) **Use of Space:** Open the doors on the corner of Maynard and Indianola to use as "front" door. Open the

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:

10:30 A.M.

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# Sisters in Spirit Sunday School Class

BY AMY RADCLIFF

Hear the laughter? It's contagious!

It's the Sisters in Spirit class enjoying the day the Lord has made with fellowship, readings, prayers, songs, discussions, scriptures, laughter, tears, and support.

We are on the west side of the sanctuary, Sunday mornings, class begins at 9:30, fun begins as soon as you get there!

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## MaryMakers Fellowship of Women

BY AMY RADCLIFF

Formerly known at the LaVada Bailey Women's Group and Mother's Club, this is a service-oriented organization of women and part of the United Methodist Women.

We are a group of women supporting women grounded in the scripture of Luke: 10:38-42, the Mary/Martha story. We all are seeking our Mary spirit while doing our Martha service.

We are busy making lap quilts to be given to our terminally ill patients to express the heart of Maynard Avenue is with them always.

We support Heifer International and to date have purchased a goat and chickens, our goal is to purchase a cow, a \$500.00 cow!

We also support UMCOR with health kits and NSI with donations of hygiene products.

We continue to produce scarves and hats to give to the Intergenerational Mission Group (IMG) to distribute to the homeless. This fall, we will also be putting together health kits for the IMG to be take to the homeless.

But don't think we are all work...we have FUN! Game nights are frequent.

Please contact Wendy Sensenbrenner or Amy Radcliff for more information.

Please join us!!!



## Pastor's Pulpit (from page 1)

doors/walls of the parlor into the sanctuary before service so that everyone can meet in there instead of in the vestibule. Set up coffee before worship begins.

(3) **Communication:** Put up bulletin board over nametag holder to display all that is happening in the church. Add signage throughout building to make it easier to find different rooms. Have "sticky" nametags to wear each week – help visitors to fill out, a good time for introductions. PowerPoint presentation to tell about different groups in the church. Bulletin board at both doors.

(4) **Accessibility:** We must be a church that includes all those with disabilities. Braille hymnals and Bibles for the blind should be placed in the sanctuary. Handicap parking marked. Place in sanctuary for wheelchairs. Someone to do signing for the deaf. Hold special worship services for the death and blind.

In September we will focus on Passionate Worship and Faithforming Relationships and Study; and in October, we will focus on Risk Taking Mission and Extravagant Generosity.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to be part of the study through using the book: *Cultivating Fruitfulness — Five Weeks of Prayer and Practice for Congregations*. You can get a book and get involved with our on-line study forum (see page 7 "Maynard's Website").

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## Photography Award Winner

### Art Work By Malcolm J. and Paul D. Wilbur

August 7 through September 30, 2010

**Camelot Cellars**

North High Street

Columbus Ohio (Short North)

6-10 p.m — Part of Gallery Hop

Opening night reception on August 7, 2010

Paul Wilbur is a faithful member and a remarkable photographer. Among his many awards is his newest: the \$500 Jury Award at the Ohio State Fair. Congratulations, Paul.

# Neighborhood Services, Inc.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**Volunteers needed** — NSI also needs more volunteers on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays various hours to anyone who would be interested. Volunteers need to be at least 18 years of age and be able to have consistent hours to volunteer in the pantry. Please call Kathy Evans at 614-297-0592.

**More Volunteers needed** — Extra assistance is needed on August 12 and 13 for assembly of the backpacks and during the week of August 16 Monday through Thursday (two volunteers per day), to assist with the Back to School distribution; and, also on .

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## Backpack Donation

**School Supplies/Backpack** — These items will be collected at Maynard through August 8.

**Kindergarten:** 1 writing tablet, 1 box of crayons, 1 glue stick, 1 box of tissues, #2 pencils, 1 ruler, and 1 pair of scissors (blunt)

**1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades:** 3 ring binder with 1 pkg. of wide-ruled notebook paper, #2 pencils, 1 ruler, 1 glue stick, 1 pair of scissors, 1 box of tissues, 2 pens, crayons, 3 pocket folders, and a pink eraser.

**6-9<sup>th</sup> grades and high school:** 1 three ring binder with 1 package of notebook paper, 3 pocket folders with prongs, 1 scientific calculator, #2 pencils, 2 black pens, 2 blue pens, highlighter, dictionary, ruler, graph paper, colored pencils, 2 red pens, 1 pkg. of markers, and 3 spiral notebooks.

### School Supply Distribution

First Come/First Served on Monday, August 16, through Thursday, August 19, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until supplies are gone.

If you are registered at NSI for 2010, only a photo ID is required.

If you are not registered at NSI in 2010, you must bring:

Lease, mortgage papers, or current utility bill (gas, water, or electric bill only) for address verification and photo ID; and

for your child: medical card, passport, or birth certificate



## Back to School Supplies

## Weathering the Storm:

### A workshop for the recently unemployed

Five (5) Thursdays  
from September 9 and ending October 7  
from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
University Baptist Church, 50 W. Lane Avenue

The topics of discussion include: available public benefits, pay day lending, housing, utility assistance, food access, transportation, health care, and educational opportunities.

Free lunches will be provided to participants, along with free child care for children 5 years and under. Participants will also receive grocery gift cards. There is limited space, so everyone interested must pre-register by calling NSI at 614-297-0592.

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**Plastic Grocery Bags** — NSI is in need of grocery bags for their clients. Bring in your grocery bags and place in the office behind Claudia's desk. They are a big help to those visiting the food pantry

## Changes in Building Users

There has been a great change this year in building users. The Vietnamese American Congregation of Central Ohio has moved to Epworth UMC. The All Star Brass Band of Central Ohio has left the church to find a new home elsewhere.

Simply Living and Compassionate Communication of Central Ohio have joined us at Maynard and are sharing space in the "old" Sunday School room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> level.

The AA and NA groups are sharing space in the stained glass room with Luminous Flux. There are now three AA groups and one NA group meeting at the church during the week.

# How Can You Keep from Singing?

BY **BRYAN BABCOCK**

We're going to celebrate our rich heritage of song during worship on Sunday, August 22. *And*, the Maynard fellowship gets to choose the music!

What song might you think about if you were tired?

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What air might come to mind if you were happy?

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What tune might waft your way if you were thinking about Christmas?

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What music would fill your heart if you were thinking about Lent or Easter?

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What song would come charging forth from your soul if you were feeling full of praise?

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What melody would arrive at your conscience if you were thinking about Thanksgiving, or All Saints Sunday, or Pentecost?

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What song of social justice would pour forth?

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Consider some of these prompts and write down two or three pieces that you think would be wonderful to do. Once the suggestions are assembled I'll put together a musical worship.

You can respond by e-mail, or write down on a piece of paper and put in the offering plate on Sunday. The **final day** for suggestions will be **Sunday, August 15**. I will start working on it earlier as I get suggestions, so earlier is better for me.

How **can** you keep from singing?

## You Are Invited



**Ice Cream Social**

Glen Echo Presbyterian Church  
220 Cliffside Drive,  
Columbus

**Ice Cream Social**

Saturday, August 14, 2010  
5 to 8 p.m.

## You Are Invited

### Wes Hampton Concert

(of the Gaither Vocal Band)

Friday, September 3, 2010, at 7 p.m.  
Maize Manor United Methodist Church  
3901 Maize Road, Columbus, OH 43224.  
All seats \$17, general seating.

For tickets, contact Mary McNeely at 614-557-2537 or call the Maize Manor church office at 614-267-4939.

# New Members

We have welcomed the following persons into membership over the past three months:

Elizabeth Cassell  
Brooklyn Gee  
Kevin Gee  
Lauren Hazel Smith  
Rory Smith  
Don Wagner  
Kim Wagner

Late in 2009, Lyndsey Johnston and Kim Simpson became members.

Welcome all!!! We are glad to have you!



## “Mad Hatters” — Remembering Our 100th Anniversary

BY BETTIE SHELDON

Last year, Maynard Avenue United Methodist Church celebrated its 100th Anniversary. One day was especially memorable: May Madcap Madness. Bettie Sheldon shares her memories of that day:

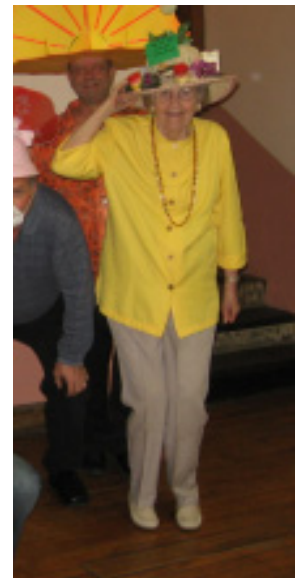
In May (kind of tied in with Easter and Kentucky Derby), everyone was invited to participate in an event entitled “May Madcap Madness at Maynard.” Both men and women were encouraged to decorate a hat and model it. There were several categories for winners, such as Prettiest, Most Original, Biggest, etc.

Yes, 7 or 8 men joined 15 or 16 women in the competition! One man actually made a complete hat. He used a plush pig to which he attached wings, covered his moth with a mask. Did you guess it? He went as swine flu! Another man made a very large cardboard birthday cake as his entry — he used real icing and placed birthday candles and flowers around the top. There was another hat which carried a red barn and plastic horses around the brim. What a delight to see so many clever ideas!!

Fortunately, I happened to have a straw hat with a very large brim. From somewhere deep in my mind came the idea to go as a “Spice Girl”!! So a search began. I needed light-weight spice containers to glue on the hat. I found some made of cardboard (old) and some made of tin which were round and colorful. I glued them on, along with plastic flowers, and placed a bunch of green plastic ivy on the top. Looked great! But looked “fantastic!!” when I added a green sign reading “ONE OF THE ORIGINAL SPICE GIRLS.”

Our church has a large social room in the basement with a stage at one end. The stage was curtained with theater curtains purchased on eBay, altered to perfection – yes, they were!! We contestants lined up backstage, came out one by one with our hat on and a number taped to our chest. After modeling (to much laughter and guffaws), we removed our hats and placed them on the stage with the numbers we wore.

Much to my surprise, my creation won for “Most Original.” Later, I took pictures of the hat and my neighbor took pictures of me wearing the hat. Darn it though, some spice boxes and flowers fell off from dried glue because I carried it up and down flights of steps at my apartment too many times!!



# Annual Conference, 2010

This year, Lyndsey Johnson, Bethany Torres, and Stacy Brannan served as lay members of the Annual Conference. It was an exciting and interesting week, and they shared their experiences and insights with the congregation with their own videos and personal reflections.

Our pastor was involved in helping the conference work through the election of Bill Brownson as conference treasurer. Dee Stickley-Miner was involved in getting our conference moving toward building bridges out of poverty. Martha and Merv were present at sessions and sold quite a few of Martha's wonderful book on parenting.

Maynard certainly got noticed at conference this year!

The theme of Annual Conference was "Bridges out of Poverty." We are working at this as a congregation with our Kindergarten readiness program, our work with the Central Ohio Association for the Blind, and our support for NSI and the Weathering the Storm workshops. What else can we do? Interested persons are invited to be part of upcoming workshop at Columbia Heights UMC on September 21 from 2 to 5 p.m.

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## How Would You Like to Serve?

**Visual Media** — Are you interested in media technology and being part of the worship team? Become part of the team that brings drama and beauty to worship through words and images on screen. See Jim Stephenson, our media coordinator, or sit in the balcony during worship and check it out!

**Lawn Mowing and Gardening** — Do you like working outside? Help is needed in mowing the grass and weeding the flowerbeds. Sign up on the bulletin board or talk to Doug Joseph.

**Sunday Morning Hospitality** — Greeters, Ushers, Liturgists, and Fellowship Hosts — A vital part of Sunday mornings! Sign up or call/email the church if you are interested.

# August 22 — A Special Day

## All Church Sing and Boat Ride on Buckeye Lake —

We'll be having a Summer Sunday Hymn Sing on August 22. Send Bryan your hymn requests (see page 4, "How Can You Keep from Singing?") — and bring your voice that day! We will be having special prayers and blessings for the children returning to school that week.

## What better way to end the summer than a boat ride!

Renea Hushour has offered a boat ride on Buckeye lake for 40 of us who want an afternoon excursion that same day. We will plan to be at the lake at 2 p.m. We'll be bringing along snacks for the trip. Look for the sign-up sheet in church or call the office.

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## Ohio Association for the Blind

### State Gathering at Maynard UMC

On September 18, the Ohio Association for the Blind will hold its annual meeting here at Maynard UMC. We have been hosting the Central Ohio association meetings for the past year, and have grown in friendship and understanding. The leader of the group, Eric Duffy, lives in our neighborhood and has helped us connect with the blind community here and around the city. They will be offering a class in Braille starting later this summer, and hope to begin a "Goal Ball" group, a game which those with vision impairment play using a ball in a half-court enclosed gym. Just what we have!!! Go God!!

One of our newer members, Brooklyn Gee, who has low vision due to complications from diabetes, is helping our congregation make our church more accessible to those with low or no vision, such as marking the steps more clearly, and Braille tape on the walls that allows the blind to navigate the building.

If you would like to be part of a hospitality team for the September 18 meeting, let us know!

# Roundtable Discussion

Interested in Getting Connected and Involved in making Columbus better for everyone?

UM Community Ministries and Faith Vote Columbus invite you to a roundtable lunch on Tuesday, August 10, from 12-1:30 p.m. at North Broadway UMC (48 E. North Broadway, Columbus) to discuss ways to maximize our efforts in community organizing, community engagement, and networking. Clergy and laity will sit down over pizza and discuss strategies and cooperative ministry. Join in!

## Easy Fellowship Fruit Punch

1 - 12 oz. can of orange juice, thawed  
1 - 12 oz. can of limeade, thawed  
1 - 12 oz. can of lemonade, thawed  
2 liters lemon-lime (Sprite, 7-up) soda  
1/4 cup grenadine or to taste  
sliced fruit (optional)  
ice  
food coloring can be added for the occasion (optional)

The juices, sliced fruit, and grenadine can be mixed in advance and all added to punch bowl when ready to serve.

# Maynard's Website:

[www.maynardav.org](http://www.maynardav.org)

## Check it out!!

Mark Maynard's website as a favorite and check it often! On our home page you can find links to:

- **Maynard Messenger Newsletters**
- **Prayer requests:** read prayers lifted each Sunday and add your own prayers for the community to lift up.
- **Monthly Calendar of events** — check when a particular meeting or event is going to occur or if it has been canceled.
- **Sermon Archive**
- **Links to other partners**, such as Simply Living or Neighborhood Services, Inc.
- **Study and Discussion Forum** — Join our *Cultivating Fruitfulness* discussion Sign in to the forum and answer daily questions found in this reading and read what others have to say. If you are unsure how to do this, follow the links on the Cultivating Fruitfulness page.

Never used the website? Don't know how? Call or stop by the office some evening; Claudia will be glad to show you!

Our Webmaster is Randy Willey – our far flung member out in Minneapolis! Randy is still hoping to sell his house and move back here. In the meantime, he keeps serving the church through the website!!!

# August Calendar of Events

## No church teams meet in August !!

August 1-8 – Fair Restaurant at the Ohio State Fair -  
open all day and night  
August 8 — Last day for NSI backpack supplies  
August 9-10 – Fair tent tear down  
August 10 — Roundtable lunch (see article above)  
Every Monday in August at 7 p.m. – AA meeting  
Every Wednesday in August at noon – AA meeting  
Every Wednesday in August at 7 p.m. – AA meeting  
Every Friday in August at 8 p.m. – NA meeting  
Every Sunday in August at 1:30 p.m. – Luminous Flux  
August 21 – Association of the Blind  
August 22 – Morning Hymn Sing  
Afternoon Boat Ride on Buckeye Lake



Coming  
This Month