

Maynard Messenger



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10:30 A.M.

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REV. PATRICIA WAGNER

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Pastor’s Pulpit: The Joyous F(e)ast

BY PASTOR PATRICIA

Lately there has been a lot of heated conversation about the mosque at Ground Zero, and it has stirred up some feelings in me too and remembrances of an uncommon hospitality I experienced.

I knew no Muslims until I went to Southeast Asia, to an island named Mindanao. I lived in a squatters area, built on swampy ground where people evacuated from the civil war in the countryside. I was there to be part of a House of Reconciliation: a community of young people, Christian and Muslim, who would model how to live peacefully and in service to the community.

I was amazed at the hospitality given me, especially at Ramadan (also Ramadhan, Ramadaan, Ramazan), the 9th month of the Muslim year. Faithful Muslims fast the whole month, not taking food or drink during daylight hours. They do this to remember God deeply, to grow in humility and patience, and to deepen their sympathy and generosity toward the poor who hunger and thirst all year.

Think about how hot it has been around here since Ramadan began August 11. Imagine not even drinking water from sunrise to sunset! Sounds terrible, right? But in observant communities, it is the most joyous time of the year.

First imagine waking up in the pre-dawn darkness to the smell of frying fish and steaming rice. Someone calls you, and you stand before a table that has been spread with everything your family can afford. Everyone is sleepy,

but happy eating together. There is a big container of water, and you pour yourself cup after cup, until the pink blushes against the dark sky, and the call to prayer sounds from the mosque: “Come and pray, come and pray, prayer is better than sleep.” It is time to fast. People get out their prayer mats to remember the God for whom they offer their fasting.

It is the thirst that gets you. There will be a time around noon, when your mouth is so dry you can’t imagine you will make it until sundown. You find shade when you can, maybe rest a bit. There is plenty of sympathy, because unlike most Christian fasts which are solitary spiritual exercises, in Muslim communities everyone is fasting, unless you are too old or too young or ill or nursing. People nod and smile at one another. Complaining is uncommon, at least in public. The fast is for patience and humility.

And then, it is nearly sunset. The coffee is prepared, sweet and hot. Fresh rolls are bought, dates are set out. The sun just has to set for the fast to end; and as soon as it slips from the horizon, the call to prayer is sounded, God is thanked, peace is passed, and the fast is broken.

There will be a meal that night before sleeping. Those who have little will be invited to join those who have plenty. There is joy enough for all. There’s a sense that this is how God always intended for the community to be: prayerful, generous, and mindful of the one from whom all food and water flows, The Holy One, the God of All.

Thank You - Fair Volunteers

Dear Friends,

Many prayers were lifted in our preparation for the 2010 Maynard-at-the-Fair. It is now a completed 95 Years of Ministry to the community of Columbus. Thank you, God!

We thanked God for the lives that would be touched.

We thanked God for the hands that would come to serve.

We thanked God for the fine weather we would have.

And those prayers were answered. You came, each of you. There were times I had to chastise myself with "O Ye of little faith", but with every phone call and e-mail that came, I thanked God for each of your willing names.

So thank you for choosing to be a part of this Ministry of Hospitality. Your hands and your hearts for service made it possible for us to be a presence for this amazing 95th year.



It doesn't matter whether or not you: volunteered for one or many shifts; were new or one of our loved veterans; came solo or with a group; cooked or kept the steam table going; cashiered or counted; washed the mountain of greasy pans or packed the kitchen into boxes; loaded and carried ... and loaded and carried ... things back to the church to be put away for yet another year to come; or helped to put-up or take down the tent with safety. You simply chose to volunteer, to serve as you were needed.

THANK YOU one and all for believing that this Ministry of Hospitality must continue. I hope you had some good fun, food, and fellowship along the way!

Year 96 is coming, so spread the word!

THANK YOU! You have blessed us with your presence and your continuing support.

Sincerely,

Natalie Snarr~
Volunteer Coordinator
2010 Maynard-at-the-Fair

New Life UMC Breakfast Ministry

A big thank you to Paul Wilbur for his years of service driving to New Life on the 5th Sunday of a 5-Sunday month and working the breakfast ministry. If you were one of the many that accompanied Paul, you know what a worthwhile ministry this is. Paul has decided that it is time for him to step down from this early-morning drive. Thank you, Paul, for your many early morning trips in support of the New Life UMC Breakfast Ministry!

JESUS

Jesus died over 2000 years ago.
Nobody has ever referred to him as the
late Jesus Christ,
not even the nonbelievers.

Nowhere in history.
Nowhere has he EVER been referred to
in past tense!
He is the *Living* God!

Reaching Out and Growing

Who are our neighbors? Who might be looking for a faith community? How do we reach them? As we consider all the areas of our church life, we need to direct our efforts. Rev. April Blaine, the new co-pastor at Summit UMC, will be leading the Leadership Team and all interested persons in a process of identifying who are our neighbors and how we bring them into the congregation.

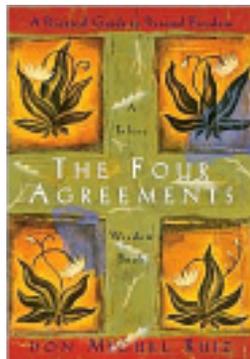
Join us at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, September 9** — all are welcome!!!

“The Four Agreements” – A Share/Study Group for Men

The Four Agreements is a book of practical wisdom about how to live with less stress and more integrity and peace of mind.

Don Wagner, a relatively new member of the church, has found these teachings to be life-changing and is inviting men in the church to join him in studying how to have a happier, more balanced life.

He will be available after church on Sunday, September 5, to talk about it. You can e-mail him at donwagner101@msn.com.



Visit Maynard's Website

www.maynardav.org

- to participate in Fruitful Conversations,
- to read prayers from Sunday and prayers added during the week,
- to see calendar of events, and much more!



We are working with our neighbors and Simply Living to plan our second year of monthly neighborhood potlucks. If you would like to be part of this outreach and community-building effort, please come to a planning meeting on Tuesday, September 7, at 10:30 a.m.

Fruitful Conversations This Fall

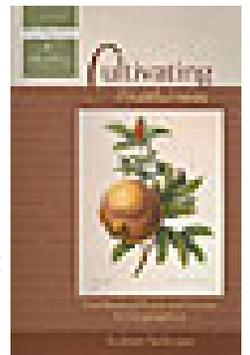
From September into November, we will be gathering in groups to consider how to be a stronger and more faithful community in four areas of our life. Each group will meet three times. The areas and group leaders are:

Passionate Worship:
Joan Krause

Intentional Faith Development:
Hope Roberts
(meeting on 9/16, 23, 30)

Risk Taking Mission and Service:
Lyndsey Johnston

Extravagant Generosity:
Merv and Martha Matteson



Questions in “Cultivating Fruitfulness” by Robert Schnase can be answered on Maynard’s website: www.maynardav.org. Even if you are not able to participate in one of the above groups, your ideas will be shared with them through your responses. Procedures for adding your responses was included with your book or can be found on the website.

Maynard Avenue United Methodist Church Covenant for Our Life Together

AS UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES of the West Ohio Conference, we have been encouraged to consider the ways in which we can grow in Christian community and learn to agree and disagree in love. The leadership team and the congregation were invited to join in a facilitator-guided process over several months (July to October 2009) to study the scriptures and discern the ways we can love one another as Christ loves us. This covenant is the fruit of that process.

WE AFFIRM our diversity as the body of Christ and we acknowledge that there will be differences, disagreements, and even conflicts. This does not discourage us for we have each been called to a common journey in Christ. Our faith gives us hope that we can work through discord and grow as a community reconciled in love.

AS PART of Maynard Avenue United Methodist Church, I will do my best to participate and follow these guidelines:

WHEN I am involved in discord with others:

- I will hold the persons and the situation in prayer.
- I will go directly to those with whom I disagree, and avoid behind the back criticism.
- I will remember that each person has had experiences that shape the way they think, feel, believe, and express themselves.
- I will approach the other(s) with respect and good will and expect they have good intentions.
- I will seek to understand as much as to be understood.
- I will not use church email as a way to broadcast my anger, make accusations, or create division.

WHEN I become aware of discord in others:

- I will hold the persons and the situation in prayer.
- I will not take sides
- I will seek ways to help diffuse the conflict or engage appropriate church leaders.

WE RECOGNIZE that we may all fall short in upholding these guidelines. But we pray that we may come closer to realizing Christ's call upon us to love one another.

Signed: Maynard Avenue Leadership Team – 2010

UM Community Ministries

Newsletter Article- August, 2010

Ministry With...

SUBMITTED BY DIANA KUBOVCIK

I'd like to introduce you to a new ministry that you will be supporting through your 2011 apportionment giving: Rahab's Hideaway!

Rahab's Hideaway Inc. is a great example of **Ministry With**. Raised in Columbus, Marlene Carson was an ordinary eighth-grader when she was lied to by family friends and forced into prostitution (slavery). She endured many horrible years in an escort service until she was able to get free and start rebuilding her life. Through God's help, she was able to get her GED, and she knew God was calling her to give back. In 2008, while she was recovering from a broken ankle, she heard God whisper the words, "Rahab's Hideaway." Months later, a new ministry came into being through a partnership with Riverside UMC and Church of the Messiah UM. With congregational support, along with hands-on volunteers, the Rahab's Hideaway staff and director Marlene Carson have mentored countless women in their recovery and those still coping with the issue of sexual abuse and

... a new ministry that you will be supporting through your 2011 apportionment giving

human trafficking. The Rahab's Hideaway rehabilitation and healing program utilizes progressive research findings on trauma and recovery management, while addressing basic needs through referrals, assistance and shelter.

Rahab's Hideaway volunteers and staff are active throughout Ohio, educating youth and adults on the subjects of sexual abuse and human trafficking, for the purposes of prevention, support, and recovery of victims. Marlene Carson's street mentoring program, along with the opening of the drop-in center just a few blocks from where Marlene was kidnapped, reaches out to at-risk teenage girls some referred by Linden McKinley High School.

Rebecca Scott Ozcomert and Penny Stacy are seminary students who are actively involved in this ministry along with volunteers from their churches. Rebecca told me a success story, which was also written up in the Columbus Dispatch. Victoriously, in June, shelter residents Rosita and Alex received their high-school diplomas from Columbus State Community High School. Rosita was an orphan at age 10 and on

the street at age 13. Both had been homeless and victims of human trafficking before they entered the Rahab's Hideaway shelter. Both Rosita and Alex are planning on attending college in the fall. By God's grace, lives are being transformed through this amazing ministry, with people like Marlene who have been there themselves!

If you would like to support this ministry, or have Marlene or others speak at your church, please call Rebecca at 614-546-9602. For more information: www.rahabshideaway.org



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad You Did!

Calling All Choristers!

BY BRYAN BABCOCK

A new season of singing is upon us. We'll celebrate the wonder of singing at our first rehearsal Wednesday, September 15. We meet in the parlor for an hour and a half of rehearsal starting at 7 p.m.; and then on Sunday morning, we meet upstairs in the choir room at 10 a.m. to go over our music for that Sunday's worship.

All you need is a willing spirit and the giving of your time.

See you then!

You are invited ...

SUBMITTED BY DIANA KUBOVCIK

Our **Community Ministry Festival and Annual Meeting** is on Tuesday, **September 21**, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at **Columbia Heights UMC** in Columbus.

Community Ministries is our district mission organization, which helps people serve in the local community. Through your apportionment giving you are supporting over sixty rural, suburban and urban ministries and four district mission centers, as together we reach out to people in need. The theme for this year's festival is **Building Bridges!**

From **5:30-6:45pm** you will see love in action as ministries come to life through servant leaders and mission displays from **nine counties** across our two districts.

1. Food, clothing and housing and gardening ministries;
2. Children and youth outreach ministries;
3. Displays from agencies like the UM Children's Home and others;
4. Other ministries from prison to various ethnic ministries.

Dinner will be served at the same time as the Mission Fair so there will be plenty to learn about and plenty to enjoy! The cost of the dinner is \$8 per person paid in advance, or \$10 at the door.

If your church hasn't attended in the past 3 years, you can have one meal free!!

At **6:45 p.m.** we will enter the sanctuary for a brief Annual Meeting to approve the 2011 budget for Community Ministries.

Then, **from 7 to 8 p.m.** we will have a celebration focusing on our theme: **Building Bridges**. We will hear testimonies of Getting Ahead Graduates—persons whose lives have been transformed as bridges are built, followed by author and consultant, Phil DeVol, our main speaker. We are blessed to have Phil with us: he works with Ruby

Payne and leads Bridges workshops with Lou Seipel here in Ohio. Our music will be led for the Asbury North Choir.

To register, fill out the enclosed form (below) and send it in with your check. The deadline is **September 17**. Also please send us your email address so we can keep you informed of upcoming events and workshops.

Please come to this great event. You will all benefit from this one special night of the year!!

Rev. Beth Weisbrod, Director

bethweisbrod@wocumc.org or 1-877-228-0521

Community Ministry Festival and Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 24...5:30 p.m.

RESERVATION FORM COMMUNITY MINISTRY FESTIVAL UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY MINISTRIES COLUMBIA HEIGHTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Mission Fair & Dinner: 5:30 p.m.-6:45 p.m. Annual Meeting: 6:45-7:00p.m.

Celebration: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Yes, we will attend this event to learn how we can build relationships with the people we serve. Please make reservations for the following: (If you need additional room please use the back of this form).

Church/Ministry _____

Name(s) _____

E-Mail Addresses _____

Number attending _____ x \$8 = \$_____ (Cost at the door \$10.00 per person)

Send check payable to **UMCM** to:

United Methodist Community Ministries

2929 Kenny Road, Suite 100

Columbus, OH 43221-2415

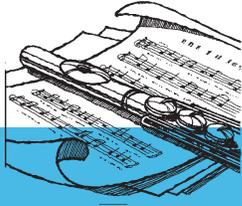
Please make my meal(s) vegetarian

We will need child care for _____ children under the age of 8.

(Childcare is available from 2-5 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.)

Reservation Deadline: Friday, September 17, 2010

Location:
Maynard Avenue United Methodist Church
2350 Indianola Avenue
(corner of Maynard and Indianola Avenues)



“Music for the Soul, Food for the Bowl”

(a musical offering to benefit the hungry)

September 19, 2010, at 3 p.m.

**Dr. Brian K. Logan, flutist
and
Angela Sutton, pianist**

A reception will follow in the church
parlor where you can meet the artists

Admission: nonperishable food item
or donation to benefit
Neighborhood Services, Inc.'s food
pantry

Neighborhood Services, Inc.

Our Ministry to the Hungry

IMPORTANT NSI UPDATE

Neighborhood Services, Inc. (NSI), is running short on funding its ministry to the hungry in our neighborhood. Rather than focusing on supplies for the next three months, we've been asked to make financial contributions. Truly, \$5 can go a long way. Place cash or a check in an envelope and mark it, "NSI." Make checks out to the church and we will get it to NSI

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

Volunteers Needed — If you are able to work primarily on Wednesday afternoons; Thursday afternoons, or be available various hours on an as-needed basis, please call Kathy Evans at 614-297-0592.

Thank You — From NSI

August 4, 2010

Maynard Avenue UMC:

Thank you for your donation to Neighborhood Services, Inc. (NSI), of 71 cans of [baked beans, meat, etc.] to be placed on the shelves of the food pantry.

During these times of layoffs and cutbacks, more and more people need help with food and other material assistance, such as clothing and school supplies. Many of our neighbors have exhausted other avenues of support and NSI is a last resource for them. NSI serviced more than 850 people in June.

For forty-five (45) years, NSI has provided services for families living in poverty. Your donation is vital for the hunger and material assistance programs that we offer the Columbus community.

Your gift helps in the mission of NSI in keeping food on our families' tables. I hope this letter conveys how important your participation and donations are to the community outreach and assistance we provide.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Carter, Executive Director

Forgive Me When I Whine

SUBMITTED BY BETTIE SHELDON
FROM WWW.REMINISCE.COM

Today upon a bus, I saw
A lovely maid with golden hair;
I envied her – she seemed so gay –
And oh, I wished I were so fair.
And suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle;
She had one foot and wore a crutch,
But as she passed, a smile.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two feet – the world is mine.

And when I stopped to buy some sweets,
The lad who served me had such charm.
He seemed to radiate good cheer,
His manner was so kind and warm.
I said, "It's nice to deal with you,
Such courtesy I seldom find."
He turned and said, "Oh, thank you, sir!"
And then I saw that he was blind.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine,
I have two eyes – the world is mine.

Then when walking down the street,
I saw a child with eyes of blue.
He stood and watched the others play;
It seemed he knew not what to do.
I stopped a moment, then I said,
"Why don't you join the others, dear?"
He looked ahead without a word,
And then I knew, he could not hear.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I have two ears – the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go,
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,
With ears to hear what I would know;
I'm blessed indeed, the world is mine.
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.
— Author Unknown

"This poem has always been an inspiration to me," writes Mary MacIntyre of Ridley Park, PA. "I have osteoporosis in my back, and when I'm tempted to complain about my aches, I read this and think about how truly blessed I am."

OSU Home Football Game



Parking

Ah, fall is in the air — and so is OSU Football fever, especially home football games!! Now is the time for parking cars in the Maynard parking lot. Would you be willing help in this endeavor? It's an easy fund-raiser for the church, and it's less time-consuming than a shift at the fair! Gather some of your friends to "work" with you! Call the church office if you would like to be part of a team collecting parking fees.

OSU Home Schedule

Sept. 2	7:30	Marshall
Sept. 11	3:40	Miami FL
Sept. 18	Noon	Ohio
Sept. 25	TBA	Eastern Michigan
Oct. 9	TBA	Indiana
Oct. 23	Noon	Purdue
Nov. 13	TBA	Penn State
Nov. 27	TBA	Michigan

Intentional Faith Development Group Meets

Join Hope Roberts when she leads this next group in the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations.

September 16 - 7 to 9 p.m.

September 23 - 7 to 9 p.m.

September 30 - 7 to 9 p.m.

The group will meet in the Sisters in Spirit Sunday School room to the left of the sanctuary.

Kroger Community Rewards Program



To all of you who signed up for the Kroger Reward program and encouraged your family and friends to do the same—THANK YOU!

Just for shopping at Kroger and using your Kroger Card from February 1 to April 30, Kroger donated \$280.50 to Maynard; and for using your card from May 1 to July 31, Kroger donated \$657.50 to Maynard. Over \$900 donated to Maynard just for doing something you do every week - shopping for food and household items! (Use of your card for the rewards program does not affect discounts on store items or gas in any way.)

Sign up today if you haven't already done so and begin earning extra cash for Maynard's general fund.

Thank You — From NSI — School Supplies

September 1, 2010

Maynard Avenue UMC:

Thank you for your support to Neighborhood Services, Inc., during the month of August. Your donations of school supplies greatly assisted in the mission of NSI to neighbors in need during our 2010 Annual School Supply Giveaway. We assisted over 625 children with backpacks and school supplies.

We also thank you for the donation of food items. Many of the families who come to pick up school supplies also shop at the food pantry. We had over 151 families during the 3rd week of August. All food donations were greatly appreciated.

I hope this letter conveys how vital your participation and donations are to the community outreach and assistance we provide in the university district neighborhoods. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Carter, Executive Director

Children and Youth

Sunday School begins again on **September 12**. Youth 11 and older are welcome to join the Confirmation Class at 9:45 in the Youth Room. Pastor Patricia will discuss plans for the confirmation year.

Letter from Linda

(abridged version, Linda's copy is hanging on the bulletin board in the vestibule)

August 29

My Dear Maynard Family,

I have missed you so much. I cannot wait until I am able to come back to church.

I want to thank you all for the prayers and the notes/cards that have been sent. Some have been wishes for a speedy recovery, and thoughts and prayers are with me; and others have been notes letting me know what has been going on in the church (the fair, sing along, etc.) THANK YOU! I have also received the *Messenger*, church bulletins, and the Joys and Concerns. It has been nice to be in the loop.

I have been staying with my Dad who lives in Delaware since July 10. He lives in a mobile home that is handicap friendly. ... He has taken good care of me. He makes sure everything I need is taken care of. ... If it were possible for me to get up steps, I would have him bring me to church. But at this time, it is not possible. Hopefully it will be soon.

I am doing well when it comes to my recovery from my surgery. ... On August 17 my cast was removed and a walking boot was put on. ... While I wear the boot, I am not able to drive the car.

While at my dad's I have made several scarves, done puzzles, read books, and watched TV. I am ready to be healed and get back to work.

I know you all have heard that I will not lose my job when I am off disability. THANK GOD!! A week before I had surgery, I was told my job would be absorbed back into Store Operations and I will not have a job. This was to be completed by September. Also, a co-worker of mine, Val, was also going to lose her job. I found out on August 19 that my job was going back to Store Operations but I will still be doing the job. Val found out that same day she was going to work in the Meat Merchandising Department instead of losing her job. Again I say THANK GOD! I also want to thank all of you for your prayers and support. This has been a weight off my shoulders.

Well, that is about it for now.

Linda Clark

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER						
5 1 p.m.—Luminous Flux	6 7 p.m.—AA	7 10:30 a.m.—Neighborhood Potluck Planning	8 12 p.m.—AA 7 p.m.—AA	9 11 a.m.—UMW Senior Women 7 p.m.—Leadership Meeting ALL ARE INVITED!	10 7 p.m.—MaryMakers Fellowship of Women 8 p.m.—NA	11 12 p.m.—OSU Parking—Miami (FL)
12 Sunday School and Confirmation Classes begin 1 p.m.—Luminous Flux	13 7 p.m.—AA	14	15 12 p.m.—AA 7 p.m.—AA 7 p.m.—Choir	16 7 p.m.—Trustee Meeting 7-9 p.m.—Intentional Faith Development Meeting	17 8 p.m.—NA	18 9 a.m.—Assn. of the Blind 10 a.m.—OSU Parking—Ohio
19 1 p.m.—Luminous Flux "Music for the Soul, Food for the Bowl" - 3 p.m.	20 7 p.m.—AA	21 5:30 p.m.—Community Ministry Festival	22 12 p.m.—AA 7 p.m.—AA 7 p.m.—Choir	23 7-9 p.m.—Intentional Faith Development Meeting	24 8 p.m.—NA	25 TBA—OSU Parking—Eastern Michigan
26 1 p.m.—Luminous Flux 4:30 p.m.—Simply Living Open House	27 7 p.m.—AA	28	29 12 p.m.—AA 7 p.m.—AA 7 p.m.—Choir	30 7-9 p.m.—Intentional Faith Development Meeting		 <p>Coming This Month</p>