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## Pastor's Page...

BY PASTOR PATRICIA

Dear Friends,

This beautiful time of year is coming, when we gather as a church, and with family and friends, to celebrate the seasons of Thanksgiving and the birth of the Christ. Yet around the nation, and close by, there is so much worry in the air. There seems like there will never be enough again. In the midst of that, we as Christians are called to recognize God's work among us, and to trust in that God.

We will trust in God, as adults and youth and children come forth for baptism. Some long-time attenders are choosing to join. Our confirmands: Bryden, Karia, Vanessa, Jessica and Rose will step forward to claim this faith as their own on November 20. We will also have a wonderful Thanksgiving meal together that day. So, in the midst of struggle, there is growth and life.

I read this poem at church on October 30. It's by Doug Ruffle, a United Methodist pastor who works with Church Development for the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. Doug reminds us of the power of the living Lord, and the community of faith. A good word, always, especially now:

Afraid  
of loss,  
of what could be,  
what might happen,  
the uncertain future  
of deepening disappointment;

Afraid for family.  
Like the psalmist who asks  
if help comes from the mountains,  
he asks from whence comes  
strength and assurance  
in these times  
in these days.  
And the words he hears:  
Our God is the God  
who  
does not foreclose.  
Ashamed  
upon the loss of a job,  
of being downsized,  
of sinking below the waters;  
Now drowning  
in a sea of debt,

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November 2011

# CROP *Hunger Walk*

## Maynard Avenue United Methodist Church Participates in 33rd Annual Columbus C R O P Walk

BY MERV MATTESON

Bryden Gee, Martha Matteson and Merv Matteson thank everyone who supported and encouraged them to do the walk to raise funds for the work of combating hunger here in Franklin County and throughout the world. Three hundred, forty-seven dollars and 43 cents was deposited Thursday, October 20 into the Church World Service Crop Walk account at the Huntington Bank. More details will be forthcoming as the results from other church groups and other Ohio community walks are tabulated.



*Congratulations,  
Bryden, Merv, and Martha!*



### Sock Drive

During the first two weeks in November, the Mission Team is collecting men and women's socks. Mark them with "Mission" or "Mary" and put on the table in the church office.

## Time Change First Sunday in November



## *You Are Invited:*

### LeRoy and Jean Celebrate 65 Years

Set your calendar for **November 13** after church for Jean and LeRoy's 65th wedding anniversary celebration. We will gather in the Social Room after worship for cake and coffee and punch, and sharing well wishes. Sandy's [Gaston] brothers will be here and as many of the grandkids as can get here, as well as a few cousins and friends. Sandy hopes you will be here to share in this special time. If you would, please RSVP to Sandy. If you know some friends who have left and gone to another church or haven't been here for awhile please pass the word. Try to keep it a secret!!



*Congratulations, Jean and LeRoy!!*



### Christmas Craft Fair

December 3, 2011  
1-3 p.m.

#### Get your crafts ready to sell!

The craft fair will be held in the Social Room on the lower level. If you would like to have a table to sell your crafted items, contact Lyndsey Johnston, Pastor Patricia, or the church office.

BY **CHERYL CARTER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Beat Michigan 5K race will be held November 20, commencing at 10 a.m. This race is the kick-off event to the most spirited week on OSU campus, Beat Michigan Week. It is both a running and walking event through OSU's campus. This event is not just open to students; anyone is welcome to attend. More details are available at <http://www.beatmichigan5k.org>. The proceeds will benefit Neighborhood Services, Inc. Last year's event raised \$5,200 which helped us provide meals for approximately 3,500 persons!

Neighborhood Services will be celebrating the holiday season with our neighbors in need. Please consider how you can help!! More and more families could use our help this year.

## **HOLIDAY FOOD FOR SPECIAL MEALS**

NSI anticipates providing holiday food boxes for 200–250 families at Thanksgiving and again at Christmas. (By the way, NSI had an increase of 200 families from August to September so hunger assistance demand is UP!!) The holiday food will be distributed from the food pantry on Monday and Tuesday, November 21 & 22, and Wednesday and Thursday, December 21 & 22. **Maynard has been asked to donate canned fruit for the Thanksgiving baskets.**

A food collection or financial donations for the holiday food boxes at Thanksgiving and Christmas are always helpful. NSI could use meat, canned fruits and vegetables, bread, butter, desserts, etc. Financial donations will be used to purchase bulk food items.

## **CHRISTMAS CHEER AND SUPPORT**

Neighborhood Services will distribute toys and winter clothing to parents starting Monday, December 19, at 9 a.m. The program will continue throughout the week until all supplies are gone. This program is for children ages infant–12 years. Also, if families or groups would like to adopt a family for Christmas, please contact Cheryl for information.

Donations of toys and new clothing are always appreciated during the holiday season.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

NSI could use volunteers to help with holiday programs the week of November 20 and December 20 during the hours of 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Please contact Cheryl at NSI if you can help at [ccarter@neighborhoodservicesinc.org](mailto:ccarter@neighborhoodservicesinc.org) or at 297-0592 so they can prepare the volunteer schedule.

If you have questions or would like additional information, contact NSI.

Happy Holiday Wishes!

# *OSU Home Football Game Parking*

Two more home games remaining. Won't you consider helping park cars? All you have to do is welcome them warmly, take their donation, and point them in the place to park. You'll have fun talking with all the OSU fans and discussing game highlights! Let the office know if you can assist in this easy fundraiser!



<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
11/05/11	vs. Indiana *	Columbus, Ohio	TBA
11/19/11	vs. Penn State *	Columbus, Ohio	TBA

# Community Ministries

SUBMITTED BY DIANA KUBOVCIK



## South Side Settlement and the Church for All People

Did you know that Church for All People, one of our District Mission Centers, is feeding over 500 people a week? They serve a hot lunch Monday through Friday at St Lads Catholic Church; serving so many people requires lots of paper products! Would you be willing to assist with this ministry by collecting paper plates, plastic utensils, cups, and napkins, as well as coffee? You can bring them to the district office (2929 Kenny Rd.) and they will be delivered once a month. Put them in a box marked "Beth Weisbrod, South Side Settlement meals." Or you can take them to Church for all People, 946 Parsons Ave. Thanks for helping people in need!

A couple of free resources on the Community Ministries website: **Rethinking the Practice of Hospitality**, by Rev. Kevin Orr- great for adult Sunday School classes or small groups. Another free resource you can download is our **Community Ministries Outreach Manual**- how to start new outreach ministries. Check them both out under resources at [umcommunityministries.org](http://umcommunityministries.org).

Did you know that you are supporting over **70** local outreach ministries? Of which Maynard's summer school program is just one?!

## Interested in Joining the Church?

New Members will be welcomed on Sunday, November 13. If you are interested in being part of this group, speak with the pastor to schedule your one-on-one conversation. We will have a class Sunday morning, November 6, at 9:15 a.m. in the pastor's study, and have a potluck at the parsonage after church on the 6th.

## Upcoming Small Group Classes

Thanks to those who filled out the survey a few weeks ago!

"**Money and Spirit**" a 7-week session that helps you get to a place of peace and control with your finances. We will have an introductory session on Tuesday, December 6th, at 7 p.m. with the classes starting in January.

"**Uppity Women of the Bible**" is an introduction to the role of some key women in the Old Testament, and the path they found to survive and even thrive in difficult times. This class will likely run on Thursday evenings starting in January.

The **Death Penalty** is something Christians continue to wrestle with. Stacy Brannan is interested in offering a 5-week class on this topic. Talk with her or send a note to [stacy.brannan@gmail.com](mailto:stacy.brannan@gmail.com)

## The Pro Bono Counseling Program

If you are:

- ◆ depressed, anxious
- ◆ grieving over a loved one
- ◆ in a troubled relationship
- ◆ a witness or victim of a crime
- ◆ a military personnel or family member needing support
- ◆ overwhelmed with a diagnosis of a major physical illness
- ◆ a single parent struggling with kids acting out
- ◆ facing problems at work or dealing with a job loss and are either uninsured or underinsured, you can get free counseling from a mental health practitioner in Columbus who is volunteering their time to help out. Go to this website: [http://www.mhafc.org/probono\\_client.php](http://www.mhafc.org/probono_client.php) and fill in the online form, or call: 614-221-1441, and ask about having a counselor. They will pair you with someone who will meet with you, either at their office or at a church or other community site. Maynard is part of this network of support.



# 1960's Coffeehouse To Benefit Food Pantries

Civil rights sit-ins. Bell-bottoms. Anti-war marches. Student Power. Afros. Mini-skirts. Hippies. Riots. Space flights. The generation gap. Those hallmarks of the turbulent 1960's will be rekindled Friday, November 18 at this year's annual "Spirit of the '60's Coffeehouse":



**Friday November 18, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.**

**King Avenue Methodist Church**

**299 W. King at Neil in Columbus.**



Bill Cohen will lead a candlelit, musical, year-by-year journey through the era, with live and familiar 1960's folksongs, "news reports" of sixties happenings, displays of anti-war buttons and posters, and far-out sixties fashions.

Plus, Bill will also challenge the audience with sixties trivia questions.

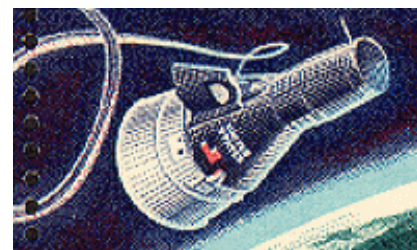
Proceeds from the suggested \$10 donations will go to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank. Refreshments will be available at no extra charge. Free parking is also available in the lots just South and West of the church.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement, **but get there early for a good seat.**

The program is suitable for ADULTS and MATURE TEENS.

It's the 26th year of sixties coffeehouses for Bill. He's performed the show more than a hundred times now at colleges, churches, synagogues, conferences, high schools, and middle schools across Ohio and beyond.

For more information, call Bill at (614) 263-3851. Or go to [www.spiritofthe1960s.com](http://www.spiritofthe1960s.com).



## P.R.A.Y Program Award Recipient – James Dodd, Jr.



The Scouting P.R.A.Y. (Programs of Religious Activities for Youth) program requires young people to study scripture and then design service projects to put into action what they have learned. We celebrated with James as he received his *God and Life* award, the final of four awards in this program. (James previously earned *God and Me/Family/Church* awards.) On this day James also was awarded the P.R.A.Y. award which features a four-colored cross. The four colors on this award converge into a point creating an "X," the first letter in the Greek word for Christ and is symbolic of Christ as the center of our lives. The red on this badge (from *God and me* badge) symbolizes love and the blood of Christ. The yellow (from *God and family* badge) represents sunlight and joy. The blue (from *God and church* badge) symbolizes loyalty and truth. The green from the *God and Life* emblem represents new life and growth in Christ.

Congratulations, James, on achieving this next step on your way to Eagle Scout! Keep up the good work!

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now out of balance,  
ashamed even  
of being ashamed,  
like the psalmist, she seeks  
refuge from the slings and arrows  
of enemies all around.  
From whence comes the peace  
to calm her anxiety?  
And the whisper she hears says:  
Our God is a God  
who  
does not foreclose.  
To foreclose is to shut  
and exclude,  
a padlock with no key  
no tomorrow  
no hope,  
no strength, no peace,  
orphaned,  
cast away,  
without home.  
Like the psalmist  
He longs for ...  
She longs for ...  
the embrace  
of the One who  
Imputes no iniquity,  
Who wipes the slate  
clean of trespasses,  
who knows every need  
more deeply than one could imagine  
The comfort and grace of the God  
who  
does not foreclose  
How do we know this God is near?  
Where do we see him?  
When do we hear her words of comfort?  
Is it not in community?  
In the solidarity of brother and sister,  
In the foretaste of glory divine  
that comes with  
deep-seeded communion  
of saints, of sinners  
together  
loving  
caring  
listening  
providing  
Being the Church  
of the God  
who  
does not foreclose.

## Thank you to our guest speaker, Billy Krack



On Mission Saturation Sunday, October 30, all churches in the Capitol Area North District hosted a speaker to tell of their church's missions.

Billy is a member of Oakland Park UMC and is the pancake flipper for the bi-monthly luncheon. Billy is extremely proud that Oakland Park receives members of

23 AA groups every week and serves the less fortunate with both a breakfast and lunch each month.

## *Filled with Music*

Maynard was proud to host this year's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual University Area Mass Choir Concert benefitting NSI's (Neighborhood Services, Inc.) food pantry. The sanctuary was filled with the voices of nine area church choirs and what a joyous sound that was!!! Many thanks to all who attended and donated to the NSI food pantry. Your generous donations will allow NSI to provide food for their ever increasing number of clients in need. Thanks also to Bryan Babcock who coordinated this evening of beautiful music! Thanks also to the Dodd family who helped with the choirs' potluck in the social room.

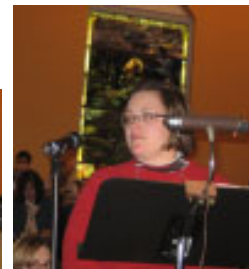


*Stacy Brannan recited "i thank you God for this amazing" by e.e.cummings*








*Maynard's choir sang "Jesus, the Very Thought of You"*

*9 choirs filled the front of the sanctuary*



*Jen Gilbride-Brown, NSI Board President, offered insight into why this concert was so important to NSI and our neighbors*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> 5 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Living the Questions	<b>2</b> 12 p.m.—AA 7 p.m.—Choir 7 p.m.—AA	<b>3</b> 6:30 p.m.—Pro Bono Project 7 p.m.—Leadership Meeting	<b>4</b> 7 p.m.—MaryMakers 7 p.m.—Confirmation Class 8 p.m.—NA	<b>5</b> Noon — OSU Parking— Indiana <b>TIME CHAN</b> 
<b>6</b> 9:15 a.m.—New member class; potluck for new members after worship—after worship—Finance Committee 3 p.m.—Dances of Universal Peace	<b>7</b> 7 p.m.—AA	<b>8</b> 5 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Living the Questions	<b>9</b> 12 p.m.—AA 7 p.m.—Choir 7 p.m.—AA	<b>10</b> 6:30 p.m.—Pro Bono Project 7 p.m.—Trustee Meeting	<b>11</b> 7 p.m.—Youth Group 8 p.m.—NA	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> after worship—Jean and LeRoy's 65 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration 	<b>14</b> 7 p.m.—AA	<b>15</b> 5 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Living the Questions	<b>16</b> 12 p.m.—AA 7 p.m.—Choir 7 p.m.—AA	<b>17</b> 6:30 p.m.—Pro Bono Project	<b>18</b> 8 p.m.—NA	<b>19</b> TBA — OSU Parking—Penn State 
<b>20</b> after worship — Thanksgiving Dinner after lunch — decorating sanctuary 	<b>21</b> 7 p.m.—AA	<b>22</b> 5 p.m.—Tutoring	<b>23</b> 12 p.m.—AA 7 p.m.—Choir 7 p.m.—AA	<b>24</b> <b>THANKSGIVING</b> 	<b>25</b> 7 p.m.— Youth Group 8 p.m.—NA	<b>26</b> 1 p.m.—Federation of the Blind
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7 p.m.—AA	<b>29</b> 5 p.m.—Tutoring	<b>30</b> 12 p.m.—AA 7 p.m.—Choir 7 p.m.—AA	<h1>NOVEMBER</h1>		