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Pastor's Page

BY PASTOR PATRICIA

There is a lot happening around this place – So much that it is hard to keep up sometimes!

First off, we are doing well at meeting our new year goals for attendance, baptisms, new members and new classes!

New Classes: We started three new classes — for adults and children/youth — Torah Journeys, Uppity Women of the Bible, and Martial Arts.

New Members: We are bringing in 6 wonderful folks through baptism and membership. Some grew up in the church, and are returning. Some live just down the street and found their way here through friends. Some found us through the internet. Everyone brings their particular God-given gifts with them, and we are becoming a new people with them among us.

News of the Fair: You may have heard that we have completed our food ministry at the State Fair. Ninety-seven years. Only Marzee Willis is older than our food stand!

We know many of you are saddened by this news. We are too. Simply put, the costs began to outweigh the benefits. The fair authorities were requiring us to upgrade all our equipment to professional grade at the cost of many thousands of dollars. The competition among food vendors has gotten increasingly high and our intake lower. We calculated that we might even lose money this year. It's just too much work to do that.

We are concerned about the fairworkers who became good friends, and for whom our tent was home. We think about those faithful customers who will miss their Big Maynard, shredded chicken, and veggie burgers. Of course, others will step into the breach, but there will never be a place like *Maynard at the Fair*.

How can we thank those who have done so much? The fair team: Jim, Pink, Leo, Natalie, Connie, Beth,

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April 2012

Come ... Visit ... Stay ...

SUBMITTED BY JOAN KRAUSE

When I was growing up, I went to Clinton Heights Lutheran Church. Every Sunday we put on our best and went to church. And then the next Sunday you got up and did the same thing. You saw “church people” on Sunday. A few weeks ago, I happened to be at Maynard, and there were several people collecting in the office, Claudia (the secretary) at her desk, lots of laughter and joking. It occurred to me that these are my people, friends, support and fellow seekers of truth. I hadn't really thought about it that way. Where have I been?

And why wouldn't it be that way? Consider for a moment, all the activities we have to offer: Sunday school for all ages, church cleanup day, choir, themed discussion groups, short- and long-term opportunities, tutoring, volunteering, giving, decorating, event planning, storytelling, fellowship, laughter, tears, teaching, learning, creating, praying, singing, writing a story for the newsletter! You can add your own items to the list. If you are soul searching, come on over to Maynard.

I am thinking about all the people I know at my church. All the people who genuinely care about me, my family, my life. They all ask me, how I'm doing, and I know they mean it! They take the time to care for me. I lack for nothing.

So the next time you are looking for some laughter and a whole lot of love, stop by. We're open 7 days a week.

Freedom School

Our summer Freedom School program is fast approaching, with sessions beginning June 18. Our program is at three sites: Maynard for pre-K, The Graham Expeditionary Middle School in the old Indianola Elementary building, and Summit on 16th UMC. All three sites are looking for staff, so check in with Pastor Patricia if you are interested in learning about this summer literacy and empowerment program for children pre-K through High School — as a parent, a scholar, a supporter, a volunteer, or interested resident.

Easter Baptism and New Members!

Are you interested in becoming a member of Maynard UMC? Are you interested in being baptized or having a child baptized? Easter is the traditional day for baptisms and new membership in the church, and we would welcome you to be part of that tradition this year.

Just sign the fellowship pad and indicate that you are interested. The pastor will make arrangements to meet with each person individually between now and Easter.

For baptism, see the pastor, call the church, or call the parsonage (267-3256); we will arrange a time to talk in your home.

Of course you are welcome to join or be baptized any time this year!

Fundraising Ideas


With the many happy experiences and all the work of the fair now a thing of the past, we must work on coming up with new ideas to bring income into the church. If you would like to chair a fundraising committee or if you have an idea for a fundraiser, please let Pastor Patricia know, or notify the church office. We would love to hear from you and consider your ideas.

Many thanks to all who have worked at the fair for all these years; your time and energy are very much appreciated!

Trustees Needed

The Trustee team would like to increase their number of members from 5 to 9. It's the old story of more hands make less work, and in this instance, the more people, the more experience to get things done!

If you are interested in serving as a Trustee, please see Don Wagner or send an email to the church office. Or if you are willing to donate a particular service to the church, i.e., carpentry, electrical, plumbing, please contact Don at 614-538-9340 or email donwagner101@msn.com.



Congrats, Nik!!!
Nik Wagner, son of Kim and Don, is now a Petty Officer 3rd Class Gunner's Mate!
Congratulations, Nik!

Neighborhood Services



Maynard Avenue UMC:

Neighborhood Services, Inc.
Bring Your Hunger

Thank you for the donation of 78 food pantry items to Neighborhood Services, Inc. (NSI). For 47 years, NSI has provided services for families living in poverty. Your donation is vital for the programs that we offer the Columbus community.

During these times of layoffs and cutbacks, more and more people need help with food and other material assistance. Many of our neighbors have exhausted other avenues of support and NSI is a last resource for them.

Our choice food pantry allows our neighbors to choose foods that best suit their family's needs. Approximately 700 people receive food each month. NSI also supports a children's clothing room, holiday food programs, a back-to-school program to supply new school clothes and school supplies, and other assistance programs for our neighbors in need.

I hope this letter conveys how your continued support helps us to assist families in need. While we can never thank you enough, please know that Neighborhood Services, Inc., is grateful for all that you do to help the people in our care.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Carter
Executive Director

Pastor's Page (cont'd)

Linda, and all those who hauled, raised, built, bought, cleaned, cooked, served, counted, drove, and prayed. The thousands of people who have been part of this ministry through these 97 years: members, friends, folks from other churches, district superintendents! Think of all the governors who ate there, the State Choir members who stopped to sing, the State Band members who always played for us! What a blessing it's been!

Now what? All of our faithful volunteers will be invited to celebrate this great ministry, perhaps around fair time. We anticipate raising that great green and white tent right here on our parking lot for a number of purposes. Perhaps for our yard sale, perhaps for a revival, with music and food and storytelling and preaching. There's always resurrection for a great tent!

That's what we have to remember, especially in this season of resurrection. We have fought the good fight, we have served well, and now the Lord is calling us to new ministries, new ways of serving.

Together with those who have just joined our ranks, we face the future full of faith and hope and thanks.

Church Finances — Update

We have a new finance chair, Brandy Steidley, and the whole team is working to address our financial concerns. We have a shortfall of about \$45,000 in this year's budget. We will be working on increasing our giving, and have a number of fundraisers planned, including the mulch sale that is mentioned in this bulletin.

We encourage everyone who hasn't made a pledge, to do so. A pledge form is included below.

MAYNARD AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



My Pledge for 2012

In response to God's love and my faith and commitment to the Lord and my Church, I prayerfully considered my pledge for 2012.

My pledge amount for 2012 is \$ _____

Weekly Bi-weekly Monthly Annually (Please check one).

Name _____

Address _____ Apt. # _____ Phone (_____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(This pledge may be revised or cancelled at any time at my request.)

Goodbye to the Fair

Dear Friends of Maynard at the Fair,

Well, it is that time of the year again. It is time to let you know that the Ohio State Fair begins Wednesday, July 25, and ends Sunday, August 5. That being said, it is also time to let you know that there are changes this year. After much prayer, consideration of anticipated expenses, and the demands and difficulty in staffing, it is decided that the past 2011 season, our 97th year, will also be known as the final year of Maynard-at-the-Fair. This is not a decision that is made lightly. Many of the participants have worked at the fair for years, some since they were children. It is painful to let it go ... but it is time.

So to those who have chosen to volunteer throughout the years, I say the collective **THANK YOU!** This ministry would have ended years ago without your help. Without your hands, your love, your continuing support, we would



have folded. Maynard Avenue UMC just didn't have the numbers to keep it going on its own.

And so I encourage you to continue to involve yourself by volunteering elsewhere. There are so many ministries that deserve your willing hands! Seek them out and make a difference as you choose.

I also ask your prayers. For many of us, this is a pain-filled decision. Although we realize that it is the decision made from wisdom, there are many tears. It still hurts. As our hearts heal and we find our new paths, I ask for your continuing prayers of support for all of us. But let us remember and celebrate that for **97 years**, **we** affected the lives of those who passed through our tent and nourished bodies, spirits, and souls.

May we all be well and happy sharing the love of Christ as we continue on our individual paths.

Blessings to you all,
Natalie Snarr

Ecc. 3:1- For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. (NLT)



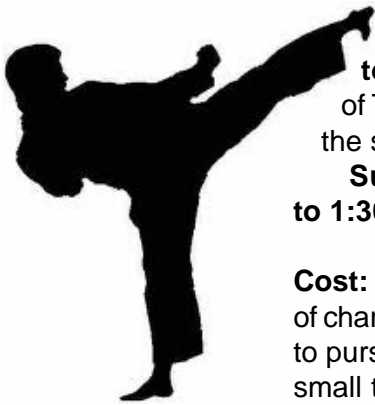
Free Tax Preparation Assistance

NSI is pleased to be offering **FREE TAX PREPARATION** assistance again this year with the cooperation of the AARP Tax Aide program. You do not need to be an AARP member to use these services and there are no age limitations. All low to middle income taxpayers are welcome. All tax returns are filed electronically on the day they're prepared, thus, assuring prompt delivery of your refund. Tax preparation will be available on Thursdays through April 12 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Please call 614-297-0592 for an appointment.

FOR YOUR HEALTH AND WELLNESS

FITNESS AND SELF-DEFENSE: CHILDREN TO ADULTS

Dan Saneholtz is sharing his knowledge and training in the Japanese arts of Jujitsu, Aikido, and Karate. This program is geared toward defending unprovoked attack and development of one's self through exercise, training, and prayer. This program is open to all ages.



Time:
Thursday evenings, 7 to 8 p.m. (except the night of Trustees meetings, usually the second Tuesday)
Sunday afternoons, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Cost: This class is a service free of charge. If an individual chooses to pursue rank, there will be very small testing fee.

Requirements: No experience or special uniforms are necessary. Just wear comfortable clothes.

Volunteer request: It would be very helpful to have another adult to volunteer to be present during the sessions. They can also participate!

YOGA FOR GIRLS 10 TO 18 MEETS THURSDAYS, 4:30 P.M.



This class meets every Thursday in the Social Room. Cost is a freewill offering. Bring: a yoga mat, wear comfortable stretchy clothes, and put your hair up if you have long hair. No commitment needed;

just drop-in, it's an ongoing class. Contact Kori Kinnard at korinnad@gmail.com or Carol Zamonski at doro@copper.net, 447-2084, for more information

Support Change in Our Criminal Justice System

SATURDAY, APRIL 7 — STATE HOUSE 1-3 P.M.

SUBMITTED BY **CONNIE HAMMOND**

If you have any experience working in the criminal justice system, you know that there are many problems. There are old prisoners dying from advanced mental and physical diseases who could be cared for outside as they die. State parole board members are more interested in keeping their paychecks coming than in releasing those past their time who have proven themselves safe and worthy of release. The death penalty doesn't act as the deterrent it was meant to be, and is often implemented with prejudice. There are sky-high barriers to housing and employment which means those who have served their time, and have skills, are prevented from supporting themselves, nor are they allowed public assistance. This is a pathway back to prison that must be altered, as Governor Kasich and former Governor Strickland both agree.

Christians, and other believers, as well as social workers, are part of a growing movement to make our criminal justice system more just and fair to all. This event on the State House lawn welcomes all persons who are interested in learning more or showing their support for change to come.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

Thank you for participating in the Kroger Community Rewards program. For just shopping at Kroger between November 1, 2011, and January 31, 2012, you helped contribute to the **\$223.15** total donation to Maynard!!

REMINDER: April is re-enroll month. Everyone who is shopping at Kroger and supporting Maynard **must** re-enroll **each** April. (If you signed up prior to April 1, you need to re-enroll again in April as enrollments prior to April 1 are removed and nothing will be contributed from Kroger in 2012. *(ed.: I discovered that last year I had renewed on March 31, so Kroger was not making a donation to Maynard on behalf.)*

Visit the Kroger Community Rewards website at <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com>. Click on "Ohio," or "Columbus" then click on "re-enroll."

Thank you for your continued support of this quick and easy way to donate to Maynard!



Just a few of the articles in the Capitol Area North newsletter

First UMC of Ada

West Ohio has for several years had a Church Builders Club with a list of members who have asked to be a part of regular support for designated church revitalization projects. This quarter's call to Builders Club members has been expanded so that others who wish to contribute to Ada First may have a venue to do so via online donations. 100% of all contributions go directly to the church. Information about the call, a copy of this quarter's issue of Church Builders Club newsletter and a link to contribute online can be found at www.westohioumc.org/churchbuildersclub.



Wings of the Morning Fundraising Event at Indian Run UMC, **April 29**, 5-8 p.m. Catered buffet, live and silent auctions, Ghanaian Children's Choir, Dancers from Ebenezer UMC. Tickets are \$35/person. Childcare available. Contact Alice Gulker, Indian Run Director of Pastoral Care, at agulker@indianrun.org, or by phone (614) 889-7728, or rsvp online: www.indianrun.org/wingsofthemorning.



2012 Annual Conference June 10-13

In addition to the cash offering for Wings of Morning, our Love First Miracle Offering has a goal of providing 10,000 health kits to improve health globally. **Every congregation is invited to assemble and bring to annual conference at least 10 health kits** to lay at the altar in Hoover Auditorium during our First Love Miracle Offering. Cash and kits will be received during our worship on Tuesday morning, June 12, and cash gifts will only be received again during our Celebration of Life and Ministry Service that same afternoon.

Cuisine for a Cause to Benefit House of Mercy Orphanage and Aleluya Church in Piedras Negras

April 20, 7-10 p.m. at J Liu Restaurant in Worthington. Complimentary Valet Parking. Music, Food, Silent and Live Auction. Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$75 at the door. VIP Table for Ten is \$1,000. Proceeds benefit the children served by the House of Mercy orphanage and Aleluya Church in Piedras Negras.

Contact Scott Vaughn for more information, vaughanx4@columbus.rr.com.

Volunteers in Mission Training

Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at North Broadway UMC. Register online at www.westohioumc.org.

Rock the Chapel

Friday, April 20 Doors open at 6:30 pm, music starts at 7:30 pm, at Bethel IUMC, 1220 Bethel Rd., Columbus. We want to invite you to join us for a concert featuring the national act A Rotterdam November with the local band Phileo opening and a very strong anti-bullying message from One Leg At A Time. Why? To show we can have an amazing drug-free night! To hear a band on their way up the charts! To connect with lots of central Ohio Christian youth! To jump and dance and sing and PTL! Cost? \$12 at the door. To order tickets visit our website www.mybethel.org/youth for details or email Keri@mybethel.org. Be safe! Have fun! Join us!

Dances of Universal Peace



Come Cultivate Peace through Music and Movement

The Dances of Universal Peace are simple, meditative, and joyous circle dances that celebrate the variety of spiritual paths on Earth.

7 to 8:30 p.m.

Columbus Mennonite Church

35 Oakland Park Avenue

Columbus, OH 43214

(east of High Street in Clintonville, one block north of North Broadway)

These are spiritual practices or simple body prayers; no previous experience is needed — just an open and willing attitude. We invite you to wear comfortable clothing and shoes. There is no fee to participate; donations are gladly accepted. Only two more dates remain:

April 14 – Earth Based Paths and Dances

May 12 – Honoring the Goddess

For more information, contact:

Columbus Dances of Universal Peace at centralohiosufi@yahoo.com or 614-486-9530.

Dancing with Mary Magdalene

Friday and Saturday, June 8-9, 2012

North Congregational Church

2040 Henderson Road

Columbus, OH



An experiential workshop for women combining ceremony, meditation, spiritual walks, and the Mary Magdalene cycle of dances, originated and presented by Amina Linda McMakin, in the tradition of the Dances of Universal Peace.

Workshop activities include: Sacred dances and walks inspired by Miriam of Magdala; Mary's Standing Stones Ritual; teachings and stories of Mary's path of devotion; a Universal Worship Service honoring the Great Mother; guided and walking meditations; free time for journaling and silence.

Friday public dance (men and women): 7-9 p.m. - \$15 suggested donation
(Introduction to the Mary Magdalene Cycle of Dances)

Saturday workshop (for women only): 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Pre-registration required by May 4, 2012.

Registration Fee: \$125 for Saturday workshop and public dance.

To register, send a check for full amount made out to Sherron Courneen and mail to:
Sherron Courneen, Registrar, 310 Fairway Drive, Columbus, OH 43214-1816.

For more information, call Sherron at 614-436-3637 or 614-600-7800 (cell) or email: SherronCourneen@aol.com

To learn more about Dancing with Mary Magdalene, go to www.greenville-dup.info.

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week 2012

Palm Sunday, April 1, 10:30 a.m. — *Walking Toward Jerusalem* — palm waving, storytelling, and Holy Communion as we begin Holy Week.

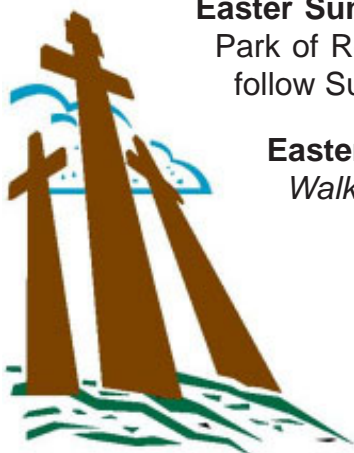


Holy Thursday, April 5, 7 p.m. — *Walking in the Darkness* — We will be the host for Summit on 16th UMC and North UMC churches in this service which we will mark by prayer, song, foot washing, communion, and telling the story of Jesus' final day with his disciples. Babysitting will be provided.

Good Friday Service, April 6, 7 p.m. — North UMC

***Holy Saturday, April 7, 2 p.m.** — Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. — (sunrise 6:28 a.m.) at the Whetstone Park of Roses in the small gazebo. Bring an umbrella, just in case! Breakfast will follow Sunrise Service at the church.



Easter Sunday, April 8, 10:30 a.m. —
Walking toward Resurrection

Easter Egg Hunt — April 7*

Easter Egg Hunt for children will be on Saturday, April 7, at 2 p.m. There will also be crafts and games for the kids. Volunteers needed to help with the crafts and egg hunt.

Handbell Choir

Saturdays at 5 p.m.

BY MARTHA MATTESON

This spring the bell choir met to practice music for worship service on Easter, but now have decided to continue practicing. (We are having so much fun!) So if you would like to learn to play the bells and be a part of handbell choir, please join us Saturdays at 5 p.m. in the parlor. No musical experience is necessary, just a willing heart! See you Saturday!!







LumFlux Babysitting

April 14 — 5 p.m.

Were you aware that babysitting continues the third Saturday of each month right here at Maynard? LumFlux will provide child care, snacks, and crafts from 5 to 10 p.m. for \$10 a child. (Ask about special rates for more than one child in a family.)



LumFlux Babysitting

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 Palm Sunday 8:30 a.m.—Torah 12:30—LumFlux 3 p.m.—Dances of Uni. Peace 	2 6 p.m.—Uppity Women of the Bible 7 p.m.—AA	3 5 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Death Penalty Discussion	4 12 p.m.—AA 7 p.m.—Choir	5 7 p.m.—Maundy Worship at Maynard  NO Martial Arts	6  7 p.m.—Good Friday Service at North UMC 8 p.m.—NA	7 2 p.m.—Easter Egg Hunt 5 p.m.—Handbells	
8 EASTER 12:30—LumFlux 	8 6 p.m.—Uppity Women of the Bible 7 p.m.—AA	10	11 12 p.m.—AA 7 p.m.—Choir	12 7 p.m.—Leadership Meeting 7 p.m.—Martial Arts	13 7 p.m.—MaryMakers 8 p.m.—NA	14 5 p.m.—LumFlux Babysitting 6 p.m.—Youth Group	
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