



Maynard Messenger

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(Sacred Time-out)

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May 2013

Notes from the Journey . . .

by Pastor Patricia

On Sunday, April 14, leaders of the church came into my office after worship. As I told them later, I wasn't sure if they were there to fire me or give me money. It was, thankfully, not the first, and better than the second.

They informed me that I was going to take the week off. It has been a difficult few months – so many deaths, so much to do. It was time for a break. They would handle office matters, hospital calls, and even preaching the following Sunday. I rebelled for a moment — certainly I would still have to do this, or that. But they stopped me.

No, you don't.

So, I relented, and it was good. I spent a good deal of time traveling back and forth to Delaware to care for my folks. But I also had time to take in the losses we have experienced in recent weeks: Lloyd, Marzee, Cleo, David. There was also the Boston bombing, the first day of my vacation. Because I wasn't rushing out to visit, plan, prepare, I had time to take it in. As I drove to and from Delaware, I listened to the reports, talked to my brother, who was covering the story for his Charlotte news station, and listened to survivors and experts.

I have never been close to a bomb. Most of us in American haven't. But the veterans who were in the crowd that day, or were manning posts that day, have. They ran toward the victims, stopped the bleeding, carried the wounded to safety, and secured the area. They did not expect their combat experience to be so relevant here on our own streets.

There is so much we do not understand about our veteran's experiences. Among those who have frequented our congregation since I have been here, are those who have served in support roles from home, as well as combat veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the first Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm, and Afghanistan.

They face a lot coming back: finding work, integrating back into family and civilian life, but there are also the wounds of war to deal with — some physical, some psychological, and then there is moral injury. This a term recently coined to describe what many veterans experience:

“Moral injury results from having to make difficult moral choices under

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NSI Thank You

April 6, 2013

Thank you for your gift of \$255 through our Spring Appeal to Neighborhood Services, Inc. (NSI), to provide Easter Baskets for families in need in our community.



Neighborhood Services, Inc.
Bring Your Hunger

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 600 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 supplies, and other assistance programs for our neighbors in need.

For forty-eight (48) years, NSI has provided services for families living in poverty. Your donation is vital for the programs that we offer the Columbus community.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Carter,
Executive Director



Reminder:

2013 Annual Conference
June 9-12—Lakeside, Ohio
Missional Offering: Imagine No Malaria

James Dodd, Eagle Scout

The Eagle Scout award is the highest award and ranking a Boy Scout can attain through the Boy Scouts of America organization. An Eagle Scout must earn 21 badges testing expertise in lifesaving, wilderness skills, and other areas, as well as lead a service project that benefits his community. The award culminates in an official Eagle Scout ceremony.

James has worked over the past several year with Merv and Martha Matteson to receive his three "God

and Me" awards, which were presented to him during worship. It has been a privilege for our congregation to watch James join Clayton Bloor as an Eagle Scout from Maynard.



In Memoriam — David Johnson

David W. "DJ" Johnson passed away peacefully Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at Riverside Methodist Hospital. He was born on May 26, 1967 (45 years old). He is preceded in death by his father Donald L. Johnson. David is survived by mother, Patricia; sisters, Pamela (Keith) Leach of Lakeview, OH, and Anna (Donald) Carter of Cincinnati, OH; brother, Steve Johnson of Columbus, OH; eight nieces and nephews, four great-nieces and great-nephews; aunts, Vivian Stump and Eva Marie Soliday, both of Lancaster. He was a well-loved, long-time member of Maynard Avenue United Methodist Church.

David worked for many years at COSI and was a volunteer at Ohio Wildlife Center.

David's funeral service was held on Saturday, April 6, 2013, at Maynard Avenue UMC. David was laid to rest in Floral Hills Memory Gardens, Lancaster, Ohio.

Memorial Contributions may be given in David's name to: the Ohio Wildlife Center,

www.ohiowildlifecenter.org.

Arrangements were in the care of: Rutherford Funeral Home, 2383 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio and condolences may be left for the family at:

www.RutherfordFuneralHome.com.



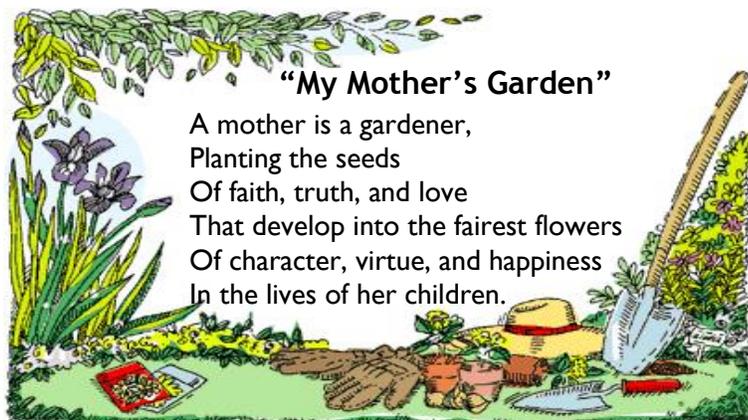
Sacred Time-Out, Tuesdays 7 p.m.

This is your personal invitation to come share and fellowship with fellow believers on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.

All of us involved have been touched by the unique nature of this informal service. It is a chance to sing, pray, and praise ... and to express whatever is on your heart.

With all that comes with summer, it is a mid-week centering for your life. You might want to come especially when you are not able to be at church on Sunday. This service is one more way Maynardites are answering the call of Jesus in our lives. Be a part of that commitment.

by Kerry Ragsdale



"My Mother's Garden"

A mother is a gardener,
Planting the seeds
Of faith, truth, and love
That develop into the fairest flowers
Of character, virtue, and happiness
In the lives of her children.

J. Harold Gwynne
The Newsletter, May 2010

Happy
mother's
DAY
May 12!

It's a Party and You Are Invited



Merv and Martha Matteson will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 16 at 3 p.m. in the Social Room. There will be a program at 3:30, followed by a light supper.

If you want to make a gift, please consider Habitat for Humanity, Heifer International, or United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in their names.

Mark your calendar now so you have this date and time reserved!



Thank You!

Acknowledgement: Pictures of the Easter hunt/party used in the April newsletter were taken by Danny Yocum. Danny, thanks for having your camera handy on that fun-filled afternoon!!

Guest Soloist



Many thanks to Ben Minor for sharing his voice on Sunday, April 7. Ben sung several solos at Maynard thus his picture may look familiar. On this Sunday, he chose to sing "Now the Green Blade Riseth."

We look forward to hearing Ben again soon!

Thanks, Ben!

Sunday Trio



Pastor Patricia joined Don Newton and Ed Smith from North Broadway UMC on Sunday, April 21 to sing "By the Mark Where the Nails Have Been." Don has sung and played guitar several times over the years that Pastor Patricia has been at Maynard,

Don and Ed, thanks for coming to Maynard and sharing your talents. We look forward to your return soon!

Trustee Update

Thanks for Lent:

As chair of the board of trustees, I would like to belatedly thank everyone who pitched in during our various work projects in the Lenten season. With your help on the “Jazzy Jobs,” spring cleaning and Donna B’s, we were able to:

- Trim the outside shrubs and trees.
- Replace the no-skid tape on the stairs.
- Install baseboards in the Donna B’s room.
- Paint the chalkboard that will go behind the Donna B’s counter.
- Prepare the alcove next to the Donna B’s room for new paint.
- Wash and shine all of the wood in the pews, choir loft, and balcony railing.
- Wash all the windows on the folding doors around the sanctuary.
- Vacuum all the carpet in the sanctuary and mop the hardwood.

If you weren’t able to help out during our work days, don’t worry! There’s no shortage of small jobs to be done, and we will be planning more work days in the near future.

New (cheaper) trash bin:

You might have noticed the trash bin in the parking lot has changed. Many thanks are due to Don Wagner, who negotiated a new contract with Rumpke that provides us with this smaller bin with once-a-week pickup. This change should considerably reduce our waste disposal costs.

In the works:

Here are some of the items the trustees will be working on in the next few months.

Updated building use policy.

We are reviewing the current policy and fees for building use and working on a new policy that will ensure we handle all requests quickly and fairly, that we get a fair price for the use of our facilities, and that we continue to follow our mission of radical hospitality to the community.

Accessibility ramp for the entrance. It seems we are nearing our fundraising goal for this project; now we need to pursue possibilities for getting the work done. I’ll provide more updates as this project develops.

Mortar and roof repairs. We continue to seek funding for this major project, and hope that once Donna B’s is open we will be able to plan on a steady stream of revenue that can help us get this much-needed work done.

You can help:

If you know of a project around the building that needs attention – and especially if you know of a project you want to be involved in – please let me know. You can email me at adamsmith7127@att.net, call my home phone at 614-929-5394, or just grab me by the collar before or after the service on Sunday!

by Adam R. Smith



Love One Another Mission (LOAM)—April Update

I just wanted to update you on the Love One Another (LOAM) April outing on Sunday, April 7. We had some very generous contributions in the last few months so we were able to stock up on candles, batteries and food and SOCKS, a very popular item. We made a crock pot of BBQ chicken for sandwiches, along with potato chips and cookies.

We have two burners and a lot of canned meats and soups (praise God!). We went to our usual encampment and saw a few people.

One woman and her husband were new there, new to being homeless, I believe.

We were able to provide them with food, water, propane, candles, a radio, and batteries.

We saw Leetha who it is always good to see. She has certainly been out here for a while. She and Robert both. PLEASE say a prayer for these two really nice people; they need a stable safe clean place to live.

We had so much canned and hot food left that we hit another camp just to see if anyone was around. To our surprise, there were about seven people sitting on a curb just down from their camp. They were happy to see us! We gave out food, candles, batteries -- all the usual things plus socks. We passed out some Bibles and One-Minute Bibles, some Guideposts and Upper Rooms.

We met a young woman named Danielle who was trying to talk to us while eating her sandwiches. She didn't stop eating the whole time she was talking. She said some other groups had been down but no one was supplying propane. It was relatively nice that day but it was about to get cold again.

We may think 50-degree days and 35-degree nights aren't so bad but we aren't in a tent on the ground. It's cold!!! The one thing

Danielle wanted that we didn't have was a flashlight. We now have three to take out for next time. She was very focused on all the little soaps and

lotions though and seemed to really enjoy looking through and taking some of those.

We met several middle-aged gentlemen for the first time. They were pretty talkative, and we enjoyed some laughs and good conversation.

We ran into a young man who remembered us from the Greenlawn camp. He seemed genuinely happy to see us even remembering Mary's name. He talked about how good we were to him over there. We gave him a couple of sandwiches and a bottle of water, some batteries to put in his pocket, and a bag of food. He had a tent and we asked if he had anything to help keep him warm. He said he didn't but since it was



... 35-degree nights aren't so bad but we aren't in a tent on the ground.

LOAM (cont'd)

starting to get warm he told us not to worry about it — we still gave him a cook stove. We had given away all the little tanks of propane so we didn't have those to give for it, but he was grateful just the same.

I'm hoping we can continue to receive enough donations to keep going to both camps each month. There are a lot of middle-aged people out here that need some help: food, batteries, socks — whatever you can give.

Thank you for your support. Please feel free to donate as God lays it on your heart. Even a couple of cans of soup/crackers,

ONE pair of socks, two AA batteries -- it is all so appreciated out there.

Please (especially) keep them in your prayers...

God Bless,

Zachary
Love One Another Mission
(for the homeless)

...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:40

Capitol Area North Lay Servant Ministry Training

The Capitol Area North Lay Servant Ministry Training date for Spring 2013 is:

**Friday, May 10,
6:30-9 p.m.**

**Saturday, May 11,
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**

This training will be held at:
Linworth UMC
7070 Bent Tree Blvd
Columbus, OH 43235
614-336-8485

Registration Deadline is

Wednesday, May 1, 2013.

Pre-reading is required.

Basic Lay Servant Ministers must:

1. Be a member of a United Methodist Church
2. Be approved by their Church/ Charge Conference and Pastor

3. Successfully complete Basic Lay Servant Minister training, and do a refresher course at least once every 3 years

Certified Lay Speaker/Advanced

Lay Servant Minister must:

1. Complete Basic Requirements
2. Successfully complete Advanced Requirements
3. Successfully complete refresher course at least once every 3 years

Cost for the Training per person for either Basic or Advanced is

\$35.00, which includes required books, meals, and snacks. Checks may be made payable to: CAPITOL AREA NORTH DISTRICT UMC.

Call the District office for registration information.

We Should All Have a Good Friday

Adam Smith, who joined Maynard last year, and is getting married this month to Stacy Brannan, has been working for Habitat for Humanity International in communications. He wrote this reflection for Habitat's publication. It is for the Holy Week, now passed, but the message is timeless.

We Should All Have a Good Friday

This Sunday — Palm Sunday — the lay leader of my church recited a poem during the service: “The Fear and Feeding of the Sheep” by Ann Weems. It’s a powerful devotion for Holy Week, and its crux lies in three lines:

***Keeping covenant
means keeping covenant under
a cross
as well as by an empty garden
tomb.***

Those words left a deep impression on me. I’ve always loved the high points of worship

the best, and I’ve always been tempted to skip straight from the triumphal entry of Palm Sunday to the glory of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. When Lent nears its end, I’m ready to put on bright colors, watch the sunrise and sing Hosanna.

But that’s not how the story goes. We don’t get to leap from Point A to Point B; there’s a path between them, and it winds through dark country. Yes, the Son will rise, but not before going through the Last Supper, the agony in the garden, the betrayal, the denial, the trial and the cross.

Those dark moments are vital. They humble and temper us. If we forget them or hold them at arm’s length, we turn Easter Sunday into a hollow, painted shell, with no nourishment inside.

But when we follow the path to the cross, we honor the

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A Fresh Look at Pentecost

Fifty days after Jesus’ resurrection, on a day called Pentecost, the Christian church was born. Because Pentecost was a holiday celebrating the harvest (a bit like our Thanksgiving), the apostles and a large crowd had gathered to celebrate in Jerusalem.

Many people had assembled near Peter and the other followers of Christ when “[F]rom heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind ...” (Acts 2:2 ff,

NRSV). Then tongues of fire descended on everyone in the crowd.

After the wind and fire descended, all sorts of languages, known and unknown, came out of the crowd. Each person spoke “about God’s deeds of power” (verse 11). No wonder Luke wrote, “All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

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resurrection. By living through the sacrifice, we give context to the joy and the triumph to come, and we make the celebration all the sweeter.

There's an analogy here to our work life, too. At Habitat, it's tempting to let our focus leap from one great triumph to the next. When we hear the voices of Santo homeowners raised in song, when we stand amid the throng in the National Conference exhibit hall, when we see the tears on the cheeks of a new homeowner at a dedication ceremony, we can — we should — be filled with joy. But we must not forget the journey that brought us there.

Some of the sacrifices made en route to a Habitat celebration are easy to see. The hours and the energy that homeowners spend in sweat equity are the most obvious, and it's not hard to imagine how

volunteers give up their evenings, weekends or vacation time to help.

But there are other moments we tend to overlook. I have no doubt that some homeowners wrestle mightily with their pride when they apply to Habitat for help. And we probably all know co-workers who could be making much more money if they chose to keep their talents in the for-profit world.

When the day comes to declare victory over poverty housing, it will be because of all of these sacrifices. We must not forget the late nights and missed appointments, the sunburns and calluses, the smashed fingers and hunched shoulders, the difficult choices and frayed tempers. They are part of the journey, and the story can't reach its end without them.

So please have a happy Easter, but first, have a Good Friday.

by Adam Smith



A Fresh Look at Pentecost (cont'd)

‘What does this mean?’ (verse 12).

The whole affair was mind-boggling and life-changing. The Holy Spirit had come upon many people; they knew God was powerfully at work in their midst.

On Pentecost many years ago, some 3,000 people came to believe

in Christ. That's why today Christians remember this powerful event as the birthday of the church. Pentecost occurs on May 19 this year.

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Many Thanks, Shelli and Lauren!!!

Earlier this year, Connie Bloor, custodian, broke her hand. Shelli Hazel and her daughter Lauren Hazel stepped in, taking over the custodial duties, along with their other jobs. Thanks, ladies, for helping out and doing a great job!!!



Updates to 2013 Maynard Directory

2013 Maynard Avenue United
Methodist Church Directory



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website: www.maynardav.org
Pastor Patricia Wagner

Whether you have the directory online or hard copy, please update with these changes:

- Jeff Bohling 's new email address is j.bohling@yahoo.com
- Remove David Johnson's information
- Remove Cleo LeMaster's name

- Adam Smith's home phone is 614-929-5394

In the birthday listing:

ADD:

- Elizabeth Cassell – April 11
- Ernie Robinson – Sept. 17
- Kerry Ragsdale – Dec. 17

REMOVE:

- Cleo LeMaster — Oct. 5



A before and after shot!

Big Thank You!!

Many thanks to the team that cleaned all the wooden chairs (just got to love Murphy's Oil Soap) and reupholstered the seats of those chairs located throughout the church: Linda Stephenson, Jim Stephenson, Pink Pinkley, Jan Soboslai, and

Leo Soboslai. Thanks for giving up your Saturday and thanks for a job well done!!

Thanks also to all of you who contributed to the purchase of the fabric for those chairs. What a difference the "new" chairs make in the parlor and Sunday School rooms!

Another Opening, Another Show

Please do not be offended by the title of this Broadway production. *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* has been around for a long time. But now our own Doug Joseph, Bryan Babcock, LeeAnn McBride (a guest vocalist at Maynard) are performing in this great little show! Hee-haw!!!

We've all heard of the "chicken ranch" and how part of the town wanted to keep it open and part wanted to see it closed down.

Come see how our stars handle the problem in this musical comedy.

Melvin P. Thorpe (Doug) suggests we link to <http://tiktz.com/pickashow.php?id=79&db=ohio> to receive a \$5 discount. "Mona" is the promo code needed.

Cost is \$15 adult, \$12 seniors. This is an adult production.

Dates: May 31 and June 1 at 8 p.m.; June 2 at 2 p.m., June 7 and 8 at 8 p.m., and June 9 at 2 p.m.



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extreme conditions, experiencing morally anguishing events or duties, witnessing immoral acts, or behaving in ways that profoundly challenge your conscience and identity and the values that support them. Feelings of survivor guilt, grief, shame, remorse, anger, despair, mistrust, and betrayal by authorities. In its most severe forms, it can destroy identity and the will to live.”

How do folks recover:

Everyone agrees, not experts, not pastors, but peers. Those who have walked the walk, can walk folks home.

Hundreds of thousands of men and women will be returning to this country from combat in the next year and a half. What shall be our response? How shall we be part of the healing of the hearts

and minds of these folks and their families?

Veterans from the congregation have begun meeting together to prepare for a quiet ministry to veterans. Tom Grace, a Vietnam vet and church member, describes it as A Listening Post – where veterans receive, listen, understand and stand beside those just returned. Vets of various services and others who feel called to support this ministry will be meeting again after church this Sunday, May 5.

I learned from my week off the value of stopping all our frenetic activity and listening. I hope that we as a congregation can do this as well — to the world around us, and to those wounded warriors who come through our doors.

An Email Prayer from Sandy Gaston

May the Lord use you today to do His work in the lives that surround you.

May today be all you need it to be.

May the peace of God and the freshness of the Holy Spirit rest in your thoughts, rule in your dreams tonight, and conquer all your fears.

May God manifest himself today in ways you have never experienced before.

May your joys be fulfilled, your dreams be closer, and your prayers be answered.

I pray that faith enters a new height for you; I pray that your territory is enlarged.

I pray for peace, healing, health, happiness, prosperity, joy, true and undying love for God.



2013



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 9:30 —Sunday School 10:30 —Worship 11:30 — Veterans Meeting 12:30—Martial Arts	6 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	7 4:30 p.m.—Girls' Yoga 7 p.m.—Sacred Time-Out (vespers) 7:30 p.m.—Study group	8 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous 6 p.m. —Tutoring	9 7 p.m.—Trustees Meeting	10 8 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous	11 10 a.m. — Grief Recovery Group 5 p.m.—Hand Bell Choir 6 p.m.—Youth Group
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