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 (Sacred Time-out)

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Notes from the Journey . . . “Rising in Darkness, moving toward joy”

by Pastor Patricia

I know a lot of you don't make it to services between Sundays, your lives are full, your evenings are for putting up your feet and relaxing.

I totally get it.

But I have to tell you, there is something so powerful about the Maundy Thursday service. When I was a girl, growing up in my father's parish, I would never have missed it,

I would dress up, putting on my white gloves, and walk with my mother and brothers next door to the church. Someone, probably my father, would tell the story of the last supper, and the arrest and trial. We didn't have communion very often, so it felt very special to us. The ushers would invite us to go forward to the communion rail, and we would taste the tart grape juice, the tiny piece of bread. Then we would hear the story of the betrayal and arrest and trial and the thorns that pierced Jesus' head, and sing "Were You There?" We had no images on a screen, but I would look up at the mural of Jesus standing before Pilate that was on the balcony of the church. It gave me chills.

It was the time I understood Jesus, in my bones, as one who willingly suffered, and somehow in that

suffering, showed us the nature of God.

Good Friday service was more somber yet. It seems strange for a child to hear that story, but I did and pondered it in my heart. What did it mean? I still ask that question.

On Easter Sunday morning, we would be awakened before dawn. Sunrise service was the hardest service to get to, but easily the most wondrous, as we moved from the shadows into the light. That was followed by Easter breakfast!

I hope that you will consider making this your ritual too: taking in the events and allowing yourself to be caught up in the drama and meaning of this holy week. Bring your children, or your friends, or spouse. Let us, together, experience the power of this week, so that when Easter comes, we are ready to rise together from the darkness and sing for joy.

Ed: See page 13 for Holy Week Schedule.



Caregivers Group

The next meeting of Caregivers Group is **Monday, April 7**, at 6 p.m. Join this group the first **MONDAY** (this is a change) of each month for the support and information you need in caring for another person.

The group will meet in the Pastor's office (next to the

Children's Sunday School Room). Sandy Gaston believes the group always learns something new at each meeting.

Come and be a part of this important support group.



*Sunday, June 8 to
Wednesday, June 11, 2014*

*Lakeside Chautauqua
236 Walnut Avenue
Lakeside, Ohio 43440*

*Registration Opens
March 3, 2014*

Kroger Community Reward Program

Each year in April it is necessary to re-enroll your Kroger card in the Kroger Community Reward Program. Thanks to all of you who enrolled last year and swiped your Kroger Card when shopping, the Kroger Community Reward Program donated approximately \$1,500 to Maynard. It's such an easy fundraiser. Please re-enroll this year and continue swiping your

card when shopping. Remember enrolling in the program does not affect your gas credits or other sales.

Visit:

**[www.Kroger.com/
communityrewards](http://www.Kroger.com/communityrewards)**

Choose sign-in if you are re-enrolling or set up an account if you do not have one.



Chili Cook-Off Winning Recipe

And the winner BEST OVERALL is Diana Kubovcik (applause, applause)!!!

Congratulations to all our winners! But as the overall winner, Diana has been asked to share her Maynard-famous chili recipe and here it is:

- 1-28-oz. can of diced tomatoes
- 1-small can of Rotel tomatoes
- 1 medium onion
- 2 tsp. fresh garlic
- 1 green pepper
- 1 can of medium chili beans
- 2 cans of black beans rinsed
- 1 large sweet potato
- ½ tbs. dry basil

- 1 tbs. chili powder
- ½ tbs. marjoram
- ¼ cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

In a large pot, sauté onion and pepper, add garlic when onion is soft. Add tomatoes. Peel and cut into 1" pieces the sweet potato, add spices bring to boil then simmer for ½ hour. Add rinsed black beans and can of chili beans and chocolate. Add salt and black pepper to taste. Simmer for another 30 min. until potato is soft.

Thanks, Diana, for sharing this Maynard-winning recipe with everyone.



Neighborhood Services, Inc. (NSI)

A note from Martin Butler, executive director of NSI:

“The first quarter of 2014 has seen a sustained increase in the number of neighbors coming into NSI for food and material assistance. Overall we served 819 families so far this year; last year during the same time frame, we served 673 families. This is a 21.7% increase!

Thank you again for all of your donations and your commitment to alleviating hunger in our community.”

Respectfully,
Martin Butler

NSI is in need of **peanut butter; canned vegetables – spinach, peas, corn, canned fruit, dried beans, rice, and soups** (please, no tomato or vegetable); **and personal items such as toilet paper, feminine products, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.**

Please consider picking up some of these items while you are shopping. They go a long way in keeping the shelves at NSI stocked for those in need. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.



Neighborhood Services, Inc.
Bring Your Hunger



Jo Blundo's Commentary in *The Columbus Dispatch*

Dear Maynard Community,

This article came out March 20, in the Columbus Dispatch. Joe Blundo, a good writer and fine man, did a wonderful job telling Anna's story and promoting the store. A couple things aren't quite



correct. Anna is a part of the management team; we were at the fair for 96 years, not 70; and our hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and two

Sundays a month, after church. But generally, we take this as a strong affirmation of our beloved Donna Boston, and dear Anna, as well as our church.

We hope that this reminds you to both donate to, shop at, and work with Donna B's, a Thrift Store and Boutique. It is a wonderful place, and all of us are part of it!

Blessings,
Patty

Joe Blundo commentary: Thrift shop gives her opportunity to shine

She is called "Shyne" because she brightens up a room. Still, Anna Borsick has left a lot of darkness behind.

I met her at Maynard Avenue United Methodist Church, where Borsick, 39, runs a weekend thrift shop called Donna B's to help support the church that has supported her.

"I cry every time I think about this church," she said. "From day one, I was accepted. I just feel like family here."

Borsick, who grew up poor in Sandusky, Ohio, was sexually abused by an uncle and other adults starting at age 5. At 13, she ran away from home and ended up being used as a drug mule by an older man.

By 16, she had been sold into sexual slavery.

"I was all over, up and down the East Coast. I was arrested 67 times in one year for prostitution and loitering."

It took her years to break free of the pimps who used her, but she finally did in the late 1990s. Years of treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and bipolar disorder followed, and she slowly put her life back together.

Borsick, who has six children from relationships that didn't last,

Children's Sunday School Update

I remember a saying, "Rome wasn't built in a day." Well, this month we have found out that "Bulletin Boards are seldom finished in one Sunday..." It has taken four Sundays to complete, but the board designed by our artists-in-residence, Richy and Victor Luu, is now complete!

You will find the completed board just outside Patty's Office across from the Memorial Stand. We hope you will stop by to see the handiwork of our children: Ayden, Richy, and Victor. The theme chosen by them is, "We Are the Work of God's Hands." You will see the sun and moon, clouds and stars, and God's Hands. Thank you kids for a job well done. Ms. Lyndsey, too!

Since we were creating, we didn't really get very far in our story about Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac. Isaac was born to elderly parents. He was nurtured and loved. In Genesis 22, God tested Abraham by saying, "Take your son, your only son whom you love, Isaac, and go to the land of Moriah. Offer him up as an entirely burned offering there on one of the mountains that I will show you." Abraham didn't falter, he rose early the next morning, harnessed a donkey and loaded it with enough wood for the entirely burned offering, took two of his young men with him and Isaac, and headed to the mountain God had described.

As they approached the mountain, Abraham told the men to stay with the donkey. He then took the wood and Isaac's hand and

walked on together. After a while Isaac asked his father, "Where is the lamb for the offering?" Abraham replied, "God will see to it, my son." And on they walked. What a heavy heart Abraham must have had. How could God require this of him?

When Abraham arrived at the place God had described, he built an altar and arranged the wood on it. He tied up his son and laid him on the altar on top of the wood.

Abraham covered his son's eyes with his hand, drew his knife from his waist, and prepared to kill his only son as a sacrifice...

God called to him, "Don't stretch out your hand against the young man, Isaac. I know now that you revere God because you would not hold back even your son from me." So God provided a single ram caught in a bush, and the ram was offered to God instead of Isaac.

What a lesson of obedience and trust! Would we be willing to risk everything to be obedient to God? Guess that is something for us to think about...

Easter is coming. May you have a blessed Holy Season!

*by Natalie Snarr
Children's Sunday School Teacher*



Donna B's (cont'd from pg. 4)

has earned an associate's degree online from the University of Phoenix and started on a bachelor's program. She has done what she can to help her children, now adults and teenagers, settle into more stable lives. And she has become a fixture at the Maynard Avenue church.

The church's name might be familiar to longtime Ohio State Fair visitors. It ran a 24-hour food concession at the fair for 70 years before giving it up three years ago when the task became overwhelming for the small congregation.

The thrift-shop income is coming close to replacing the income from the restaurant, said Leo Soboslai, lay leader. The shop has also become something of a haven for people in the neighborhood, Pastor Patricia Wagner said.

"Everyone needs a church, or synagogue or temple, on the corner where they can walk in and tell their story and receive a little compassion."

Donna B's, open from 9 <10> a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, is named for Donna Boston, a longtime church member whose family donated her possessions to the church after her death in 2012. It opened in August, with Borsick in charge.

The church allows her to use a small corner to sell handmade soap and other craft items she fashions at her home on the Near East Side. She also has several part-time jobs and works with Bridges Out of Poverty, a program that connects poor and middle-class people so they can learn from one another.

What shines out of Shyne — a friend bestowed the nickname a few years ago — is an openness about where she has been and what others can learn from it.

"She is," Wagner said, "both vulnerable and powerful."

*Joe Blundo is a
Dispatch columnist.
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Donna B's at Maynard, a thrift shop and boutique, will be open during construction:

Every Saturday:	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
First and Third Sundays	following worship


Thrift Store & Boutique

Trustees' March Update

You might have noticed the caution tape and “under construction” signs around the church’s southwest corner in the past few weeks. This is the first sign of some big news for Maynard: We are fixing the bell tower masonry!

After securing a \$35,000 loan from the West Ohio Conference, the trustees have engaged GBR Masonry for the repairs.

Protective scaffolding should be erected around the tower sometime around April 10. This will allow us to reopen the entrances at the corner of Indianola and Maynard Avenues while the work proceeds. Shortly after that, the repairs will begin. All of the limestone wall caps will be removed; the columns at each corner and at least 30 courses of brick on the east parapet will be disassembled and rebuilt (reusing the old brick whenever possible); the remaining parapets will be re-tuckpointed (and be given replacement bricks wherever needed); and new, thinner limestone caps with proper overhang will be installed to provide proper water runoff.

In addition, GBR has agreed to fix the masonry in our sign for free.

We expect this repair to last for a generation, but it doesn’t mean our restoration work is completed. Although this is the most visible, dangerous and expensive area with masonry problems, there are several others

around the building that we will need to raise funds to repair.

In other news from the Trustees:

- ◆ Once the bell tower work is complete, we hope to be ready to begin work on installing our ADA-compliant ramp at the Indianola entrance. Bids are being collected now for this work.
- ◆ We already have selected IOI Mobility to provide a chair lift for the southwest stairwell. Once we install an electrical outlet to plug the unit into, we can schedule the installation of the lift.
- ◆ We are beginning to look at options for converting the sanctuary-level bathroom into a single-person accessible bathroom. If you have (or know anyone who has) any plumbing or bathroom remodeling expertise and would like to help with this process, please contact Adam Smith at adamsmith7127@gmail.com.
- ◆ Work is getting under way on our biannual inventory of church property. If you would like to help with this process, please contact Shelli Hazel.
- ◆ Our annual spring cleaning is set for April 12. Look for more information in this newsletter! (see pg. 9)



*by Adam Smith
Trustee Chair*

Peace and Justice for Palestine



Peace!

There is a new congregational study plan on ***Kairos Palestine. A Moment of Truth: A word of faith, hope and love from the heart of Palestinian suffering.*** It is a short study – three sessions – a confession of faith and call to action from Palestinian Christians. If anyone is interested, please contact me, cmhammond11@att.net or 614-531-4146 and we will arrange a time.



Abrahimi mosque in Hebron

I often think about the Abrahimi mosque that I visited in Hebron. This mosque was recently closed and the area around the mosque declared a closed military zone. I don't know if it has been reopened. We were told in Nazareth that the same thing has happened to churches in Israel. I wonder how we would feel if we came to our church and found the doors barred and the area declared a closed military zone. How we would feel if Palestinian churches were supporting the powers that closed off our place of worship????

Helping support the Christians in Palestine is one thing that makes me want to keep working for justice in Palestine. Another is the children of Palestine. They deserve to grow up in a secure and free homeland with educational and employment opportunities. There are plenty of resources, including a recent U.N. study, that document the targeting of Palestinian children by settlers and Israeli Defense Forces and the harsh interrogation

and torture of Palestinian children in Israeli prisons.

If you would like to sign the Petition to Pope Francis asking him to Speak Out to end Israel's Targeting of Palestinian Children, to this link:

www.endtheoccupation.org/Letter2Pope

For more information, also check out: www.fosna.org/content/advocacy-campaign

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More information you should know:

I went to a fundraiser dinner in Philadelphia for an organization called Playgrounds for Palestine. It was a fun night – lots of great food and entertainment. If you check out their website, you can see the playground they built behind the Lagee Center in the Aida Refugee Camp in Bethlehem where I visited in November. This reminded me of the children of playing with scraps of wood and plastic in the unrecognized village of Susya. What a contrast! <http://www.playgroundsforpalestine.org/homepage.php> click on our playgrounds – Aida Refugee Camp. We can make a difference!

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Emily Schornstein sent a link to a very useful website:

www.interfaithpeaceinitiative.com

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## Shine, Maynard, Shine!

### Time to make the sanctuary shine!

Spring is officially here, and Easter is almost upon us. That means it's time for our annual spring cleaning!

This year, the trustees have set aside Saturday, April 12, for the congregation to come together and make sure the church is clean and sparkling. The jobs we'll be doing include:

- ◆ Washing the pews, doors, and other woodwork with Murphy's Oil soap.
- ◆ Vacuuming and spot-cleaning the pew cushions.

- ◆ Washing the windows on the partition doors.
- ◆ Mopping/polishing the wooden floors.
- ◆ Vacuuming carpeted floors.
- ◆ Cleaning out the coat room.
- ◆ Washing the glass doors at the Maynard Avenue entrance.
- ◆ And, if weather permits:
  - Cleaning up any debris from the parking lot and landscaped areas around the church.
  - Trimming any trees and bushes, as needed.

It's impossible to have too many people helping out, so please come out and lend a hand.

*by Adam Smith, Trustee Chair*

## April 12 Church Cleanup Day



## Midweek Worship: Sacred Time Out

### JUST A REMINDER TO JOIN US ON TUESDAYS AT 7 P.M.

The "Sacred Time Out" gathering creates an opportunity to pause, be still, and share the faith experiences that have challenged or changed us. In just 30 minutes or so, the community shares songs, prayers, and testimonies in an informal setting to help us experience God's love in a new way.



## Thank You, Meg Burger

Guest singers and musicians do not arrive at Maynard just during the summer or on holiday Sundays. And the proof of that is March 23 when Meg Burger joined us in worship. Hope you were here that Sunday when she shared her beautiful voice with us. If Meg looked familiar to you, she has sung at Maynard with the Christmas choir.

Thank you, Meg, for sharing your time and talent at Maynard!



### Peace and Justice in Palestine (cont'd from pg. 8)

Of particular interest - under the tab Divestment, they have a comprehensive list of companies profiting from the occupation.  
[www.interfaithpeaceinitiative.com/profit.php#divest](http://www.interfaithpeaceinitiative.com/profit.php#divest)

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A Call to United Methodists: WALKING WITH PALESTINIAN CHRISTIANS...for Holy Justice and Peace The FIRST-EVER United Methodist Churchwide Conference on Israel/ Palestine:

Thursday and Friday,
August 7-8, 2014
Ginghamsburg United
Methodist Church
Tipp City, Ohio

*Co-sponsored by the General Board
of Global Ministries and Ginghamsburg
United Methodist Church*

Through prayer, fellowship and study, we as United Methodists in partnership with Palestinian Christians will seek to put God's call to love all our neighbors into action for justice & peace.

Followed by:

The First Official Gathering of United Methodist Kairos Response since our founding in 2010

Join us at this important meeting for all members and friends of United Methodist Kairos Response ~together we will be envisioning the future of our movement, revisiting our organizational structure and goals, and electing UMKR leaders.

Go to the website for more information and registration.
<http://ginghamsburg.org/grow/ministries/books-conferences/palestinian-christian-conference>

Another link to read about the conference on August 9:
www.kairosresponse.org/UMKR_Summit_Aug_2014.html

*by Connie Hammond
Outreach Chair*



Kids playing in the unrecognized village of Susya



Playground built by donations in Lagee Center in the Aida

**Faith sees the invisible,
believes the incredible, and
receives the impossible!
Thank God for our physical and spiritual nourishment!**

Your Generosity at Work

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has approved a \$50,000 grant to assist with recovery needs from the December 2013 Marion County Flood that affected the communities of LaRue, Prospect, and Greencamp in West Ohio. In addition, the West Ohio Conference is providing \$15,000 in relief support.

How are The United Methodist Church and the West Ohio Conference able to provide this kind of support?

Because of the generosity of the people of The United Methodist Church through Connectional

Giving in the form of apportionment* and missional giving and through the One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday

You can read more in the *NewsNet, News for West Ohio Conference Congregations*, March 4, 2014 - Vol 7, Issue 10.



*The West Ohio Conference is one of the U.S. conferences that paid full general church apportionments in 2013.

UMCmarket.org Shut Down for Upgrade

Dear UMCmarket Member!

To make UMCmarket.org an even better marketplace we will close it down a couple of weeks for making necessary improvements.

What you can expect when we open up again:

- ◆ A simplified register process
- ◆ Donations on Amazon purchases to work automatically
- ◆ More than 1,000 new stores and services (e.g. Target, Nordstrom, Home Depot) \
- ◆ A much more detailed view over your purchases and activities
- ◆ More possibilities to earn donations on your internet activities
- ◆ A faster customer support service

- ◆ A more logical and graphically attractive design

Please be patient with us as we go through this transition. We are convinced you will like our new look and improved service when we open up again!

Yours truly,

The UMCmarket Team

Ed: Continue to shop at Amazon.com from Maynard's website. A percentage of each purchase is then donated to Maynard. Thanks for your continued support.



Lenten One-Minute Letters



A few more letter writers are needed for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Please consider writing a short one-minute letter regarding one of the subjects below. She would like at least two writers for each week. Pick your Sunday and let Patricia know by email at patriciarose@wowway.com or give her a call.

April 13, Palm Sunday: What the Crucifixion means to me

April 20, Easter Sunday: What the Resurrection means to me

New to Medicare?

Are you new to Medicare? Do you need help choosing your options?

“Medicare for Beginners” workshops provide information to better help you navigate through the Medicare process. Get down-to-earth, unbiased information to help you make informed decisions. We do **not** represent or sell insurance products.

Join us for our next “Medicare for Beginners” workshop Wednesday April 9, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging's downtown Columbus location at 174 E. Long Street Columbus, Ohio 43215. Free Parking!

Registration is recommended, but it is not required. Call 614-645-7250.

An Email from Kathy Evans

“It sounds as if Maynardites are busier than ever. Miss all of you just too far to drive after driving up there every day for work. My thoughts and prayers are with the congregation and all of the wonderful works that you are doing for the community and those in need.”



(Ed: Kathy was a member of Maynard and served as church secretary for in mid- 2000s.)

Holy Week Schedule

Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Party, Saturday, April 12,
time to be announced

Palm Sunday, April 13 — *What the crucifixion means to me*

Holy Thursday, April 17 — Service of Communion and
Remembrance

Good Friday, April 18: The Way of the Cross — remembering
Christ's passion and the suffering of the innocent,
with special attention to the people of Palestine

Easter Sunday, April 20 — *What the resurrection means to me.*

- ♦ Sunrise Service, 6:45 a.m. at Whetstone Park of Roses
- ♦ Easter Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.



SoHud Block Watch April Fools Parade

The SoHud Block Watch April Fools Parade is scheduled for April 5. The parade participants will gather at 1 p.m. at the corner of the train tracks at the end of Tompkins Ave., the parade kickoff is at 2 p.m. Parade concludes at 4 p.m. at The Summit for the Festival of Hilaria — don't forget that The Summit is Cash Only!



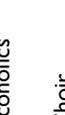
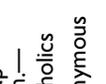
Information about the parade, the route, the history, The Summit bands are on the website: <http://sohudfoolsparade.org>.

Have a great day!!!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 9:30 —Sunday School 10:30 —Worship 12—Donna B's open 12:30 —Martial Arts 	7 4:30 p.m.—Tutoring 6 p.m. — Caregivers Group 7 p.m.— Alcoholics Anonymous 	1 7 p.m.—Sacred Time- Out (vespers)	2 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m.— Choir 	3 7 p.m.—Leadership Team Meeting	4 7 p.m.—MaryMakers 8 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous	5 10 a.m. — Donna B's 2 p.m.—SoHud April Fools Parade 
13 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 —Sunday School 10:30 —Worship 12:30 — Martial Arts 	14 4:30 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	8 7 p.m.—Sacred Time- Out (vespers)	9 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m.— Choir 	10 7 p.m.—SoHud Block Watch Meeting	11 8 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous	12 TBA— Children's Easter Egg Hunt 9 a.m.—Spring Church Clean-up Day 10 a.m. — Donna B's 6 p.m.— Youth Group 
20 EASTER 9:30 —Sunday School 10:30 — Worship 	21 4:30 p.m.—Tutoring 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	22 7 p.m.—Sacred Time- Out (vespers)	23 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m. — Choir 	24	25 7 p.m.—Peace for Palestine Meeting 8 p.m.—Narcotics Anonymous 	26 10 a.m. — Donna B's 5 p.m.—Babysitting 6 p.m.—Youth Group 6:30—Euchre Night 
27 9:30 —Sunday School 10:30 —Worship 11:30 — Trustees Meeting 12:30 —Martial Arts	28 4:30 p.m.—Tutoring 6 p.m. — Federation of the Blind 7 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous	29 7 p.m.—Sacred Time- Out (vespers)	30 12 p.m.—Alcoholics Anonymous 7 p.m. — Choir 	31		