

LECTIONARY AND PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR JULY

JULY 4, 2010 PENTECOST 6 BIRTHDAY OF OUR NATION

Scripture: Psalm 66: 1-9 Galatians 5:1, 13-23 John 15:12-17
Sermon: "Freedom To Love"

JULY 11, 2010 PENTECOST 7

ON THIS SUDAY WE WILL JOIN IN WORSHIP WITH OUR SISTER CHURCHES IN THE GEAUGA CO-OPERATIVE MINISTERIES AT THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER OF FIRST FEDERATED CHURCH. See article in this newsletter elsewhere for more details.

JULY 18, 2010 PENTECOST 8

Scripture: Psalm 15 Amos 5:21-24 Luke 10:38-42
Sermon: "Worship that Is Pleasing To God"

JULY 25, 2010 PENTECOST 9

Scripture: Psalm 85 Luke 11:1-14
Sermon: " For What Shall We Pray?"

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Board of Deacons	4th Sunday —11:45 am
Buildings & Grounds	2nd Monday—7:00 pm
Chimes Deadline	July 11—2nd Sunday—(for August issue)
Church & Community	Last Sunday—11:45 am
Church Council	2nd Wednesday—6:30 pm
Education Committee	2nd Monday—7:00 p.m.
Search Committee	Sunday—9:00 am, July 11 & July 18
Stewardship	4th Thursday—7:00 pm (Summer schedule)
Worship Choir	Every Thursday—7:00 pm

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, July 4—Independence Day

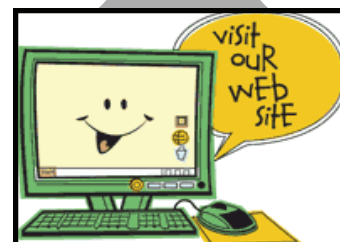
Sunday, July 11—GCCM Joint Worship—Family Life Center 10:00am

Monday, July 12—Pastor Parish Relations Meeting 7:15 pm

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REFLECTING PASTORALLY IN JULY



**'BE EXALTED
O LORD
—in your—
STRENGTH!
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PSALM 21:13, NRSV

Thought I would change the heading just a bit. Isn't it sad how we joke all the time about the church resisting change? One Baptist church hung a banner at the back of the church which read: "The Seven Last Words of the Church... "We've never done it that way before!" And yet very central to the church's vocabulary is the word "repent." That word in its root meaning refers to change. To accept Jesus as one's Lord and Savior is to embrace a life of constantly changing as one grows more and more into the stature of Jesus Christ. Indeed summer is all about change, especially if one is tending to a garden. In fact do we not delight in the changes we see as seed becomes a sprout which becomes a plant which becomes fruit-bearing, all leading up to a time of harvest. So summer is a time of growing. It is a time to reflect on how well we are growing as those who are walking with Christ. How are we growing in the area of who we reach out to in love? Is the horizon of our understanding and compassion growing greater? And what about our relationship with God? Is it growing deeper? These are question for us as individuals and as a congregation. What kind of growth will you, as a congregation, be open to as you seek to call a new pastor?

Another word which can be linked to change is another one we think about, especially in July, and that is "freedom" We know the freedoms which we celebrate on the 4th of the month. I wonder how many will celebrate freedom by worshipping? There is our national freedom which we cherish, but there is a special freedom we have in Jesus Christ.

- It is a freedom to express love towards others rather than just being concerned about what we consume for ourselves.
- It is a freedom to live beyond our fears and selfish desires.
- It is a freedom to love the stranger as well as those strange in our sight.
- It is a freedom to forgive and embrace the one who would wrong us.
- It is a freedom to become reconciled rather than clinging to a grudge.

And gee wiz this kind of freedom implies being able to change, to leave behind the way we have perceived things, situations, and people and to perceive life through Jesus Christ.

May this summer be a time for you to appreciate and exercise all of your freedom and also be a time of change through growth in Jesus Christ. May you also be more free in expressing the joy of God's love. Peace!

Your Interim Pastor and continuing friend, Dick

THANK YOU!

We thank you for the flowers and plants given us in recognition of the time we gave in serving families as they mourned the loss of loved ones. And, we thank our church members who so willingly cooked and served each time we asked.

We also sensed the great feeling of thankfulness from the families as they, with other family and friends, found food and companionship in our church.

The new committee is made up of excellent members—Kathy Blair, Kathy Beten, and Janie Dayringer. Thank you for taking on a very important service offered by our church.

Rita Kenney and Jeanette Burnett

THE COMMUNITY FUND

The Community Fund Partnership was established two years ago as a way of increasing the efforts of many churches and organizations to help those in need in our community. All donations go directly to the families in need. No funds are used for administrative costs.

The need is great and is increasing, as we have been extremely busy. In the first five months of 2010, we assisted 93 families with \$25,136.71 for emergency needs.

Please consider donating, personally, to the Community Fund Partnership. To learn more, please contact Monica Bricker-Thompson at 440-185-2261, Ext. 227, or any board member.

To help meet this need, the Good Sam Committee contributed \$1500 in June.

Mariann Goodwin
Advisory Board Member



PARISH-PASTOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

NEXT MEETING, MONDAY JULY 12

The purpose of this committee is to support the ministry of the entire congregation and discover ways to provide that support {not just provide the pastor with a personal support group or relay complaints from parishioners}. **All members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to communicate their hopes, dreams, joys and concerns to any committee member.** They are: Norb Boyk, Cindi Haycox Wellman, Alan & Anne Siewert, and Lora Myers (deacon rep). You may also fill out the cards in the pews and place them in the mail cubbyhole. We are in this together folks—please share. Remember this is also important during our interim period as well. It will help set the pace for the transition to a settled pastor.

GOOD NEWS JAIL AND PRISON MINISTRY

Our church supports this ministry through part of the interest from the Endowment Fund. It is a wonderful outreach ministry for our church to be a part of. Consider supporting this ministry by attending the Fall 2010 Banquet on October 30. Come hear how the Lord continues to change lives through the Good News Ministry in Geauga County. The banquet will be held at Sun Valley Party Center and will feature a keynote speaker, music, and testimonials from former inmates of Geauga County or Bedford Heights Jail. As always, the event promises to be an encouraging and delightful evening out. Please **SAVE THE DATE!** There will be an opportunity to give a free-will offering.

Thank you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

PLEASE NOTE THAT VBS HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED:
Monday, August 16 through
Thursday, August 19.
6:30—8:00 pm

FIRE ALARM TEST

A Fire Alarm test was conducted 5-21-10 with the Burton Fire Department and American Alert—our alarm monitoring service. Two objectives were achieved:

1. Confirm the signal from the Sanctuary smoke alarms (4) energized the correct light on the Enunciator panel. **This was confirmed.**
2. Evaluate and document the RESPONSE TIME of the two above mentioned service groups. **The Fire Department will be on the scene 3 MINUTES after the smoke contacts a smoke alarm. This is very good.**

We are planning a training session with the Burton Fire Department to familiarize all firemen with the layout and potential fire locations.

Norb Boyk, B&G Chair

BOOK OF LIFE

Congratulations to Beth Cupp on receiving the Lifelong Leadership Award on June 18 during Hiram College's alumni weekend.

FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS FOR JULY

Boxed cake and brownie mixes.

Church Finances

Through May 31, 2010
Income \$58,681.23
Expenses \$43,310.31

BALANCE: \$15,370.92—THANK YOU!



JOINT GEAUGA COUNTY COOPERATIVE MINISTRY WORSHIP SUNDAY JULY 11, 2010 10:00 AM

Location: Federated Church Family Life Center 16349 Chillicothe Rd, Rt 306 between Bell and Washington Streets in Bainbridge

Gathering music will begin at 10:00 AM featuring the Pilgrim Brass and a combined choir.

There will be a pot luck following worship. Preacher for the day will be Rev. Felix Carrion, National Coordinator of the UCC, "God is Still Speaking" Program. Prior to that he was pastor of the Euclid Ave Congregational UCC. He will be bringing a dynamic and challenging word.

Bring a friend with you. Renew old friendships. Make some new friends.

The cooperative ministry is a partnership among the United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ congregations.

Remember there will be no worship here at Burton on that Sunday.

It has been requested that **our church bring sides and salads** as our donation to the pot luck lunch.

Also, if you want to take part in the joint choir, you should plan on arriving by 9:15 am.

CHURCH BLOOPER

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.