



Pastor's Corner

"He is risen, He's risen indeed! Alleluia" is the rejoicing heard on Easter morning. Today it has become not only our rejoicing but also our confession. Christians assert that after having been dead for a few days, Jesus actually came back to life bodily. The best news anyone could ever give you is this: "He is Risen!" These three words take care of every problem, every heartache, every hopeless feeling we have. They are our answer. They are our healing. They are our hope. He has risen! This one fact changes earth's history. This one fact can change your history. How can it change your history, you ask?

First, the resurrection means that Jesus is alive and present with you. Jesus is with us in scripture, in sacraments, and wishing each of our brothers and sisters. As we join together in worship, in the coming weeks, we will hear the stories of Jesus' post resurrection appearances, and realize that he is once again with us. He is forgiving, empowering, feeding, and consoling us, even today.

Second, death has been overcome and no longer has the final say. Jesus resurrection means that we have the hope for eternal life through Jesus Christ. We no longer need to live under the bondage of sin and its penalty, death. We can now truly live out God's call in each of our lives and understand that death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life.

Sisters and brothers, we are once again surrounded by reminders of the Easter season. Take hold that that has been opened before you through Jesus' resurrection. Accept the invitation to join in God's plan for salvation. Rejoice! "He is Risen, He's risen indeed! Alleluia"

Grace and Peace

Pastor Bruce

Our Worship Services

Two Styles One Lord

9am Contemporary Service:
Casual style with Praise Band

11am Traditional Service:
Traditional with piano

10am Sunday School
Classes for all ages
Everyone is Welcome!



Trustee's Report

The Trustees are continually working and fixing things around the church. Some of the upcoming projects are carpet cleaning, repairing lights, exhaust fans and general upkeep of the church. We are also working on the gravel lot across the street.

Bobby Brown & Jim Wylie

Trustees

Empowering families through the Fearless love of Jesus Christ

Care and Nurture Team



The Care and Nurture Team has reorganized and is meeting on the last Wednesday of each month at 11am. We have several new ladies joining us. Sue Anderson, Gwen Brown, Pat Reeves, Carmen Hartman, Betty Jo Miller as well as Sue Wylie and Sandy Cummins. Most of you know that we send Birthday, Anniversary, and Get well Cards, as well as Thinking of You cards to our shut-ins.

If you or a member of your family have not received a card , please see one of our Team

members and give them your information. Your church family would love to remember you on your special day.

If you have any questions please see one of the ladies mentioned above. We also accept card donations.

Sandy Cummins



Prayer Shawl Ministry

While the Prayer Shawl Ministry is new to Mt. Orab UMC, Prayer Shawls have been made for centuries. Shawls may be given to console those who are grieving, to comfort those who are ill or in pain, and to bring hope to those in despair. The Mt. Orab UMC Prayer Shawl Ministry at this time is an individual effort, in that we do not meet as a group. However, we are in need of support. We are looking for people who knit or crochet to make shawls. The shawls can be any pattern or design. You can create as many or as few as you wish. The only requirement is that each time you work on a shawl you pray that the person who will be receiving it be surrounded by the Love of God. Completed shawls can be delivered to Pastor Bruce or the church office. We are also looking for donations of yarn. Acrylic yarn is preferred (because it can be washed without extra care) and worsted weight is best, but any type and/or weight yarn will be accepted. Yarn can be dropped off at the church office.

Thank You, Becky Becker

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Break Bash

Wed. March 30th 10-2

Kids K-6th grade welcome to come to the church for crafts, lunch & movie. See Pat Reeves or call the church for more details or to register your child. 937-444-1046

Community Dinner

Our Free Community Dinner for April will be on Saturday, the 16th, from 11am to 1pm. All are welcome to come share a meal and fellowship with our neighbors.



United Methodist Women Sue Wylie

The UMW meet Thursday, Feb. 18th in the fellowship hall. Becky Dickerson provided a wonderful dinner and drinks for us. As the Jan. meeting had been cancelled due to weather, we did our annual pledge service and recommitted our support for our missions. We support our churches food Pantry, the VietNam Orphanage and Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. We also voted to support our annual week long

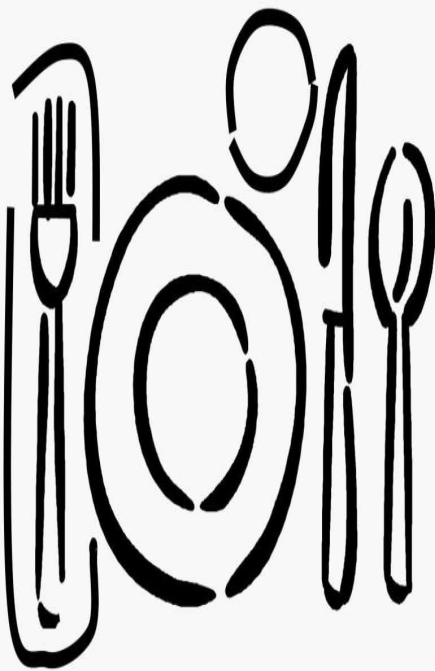
VBS called Surf Shack, Catching God's Amazing Love. We will once again buy the food and approved a budget of \$400.00. We will have an organizational meeting soon but we asked for volunteers and there is a sign up sheet going around.

We discussed the upcoming Mother-Daughter banquet, date to be announced. The annual Craft Bazaar will be Oct. 15th, 2016.

Also discussed was Esther Stinson's 90th Birthday Party at the Retirement Center and the possibility of helping our youth with tuition to go to summer camp. Pastor Bruce was invited to speak on that subject at our next meeting. The UMW voted in favor of a Vendor/Blender show to help our Youth raise money. There will be product demonstrations, lunch, bake sale and silent auction items. Tell your friends and come support our youth!

Community Dinner

Sat. March 19th, the Community Dinner celebrated Easter with a traditional meal of Ham, scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots, cole slaw & deviled eggs. We were pleased to serve 143 meals which include our shut-in delivery ministry. The shut-ins not only receive a meal and a special dessert, but also fellowship and someone to pray with them. A big thank you to all who donated, cooked, served and cleaned up, we couldn't do it without you. If your passion is calling you in this direction, see Pat Reeves.



Vacation Bible School

The school year will soon be over and it will be time for time for VBS, a great time for the church to help young children come to know and love God. This years theme is Surf Shack, Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love.

Our VBS will be the week of June 20th-June 24th. , it will be for ages pre-school thru 8th. If you are interested in helping out in any way please see Pat Reeves. We will be having an meeting soon to start setting things up.



God has a mission for MOUMC, if you have a gift or talent that God is calling you to use, we can find a way for you to glorify God with it.

Leadership Team Retreat Sue Wylie

Picture this: you were on a rubber raft, in the middle of the ocean, after your yacht caught on fire and sank. In order of importance to you and your raft mates, how important would a 2.5 liter container of fresh water, a shaving mirror and a pack of chocolate bars be to you? This was one of the team building exercises we participated in and answered individually and by groups Saturday at our Leader-

ship retreat led by Pastor Bruce. At the retreat, we explored where our passions lie, and for homework from that exercise, we were tasked with writing a personal mission statement, and answering the question, "How does your mission statement connect to MOUMC?" We started a list of ministry assessments we need to do and how to get them accomplished. We also talked about future goals.



Our Church Staff

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This and That

A little information about our church. We offer two worship services one is at 9am with a contemporary flair, we have our very own Praise band that plays current contemporary Christian music. Our second service is at 11am and that has more of a traditional style with our talented pianist Julianne Ernst playing traditional hymns. Our Sunday School classes are at 10am, we have 2 adult Sunday School classes that meet upstairs. Our children and Teen Sunday School classes meet downstairs in classrooms set up according to age groups. We also have a nursery available.

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