

Sixth Avenue UMC Messenger
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

Dear Friends,

As a month and time in the church, September is very unique. September is a month when families, schools, and the church awakes from the slumber of summer. Many of you have said to me: "We really didn't have a summer this year." But I'm convinced that September will remind me that yes there indeed was a summer.

Parents have been preparing to send their children back to school, dealing with the joy and anxiety of possibilities for high achievement. Children are thinking about school - wondering who their teachers will be, and if they'll have friends in the same classes. Children maybe even wonder if they will fit in.

September is distinctive because it combines two realities that seem in conflict. One is a flurry of activities to begin: football, soccer, cheerleading, cross country, volleyball, band, school and school clubs. I also see a whirlwind written on my calendar, lived out in various ministries and church meetings.

Our families experience the whirlwind of early risings, family taxi services, and extra-curricular practices. But in this breakneck pace, we experience a wondrous miracle. There is, by the working of the Holy Spirit, a sense of structure, order, and community that come to our lives when we have many things to do.

We must do them with and for others. When we face challenges beyond our ability, when we do more than is humanly possible, when we do what must be done in love, we find it is all done by the Holy Spirit and His strength. That is the lesson September teaches me.

I encourage you to use your spiritual gifts to benefit each other and our community. Think about your gifts and how God might want to see them used. Consider the greatest gift of all - the love embodied in Jesus Christ. Don't we want to see one another and the world using up every ounce of goodness from that gift?

Convey confidence in God's gifts to others. Leave room for the Holy Spirit to move others for the sake of God's Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Serving Christ together,

Pastor Rick



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Congratulations

Jackie (Witham) and Todd Suman on the birth of their son, Tyler Cash, on July 14, 2017. The proud maternal grandparents are Gregg and Tammy Witham.



Jonathan and Kylie Bender on the birth of their daughter, Katherine Grace, on July 25, 2017. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 14 ounces. The proud paternal grandparents are Jeff and Vickie Bender.



Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Art Dickson upon the death of his wife, Beth Dickson on July 10th.

Thank you to all the lovely people who sent me get well cards and lovely flowers. I am coming along good but it will take time. Thank you very much for your prayers and concerns.



Freda
7/2/17

We want to thank everyone for all their thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, and concerns. Jack is now at home and doing well. I am also doing well.



Jack and Barb Wright
7/9/17

We want to thank the congregation for their thoughts, prayers, cards, visits, and concerns. Recovery has been a long time, (7 months).

Mike & Sue Stalder



I would like to take this time to thank all of my church family and Pastor Rick for their many prayers, cards, visits and delicious food brought in after my recent release from Mt. Carmel Hospital. It made both Jerry and I feel loved by many.

Donna Dickson



Romans 15:4 – These things that were written in the Scriptures so long ago are to teach us patience and to encourage us, so that we will look forward expectantly to the time when God will conquer sin and death.

Vital for Church Growth: Sunday School Programs and Bible Study Groups

Sunday school programs and Bible Study groups provide different opportunities for growth in faith, religious education, and life in the church. Sunday school is the foundation of God’s teachings in Christian Education preparing children, teens, and adults for life experiences. Bible Study mainly provides explanation of scripture verses. Each of these two settings offers a different forum for Biblical learning and a better understanding of God’s Word.

Generations of people have learned Bible lessons and how to serve others in Sunday school classes. Sunday school groups provide contemporary discussion to meet present day needs in today’s community. Sunday school provides a variety of resources for exploration of life experiences. The format of the curriculum is written to address specific subjects related to Christian faith in relation to scripture text. A Sunday school program tends to reinforce the church mission and purpose in the eyes of visitors and new attendees. The Sunday school allows for friendships to blossom, trusting relationships to form, and lets others know that we are a caring church.

Offering an educational program in different settings provides opportunities for individuals to make a connection to the church and its Christian vision to serve others and grow in their own Christ centered faith.

Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.



HEAVEN

An eternal place of hope, blessing, and encouragement.

The Bible spells out for us that there is a place of God’s presence that we all should long for. It is God’s abode, and it is because He is there that we should want to go there as well.

Thursdays - 6:30 p.m.

September 14	God’s Dwelling Place and Ours
September 21	The Holy City
October 5	The Home of Beauty
October 12	The Home of Blessedness
October 19	Racing to Heaven



Youth Fellowship

Youth Fellowship is open to all children 7th - 12th grades. We meet on Sundays after the worship service 11:15 - 12:15 in the Fellowship Hall. All of the lessons are designed to help youth understand and apply Scripture to their personal experiences. The first meeting for the school year will be on September 17th. We will go bowling on Saturday, September 2nd, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Tiki Lanes.



Confirmation Class



Confirmation is designed to teach youth the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith. We also explore some of the unique beliefs of The United Methodist Church. Any child in seventh grade and older is welcome to participate. Confirmation classes will be held on Sunday mornings 9:00 - 9:45.

The schedule is as follows:

- September 17 Creation, Sin and Redemption
- September 24 A Church Empowered by the Holy Spirit
- October 8 Made New in Christ
- October 15 Grace and the Way of Salvation
- October 22 Worship and Sacraments
- October 29 The Wesleyan Quadrilateral
- November 5 Renounce, Accept, Confess
- November 12 Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness

The Confirmation Class will be received into the church on November 19th.



Beggar's Night Community Outreach

We will set up tables outside on Sixth Avenue to serve cookies, punch, and warm apple cider to our neighbors. Beggar's Night is Thursday, October 26th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. This is a fun evening of fellowship, as well as a blessing to our neighborhood children and to our Lord.

We need your help with setting up, providing fruit punch, apple cider, cookies, preparing treat bags, and clean up. Sign up sheets will be available on the Sunday mornings in October.

A Homeless Night

Grab your sleeping bag or small tent and a blanket and join us for "A Homeless Night" to raise awareness for the homeless population in our community.

Date: Saturday, Sept. 9 - Sunday, Sept. 10

Time: 6:00 p.m. Saturday - 9:00 a.m. Sunday

Location: Fairfield County Fairgrounds

Register at: 740-503-2381 or sww8@case.edu

Details:

- There will be a guest speaker and the showing of a documentary.
- A short prayer will precede bedtime.
- Donuts and coffee will be provided in the morning and restroom facilities will be available.
- No sleeping gear will be provided.
- Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Many thanks to our sponsors:

Fairfield Medical Center - Bremen Bank -
Foundation Shelters - Fairfield County Fairgrounds -
Lancaster Chamber of Commerce

Anyone interested in staying the night with us is invited. The purpose of this Homeless Night is to call attention to the homeless problems we have in our community. We can come and experience the discomfort of not having a bed to sleep in at night. We must bring our own small tents or sleeping bags with us along with our blankets and pillows. No sleeping equipment will be provided by us.

We do need some idea of how many people are interested in this project so we can make plans according to how many people to expect. All that is needed is a telephone call to 740-503-2381 and give us your name and telephone number and we will put you on our list.





Happy Anniversary



ANNIVERSARIES – SEPTEMBER

John and Sharon Layne	September 10
Jeffrey and Vicki Bender	September 20
Don and Kate Taylor	September 22
Issac and Elaine Hill	September 23
Sam and Vonda Strawn	September 23
Paul and Dottie Jassogne	September 26
Nick and Margaret Nicolia	September 27
Ken and Barbara Cook	September 30
Fred and Dorothy North	September 30



ANNIVERSARIES – OCTOBER

Charles and Mona Boetcher	October 2
Jerry and Karen Zumbro	October 4
Bruce and Lura Goff	October 8
Brent and Lindsey Baker	October 10
Harold and Shirley June	October 10
Scott and Stephanie Rader	October 15
Jack and Barbara Wright	October 15
Jerry and Heidi Raymond	October 16
Carl and Edith Thomas	October 29
Dan and Diane Cochran	October 31



Happy Birthday!



BIRTHDAYS - SEPTEMBER

John Layne	September 3
Sharon Mathias	September 3
Christina Nelms	September 7
Art Dickson	September 8
Jenesa Wright	September 8
Dorothy Raymond	September 11
Pastor Rick Jones	September 14
Nicole Layne	September 15
Paul Jassogne	September 16
Bruce Goff	September 17
JoAn Glick	September 21
Kay George	September 22
Howard Raymond	September 22
Marie Sheets	September 24
Autumn Brunney	September 25
Tonya Rudd	September 25
Mark Brunney	September 26
Clara Herrick	September 26
Donna Dickson	September 27
Charles Shafer	September 27
Kathy Shafer	September 28
Mary Thomas	September 28
Doris Bradford	September 30



BIRTHDAYS - OCTOBER

Jan Cox	October 1
Michael Howard	October 6
Mary Ann Polliard	October 8
Evelyn Smith	October 9
Kevin Zumbro	October 10
Elizabeth Ogle	October 14
John Reef, Sr.	October 14
Alton Currence	October 15
Kara Whitmer-Beatty	October 17
Freda Downs	October 23
Rev. Chuck Imhoff	October 27
Shirley June	October 29
Mary Redd	October 29