

Sixth Avenue UMC Messenger  
July/August 2018

Dear Friends,

We will soon be celebrating our nation's independence! As we do, let us celebrate our freedom:

*“For Freedom, Christ set us free. Stand firm then and don't submit again to a yoke of slavery.”* (Galatians 5:1 CSB)

*“Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, ‘If you continue in my word, you really are my disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’”* (John 8:31-32)

“It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor.” (President George Washington)

“The price of freedom is eternal vigilance.” (President Thomas Jefferson)

“It's the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling powers of God: to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize that the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that these nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.” (President Abraham Lincoln)

“My fellow citizens of the world ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.” (President John F. Kennedy)

“The Constitution is the bedrock of all our freedoms; guard and cherish it, keep honor and order in your own house.” (President Gerald R. Ford)

As we all enjoy the Summer, let us live and celebrate our freedom in Jesus Christ. Let us rejoice and give thanks for the freedom we delight in as a nation. Remember, the freedom we have gives us the power to do good, do evil, or do nothing.

Join us in worship, in Sunday school, in Junior Church, and in all of our ministries to do all the good we can and to build up the Kingdom of God!

In freedom, may you be a blessing to others,

Pastor Rick

Summer Music Schedule  
(from Donna Ballmer)

Lancaster Festival

Sixth Avenue UMC will be participating in the Lancaster Festival by hosting Flutasia on Sunday, July 22nd, 10:00 a.m. Flutasia, directed by Judy Rehrer, is a flute ensemble made up of flutists in the central Ohio area. The group began in 1992 and the ensemble consists of Piccolo, C-flute, Alto and Bass flutes. Flutasia's repertoire provides a variety of music styles, including sacred, classical and seasonal music.

Our District Superintendent, The Rev. Dr. Tim Bias will be the preacher for the day. With 42 years of appointive history, Tim brings an exceptional range of experience in rural and urban pastoral ministry as well as district, conference and denominational leadership. He is a visionary leader, strategic thinker, teacher and author who feels passionately about the importance of developing relationships to further ministry and make disciples for Christ.

Tim is a graduate of Marshall University, he received his Master of Divinity from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 1980. Tim received his Doctor of Ministry from United Theological Seminary in 1991. He was ordained as an Elder in the United Methodist Church in 1981. Tim is married to Kimberly Raynes and they have two children and three grandchildren.



Christian Love and Sympathy to:

John and Sharon Layne upon the death of Sharon's mother, Ellen Boggs on April 23rd.

The Shouldis and Jassogne families upon the death of Carolyn Shouldis on May 10th.

The family of Rita Sater upon her death on May 23rd.

Sharon & Carl Mathias upon the death of Sharon's sister, Marilyn Rager on June 17th.

Kim & E.J. Gurile upon the death of Kim's grandmother, Julia Raver on June 18th.

The family of Edna Andrews upon her death on June 21st.

Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients for the 2018-2019 school year!

Zene Brunney - University of Cincinnati

Ashtyn Chaffin - Arizona State University

Justin Chaffin - Ohio University

Ian Smith - The Ohio State University



On behalf of the Board of Trustees, thank you for all of your contributions to the Concrete Fund! The work is now complete and the sidewalks and SW ramp look great. In addition, we want to thank Bruce Fahrer from West Side Coal Co. and Rich Miller's crew from Proform Curb & Concrete for doing an awesome job!



Graduation



Congratulations to Michael Howard upon graduating from Otterbein University with a B.A. in Business Administration! Michael is pursuing a career in property management. He was awarded as a 4 year letterman on the basketball team. Michael is the son of Greg and Jackie Howard.

Thank you to all the men who  
donated for the Mother's Day  
gifts.  
It was very much appreciated.

In Christ's Love,  
The Heartwarmers

*Thank  
You!*

I would like to thank everyone  
for the prayers, cards, and phone  
calls on the death of my brother,  
Don Cavanaugh. I am so  
thankful and appreciative of our  
church family.

God Bless.  
Dottie

Congratulations to Colton Thress on placing 7<sup>th</sup> in  
the 800 meter run for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the  
state! His time was 2:08:75 and the third fastest  
time in General Sherman history. Colton was also  
on the 4x400 relay, setting a new school record  
with a time of 3:47:57. Their time helped them to  
place 7<sup>th</sup> in the state meet.

### Aluminum Can Collection

The church is accepting aluminum cans.  
Please crush them to save space.  
You can leave your bags of cans outside by the  
shed on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.  
The money received from all the cans will go to  
the Veteran's Burial Squad.

Thank you!



Adult Bible Study is open to all folks  
interested in fun, fellowship and spiritual  
growth. New comers are welcome! The class  
meets before worship at 9:00 a.m. in the  
parlor, taught by Reverend Chuck Wheatley.  
During the summer session we will explore  
the Bible studying the book of 2 Samuel.  
Please join the group any Sunday you are  
available during the spring months. The curriculum presents  
the following:

July 1	Valued	2 Samuel 9:1-13
July 8	Accountable*	2 Samuel 12:1-14
July 15	Grieved	2 Samuel 13:15-20,31-39
July 22	Deposed	2 Samuel 15:10-16,24-30
July 29	Restored	2 Samuel 19:1-15
Aug. 5	Averted	2 Samuel 20:1-2,14-21
Aug. 12	Resolved	2 Samuel 21:1-6,10-14
Aug. 19	Thankful	2 Samuel 22:26-36,50-51
Aug. 26	Disciplined	2 Samuel 24:10-25



### GIVE THE GIFT OF EDUCATION

Dear Members of Sixth Avenue United Methodist Church,

I am planning to participate in an amazing educational program  
to Costa Rica, next Summer (2019) with my friends and  
classmates from Lancaster High School. We'll spend a total of  
(8) days together learning really cool things about our country  
and their country.

In order to take part in this totally unique adventure, I need to  
raise **\$2,627.00**. Please help me by sponsoring a portion of my  
trip. Any contribution you could make would bring me that  
much closer to this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Yes, I will sponsor Jenesa Wright for:

\$15 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ Other Amount \_\_\_

Please send your contribution to me at:  
Dee/Jenesa Wright  
102 Supman Ct.  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

If you have any questions, please call my mom, Dee  
at 740-808-3537.



# Happy Anniversary



## ANNIVERSARIES – JULY

James and Sharon Funkhouser	July 1
Kenneth and Patricia Disbennet	July 4
James and Christina Nelms	July 4
Mike and Judy North	July 10
Leroy and Shirley Mowry	July 14
Chuck and Judy Wheatley	July 22
Robert and Alma Phillips	July 23

## ANNIVERSARIES – AUGUST

Alton and Bonnie Currence	August 5
Lundy and Joan Drake	August 8
Robert and Karen Trogus	August 8
Mark and Emily Johnson	August 13
Jeff and Vivian Shumaker	August 13



## Birthdays - JULY

Betty Bowen	July 3
Diane Kennedy	July 4
Donna Ballmer	July 5
Larry Moneypenny	July 8
Elaine Hill	July 10
Ed Gurile, Jr.	July 11
Marilyn Lawson	July 12
Kelton Whitmer-Beatty	July 13
Annie Wine	July 15
Sue Stalder	July 18
Larry Kilbarger	July 22
Emily Johnson	July 23
Margaret Hughes	July 27
Barbara Wright	July 28
Lee Ann Whitmer	July 30



## Birthdays - AUGUST

Jane McConnell	August 1
William Shauger	August 1
Jeff Shumaker	August 2
Jackie Suman	August 2
Dan Cochran	August 3
Gracie Thress	August 4
Sam Davis	August 8
Rita Hanes	August 12
Norma Zumbro	August 13
Janet Lentz	August 14
Charletta Shahan	August 14
Curtis Witham	August 14
Kara Reed	August 16
Kelly Spangler	August 16
Kyle Trogus	August 17
James Wilson	August 18
Jalynn Wright	August 19
Stephanie Merckle-Hunt	August 20
Janet Jones	August 21
Judy North	August 21
Hanna Goff	August 22
Lindsay Baker	August 23
Lundy Drake	August 25
Janice Boch	August 26
Rebeka Jean Raymond	August 26
Marjorie Farkas	August 28
Elizabeth Jones	August 28
Brittany Singer	August 29
Betty Bright	August 30
Ashtyn Chaffin	August 30
Angela Persinger	August 31
Miranda Smith	August 31





On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on July 4th, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event.

## Thirteen Colonies Word Search

Upon the European colonization of the United States, thirteen colonies made up the first states in the country.



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### Words List

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 Connecticut  
 Rhode Island  
 New Hampshire  
 Virginia  
 Delaware  
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 New York  
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 Georgia  
 North Carolina  
 South Carolina