

Sixth Avenue UMC Messenger September/October 2018

Dear Friends,

AS WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’” (Matthew 9:37 NIV)

Dear Friends,

The Gospel of Matthew tells us that Jesus went from town to town teaching, preaching, and healing people. As he did, Jesus saw crowds of people who harassed the helpless. They were like sheep without a shepherd. Then we’re told that Jesus had compassion on them. Matthew is telling us that Jesus had a deep heart-felt concern to show mercy to those people who are spiritually lost and searching for hope. Current statistics indicate that one out of four people in Lancaster are like sheep without a shepherd. They are people without any visible faith in God. We need to take this to heart because they are our unchurched neighbors, friends, and family members.

So, what do we do? Let us obey Jesus’ instructions to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send out workers. I’m not referring to the folks who are already engaged in local mission and ministry from Sixth Avenue UMC. I’m challenging everyone who is a member or friend of Sixth Avenue UMC! Do you remember the vows you took when you became a member? *“I will be loyal to the Sixth Avenue United Methodist Church, and uphold it by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, and my service.”*

Are you regularly praying for me as your pastor and the lay leaders of our ministry teams? What about your presence in worship? The world and its ways has taken hold of some of you and worship is no longer a priority in your lives. Are you supporting the church with your tithes and offerings? Beloved, we fall far short of the money we need just to cover operating expenses on a weekly basis. How are you supporting Sixth Avenue UMC with your service? All of us have talents, abilities, and interests we can use to build the Kingdom of God here in Lancaster.

Some of you may be thinking by now: *“Wow, the preacher is being harsh!”* Maybe so, but I’m just reminding all of us of the membership vows we took before God and the congregation. I believe God deserves our very best of all that we have. Just think how strong and vital we would be as a congregation if each of us gave a tithe (10%) of our prayers, presence, gifts, and service to Jesus Christ!

Beloved, as you pray, be ready to respond and go in our Lord’s name. Then look for opportunities in our church and community to serve and share God’s love. Jesus Christ and Sixth Avenue UMC are looking for **YOU** to help bring in the harvest. This is not a time to grow weary in sharing God’s love, but a time to be renewed in God’s grace and service.

I look forward to working with you this Fall and beyond to bring in the harvest!

Pastor Rick

Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Pat and Kenneth Disbennet upon the death of their son-in-law on July 3rd.

Jim and Sharon Funkhouser upon the death of Jim's sister, Donna Fields, on July 28th.

Beggar's Night Community Outreach

We will set up tables outside on Sixth Avenue to serve punch, cookies, and warm apple cider to our neighbors.

Beggar's Night is Wednesday, October 31st, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Your help is needed in 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.



“How Can I Know What God Wants Me to Do?”
Thursdays – 6:30 p.m.

Will God send me a clear sign? What if the Bible doesn't seem to have anything to say that applies to God's will? Why does God seem to leave me hanging in limbo when I want to hear a direct word from Him? This study will offer biblical guidelines to help us sort through the confusion and move ahead confidently through life.

August 23	“Go to the Lord”
August 30	“Understand God's Principles”
September 6	“Investigate Your Options”
September 13	“Discuss It with Others”
September 20	“Express Your Freedom”

**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!



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 fall session we will explore the Bible studying the book of II Samuel, Galatians and James. Please join the group any Sunday you are available during the fall months.

The curriculum presents the following:

Aug. 19	Thankful	2 Samuel 22:26-36, 50-51
Aug. 26	Disciplined	2 Samuel 24:10-25
Sept. 2	True Gospel	Galatians 1:1-10
Sept 9	True Grace	Galatians 2:11-21
Sept. 16	True Life	Galatians 3:1-14
Sept. 23	True Heirs	Galatians 3:23-29; 4:1-7
Sept. 30	True Freedom	Galatians 4:8-20
Oct. 7	True Fruit	Galatians 5:13-26
Oct. 14	True Compassion	Galatians 6:1-10, 14-15
Oct. 21	With Perseverance	James 1:2-15
Oct. 28	With Obedience	James 1:19-27; 2:1-4
Nov. 4	With Works	James 2:14-26
Nov. 11	With Control	James 3:1-12
Nov. 18	With Submission	James 4:6-17
Nov. 25	With Anticipation	James 5:7-9, 13-20

We wanted to take this time to thank Sixth Avenue for your generous support and partnership with World Mission. Your church has sent out over 20 Treasures (audio Bibles) through the Change Your World program, which will allow for over 2,700 people to hear about Jesus. Wow, thank you!

Anna Blauwkamp
World Mission

Thank you so much for partnering with us at World Mission. Our 31 national partners are reaching an average of 144 people with each treasure going out in the first year. We couldn't do it without you.

*Thank
You*

May God richly bless you all,
Ken
World Mission

Join Bishop Gregory V. Palmer for an evening of inspiration, worship, testimony and sharing. All West Ohio United Methodists are encouraged to attend. Each event is FREE; however, PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for dinner and to receive printed materials.

Each person wanting to attend MUST complete a registration form. Dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. and programming will begin at 6:45 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

- September 5 at Groesbeck UMC in Cincinnati
- September 11 at Indian Run UMC in Dublin
- September 12 at Peace UMC in Pickerington
- September 25 at Milford First UMC in Milford
- September 26 at Broad Street UMC in Columbus (downtown)
- October 3 at Coburn UMC in Zanesville
- October 8 at Kenton First UMC in Kenton
- October 10 at Bowling Green First UMC in Bowling Green
- October 16 at Sulphur Grove UMC in Dayton
- October 17 at Trinity UMC in Chillicothe

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Thank you for your generous donation of \$57.00. This will provide over 11 Bibles.

Wilbur L. Meyer
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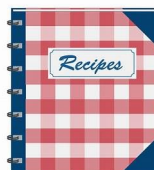
To Pastor Rick and the Sixth Avenue United Methodist Church congregation, Thank you church family for helping me through this difficult time in the loss of my sister. Thanks for Pastor Rick's wonderful service and for all the visits and prayers, also to the Heartwarmers for that incredible luncheon.

In Jesus' Name and God Bless
Jeff & Sharon Byerly and Family

Aluminum Can Collection

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

Thank you!



The Cook Books will be ready for pick up on Sunday, September 9th. The cost is \$15.00. You have to had signed up to receive one. However, you may call the office and order a cook book (or more) through the end of November.

These would make great Christmas gifts!

Thank you!

The Evangelism Team

Thank you to everyone that helped Saturday with the Ice Cream Social. We couldn't have done without you!



Happy Anniversary



ANNIVERSARIES – SEPTEMBER

John and Sharon Layne	September 10
Jeffrey and Vickie 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
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



BIRTHDAYS - SEPTEMBER

John Layne	September 3
Sharon Mathias	September 3
Orion Thress	September 4
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
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
Gweneth Marie Baker	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
John Reef, Sr.	October 14
Alton Currence	October 15
Kara Whitmer-Beatty	October 17
Colton Thress	October 20
Freda Downs	October 23
Shirley June	October 29
Mary Redd	October 29



it's
LABOR DAY
take
the day off!

SEPTEMBER



**WE WILL BE
CLOSED ON
LABOR DAY**

October

