

THE CHIMES

In an episode of the television series *M*A*S*H*, Dr. Hawkeye Pierce receives a stack of letters from elementary school students back at home. He hands the letters to his colleagues in Korea in order to create pen pals. The company chaplain, Father Francis Mulcahy, is disheartened by the letter he receives. The student asks if he has saved anyone's life. As a chaplain, Mulcahy admits he often has no idea whether anything he does is successful or really changes anyone's life.

It's a feeling we can sometimes relate to in the church. Are we really making a difference?

Several weeks ago, I was helping with the middle school group that meets on Wednesdays. This can be an especially challenging group to know if we made any difference because many of these kids do not have any church home. Their only affiliation with the church is this group. Some are very blunt that they only come for food and games. The lesson we prepared had the kids in two groups building towers from paper cups. Just as the towers reached their apex, one of the adults would come by and knock it down. This led to a discussion about finding our peace in God instead of in others. If we always find our peace and worth only in others, then others always have the ability to knock them down. But in God, we can be steady.

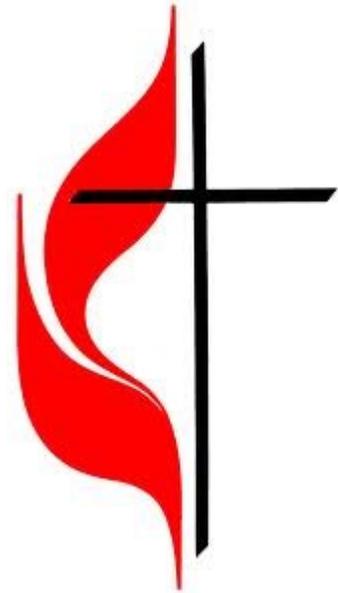
It was a tough lesson to learn; I know many adults that are still working on learning this. And with any group of youth, you never know how much they get and how much they do not. As a final activity with the lesson, we invited the kids to draw two pictures on a piece of paper: what peace is to them, and how they can create peace. The pictures were what you might expect; there were pictures of beaches, chocolate, video games, etc. But a few connected. "If we all lay ourselves down at the cross, we find peace." "If we find our peace in God, we don't have to be angry all the time?"

It seemed like a few fleeting moments, and then all the kids transitioned to their final game. We have no idea what this lesson may mean to them in the future. We do not know what the seeds planted today will grow into. But if our job as the church is to make disciples of Christ, and transform lives for the sake of the gospel, then we are certainly doing our job.

All these ministries are only possible because of you, the church. You give generously to make these ministries possible. You volunteer time and resources to help our ministries. Without you and your generous gifts, we could not be the church.

Thank you for your generous giving. May we continue in ministry to all the world!

Pastor Jonathan



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Special points of interest

- Scavenger Hunt
- Welcome Ms. Lisa
- Back to Basics
- All the Saints

Beloved,
 let us love one another:
 for love is of God; and every one
 that loveth is born of God,
 and knoweth God.
 1 John 4:7

October Sermon Series

In October, we'll do a short series called "God Is Love" on some basic themes of 1 John.

Oct 4-Truth, Lies, and Self-Deception-1 John 1:5-10-We, as Christians, get ourselves in trouble when we deceive ourselves by saying our sin is okay, and everyone else's sin is the problem. We should be honest about our own sin first.

Oct 11-I'm Just Not That Into You-1 John 2:15-17-Why do we spend so much time trying to be accepted by the rest of the world? We are called to love the ways of God, not the world around us. The world

hated Jesus, so they will hate his followers, too.

Oct 18-Rebellious Kids-1 John 3:2-11-We are children of God. But like rebellious children, we sin against God. But as we grow as Christians, we should grow into righteousness, and away from sin.

Oct 25-God Is Love-1 John 4:7-16-This one sentence best defines John's theology. God is love. We only know love through God. And we, as God's children, should be defined by our love

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

-John 3:16

Prayer Concerns

Dennis Alexander,
 Marilyn Arn, Allison
 Buehler, Teresa Haud-
 enschild, Karlee
 Hooker, Jane
 McGee, Christine
 Stahler, Sonny Weath-
 erholtz, Sawyer
 Wright, Bobbi Tandon,
 Peggy Wills, Karl
 McNeal, Hazel Ben-
 nett, Bill Hommel, Ty-
 son Kelly, Evelyn Lotz,
 Alicia Preslan ,
 Pam Tiffany, Tom Tay-
 lor, Rita Radway, Max
 Heilman, Andy
 Kissling, Ron Barker

Calling All Youth



On Sunday, November 1, we will host a special big event for all our youth from grades 6 through high school. We are participating in a specially designed video scavenger hunt. Teams will be tasked with recording skits and sights throughout Kenton, then competing before judges to award the top team. The hunt will start with lunch at 12pm following the service, and will be concluded by 4pm. Mark your calendars, and come ready to shoot some video!

Wednesday's Together

6:00 Dinner

6:30 Kid's Club

6:30 Middle school youth

6:30 Bible study

Sunday, October 4 is the Feast of St. Francis, who died on October 3, 1226. St. Francis was a greatly influential friar who, after a conversion experience, shunned wealth and human possessions to dedicate his life to the poor. Pope Francis chose the name Francis to celebrate St. Francis of Assisi. I invite you to pray St. Francis' famous prayer:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is injury, pardon.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.



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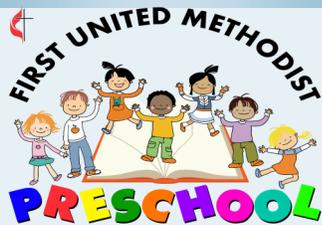
Marion Houser

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Rosemary Latimer

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Online orders accepted until January!

Visit yankeecandlefundraiser.com and enter group number #990083182 in the start shopping box. All items will be shipped directly to you! Help us reach our goal!



October 11th
After each service

Jackie Stalder and Breanna Alexander will be going on a Mission trip to Haiti on May 12, 2016.

All proceeds benefit their Mission trip!
Please give generously!

Preschool News

Thank you, First United Methodist Church for allowing me to have this wonderful responsibility to teach at your preschool this year. My name is Lisa Thomsen and Lacey Watkins is returning as an assistant...and she has assisted a lot this year! I can't forget to thank Pastor Jonathan for all his help with my computer and awesome Smart Board (I love it!). Of course our secretary, Lisha, has been a lifesaver to me, doing many things for me that I didn't even know needed to be done. I work with the best staff, thanks so much.

This year has started off great with two super classes. The three year old class meets Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00-11:30. The four year old class meets Monday through Thursday 12:30-3:30.

We start our morning with Bible class and have so much fun learning new songs and Bible verses. This year we started leaning the importance of the Bible and have started working through Genesis from creation and now are studying Abraham.

Our curriculum highly emphasizes phonics and we take a new letter each week and work on recognizing the letter, saying the sound and writing it. There is a new number, color, shape, and character trait for the week too. We are just busy bees and can hardly get it all in.

Feel free to come by the preschool room and see the class and read our updates! Thanks, Lisa

Bible Basics

The Bible is the most difficult holy text to read in the world. It was written across hundreds of years, by dozens of authors, from a variety of places and viewpoints. Reading the Bible can be difficult even for well-trained academics. Yet, reading the Bible is one of the most rewarding and important disciplines in our faith.

Starting October 14, as part of our Wednesdays together program, Pastor Jonathan will teach a six-week Bible Basics course. This course is designed to give a very brief introduction to reading the Bible, the story behind the writing of the Bible, and resources available to help you as you try to read this important book. This class can be a good introduction if you have never read the Bible before, and a great refresher if you have read the Bible before. The class is absolutely free.

As part of our Wednesdays together program, come with your family at 6pm for dinner, then join Pastor Jonathan for Bible Basics from 6:30pm-8pm.

Hospice Fundraiser

Fried Chicken Dinner
Plaza Inn, Mt. Victory
November 9, 2015

Eat in or Carry out 4:00-6:00
See Gladys for Tickets \$10.00
Sponsored by Hardin County
Hospice volunteers

All Saints Day– November 1st

On Sunday, November 1st, we will be observing the celebration of All Saints at the 11:00 service. During this time we will remember, with thanksgiving, those of our fellowship who have gone to be with the Lord since last November. The names we already have are:

Lois Albrecht, Peggy Schick, Mildred Reed, Helen Waaland, Ruth Haushalter, Dorothy Needham, Marilyn Hiller, Lois Taylor.

If there is anyone we have inadvertently omitted, please let the office know immediately. (419-673-3205)

We would also like to acknowledge any other persons you would like remembered who are already in the presence of Jesus. (Remember: Absent from the body, present with the Lord. 2 Corin 5:8) Again, please let the office know by October 23rd.

ALSO: We will also acknowledge those children who have been born into our fellowship or baptized here in the last year. The names we have are:

Elana Barrett, Ivy Bridges, Brody Hopson, Lyla Rodabaugh, Carson Risner.

Again, if there are any you would like included please let us know by October 23rd.

This is a wonderful way to celebrate the family of God here at First. Please plan to join us.

“If there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they're either braver than most, or else just silly.”

— [C.S. Lewis](#)

The Book Nook #3

Good Reading for the Believer

The best known, and most widely read book by C. S. Lewis must be his Chronicles of Narnia. Actually it is not one book, but seven, published at about the rate of one a year from 1950 to 1956. The first book published was the famous The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. Four English children find themselves transported to a fantasy world of talking animals, a witch and a wonderful lion called Aslan. The stories are intentionally and obviously (at least to me) Christian in theme. Aslan, who appears all through the seven books, is the Jesus figure.

Of the seven books, The

Magician's Nephew is really the first in chronological time, and explains the basis for some of the mysteries occurring in The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. (For instance, where did the wardrobe come from??)

Focus on the Family has produced a terrific audio series of the seven books. I have read the books many times, and listen to the audio books each summer over seven weekends while I work in the garden. I anticipate with excitement when I get to the last book, The Last Battle, my favorite of the set. In it the concept of heaven is so beautifully imagined. There is actually a

quote I plan to have used at my funeral. (Aslan explains to the children that upon death, “The (school) term is over: the holidays have begun. The dream is ended: this is the morning.” Phyllis Pickering once told me that she didn't know exactly what heaven would be like, but she knew it would be wonderful. I agree. So did C. S. Lewis.

I recommend that you ponder the child-like simplicity of the Tales, and you will have an increased understanding of Jesus.

Next month:

The Problem of Pain.

-Scott

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Mission Statement:

To Invite, Disciple, Send, and Serve
in the name of Jesus Christ

Attendance and Offering

	<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Offering</u>	
	9:00	11:00	Total	
September 6	68	80	148	\$7626.00
September 13	65	76	141	\$3419.00
September 20	80	105	185	\$5060.00
September 27	51	86	137	\$5796.00

October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:30 Choir 7:30 AA	2 4:30 Wedding rehearsal	3 11:00 AA 3:30 Wedding
4 9:00 Worship 10:00 SS 11:00 Worship 5:30 HS youth	5 7:00 Cottage mtg, Candy Callinan 7:30 AA	6 5:00 NOCmtg 6:30 Bells 6:30 Finance mtg 7:30 11:00 Worship mtg	7	8 11:00 UMW 7:00 Missions 7:30 Choir 7:30 AA	9	10 11:00 AA
11 Bake sale 9:00 Worship 10:00 SS 11:00 Worship 5:30 HS youth	12 7:30 AA	13 12:00 Cottage mtg, lounge 6:30 Bells 7:30 Trustees	14 6:00 Dinner 6:30 MS youth Kid's Club Bible study	15 4:00 Decorate for wedding 6:00 preschool 7:30 Choir 7:30 AA	16 5:00 Wedding rehearsal	17 11:00 AA 3:30 Wedding
18 9:00 Worship 10:00 SS 11:00 Worship 5:30 HS youth	19 6:30 Children's ministry mtg 7:30 AA	20 5:30 SPR 6:00 Keep HC beautiful banq 6:30 Bells 6:30 Youth mtg	21 6:00 Dinner 6:30 MS youth Kid's Club Bible study	22 7:30 Choir 7:30 AA	23	24 11:00 AA
25 9:00 Worship 10:00 SS 11:00 Worship 5:30 HS youth	26 6:30 Lead team mtg 7:30 AA	27 6:00 Cottage mtg, Pruden's 6:30 Bells	28 6:00 Dinner 6:30 MS youth Kid's Club Bible study 7:30 Elizabeth Crl	29 7:30 Choir 7:30 AA	30	31 11:00 AA