

Loving, Serving and Proclaiming In Christ's Name!

Broadcaster

Pastor's Message

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Greetings in Jesus' name,

I sat down to write the obligatory Pastor's piece for the newsletter, bad attitude and all, and was struck again by the greatness of God. I am here, created to love God, serve in His Kingdom, and live out mission and ministry. God reminded me of our time this morning. How fantastic are the early fall mornings that He gives us! Before first light, listening to the sounds of life in the dark, watching the stars twinkle and the depth of the night sky, I am humbled by the vastness of God's creation. Shivering a little, either from the cool air or His Presence, I am blessed. God does this for me over and over again. Sometimes I feel perfectly in tune. Sometimes I am considerably less than thankful. I want to live fulltime in His Presence, tuned in to His purpose for me, and actively pursuing the ministry of the day.

On this day there are so many opportunities and challenges. All the usual things continue. God blesses. People change, come into relationship with Jesus, and move forward with God's purpose for them. Life does change. People move in, people move out. Everyone is seeking God's direction. In the middle of all the blessings come changes. God redirects us. Children grow. We get older and sometimes wiser. Plans change as we recognize which ones are ours and which are God's. Are we up to the challenges? Yes, we are changing meeting times. Yes, each of us will decide what the different times mean to us. Many will choose new opportunities for relationships with new brothers and sisters in Christ. Some will choose new studies. Some will reform old friendships. Everyone will have the opportunity to see what God is doing now and will do soon with this part of His kingdom. It excites me. I can hardly wait. And still all this is not really the point.

The point is---finding spiritual faithfulness. Some here have yet to experience God's saving grace personally. That changes everything in life, from perspective to daily attitude to personal graciousness. Others have begun a relationship with Jesus, only to discover that faithfulness requires personal sacrifice, and have sidelined themselves. They are simply marking time without growing and maturing toward becoming disciplined disciples. Those people grieve God and miss many blessings. Still others become worn down and burned almost out by the grinding routine of being faithful. These people have experienced God's grace, have grown and matured spiritually, but have chosen to declare the disciplined Christian life too hard. They know where and to what God is calling them, but struggle with the willingness necessary to sacrifice themselves again and again in the name of Jesus. It is easier to float.

What do we do? Listen for God's voice again in His Word. **Romans 15:1-7** "We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

And so Lord may it be with us. Give us strength through your power. Amen.

October 2008

10/6

Financial Peace University (Mondays)
6:30-8:30 pm

10/7

Celebration Team meeting
7:00 pm
Preschool Advisory Board
7:00 pm

10/9

Choir Practice (Thursdays)
6:00 pm
Stephen Ministry
6:30 pm

10/14

Church Council meeting
7:00 pm

10/20

Visitation Team meeting
6:00 pm

10/21

Agape/Faith Circle
1:00 pm
Koinonia Circle
6:30 pm

10/25

PUMPKINFEST
4:30-6:30 pm
HOME SHOW SHOPPING
4:00-6:00 pm

10/28

Charge Conference
6:30 pm at East Columbus UMC

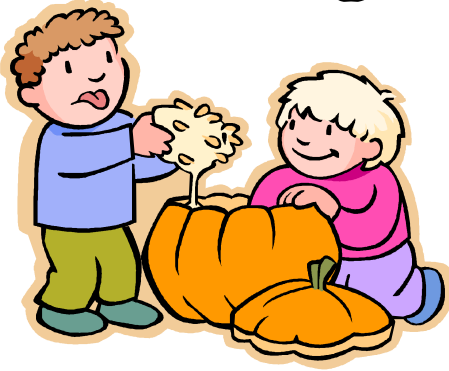
10/31

TAILGATE TREATS
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

October Scripture

Habakkuk 2:1-2
Philippians 1:3-11
Philippians 1:12-26

PumpkinFest!



Saturday, October 25

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Pumpkins, Hayrides,

Hot Dogs and a

Make Your Own Apple Sundae Bar!

Carve a Pumpkin!

Bring your own pumpkin carving tools.

Home Show Shopping

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Saturday, October 25

Fellowship Hall

Are you looking for an excuse to have a party? Do you need to shop early for Christmas ideas? Well then come to Fellowship Hall at Sandy Hook Church and vendors will give you those opportunities.

Look for Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Longaberger Baskets, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Creative Memories, Assorted Jewelry and more. If you have any questions or would like an application to be a vendor call Susan Stier at 376-9414 or Darla Cox at 373-9790.

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Beginning
Sunday
October 12th**

8:45 am

Traditional Worship

10:00 am

All Adult & Children's
Sunday School
& Bible Studies

11:00 am

Praise & Worship

TAILGATE TREATS

HALLOWEEN NIGHT

5 - 7 PM

Church Parking Lot



Bring candy to give away from your car tailgate or bring your children and friends for safe trick-or-treating!

small things
done with
GREAT LOVE
will change
the world

SUMMARY FOR END OF AUGUST '08	
BUILDING DEBT	\$542,925
EXPENSES	
YTD Debt Interest	\$ 23,487
YTD Debt Principal	\$ 85,963
All Other Expenses	\$286,303
TOTAL	\$395,753
INCOME	
Stewardship	\$249,833
Building Debt	\$ 70,420
Other	\$ 49,911
TOTAL	\$370,165
BALANCE	\$ - 25,588

For the Record		
Attendance		
	Average	Goal
Worship	250	350
Sunday School	108	200

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OCTOBER IS CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH!

What is Clergy Appreciation Month?

Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. It is typically scheduled in October, but can be held at any time that is convenient for the church and the community. It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate throughout the entire year.

Why is Clergy Appreciation Month necessary?

The nature of the service provided by pastors and their families is unique. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments — the spiritual well-being of His flock. When a pastor becomes ineffective, the very souls of his or her parishioners are endangered. When eternity is in the balance, we should all be concerned.

Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. Their lives are played out in a fishbowl, with the entire congregation and community watching their every move. They are expected to have ideal families, to be perfect people, to always be available, to never be down and to have all the answers we need to keep our own lives stable and moving forward. Those are unrealistic expectations to place on anyone, yet most of us are disappointed when a pastor becomes overwhelmed, seems depressed, lets us down or completely burns out.

That's why God has instructed us to recognize His servants.

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).

The good news is that we can make a difference! Clergy Appreciation Month is one way we can counter the negative erosion in the lives of our spiritual leaders with the positive affirmation they need.



A group of dedicated volunteers has worked very hard to update the name badges we use on Sunday mornings. Please check the name badge rack on Sunday to find your name badge. If you cannot find your name badge for some reason, please leave a note in the church office so the volunteers can make you a new badge.

UNITED
METHODIST
WOMEN



Tuesday, October 21
Agape/Faith Circle
1:00 pm
At the church

Koinonia Circle
6:30 pm
At Pat Stanfield's home
4685 Autumn Ridge Drive

Koinonia Circle will meet at Pat Stanfield's home to make Halloween treat sacks for Turning Point. Please bring your bags of individually wrapped candy to share. Lisa Lutes will do devotions. Remember that everyone is welcome!



The new church directories will be available sometime the week of October 20th.

They will be on the Welcome Center and in the Church Office for you to pick up.

Please limit yourself to one per family so that we have enough for everyone.



Spiritual Growth & Renewal

If you want to maximize your personal Bible study time, I've got a simple suggestion for you: verse-by-verse study.

It's not hard. In fact, you can glean an enormous amount from just five simple steps. Just pick a passage, grab a pen, and follow these procedures:

1. Write a personal paraphrase.

Write out the verse in your own words. Do not use one of the modern paraphrases except to get the idea of how to do it. Stay true to the verse you are paraphrasing, and try to condense rather than expand it.

2. List some questions, answers, and observations.

List any questions you have relating to words, phrases, persons, topics, and doctrines in that verse. Write down any answers you find and also record any observations you make. Mark these as follows:

- Q = Question
- A = Answer
- O = Observations

3. Find cross-references for each verse.

Using the cross-references from your study Bible or from Scripture memory, write down at least one cross-reference for the verse you are studying. Identify the word or phrase you are cross-referencing at the end of this chapter. Use a concordance if you do not have a cross-referenced Bible.

4. Record any insights you get from the verse.

Having thought through the words, phrases, and concepts in the verse, record any insights that you get from them. These could be further observations, words, and names that you have looked up and defined, or any other thought that comes to

you. Let your imagination go and be as creative as you can.

5. Write down a brief personal application for each verse.

As you go through the verses, record the devotional thoughts that come to you. Later, when you're planning a devotional Bible study, you can pick one of those thoughts and develop it further. Or, if a particular verse seems to meet an immediate need, go ahead and write out an application that is possible, practical, personal, and measurable.

If you're in need of refilling, pick a passage and get going – verse-by-verse.

Excerpted from Rick Warren's book, Bible Study Methods



OUR HOMEBOUND




FRIENDS

Four Seasons Health Center
1901 Taylor Road
Columbus, IN 47203
 - Doneta Barkhimer

Silver Oaks
2011 Chapa Drive
Columbus, IN 47203
 - Dorothy Coleman

Office Angels Thank you to those who helped put the September Broadcaster together and have stuffed bulletins for Sunday Services and volunteered in the office. Bev Porter, Cheryl Stroud, Joyce Hekel.



sandy hook church preschool news



Wow, it is hard to believe that the first month of preschool is almost over. We have been really busy. We began the month learning how to make new friends. We played name games to help the children learn all of their friend's names and a little about them.

I introduced the children to our new class friends, Mr. Sunshine Bear and Mr. Pacer Bear. Mr. Sunshine Bear and Mr. Pacer Bear are in our class to help the children learn their colors, shapes, letters, numbers and talk with them about Jesus. The younger class, the Turtles, get to play with them during class. The older classes, Seahorses and Dolphins, get to actually take one of the bears home. Each week one lucky child gets to take a bear home. The Seahorses get to take home Mr. Sunshine Bear, while the Dolphins get to take home Mr. Pacer Bear. They are responsible for taking good care of him the whole weekend. Then they write a short story telling their other classmates what they did on their fun filled weekend.

Worship Assistants for October

Acolytes			
10/5	9:30 - Allison Drake	11:00	- Ted Unrue
	11:00 - Delaney Coles		Carol Raney
10/12	8:45 -		Fred King
	11:00 - Haley Meek	10/12	8:45 - Ron Albert
10/19	8:45 - Anna Guse		Bob Drake
	11:00 - Katlin Meek		Paul Kahlenbeck
10/26	8:45 - Haley Meek		Mike Wilkerson
	11:00 - Darby Coles	11:00	- Larry Cox
			David Foley
			Kenny Hodnett
			Doug Sharp
		10/19	8:45 - Mike Carter
			Mark Fear
			Bob Plumm
			Jay Porter
		11:00	- Dale Guse
			Jon Coles
			Jim Stier
		10/26	8:45 - John Dilts
			Duane Hilycord
			Jim Kistler
			Tom Lutes
		11:00	- Randy Eudy
			Josh Knight
			Rosie Critzer
Greeters			
10/5	9:30 - Patty Nichalson & Joyce Hekel		
	11:00 - The Guse family		
10/12	8:45 - Mike & Trena Carter		
	11:00 - Jon & Lora Coles		
10/19	8:45 -		
	11:00 - Gary & Jane Gorbett		
10/26	8:45 - Bob & Connie Miller		
	11:00 - Joe & Carla Meek		
Ushers			
10/5	9:30 - Rick Bush		
	Wendel Hauck		
	Don Sublette		
	Tim Tuell		

Miss Martha joined us this month for Bible stories. The stories that we have been studying are "Isaac a Peacemaker does not fight," "Jacob's Dream," "Story of Joseph," "Pharaoh's Dream," and "Joseph's Secret." Songs that we have been singing are "God Made Me," "This Little Light of Mine," and "The B-I-B-L-E" and "God, Our Loving Father."

The Seahorses took their first trip to "Four Seasons." The children made a wall hanging with a Bible verse on it. Then we sang songs to our senior friends. We had a really nice time.

Each class began working on their alphabet books. Please be sure to stop by the preschool room and see the children's work. We have been working on cutting, coloring, and writing our names.

We have been really busy, busy, busy. Preschool is off to an awesome start.

We have opened up the afternoon Dolphin class for older 3's and 4-year-olds. This class meets on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. For more information, please contact the preschool at 371-6117.

"God is Good, All the Time;
 All the Time, God is Good."

Miss Christy
 Preschool Director



Jake & Leah Ison
And Brock & Blaine
 Joined on August 31, 2008

Adam & Andrea Schefee
And Grayden
 Joined on September 21, 2008

WELCOME TO NEW PRESCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS!

Leah Ison is the new Treasurer for both the Preschool and Little Lambs. Parent Representatives are Mandi Goetz and Marti Watts. Patty Unrue is the newest Sandy Hook Representative on the Preschool Board. Veteran members of the Board are Connie Curry - Chair, Sara Jacobi and Angie Nichalson - Parent Representatives, Christy Ayres - Preschool Director and Ted Unrue - Sandy Hook Trustee Chair.

Church Council Minutes

September 9, 2008

Present: Jim Rupp, Matt Meek, Chad Russell, Ted Unrue, Jane Gorbett, Mark Fear, Gordon Meek, Nancy Low, Steve Russell, Nancy Waller, Shelley McAlister, Susan Flynn, Cheryl Stroud, Trena Carter, Karla Eudy

Nancy opened council with prayer. Last month's minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: A written report was submitted to council. Matt highlighted a few notes for council. The 2008 YTD balance stands at -\$25,588. This is an historic low for us at this point in the year. Matt stressed the importance of coming up with the money needed to offset this negative balance. Stewardship Sunday is more important than ever at this junction. If we want to continue doing the many great things we have done in the past we need to be coming up with a way to financially support our efforts. He also asked council to come up with a plan to distribute the remaining funds of our benevolence giving. We currently have approximately \$13,000, from Country Fair and Flood Relief giving, that needs to be spent on Flood related needs. Council discussed how we could help a large number of people who have been affected by the flood and encourage relationship with them. Council decided to purchase gift cards from home improvement stores that could be given to those in need. Council will ask the

congregation for names of people who need our assistance and those who give the names will be in charge of making the personal touch with those receiving flood help.

Equipping Church: Jim Rupp reported that the purple bus had been sold for \$750. A white bus was donated to the church on the same day.

Human Resources: Jane Gorbett stated that HR is still accepting applications for an organist.

Trustees: Ted Unrue presented to council a request from Little Lambs to purchase mulch for the playground area. Total cost has been estimated at \$816. In the past the church has paid for half of this expense. Council voted in favor of waiting until Spring to purchase the mulch.

Youth Ministries: Chad Russell said that he is very encouraged with the increasing youth numbers. New bible studies have or will begin soon. A new inner city mission trip is also in the works.

Ministry Development Team: This team is currently in need of new members since some have moved away. Council is asking for suggestions on who could assist this team. They hope to have their plans for next year completed by October.

New Business:

- Ministry Clusters will be forming next year because of the combining of the North and South Conferences.
- Country Fair Results are in: total profit is \$9,145.25, up over \$1,000 from last year's total. 917 dinners were served.

Old Business:

- Steve had asked council last month to pray about what needs to be done about our current declining Sunday School program. Numbers of those attending adult Sunday School have been decreasing steadily. Council approved the proposal to return to the schedule that we previously followed; 1st service at 8:45, Sunday School at 10:00, and 2nd service at 11:00. This will hopefully encourage more attendance and improve our spiritual growth. Some 6 week courses will still be offered if the need for teachers is met.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Jim Rupp.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karla Eudy
Church Council Secretary



**READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR WILL FINISH ON DECEMBER 31ST.
WE WILL BEGIN AGAIN ON JANUARY 1**

October 2008						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 Jonah 1	2 Jonah 2-4	3 Micah 1-3	4 Micah 4-6
5 Micah 7 Nahum 1-3	6 Habakkuk 1-3	7 Zephaniah 1-3	8 Haggai 1-2 Zechariah 1	9 Zechariah 2-5	10 Zechariah 6-8	11 Zechariah 9-11
12 Zechariah 12-14	13 Malachi 1-4	14 Matthew 1-3	15 Matthew 4-6	16 Matthew 7-9	17 Matthew 10-13	18 Matthew 14-16
19 Matthew 17-19	20 Matthew 20-22	21 Matthew 23-26	22 Matthew 27-28 Mark 1	23 Mark 2-4	24 Mark 5-7	25 Mark 8-11
26 Mark 12-14	27 Mark 15-16 Luke 1	28 Luke 2-4	29 Luke 5-8	30 Luke 9-11	31 Luke 12-14	

Broadcaster for Kids

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

As Jesus tells us in the Parable of the Good Samaritan, all people are our neighbors. You can make a difference for others, beginning in your own neighborhood. Make and share this craft so people know you care and are thankful for your community.

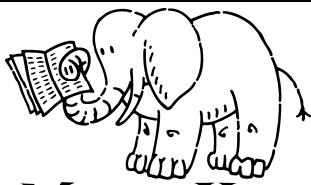
What you need:

- Clear, disposable, non-powdered, non-latex gloves
- Craft paint
- Paintbrush
- Popped popcorn (about 3 cups per glove)
- Rubber bands
- Ribbon or raffia
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Markers or crayons
- Hole punch



What you do:

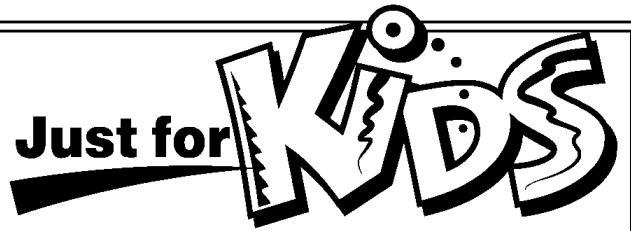
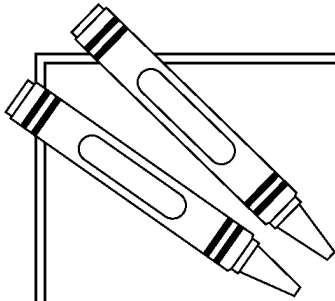
1. Paint one side of the glove's fingertips to look like fingernails.
2. Fill the fingertips, then the rest of the glove, with cooled popcorn.
3. Wrap a rubber band around the wrist of the glove.
4. Tie ribbon or raffia around the rubber band.
5. Make a card. Ideas include "Welcome to the neighborhood," "Thanks for being such nice neighbors," "Here's how we'd like to serve you," etc.
6. Punch a hole in the corner of your card and tie it to the glove.
7. With an adult, pass out your "neighborly" gifts.



Memory Verse

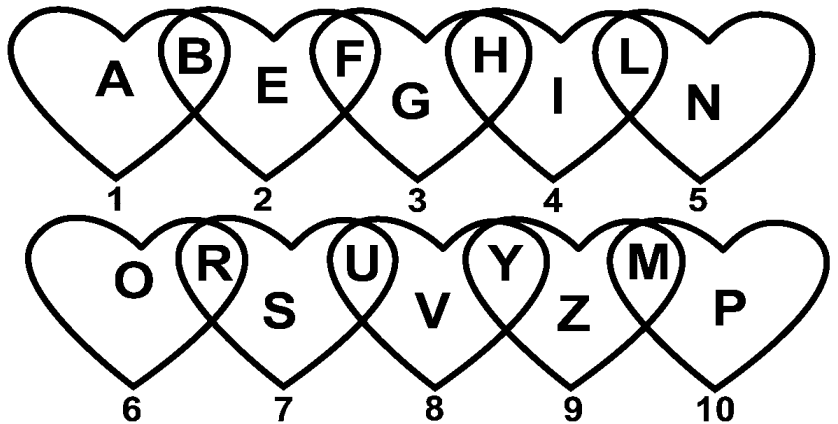
"Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture."

Psalms 100:3 (NIV)



THE SECOND GREAT Commandment

In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37, NIV). Do you remember what the second great commandment is? Use the code below to discover it.



"L
 4,5 6 8 2 8,9 6 7,8 6,7
 5 2 4 3 3,4 1,2 6 6,7
 1 7
 8,9 6 7,8 6,7 7 2 4,5 2,3
 "

Matthew 22:39, NIV

Answer: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

