

July/ August 2022



PORTAGE FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9922 St. Rt. 44, Mantua, Ohio 44255

Mission Statement: "To be a family of faith in Christ through caring, serving, and fellowship"

The Bridge

Sunday Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:30 am

*Children's Church 9:30 am

Nursery 9:30 am

*Children's church will not be held when we have communion, usually the first Sunday of the month.

Liturgist Schedule

July 3 Linda Weinkamer

10 Ted Taylor

17 Jeff Barnett

24 Debbie Bahr

31 Doris Gharky

August 7 Ted Taylor

14 Steve Weinkamer

21 Debbie Bahr

28 Matt Ruchalski

Committee Meeting

Reminders:

Finance Meetings:

Thurs. July 14 at 6:30 pm

Thurs. Aug. 11 at 6:30 pm

Trustee Meeting:

Thurs. July 14 at 7:00 pm

Vision Committee

Sunday, July 10 at 10:30 am

Worship Committee

Sunday, Aug. 14 at 10:30 am

Pastors Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A few days ago, I received an email from the West Geauga High School's Communications Director. It was to remind me that rising seniors needed to have their yearbook photos turned in by September 1st. Of course, I knew that Helenayn was a rising senior, but making that summertime appointment for senior pictures had totally escaped me. I always thought her graduation was a long way off. It always has been a long way off in my mind...until I received that email reminder.

Now, I can no longer pretend that the future will never come. It is here whether I am ready for it or not.

We humans have this tendency to think of the future as something abstract and far away. We know tomorrow's coming, but our daily concerns keep us from seeing it clearly or dealing with its complexities until it sneaks up on us. Then we find ourselves staring into the eyes of the future that is no longer the future but the present.

I will make that appointment for Helenayn's rendezvous with a senior portrait photographer. I will go with her to get the pictures taken. I will move through this senior year of high school with her and rejoice with her at her triumphs and commiserate with her when things don't go quite right. But the one thing I will be most cognizant of is that the milestone that high school graduation represents will come whether I am ready for it or not. My little girl is becoming a grownup and is entering a new stage of life. Her life is going to change because of that. And so is mine.

So often, as I look back at my girls' childhoods, I remember times when I didn't pay enough attention to the mundane moments of our lives together. I wasn't always as encouraging or sympathetic as I might have been. I didn't enjoy being with them as often as I might have. You know how it is. Childhood goes on forever for children and parents alike when we are in the midst of it. We always think we will pay attention tomorrow, when we are less busy or harried, because there is always tomorrow. But as long as the time may seem, it is finite. The days come to an end eventually, and the future steals your breath with a reminder email for senior portraits.

It is summertime. It is time to take a moment to breathe, to relax, to be present. So be present, in the present, for those you love. Don't waste a minute of the time you have with them, even if the time seems to stretch out infinitely. The future is coming and when it arrives, it may take your breath away with a sudden virtual gut punch.

I wish all of you a healthy and happy summer full of God's peace, joy, and grace for you and yours.

With much love, Pastor Jill Lea

UMM Breakfast Meetings:

Sun., July 10 at 7:30 am

Sun., August 14 at 7:30 am

UWF Breakfast Meetings:

Sun., July 24 at 7:30 am

Sun., August 28 at 7:30 am

The 4C's Donations of non-perishable food, cleaning & paper products, and personal care items are needed to help keep the 4C's well stocked for those in need. Bring donations to the church and put in the shopping cart near the entry. Current needs:

- canned spaghetti**
- small jars of peanut butter**
- detergent**



It's easy to submit your prayer requests; either by writing it on the church prayer

card during worship service, (check add to prayer chain) or by contacting Cindy Pearce by phone 330-274-0507.

If you would like to be a prayer warrior, please let Cindy know.

If you have any updates to your membership status, name, address, phone number or email, addition to the family, etc., please notify the church office. Call or email the office at 330-274-8987, or simply email us at pfumcoffice@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Happy Anniversary!

July Congratulations!!

- 1 Warren & Recia Ragle married 44 yrs
- 3 Tom & Laura Taylor married 23 yrs.
- 23 Tim & Lynne McDermott married 28 yrs
- 28 Jeff & Erika Barnett married 10 years
- 28 Connor & Rachel Pearce Married 4 years

August Congratulations!!

- 1 Steve & Mimi Domnie married 49 years
- 11 Ken & Rhonda Grudowski married 38 years
- 14 Harold & Joyce Ullman married 57 years
- 16 Bige & Jackie Combs married 53 years
- 19 Eugene & Doris Gharky married 50 years



Happy August Birthdays

- 1 Jackie Combs
- 1 Barb Burgess
- 2 James Peters
- 3 Gera Kennedy
- 3 David Hluch
- 5 Christopher Fletcher
- 5 Amanda Ruchalski
- 6 Kaitlyn Roberts
- 8 James Hoover
- 9 Sharron Bysura
- 10 Margaret MacLearie
- 11 Mary Ellen Hill
- 11 Harold Ullman
- 12 Alie Ruchalski
- 15 Erika Barnett
- 18 Henry Hoover
- 19 Debbie Sike
- 20 Kathie Baumgardner
- 21 Tom Shaulis
- 21 Katrina Richards
- 27 Linda Shaulis
- 28 Douglas McIntosh
- 29 Jocelyn Pearce

Happy July Birthdays

- 1 Joshua Cutlip
- 7 Torrey Taylor
- 7 Bonnie Marek
- 10 Kathy Lance
- 11 Cindy Pearce
- 11 Iris McCon
- 11 Kim Schwesinger
- 12 Vicki Schrecengost
- 13 Darlene Dennis
- 15 Adalynn Seebacher
- 20 Jim Marek
- 21 Laura Taylor
- 23 Imogene Fletcher
- 23 Connor Pearce
- 24 Mary Tipton
- 24 Scott Weinkamer
- 27 Rowen Kerkan
- 31 Amelia Kennedy

United Methodist Men started a Utility Fund on May 8, 2016. This fund is dedicated for an upgrade in our water and sewage utilities. The United Methodist Men has approximately \$8,451.66 in this special savings account. This is an entire church project and the U.M.M. are actively seeking donations. For more information, please contact Tom Kennedy (330-274-8054) or Rick Bahr (330-527-4499).

GOT SCRAP? The United Methodist Men would like to take it off your hands. The United Methodist Men's scrap drive has been a great fundraiser. You can bring your unwanted metal items, **including cleaned food and drink cans**, to the church and please drop it off behind the building in the upper parking lot. For pick up, just call Tom Kennedy (330-274-8054).

We need You! Please contact Sharon Wright if you would like to serve as an usher, or use the sign-up sheet on the table.

Currently, **we are still in need of a full team of eight bursars**. Ideally, bursars should work in teams of two and if we have a full team, your time obligation would be once a month after church. **We need 2 more volunteers**. Contact the church office if you are interested in serving.

Thank you for the blessing of beautiful Altar Flowers!

May

In Honor of Pastor Jill's Graduation by the United Women of Faith In Memorium...by Doug and Carol McIntosh

June

**In Celebration of VBS Sunday by Deb Sike
In Celebration of Steve & Linda's Wedding Anniversary by the Weinkamers.**

Summertime Brunch Anyone? The UWF ladies (formerly UMW) will be sponsoring a brunch after church service on Sunday, July

17th. We will have a variety of breakfast casseroles, pastry, fruit, coffee and juice offered for \$5.00 per adult and \$3.50 for children ages 3-12. Please plan to stay, eat and enjoy the fellowship. Our recent brunches have been a success and we look forward to seeing and visiting with you at this one!

The Annual Church Picnic will be a delicious steak cook-out on **Saturday, August 27** at Deb and Chris' home beginning at 4:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board closer to the date. Everyone is welcome to come for this enjoyable time of food and fellowship!

Book Club for will be held at our regular time of 10:00 am in the library the second Tuesday of the month. Anyone who loves to read is welcome to join in.

Hope Circle will meet on the 4th Thursday of the month at 12:00 pm. The August meeting will be on Thursday, August 18, note the change of date due to the Fair. Watch for upcoming details in the weekly announcements.

Hope Circle RADA Fund Raiser

We are now selling RADA (name brand) paring knives and vegetable peelers. Also, there is a catalog with many more nice items. The catalog is on the table in the Narthex. This includes an order form that you may fill in. Any questions?? Contact Dorothy Caldwell at 330-274-2152. Thank you for your support!

Mary Martha will meet at 7:00 pm on the 4th Monday throughout the year, unless otherwise noted in the announcements for the week.



We are starting to look for **Children's Church teachers** (9:30 am -10:30 am) September-May. A fully scripted program with videos, activities, music all ready for you to use! Please contact Erika Barnett if you are interested in teaching. The 1st Sunday of each month: NO CLASS.

Another Successful Vacation Bible School!

A big **THANK YOU** to the **VBS LEADER TEAM!** You are

appreciated! Lots of planning and preparation went into the program!

Linda and Steve Weinkamer, Ruchalski Family, Debby Bahr, Kevin Pearce, Debbie Sike, Jill Lea Scott, Mindy and Amanda Weinkamer, Olivia Pfof, Chris Chakowski, Madelyn and

Helenayn Scott, Ky Kerkan and friends-Lexi, Mekayla, Brooklyn and Ruth Weinkamer, Goodell Family, JT's BBQ, Thrivent, Lions Club, Hope Circle, Mary Martha Circle, Men's Group, and Anonymous Donor.

Thank you to all the parents/grandparents/guardians for bringing your children to VBS! As each year passes, we realize that it isn't always the smallest child or number of children we hope to teach, but those who don't know the bible, hear some great stories and learn who Jesus is. I feel that we accomplished that this year and will continue to strive for. We hope to see you all at VBS next year too!

Erika Lynn Barnett



Portage Faith UMC

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 9:30 am Worship	4 	5 Office Closed in observance of Independence Day	6	7	8	9 9:00 Band
10 7:30 am UMM Breakfast 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Vison Committee mtg.	11	12	13 10:00 am Book Club	14 6:30 pm Finance 7:00 Trustee	15	16 9:00 Band
17 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am UWF Brunch & Fellowship	18	19	20	21	22	23 9:00 Band
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7 9:30 am Worship	8	9	10 Office closed J.R. Vacation	11 6:30 pm Finance Office closed J.R. Vacation	12	13 9:00 Band
14 7:30 am UMM Breakfast 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Worship Committee meeting	15	16 Office closed J.R. Vacation	17 Office closed J.R. Vacation	18 12:00 pm Hope Circle Office closed J.R. Vacation	19	20 9:00 Band
21 9:30 am Worship	22 Sept/Oct. Newsletter info Due 7:00 pm Mary Martha	23 Normal Office Hours Resume	24	25	26	27 9:00 Band Church Picnic Steak Cook-out 4:00 pm
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