

# The Trumpet



*Columbiana United  
Methodist Church*



*One with Christ,  
One with Each Other,  
One with the World!*



## Connecting

### *Being Connected*

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." – Jesus*

Have you ever been on the phone with someone enjoying a great conversation and then your call is suddenly disconnected? It is frustrating. With cell phones we enjoy the convenience of being able to phone people from most any place at most any time. We also understand the frustration of "losing service" or "losing power".

I have become accustomed to using my smart phone and feel lost without it. I have a battery

charger at home and in the car as well as one for my office. I have to be connected.

Ok, you get it by now, right? So much more important than being connected to society by using a cell phone is being connected to Christ. So how is your connection? Are you praying daily?

There is nothing like having a great conversation with your creator. Are you recharging your faith at home and at work and in the car so as to be able to operate in the power of the Holy Spirit? It is not enough to connect with Christ one time in your life and then dismiss the relationship. Jesus describes himself as a life-giving vine and we

are the branches. Without this connected relationship, we are powerless, we wither and life is lost. So how are you in the area of spiritual connectedness?

How well are you connecting with others as a follower of Christ? Come to worship throughout February as we explore what it means to be connected to Christ.

*Together we will recharge our spirits and explore what Christ is calling for us do.*

**In His Service,  
*Pastor Lori***

# as we *connect*

## *Note from Nic*

Dear Church Family,

So... things have changed a little bit. Have you noticed? Are you part of the change? Do you want things to be the same they've always been? Do you want God to work in your life? Do you want God to do something amazing here at CUMC?

Questions... I've always asked a lot of them. Maybe I'm just a little nosey, but I like to know what people are thinking. Many of you have told me that they have hope for what is to come. Some of you have told me we're in a sinking ship.

I personally believe if the community experienced 1/10th of the love that I have been blessed with in my time at CUMC, we could change the world.

Whether you are happy, mad, glad, or sad - the fact remains...things have changed. In my journey with Columbiana United Methodist Church (just a little over a year now), I know I've seen some major changes. I know you have. But, a major question remains. What now?

It's up to YOU. Unless we all get on the same page, we are going to continue to focus inwardly. Let's let the past be the past and move forward in grace, forgiveness, and hope. You see, we serve

a God who does NOT change. God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

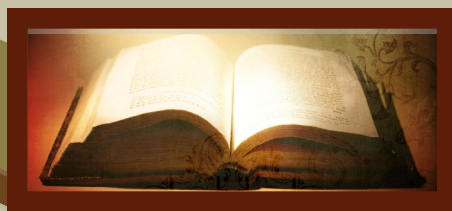
God is with us in the good times, and bad times and I believe God is preparing us for something great. It is God who brings us all together. We must have unity within the church if we ever want to be successful with making new disciples for Jesus outside the walls.

God has sent a wonderful pastor to us in Lori Carden. Let's get behind her and go beyond the walls of this beautiful building some call the church. That, my friends, would be a good change.

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In Christ,  
*Nic*

## *Treasurer's Corner*



## *From Jack Mundy*

**1.** We need \$46,850 per month to pay our bills. Our offerings for the first three Sundays of January 2011 total \$23,558.10. On average, the majority of giving occurs the first and second Sundays of the month. We go into the fourth and fifth Sundays with a need of some \$20,000.00 in order to meet our financial obligations.

**2.** Thanks to all those who provide input into the financial planning process. The 2011 Budget will be presented to the Finance Committee on January 23 and hopefully to the Administrative Board on January 24. Once the Budget is approved, we will still be making changes that will make the Budget more user-friendly. In particular, we want to break down line items in the

budget to the user level. As an example, rather than having a line item for Children's Ministries, we want to break out individual lines for each piece of the Children's Ministry so that each person responsible for a particular piece has a clear vision of the financial resources that are available. Our budget is a living document and will be adjusted over time as the needs and resources of the Church change.

**3.** Several people have suggested additions to the budget. My recommendation is that we need to get the budget approved so that we have budget guidance to support our mission. At that time, we will continue to examine the budget and recommend adjustments as needed. I am concerned that opportunities to add to the budget

are limited in terms of financial resources available and that probably an addition to the budget means that there is a bill payer in terms of reducing some existing item. While saying this, I very much want your input into the process and we will maintain a list of items for possible inclusion in the 2011 Budget and for use in the formulation of the 2012 Budget, which I would like to start in June of this year.

**4.** A number of members have asked about pledges this week. Several years ago we combined our general fund budget and building fund budget into one...so there is now only one budget...and one pledge. You may complete a pledge at any time. I also encourage you to change your pledge at any time based upon your circumstances.

Thank you, Men's Fellowship, for our beautiful new sign in front of our church. It lights up at night and is very visible to everyone!

# OUR *community*

## *March*

**MARCH 9 ASH WEDNESDAY**

## *April*

**APRIL 18-22 HOLY WEEK  
APRIL 24 EASTER SUNDAY**

## *May*

**MAY 8 MOTHER'S DAY**

## *Serving our Youth*

Is it too late to make a New Year's resolution? I know we are almost a full month into 2011 and, to be honest, I am not a fan of the annual resolution ritual anyway. However this past week as I walked the halls of the church a hopeful anticipation not unlike that of a new beginning seemed to hang in the air. The State of the Church address was informative and often blunt, yet strangely invigorating. The facts are on the table and now we are free to cease our speculation and worry and fully dive into the work that God has called us to. I for one find that incredibly empowering.

Over the last few months I have been leading a Youth Bible Study on the Gospel of Matthew. We began with 3 youth in attendance and have seen it grow to regularly have 18 young people eager to read and discuss God's word. This past week we studied Matthew 11:20-30 and the following well known verses seemed to resonate with everyone:

***Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.—Matthew 11:28-30***

Does that echo with you? Have you been heavy laden and weary? My sense is that so many of us as individuals and as a congregation found ourselves there in 2010. It is time for us to take Christ's yoke upon us and learn from Him. So my resolution is to rest and by rest I mean cling to Christ. Cling to His gentleness when I feel angry, to His strength when I am weak, to His perfection when I fail, to His humility when I am prideful. I am so thankful to have been given the enormous responsibility and gift of serving as your youth director. As we move into the future, I am dedicated to giving my all and clinging to Jesus as we take this youth ministry to another level and lead a new generation of disciples to rest in Him.

Grace, Peace, and Love,  
William

## *Thank you*

Dear Church Family,

Wow, what a year 2010 was for us! Thank you so much for all your prayers and concern. We're overwhelmed by the amount of love we have FELT by our church family and this community. You guys have taken such good care of us... we have been so BLESSED!!! I am healing beautifully and your continued prayers are much appreciated. : )

Tight Hug & God Bless, Emily and Ronnie Lansford



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Dawkins Cleaning

*We are here to serve the Lord and you.  
Please email or call if you need our assistance.*

## *upcoming events*

Scrapbook All Weekend!

Friday, Feb. 25 ~ 6 pm - Midnight

Saturday, Feb. 26 ~ 10 am - 6 pm

*For information and reservations, contact*

*Sue Eddins ~ Agnes Pool ~ Kathy Corbitt ~ Jamie Barnes*  
670-6985    305-8375    919-6089    529-6916

Or email: [KathyCorbitt@aol.com](mailto:KathyCorbitt@aol.com)



**VALENTINE'S DAY**  
February 14



**YOUTH LOCK-IN**

February 18-19  
10:00 pm until 6:00 am

**Bring a friend!**

# FEBRUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Chancel Choir Warm Up 10:30 AM Combined Worship Service 11:30 AM Covered Dish Luncheon 4:00 PM Heart4God Band Practice 4:30 PM Evening Prep. and Cooking 5:30 PM H.E.A.L. Bible Study 6:00 PM Children's Choir Practice	<b>31</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 9:50 AM CBS 12:00 PM Shut-Ins DVD 3:30 PM Music Lessons 6:00 PM Emmaus Group 6:00 PM Scrapbooking 6:30 PM Swing Dance Plus	<b>1</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 4:30 PM Wed. Prep. 5:15 PM KIMCO 5:30 PM Choir Practice 5:30 PM UMYF 7:00 PM Heart4God Vocal Practice	<b>3</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 11:00 AM Book Club 11:00 AM Chamber Luncheon 2:00 PM Transitions Grief Support Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 7:30 AM Heart4God Setup & Prep 8:00 AM Heart4God Warm Up 9:00 AM Heart4God Worship Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm Up 11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship Service 4:00 PM Heart4God Band Practice 4:30 PM Evening Prep./Cooking 5:30 PM H.E.A.L. Bible Study 5:30 PM Youth Fellowship Night 6:00 PM Children's Choir Practice	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 9:50 AM CBS 12:00 PM Shut-Ins DVD 3:30 PM Music Lessons 6:00 PM Emmaus Group 6:00 PM Scrapbooking 6:30 PM Swing Dance Plus	<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM Finance Team Meeting	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 4:30 PM Wed. Prep. 5:15 PM KIMCO 5:30 PM Choir Practice 5:30 PM UMYF 7:00 PM Heart4God Vocal Practice	<b>10</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 11:00 AM Book Club 12:00 PM Kiwanis Luncheon 2:00 PM Transitions Grief Support Group	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Youth WinterJam Concert at BJCC
<b>13</b> 7:30 AM Heart4God Setup & Prep. 8:00 AM Heart4God Warm Up 9:00 AM Heart4God Worship Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm Up 11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship Service 4:00 PM Heart4God Band Practice 4:30 PM Evening Prep./Cooking 5:30 PM H.E.A.L. Bible Study 5:30 PM Olive Branch Ministries 5:30 PM Youth Learning Night 6:00 PM Children's Choir Practice	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 9:50 AM CBS 12:00 PM Shut-Ins DVD 3:30 PM Music Lessons 6:00 PM Emmaus Group 6:00 PM Scrapbooking 6:30 PM Swing Dance Plus	<b>15</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 11:30 AM Saints Alive! Senior Luncheon 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study	<b>16</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 4:30 PM Wed. Prep. 5:15 PM KIMCO 5:30 PM Choir Practice 5:30 PM UMYF 7:00 PM Heart4God Vocal Practice	<b>17</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 11:00 AM Book Club 2:00 PM Transitions Grief Support Group 6:30 PM South Shelby Emmaus Cluster Meeting	<b>18</b> 10:00 PM Youth Lock-in	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 7:30 AM Heart4God Setup & Prep. 8:00 AM Heart4God Warm Up 9:00 AM Heart4God Worship Service 10:05 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Chancel Choir Warm Up 11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship Service 4:00 PM Heart4God Band Practice 4:30 PM Evening Prep. & Cooking 5:30 PM H.E.A.L. Bible Study 5:30 PM Youth Outreach Night 6:00 PM Children's Choir Practice	<b>21</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 9:50 AM CBS 12:00 PM Shut-Ins DVD 3:30 PM Music Lessons 6:00 PM Emmaus Group 6:00 PM Scrapbooking 6:30 PM Administrative Council Meeting 6:30 PM Swing Dance Plus	<b>22</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 4:30 PM Wed. Prep. 5:15 PM KIMCO 5:30 PM Choir Practice 5:30 PM UMYF 7:00 PM Heart4God Vocal Practice	<b>24</b> 9:00 AM Office Open 11:00 AM Book Club 2:00 PM Transitions Grief Support Group	<b>25</b> Scrapbooking	<b>26</b> Scrapbooking
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## February Birthdays

- 1- Jacob Fleming  
Betty Bird
- 2- Virginia Minor
- 3- Earl Hughes  
Deward Averett  
Ona Walker
- 6- Jeff Jones  
Clint Mooney
- 7- Arthur Hughes  
Wes Walker
- 8- Velera Payne  
Stacy Walkup
- 10- Sara Conn  
Angela Hughes
- 11- Rob Harris  
Carol Shurbet
- 13- Ashley Phillips  
Kevin Walkup
- 14- Maxine Harris
- 15- Jane Jones  
Matt Gibson  
Marjorie Thomas
- 19- Braten Dill  
Robert  
McLeroy, III
- 20- Zela Cates  
Gregg Rushton  
Joseph Tidmore
- 21- Don Mayfield
- 22- Linda Cook
- 23- Vicki Vacarella
- 24- Deward Averett  
Butch Ellis
- 25- Anna Catherine  
Folmar  
Paula Head  
Robert Kelley
- 26- Woody Greene
- 27- Jackie Brown  
Beth Horton  
Trey Sullivan

# CUMC Lay Leadership Team for 2011 Church Year

## Administrative Council

### Officers

Chm. Adm. Council	Johnny Jones
Vice Chm. Adm. Council	Doug Akin
Sec. Adm. Council/Chg. Conf.	Jackie Cates
Co-Lay Leader	Evan Major
Co-Lay Leader	Angie Nash
Lay Delegate Annual Conf.	Rick Pearson
Alternate Lay Delegate	Merrie Lynne Pearson
Chm. Trustees	Tony McDonald
Chm. SPRT	Tim Prince
Treasurer	Jack Mundy
Chm. Finance Team	Conrad Fowler
Stewardship	Tom Seale
President UMW	Jackie Brown
Youth Delegate	Stevey Bearden

### Honorary Administrative Council Members

Dorothy Bearden, Jane Carter, Lois Cross, Mary Farr, Sara Ozley, Velera Payne, Bill Seale, Jean Walker

### Church Council Teams

#### Staff Pastor Parish Relations Team

2011: Neal Farmer, Robby Odgers, Diane Ellis  
2012: Charlene Ray, Rachel Fowler, Keith Gibson  
2013: Tim Prince, Terri Sullivan, Stevey Bearden  
LL: Evan Major, Angie Nash LD: Rick Pearson

#### Finance Team (Team Chairs)

Conrad Fowler, (Chairman) Johnny Jones (Adm. Council), Rick Pearson (Lay Delegate), Tom Seale (Stewardship), Evan Major, Angie Nash (Lay Leaders), Tim Prince (SPRT) Tony McDonald (Trustee Chair)  
At Large Members: ('11) Anna Patterson, ('12) Lea Ann Hjetland ('13) Stephanie Phillips

#### Trustees

2011: Rob McLeroy, Chris Nash, Josh Henderson  
2012: Ronald Richey, Sallie Farmer, Tony McDonald  
2013: Jim Davis, Cindy Hylton, Stephanie Phillips

#### Lay Leadership Team

2011: Jack Mundy, Frank Head, Michele Gay  
2012: Maria Tidmore, Ashley Phillips, Kristy Akin  
2013: Carolyn Sockwell, Sue Bryars, Ken Vittitow  
LL: Evan Major, Angie Nash

## Council on Ministries

### Program Ministries Teams

#### Traditional Worship Team:

Kathy Corbitt, Stacy Walkup, Laura Walker, Jackie Cates, Liz Walker

#### Heart4God Worship Team:

Shawn Lipscomb, Merrie Lynne Pearson, Jennifer Odgers

#### Nurturing-Homebound Membership Team:

Larry & Phyllis Matthews, Jean Walker

#### Adult/Family Ministries Team:

Emily Lansford, Ali Payne

#### Children's Ministries Team Leaders:

Michele Gay, Catherine Prince, Allison Brewer

#### Youth Ministries Team Leaders:

Nancy Beardin, Brenda Seale, Doug Akin, Stevey Beardin

#### Saint's Alive:

Larry & Phyllis Mathews and John & Linda Blanton

#### Olive Branch Ministry Team:

Maria Tidmore, Sara Conn, Bruce Burttram

#### Prayer Blanket Ministry

Doris Miller

#### Transitions Grief Support

Jackie Brown, Nic Patterson

#### Weekly Office Volunteers:

Monday	Kristy Akin
Tuesday	Suellen Vittitow
Wednesday	Gerie Kelley
Thursday	Angie Nash

#### The Trumpet Monthly Newsletter:

Carolyn Sockwell

#### Bulletin, Calendar, and Building Reservations:

Nic Patterson

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## CUMC Prayer List

Connie Tabbs  
Vicky Williams  
Mary Aycok  
Melvin Turquitt  
Jessica Hardin  
Gracie Patterson  
Chase Skinner  
Judy Davis  
Wilbur Dunlevy  
Martha Brasher  
Frankie Hope  
Donna Brantley  
James Coleman  
Honduras Team

### ONGOING:

Peggy Cobb  
DeAnna Niven  
Dustin Smith  
Vicki Vincent  
Brenda Dean  
Angela G. Martin  
Carol Shurbet  
Emily Lansford  
Lewis Walker  
Betty Walton

### ARMED SERVICE MEMBERS:

Ramsey Bentley  
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Mike Patterson  
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