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Confirmation

What it means for us.

Rev. Lori Carden

Are you a Christian? Why do you not follow some other belief? Are you truly United Methodist? Do you know how we are different from other denominations and how we are the same? These are some of the questions that are explored in confirmation class.

I have had a great time getting to know the young people who are part of this year's confirmation class. These young folks are at a pivotal time in their lives. Most are twelve to thirteen years of age and recognize that they are moving from being little kids to more responsible teens. It is a time in their lives when they must begin to make more of their own decisions and this includes decisions regarding their faith.

By the end of confirmation studies, each participant will have explored the basic beliefs of the Church, learned about liturgy and its purpose, learned the Apostles Creed and adopted it as a statement of their own belief, and so much more. They will spend some time in prayer and conversation exploring all of this information and ultimately make a decision as to whether or not they are ready to confirm that they choose to believe and confess Jesus as their Lord. Though all may not be ready to make such a confession, all will have been equipped with the knowledge that is needed to decide.

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Note From Nic

Wow! What a wonderful time of year to see God's handiwork. All around us, the beauty of God's creation unfolds, but often we don't take the time to appreciate it. Look for the hand of God and you will see it. Listen for the voice of God and you will hear it. In our world, we are obsessed with ourselves - often forgetting our neighbor and abandoning our sense of awe and gratitude. Let's be intentionally focused on experiencing all God has to offer us through his creation. Thank you all for your support on my trip to Taizé, France. Your response has been overwhelming and blessings have abounded. I've had the dream to go here for years, and without me being here at CUMC, I don't think it would have happened. I am forever grateful.

Many blessings,
Nic Patterson

Confirmation Continued ...

So many adults have expressed that they too would like to go through confirmation studies. Many of us were not part of this denomination as young teens and we were not taught about John Wesley, the movements of grace, what the various symbolisms found through out the church building really mean, or why we Baptize babies, have a Bishop, or are served by itinerant pastors.

In response to this need for further studies, I am posting a list outside of my office door. If you are interested in participating in "adult confirmation" please sign up! I will offer two times and hope to fill each class time. The class will include a couple of fun educational field trips which both classes will attend together. I promise that studying together will be a blessing. All you will need to bring is your Bible. In a culture that often denigrates matters of faith, it is vitally important that we know what we believe and why we believe it! 2 Tim 2:15

Growing in Grace Together!,
Lori



1st Annual | CHURCH PICNIC



The 1st Annual Church Picnic will be May 22 at 3:30 p.m. at the Bob and Robin Rosser farm.

There, we will enjoy games, music, food, fun, and fellowship. Hotdogs and Hamburgers will be provided by the Men's Fellowship.

What to bring:
A Sidedish
Lawnchair (or Blanket)
Musical Instrument (if you play one)

Games start at 3:30
We will eat at 6:00
Worship Will Follow.

We need all Sunday School classes and Small groups to participate in the organization of games. This will not be a success without the entire church coming together. Let's do so—and have a great time.

Senior Recognition & Promotion Sunday

May 22
during the Heart4God service.

Let's congratulate our seniors for their hard work and support them as they embark on new journeys.

Also, in conjunction with the school year ending, we will celebrate Sunday School promotion this day and recognize Sunday School Teachers.

A reception will follow the Heart4God service.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Columbiana UMC church budget has been amended to add \$1,000.00 for Annual Conference expenses and \$880 per month for an office worker.

Giving statements have been mailed for first quarter. Four statements will be sent out this year. Receipts exceeded expenses by a little more than \$8,000.00 for the first quarter.

We go into the second quarter in sound financial condition.

Thanks,
Jack Mundy, Treasurer

Scrapbook All Weekend!

Friday, May 20 ~ 6 pm - Midnight

Saturday, May 21~ 10 am - 6 pm

\$10 Admission or \$5 if you come for one day—Invite a friend to join you!

Sue Eddins ~ Agnes Pool ~ Kathy Corbitt ~ Jamie Barnes

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Or email: KathyCorbitt@aol.com

See us on Facebook at Scrapbooking & Craft Group of Columbiana / CUMC

Volunteers in Service:

Traditional Worship:

Ushers

Dennis Sweeney Bill Nolen Bob O'Conner

Vidographers

Sunday, May 1 Keith & Helen Gibson
Sunday, May 8 Kevin & Stacy Walkup
Sunday, May 15 Rob McLeroy Family
Sunday, May 22 Cynthia Murer & Daughters
Sunday, May 29 Bob O'Conner and Tom Seale

Heart4God Snacks

Sunday, May 1

Maria Tidmore
Sonia Cardwell
Jennifer Murray
Alisha McDonald

Sunday, May 15

Carolyn Mundy
Michelle Gay
Gay White
Sandy Burttram

Sunday, May 8

Sherry Head
John Jones
Lea Ann Hjetland
Helen Gibson

Sunday, May 22

Shirley Sanderson
Angie Nash
Michelle Walker
Vicki Vacerella





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We are here to serve the Lord and you.
Please e-mail or call if you need our assistance.

May Birthdays

- 1 George Bentley
- 2 George Green
- Carolyn Sockwell
- 6 Austin Balzli
- Dan Hedrick
- Cody Shields
- Tessa Nielsen
- 8 Jerry Mooney
- 9 Andy Head
- 11 Lewis Walker
- 14 Megan Stevens
- 15 Judy Glass
- 18 Bob Rosser
- 20 Kristin Gullede
- 21 Jon Connor Davis
- 22 Shirley Sanderson
- 23 Langley Kyle
- Gay White
- 25 Jane Carter
- Lauren Davis
- 27 James Marshall
- 28 Riley Gay
- 29 Aaron Walker
- 30 Larry Mathews
- Tony McDonald
- Rhianna Richey
- Beth Strickland
- 31 Don Miller

Weekly Calendar

Office open

Mon-Thurs 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Sundays

- 8:15 Heart4God Setup
- 8:30 Heart4God Snacks
- 9:00 Heart4God Service
- 10:00 Christian Education
- 11:00 Traditional Service
- 3:30 Youth Praise Team
- 5:15 Evening Meal
- 5:30 UMYF
- 6:00 Children's Choir

Mondays

- 6:45 Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- 6:00 Emmaus Reunion Group
- 6:00 Scrapbooking
- 6:00 Youth Bible Study
- 6:30 Swing Dance Plus

Tuesdays

- 6:30 Rotating Administrative Meetings

Wednesdays

- 5:15 KIMCO
- 5:30 Chancel Choir Practice
- 5:30 UMYF
- 6:00 Special Study
- 7:00 Heart4God Team Practice

Thursdays

- 2:00 Transitions Grief Support

May 2011 Mark your calendar!

May 4

Mother Daughter Banquet 6:30 p.m.

May 5

National Day of Prayer

May 8

Mother's Day

May 15

Retirement Tea for Sherry Jones 2:00
Children's Choir Performance,
Honduras Silent Auction,
Shrimp & Grits Meal

May 17

Saint's Alive Senior Luncheon 11:30

May 20-21

Scrapbooking Weekend

May 22

Senior Recognition/Promotion Sunday
Church Picnic 3:30 p.m.

May 29

Confirmation Sunday
Combined Service in the Sanctuary