

Wright's Word

The mission of Wright's United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Pastor's Ponderings

Fall is here and back to school for all our students! That includes everybody if we consider that making disciples for Jesus Christ is a lifelong learning process. The word "Disciple" actually means learner not finished product, so I'm glad I've been called to a continuing life of learning. Jesus' disciples called him "Rabbi" (Teacher) or "Rabboni" (Good Teacher) and he interpreted for them the all the laws and teachings they had been taught by their own rabbi's since they were children. His disciples were not pagans who did not worship the God of their ancestors and were just coming to faith for the first time. No, they were fishermen, tax collectors, and tent makers, that all had proper instruction in the Jewish tradition (like our Sunday schools) and were living their adult lives the way Jewish law and teachings had been taught to them. But when they met Jesus, everything changed! Being the very son of God, he taught with special insight and knew the heart and spirit of why Jewish Law and teachings were given to Moses - to order a community out of chaos. There were, of course, other civilizations and communities that were thriving and prosperous and had gods to worship and a set of codes to live by, (for instance, the Babylonians had the Code of Hammurabi) but the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob spoke and said, "There is only One God and here is the way you honor God," and the adventures of Torah – or Teachings, began. Jesus was sent into the world to interpret the very spirit of the law breathed and established by Almighty God and that was to love God and his creation responsibly, and the word RESPONSIBLY is the spirit of God's Law I believe. As an example, Jewish law and other civilizations have in their books the definition of justice is "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" which means the punishment should fit the crime. Yes, and Jesus took that well accepted practice and said "You've heard it said before an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, but what my father Almighty God really had in mind for justice for human kind was this instead: "Do not resist an evildoer, If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also...". Jesus came and re-interpreted 2000

years of history and tradition with the spoken word, and some of the listeners understood, but even some his own disciples could not accept God's new interpretation so they killed him! You and I are challenged with these life questions everyday about justice, truth and what loving our neighbor truly means, and it's going to be more intense as the election of a new president gets closer. Jesus, through his teaching, preaching and daily living gives us the example of serving God RESPONSIBLY when we in our human understanding, civilization's history, and traditions of loving our neighbor, find ourselves scratching our heads and saying "Is this what God really had in mind for us"?

Agape
Pastor Richard

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EXTRA, EXTRA read all about it.... Newsletter Articles Wanted

All Ministry teams are encouraged to submit newsletter articles each month, no matter how big or small. Please have any/all articles to me by the 12th of each month. If you submit your article(s) via email (shelleywumc@verizon.net), or disk-word format only- (preferred methods) then your due date is extended to the 15th of each month. Thank you for your time and articles. They are appreciated

WORSHIP

...his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth. – John 4:24

Between Wrights and Edwards Chapel we offer three worship opportunities every weekend:

Sunday @ 9:30 AM – Family Worship at Wrights children's church is available following the Children's Message.

Sunday @ 11 AM – Family Worship at Edwards Chapel children's church is available following the Children's Message.

Saturday Night Faith Café is held 6:30 PM. Check calendar for dates.

INVITE SOMEONE TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

NURTURE

Kick-off Sunday for our 2016-2017 school year is Sunday, Sept. 18th during 9:30 worship. We have assembled an awesome array of coaches and support personal. Come and join the hometown team for a season of adventure that continues for all disciples of Jesus Christ!

NOMINATIONS

Nominations committee will be meeting the month of September to prayerfully seek leadership for the year 2017. Here is a general list of offices and committee's we seek to nominate every year. This form is used by so many of our UM churches and this one in particular you saw in 2008 from Pastor Tom. If you would like information on the gifts and graces sought to fill these positions fill out the interest finder and turn it into Pastor Richard.

WITNESS/MISSIONS FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE

Saturday, September 17th 8A-2P. Donations and baked goods are needed to sell. Volunteers are needed to help out. This fundraiser will benefit kids camp.

Bill's Brigade- Hospitality Continues

In honor and memory of beloved "worker in Gods vineyard" Bill Mowry, a new service/mission arm has been established to continue the hands of Bill and the humble legacy he has inspired.

Greeter



September
Carla Yohe

FINANCE

Copies of the monthly Finance report is available in the Narthex.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Charge Conference is scheduled for **Monday, November 7th at Central Highlands**. As soon as the forms become available to me I will email them or place hard copies in your folders in the counting room. If you could please complete and return them to me quickly, I would really appreciate it. I should be sending out the forms by mid September. Thank you in advance!—Shelley

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Your Wright's United Methodist Women will begin a new year of monthly meetings and District events.

Our first meeting for the 2016-2107 season will be Monday, September 19 at 7 p.m. in the church office. Our program is titled "A Purpose-Filled Community." Please come and join us.

Our most recent District event was our annual Mission Trip. We volunteered at Connellsville Area Community Ministries. CACM is a United Methodist ministry. We joined Chip Rowan, the Executive Director as he explained the history and work being done at CACM. We were given a tour of the facility and met several of the regular volunteers who gave us an inside look at the services that are offered there. Then we headed to the basement where we formed an assembly line and began sorting items for the resale shop, putting the items in labeled boxes for future sale.

Here at Wright's we are continuing to collect UMCOR health kits for victims of the flooding in West Virginia. We will continue collecting them until our District Annual Meeting, September 24. Kits will be needed by Sunday, September 18. Lists of required items may be found in the narthex.

Our District Annual Meeting will be held at California United Methodist Church, Saturday, September 24, with registration at 8:45 a.m. Our program will be about the Underground Railroad. Our presenter will be Katie West, curator at the LeMoyne House in Washington, PA. If you would like to join us for this event, please let Pam or Twila know on or before Sunday, September 11. The cost is \$10 for lunch and a morning snack.

Our Western PA Conference UMW Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, October 22, at Grace UMC in Meadville, PA. For those planning on arriving Friday, several tours/activities have been planned. See Pam or Twila if you would like to attend.

Mark your calendars for the weekend of December 2, 3, and 4. Wright's UMW will again be hosting the volunteers from the Red Bird Mission Craft Store in Beverly, Kentucky.

We will continue our support of the Ruth M. Smith Center with the collection of box tops and labels. Thanks to all who continue to help with this mission.

Please consider becoming part of our group. Come and get to know us and learn what United Methodist Women is all about. Remember, you do not have to be a member

of UMW or of Wright's Church to come and join us. All women are welcome.

United Methodist Women - turning faith, hope and love into action on behalf of women, children and youth around the world for 150 years!



- 9 Clayton & Marion Sphar
- 12 Dave & Lorraine Marlett
- 13 Phillip & Sarah Schafer
- 16 Pastors Tom & Connie Hoeke

- 2 Rev Ron Lindahl
- 5 Jerrold Eddy
Clayton Sphar
- 6 Heth St Cyr
- 7 Amanda Kovach
Jack Gereshenski
- 9 Twila Hummel
Grant Swingle
- 12 Amanda Jones
- 13 Alyssia Leech
- 15 Dorothy Strong
- 18 Melanie Marlett
- 20 Julie Konton
- 25 Sharon Blasch
- 27 Joann Glowark
- 29 Pam Mowry

If your name is not on our list, or if the wrong name, date, or month is listed, please call the church office, and let us know. Thank

PERSONAL INVENTORY WAYS IN WHICH YOU FEEL CALLED TO SERVE

I would like to serve or find out more information about the following ministries.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Church Council
- Finance
- SPPRC
- Lay Leadership
- Trustees

NURTURE

- Christian Education
- Youth Discipleship
- Adult Discipleship
- Sunday School Teacher
- Vacation Bible School

WORSHIP

- Worship
- Music
- Liturgists
- Communion Presenter
- Greeters
- Ushers
- Acolytes
- Drama Team

OUTREACH, INVITING, EVANGELISM

- Outreach Team
- Witness/ Mission Team
- Hospitality

NAME

PHONE

Please return forms to Pastor Richard. Your input will assist in our ability to include interested persons in the ministries of our congregation.

September 2016

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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4 9:30 AM Communion Sunday 10:45 AM Adult Sunday School	5 Labor Day	6 7PM Trustees	7 9AM Men's Breakfast	8 11:30 AM-1PM Senior lunch at Venetia Community Ctr.	9	10 6:30-7:30 PM Faith Café
11 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Adult Sunday School	12	13	14	15	16	17 9A-2P Flea Market and Bake sale
18 9:30 AM Worship Second Offering- CFP Fund Rally Day- Sunday School Kick Off 10:45 AM Sunday School	19 9 AM W.O.W meeting	20	21	22 11:30 AM-1PM Senior lunch at Venetia Community Ctr	23	24 6:30-7:30 PM Faith Café
25 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School	26	27	28	29	30	