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JUNE 2017



Hello Summer!

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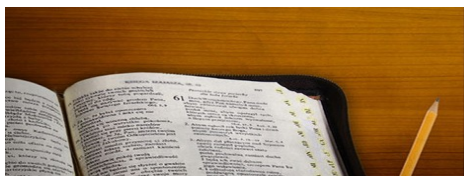
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**POINT PLACE  
UNITED CHURCH OF  
CHRIST**





## Pastor's **NOTES**

“O blest communion, fellowship divine,  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

“And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!”

These hymn lyrics from “For All the Saints” get me every time. We usually sing them on All Saints’ Day, but it seemed fitting to sing them during our 100th Anniversary worship as well this past May 7. Because indeed, we remember and honor and give thanks for those saints who fought the good fight and finished the race—and who, by God’s grace, planted and nurtured this divine fellowship that we call Point Place UCC.

I am not only grateful to those saints, but also to the saints of today, and in particular those who helped make our celebration a joyful weekend: Leslie and Chuck Geletzke, Diane Yarrito, Jim Armstrong, Lynette Thayer who organized the directory photos, Lori and Tina who emceed the dinner, and more!

I am also conscious that as many saints have “finished the race,” they have passed the baton on to us. As we have explored some “Lessons from Our Past” over the last few weeks, I want to reiterate this:

**We don’t honor the past by preserving everything they created; we honor the past by imitating their creative spirit as we seek to follow God’s GO with faith, hope, and love.**

This is now our work. As I take a partial sabbatical in July and as we come together in the fall, we will be asking the question, “What now?” How do we receive God’s call to “Go with God” into the next century. I hope you will be a part of that conversation. For to be among the saints is to be called.

Pastor Jon

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.*

Hebrews 12:1-2

# WHAT'S COMING UP IN WORSHIP



## **June 4<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost**

10:30am: Worship with Communion

Acts 2: "Same Old Spirit..."

## **June 11<sup>th</sup>: Trinity Sunday**

10:30am: Worship

Lessons from Our Past: "The Prayers"

## **June 18<sup>th</sup>: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost/Father's Day**

10:30am: Celebrate Worship

Lessons from Our Past: "The Builders"

## **June 25<sup>th</sup>: 3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

10:30am: Worship

Lessons from Our Past: "The Feeders"

\*Worship at **Genesis Healthcare** June 22nd at 10:00am\*





# LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

*From July 3-August 7, I will be taking a partial sabbatical (there are 2 more months that may be distributed over the next couple of years). This is in line with some of the biblical patterns of work and rest that God gives to benefit us as human beings as well as being in line with our Call Agreement in following the Ohio Conference Guidelines.*

*I am looking forward to this time for obvious reasons. And I want to be clear with you on what some of those less obvious reasons are:*

*As you know, this is my first call as a senior pastor. I served for three years as a part-time intern in Chicago while working multiple other jobs, which concluded with three months as an interim as the Sr. Pastor took a sabbatical. After a week to move and get settled, I began my ministry here at Point Place UCC. That was almost seven years ago. In those seven years, we have been on some adventures as a community, and I have not only been learning on the fly what it means to be a pastor, but also what it means to be a father (of 3 now!), and other life lessons as well.*

*Sabbath means “Cease” or “Stop,” and that is what it is time for me to do. To take stock of the last seven years. What have I learned? How has my understanding of my vocation as pastor grown in good ways? How has it gotten off track? What is God calling me to as a leader in this moment? In essence: How can I serve GOD better? How can I serve YOU better? How can I serve the Point Place/Toledo community better?*

*I will indeed be taking time to enjoy my family in a special way. And I will also be taking time to interview and learn from other leaders I respect locally and more broadly via personal meetings over meals or virtual meetings through the wonders of technology. I hope to glean from them (and God) wisdom concerning my own spiritual life, pastoring and leadership, and about the work of the church in an ever-changing society.*

*So this sabbatical is not just about me. It is about us. And it is about where God is calling us to GO in this moment.*

*One of my concerns about being gone for a month (beyond just missing y'all!) is that any momentum we have in ministry or Sunday worship will be lost. Be assured, I will be finding opportunities to worship locally with sister churches. And the Leadership Team has lined up a wonderful set of preachers and leaders to lead you in worship and gift you with some different voices while I am away: Pastor Emeritus John Rainey, Elaine Page from Grace Community Center, the Rev. Becky Przybylski formerly of New Harvest Church, a Gospel Choir that Susan Korecki is a part of, and one more TBD.*

*This is an opportunity for all of us to refresh our spirits, hear different voices, and allow God to guide us into the next leg of our journey together.*



-PASTOR JON

## **FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR**

We will pass out bags on Sunday June 4th and collect them the following week on the 11th.

June Focus: Please bring in snack foods ( granola bars, crackers, fruit snacks)





**June 5, 2017 6:30pm**

The **Elizabethans Women's Group** will meet on Monday, June 5th at 6:30pm in the conference room. All women are welcome to this "small but mighty" fellowship group.

**Monday Night Growth Group  
June 5th & 12th**

The Monday Night Growth Group meets on the 1st and 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the home of Donna Serviss. Please see her or Susan Korecki for more information.



**Something Brewing**

We will not be holding Something Brewing in June.

**News from the Music Director**

Just a reminder, the choir is on summer break. We had a wonderful year of joy and worship. Rehearsals will start again in the fall and they are on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month at 9:15-10:00am. All are welcome!

The new AV system is up and running! What a blessing to have this glorious addition to our worship setting!



**The Giving Tree**

The Monday night Growth Group sponsors the **Giving Tree** by focusing on our **Manna Bag Mission project** all year. We need travel size personal items such as shampoo, soap, lotion, toothpaste and also, tooth brushes, combs, socks, water bottles, gloves, small bags of snack food or granola bars. When the bags are complete they will be on the Giving Tree table in Paterson Hall. We're asking everyone to take one or two at a time and give them away to someone in need.



“If you love me, feed my sheep.”  
John 21:15-19

<u>Monday, June 12</u>	<u>Tuesday, June 20</u>	<u>Tuesday, June 27</u>
Dinner at RiverPoint Ministries 2862 131 <sup>st</sup> Street	Sloppy Joes Baked Beans Pasta Salad Dessert Coffee, Juice, Water	Breakfast For Dinner Dessert Coffee, Juice, Water

Come and be a part of the wonderful **Feed My Sheep Ministry!**  
 There are many ways you can help.

We would appreciate help on Monday evenings and Tuesdays. We are looking for volunteers to help set up Paterson Hall, cook the food, serve our guests, clean up and deliver meals to our church members that are homebound. We can also use donations of food, supplies, and money to help purchase meat and perishables.

If you have any questions, or would like to be involved, please call Lori Winnie at 419-704-4868 or Tina Mockbee at 419-276-0637

*Come and share a meal with our guests.*



### Gone Golfing & Fishing!

The **Retired Men's Group** will not meet during the summer.

Meetings will resume on September 7, 2017 after our summer break. All men are welcome to come on the first Thursday of each month at 8:30am for coffee and donuts in the youth room at the church. Please join us. A donation of \$100.00 was made to the Church General Fund by the group.



June 18th

### Father day tribute

Once again, Point Place United Church of Christ is offering an opportunity to honor your fathers on **Father's Day, June 18, 2017.**

Perhaps you would like to honor your own father or a father-like figure in your life. Husbands, brothers and friends who are dads can be honored, too! For a donation of \$1 or more per name, we will print your tribute in a special folder on Father's Day. **The proceeds will be divided evenly between Grace Community Center and Nu-Vizion U.C.C.** Please see the form in the Sunday bulletins.



**Point Place UCC Logo Mugs:** These beautiful mugs come in four colors and are available for purchase now. \$12 will be buy two—one for you and one to pass on to a future visitor.

**Point Place UCC 100th Anniversary Logo T-Shirts:** The t-shirts and polos are available for \$12. Talk to Terry Serviss.

**Point Place Days Parade Float:** June 3rd at Noon.

**Concert in the Park Ice-Cream:** As a way of blessing our neighborhood, we have spoken with the library about piggybacking on their annual "Concert in the Park" to serve ice cream and maybe provide a bounce house. The concert is Tuesday, June 13th at 7pm. Talk to Pastor Jon if you are interested in helping to serve.



# Celebrate

## Birthdays

### Anniversaries

- 3 Candy & Charlie Grindle
- 10 David and Bonnie Meiers
- 13 William and Sharon McCord
- 14 Clif and Cindy Trudeau
- 15 Glen and Linda Woodall
- 20 Michael and Laurie Dyer
- 22 Jim and Donna Armstrong

- 1 Carol Puderbaugh
- 5 Jim Armstrong
- 8 Jillian Usher
- 8 Miranda Withrow
- 11 David Browning
- 14 Lori Jarrell
- 15 Laurie Dyer
- 16 Mary Berry
- 16 Christina Aricchi
- 18 Betty Bellair
- 21 Candy Bisbee-Grindle
- 27 Christopher Mayfield
- 27 Vickie Naylor
- 29 Mike Wioland

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please contact the office.*

### VBS: June 26-30

VBS is set for the week of June 26-30 at Messiah Lutheran. As usual, this will be a community VBS with at least six churches participating.

We are currently looking for 1-2 point people to help coordinate our presence. We are in charge of the "Story" station this year, so we also need storytellers! Please talk to Pastor Jon as soon as possible if this is of interest to you. We will also need others to help deco-



**Smile! Jesus loves you!**

### AN EMOJI VBS

**June 26-30, 9:30am-Noon**

**@ Messiah Lutheran (108<sup>th</sup>/Summit)  
a ministry of the Point/Shoreland churches**

rate, be present at the station, and help out in other ways throughout the week. You can come 1 day or all 5 or anywhere in between.

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