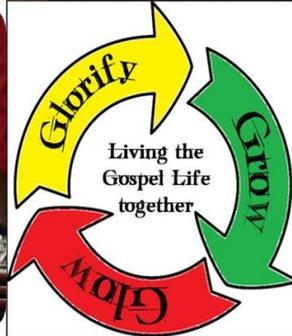
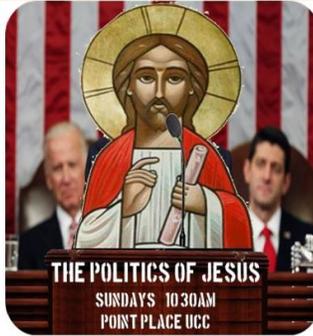
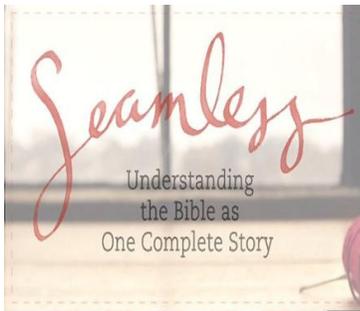


# Parish Paragraphs



**POINT PLACE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

# WHAT'S COMING UP IN WORSHIP



## **October 2<sup>nd</sup>: The Politics of Jesus (World Communion)**

9:30am: Sunday School (K-5)

10:30am: Worship with Communion

Luke 4:14-30—"Politics with a Purpose"

## **October 9<sup>th</sup>: The Politics of Jesus**

9:30am: Sunday School (K-5)

10:30am: Worship

12-2pm: 3G Teams Advent Seminar

## **October 16<sup>th</sup>: The Politics of Jesus (Celebrate)**

9:30am: Sunday School (K-5)

10:30am: Worship

Luke 10:25-37—"Good Samaritan" (Dave Meiser)

## **October 23<sup>rd</sup>: The Politics of Jesus**

9:30am: Sunday School (K-5)

10:30am: Worship

Luke 20—"Facing the Powers"

## **October 30<sup>th</sup>: The Politics of Jesus (All Saints Day)**

9:30am: Sunday School (K-5)

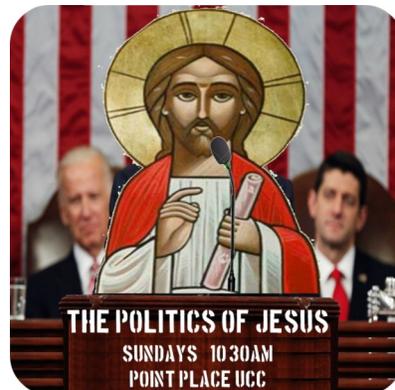
10:30am: Worship

Luke 23—"Confronting the Powers"

## **Genesis Healthcare**

Worship @ 10am

October 20, 2016





In our society, we tend to be allergic to paradox. **Paradox** is when two things seem contradictory, but in fact merely stretch our imaginations and break out of our boxes.

So here's one: Christians need both **indifference** and **engagement** when it comes to politics. These seem contradictory, but let me explain:

**Indifference** towards whether we are supported or rejected by the empire, whether we live or die, whether we are loved or hated. This indifference to our own well-being and comfort comes from our assurance in the overcoming power of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is King of kings and Lord of lords. On one hand, it doesn't matter who is elected President, whether we live in a democracy or a malevolent dictatorship. We have the same promise of security in God's love and Resurrection. We have the same call to love, serve, and bless.

**Engagement** for the sake of others. When we are indifferent about our own prosperity, privilege, and power, we can then engage on behalf of others. We can stick our necks out for those who are oppressed even when we get pushback from the powers-that-be or ridiculed by those stuck in empire-thinking. We engage to see others blessed and lifted up, justice and peace promoted, and mutual listening and love promoted. *(cont'd on p. 4)*



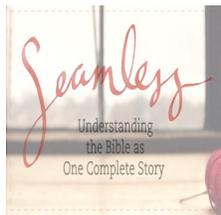
Too often, we are only **indifferent** towards others (“Everyone just needs to look out for him/herself!”) or **engaged** on behalf of ourselves. Jesus gives us a new imagination where **indifference** to empire and **engagement** on behalf of the vulnerable work together to transform the world.

May we live into this paradox and let Jesus continue to stretch our imaginations!

*Pastor Jon*

*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*  
Galatians 2:20

### Growth Groups in October



Sermon GG:  
Every Wednesday, noon  
Monday Night:  
Oct. 3 and 10



**Seamless:** Oct. 6 and 20

**Something Brewing:** Oct. 7 and TBD



**Something Brewing:  
Men's Growth Group  
Friday, October 7, 8pm**

We will get together at Black Cloister Brewing Co. Bring any ideas for a project to serve others or learn together. And also be ready for some good brew and lively discussion!

### 3G Team Advent Seminar

**October 9th, 12-2pm (after worship)**

This is our 3G Team launch. We will gather for a short intro into what the 3G Teams are all about, introduce the Advent theme, and then spend most of the time breaking up into teams to brainstorm for making our Vision come to life during Advent and beyond. If you have any interest in trying out a team, please talk to Tami Wioland (Glorify), Lori Winne (Grow), Donna Serviss (Glow), or Pastor Jon (Together).



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| 10/2  | Study/Worship at Messiah Church @ 6:30 pm                       |
| 10/7  | Ben DeLong Band Concert & Pizza<br>at Crosspoint Church @ 7-9pm |
| 10/16 | Coffeehouse at Point Place UCC @ 6:30pm                         |
| 10/23 | Crop Walk at University of Toledo @ 1:30-3:3pm                  |
| 10/30 | Reverse Trick-Treat at Genesis Healthcare<br>@3-4:30pm          |

## **S.L.A.M. (Students Living a Mission)**

For Youth of Point Place & Shoreland in grades 6-12

### **FREE CONCERT AND PIZZA PARTY**



**Friday night, October 7 · 7:00 to 9:00 pm**

**Come enjoy a free concert, free pizza, and door prizes!**

**Concert Location:  
CrossPoint Community Church  
4212 Onondaga Ave.  
(South 283rd St.)  
In Point Place**

**Sponsored by the churches of Point Place**

## Ponderings of a Parishioner

You know how Pastor Jon reminds us to take care of our neighbors and by doing so we'll shine God's love? Well, I've been giving that some thought. The old song "They'll know we are Christians by our love" keeps rolling around in my head. Let me tell you about what started all this pondering.

Several weeks ago Chuck & I were doing our weekly shopping at the Toledo Farmer's Market when a lady came up to me and said, "I know you're a Christian and I want you to be aware of some offensive language in one of the poem's in today's paper." Now, this lady is not a complete stranger, she sells me a *Toledo Streets Paper* every week for a dollar. We always greet each other warmly, smile and say "God bless you" and go our separate ways; so how does she know I'm a Christian? I guess she knows me well enough to know that the poetry that appears regularly in the paper is my favorite part but that still doesn't explain how she knows I'm a Christian. Even though I want God to bless her still doesn't make me a Christian. So what does?

I know you're thinking why don't you just ask her but that would be the easy way out. For some reason, I think I'm supposed to figure this out myself.

When I take a meal to someone just out of hospital or send a card to a shut-in, those are obvious signs of being the hands and feet of Jesus. But what do I do every day that shines the light? Maybe it isn't what I do at all. Maybe it's what God does. Maybe when I let go and let God just maybe that's when His light shines brightest.

Anyway, I'm still pondering and God and I are having a lot of conversations. In the meantime, I'm working on polishing my light and maybe one day I'll ask the nice lady how she knew I'm a Christian.

*"they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love....."*

*Leslie Geletzke*



Come help with prep on Monday (10/17 or 10/24) and serve on Tuesday (10/18 or 10/25). We can always use help serving, cleaning up, and just sharing a meal with our guests. We are also looking for a couple people to help set up tables on Tuesday before 4pm.

**October 10, 2016**

Meal at RiverPoint Ministries  
2862 131<sup>st</sup> Street

**October 18, 2016**

Fish/Hot Dogs  
Tater Tots  
Dessert  
Coffee, Juice, Water

**October 25, 2016**

Chili  
Cornbread  
Dessert  
Coffee, Juice, Water

Once again, our Church will be hosting "Trunk or Treat" on Halloween in the parking lot from 6 to 8pm. We need candy, candy and more candy! We do ask that the candy be individually wrapped. Last year we had lots of trick or treaters and ran out of candy. We also need YOU and your vehicles. Come with decorated trunks or not, just come! We have a lot fun – the more the merrier!

Join Us For  
**Trunk  
or  
Treat**  
October 31st



## **FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR**

We will again pass out bags on the 1st Sunday and collect on the 2nd Sunday (Oct. 9). Mustard Seed is in need of tuna, mac n' cheese, and freezer items. It would be easiest to drop off freezer items directly to Mustard Seed during open hours (Mon/Wed/Thu 10am-2pm, Tue 4-7pm), or you can bring them in and find some freezer space downstairs :)

We collected over 150 items in September.

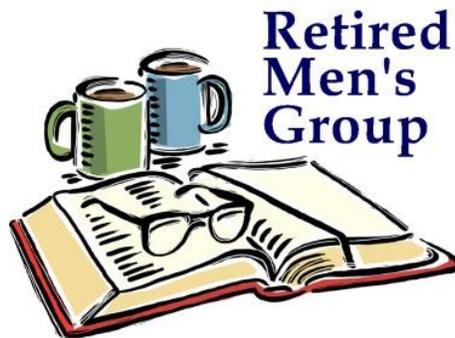
Glory to God!

The Monday night Growth Group is still sponsoring the **Giving Tree** but we're trying something new. Instead of asking for different items each month we'll be emphasizing 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.





We meet at a different restaurant each month to enjoy a meal together and recognize any birthday boys and girls. Any and all are welcome to come. It is not necessary, but helpful to talk to Ruby Usher so she knows how many to reserve a table for.



**October 6, @8:30am**

Any 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.



## **“CRUISING AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN”**

**Our sea-land adventure of 6 countries and 15 ports**

Mark your calendar today to travel with Gene Finnegan and John Rainey, when they present an hour of photos and commentary, featuring their recent relaxing exploration of countries and villages of the western Mediterranean:

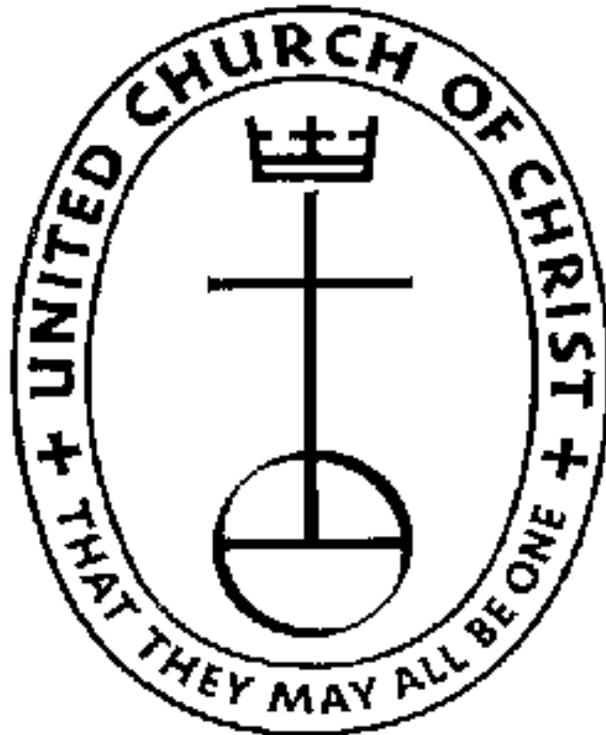
Valencia, city of arts and sciences,  
Barcelona, a most affluent heritage,  
Malta, a medieval gem,  
Toulon, France’s feast of the senses  
Pisa’s leaning tower and cathedral  
Naples, rich in history and stunning beauty  
Monaco, gambling capital of the world  
Rome, featuring the Vatican  
Florence, zenith of marble, canvas, and architecture  
...and more!

The Elizabethans’ sponsored evening  
for all who love to travel –

**Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Paterson Hall**

**7:00 p.m.**



*"To care for one another . . . .  
. . . . as God cares for us."*

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