

Parish Paragraphs

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Hey Church!

We have been taking the month of August to consider God's call to rest...in part because I spent the month of July trying to heed that call. Though it is difficult to really rest when you have three kids under seven, the very act of stepping back from the normal routine and daily workings of the church was enlightening and refreshing. I was able to gain a handful of insights into my own ministry and the church that I have already begun to implement. They fall into four categories of priority for me:

- Creating a culture of connection where people feel connected to God, to one another, and to our neighbors.
- Disciple, Disciple, Disciple. This has to be my work: helping you to follow Jesus both in character and ministry.
- Making time to vision, plan, and communicate ahead.
- Coaching and equipping ministers of the Gospel—that's all of you!

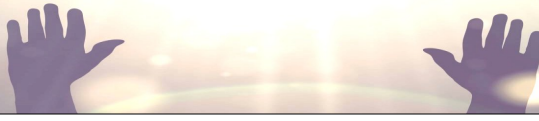
All of this springs from my main take-away: I and We need to be laser-focused on the Gospel. The Gospel that invites us into communion with God, transforms us into Christ-likeness, and equips us with the power of the Holy Spirit to change the world. I can't assume we all understand this nor can any of us take for granted that we have the Gospel all figured out. The deeper we dig into the Gospel, the more we uncover about the new world Christ has opened up for us.

With that in mind, the fall is filled with opportunities to go deeper into the Gospel and farther on the path of discipleship. On Vision Sunday (September 10), we will invite you to consider the future of the church and of your own walk with Jesus, and we will highlight our fall sermon series ("Semper Reformanda/Always Reforming"), our newest version of Growth Groups, and other opportunities for you to Glorify, Grow, and Glow with the Gospel in the months ahead.

And if you'd like to talk more about the points above, let's do it!

~ Pastor Jon

WHAT'S COMING UP IN WORSHIP



September 3rd: 4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:15am: Adult Book Study

10:30am: Worship with Communion

Exodus 20: Rest and Work

September 10th: Vision Sunday

9:15am: Adult Book Study

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

10:30am: Worship

Romans: "A Gospel that Reforms 1"

September 17th:

9:15am: Adult Book Study

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

10:30am: Worship

Romans 1-8: "A Gospel that Reforms 2"

September 24th: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

9:15am: Adult Book Study

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

10:30am: Worship

Romans 1-2: "A Gospel We Need"

**** Thursday 9/14/17 at 10:00am Worship at Genesis HC ****



Monday Growth Group



On the 1st and 2nd Mondays of each month (no group on 9/4) this group gathers for fellowship, Scripture, prayer, bible studies, missions, and social time. All are welcome. They gather at various members' homes. Please contact Susan Korecki (419)297-4674 for more information.

The graphic has a blue background with white line art of gears and mechanical parts. The word "FOUNDATIONS" is written in large, white, block letters. Below it, in smaller white text, is "A GROWTH GROUP ON THE BASICS OF FOLLOWING JESUS" and "wednesdays 6:30pm". In the bottom left corner, there is a circular logo with three arrows forming a circle, labeled "Growth", "Glorify", and "Glorify". Below this logo is the text "point place UCC".

Foundations

The basics of following Jesus. This group is great for people considering baptism, confirmation, or just a fresh look at the heart of their faith. This will meet every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Lounge from Sept. 27-Nov. 29 (no group on 11/22) in observance of the holiday.

GROW WITH groups

life is better together

Adult Book Study

Every Sunday at 9:15am in the conference room. The September theme will be "Know Your Bible," looking at the world in which our Scriptures were written. The five Sundays in October will be on "How We Got Here: a crash course in Church history," led by Pastor Jon.



Coming in October

How We Got Here *a crash course in Church history*

*From St. Paul to St. Augustine, Benedict to Francis,
Martin Luther to Jonathan Edwards, we will trace the story of
the Church from its beginnings to today—
all so that we can better understand ourselves and our calling
in this chapter of the story.*

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Sundays in October—9:15am

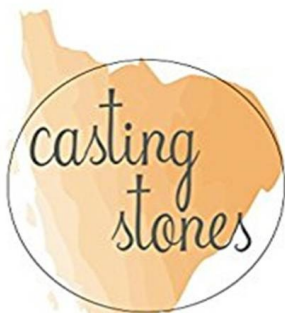


Elizabethans Women's Group

September 11, 2017 6:30pm

Note date change because of holiday

The Elizabethans will meet on the second Monday this month on September 11, at 6:30pm in the conference room. All women are welcome to this "small but mighty" fellowship group.



Heidi Goehmann

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Study

*Women's Growth Group
Begins September 21
Meets every other Thursday
7pm in the Lounge*

*spend a season of your life
connecting with God's wisdom
for every season.*

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Casting Stones

This women's group will spend every other Thursday in Ecclesiastes 3 ("For everything there is a season..."), exploring God's wisdom for all the seasons of life. This will also include daily devotional resources. Begins Sept. 21 at 7pm in the lounge.



RETIRED MEN'S GROUP

September 7, 2017 8:30am

The **Retired Men's Group** meets on the first Thursday of each month at 8:30am for coffee and donuts in the youth room at the church. Please join us. All men are welcome



Something Brewing Men's Growth Group

Good people.
Good conversation.



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Sept 1, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1 at 7pm
Black Cloister Brewing Co.
Downtown Toledo @ Monroe/Erie

Something Brewing September 1st at 7:00pm

This men's group meets at Black Cloister Brewing (Monroe & Erie St. downtown) on the first Friday of each month at 7pm. You don't have to have a beer to enjoy conversation about what God has brewing in our lives and the world around us.

The Beautiful Garden

*In the garden of my mind I rest for hours,
A kaleidoscope of thought and pretty flowers
Accompanied by song of feathered friends,
Bring wishes that the day might never end.*

*First light of morn in radiant hue
Falls on my footprints in the dew.
Behold, I muse, a familiar story -
Of spider webs in morning glories.*

*The zenith of the sun most high
At midday fills the summer sky,
Illuminates, as a painting framed,
Pert daisies, roses and blooms un-named.*

*Afternoon's glowing warmth does nourish.
Garden, grass and hedge all flourish
In dazzling array, a sight to behold, -
Some tones delicate, others most bold.*

*But fairest flower among all these
Standing in the twilight breeze,
Is my beloved holding sway,
Mid posies tended through the day.*

*Her gentle hands bring forth this beauty,
Pursued as pleasure, not as duty
By cruel misfortune were I rendered blind,
I could still seek haven --in the garden of my mind.*

-Richard Berkhoudt

*For Evelyn, the love of my life
and the designer of the garden.*

CRUISING DOWN THE RIVER RHINE

*WELCOME TO A RIVER AND LAND ADVENTURE
OF FIVE COUNTRIES AND TEN PORTS)*

Mark you calendar today to travel with Gene Finnegan and John Rainey, when they present an hour of photos and commentary, featuring their recent relaxing expedience of countries and villages on the River Rhine.

Fairy-tale castles, grand cathedrals, historic cities, medieval towns, and spectacular scenery –The Rhine is truly a legendary river. From Amsterdam to Kinderrdijk, and Cologne to Heidelberg, from Strasbourg to Basel, this enchanting two-week journey takes you along one of Europe's most scenic and historic rivers, and more!

The Elizabethans sponsored evening
for all who love to travel –
Monday, October 2nd
Paterson Hall
7:00 p.m.



Anniversaries

- 13 Alan & Jenny Montague
- 18 Kevin & Susan Korecki
- 21 Jason & Erin Thompson
- 29 Tony & Tricia Crane

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

Birthdays

- 2 Jamie Mockbee
- 3 Jonee Meiser
- 6 Breiann Bellair
- 8 Kari Montague
- 14 Steve Ambrose
- 14 Matt Armstrong
- 18 Emma Bisbee-Agosti
- 23 Terry Serviss
- 24 Ray Curtis
- 29 Tammy Cosgrove



The Birthday Club will celebrate our September Birthdays on Thursday, September 14th at 11:30am at Bob Evans 1220 E. Alexis Rd.

Please RSVP to Ruby Usher or Cindy in the office if you can attend.



Choir News

Are you ready to lift your voice to the Lord? On the 2nd Sunday of the month, our joyful choir joins the Worship Service. We practice at 9:15am on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month. All are welcome and encouraged to join us. Please contact Kevin Korecki with any questions and let's have a great season!

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ~ Psalm 100:2

Financial Information for July 31, 2017

Total Income	\$9,326.41
Total Expenses	\$11,023.92
Net Income	-\$1697.31

Balance in General Checking Acct 7/31/17	\$16,376.53
Money designated to Funds (FMS, Celebrate)	(\$10,718.44)
Amount available in General Funds 7/31/17	\$5658.09

ANNUAL POLISH DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION



Point Place United Church of Christ
4920 297th St., Toledo, OH
(across from the Point Place Library)



Elevator located at corner of building 116th/297th

Friday, September 15, 2017 5-7pm

Homemade Kielbasa

Roasted Chicken

Pierogi

Kapusta (Cabbage), Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables

Homemade Polish Coffee Cake, Dessert, Beverages

Take Out Available

TICKETS

Adults \$12.00

Child 6-12 \$8.00

Child Meal** (5 & under)

****Macaroni & Cheese, Hot Dog, Vegetable, Dessert, and Beverage for \$3.00****

Tickets available at the church office (419)726-7390 and through Kathy Placzekiewicz (419)726-5509

Calling all Helpers! We need all hands on deck days before and during Polish Dinner to prepare for our feast and auction!

Wed 9/13 @ 5:30pm—Stuffing Kielbasa—the more the merrier

Thursday 9/14 @ 9:00am—chicken cutters, coffee cake bakers, set up tables, chairs, dishes, etc. Need 8-10 volunteers

Friday 9/15 @ 9:00am—potato peelers, vegetable cutters, meal preppers, buffet set ups. Need 8-10 volunteers.

@ 4:30pm—ticket sellers, food servers, table bussers, and raffle ticket sellers. Need 10-12 volunteers.

@ 7pm—Clean up. Need 8-10 volunteers.

Monday, Sept. 11

Dinner at
RiverPoint Ministries

2862 131st Street

Tuesday, Sept. 19

Enchiladas
Spanish Rice
Refried Beans
Dessert
Coffee, Juice, Water

Tuesday, Sept 26

Shepherd's Pie
Fruit
Dessert
Coffee, Juice, Water



Feeding the 5000 Week

We will be welcoming many people into Paterson Hall for 3 meals served over a 6-day span. We will need help with prep, serving, cleanup, and making sure our guests feel welcomed and loved.

Sept. 13-15: Polish Dinner Prep

Sept. 15: Polish Dinner (5-7p)

Sept. 18: Feed My Sheep Prep (6:30p)

Sept. 19: Feed My Sheep (5-7p)

**Sept. 20: Pt. Place Business
Assoc. Dinner (6-8p)**



We have an exciting week coming up in September. Within 6 days, we have the opportunity to serve 3 meals and hundreds of plates.

- ◇ Sept. 15: Polish Dinner
- ◇ Sept. 19: Feed My Sheep
- ◇ Sept. 20: Pt Place Business Assoc.

So from stuffing kielbasa to cleaning dishes, we're going to need all hands on deck! This week will be filled with laughter, good food, hard work, and some great opportunities to GLOW!

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

