

Parish Paragraphs

2016

September

LIVING THE GOSPEL LIFE TOGETHER

POINT PLACE UCC

GLORIFY GROW GLOW

Vision Sunday

September 11, 2016

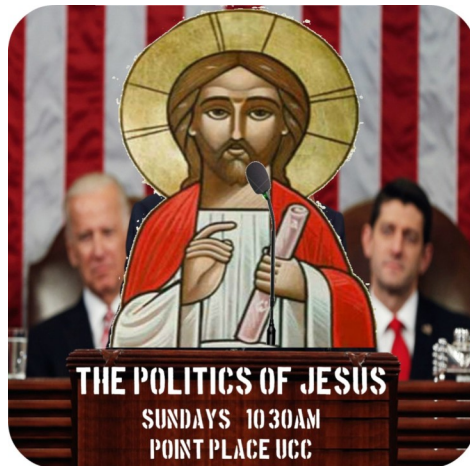
Find out more about 3G Teams, fall Glorify, Grow, and Glow opportunities, the kickoff of the K-5 Sunday School Year, and the fall series—"The Politics of Jesus." You won't want to miss this Sunday!

See page 11 for details



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September 4th: Work Matters (Labor Day)

10:30am: Worship with Communion
 Ephesians 6:5-9—Worshipful Work

September 11th: The Politics of Jesus (Vision Sunday)

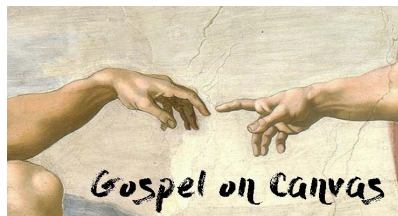
9:15am: Book Study Group
 9:30am: Sunday School (K-5)
 10:30am: Worship
 Acts 10:34-43—“Politics?! WHY????!!!”

September 18th: The Politics of Jesus (Celebrate)

9:15am: Book Study Group
 9:30am: Sunday School (K-5)
 10:30am: Worship
 Luke 1:36-50—“Battle by Blessing”
 12pm: Housekeeping Congregational Meeting

September 25th: The Politics of Jesus

9:15am: Book Study Group
 9:30am: Sunday School (K-5)
 10:30am: Worship
 Luke 2:—“Engagement”



Special thanks to Amanda Hartley for providing guidance, knowledge and research for the “Gospel on Canvas” series on the Sistine Chapel.



“Politics” as a word gets a pretty bad rap in our society—even when it’s not talking about our elected government. Here’s an example: I was talking to a neighbor about his son who plays travel soccer. We talked about some of the challenges involved and our hope that the “politics” don’t ruin the boy’s love for the game.

In our society, “politics” tends to conjure up ideas of divisiveness, corruption, and hypocrisy. And that’s not even getting into our ideas about “politicians.”

The result of this all is that many of us either go all in—“Candidate X will save us all!”—or all out—“They’re all screwed up. Forget it!” To complicate matters is that the dominant voices that influence our political views are from the media, which—depending on which outlet you get your “news” from—tend to stick with what gets ratings and what reinforces the beliefs of their audience. Friends, it is complicated.

All of this complexity can obscure what “politics” really is: how we human beings engage in the work of ordering our society alongside our neighbors. Far from being reduced to a choice between two presidential candidates, politics is about the world we want to live in, and doing our part in helping it become more like that. This may not make for sensationalized headlines, but I hope it reframes what we’re doing as citizens and as followers of Jesus.

Because Jesus was political. How Jesus lived and what Jesus taught had a significant impact on how his followers impacted the society in which they lived. Jesus didn’t get executed because he stayed out of politics, but because he challenged political assumptions and influenced political conversation so dramatically.

We are going to be bombarded with political messages this fall. And so it may feel like coming to church should provide a respite from all of this. But friends, worship is not an escape from the world. Worship is the team huddle that instructs our life the rest

of the week. Jesus has something to say about how we engage in the politics of our society, and we need to let Jesus speak. I hope you will listen, engage, and yes, let your voice be heard, as we open up our political assumptions, leanings, and behavior to the instruction of our True King.



Pastor Jon



For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:12-13

Fall Women's Growth Group



A Women's Growth Group will begin meeting every other week starting Thursday, Sept 8th at 7pm. We will meet in the lounge at church and will go through a 7-session study called Seamless. The purpose of this study is to help us understand the whole Bible as one cohesive and complete story. [Here is a link to the study.](#) This will also be time for us to connect, grow, and pray for one another.

Please contact Lauren Komperda (laurenkomperda@gmail.com) by Sunday Sept 4th if you are interested in joining this group. Thanks!!



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**Something Brewing:
Men's Growth Group**
Friday, September 16th, 8pm
We will get together on Friday, September 16th, 8pm at Black Cloister to kick off this growth group that will meet twice monthly: once for some pub theology conversations and once to use our gifts to bless others.



We are coming together again with CrossPoint and Messiah Lutheran to bring youth from the churches and from the community together to grow in faith and serve our neighborhood. To help guide the students, we have again called Tyra Jones through our partnership with Toledo Campus Ministry. We have made a number of adaptations from last year, including having a full fall schedule in place.

The group is planning a clean-up Cullen Park project, a Reverse Trick-or-Treat for residents at Genesis Healthcare, and a trip to the Zoo Lights, as well as an all-church sponsored concert by the Ben DeLong Band on October 7.

In Tyra's words, "I believe our ministry is about being our authentic self, learning who we are, and growing in Christ. While also having fun and making new friends!"

We kicked off the group on Sunday, 8/28 with an ice cream and information meeting. We decided the group would be called SLAM: Students Living A Mission.

You can see the full schedule on page 6.





youth group

SCHEDULE

Sunday, 9/11, 6:30pm —Kick-off Bonfire @ CrossPoint

Sunday, 9/18, 4-6pm—Cullen Park Cleanup @ Cullen Park,
followed by pizza @ Messiah

Sunday, 9/25, 6:30pm—Study/Worship @ Point Place UCC

Sunday, 10/2, 6:30pm —Study/Worship @ Messiah

Friday, 10/7, 7-9pm—Ben DeLong Band Concert
@ CrossPoint

Sunday, 10/16, 6:30pm—Coffe House Conversation
@ PPUCC

Sunday, 10/23, 1:30-3:30pm—CropWalk @ Univ. of Toledo

Sunday, 10/30, 3-4:30pm—Reverse Trick-or-Treat
@ Genesis

Sunday, 11/6, 6:30pm—Study/Worship @ CrossPoint

Sunday, 11/13, 6:30pm —Game Night @ Messiah

Sunday, 11/20, 4-6pm—Community Thanksgiving Service
@ Messiah


Sunday, 12/2, 6pm—Zoo Lights followed by lock-in

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Vote

Thousands of voters have been purged from the registration rolls in Lucas County and across Ohio. To do our part, we are planning to help residents of Ottawa Cove Apartment Complex on Suder Ave. find out if they are registered and invite

them to take advantage of their right to vote. We will plan 3 sweeps of the complex starting Sunday, Sept. 18. If you are interested in helping, we are looking for 1) people to go door-to-door (in pairs) at least once that week, 2) tablets that have 4G data access, 3) people to pre-fill registration forms so that residents only have to add a few pieces of personal information. Please talk to Pastor Jon if you are interested in helping with this effort to empower our neighbors.

	<p>Starting in September, we will pass out reusable bags on the 1st Sunday of the month. We collect the bag, filled with your donation, on the 2nd Sunday.</p>
<p><i>Feed Your Neighbor</i></p>	<p>Dried or Canned Milk</p>


<p>Pancake Mixes & Syrup For Just Pancakes</p>



Feed My Sheep



Free Dinner

Come help with prep on Monday (9/19 & 9/26) and serve on Tuesday (9/20 & 9/27). 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.



September 12, 2016

Meal at RiverPoint Ministries
2862 131st Street

September 20, 2016

Shepherd's Pie
Bread & Butter
Peaches & Pears
Dessert
Coffee, Juice, Water

September 27, 2016

Chicken Enchiladas
Huevos Rancheros
Refried Beans
Dessert
Coffee, Juice, Water



"Er - Bill, let me explain what I meant by 'better housekeeping' ..."

Housekeeping!

We hope you will stick around after worship on Sunday, Sept. 18th for a simple housekeeping meeting. The Leadership Team and Trustees want to fill you in on our current financial status, our plan for staff evaluations, and some volunteer needs in the management of our community.



CARDIO DRUMMING Monday & Wednesday nights from 7:00pm - 8:00pm. They will not meet on Labor Day September 5, 2016.

THE BIRTHDAY CLUB Celebrates its 16th year!!



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.

Thursday, September 15 @ 11:30A, Bob Evans.

**RETIRED MEN September 8, @8:30am
(2nd Thursday for September only)**

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.

TRUSTEES are looking for people who would like to help do with some painting and minor maintenance around the church. Contact the trustee's, thank you ...Terry Serviss

ELIZABETHANS would like to express their gratitude. for the generous giving of all your pennies. "The Elizabethan Penny Fund" was able to purchase lifetime holders and candles for all of our future Candle Light Services.



"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 3rd
Paterson Hall
7:00 p.m.



POLISH DINNER/SILENT AUCTION

Friday, September 30, 2016

5:00pm - 7:00pm

Adults \$12.00

Children 6-12 - \$8.00

Homemade Kielbasa (Polish Sausage)

Roasted Chicken (Wedding Style)

Pierogi, Kapusta (Sweet Sour Cabbage)

Homemade Kielbasa (Polish Sausage)

Roasted Chicken (Wedding Style)

Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, Polish Coffeecake,
Dessert, Beverage

Children's menu (5 & under) \$3.00

Macaroni & Cheese, Hot dog,

Vegetable, Dessert, Beverage.

TAKING ORDERS

FOR HOMEMADE KIELBASA \$5.00 lb.

For tickets call the church office - 419-726-7390 or
Kathy Placzkiewicz - 419-726-5509 (H) 419-266-3040 (C)

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as God cares for us.*

