From the Pastor

Easter Monday I came in the office and found myself cleaning. I started putting things back in their proper place; I filed papers; I even dusted. In the midst of my cleaning I was led to think about how messy Easter really is and that if I were the one to find the empty tomb I’d probably start cleaning. Maybe instead of seeking Jesus I would have started folding and stacking the linens, dusting the bench, and sweeping the floor.

I suppose that the empty tomb does call to us for some cleaning. Jesus has risen and now we need to clear the way so that we are not hindered in our attempt to follow him beyond the place of death.

The Risen One did not hang around the tomb, he moved on. In John’s gospel, when Jesus found the disciples hiding out behind locked doors, he did not say to them “Now you all just stay here and be safe.” He breathed on them and said “As the Father sent me, now I send you”.

As I mentioned in my sermon last Sunday the Bible is a book of action. If we are truly to be people of the book, if we are truly to be Easter people, we do not have the option of staying put. In the name of the resurrected Jesus, let us choose life.

See you in church.

Pastor Linda
HOPE FOR HOPE AND WALK BY FAITH

CANAL WINCHESTER RELAY FOR LIFE

June 21-22, 2014

Canal Winchester High School Athletic Field

This is the eighth year that Hope for Hope has participated as a team in the Canal Winchester, American Cancer Society Relay for Life. This year is even more exciting because we are joining with our sisters and brothers at Faith United Methodist Church to form our new team! HOPE FOR HOPE AND WALK BY FAITH. Our team captains are Jeanne Stuntz and Kathy Toth from Faith.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is the largest community focused event in the world. In 2013 over 4 million people across 20 countries participated in 6100 Relays, raising over 350 million dollars.

This year the time schedule has changed and will make it possible for even more people to enjoy the events planned. The Relay starts off with a survivor’s lunch at the high school cafeteria at noon. At one o’clock the opening ceremonies are followed by the Survivor’s Lap where we CELEBRATE those who are fighting or have won their battle with cancer. Cancer survivors throughout the community are encouraged to join us in a celebration of their victory. Following the Survivors Lap the Teams will take their first lap.

RELAY FOR LIFE involves teams of walkers/runners from business, student organizations, civic groups, social organizations, church groups and families. One member of the team is on the track at all times during the event while other members camp out, encourage their team members and enjoy the festivities. You do not have to be a team member to come and enjoy the day!

Activities throughout the day on Saturday include a silent auction, music, dancing, games, theme laps, lots of booths with great things going on. Food and fun all day and night long!

One of the most moving events occurs after sundown with the lighting of the luminaries commemorating and REMEMBERING those who have lost their battle with cancer and celebrating those who have survived. It is truly breathtaking to see the candlelit bags lining the track. Sunday morning we will conclude the event with a church service and closing ceremony.

Our team will be hosting a number of fundraising events, beginning with Parent’s Night Out. This will be held at Faith United Methodist Church on May 9th from 6-10 pm. Activities will include movies, Wii, crafts, games and much more. For information call 614 837-2343 or visit winchesterfaith.org.

Kingy’s Pizza will be participating by offering 10% of their sales at their Restaurant on the night of our fundraiser (date to be announced). Plan to come to Kingy’s for dinner that night!

How can you participate? Join the team! Participate in the fundraisers! Purchase Luminaria! Make a donation! Come to the Relay and have fun!

Any questions, call Joy Brooks 614 519-2726 or jkbrooks@wowway.com
Summer is coming! Yeah I said it! But don’t be scared because it is ok. With summer comes (dah dah dah dahhhhhh!) VBS! Which means, yes it is that time of year again when I annoy you about participating in VBS.

Vacation Bible School will be taking place at Gender Road Christian this year, but there was a wonderful mention in the meeting of how well it went when we hosted it here at Hope last year. The dates for VBS are July 20-24\textsuperscript{th} using the cokesbury curriculum. We discussed in the meeting that rather than having one church do all the cooking as we did last year, it might be more beneficial to have each church be responsible for one night. This would hopefully ease the amount of preparation work on the host church to provide meals. If you have any questions about VBS or would like to volunteer in some way please let me know!

As we move towards summer I’m looking for fun activities for the kids to do, maybe during the week or at least on Sunday’s. If you have any fun ideas please send them my way! My hope for the summer is to find some things that all the kids can do that will get them outside and active, and hopefully provide something to do during the week as a fun activity away from home!

We are also looking for persons who want to volunteer to lead children’s moments! The theme for the upcoming month of May is \textit{Faith} and then in June it will be \textit{Rest}. As always the sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary, and I will have some ideas for lessons if you would like to lead but are unsure of what to do!

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or other issues/items you think I should know about in regards to children’s ministry. Thank you!

Andrew Scott  
Children’s Ministry Director  
ascott@mtso.edu  
(913) 961-0590
April & May 2014
Birthdays & Anniversary

May 3rd  Bill Packer
May 5th  Kile Weiser
May 5th  Bea Wetherell
May 10th Janet Smith

May 16th Brad Conrad
May 18th Joy Brooks
May 22nd Kevin Weiser
May 27th Jolene Martin
May 28th Brooke Hippler

(If any dates have been missed please prepare a membership form found on the usher's table and turn in to the office. Thank you.)

Carrying the Light of Christ!

Acolytes

May 4th Sydney Stek & Josh Gillilan
May 11th Gwen & Claire Packer
May 18th Jacob & Ryan Stedman
May 25th Joe & Henry Conrad

Any schedule changes please call Sandy Packer 837-0953
The Banner committee spent quite a few sessions trying to decide on something to make for our sanctuary. I think the word banner tends to make us think that it should say something direct in words or through pictures or symbols. We wanted to make the Sanctuary a more inviting place in which to worship God.

I think of this as textile wall-art or wall-hanging. IT is certainly not realistic, nor impressionistic, but is more of a design or abstraction. Pastor Linda recalled a quote she heard one time that "art is a religion in itself". I have to agree.

Each of us takes with us different opinions, meanings, and interpretations when looking at a work of art. THAT IS JUST FINE! When we hear music, it evokes meanings that are different for all of us. The same is true of looking at art.

Let me share my interpretation of this wall hanging as I helped design it, purchase the fabric and ribbons, and to construct it. But by all means, make your own personal and individual connections, feelings, and interpretations as you view it each Sunday. Let it speak to you!

Notice the different lengths of the ribbons and fabrics reminding us that we are all unique and different but can come together for the good of the whole.

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I invite you to view it up close sometime so you can see the layers of toile fabric, ribbons, and trims. I like to think of the lines and linear quality that are vertical to symbolize the resurrection. This pointing above quality behind the cross on Easter Sunday made that connection for me. Colors of earth, sky, and water in the light transparent tones remind me of the rebirth and renewal of Spring.

The overlapping colors and layers creating new colors suggest to joining together or accepting nature of our Lord and our church. When the lighting changes in our church so will the look of the banner. I do think it brings out the colors of the windows when the light shines through, helping us achieve some color in the front of the room.

Only the top edge of the banner is sewn together near the rod. The remainder of the parts are left to hang and move. I visited Orthella Benson, one of our shut-ins, the other day and showed her pictures of it on my ipad. She said when I explained how we made it very spontaneously, "it's ALIVE!"...It moves and that is our intention. The slightest current of air can effect it.

This symbolizes to me that the Holy Spirit lives in our midst.

Lastly, the edges are unsown meaning that we are all works in progress, not finished with God’s work.

I hope this is helpful to you. We enjoyed the process and are proud of our creation. We hope it speaks to you too!

Sandy Packer

Banner committee: Joy Brooks, Pastor Linda, Sarah Cory, Jan Baughman, Bill Yaple and David Marion.
Trustee Report

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mike Akins for all of his help in getting material tested from the ceiling tile in Hanby Hall for asbestos. I am also happy to report the tests came back negative and we now have all of the paper work to certify that information for the future. The Board of Trustees continue to look at painting the sanctuary and narthex.

Bill Yaple
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Preaching Schedule

May 4  3rd Sunday of Easter
Communion
*Fed with Hunger*

May 11  4th Sunday of Easter/Mother’s Day
*The Voice of the Stranger*
John 10:1-10

May 18  5th Sunday of Easter
*Precious*
1 Peter 2:2-10

May 25  6th Sunday of Easter
*The Last Word*
Acts 17:22-31; John 14:15-21
Prayer List

Concerns

Family of Mary “Beth” Adams (Peggy & Joe Jester)
Delany Hippler possible broken growth plate in her foot (Pat Jenkins)
Pam O’Neil injured hand in chain saw accident (Michelle Rogers)
Paul Roman - illness (Jo Weiser)
Addy Shaw 5 yrs. has mo mo (granddaughter of Jim & Vicki)
Nicholas Smith lung cancer (nephew of Don Miller)
Mike Spires (David & Jackie Marion)
Family of Janet Carol Stebleton (Larry’s wife))
Betty June Toman 93 yrs. had a stroke (friend of Margaret Morrison)
Marge West (Jackie Marion)

HOMEBOUND
Barb Beaty
Orthella Benson

and all our wounded warriors and military in harm’s way and their families, military and government leaders, and world peace!

Please contact the office with any additions or corrections: (614) 837-4578

Prayer requests

For placing prayer requests during the week that you want added to the prayer chain you may contact Linda Fields, cell # 614-570-3937 or ngami51@aol.com
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STEBLETON, JANET CAROL  Janet Carol Stebleton departed this life on March 23, 2014 in Albuquerque. She grew up in various locations around the country as her family moved with her father's jobs in various printing plants, eventually settling in Houston, TX in 1954. Very intelligent with a strong aptitude in the sciences, Janet pursued a career in nursing, graduating from the well regarded nursing program at Houston's Hermann Hospital in 1957. It was on a blind date that she met the love of her life, Lawrence Stebleton then a Student Navigator at Ellington Air Force Base. Following a whirlwind romance they were married December 26, 1957 and she began the gypsy life of a military wife as the family moved around the country with Lawrence's various assignments as an Officer in the US Air Force. Janet took a few years off from nursing when her children were young but returned to the profession in 1966, spending the next 46 years in various aspects of the profession and helping thousand of people along the way. She continually upgraded her knowledge in the field, earning first a B.S. in Nursing, followed by an M.S. and finally a Nurse Practitioner certification in the 1990's. After the family settled in New Mexico, Janet enjoyed a long and productive relationship with many local health care organizations, including Lovelace, St. Joseph's Presbyterian, and ABQ Health Partners. She also passed her knowledge on to others, teaching nursing at the University of Albuquerque, UNM, and TVI. Her favorite job was her last one as a Nurse Practitioner at the Southwest Center for Sleep medicine, working on the cutting edge of this relatively new field. Janet was a consummate volunteer, donating over 10,000 hours of her time working with the American Red Cross at Kirtland Air Force base teaching swimming to the members of hundreds of service families. She also served as a Water Safety and Lifeguarding Instructor Trainer training future teachers. Janet also volunteered within her adopted community of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, most notably on the effort that resulted in its 2010 Master Plan. A cat lover all her life, Janet was a strong supporter of cat rescue efforts in the Albuquerque area. Janet is survived by her loving husband, Lawrence; two sons; two grandchildren; and her wonderful rescue cat Shaney. The family would like to extend special appreciation to Jean Orosco for her support and help during Janet's illness. At Janet's request there will be no formal memorial service. She has been cremated and will be interred at the Old Cadet Chapel at the United States Military Academy at West Point, her husband's Alma Mater. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made in Janet's name to High Desert Cat Rescue & Adoption at: www.hdca.org.

Altar Flowers, Liturgist, Children's Moment
Coffee Hour

Sign up sheets for Altar Flowers (Aug.-December 2014), Liturgist, Children’s Moment and Coffee Hour are available in the narthex.
April 8, 2014

Hope Umc-Canal Winchester
Rev. Linda Wallick
6225 Willowcrest Dr
Columbus, OH 43229

Dear Linda,

Bless you and thank you for being faithful to the mission and ministry of the church by fully supporting the church through your connectional giving. Your 100% payment of Connectional Giving makes possible the expansive ministries of the United Methodist Church not only in the West Ohio Conference but around the world.

Your Connectional Giving supports retired clergy, makes possible grants and programming within the West Ohio Conference, provides for operating the conference and supports the church worldwide. 2013 was a momentous year because the Conference was able to fully meet its denominational commitment by paying 100% of denominational apportionments. This is the first time we have been able to do this; the Conference has finally caught up with and is modeling what many 100% churches have been doing for years. Again, your support of the Connectional Giving made this possible. Thank you.

Enclosed you will find both a certificate acknowledging your 100% support and a report of Connectional Giving by all of our churches.

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." Luke 6:38 (NRSV)

With certainty, many give a good measure to help the church at all levels. Thanks be to God for them. May the Lord continue to bless you and your congregation.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Ken Woode
Chairperson, Council on Finance and Administration

Bill Brownson
Conference Treasurer
April 28, 2014

Hope UMC-Canal Winchester
83 E. Columbus St.
Canal Winchester OH 43110

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for your gift of $45.00 for 5th Sunday offering in March. You are making a difference by bringing care, nurture, and treatment for hurting children and their families. Our agency is grateful that you made the decision to invest in a bright future for some of Ohio’s neediest children.

UMCH Family Services receives funding from governmental agencies, but these funds do not come close to supporting the cost of holistic, quality care for children. You are providing essential charitable support that makes up the gap to provide the best quality care for children who are in great need.

Thank you for bringing hope and new life to Ohio’s children. If you’d like to learn more about us, or would like to talk with us about other ways to help the children we serve, please don’t hesitate to call or email.

Sincerely,

Sean Reilly,
Executive Director
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