



# Christian Link

Frazeyburg  
United Methodist Church

Open hearts, Open minds,  
Open doors.

## From the Pastor...

January 2012

We're hearing many predictions for 2012, some predict doom and destruction. The Mayan long count calendar stops on 12/21/2012 and some insist that means the world will end in 2012. But those who have studied the Mayan culture and their system of astrology and numerology say differently. The Mayan calendar predicts that "he", "she", "it" will arrive on that date. The world will not end but will change and start a new era, a new beginning. Perhaps that is the date of Jesus' coming.

The best prediction I read for what will happen in 2012 is that "no one knows what will happen, what 2012 will bring". We don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future. May it be to His glory and honor.

Every year on New Year's Day, many of us set out to make "New Year's Resolutions". We make promises to others, to ourselves, even to God. We vow to live healthier, exercise more, eat less, be more sensitive to other's needs and less demanding of them. We promise to pray more, read the Bible each day, and live by the two commandments of Jesus—love God and love your neighbor (even in heavy traffic). Each year we say, "this year I'm going to get it together". By March, those resolutions have usually fallen by the wayside and we're back to our old selves again.

Maybe it's a lack of self-discipline, or maybe our goals are too high. We just don't seem to carry through on very many of our resolutions for the New Year. Bishop Reuben Job wrote an excellent book on the goals we should have every year. He has three simple rules for living a Godly life. That's the title of his book: "Three Simple Rules". 1—Do no harm to anyone. 2—Do as much good as you can. 3—Stay in love with God. Those are pretty good resolutions for the New Year. Let's make those three simple rules our goals for living each day, in this and every year.

May you enjoy peace and prosperity in the New Year.

*Pastor Bob*

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### Special points of

#### Interest...

- Installation of Officers on January 15th
- Youth Outing (tubing) at Snow Trails on Saturday, January 21st
- Church Birthday Party on January 29th at noon





### SERMON TITLES, TEXT AND THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE

#### JANUARY 1 ~ New Year's Day ~ Epiphany Sunday

Sermon: *Out of Our Comfort Zone*  
 Scripture: Matthew 1:1-12  
 Scripture Reader: Aubrey Richards  
 Greeters: Bob & Debbie Miller  
 Acolytes: Aubrey Richards & Victoria Cowden  
 Nursery: No Worker Scheduled  
 Children's Church: Any volunteers?

#### JANUARY 8 ~ Baptism of the Lord ~ 1st Sunday after Epiphany Communion ~ Passed in the Pews

Sermon: *What Did You Receive?*  
 Scripture: Acts 19:1-7  
 Scripture Reader: Victoria Cowden  
 Greeters: Sheryl & Niki Hays  
 Acolytes: Seth Zeman & Bailey Gray  
 Nursery: Chelsea Richards  
 Children's Church: Children remain upstairs in the worship service.



Do this in Remembrance of Me.

#### JANUARY 15 ~ 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Installation of Officers

Special Offering: Human Relations Day  
 Sermon: *Come and See*  
 Scripture: John 1:43-51  
 Scripture Reader: Trent Weiser  
 Greeters: The Hawkins Family  
 David, Jenifer, Marcus, Spencer & Savannah  
 Acolytes: Jobin Harney & Marcus Hawkins  
 Nursery: Debbie Miller  
 Children's Church: Any volunteers?

Lay Leader:  
Eric Wasson  
 Music Leader:  
Connie Rine  
 Alternate Music Leader:  
Randall Miller  
 Praise & Worship Leader:  
Don Harney  
 Head Ushers:  
Roger & Ruby Bowen  
 Children's Church (Pre-K):  
Judy Richards  
 Projection System:  
Dylan Richards  
 Videographer:  
Marissa Sees

#### JANUARY 22 ~ 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon: *Real Repentance*  
 Scripture: Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
 Scripture Reader: Seth Zeman  
 Greeters: Sharon Hedges & Darby Hedges  
 Acolytes: Darby Hedges & Taylor Hunter  
 Nursery: Amber Lewis  
 Children's Church: Any volunteers?

#### JANUARY 29 ~ 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Sermon: *Listen to the Prophet*  
 Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
 Scripture Reader: Sydney Zeman  
 Greeters: Donn, Patty, Colin & Clay Steer  
 Acolytes: Colin Steer & Sydney Zeman  
 Nursery: Amber Zeman  
 Children's Church: Any volunteers?

If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled to serve please notify the coordinator:  
 Acolyte Coordinator—Amber Zeman  
 Greeters—Debbie Miller  
 Nursery Coordinator—Tracey Cowden



**UPCOMING EVENTS ON OUR CHURCH CALENDAR**



**PPR Meeting—Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:00 p.m.**

Members are:

- (2012) Carroll Bumpus, Darlene Lentz, Patty Steer
- (2013) Nina Ludwig, Marilyn Martin, Judy Richards
- (2014) Millie Coleman, Kelly Weiser, ??

**Council on Ministry Meeting—Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:30 p.m.**

All committee chairs should attend these meetings and share your ideas. We need to work together. These include: Linda Moore (Circle of Friendship), Connie Rine (Evangelism), Linda Moran (Family Life), Eric Wasson (Lay Leader), Mary Hunter (Missions), Marilyn Martin (PPR), Donn Steer (Scout Representative), Judy King & Linda Moore (Social Concerns), Randall Miller (Stewardship), Judy Richards (Christian Education Coordinator & Sunday School Superintendent), Tom Booze (Trustees), Eric Wasson (Worship), Mat & Amber Lewis (Youth Leaders), Pastor Bob Mesnard

**Trustees Meeting—Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00 p.m.**

Members are:

- (2012) Tom Booze, David Hawkins, Judy Leas
- (2013) Anita Baird, Carolyn Craig, Bob Hare
- (2014) Don Harney, Charles Lentz, Stan Ludwig, Jack Stokes

**Ad. Council Meeting—Tuesday, January 10th at 7:30 p.m.**

If you are an officer then you should be present at this meeting. Also our Member-at-large members need to be present.

**Audit Meeting—Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30 p.m.**

Members are: **Tom Booze** (Trustees Chrp.), **Carolyn Craig** (Financial Secretary), **Marlene Hare** (Chairperson), **Marilyn Martin** (PPR Chrp.), **Randall Miller** (Stewardship), **Steve Richards** (Ad. Council Chrp.), **Connie Rine** (Treasurer), **Patty Stokes** (Asst. Financial Secretary), Pastor Bob Mesnard

**Installation of Officers  
January 15th**



**Youth Outing  
Saturday, January 21st  
Tubing at Snow Trails  
in Mansfield**



**Church Birthday Party  
Sunday, January 29th  
at noon**



**This will be a  
carry-in dinner.  
Everyone invited!**

**Church Services Cancelled due to Snow**



Church services will be cancelled when we have a Level II in Muskingum County. This is for all church events.

When Tri-Valley School is cancelled on Tuesday or Thursday (the day of Bible Study) they will also be cancelled.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Children's Church

Michele Hunter is our new coordinator for Children's Church for 2012. We need volunteers to sign up to teach our children (1st-4th grades). We meet in the youth building. On Communion Sunday, they will remain in the church during the worship services.



Sign up today!

~ Proverbs 22:6 ~

*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

### Pre-School Children's Church

Judy Richards is teaching our 3-5 year olds who were coming down to the nursery during the worship service, so that they are also learning.



### Bible Studies



Tuesday Morning Class is taught by Pastor Bob meets at 10:30 a.m.

The Thursday Morning Class is taught by Rick Hunter meets at 10:00 a.m.

### SOS Youth Ministry

(For all youth, grades 6th-12th)

#### Ice Skating at Lou & Gibb Ice Arena - Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>

The group of 10 kids enjoyed an afternoon of fun starting with lunch at Adornetto's restaurant and continued with 3 hours of ice skating. For many, this was their first time skating but they caught on quickly and had a great time!

#### Christmas Caroling

Thank you to everyone that participated in Christmas Caroling December 17<sup>th</sup>. The group visited over 20 homes singing Christmas carols and playing the tambourine and bells.

#### Live Nativity

A big thank you to the live nativity participants: Colin and Clay Steer, Trent and Bradley Weiser, Jobin Harney, Sydney Zeman and Victoria Cowden. Special thanks to Pastor Bob for organizing the costumes and Bob Moran and Mat Lewis for constructing the stable.

#### UPCOMING EVENT

#### Tubing at Snow Trails – January 21<sup>st</sup>

Additional details to follow. Open to youth members 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades.



Darby Hedges got all A's in the last grading period. She is in the 5th grade.

Congratulations!



### BULLETIN BOARD

#### "My Favorite Bible Verse" for the month of January: John 1:14 KJV

*And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*



During the year of 2012, we will learn a new Bible verse each month. We will read it off the projection screen each Sunday and on the last Sunday of each month, we will recite it from memory. If you have a favorite memory verse, please put it on a slip of paper and put in the little box on the table in the vestibule. We might use it later this year.



#### Church Birthday Party Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at noon



Celebrating everyone's birthday.  
This will be at 12 noon with a carry-in dinner.  
Volunteers will be needed to help decorate tables for the twelve months. If you would be willing to decorate a table, please let Linda Moran know which month you would like to decorate a table.



#### Registering Your Family Is Important

Please be sure to register on the Registration Pads each Sunday.  
Please list all family that is in church with you, including those in the nursery or Children's Church. Please sign and pass it to the one next to you so that all get registered. If you have brought a visitor with you, be sure they list their address so that we may follow up with a letter.

Thank you.

#### Annual Report

All our chairpersons need to be working on their reports for what they had accomplished in 2011. The deadline for articles to be submitted is February 15th. They can be emailed to the church at: [fburgumc@embarqmail.com](mailto:fburgumc@embarqmail.com)

Reports are needed from: **Amber Zeman**, Acolyte Coordinator; **Marlene Hare**, Circle of Friendship; **Linda Moran**, Family Life; **Carolyn Craig**, Finances; **Mary Hunter**, Membership & Missions; **Tom Tyson**, PPR Report; **Donn Steer**, Scout Representative; **Linda Moore & Judy King**, Social Concerns; **Judy Richards**, Sunday School Superintendent; **Connie Rine**, Treasurer's Report; **Tom Booze**, Trustees; **Eric Wasson**, Worship; **Mat & Amber Lewis**, Youth Report; **Robert Mesnard**, Pastor's Report

Those received: **Rick Hunter**, Evangelism; **Tracey Cowden**, VBS; **Debbie Miller & Joanne Bumpus**, Flower Stewards



**OUTREACH PAGE: DARE TO CARE**

**Dare to Care**

**Connie Rine & Sandy Sees  
Coordinators**

Those who served in December were:

**Millie Coleman, Don Harney, Mary Hunter,  
Beth Norman, Katy Richards, Connie Rine,  
Sandy Sees & Hazel Williams.**

Our Monthly report:

- 2 Telephone calls
- 185 note cards to families
- 101 prayers
- 23 visits

We need you! Don't forget our shut-ins or those in the hospitals. We would like all visitations recorded on the sheet posted outside the church office. Please write your visits down or put on a slip of paper listing who you visited and the date and give to Sandy Sees.

We wish to thank Beth Norman for designing our new cards for Dare to Care. She put our church on the front cover (Tom Tyson had photo cropped it taking out the power lines.)

These are great and we thank her for taking the extra step.

Those serving in January are:

Ruby Bowen, Millie Coleman, Sheryl & Niki Hays and Debbie Miller.

**Sanctuary Choir Practice**



**Wednesdays  
at 7:30 p.m.**

**Praise and Worship Services  
Sunday evenings at 6 p.m.**

**Kroger Community Rewards**



Our church is participating in the Kroger Rewards Program. You can join as a new member anytime. You only need to have a Kroger Plus card.

If you have not already signed up and wish to participate, please contact Debbie in the church office.

Thanks to the following who registered at Krogers and listed our church to receive the rewards: Anita Baird, Jo Bickle, Jeanette Cody, Kathy Cohagen, Millie Coleman, Carolyn Dickerson, Barb Fletcher, Marlene Hare, Heather Harney, Yvonne Hood, Mary Hunter, Judy Leas, Marilyn Martin, Desiree Milatovich, Debbie Miller, Mona Miller, Linda Moore, Len Rine, Gene Robison, Lila Lee Robison, Donna Rose, Ellie Ross, Barb Schindler, Tom Scott, Sandy Sees, Herman Simpson & Kelly Weiser. We received a check for \$270.61.

**2012 Flower Chart is Posted**



Please sign up on the flower chart posted outside the church office. The cost of providing flowers is \$16.00. The flowers can be placed *in honor* or *in memory* of someone dear. We ask that you pay for your flowers one week prior to the date you choose. Checks should be made payable to Joanne Bumpus or Debbie Miller, our Flower Stewards.

**Roses for our New Babies:**

Please call the church office when a new baby has arrived. The church will pay for the rose if the parents are active church members or regular attendees. Grandparents can place a rose announcing the birth, but the cost is \$4.00.





**OFFICERS 2012**

- LAY LEADER .....Eric Wasson
- TREASURER ..... Connie Rine
- FINANCIAL SECRETARY .....Carolyn Craig
- ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY..... Patty Stokes
- CHAIRPERSON OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.....Steve Richards
- SECRETARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL..... Debbie Miller
- MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY ..... Mary Hunter
- CHURCH HISTORIAN ..... Darliss Mock
- CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON ..... Judy Richards
- STEWARDSHIP COORDINATOR .....Randall Miller
- EVANGELISM ..... Connie Rine
- FAMILY LIFE COORDINATOR..... Linda Moran
- MISSIONS CHAIRPERSON ..... Mary Hunter
- SCOUTING REPRESENTATIVE..... Donn Steer
- SOCIAL CONCERNS & NURTURE COORDINATORS ..... Judy King & Linda Moore
- LAY DELEGATE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE ..... Connie Rine
- ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE.....
- CHAIRPERSON OF FINANCE COMMITTEE .....Marlene Hare
- CHAIRPERSON OF TRUSTEES..... Tom Booze
- CHAIRPERSON OF P.P.R..... Marilyn Martin
- CHAIRPERSON OF WORSHIP COMMITTEE.....Eric Wasson

**LAY MINISTRY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

- (2012) Anita Baird, Amber Lewis, Linda Moran
- (2013) Joanne Bumpus, Charles Lentz, Connie Rine
- (2014) Brenda Marks, Marilyn Martin, ???

**PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS**

- (2012) Carroll Bumpus, Darlene Lentz, Patty Steer
- (2013) Nina Ludwig, Marilyn Martin, Judy Richards
- (2014) Millie Coleman, Kelly Weiser, ???

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- (2012) Tom Booze, David Hawkins, Judy Leas
- (2013) Anita Baird, Carolyn Craig, Bob Hare
- (2014) Don Harney, Charles Lentz, Stan Ludwig, Jack Stokes

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE  
OF ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

- Carroll Bumpus, Carolyn Craig,  
Dave Hood, Charles Lentz,  
Sandy Sees, Tom Tyson,  
Eric Wasson, Matt Weiser





## COMMITTEES

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Christian Education Coordinator—Judy Richards

Sunday School Superintendent—Judy Richards

VBS Coordinators—Marlene Hare, Brenda Marks & Linda Moran

Family Life Coordinator—Linda Moran

Nursery Coordinator—Tracey Cowden

Sunday School Teachers: Preschool-K/ Judy Richards

1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>/ Brenda Marks, Linda Moran

5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>/ Connie Rine

Jr. High & Sr. High/ Bob Mesnard (1st & 3rd Sundays)

Mat & Amber Lewis (2nd & 4th Sundays)

Three Adult Classes/ Randall Miller's class (meets upstairs)

Rick Hunter's class (meets at the back of the church)

Eric Wasson's class (meets in the side parlor)

Youth Coordinators—Mat & Amber Lewis

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson—Marlene Hare

Financial Secretary—Carolyn Craig

Asst. Financial Secretary—Patty Stokes

Lay Leader—Eric Wasson

P.P.R. Chairperson—Marilyn Martin

Stewardship Chairperson—Randall Miller

Treasurer—Connie Rine

Trustees Chairperson—Tom Booze

### MISSIONS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Mary Hunter, Chrp.

### SOCIAL CONCERNS AND NURTURE

Co-Chairperson—Judy King & Linda Moore

Family Life Coordinator—Linda Moran

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Chairperson & Lay Leader—Eric Wasson

Acolytes—Amber Zeman

Children's Church—Michele Hunter

Communion Stewards—Judy Leas & Bev Elekes

Flower Stewards—Joanne Bumpus & Debbie Miller

Head Usher Coordinator—Charles Lentz

Music Leader—Connie Rine

Alternate Music Leader—Randall Miller

Praise & Worship Leader—Don Harney

Organist—Darlene Lentz

Pianist—Sue Graham

Projection System—Chelsea Richards, Dylan Richards, Sandy Sees

# Committees

# YOUTH PHOTOS: Ice Skating, Adornetto's & Live Nativity



Pictures shared by Amber Lewis.





# PHOTOS: Children's Christmas Pageant & Santa

Pictures shared by Sandy Sees

