

THE CHRISTIAN LINK

FROM THE PASTOR...

Ecclesiastes 3:1 ~ To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

Of all the seasons, I think autumn is my favorite. I love the beautiful colors of the changing leaves, and the sting of the cold, frosty air in the morning. Linda and I love to go to Gatlinburg, Tennessee in the fall to see the wonderful colors in the mountains in autumn. The only problem is that everyone else likes to see them too. It's very crowded in Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge at that time. The hills of Southeast Ohio can be just as beautiful as the Smoky Mountains, and the mountain mist shows up as well.

The beautiful part of autumn is just a few weeks away; from September to late October. Once the leaves are mostly gone things look really drab and empty. It starts to get cold, wet and miserable. The grey, stormy days of November aren't far behind the empty trees; their beauty sleeping through the winter until spring.

Just as there is a "season" for fall, there is a reason for winter. It is cold and forbidding and we long for the hot summer days when our toes stop aching and our noses stop running. Winter is a time of rest for things, just as we have a day of rest each week. Winter is when the trees are resting up for their spring and fall beauty contests. God doesn't waste his time creating things that aren't necessary. To everything, there is a purpose. There is a purpose to God's beauty and a purpose to God's creation of a dark and cold season as well. Enjoy this fall splendor, and the cold winter that follows. They're both important, or God wouldn't have created them both.

Just as there are seasons of the year, our lives and days have "seasons". We have wonderful "blue sky" days and we also have those "grey and drizzly" blah days. Some days have the violent storms of March; others have the soft summer breezes. The stinging cold of winter makes us appreciate the hot summer days. The dry dusty days of summer droughts make us appreciate the rainy days. Everything has its purpose—everything has its season. Everything has its blessing from God.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bob

SEPTEMBER 2011



*To every thing
there is a season.*

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THOSE SCHEDULED TO SERVE

September 4th

Mission Offering: Hog Roast's Community Outreach
Sermon: *Music Ministry Kick-Off*
Scripture: Romans 13:8-14 (NIV)
Scripture Reader: Beth Norman
Greeters: Sharon & Darby Hedges
Acolytes: Darby Hedges & Taylor Hunter
Nursery: Chelsea Richards

September 11th ~ Communion will be passed

Sermon: *My Chains Fell Off*
Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)
Scripture Reader: Randall Miller
Communion Stewards: Judy King & Linda Moore
Greeters: Sandy, Marissa & Ethan Sees
Acolytes: Marissa Sees & Seth Zeman
Nursery: Debbie Miller



September 18th

Sermon: *You Can Run, But You Can't Hide*
Scripture: Jonah 3:10 - 4:11(NIV)
Scripture Reader: Marlene Hare
Greeters: Trevor, Amber, Sydney, Seth, Olivia & Zoey Zeman
Acolytes: Colin Steer & Sydney Zeman
Nursery: Amber Zeman

September 25th

Sermon: *Obey Your Thirst*
Scripture: Philippians 2:1-13 (NIV)
Scripture Reader: Anita Baird
Greeters: Todd, Heather, Jobin, Braden, Landon & Owen Harney
Acolytes: Clay Steer & Jobin Harney
Nursery: Mary Hunter

Lay Leader: Eric Wasson
Music Leader: Randall Miller
Praise & Worship Leader: Don Harney
Head Ushers: Mat & Amber Lewis
Children's Church (1st-4th): ???
Children's Church (Pre-K): Judy Richards
Projection System Coordinators in September: Matthew & Kassie Graham

**SUMMER CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday
from 8 a.m.-noon.**
Debbie will be out of
the office on Fridays.



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

MEETINGS ON OUR CALENDAR



PPR MEETING—September 6th
1st Tuesday of each month @ 7 p.m.

Members are:
 (2011) Tye Hunter, Tom Tyson, Renae Wright
 (2012) Carroll Bumpus, Darlene Lentz, Patty Steer
 (2013) Nina Ludwig, Marilyn Martin, Judy Richards

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES MEETING—September 6th
1st Tuesday of each month @ 8 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), Rick Hunter (Evangelism), Linda Moran (Family Life), Eric Wasson Lay Leader), Mary Hunter (Missions), Tom Tyson (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), Tracey Cowden (VBS), Mat & Amber Lewis (Worship), Tad Hunter (Youth Leader), Pastor Bob Mesnard

TRUSTEES MEETING—September 13th
2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7 p.m.

Members are:
 (2011) Dave Cowden, Linda Moore, Len Rine
 (2012) Tom Booze, David Hawkins, Judy Leas
 (2013) Anita Baird, Carolyn Craig, Bob Hare

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING—Sept. 13th
2nd Tuesday of each month @ 7:30 p.m.

FINANCE MEETING—Tuesday, September 20th @ 7 p.m.

We will be preparing the budget for 2012.
 Members are: Marlene Hare, Carolyn Craig, Patty Stokes, Connie Rine, Steve Richards, Tom Booze & Randall Miller

WORSHIP MEETING—Thursday, September 22nd @ 7 p.m.

Members are: Acolytes, Amber Zeman; Children's Church, Tad Hunter; Communion Stewards, Bev Elekes, Judy King, Judy Leas, Linda Moore; Flower Stewards, Joanne Bumpus, Debbie Miller; Head Usher Coordinator, Charles Lentz; Music Leader, Randall Miller, Praise & Worship Leader, Don Harney; Organist, Darlene Lentz; Pianist, Sue Graham; Projection System Coordinators, Matthew & Kassie Graham; Pastor Bob

LAY MINISTRY MEETING—Tuesday, September 27th @ 7 p.m.

These Lay Ministry Members should attend:
 (2011) Mike Bebout, Linda Moran, Kelly Weiser
 (2012) Anita Baird, Amber Lewis
 (2013) Joanne Bumpus, Charles Lentz, Connie Rine

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, September 7th
 6:30 p.m.

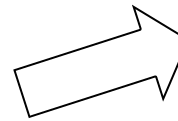
All ladies are invited to join us!



ORGANIZATION MEETING FOR NEW BUILDING

Monday, September 12th at 7 p.m.

These meetings are open to anyone in the church. Please come and share your ideas and hear some of ours. Hope to see you!



We are meeting monthly.

SANCTUARY CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.



New voices welcome!

Our Charge Conference

Tuesday, October 18th at 7 p.m.
 at New Lexington First UMC

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

For children in grades 1st-4th.
 We meet in the Youth building for Children's Church.
 On Communion Sunday (first Sunday of each month) they will remain in the church during the worship services. We have a sign-up sheet for those wishing to teach the children. You can sign up for one week or two. We have thirteen Sundays to fill up for the remainder of this year. This month Communion will be on September 11th.

PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHURCH



Read and Share Bible for our 3-5 year olds who were coming down to the nursery during the worship service.

Let Judy know if you would be willing to help us out. We welcome all 3-5 year olds & Kindergarten.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Madison Hare and Jobin Harney for being Puppeteers for Children's Church. It was so nice of you for doing this and you did a great job!

Thank you,
 Judy Richards

BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Morning Class started a new study on July 26th; Praying with Power—The Lord's Prayer by John Ortberg. They meet at 10:30 a.m. and the class is taught by Pastor Bob.



The Thursday Evening Class taught by Rick Hunter meets at 6:00 p.m. and is studying the Book of John.



YOUTH

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

An organizational meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 11th at 10:45 a.m.** following the morning service. The meeting is open to all youth grades 6th-12th. The focus for the youth group will include: Service, Outreach and Social Outings. Our new name will be S.O.S. Youth Ministries. Please plan to attend and share your ideas! We hope to make it very exciting and fun for all involved.

Mat & Amber Lewis

YOUTH CONCERT – September 17th

The youth will be attending "Sonfest" a Christian Concert at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University. Feature acts include Family Force 5, Tenth Avenue North and more. Advanced tickets will be purchased as they have sold out in the past. Below is a schedule of the day's activities:

- 10:30 am Depart church parking lot *****Drivers and chaperones will be needed**
- 11:00 am Stop for lunch on the way
- 12:00 pm Arrive at concert
- 5:00 pm Half of group can return if they do not want to stay the entire day
- 10:00 pm Concert concludes, return home

Please RSVP to Amber and Mat Lewis or Pastor Bob by Sunday, September 4th if you plan to attend.

All youth member's admission will be covered. In addition, a waiver will need to be filled out and returned by a parent to attend the event. Questions please contact Amber at 297-1095.

**YOUTH CAMPOUT AT DILLON STATE PARK
 October 7th & 8th**

CONFIRMATION CLASS

This class will be taught by Pastor Bob and is for youth ages 12 and older. Day and time will be determined later. Please call the church office if your child would be interested.

OUTREACH PAGE: DARE TO CARE & CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

DARE TO CARE

**Connie Rine & Sandy Sees
Coordinators**

Volunteers needed for the month of September. Please let Sandy Sees or Connie Rine know if you would be willing to serve.

Those who served in August were:

**Pastor Bob, Millie Coleman, Carolyn Craig,
Randy Ford, Mary Hunter, Nina Ludwig,
Connie Rine, Marissa Sees, Sandy Sees, &
Hazel Williams.**

Our Monthly report:

- 17 Telephone calls
- 99 note cards to families
- 84 prayers
- 13 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.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDSHIP

The Circle of Friendship met August 17th with eight members present.

We will accept donations for the Silent Auction that will be held during the Hog Roast. Proceeds to go to the Community Outreach. We will also hold a 50/50 drawing. Contact Linda Moore or Judy King if you need items picked up for the silent auction. Items can be brought to church Sunday, September 4th or Friday, September 9th. Friday hours will be 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The Circle will also have the food stand at Tom & Isabel Tyson's auction.

Cookbooks are still available. Cost is \$10.00.

We will host another God is Good Concert on October 23rd.

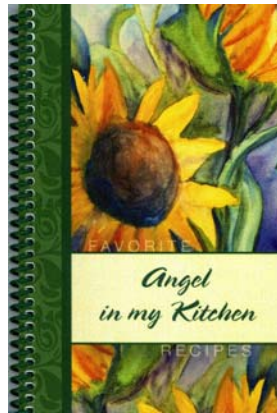
Our next meeting is September 7th.

Marlene Hare

Trent & Brad Weiser both showed and sold their market chickens. They are members of the Richvale Boys & Girls 4-H. Darby Hedges showed a hog that weighed 275 lbs. This was her first year showing and she belongs to the Wakatomika 4-H.



COOKBOOKS FOR SALE ~ \$10.00



Copies of this cookbook can be picked up in the church office.

Those paying by check, please make payable to the Circle of Friendship.

There are several great recipes from those in our congregation. Also included are: Helpful Hints, Pantry Basics, A List of Herbs & Spices and when you can use them in a recipe, Tips for Baking Breads and Desserts, Vegetables & Fruits - let you know what to look for when purchasing, along with cooking time, pictures and instructions on Napkin Folding, Measurements & Substitutions, Equivalency Chart, Food Quantities, Quick Fixes, Counting Calories chart, and Cooking Terms.

This is a project of the Circle of Friendship.

God is Good Concert

**Sunday, October 23rd at 6:00 p.m.
Doors open at 5:15 p.m.**

An uplifting concert filled with Gospel, Spiritual, & Inspirational music... featuring Soul Legacy.

Free Concert

A love offering will be collected to support the Circle of Friendship's ministry. This concert is open to the general public.

SELF DEFENSE CLASS

A Self Defense Class was taught on May 24 & 25, 2011.

Wow, What a great class! All I can say is don't mess with us United Methodist Women, we now know some deadly moves. Twenty-four attended the class ages—10 to 77 years old. It was so much fun and so popular we will be holding a follow up class this fall. More details to follow. The class was taught by Sensei Brad Seward. We hope you can join us next time!



Linda Moran



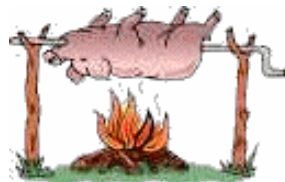
11th Annual Hog & Lamb Roast and Open Kettle

Saturday, September 10th at 5 p.m.

Frosty Morning Bluegrass Band will perform.

Items for our Silent Auction need to be brought to church by September 4th.

We have a basket at church which will be auctioned off at the Hog Roast.
Please bring in a jar of your canned goods to help us fill the basket.



Proceeds will go to the
Community Outreach.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

Our 2011 Vacation Bible School theme was Shake It Up Café , Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe! July 31st through August 4th was the amazing week we spent with 81 local children. We met from 6-8:30pm each day. We started out each day with a great opening assembly, which included some awesome music, a video and a visit with Chef Basil and Scraps the raccoon! The remainder of our time together each day included: Interactive Bible stories at Kitchen a la King, where we had a different special each day, learning about the many celebrations throughout the Bible. For example Passover, Israelite festivals, Festival of Booths, and the Festival of Weeks and Pentecost. Crafts at Tangy and Tart Arts, where we each made our own chef hats, a flag for the parade, a sharing box, blessing cookies and more! Great snacks at Takeout Treatery! Also, at Takeout Treatery this year we had our missions lesson. Each day the children learned about children around the United States who have developed ways to feed the hungry in their communities! Their ministries showed our children that people of any age can reach out to others and help those in need! Our mission during VBS was to collect food for our food bank at our church. We collected over 120 cans of food! We played games at Spork Sports! Water games always seem to be the favorite during the hot days during VBS! New this year was Foodology Factory! This was where the children could use science to tie in with our daily Bible story. The Children "shook up" ingredients on night 1 to make butter! They learned of new way to tell a hardboiled egg from a raw one to teach us to believe fully in Jesus, combined oil and vinegar for a great combination to demonstrate shaking up our lives to find time each day to remember Jesus often! We wrapped up our time together each day at Reflection Time where we reviewed our Bible lessons each day and prayed that God helps us use what we learned in our everyday life! We had so many great volunteers again this year 40+! Without them the 5 days of Vacation Bible School would not be able to happen. We would have not been able to touch the lives of each of the 55 or more children that were there each night A big thank you goes out to each one of them! Each day the children took home with them a magnet reminding them of the daily Bible Bite. At the end of the week they took a miniature Scraps the Raccoon with them to remind them to not forget God's recipe for them and the time that they spent at VBS that week! Again in 2011 on Thursday, August 4th, our VBS participated in the Frazeysburg Homecoming Kiddie Parade. Around 55 children plus volunteers marched in the parade! The children wore their chefs hats and waved their flags showing our community what a great week it was at Shake it Up Café!

