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Hope to See You in September!

In May of 1966, a group by the name of *The Happenings*, who sounded a lot like *The Four Seasons*, released what would become their greatest hit (some say their only hit), “See You in September.”

I don’t think I had started “collecting” records yet (I was only 10 at the time), but I remember this song well because the girls in my fifth-grade class played it over and over again during the last week of school (after we had erased all the pencil marks from our books and put them on the shelf for the summer). About halfway through the song, they would tear up, perhaps thinking about the man (I mean boy) of their dreams and lamenting the fact that they would not see him until fall. But there was hope... as well as angst because they wondered, would they see him in September, or lose him to a summer love?

Our personal relationships, our enduring friendships have taken a hit in recent months, not because of a summer hiatus but because of frightful pandemic. As a result, we have been separated in many ways.

So what might things look like now that September is almost here? Well, I am hopeful that our relationship with God and with one another will remain strong as we plan for what we hope will be a productive and less socially distanced autumn. I realize that it may take longer than that, but even as we are physically distanced, we do not have to be spiritually separated. In fact, the fourth chapter of Ephesians gives us a veritable handbook to help us combat spiritual distancing, particularly in verses 3-6, which state, “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”

We are one in Christ and one with each other as a fellowship of believers. God never intended for us to be distanced — physically or spiritually —but the ways of the world and the desire of the flesh have conspired to drive us apart, making enemies of friends and even family.

The good news is that it’s not too late to take action. Even as we distance ourselves physically, we can — and should — stay together spiritually because things may one day get worse. The fourth chapter of II Timothy provides this ominous warning: “For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions.”

Are we there yet? I hope not, but we are inching ever closer. Let’s stick together through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ. Then I believe we will triumph — not separately but together as one.

Until we meet again, Be Blessed!

Pastor John Fin

East Ohio Annual Conference

When we gather virtually September 26-27 from Church of the Saviour UMC in Cleveland Heights for Annual Conference 2020, we will be guided by the theme *Bearing Fruit that Lasts: Called, Committed, Connected.*

Through powerful worship and working together to conduct the essential business of Annual Conference, we will underscore the importance of being connected to God, to our neighbors, and to our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world and bearing fruit that lasts.



J.J. Cline to Serve as Oak Chapel's Youth Coordinator
Who knew that the leader of our new youth initiative would emerge from our own

neighborhood?

J.J. Cline, a recent graduate of Northwestern High School and a resident of Jefferson, will serve as our youth coordinator beginning this month. J.J. is a freshman at The College of Wooster where he is considering a major in biology and a minor in religious studies. He also plans to play football and basketball when intercollegiate sports resume in January. His father, Doug, also a Northwestern and College of Wooster graduate, will take over for Steve Moore as the Scots' head basketball coach when play resumes in January. His mother, Lauren, is a specialized paraprofessional at Edgewood Middle School, and his twin siblings, Jordan and Courtney, are in fifth grade at Northwestern.

J.J.'s faith journey includes the tragic death of his younger brother, C.J., who was killed when the vehicle in which they were riding slid off an icy roadway and was then struck by another vehicle that slid on the same patch of ice in 2009.

J.J. is a devout believer, who worked to counsel and heal his family after the accident. He carries his Bible in his backpack wherever he goes. He enjoys discussing Scripture with friends, is comfortable leading prayers, and he is ready to take a leadership role, which has him considering a possible life in ministry.

As our youth coordinator, he will be leading our Sunday evening youth gatherings as well as other events and mission endeavors. We're also discussing a possible "Friday Night Light" ministry (an obvious play on "Friday Night Lights," but with an emphasis on faith instead of football), in which young people could gather at the church for some food, fun, and fellowship to kickoff their weekend. In addition, we will ask him to periodically assist with our worship service.

Please join us in welcoming J.J. to Oak Chapel.

The new youth group room has been carefully designed and put together for the past few months with the intentions to create a modern, and comfortable atmosphere for not only youth but other groups searching for a place to meet. The coffee bar feature was picked as a focal point that a majority of people all ages could appreciate. This room overall was created with the intent to house the newly invited youth program and offer a sanctuary for the young but it is not limited!



Weekday Bible Studies

The Monday morning Bible Study is studying the Book of James, a study by N.T. Wright. They meet at 9:30 am via Zoom. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Pam Domer at oakchapelumc@yahoo.com or at the church office at 330-264-2537.

PLEASE SHARE SOME RECIPES!

United Methodist Women is updating its cookbook. In addition to the new section using new cooking equipment, it would be good to have a Beginning to Cook Section. Many families are "Heat and Eat" and "Carry-out" eaters. With the Virus keeping us at home more, home-cooked meals have become needed and popular. Will you share some of your basic recipes? Do you have a tasty meatloaf? pot roast? chicken? casserole? vegetables that aren't just heated up? pie dough? Kid-approved meals? pickles? jams/jellies?

Write it up and share!!!! You could send or bring to the church office, or email to bucki81@aol.com, Deadline is September 15. When completed, a packet of recipes will be available to fit your white, three-ring binder cookbook. Thanks in advance. ~ Miriam

Bookworms— September 24 at 7:00 p.m.



Hunting Season—2014 International Latino Awards Finalist—The true story of an immigrant's murder that turned a quaint village on the Long Island shore into ground zero in the war on immigration. Drawing on firsthand interviews and on-the-ground reporting, journalist Mirta Ojito has crafted an unflinching portrait of one community struggling to reconcile the hate and fear underlying the idyllic veneer of their all-American town. With a strong commitment to telling all sides of the story, Ojito unravels the engrossing narrative with objectivity and insight, providing an invaluable look at one of America's most pressing issues. Bookworms, our local chapter of this UMW program, meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the SingMar room. If the weather permits, we meet outside.

Health and Wellness Corner ~ TICKS

- Ticks can infect humans and animals with bacteria, viruses, and protozoans that can cause serious illness such as: Lyme disease, Tularemia, Ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis.
- To prevent tick bites, you should wear long sleeves and pants, and use insect repellent that contains DEET.
- Symptoms of tick borne illnesses are: fever, chills, muscle pain, headaches, tiredness, skin rash, itchiness or irritation, but usually not right away
- Ticks are attracted to warmth. Check your clothes and your skin for ticks when returning indoors.
- Wash clothes immediately to kill ticks. Drying clothes just 15 minutes will kill ticks. Also take a hot shower after being outside or working in the yard.
- Tick bites usually will present with a bulls-eye red rash or splotchy red rash.
- If you can see the tick sticking in or on your skin, grab the tick close to the head firmly with tweezers and pull until the tick lets go. Then wash the area with soap and water.
- Do not apply any ointments or anything to the bite.
- If you feel the tick has been attached to you for several hours or days or, if you develop a rash or flu like symptoms, contact your doctor.



We will begin meeting again soon at the church and continue on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. Oak Chapel is now an official Days for Girls Team! As a Days for Girls team, we sew reusable sanitary products for girls in underdeveloped countries. Most of us have taken a brief time off to sew masks for Wooster Community Hospital and our families and friends. Anyone not comfortable with meeting at the church is welcome to take items home to work on. We welcome new members anytime.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Walker Jarvis
- 14 Daniel Clevidence
- 23 Shelby Burckhart
- 24 Stuart Mykrantz



Wish your neighbor a happy day!

This information comes from our membership database.

Please contact the church office if there are any corrections.



Art & Soul is cancelled until further notice. Art is a great stress reliever in these anxious times. Pinterest has many great ideas.



Feed My Sheep

Oak Chapel will continue to collect food on the first Sunday of each month as we come to the Lord's table. Food collected now will help support our in-

house food pantry. Any surplus items will be shared with People to People. Donations of ready-to-eat canned goods, paper and hygiene products are needed at this time.



Cindy Mykrantz and Robin Kitchen have designed a layette bundle that we would love to share in our neighborhood.

They can be found in the classroom across from the church office. Or call Cindy Mykrantz. If you take a layette, please sign the clipboard or let Cindy know so she can replenish. Donations are always welcome.

We had a very successful fundraiser in August. The *Ham Loaf Dinner To Go* was well received and netted the

Unit approximately \$450. Thanks to all who supported this project!

We delivered 'Thinking of You' goodie bags to 17 women who are sheltering in place.

We will have our Annual Bazaar. So get crafting, pickling and canning!

Until we meet again,

Stay Safe and Stay Well.

Miriam Zech, UMW President

Our Canal District Fall Gathering will be a virtual event on Saturday, September 19, on Facebook Live at 9:30 am. Our speaker will be Leah Clancy from Rahab Ministries in Akron. One of the ministries she will talk about is Rebecca's House for young girls rescued from Human Trafficking. After Saturday, the video will be uploaded to YouTube. We will also elect district officers for 2021.

Jefferson Pioneers 4-H Club

We have been experiencing a very different type of program this year. OSU Extension determined that we could not meet in person early in March, and extended it through July 5. All camps and workshops were canceled as well.

Our Club had e-mail meetings instead of Zoom, as well as snail-mail. Our animal projects carried on. Our "still" projects (non-animal) didn't fare as well. Many have decided to hold on to them, and finish up for next year.

Other Clubs in Wayne County are in the same boat. We will put up a display at the Fair in Building 10. It will be small, but we want everyone to know we are still here and still doing things!

Because we could not meet to plant flowers at Oak Chapel like we usually do, we chose to bring donations for the Outdoor Food Pantry. Look for our animal projects this year at the Fair in the Sheep and Poultry Barns!



So here we are, five months into this pandemic. I know it is hard! We are all struggling with things, but remember, God will never fail us! God is always here, ALWAYS! I ask you to be patient with others and also with yourself. It is not our

job to judge others and we all just need to do the best we can with all this! Not everyone will agree with you or react to things the same. God just wants us to love Him and love each other.

The Membership Care Committee wants you to know we are here for you and will do our best to meet any needs. *Christy*

The Membership Care Committee has a list of homebound members who are called by one of the committee members on a regular basis.

Please contact Christy Rickard, 330-264-3830 with any member needs.

We would like to encourage the congregation to send cards to home bound and those who have had illnesses that we have been praying for.

Cheryl Rastetter continues to coordinate getting meals to those members of our church who have been ill or in the hospital. If this is an area where you could help, such as cooking or delivering, please call Cheryl at 330-262-9369.

Photos for the Church Directory previously scheduled for May 5 have been postponed due to COVID 19.

Please see Christy Rickard if you have a request for speaker topics that would be of interest.

We look forward to caring for our Church members with a caring and compassionate attitude looking to God for guidance.

May God be with you all. Praying for better days and for the health and wellness of our congregation and the world.



Friends Together—We will not be planning any activities due to Coronavirus restrictions at this time, but feel free to contact Rosie Troutman if you have ideas for the future.

Men's Breakfast is Back!

September 12 at Leaf Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. All men and boys are welcome. Mark your calendar for the second Saturday of each month.

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 10:30am Worship	31 9:30am Zoom Bible 6:30pm Girl Scouts	Sep 1 11am Pastor Consultation 6:30pm Girl Scouts	2	3	4	5
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WE INVITE YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship	10:30 a.m.

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