



The Bell

February 2012

Canal Fulton United Methodist Church

Our mission is to reach out to welcome all and together walk with Christ.

From The Pastor

CONFIRMATION CLASSES CONTINUE

Sandy Smith and Pastor Kathy are leading a confirmation class during Sunday School that began January 8th and will continue until the end of April. Many of the lessons are being taught by different members of the church. There are lessons designed to give the confirmands a stronger foundation in the faith as well as more clarity about their beliefs. They will also be challenged to make a commitment to follow Jesus as they join the church on May 6th. Following Sunday School, the youth, their parents and mentors are eating a light lunch together.

There are also some field trips planned. They will attend worship at a Jewish synagogue, a Catholic church, and an Orthodox church. Here at our own church the confirmands are serving by assisting with worship as greeters, acolytes, ushers, and liturgists.

During the lessons for the youth, the parents and mentors are having their own discussion. They discuss the same topics as the youth and can voice their thoughts

on subjects like the Holy Spirit and discipleship and what they believe.

As a follow up to confirmation, there is a work camp June 24-28 that many of the confirmands and parents as well as other church members are planning on attending.



LENT

I find that Lent often takes me by surprise. Christmas is hardly over before we begin this season with such contrasting emotions. On February 22nd we will observe Ash Wednesday and begin a 40 day period of renewal for us as individuals as well as a congregation. Lent is a time for self examination, for repentance, and for recommitment. These things can happen at any point in our lives, but for the 6 weeks leading up to Easter, we, as Christians, make it a priority to seek healing and a fresh understanding of the significance of Christ's death and resurrection in our lives.

For many, sacrificing something we normally enjoy adds to the meaning of the season. When we give up a treat or activity and replace it with an extra time of prayer and reflection, we deepen our awareness of our need for God. When we discipline ourselves to change our routine, we say with our actions "Lord, you're important to me."

Others find that adding something during Lent brings meaning. We might take on a new service project or each day find something kind to do for someone else. We could also think about ways that having Jesus in our lives brings joy and give thanks.

This Lent, let us affirm this opportunity to deepen our faith and give thanks for the power of Christ's cleansing love in our lives.

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Sunday Morning Servants:**Ushers: (*Head Usher)**

5: *Dustin Smith with Confirmands
 12: *Dustin Smith with Cub Scouts
 19: *Dustin Smith with Confirmands
 26: *Dave Van Gaasbeek

Greeters:

5: Confirmands
 12: Cub Scouts
 19: Confirmands
 26: Guy & Shirley Starr

Acolytes:

5: Confirmands
 12: Cub Scouts
 19: Confirmands
 26:

Liturgists:

5: Meredith Manns & Ike Canfield
 12: Pat Matchett
 19: Confirmands
 26: Jenna Steinberg

Lock-Up:

5: Ron Martin
 12: Dave Van Gaasbeek
 19: Roger Wilhelm
 26: Ron Williams

February Birthdays:

1- Pat Williams
 5- Carol Wilson
 7- Mike Corll, Carl Leonhardt
 9- Phil Kaster, Jon Lower
 12-Gracyn Loper, Brad Kaster,
 Kathy Moody-Arndt, Maryellen Hawthorn
 15-Michael Joyner
 16-Doris Schindewolf
 19-Tracy Spradling, Ethan Lower
 23-Cavin Allen Diley
 27-Janelle Ferrell, Rachel Householder

February Anniversaries:

2- Pete & Carol Wilson
 10-Lee & Connie Westfall
 12-Bill & Doris Schindewolf
 19-Dave & Barb Kmetko

PRAYER LIST Sandy Bodo, Adda and Harold Chapman, Jacob Harlline, Matt Harmon, Kim Johnson, Kendra, Ann Ketler, Chris Leo, Paul Molnar, Thelma Molnar, Claire Peterman, Tara Snyder, Jim White, Betty DeMaskey, Vi DeLand, Rock E. Echols, Luther Waybright, Dick Klingenhagen, Todd Simmons

**In the Military:**

Jacob Bickett,
 Mike Fisher,
 Kyle Henderson,
 Derek Steinberg

College Students:

Rachel Antal, Jarod Hare,
 Kasey Henderson,
 Cory Lockhart,
 Adam & Ryan Szilagyi,
 Kevin Rebellino,
 Erica Stach,
 Kristen Stacy



Canal Fulton United Methodist Men to host:

Candlelight Valentine Dinner

Dinner includes Pilaf Stuffed Pork Chops, steamed vegetables, salad, beverage & Red Velvet Cake for dessert!

Featuring the Inspirational music of

Majestic Voice

Saturday February 11th at 6:00 p.m.
Canal Fulton United Methodist Church
363 W. Cherry St., Canal Fulton
\$12 Adults - Seating is limited.

Reservations 330-854-3573 week days 9am—12 noon



Homemade Soup Fundraiser

The Mission Committee will be selling homemade soup on March 4th. They will take orders on Sunday, February 12, 19 & 26th. Choice of soups will be chili, stuffed green pepper, chicken rice and potato.

ANNOUNCING



UMW Sponsored Card Club for Echoing Ridge Residents

Volunteers are needed the first Thursday of each month, beginning April 5, at the **Echoing Ridge Apartment Complex Community Room**. This is an opportunity to be involved with the residents so they can enjoy card games for an afternoon.

TIME: 1:00—3:00 p.m. on Thursdays

(April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2)

Address: 644 Beverly Avenue (on the left side)

Contact Debbie Haines, 330.854.2957 or see her at church on Sunday.



FROM YOUR PARISH NURSES



Late in 2003, the idea of a Parish Nurse Program was born at a meeting held to set the goals for 2004. Rev. Dave Case and the congregation blessed the program in January 2004 and off we went. In the succeeding years, the program has grown and changed to meet the needs of our congregation and was dependent on the availability of one or both of our Parish Nurses.

It's difficult, at times, to remember the tiny steps we took as we began this fledging ministry but the enthusiasm we had and the energy we expended are remembered with clarity. It is recommended that every few

years, we take a survey from members and friends of our congregation related to the programs and services this ministry offers not only to see if we are still needed, but also to assess how we may better serve you, our congregation.

Therefore, would you please take a moment to *complete this brief survey and return it either directly to Carole or I, or drop it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning* where we will collect these forms for our use.

Thank you, Carole and Sandy

1. Have you ever used the services of the Parish Nurse Program? yes _____ no _____
2. If so, in what way? Did we:
 - ___ Visit you in the hospital or nursing/rehab setting?
 - ___ Visit you at home?
 - ___ Loan you any durable medical equipment? (Wheel chair, Walker, Cane, etc)
 - ___ Refer you to a community resource? (Clinic, physician, home care agency etc.)
 - ___ Did we assist you to make responsible health care decisions?
 - ___ Did we accompany you to your physician's office, therapy appointment or other medical facility?
 - ___ Did we recommend procedures to benefit your overall health?
 - ___ Did we educate you regarding any questions regarding health care measures, medications, diet, exercise, etc.?
 - ___ Did we offer/have delivered meals to your home?
3. Are the monthly articles in the Bell of benefit to you? Yes _____ No _____
4. What services would you like us to offer (if any) that we do not do presently? _____

5. How else may we serve you? _____
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Red Cross Baby Sitting Certificate Class



The Parish Nurse Program will offer the Red Cross Baby Sitting Certification Class several times in 2012. To facilitate this offering, Carole and I will become instructors through the American Red Cross. Once we have completed this course, we will be able to offer this class at our church as the CFUMC will be designated an Approved Site. This one day - 8 hour class will cover all the necessary instruction for youth ages 11-15 to be able to safely care for children, recognize emergency situations and the proper response to them as well as other valuable facts necessary to acquire this distinction.

The Red Cross Baby Sitting Certification Class is a recognized program of the American Red Cross and is one of many available such as CPR, Lifesaving, Home Safety, etc. The Parish Nurse Program will sponsor youth who attend our church and wish to take this class. It can be offered to youth outside our church on a fee-for-class basis.

This is another component of the CFUMC Parish Nurse Program offered as an outreach ministry to the community.

MISSION COMMITTEE SPONSORS WORK CAMP

The Mission Committee is raising funds so that our church can participate in a work project in Steubenville, Ohio. We will be part of a program through Urban Mission which our conference helps support. The program is called Joshua (Journeys of Service Helping Upper Appalachia). Since 1990 work teams have scraped and painted at low income homes, rejuvenated community parks, built handicap ramps and replaced windows. Work has been done to clean up after flooding, porches have been repaired, insulation and dry wall installed along with many other accomplishments and projects.

We will stay at a former convent given to Urban Mission by the Diocese of Steubenville. The house has space for 44 people including comfortable sleeping rooms, kitchen, dining room, showers and restroom facilities. Groups from all over the country come and do work.

The most common project is painting. Other jobs frequently done by mission teams include porch repair and rebuilding ramps, dry-walling, plastering, yard work and general cleaning of both the inside and outside of the homes.

There are also opportunities to help at God's Pantry with the food distribution which will be happening on June 28th when we are there. In addition we can help serve a meal in the Unity Kitchen or work with children in the summer program.

We are scheduled to go Sunday evening, June 24th through Thursday, June 28th. If you would like more information, please talk to either Iva King or Pastor Kathy.



Special Thanks from District Superintendent

Dear Rev. Moody-Arndt and members of Canal Fulton UMC,

I write with deep appreciation for your faithfulness in increasing your payment of our conference shared ministry apportionments. What a special blessing, and one that you should be proud of. It has come because of your hard work, sacrifice and dedication. I rejoice in the good things happening in your church. Your partnership in our collective ministries to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world is deeply appreciated. Together we are doing significant work. Your part is important to the whole.

There is a church in the district that passes around the monthly apportionment check during worship. As it is passed from person to person they pause to silently pray for the check before it is mailed in. While that may not work for every church, it is a reminder that we're not just sending money, we're investing in kingdom work. We support that work, not just with our financial support, but with our prayers.

Our world needs to hear the message of the love of God, an expression of compassion, food for the hungry, support for missionaries, and a host of other life giving expressions of hope and grace. Thanks for your faithful support.

Grace and peace, Rev. Kurt E. Landerholm, District Superintendent



Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Luke 6:30

Canal Fulton Players 2012 Season Productions

Hit and Misdemeanor

by William Gleason

March 9-11, 16-18, 2012

Director- Sandra Schmeltzer

Venue- The United Methodist Church of
Canal Fulton
363 West Cherry Street
Canal Fulton, Ohio

No Sex Please, We're Britishby Anthony Marriott and
Alistair Foot

April 13-15, 20-22, 2012

Director- Matt King

Venue- TBA

To Kill a Mockingbird

by Harper Lee

adapted to the stage by

Christopher Sergel

May 11-13, 18-20, 2012

Director- Maria Work

Venue- The United
Methodist Church of
Canal Fulton

***A Piece of My Heart***

by Shirley Lauro

May 24-27, 2012

Director- Anita Artzner

Venue- Kathleen Howland
Theatre, Canton, Ohio

The Music Man

by Meredith Wilson

June 15-17, 22-24, 2012

Director- Jackie Piatt

Venue- TBA

Love's Labour's Lost

by William Shakespeare

August 18-19, 25-26, 2012

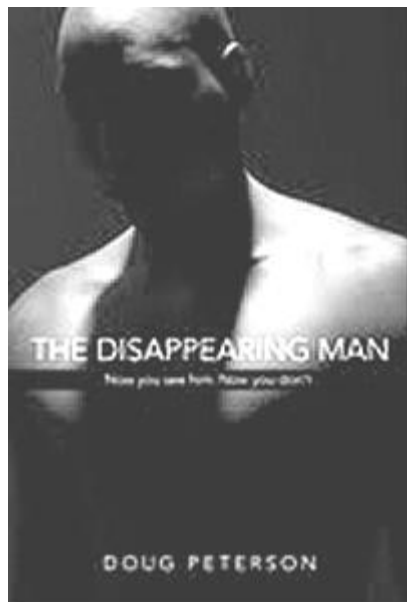
Director- Frank Motz

Venue- The St. Helena III Canal
Boat and the Towpath in the
Canal Fulton Park

All Auditions are open.
For more information call
David Van Gaasbeek
330-494-1022 or
330-854-4387.



UMW Book Club will meet on Thursday, February 9th 7:15 p.m. We will discuss the book: The Disappearing Man by Doug Peterson. Copies of the book are currently available. Please call or email Margaret (330.854.6381) with any questions.



The story of Henry "Box" Brown is one of the most amazing tales of escape in American history. As a child, Henry was devastated when his family was split apart and sold. Later, he almost went mad after his wife and three children were also sold. In his grief, Henry heard a voice tell him, "Go and get a box, and put yourself in it." In 1849, with the help of two friends, he was placed into a wooden box and shipped from Richmond to Philadelphia. During this harrowing, 25-hour ordeal, Henry was stuck upside down for long, painful stretches, and at other times was dropped on the ground, nearly breaking his neck. The book brings to life Henry's incredible true story, the viciousness of urban slavery, and the heroism of the Underground Railroad. *The Disappearing Man* is a moving tale that shows just how far people will go in seeking freedom.

Doug Peterson is the author of 58 books. It is interesting to note that over 40 of the books he has written have been for the popular Christian children's *VeggieTales* series. He is also the co-storywriter for the best-selling *VeggieTales* video, *Larry-Boy and the Rumor Weed*, and his book, *The Slobfather*, which won the 2004 Gold Medallion Award for the best Christian preschool children's book of the year. That makes the nature and content of *The Disappearing Man* so removed from the flavor of his career successes. He wrote the adult version of the story of Henry Brown's story after he was given the children's version of the story. He could not resist bringing this story to adult audiences. It has since garnered wide acclaim.



FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9:25 am Children's Chimes 9:25 am Baptisms 9:25 am - 10:30 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary 11 am Informal Gathering 11 am - 12 pm Confirmation Class- Youth Room 11 am - 12 pm Sunday School	30 7 pm Theatre-FH	31 6:30 pm Den 9-SS Rm 7 pm Theatre FH 7 pm Den 1 Youth Room	February 1 12:30 pm Knitting 7 pm - 8 pm Choir Practice- Choir Room 7 pm Theatre	2 Ground Hog Day 7 pm Cub Scouts#303 Leaders/parents Fellowship Hall 7 pm Theatre 7 pm Trustees Meeting- Parlor	3	4
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12 Lincoln's Birthday Scout Sunday 9:25 am - 10:30 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary 11 am Informal Gathering 11 am - 12 pm Confirmation Class- Youth Room 11 am - 12 pm Sunday School	13 7 pm Theatre-FH	14 Valentine's Day 6:30 pm Den 9-SS Rm 7 pm Theatre FH 7 pm Den 1 Youth Room 7 pm Mission Committee-Parlor	15 12 pm - 1 pm UMW Out and About 12:30 pm Knitting 7 pm - 8 pm Choir Practice-Choir Room 7 pm Theatre	16 7 pm Theatre 7 pm Church Council- Choir Rm.	17	18
19 7:30 am UMMen's Breakfast 9:25 am - 10:30 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary 11 am Informal Gathering 11 am - 12 pm Confirmation Class- Youth Room 11 am - 12 pm Sunday School	20 President's Day Office Closed for Presidents' Day 7 pm Theatre-FH	21 4:15 pm - 5:15 pm Girl Scouts #48-SS Rm 6:30 pm Den 9-SS Rm 7 pm Theatre FH 7 pm Den 1 Youth Room	22 Ash Wednesday Washington's Birthday 12:30 pm Knitting 7 pm - 8 pm Choir Practice-Choir Room 7 pm Theatre 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service-FH	23 9 am - 12 pm Community Cupboard at Trinity 6:30 pm Cub Scout Bl&Gld Celebration FH 7 pm Theatre	24 5 pm - 7 pm Marshallville UMC Spaghetti Dinner	25 1 pm - 7 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
26 9:25 am - 10:30 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary 11 am Informal Gathering 11 am - 12 pm Confirmation Class- Youth Room 11 am - 12 pm Sunday School 7 pm Theatre-FH	27 7 pm Theatre-FH	28 Stark County Immunizations- Choir Room 6:30 pm Den 9-SS Rm 7 pm Theatre FH 7 pm Den 1 Youth Room	29 12:30 pm Knitting 7 pm - 8 pm Choir Practice-Choir Room 7 pm Theatre	1 7 pm Cub Scouts Leaders/Parents- Rm 101 7 pm Theatre 7 pm Trustees Meeting-Parlor	2	3
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Dear All, I want to thank everyone for the fruit, crackers and cookies. Muriel Clark

Dear Barb, Thank you for your call. Liz Sundheimer delivered a basket this afternoon. There were so many goodies—I will enjoy it during the Holidays. Please extend my thanks to all who worked with you. (Belated) Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Claire Peterman

Dear Barbara & UMW, Arthur and I want to thank you for the wonderful bag of fruit, cookies, candy and crackers. It was such a nice surprise! We devoured it in a hurry! You are such a great bunch of gals! Our Love, Arthur & Laurabelle Norris